





## Notorious drug peddler nabbed with two accomplices

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**Bhilai, Jun 01:** Durg Police succeeded in arresting a notorious drug peddler along with two accomplices and a large quantity of brown sugar. Durg police are taking continuous action on drug peddlers. Brown sugar worth Rs 06 lakh packed in 274 sachets were seized from them. They used to sell the drugs to addicts in the Durg-Bhilai area. They were caught during a joint operation of Durg Civil Team and Mohan Nagar Police Station.

CSP Vaibhav Banker informed that under the guidance of Superintendent of Police Shalabh Sinha, they are conducting a special drive against the drug dealers and effective action is being taken against them. Under the supervision of Additional Superintendent



of Police (City) Sanjay Dhruv, Additional Superintendent of Police (Rural) Anant Sahu and Deputy Superintendent of Police (Headquarters) Mani Shankar Chandra, a joint team of Durg Civil Team and Mohan Nagar Police Station was constituted for action.

The team was continuously keeping an eye on the persons and suspects involved in the illegal trade of

drug. The network of informers was also activated. Meanwhile, police received a tip off regarding one Lala Sahu, a resident of Vijay Nagar Bank Colony, who was peddling brown sugar with his accomplices near the dilapidated house of Peter in Vijay Nagar.

Police team swung into action and reached Vijay Nagar Bank Colony. The team found 04 suspects near Peter's house. Police



team rounded them up and managed to trap three of them. One of them fled from the spot. On searching, police recovered 14 bundles containing 274 sachets of brown sugar from the accused. The drugs were duly seized and action was taken against the accused on the spot under the Narcotics Act.

The accused are Lalaram Sahu (27) son of Shivkumar Sahu a resident

of Vijay Nagar Durg; Nitish Pandey alias Chhotu Wright (22) son of Bharat Pandey a resident of Green Chowk Durg; and Shankar alias Chintu Nagvanshi (29) son of Late Laxminarayan Nagvanshi a resident of Green Chowk Durg. The absconding accused is identified as Buchi alias Domendra Dewangan of Shankar Nagar Durg.

Inspector Vipin Rangari (SHO, Mohan Nagar), ASI Raghavendra Singh from Mohan Nagar Police Station, Head Constable Chandrashekhar Banjir from Cyber Cell; Constables Javed Khan, Kishore Soni, Nasir Baksh, Gaur Singh, Kamlesh Yadav, Thomson Peter, Prashant Patankar, Bharthari Nishad and Manoj Kumar from Durg Civil Team played a vital role in arresting the accused.

## Uday College organises career guidance workshop



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**Bhilai, Jun 01:** Uday College, Jamul organised a career guidance workshop for the students of Class 12th, BEd and their parents to make them aware for selecting a better career. College Director Dr TR Sahu, Principal Dr Alipa Sahu, member Dr Jawahar Lal Sahu, organising secre-

tary Anjana Rajveer Singh (Assistant Professor), Kalavati Rao (Assistant Professor), Dr Prabha Sahu (Assistant Professor) and member faculties of the organising committee were present. About 150 students of different institutions attended the workshop. Aniket Dewangan (Co Founder and Director, Competition Academy,

Raipur) and Harishankar Verma (Founder, Srijan Academy) and Pankaj Kumar Choubhe (Co-Founder, Srijan Academy) conducted the workshop and asked the students to select a target as per their interest and make dedicated efforts to achieve the goal. Convenor Dr Alipa Sahu proposed the vote of thanks.

## Amarendu Prakash takes charge as Chairman SAIL

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**Bhilai, Jun 01:** Amarendu Prakash has assumed the charge of Chairman, Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) w.e.f. May 31, 2023. Prior to taking charge as the Chairman, Prakash held the post of Director in-charge, Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL), SAIL. A metallurgical engineer from BIT Sindhri, Prakash joined SAIL in 1991 as a Management Trainee (Technical).

After working in various positions of responsibilities in plants and units, Amarendu Prakash was selected as a Director in the SAIL Board in charge of Bokaro Steel Plant in 2020, informed a press communique from the local SAIL

unit-The Bhilai Steel Plant.

Amarendu Prakash is an accomplished technocrat and in his career of more than three decades in SAIL, he has had exposure to plant operations at shop level, exposure to corporate functions in the Head office and leading a large steel plant with mining operations. He was a key member of the team that was leading the business transformation and financial turnaround of SAIL in 2015-17.

After taking over as the Director in charge of Bokaro Steel Plant, he has led the Plant team to reach



their best performance in all major parameters year on year. The improvement in performance has been both quantitative and qualitative. With his remarkable organizational skills and strategic planning acumen, Amarendu Prakash has been instrumental in bringing about significant changes in business processes and project implementation.

As a technically proficient leader, he has been spearheading the digitisation efforts of the company. As a key member of the Revenue Maximising Team, he has been instrumental in

strategizing the overall production and sales plan for not only enhancing value for the organisation but also for the customers.

A visionary and energetic leader, he connects with the employees across levels and motivates them to excel through various initiatives. During his tenure at Bokaro as Director, he has taken several initiatives to encourage Sports including supporting the Special Olympics.

Many social initiatives involving public participation have brought about positive changes in the city of Bokaro and peripheral areas. He is a widely travelled technocrat and has gathered vast knowledge on the Steel and Mining Industry.

## Plate Mill employees feted with Pali & Karm Shiromani Awards

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**Bhilai, Jun 01:** Employees of the Plate Mill were awarded with the 'Pali Shiromani' and 'Karm Shiromani' Awards under the 'Shiromani Puraskar Yojana' of Bhilai Steel Plant, for displaying commendable work performance during the quarter of January 2023 to March 2023. The Award Ceremony was held on May 27, 2023, in Plate Mill Conference Hall. RK Bisare, CGM (Plate Mill) was the chief guest of the Award Ceremony.

Present in the Award Ceremony were the Senior Officers of Plate Mill, SK Verma, GM (Electrical Maintenance), J Sudhakar, GM



(Mechanical Maintenance), D Rai, GM (Operations), HK Bahurupi, GM (Operations) along with Sanjay Kumar, AGM (Electrical Maintenance). Addressing the gathering, Bisare congratulated the prize winners and encouraged all the officers and personnel present to work in future with the same spirit. Doman Singh Banchor, Master Operator (Operation Section) was

awarded the 'Karm Shiromani Award' for the month of January-2023, while Govind Ram Bhatia, Master Technician (Electrical Maintenance Section) for the month of February-2023 and Shubham Dhang, Attendant cum Technician, (Operation Section) was awarded 'Karm Shiromani Award' for the month of March 2023. Sandeep Kumar Kesari, Assistant

Manager (Electrical Maintenance Section) was awarded the 'Pali Shiromani Award' for his performance during the quarter of January 2023 to March 2023.

During the programme, the awardees Award Certificates and Letter of Appreciation were presented to the awardees and they were appreciated for their achievements and contributions at the workplace. The program was conducted by Vijay Kumar, Asst Mgr (Personnel). Shyamal Banerjee, Addl Labour Welfare Officer, Sukhchandra, Meenu Chauhan, Neeta Sarvare, Personnel Mills Zone-3, also contributed to organising the program successfully.

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# There is a part of Ch'garh in the persona and character of Lord Shri Ram: CM

Raipur, June 01:

In his address to the mega event of National Ramayana Festival, Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel said that Lord Shri Ram spent 10 years of his exile in Chhattisgarh. And during the exile, Shri Ram faced extreme hardships and difficulties but he never lost the sight of his moral values and dignity. The time he spent in the forests played an important role in his journey to become Maryada Purushottam, and in this way, Chhattisgarh also has a part in his character building.

Chief Minister inaugurated the three-day 'National Ramayana Festival' today at a grand function organized at the historic Ramleela Maidan in the city of arts and literature, Raigarh. On this occasion, he said that our Chhattisgarh is the state of Mata Kaushalya and Mata Shabri. This is the land of tribals and forest dwellers who have been living here for centuries. When Shri Ram was sup-

- For the first time in the country, Ramayana Festival is being organized officially at the national-level in Ch'garh
- Lord Ram resides in our hearts; our day begins with 'Ram-Ram' and ends in the name of Ram, said CM in his address to the prog

posed to be crowned as a King, he had to go on exile. During his exile, Shri Ram met Nishadraj, Shabri Mata and several sages and ascetics. We in Chhattisgarh relate to both 'Vanvasi Ram' as well as 'Kaushalya's Ram'. As Chhattisgarh is the birthplace of Mata Kaushalya, Shri Ram is considered as 'Bhancha' (nephew) in Chhattisgarh.

Chief Minister said that for the first time in the country, Ramayana Festival is being organized officially at the na-



tional-level in Chhattisgarh. Although it is a national event, but foreign teams like Cambodia and Indonesia are also participating, making this festival international. Chief Minister said, "Today I witnessed a beautiful march past at the National Ramayana festival. Meanwhile, I also observed the march past of 'Ramnami Sampradai Ka Ram'. They have dedicated their entire life to Shri Ram. They believe in the formless, as Kabir believes in the formless. In this way everyone has

their own perception of 'Shri Ram'." Chief Minister said that the story of Shri Ram is enshrined in our hearts.... our day starts with 'Ram-Ram' and ends with 'Ram-Ram'. Each and every village of our state has its own Ramleela mandali. We feel deep affinity with Shri Ram because Shri Ram belongs to everyone, he belongs to Nishadraj, he belongs to Shabri.

Chief Minister further said that we have written a letter to the Chief Ministers of all those states where there are pil-



grimage sites and we have requested for 2 acres of land there, so as to arrange for proper facilities for the pilgrims from Chhattisgarh to stay there. In addition, we are also developing our pilgrimage sites to provide better facilities to the pilgrims coming from other states. Chief Minister said that Lord Shri Ram spent most of his exile with the forest dwellers. We find an account of his connection with nature and forest dwellers in the Ramayana. Chief Minister said that we have been organizing

the National Tribal Festival for three years, with the objective to promote tribal culture. We have also been taking consolidated steps towards protection of Devgudis and Ghotuls. Addressing the residents of Raigarh, Chief Minister said that Raigarh has been one of the earliest witnesses of human culture, the rock paintings here show that the earliest cultural development of mankind were found here. This 'Sanskardhani' city has made significant progress in the field of art. We are work-

ing for the conservation of Kelo as well.

While presiding over the programme, Culture Minister Mr. Amarjeet Bhagat said that in these wonderful event, we have got the opportunity to learn about the ideal character of Shri Ram. It is a matter of pride for all of us that this mega event based on Aranyakand of Ramayana is being organized in Chhattisgarh. School Education Minister Mr. Prem Sai Singh Tekam said that this unique event is being organized on the initiative of Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel. Ram Katha inspires us to follow the ideals of Shri Ram. Higher Education Minister Mr. Umesh Patel said that through Ram Van Gaman Tourism Circuit Development Plan, Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel has done a great job of developing places associated with Lord Shri Ram. Former Member of Parliament Shri Nand Kumar Sai, Mahant Shri Ramsunder Das, Chairman of

Chhattisgarh Gau Seva Aayog also addressed the programme.

**Collective recitation of Hanuman Chalisa organized**

On this occasion, Collective Recitation of Hanuman Chalisa was organized. Bhajan Singer Dilip Shadangi led the recitation while Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and thousands of spectators joined in, worshipping Hanuman ji with great devotion. At the onset, the teams from different states and countries performed a march past. Teams from Indonesia and Cambodia enthralled the audience in their traditional attires. Members of the Ramnami sect also did a march past. The specialty of the Uttarakhanda team was that it was led by Ravana. States like Goa, Karnataka, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh etc. also performed. It is noteworthy that 270 artists from 12 states are participating in this event, which includes 70 artists from Chhattisgarh state and 27 artists from abroad.

## BJP leaders remember Lord Ram only during polls and for votes: CM

Says what Rahul Gandhi said should be taken seriously

Raipur, Jun 01:

Speaking to section of media persons prior to leaving to Raigarh for Ramayan Mahotsav, CM Baghel said that Lord Shri Ram is 'aadi' and 'Aant' as well. We in Chhattisgarh relate to both 'Vanvasi Ram' as well as 'Kaushalya's Ram'. As Chhattisgarh is the birthplace of Mata Kaushalya, Shri Ram is considered as 'Bhancha' (nephew) in Chhattisgarh, he said. Contrary to this BJP leaders remember Lord Shri Ram only during election and at the time of taking votes.

CM Baghel said that prior to Narendra Modi, it was Mahatma Gandhi who uttered the word 'hey Ram' before taking his last breath. They say that even the Independence was achieved after 2014 and actually they (BJPians) are also of the same culture. It is notable here



that BJP State Chief Arun Sao has commented that Congress had to surrender itself to Lord Shri Ram due to PM Narendra Modi and CM Baghel commented upon it.

CM Bhupesh Baghel commenting upon Chollywood artist and Padam Shri recipient Anuj Sharma joining BJP said that he was already with them earlier and he used to sit along with ex-CM's son in his house and is in friendly

terms with him and there is nothing new on his joining BJP.

On BJP's comments over Rahul Gandhi's statement, CM Baghel said that both the countries are different and Prime Minister is another issue. It should not be seen by connecting it together and what Rahul Gandhi is saying should be taken seriously.

It is notable here that AICC former President Rahul Gandhi is on tour to USA and during visit

to Silicon valley, he held talks with the industrialists. There once again he raised the issue of phone tapping and targeted the Indian government. Speaking on the issue of Pegasus and other such techniques, Rahul said that he knows that his phone is being tapped, but he is not at all worried. Not only this, Rahul took out his mobile and on humorous tone said 'Hello Mr. Modi'.

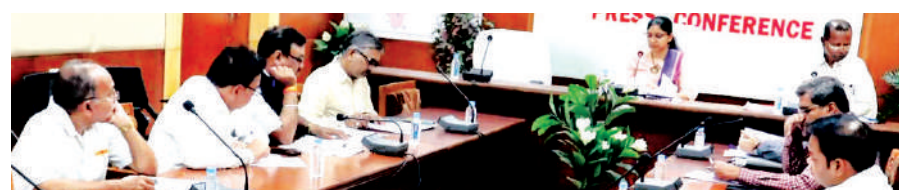
Rahul Gandhi said that he feels that tapping of his I-Phone is being done and there is need for proper rules and checks on the data from one nation and as an individual also. He said that if any country wants that one's phone tapping is required, than it cannot be stopped and this is what he feels. Rahul said that if a country has interest in tapping one's phone that it is not worth fighting, rather what all he does is all in front of the government.

- Electoral roll with photographs to be prepared on the qualifying date of October 1, 2023

Raipur, Jun 01:

The Election Commission of India, New Delhi has issued a program for the second special summary revision of photo electoral rolls on the qualifying date of October 1, 2023, before the Assembly General Election-2023 in Chhattisgarh. As per the program fixed by the Commission, pre-revision activities have started in the state from May 25.

Door-to-door survey is being done by the booth level officers of the polling station. Preliminary publication of voter list will be done on August 2 in the polling stations and offices of Electoral Registration Officers of all the districts. It will also be published in the website of the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Chhattisgarh.



Chief Electoral Officer Reena Babasaheb Kangale today held a meeting with the representatives of all the recognized political parties of the state and urged them to appoint BLA (Booth Level Agent) at each booth. Kangale informed about the second special summary revision of voter list and the schedule for FLC (First Level Checking) of EVM/VVPAT machines at the district level. The first level checking of EVM/VVPAT machines will be done in all the districts of the state from June 10 to June 27, 2023.

Kangale informed in the meeting that according to the program issued by the Election Commission of India for the second special summary revision of photo electoral rolls, the preliminary publication of the integrated voter list

will be done on August 2. From August 2 to August 31, claims-objections will be received for addition, deletion and modification of names in the voter list by the designated officer/BLO present in all the polling stations of the state. Special camps will be organized in all the polling stations of the state for redressal of claims and objections on August 12-13 and August 19-20. The claim-objection will be resolved by 22 September. After this, the supplementary list will be printed by checking the health parameters of the voter list prepared by September 29 and obtaining permission from the Commission for its final publication and updating the database. The final publication of the voter list will be done on October 4. Voter Helpline

App (VHA) and Voter Service Portal have been launched by the Commission to receive claims and objections from the people. Chief Electoral Officer Kangale has urged all the parties and people to fill maximum number of applications online. During the publication period, voters can go to their polling stations and see their names in the voter list. They can also see their names in the voters list through the website of the Chief Electoral Officer's office [www.ceochhattisgarh.nic.in](http://www.ceochhattisgarh.nic.in). For any kind of information or complaint, they can contact the toll-free number 180023311950 established at the State Information Center, Raipur and the toll-free number 1950 of the call centers operated in the districts.

## C Sivakumar takes over as Regional ED (WR-II & USSC)



**Raipur, Jun 01:** C Sivakumar has taken over as Regional Executive Director (ED) (WR-II & USSC) of NTPC Nava Raipur on June 01. Prior to this, Sivakumar was served as Executive Director-USSC (Unified Shared Services Centre) at NTPC Nava Raipur. A Mechanical Engineer from Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, Sivakumar has joined NTPC in 1985 as an Executive Trainee. He has rich and varied experience in the areas of Mechanical Erection & Maintenance, Project Construction, Safety and Unified Shared Services. He held several important positions in a career spanning around 38 years and worked at Vindhyachal, Korba, Mouda, BRBCL (Nabinagar), Dadri and CC-EOC Noida of NTPC. To his credit, Sivakumar also headed BRBCL and Dadri stations of NTPC. With his rich and varied experience, NTPC Nava Raipur will be benefitted greatly under his guidance and dynamic leadership in the days to come.

## Disneyland Fun Fair becomes centre of attraction, draws huge crowd

Raipur, Jun 01:

Disneyland Fun Fair a delightful and fun-filled fair providing an enjoyable experience for children and families. This fair is going on at Ravanbhata Maidan, Near Inter State Bus Stand adjacent to Ring Road No.1 and it takes people to a colorful and happy world. Disneyland Fun Fair is witnessing huge crowd with large number of foot-fall of visitors each day.

Director of Disneyland Fun Fair informed that new variety of domestic and foreign swings have been installed in this fair for the children.

These include attractions such as the Aero Plane, Mini Train, Cars Swing and Mickey Mouse and slides including the highest climbing Ferris Wheel (Giant Wheel), Movable Train, Breakdance Swing, Columbus Swing, Silambo Swing, Dashing Car and Dragon Swing. All these swings provide a delightful experience to the kids and add to their fun. The swings provide a delight-



ful experience to the kids and add to their fun. Additionally, the Disneyland Fun Fair also has several shopping stalls set up for children and their parents. Wide range of various toys, readymade garments, jewellery, fancy bags, household items, handloom, sarees, bedsheets, wooden handicraft, bamboo handicraft items, fancy jewellery, children's toys, sofa cover, sofa cum bed, household items and ladies items like bags and slippers is on display here. One can enjoy choosing from a wide range of choices here and enjoy shopping. Only a few days are left for this fair full of fun, happiness and adventure.

## Need to spread awareness about cancer caused by tobacco

**Raipur, Jun 01:** There has been a rapid increase in the number of cancer caused by tobacco in the whole world including India. On the occasion of World No Tobacco Day NH MMI Narayana Super Specialist Hospital has played a remarkable role as always for its excellent work. All the doctors and paramedical staff of NHMMI Narayana Super Specialist Hospital, who are committed to their excellent work by the hospital management, have ensured their important role in this special campaign. This is the reason that now the awareness about this topic has increased rapidly among the people, taking it further in NHMMI Narayana Super Specialist Hospital, working effectively on no use of tobacco, one of the major causes of cancer has played an important role in its prevention. According to the information received from NH MMI Narayana Super Specialist Hospital, on the occasion of World Tobacco Cessation Day, a poster competition was organized at NHMMI Narayana Superspeciality Hospital Raipur in which 300 children participated. The theme of this competition was "Sometimes

- NHMMI Narayana Super Specialist Hospital showcased excellent work

it's good to be a quitter". On this occasion, Dr. Bharat Bhushan, Cancer Surgeon, NHH Cancer Care, Dr. Yashwant Kashyap, Radiation Oncologist, Dr. Ashutosh Das Sharma, Medical Oncologist, Head and Neck Cancer Surgeon, Dr. Yash Chadha, Radiation Oncologist, Dr. Rajendra Patel, Dr. Neha Jaiswal, Gynecologist, encouraged the enthusiasm of the contestants by their presence. Small children displayed more than one painting on this subject, understanding the seriousness of the subject, not only did the children tell the serious consequences of cancer and the measures to prevent it, but also gave socially meaningful and effective messages through their paintings. The main objective of this painting competition was to bring awareness among the people and especially to make the new generation aware of cancer, to increase awareness among the people about the side effects

of tobacco and serious and life-threatening diseases, it was successful in many ways because in this competition where more than 300 participants took part, most of them made very attractive and abstract paintings according to the theme. Dr. Bharat said that tobacco consumption is harmful not only for the body but also for the environment. Dr. Yashwant Kashyap said that cigarette smoking has become a fashion among the youth, so we should take strict steps in this direction.

Dr. Yash Chadha said that the consumption of tobacco is more in the state as compared to other states due to which there are more patients of mouth and throat. Dr. Rajendra Patel said that Kotpa Act should be strictly followed by schools and colleges, this is a commendable initiative by the government. Dr. Neha Jaiswal said that consumption of tobacco increases the risk of cancer in women as well. It is necessary to make women aware about this. It has also been observed in the research that women in urban and rural areas often use tobacco gutka and other tobacco products including 'Gudakhu'.

## Musical performance by 12 member team from Cambodia



**Raipur, Jun 01:** The first National Ramayana Festival, organized for three days at Ramleela Maidan in Raigarh, has commenced. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the National Ramayana Festival at Ramleela Maidan in Raigarh district today. A 12-member troupe of artists, who came 4500 km away from Cambodia to Chhattisgarh, gave a mesmerising presentation on the inaugural day. They won the hearts of the audience by their 25-minute performance and exotic costumes. A musical presentation of the Ahiravan story was performed by the Cambodian Ramayana team. In this context, Ravana's brother

- As part of Int'l Ramayana Troupe
- Soulful presentation of the story of Hanuman and Ahiravan

Ahiravan takes Lord Shri Ram to Patal Lok by making him unconscious. Shri Hanuman goes to Patal Lok to bring Lord Shri Ram safely where Shri Hanuman meets his son Makardhwaj.

In the war both would fight but there is no victory or defeat in it. In the end, Shri Hanuman brings back Lord Shri Ram. This incident of Ramayana was presented in a very soulful manner.



# 'Ramayana festival is being widely appreciated'

National Ramayana Festival trending number one on social media

Central Chronicle News

**Raipur, Jun 01:** Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the National Ramayana Festival at Ramleela Maidan in Raigarh district today. National Ramayana Festival is being widely appreciated not only in Chhattisgarh but also across the country.

Throughout the day, National Ramayana Festival trended number one on various social media platforms and people were lauding this initiative of Chhattisgarh Government to organize National Ramayana Festival.

It is noteworthy that for the first time in Chhattisgarh, 'National

India trends	
1-Trending	#RamayanMahotsav,CG 4,244 Tweets
2-Trending	#FreeElectricityInRajasthan 314K Tweets
3-Trending	#JashnEpoKer 7,392 Tweets
4-Politics - Trending	#NandigramJonoJowar 117K Tweets
5-Trending	CHAMBE DI BOOTI POSTER OUT 4,859 Tweets
6-Pop - Trending	Halsey 15K Tweets
7-Trending	Ireland 514K Tweets
8-Politics - Trending	Stanford

being organized from June 01 to 03 at the historic Ramleela Maidan in Raigarh.

At this mega event, devotional performances based on Ramkatha will be staged by Ramayana troupes from 12 states of the country as well as those from Cambodia and Indonesia. Through these performances, people would get to see a glimpse of various diverse national-global forms of Ramkatha.

The competition

Ramayana Festival' is of Ramayana Mandalis

based on the Aranya Kand of Ramayana has commenced, and the nationally renowned artists have arrived in Chhattisgarh to stage their musical performances at 'Bhajan Sandhya' of the Ramayana Festival. Ramayana teams from Kerala, Karnataka, Odisha, Assam, Goa, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh are participating in this national festival.

On the last day of the National Ramayana Festival, eminent Hindi poet Kumar Vishwas will extol the glory of Lord Shri Ram with his special performance at 'Apne Apne Ram Music Night'

# Trainee officers of the IAS-2022 pay courtesy call on CM

Central Chronicle News

**Raipur, Jun 01:** The trainee officers of the Indian Administrative Service 2022 paid a courtesy visit to Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel at his residential office today.

The Additional Chief Secretary and the Director General of Chhattisgarh Administration, Nimora, Renu G. Pillay, said to the Chief Minister that the officers of the Indian Administrative Service 2022, Namrata Choubey, Prakarhar Chandrakar, and Yuvraj Marmat were allocated to the Chhattisgarh cadre.

These officers were posted in districts for a 52-week-long district training program. Under this annual training program, an orientation training of five weeks is organized from 29 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 at the



Chhattisgarh Academy of Administration, Nimora.

During the training, the trainee officers will be given detailed information about the various rules, acts, processes, plans, and projects of the state government. They will also be informed about the activities of the main departments.

Additionally, they will be made aware of the innovation and best practices taking place in the state. The officers will also be given the opportunity to have courtesy meetings with senior

officials of the Chhattisgarh government.

The trainee officers shared their training experience with the Chief Minister. The Chief Minister Mr. Baghel said to the officers that they should utilize the precious training period to add value to their administrative abilities. They should strive to discharge their duties properly and contribute to the development of the state.

The officers of the Indian Administrative Service 2022 who visited the Chief

Minister include Ms. Namrata Choubey, who has been posted as the Assistant Collector, District Balodabazar-Bhatapara; Mr. Prakarhar Chandrakar as Assistant Collector, District Kanker; and Yuvraj Marmat as Assistant Collector, District Raigarh.

The Additional Chief Secretary Subrat Sahoo, the Chhattisgarh Academy of Administration Director T.S. Mahawar, and the Course Director Seema Singh were also present on the occasion.

# ICAR-NIBSM to hold Academician-Industry meet today

Central Chronicle News

**Raipur, Jun 01:** ICAR-NIBSM Raipur is going to conduct the first academician-industry meet on June 02, 2023. An academician-industry meet is a platform where academics (professors, researchers, scholars) and industry professionals come together to exchange knowledge, discuss collaboration opportunities, and bridge the gap between academia and industry.

These meetings provide a valuable platform for academia and industry to interact, share insights, and foster collaboration for mutual benefit. In a press brief held at ICAR-NIBSM today, Dr P.K.Ghosh Director, NIBSM highlighted the importance of this institute which is unique at the national level and first in Chhattisgarh. He also briefed that academics can share their research findings, expertise, and in-

Venue: ICAR-NIBSM, Barunda, Raipur



sights with industry professionals.

This facilitates the transfer of knowledge and promotes innovation. Industry professionals can also provide insights into the practical application of academic research and share current trends, challenges, and opportunities in their respective industries. Industry representatives can offer insights into the skills and competencies required in

the job market.

Academics can gain a better understanding of industry needs, enabling them to align their curriculum and teaching methods accordingly. Academician-industry meets facilitate discussions on policy implications and the practical implementation of academic research. This dialogue helps align research outcomes with industry needs and societal challenges.

The stakeholder meet and collaboration would help in reducing post-harvest losses for farmers, fair income to farmers and reach of technological development to farmers with the help of industry network. The industries would help and express their requirements to the institute which would aid in further research and technology development and fill up the gap to support farmers and other stakeholders.

This meet will benefit the linkages between NIBSM-Industry for the technologies under pipeline and future ready for the development. NIBSM has initiated the education PG programme with 6-7 disciplines since 2020. Now NIBSM to undertake UG programme also from 2023-24 in which 35 students for B.Sc. (Ag) courses will be inducted.

This will be the unique platform where students

may get the plenty opportunity to get trained manpower through placement cell and skill development entrepreneurship as one of the agenda for this important meet. Need to encourage Internships / placements of students in the industry. The students may be encouraged to take up Internship for Development of Entrepreneurship in Agriculture (IDEA) available under BSMA academic regulations.

Farmers will also be made aware of the latest updates from the institutes. This partnership will benefit both the organizations as well as the farmers. Total 100-125 participants are expected to be part of this important event at ICAR-NIBSM. The press meet jointly co-ordinated by the Joint Directors Dr Anil Dixit and Dr S.K.Ambast of ICAR-NIBSM Raipur.

# Chhattisgarh shines in Nat'l Muay Thai C'ship



● Wins 37 medals

Central Chronicle News

**Raipur, Jun 01:** In the National al Muay Thai Championship which concluded on May 30 in Chennai, Chhattisgarh

team bagged 12 gold, 10 silver and 15 bronze medals (total 37 medals).

The state team participated with 57 players and 11 officials. Bastar and Korba players sole the limelight. Out of 28 players from Bastar 19 players won medals (05 gold, 06 sil-

ver and 08 bronze). Out of 09 Korba player, 07 players won medals.

(04 gold, 01 silver and 02 bronze). Out of 11 players from Raipur, 06 players won medals, informs Anis Memon, GS of Chhattisgarh Amateur Thai Association.

# CGM- NMDC-Kirandul Padamnath Nike assumes office

● Was accorded welcome by heads of different departments

Central Chronicle News

**Kirandul, Jun 01:** The newly appointed Chief General Manager NMDC Kirandul Padamnath Nike assumed office here last on May 27. During this the heads of the different departments and Labour Unions presented him with a flower bouquet and welcomed him.

In this context, on May 29, Chief of the Personnel Deptt NMDC-Kirandul-BK Madhav, CGM (Personnel) along with his colleagues, officers and employees also welcomed



Padamnath Nike with a flower bouquet and got a formal introduction of all the officers and employees from his department.

On this occasion the heads of other departments, along with their officers and employees from respective department

also welcomed new project head NMDC Kirandul-CGM Padamnath Nike in his chamber with flower bouquet.

● Of Jagdalpur and Chitrakot assembly

Central Chronicle News

**Jagdalpur, Jun 01:** These days BJP is seen in the action mode of election preparation both at the Center and in the state. In this perspective, the divisional tour of BJP state in-charge is going on loudly. BJP state in-charge Omprakash Mathur took a joint meeting of core committee of Jagdalpur and Chitrakot assembly at BJP district office late in the evening. Mathur asked all the workers to maintain continuous activism till the lower level in view of the upcoming elections. He discussed about



pre-election preparations. During his four-day stay in Bastar, Mathur is visiting all the seven districts of the division and meeting the workers of each assembly. In the meeting of Jagdalpur and Chitrakote Assembly core committee, the BJP state in-charge Mathur said that the responsibilities have been assigned to the workers from the district level to the booth level and they should fulfill them hundred percent. While continuously running the pro-

grammes of the organization, maintain speed in intensive public relations, he said. Continuity of the programmes should be maintained at the booth level and effective efforts should be made for this. Every worker should work with determination to ensure BJP's victory and make Lotus bloom in Chhattisgarh. State General Secretary Organization Pawan Sai also addressed the meeting of the Core Committee. BJP state general

secretary Kedar Kashyap, divisional in-charge Santosh Padey, district in-charge G. Venkat, district president Roop Singh Madavi, former MP Dinesh Kashyap, former MLA Santosh Bafna, Baiduram Kashyap, Lachhu Ram Kashyap, Srinivasa Rao Maddi, Samundsai Kutch, Jagdalpur assembly were present in the meeting. In-charge Nikhil Rathore, Chitrakoot Assembly in-charge Naveen Vishwakarma, Sudhir Paday, Yogendra Paday, Srinivasan Mishra, Sridhar Ojha, Godavari Sahu, Santosh Baghel, Ramashray Singh, Vedprakash Paday, Rajneesh Panigrahi, Jairam Nag, Avinash Srivastava, Sudha Mishra and other workers were present.

# One needs to be intoxicated for progress and devotion of the nation: V-C

● Resolution taken on World No Tobacco Day in CU

Central Chronicle News

**Bilaspur, Jun 01:** A programme was organized on 31 May 2023, World No Tobacco Day, in the meeting hall of the Administrative building of the Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (a Central University), under the National Service Scheme Cell's initiative 'Nasha Mukta Samaj Andolan - Abhiyan Kaushal Ka' with the motto 'We need food, not tobacco'. Kaushal Kishore Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India, was the Chief Guest of the programme and Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal,



presided over it. The Chief Guest of the program, Kaushal Kishore, said that we all must work together to build a drug-free society. Addressing the gathering through online medium on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day, Mr. Kishore said that it is necessary to make the youth of the country aware of the serious consequences of such addiction. Tobacco or smoking negatively affects a person's mental health as well

as physical health. Due to the consumption of tobacco, the youth becomes a slave of intoxication physically and mentally.

Presiding over the program, Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Alok Kumar Chakrawal said on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day, "If one needs to be intoxicated, it should be for the progress and devotion of the nation. Along with establishing India as a symbol of harmony and

peace, we should have the intoxication of making India a world guru".

Appreciating the program "Nasha Mukta Samaj Andolan- Abhiyan Kaushal Ka", the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Chakrawal said that such programs should be organized in all higher education institutions of the country with the aim of spreading awareness among the youth. He stressed, "we should use the positive energy of the youth

affirmatively in works related to nation building and social issues".

**Resolution and combustion of intoxicants on World No Tobacco Day:**

On this occasion, Union Minister of State Kaushal Kishore had everyone take a pledge to make a drug-free society. On the occasion of World No Tobacco Day, intoxicants were set on fire under the leadership of V-C Prof. Chakrawal, symbolizing their renunciation.

Earlier, the program started with lighting the lamp and garlanding the statue of Maa Saraswati. The guests were welcomed by presenting saplings. The welcome speech was delivered by the Dean, Student Welfare, Prof. Shailendra Kumar. Special guest Akshat Kant, National Coordinator, 'Nasha Mukta Samaj Andolan- Abhiyan Kaushal Ka' also kept his views. The guests were honoured by presenting mementos. In the end, vote of thanks was delivered by the Registrar, Prof. Manish Srivastava and the program was conducted by Dr. Shweta Subrahmanyam, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany. Deans, Heads of Departments, and officers of various sections participated in the programme.

# Two accused arrested with stolen motor cycle

Central Chronicle News

**Jagdalpur, Jun 01:** Police Station Kotwali of the district has arrested 2 accused Raju Rao and Chabilal Dhruv alias Abbu, residents of Metguda Jawahar Nagar, along with a stolen motor cycle, who had stolen a motor cycle in Sanjay Market.

According to the information received from the police, on May 24, applicant Suresh Kashyap, resident of Hatpadmur Nangur, parked his motorcycle number ZY 17 TM 287 Hero Splendor at Sanjay Market Kamta Hotel parking and went to buy goods inside the market. When he came back, he saw that the motor cycle missing. The applicant filed a report about loss of bike in the police station. Kotwali police registered the crime and



took it into investigation. During investigation, on the basis of CCTV camera footage and technical evidence, bike theft accused Raju Rao and Chabilal Dhruv alias Abbu, resident of Metguda Jawahar Nagar, were arrested. In interrogation by the police, he accepted the theft of the motor cycle by starting the motor cycle with his key. After proceeding against the accused in police station Kotwali, both were sent to the court on judicial remand.



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## BRIEF



**Nepal PM Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' after paying homage to Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat, in New Delhi, Thursday.**

## Arrested

■ **Srinagar:** Security forces arrested two militant associates of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) in Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday and recovered arms and ammunition from their possession, police said.

## Fire

■ **Kolkata:** A fire broke out at an office of the West Bengal government on Ganesh Chandra Avenue in the city's central business district on Thursday and efforts are on to douse it, an official said.

## Demolish

■ **New Delhi:** Authorities here on Thursday demolished several shanties near central Delhi's Pragati Maidan as part of an anti-encroachment drive, officials said. Security personnel were deployed in the area to prevent any untoward incident, they said.

## Raid

■ **Srinagar:** The Jammu and Kashmir's State Investigation Agency (SIA) on Thursday conducted raids at multiple locations in the valley in connection with a case of killing of a bank guard earlier this year, officials said.

## Closed

■ **Banihal:** The Jammu-Srinagar national highway was closed for traffic on Thursday for repairing a patch of road in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district, officials said. The 270-km highway, the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with rest of the country, was blocked by a landslide at Dhalwas section in Ramban district, on Wednesday but restored for traffic later, they said.

## Injured

■ **Shimla:** A bus rolled down into a gorge in Himachal Pradesh's Mandi district on Thursday, leaving 40 passengers injured, police said. Ambulances have been dispatched to the spot, according to the state emergency operation centre.

## Meeting

■ **New Delhi:** The Congress on Thursday said it will participate in the June 12 meeting of opposition parties in Patna but is yet to decide on who will attend the meeting. Bihar Chief Minister and JDU leader Nitish Kumar has convened the meeting. "The Congress will surely participate in the June 12 meeting of opposition leaders in Patna."

## HC refuses to stay investigation against Ashneer Grover, wife

New Delhi, Jun 01 (PTD):

The Delhi High Court on Thursday refused to stay at this stage an investigation against BharatPe co-founder Ashneer Grover and his wife Madhuri Jain Grover in a case of an alleged Rs 81 crore fraud based on a complaint by the fintech unicorn.

Justice Anup Jairam Bhambhani also declined to direct the investigating officer to give an advance notice to the duo if he wanted their custody and asked them to file an anticipatory bail instead.

The judge issued notice on the petition by Grover and his wife seeking to quash the FIR registered by the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the Delhi Police and asked the investigating agency as well as complainant BharatPe to state their stand.

## ■ In EOW FIR

The court issued notice on the application for stay of investigation as well.

"No case is made out at least at this stage for staying investigation in the matter. So far as advance written notice of arrest is concerned, petitioners are at liberty to adopt other remedies available to them in accordance with law," the court said.

"File section 438 (of CrPC for anticipatory bail). Why should I get into my inherent power when there is a statutory power," the court stated.

Counsel for the petitioners contended that the FIR was based on malafides and the allegations pertained to matters relating to GST and management of the company, which they were anyway entitled to do as directors and they disclose no criminality.

It was said that the petitioners were involved in nurturing the company into a multi-crore entity and no fraud was reported by the statutory auditors.

Senior advocates Vikas Pahwa and Dayan Krishnan appeared for the complainant and opposed issuance of notice on the petition.

They argued that the matter involved complex financial transactions which resulted in defalcation of funds and the petitioners availed input tax credit under GST law with respect to bogus transactions and indulged in siphoning of funds and forged certain documents.

The EOW registered the FIR earlier this year under eight sections of the Indian Penal Code, including 406 that deals with criminal breach of trust, 420 (cheating and dishonesty), 467 and 468 (forgery).

## AIBF members visited Lakshminarasimha Swamy Temple

At Yadagirigutta; also participated in 'Swarna Pushparchana'

Hyderabad, Jun 01:

Members of the All India Brahmin Federation (AIBF) visited Sri Lakshminarasimha Swamy temple at Yadagirigutta today.

They were welcomed by the temple Deputy Executive Officer Bhaskar and other officials. Priests performed special puja at the Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy temple. The members also participated in 'Swarna Pushparchana'.

Members of the All India Brhmin Federation are on a two day visit to the city on the invitation of the Chief Minister Sri K Chandrashekar Rao. They participated in the inauguration of Brahmin Parishad at Gopanpally



on Wednesday.

Dr Pradeep Jeothi President of the All India Brahmin Federation from the state of Kerala thanked the Chief Minister for constructing a marvelous building exclusively for the Brahmin community.

He observed that the digital library set up in the Brahmin parishad is truly a centre of excellence. He said that the

temple has undergone complete transformation when compared to the temple he visited some years ago.

Pandit Padam Prakash from Uttarakhand who is the Secretary General of All India Brahmin Federation praised the Chief Minister for renovating the Yadadri temple which is now attracting pilgrims from all over the country. The Chief

Minister of Telangana should be congratulated for developing the temple into a mesmerizing spiritual centre with its sculptures and structures.

Dr Bhagwan Sharma from Uttar Pradesh who is the Chief Advisor of All India Brahmin Federation felt that the concept of constructing a bhavan on sprawling six acres exclusively for the Brahmin community by the Telangana Chief Minister should be emulated by other states as well.

He also praised the architectural work of the temple and the sculptors for developing the temple. Telangana Brahmin Federation President Jagannathan Sarma also accompanied the members.

## NEW ACADEMIC SESSION



Students during the state-level inauguration of the new academic year, in Kochi, Thursday.

## Seizure of meth in HP leaves law enforcers worried

Shimla, Jun 01 (PTD):

A recent seizure of methamphetamine in Solan district has triggered concerns that after adulterated heroin 'chitta', this recreational drug too is making inroads into Himachal Pradesh.

Although the amount recovered is small, this is the first time that the drug has been seized in the state, police said.

The seizure of meth is a serious issue as entry of high-end drugs in Himachal implies that the availability of 'chitta' has turned the state into a drug consuming market, and now new drugs are being introduced," SP, Solan, Virender Sharma told PTI.

Three people, including

two from Kharar in Punjab, were arrested last week with

1.56 gm of methamphetamine or meth and 22 gm of chitta in Parwanoo last week.

The trio had come to hand over the drugs in Parwanoo for Rs 10,000, he added.

Meth is considered more lethal than other drugs as on an average, 4.8 percent of its users required emergency medical attention after consumption, according to the Global Drug Survey.

Meth, which gives an instant high, is used in rave parties and mixed with other drugs to make them more addictive.

Recovery of meth is an indication that either rave parties are being organ-

ised or the drug is being used for adulteration. Whatever may be the case, the situation is serious, former Director of the State Forensic Science Laboratory (SFSL) Arun Sharma said.

Earlier, meth was mixed with chitta along with other synthetic drugs but now it is coming in crystal form which is more dangerous and there is a need to understand the dynamics and roots of drug trafficking through inter-agency coordination, said former convener cum advisor of HP Nasha Nivaran Board O P Sharma.

"Recovery of meth is a pointer that smugglers might be aiming at producing chitta locally," he said.

## Deccan Queen completes 93 years of service

Rail enthusiasts celebrate by cutting cakes

Mumbai, Jun 01 (PTD):

The iconic Deccan Queen, the first deluxe train of the Indian Railways, completed 93 glorious years of operations between Pune and Mumbai on Thursday, according to the Central Railway.

Rail enthusiasts and authorities celebrated the occasion with a lot of zeal and cut two big cakes at the Pune railway station on Thursday morning before the Deccan Queen departed for the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus in Mumbai.

Maharashtra minister Chandrakant Patil was also present on the occasion. "Over the last 93



Passengers celebrate the birthday of Deccan Queen, Indian Railways' first deluxe train, as it completed 93 glorious years of operations between Pune and Mumbai, in Mumbai, Thursday.

years of its colourful history, the train has grown from a mere medium of transportation between two cities into an institution binding a generation

of intensely loyal passengers," the Central Railway said. For the special day, the train was decorated with colourful garlands, and an attractive

'rangoli' (colourful pattern) was made at the entrance of the platform from the train left.

A music party played tunes of various songs to mark the occasion.

As per a Central Railway release, the Deccan Queen had its maiden run on June 1, 1930, which was a major landmark in the history of the Great Indian Peninsula (GIP) Railway, the forerunner of the Central Railway. It was the first deluxe train introduced to serve two important cities of the region Mumbai and Pune - and was aptly named after Pune, which is also known as the 'Queen of Deccan' (Dakkhan ki Rani), the release said.

## FELICITATION CEREMONY



WB CM Mamata Banerjee poses with students during a felicitation ceremony for the toppers of all Boards and Joint Entrance Examinations- 2023, in Kolkata, Thursday.

## Senior IPS officer Rajiv Singh new Manipur DGP

Imphal, Jun 01 (PTD):

Senior Indian Police Service officer Rajiv Singh was on Thursday appointed as the new DGP of Manipur, according to an official order.

Singh replaces P Doungel, who will be Officer on Special Duty (Home), a new post created by the Manipur government. Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department Special Secretary N Geoffrey said in an order that Rajiv Singh will be the new DGP of Manipur and Head of the Police Force immediately upon joining the state government.

On Monday, the Union Home Ministry transferred him from the



Tripura cadre to the Manipur cadre on deputation for three years in "relaxation of the policy as a special case in the public interest".

Singh, an IPS officer of the 1993 batch, was serving as the Inspector General of the CRPF.

To accommodate Doungel, the Manipur government created the post "OSD (Home) at apex scale of IPS", the order stated.

"Further, the Governor of Manipur is also pleased to order that Shri Rajiv Singh, IPS (TR:93) should take charge of the post of DGP, Manipur from P Doungel, IPS (MA:87) immediately upon joining the state government," it added. Soon after the violence broke out in the state on May 3, the central government appointed former chief of the CRPF Kuldip Singh as a security adviser to the Manipur government.

Manipur, which has been hit by ethnic conflict for nearly a month, witnessed a sudden spurt in clashes and firing between militants and security forces on Sunday, after a relative lull for over a fortnight.



# European summit in Moldova tackles Ukraine war, regional conflicts

**Bulboaca (Moldova), Jun 01 (AP):** Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy took his quest for more arms and support to a sprawling summit of some 50 European leaders in Moldova on Thursday, becoming the focal point of an event that seeks to quell regional conflicts and shore up unity in the face of Russia's war.

The meeting of the pancontinental European Political Community, which embraces all European nations other than Russia and Belarus, gathered the heads of state and government from 47 countries but its attention was on the continent's south and east a region pushed to a turning point

in its relationship with Moscow because of Russia's invasion of Ukraine last year.

The 27-nation EU wants to use the summit to reach out to many Eastern European countries that spent decades either within the Soviet Union or under its immediate sphere of influence, and to bolster the continent's unified response to Russian aggression.

The choice to hold the summit in Moldova, a former Soviet republic of around 2.6 million people, is seen as a message to the Kremlin both from the EU and the pro-Western Moldovan government, which received EU candidate status in June of last year at the same time as

Ukraine. As he addressed the gathered leaders at an opening ceremony, Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte noted the significance of the summit's location, only around 20 kilometers (12 miles) from Ukraine's border.

"Our meeting today in Moldova speaks volumes. The country borders on Ukraine and here, the Russian threat is palpable," Rutte said.

Moldova, Europe's poorest country which is cradled by Ukraine on three sides, aspires to join the EU by the end of the decade, and has consistently signalled its support for Ukraine and taken in refugees fleeing the war.

Zelenskyy was the first foreign leader to arrive at

Thursday's summit venue, a 19th-century castle and vineyard around 35 kilometers (21 miles) from the capital, Chisinau.

Dressed in his trademark olive green shirt and cargo pants, he sought to dispel doubts about his country's accession to the EU and NATO, and told the assembled leaders that such doubts would be exploited by Moscow.

Since the start of the invasion, he said, "the limits of security in Europe have in fact been the limits of our determination, our ability to act together for the sake of the interests of our peoples and the whole of Europe. As much as we can reject doubt, we can reject the evil of aggression".

## NATO ALLIES UNITE



U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, left, listens as gives a statement to the media, at Oslo City Hall, during a meeting of NATO's foreign ministers in Oslo, Thursday, June 01.

## China criticises US plan for trade deal with Taiwan

**Beijing, Jun 01 (AP):** China's government criticised the United States' plans to sign a trade treaty with Taiwan and called on Washington on Thursday to stop official contact with the self-ruled island democracy claimed by Beijing as part of its territory.

The agreement due to be signed on Thursday comes amid increased Chinese efforts to intimidate Taiwan by flying fighter jets and bombers near the island, a global centre for high-tech industry. American and European politicians have visited Taiwan in a show of support for its elected government. The Chinese foreign ministry accused Washington of violating agreements on the status of Taiwan, which split with the mainland in 1949 after a civil war.

## Jaishankar meets Russian counterpart Lavrov in South Africa

**Capetown, Jun 01 (PTI):**

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Thursday met his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov and discussed issues of bilateral and global interests.

Jaishankar, who is here to participate in a conclave of five-nation grouping BRICS (Brazil-Russia-India-China-South Africa), held talks with Lavrov on the sidelines of the BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting. "Good to meet FM Sergey Lavrov of Russia in Cape Town this morning on BRICS FMM sidelines. Our discussions covered bilateral matters, BRICS, G20 and SCO," Jaishankar said in a tweet.

India will hold the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) and G-20 summits in July and September respectively.

In the last few months, India has become a leading importer of discounted



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar meets his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov in Cape Town.

crude oil from Russia notwithstanding increasing disquiet in the West over the procurement in view of Russian invasion of Ukraine. India's economic engagement with Russia has been on a major upswing in the last one year, largely due to its procurement of discounted Russian oil. India has not yet condemned the Russian invasion of

Ukraine and it has been pushing for resolution of the conflict through dialogue and diplomacy. On Wednesday, Jaishankar said these are still "early days" for conflict resolution between Ukraine and Russia as presently, the focus is on problems such as a grain corridor, nuclear issues and matters related to the exchange of prisoners of war. In an interview to DD India, Jaishankar noted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had met both Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

The BRICS (Brazil-Russia-India-China-South Africa) brings together five of the largest developing countries of the world, representing 41 per cent of the global population, 24 per cent of the global GDP and 16 per cent of the global trade

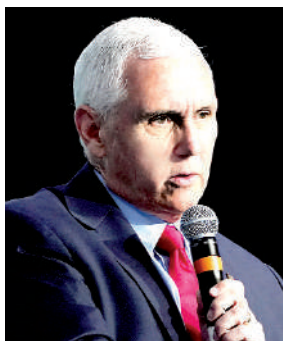
## Mike Pence will launch his presidential campaign in Iowa on June 7

**New York, Jun 01 AP):**

Former Vice President Mike Pence will officially launch his widely expected campaign for the Republican nomination for president in Iowa next week, adding another candidate to the growing GOP field and putting him in direct competition with his former boss.

Pence will hold a kickoff event in Des Moines on June 7, the date of his 64th birthday, according to two people familiar with his plans who spoke on condition of anonymity to share details ahead of the official announcement. He is also expected to release a video message as part of the launch.

His team sees early-voting Iowa as critical to his potential path to victory and advisers say he plans to campaign aggressively for the conservative, evangelical Christian voters who make up a substantial portion of the state's Republican electorate. Pence is an avowed social conservative and is staunchly opposed to



abortion rights, favouring a national ban. The campaign is expected to lean heavily on town halls and retail stops aimed at showcasing Pence's personality as he tries to emerge from former President Donald Trump's shadow.

Pence, who served in Congress and as Indiana's governor before he was tapped as Trump's running mate in 2016, had been an exceedingly loyal vice president until he broke with Trump over the 2020 election. Trump, desperate to overturn his loss and remain in power, had tried to convince

Pence and his supporters that Pence could somehow reject voters' will as he presided over the ceremonial counting of the Electoral College votes on January 6, 2021, even though the vice president has no such power. As the count was underway, a violent mob of Trump's supporters stormed the building, smashing through windows, assailing police and sending Pence, his family and his staff racing for cover as members of the mob chanted, "Hang Mike Pence!"

Pence has said Trump's "reckless words" endangered his family and everyone else who was at the Capitol that day. He has said "history will hold Donald Trump accountable."

"For four years, we had a close working relationship. It did not end well," Pence wrote in his book, "So Help Me God." Pence has spent the 2 1/2 years since then strategically distancing himself from Trump as he has laid the groundwork for the campaign.

## कार्यालय कलेक्टर, जिला गरियाबंद (छत्तीसगढ़)

क्रमांक / 1960 / वित्त-स्था. / सीधी भर्ती / 2023 गरियाबंद, दिनांक 29 / 05 / 2023

### -: विज्ञापन की सूचना :-

छत्तीसगढ़ शासन, सामान्य प्रशासन विभाग, मंत्रालय, महानदी भवन, नवा रायपुर का पत्र क्रमांक / एफ 13-1 / 2023 / आ.प्र. / 1-3 नवा रायपुर, अटल नगर, दिनांक 03.05.2023 एवं छत्तीसगढ़ शासन, राजस्व एवं आपदा प्रबंधन विभाग, मंत्रालय, महानदी भवन, नवा रायपुर का पत्र क्रमांक / एफ 4-04 / 2023 / सात-2 नवा रायपुर, अटल नगर, दिनांक 09.05.2023 में दिये गये निर्देशानुसार राजस्व विभाग, जिला प्रशासन/नू-अभिलेख शाखा गरियाबंद में सहायक ग्रेड-03/स्टेनोटाईपिस्ट/वाहन चालक/चतुर्थ श्रेणी (भृत्य/प्रोसेस सर्वर/अर्दली/चौकीदार/फर्गस/स्वीपर नियमित) के रिक्त पदों की पूर्ति सीधी भर्ती द्वारा किये जाने हेतु निर्धारित योग्यताधारी अभ्यर्थियों से ऑनलाईन आवेदन पत्र दिनांक 01.06.2023 से दिनांक 15.06.2023 तक आमंत्रित किया जाता है।

ऑनलाईन आवेदन पत्र आमंत्रित किये जाने हेतु जिला गरियाबंद के वेबसाइट <https://gariaband.gov.in/> में नोटिस (Notice) के सबमेनू भर्ती (Recruitment) में लिंक दिनांक 01.06.2023 से उपलब्ध रहेगी। विज्ञापन की विस्तृत विवरण जिले के वेबसाइट <https://gariaband.gov.in/> में अपलोड है या कार्यालयीन समय पर कार्यालय के सूचना पटल पर देखा जा सकता है।

(कलेक्टर महोदय द्वारा अनुमोदित)

अपर कलेक्टर,  
गरियाबंद (छ.ग.)

G-01886/1

## कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता लो० नि० वि० वि/यां संभाग रायपुर छ.ग.

### निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

क्रमांक-8965/NIT-4/2023-2024/ व ले नि दिनांक : 29 / 05 / 2023

एकीकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली अंतर्गत सक्षम श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से निमोर्लिखित मैन्युअल निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है :-

क्र.	निविदा क्र.	कार्य का नाम / NoOfCalls	कार्य की अनुमानित लागत (लाख में)
1	1	2	3
4	T0064	Providing electrification work for S/R, MOW, Deposit, Original work and ordinary maintenance at pension bazaar and bairon bazaar section under P.W.D. (E/M) Workshop Sub division, Raipur (C.G.) प्रथम आमंत्रण	15.00
4	T0065	Providing electrification work for S/R, MOW, Deposit, Original work and ordinary maintenance at Panchsail Nagar section under P.W.D. (E/M) Workshop Sub division, Raipur (C.G.) प्रथम आमंत्रण	12.00
4	T0066	Providing, installation and ordinary maintenance of LV packages electronic items under P.W.D. (E/M) Workshop subdivision Raipur (C.G.) प्रथम आमंत्रण	15.00
4	T0067	Providing, installation and ordinary maintenance of Neon and LED display board under P.W.D. (E/M) Workshop subdivision, Raipur (C.G.) प्रथम आमंत्रण	15.00
4	T0068	Providing ordinary maintenance of air-conditioners at pension bada section under P.W.D. (E/M) workshop subdivision, Raipur (C.G.) प्रथम आमंत्रण	15.00
4	T0069	Providing ordinary maintenance of air-conditioners at sirpur bhawan section under P.W.D. (E/M) workshop subdivision, Raipur (C.G.) प्रथम आमंत्रण	16.50
4	T0070	वि. / या. उपसंभाग धमतरी के अंतर्गत विकासखंड नगरी के मूल कार्य, लघुमूल कार्य, जमा मद कार्य, साधारण एवं विशेष मरम्मत कार्य के संभावित विद्युतीकरण कार्य। प्रथम आमंत्रण	19.50
4	T0071	वि. / या. उपसंभाग धमतरी के अंतर्गत विकासखंड मगरलौड के मूल कार्य, लघुमूल कार्य, जमा मद कार्य, साधारण एवं विशेष मरम्मत कार्य के संभावित विद्युतीकरण कार्य। प्रथम आमंत्रण	9.50
4	T0072	विकासखंड बलीदावाजार में आवसीय एवं गैर आवसीय भवनों के मूल कार्य, लघुमूल कार्य, जमा कार्य, विशेष मरम्मत कार्य एवं साधारण मरम्मत कार्य के अंतर्गत विद्युतीकरण कार्य। प्रथम आमंत्रण	19.50
4	T0073	स्थितित संगम बलीदावाजार के अंतर्गत आवसीय एवं गैर आवसीय भवनों के मूल कार्य, लघुमूल कार्य, जमा कार्य, साधारण एवं साधारण मरम्मत कार्य के अंतर्गत विद्युतीकरण कार्य। प्रथम आमंत्रण	19.00
4	T0074	वि. / या. उपसंभाग विधानसभा रायपुर अंतर्गत नवीन विधान मदन में पुराने ए.सी. के बदलकर नए ए.सी. लगाने हेतु प्रदाय एवं स्थापना का कार्य। (App. Make-Vollas/Bluestar/Panasonic) प्रथम आमंत्रण	18.50
4	T0075	वि. / या. उपसंभाग विधानसभा रायपुर अंतर्गत विधानसभा सदन में अतिरिक्त ऑडियो सिस्टम डी. डी. एस्.पी. लगाने का कार्य। (App. Make- Bhratler/AGK) प्रथम आमंत्रण	11.00
4	T0076	शासकीय आवसीय वी-03 एवं डी-8 स्थित साइन रायपुर में स्थापित वाहननूकूलित संरक्षक, वाहननूकूलित इकाई का वार्षिक मरम्मत एवं अनुस्क्षण कार्य। (App. Make- Vollas/Bluestar) प्रथम आमंत्रण	4.30
4	T0077	छ.ग. विधानसभा अंतर्गत नवनिर्मित डी-ब्लॉक में लो वोल्टेज एवं ऑडियो सिस्टम संबंधित कार्य। प्रथम आमंत्रण	10.50
4	T0078	Providing annual maintenance service to 2x500 KVA Transformer, 33/0.433 KV substation, LT panels at Administration Academy Nimora under PWD E/M subdivision Vidhansabha, Raipur (C.G.) प्रथम आमंत्रण	9.00
4	T0079	E/F work to newly proposed Govt 1 no Bandi Bairak and Bandi Toilet in district Jail, Gariyaband Chhattisgarh प्रथम आमंत्रण	4.90
4	T0080	Providing electrification work of record room of CE office and RDC building 4th floor, Sirpur Bhawan Campus, Civil Lines, Raipur CG प्रथम आमंत्रण	10.63
4	T0081	E/F work under (Deposit/SR/OM/MOW) of Jora section under PWD ELM Mantralay subdivision, Raipur (C.G.) प्रथम आमंत्रण	19.00
4	T0082	E/F work under (Deposit/SR/OM/MOW) of NRB building at Tikrapara section under PWD E/M Mantralay subdivision, Raipur (C.G.) प्रथम आमंत्रण	19.00
4	T0083	E/F work to newly proposed Govt Registrar & Sub Registrar composite building at Gariyaband, Dist. Gariyaband (C.G.) प्रथम आमंत्रण	8.00
4	T0084	वि. / या. उपसंभाग विधानसभा रायपुर अंतर्गत विधानसभा सेक्शन में मूल/लघुमूल/जमा/वार्षिक मरम्मत कार्य के संभावित विद्युतीकरण कार्य। प्रथम आमंत्रण	16.00
4	T0085	Supply and installation of Cassette type Air Conditioner at C.G. Vidhansabha Bhawan, Raipur (C.G.) प्रथम आमंत्रण	6.00
4	T0086	E/F work to newly proposed Govt High School at Chhindaula block, Gariyaband Chhattisgarh प्रथम आमंत्रण	7.34

नोट :- निविदा प्रपत्र हेतु आवेदन प्रस्तुत करने की अंतिम तिथि दिनांक 15 / 06 / 2023 अर्थात् 5:30 बजे तक

निविदा संबंधी शर्तें विभाग की वेबसाइट [www.cg.nic.in/pwdraipur](http://www.cg.nic.in/pwdraipur) में Live Tender के अंतर्गत निविदा प्रपत्र में उपलब्ध है। इनका अवलोकन संबंधित संभाग कार्यालय में किया जा सकता है।

शर्तें :- 1) उपरोक्त कार्यों के आवेदन प्राप्त होने पर ही नियमानुसार भुगतान की कार्यवाही की जावेगी।

कार्यपालन अभियंता लो. नि. वि. वि/यां संभाग रायपुर छ.ग.

G-01855/2

## 6 killed, 3 injured in explosion inside house in Pakistan's Punjab province

**Lahore, Jun 01 (PTI):**

At least six people of the same family were killed and three others injured on Thursday in a blast in Punjab province of Pakistan, police said.

The incident took place in a house in Kot Addu district, some 400kms from Lahore. According to police, Muhammad Iqbal of Daira Deen Panah area, did a scrap business and often stored recyclable material at home. "On Thursday morning, a powerful

blast occurred in the storeroom at Iqbal's house killing him, his wife Haseena, their two minor children and two women relatives on the spot.

The three other people suffered injuries and have been shifted to hospital," the police said. They said apparently some explosive material was stored in the house that went off. "An investigation team has been constituted headed by the district police officer (DPO) to probe the matter," the police said.

**रायपुर विकास प्राधिकरण**  
भक्त माता कर्म व्यावसायिक परिसर, न्यू गजेट्टे नगर, रायपुर (छत्तीसगढ़)

**निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना**  
(क्रमांक- 21 दिनांक 01.06.2023)

रायपुर विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा छ.ग. शासन के एकल प्रणाली पंजीयन के अंतर्गत "द" श्रेणी (एक करोड़ तक के निर्माण कार्य के लिये) एवं उससे ऊपर की श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से निमोर्लिखित कार्य हेतु पी.डब्ल्यू.डी. भवन एस.ओ.आर. 01.01.2015 पर मुखरद निविदा प्राधिकरण की निष्पत्ति निविदा प्रपत्र "अ" प्रतिशत कम/अधिक दरों में दिनांक 20.06.2023 को अपराह्न 4.00 बजे तक आमंत्रित की जाती है। जो उसी दिन अपराह्न 4.15 बजे तक प्राधिकरण कार्यालय में उपस्थित निविदाकर्ताओं के समक्ष खोली जावेगी। उक्त आमंत्रण सूचना तथा आगामी संशोधन वेबसाइट <https://rda.cgstate.gov.in/> में देखा जा सकता है।

क्रं.	कार्य का विवरण	अनुमानित लागत	धरोहर राशि	निविदा प्रपत्र की कीमत	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	प्राधिकरण की टैंगर नगर में निर्मित प्राधिकरण के स्टोर में संभारण एवं मरम्मत का कार्य।	रु. 12.67 लाख	रु. 26,000/-	रु. 2,000/-	डेढ़ माह

निविदा प्रपत्र प्राधिकरण कार्यालय में सहायक अधीक्षक (तक.) से शासकीय कार्य दिवसों में दिनांक 19.06.2023 को (बेचर 1.30 बजे तक) निष्पत्ति राशि नग में राशि जमा कर तथा अन्य जानकारी प्राप्त किया जा सकता है।

कार्यपालन अभियंता

## GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MANIYARI WATER RESOURCES DIVISION, MUNGELI, DISTT.-MUNGELI (C.G.)

**e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE**  
eProcurement Portal: <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>

**NIT No.: 03/SAC/2023-24, Gr.No. 01 & 02**  
Dated: 30.05.2023  
Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to 19-06-2023 at 17.30 Hour

**Group No. 01 Name of work - BALANCE WORK OF C.C. LINING BETWEEN RD 0M. TO 3015M., RD 4030M. TO 6060M., PITHAMPUR MINOR RD 0M. TO 1200M., KUWAGAON MINOR RD 0M. TO 600M., SODAR MINOR-01 RD 0M. TO 1050M. & CONSTRUCTION 02 NOS. VRB, RENOVATION OF 07 NOS. VRB, 05 NOS. FALL, 03 NOS. HEAD REGULATOR & FIXING OF 20 NOS. COLABA IN KHAPARI DISTRIBUTORY OF MANIYARI TANK SCHEME.**

**(SECOND CALL) System Tender No. 135782, Probable Amount of Contract:- Rs. 831.94 Lakhs**

**(As Per SOR Amended on 22.08.2022)**

**Group No. 02 Name of work - BALANCE WORK OF C.C. LINING BETWEEN RD 8550M. TO 10170 M., RD 11700M. TO 17200 M., SODAR MINOR-02 RD 0M. TO 600M., FARHADA MINOR RD 0M. TO 500M. & CONSTRUCTION OF 06 NOS. VRB, RENOVATION OF 04 NOS. VRB, 11 NOS. FALL 02 NOS. HEAD REGULATOR & FIXING OF 28 NOS. COLABA IN KHAPARI DISTRIBUTORY OF MANIYARI TANK SCHEME.**

**(SECOND CALL) System Tender No. 135783, Probable Amount of Contract:- Rs. 672.72 Lakhs**

**(As Per SOR Amended on 22.08.2022)**

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) from Date 06.06.2023, at 17:31 Hours, (IST) onwards.

**NOTE :-** All eligible/interested contractors/bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the Integrated e-procurement portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) and get approval on specific vendor class from PWD under Centralized Contractor/Supplier Registration in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process.

**EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**  
**MANIYARI W.R. DIVISION MUNGELI**  
**DISTT MUNGELI (C.G.)**

G-01846/2

## GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MANIYARI WATER RESOURCES DIVISION, MUNGELI, DISTT.-MUNGELI (C.G.)

**e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE**  
eProcurement Portal: <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>

**NIT No.: 04/SAC/2023-24, Gr.No. 01 & 02**  
Dated: 31.05.2023  
Online Tenders are invited for the following works Gr. No. 01 up to 21.06.2023 & Gr. No. 02 up to 19-06-2023 at 17.30 Hour

**Group No. 01 Name of work - C.C. LINING OF RATIYAPARA MINOR RD 0.0 KM. TO RD 6.50 KM. (TAIL) OF D-3 BRANCH CANAL OF MANIYARI TANK SCHEME INCLUDING RENOVATION OF 2 NOS. OLD STRUCTURES AND CONSTRUCTION OF 9 NOS. NEW STRUCTURES INCLUDING FIXING OF 16 NOS. COLABA. (FIRST-CALL)**

**System Tender No. 136087, Probable Amount of Contract:- Rs. 502.08 Lakhs**

**(As Per SOR Amended on 22.08.2022)**

**Group No. 02 Name of work - RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION WORK FOR DEDICATED OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER AND 2 NO. G-TYPE QUARTER, 01 NO. F-TYPE QUARTER WITH BOUNDARY WALL AT GOVERNMENT LAND SITUATED IN VILLAGE DHARAMPURA OF MUNGELI. (FIFTH CALL)**

**System Tender No. 136081, Probable Amount of Contract:- Rs. 162.71 Lakhs**

**(As Per SOR 01.08.2010 and Amendments 01.08.2014)**

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) from Date 07.06.2023, at 17:31 Hours, (IST) onwards.

**NOTE :-** All eligible/interested contractors/bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the Integrated e-procurement portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) and get approval on specific vendor class from PWD under Centralized Contractor/Supplier Registration in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process.

**EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**  
**MANIYARI W.R. DIVISION MUNGELI**  
**DISTT MUNGELI (C.G.)**

G-01863/1

## GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, WATER RESOURCES DIVISION No. 1 AMBIKAPUR

**e-Procurement Tender Notice**  
Main Portal: <http://cgprocurement.gov.in>  
WRD Portal: <http://wrld.cgprocurement.gov.in>  
(FIRST-CALL)

**Corrigendum**

No. 02 /SAC/ 2023-24 Date 30-05-2023

The following partial modifications are made. In the tender invited vide N.I.T. No. 01/SAC /2023-24 Dated 16.05.2023, Gr-1 System Tender No. 133768 For CONSTRUCTION OF SOHAGALIFT IRRIGATION SCHEME AT GHUNGHUTTA RIVER Whose "G" No. 01301 Date, 17-05-2023.

S.No.	Amendments
1	The Quantity of Under Ground Pipe Line (Class K-9 & K-7) 400 = 200 mm Ø Except Hume pine on The PQ Document : 1300.00x0.5 = 1300m 06/12

Note :- all other terms and conditions will be remain and unchanged.

**EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**  
**WATER RESOURCES DIVISION No. 1, AMBIKAPUR**  
For, Chief Engineer  
Hasdeo Ganga Basin, W.R. Deptt., Ambikapur (C.G.)

G-01878/3

## Office of the Superintending Engineer, P.W.D; National Highway Circle, Bilaspur (C.G.)

**Notice Inviting Tender No. 01(1-6)/G/2022-23**  
Bilaspur, Dated 30.05.2023

**Tender Notice (1st Call)**

Online Tenders are invited Under Executive Engineer, P.W.D.; N.H. Division, Bilaspur (C.G.) for the following's Works upto 15.06.2023.

Sno.	Name of work	P.A.C. (Rs. In Lacs.)
1	2	3
01-	BT patch repair work in Km 363.000 to 373.505 and 375.620 to 385.700 (Sifli to Ambikapur Town portion) of Katni Gumla road NH -43.	Rs. 81.96
02-	Road repair from km 388.990 to 413.017 (Near D' hilocks school to Batauli village) of Katni Gumla road NH -43 under the Risk and Cost of Job No. 078-CHH-NHDP-IV-2015-16-25 , Contractor- GVR Infra Project Ltd.	Rs. 75.11
03-	BT patch repair work in Km 433.850 to 437.675 (Sitapur Town portion) of Katni Gumla road NH -43	Rs. 57.23
04-	PROVIDING AND FIXING OF RETRO-REFLECTORISED SIGN BOARD ON N.H. -43, N.H. -130 AND N.H. 343 IN N.H. DIVISION AMBIKAPUR.	Rs. 71.34
05-	BITUMINOUS ROAD REPAIR & MAINTENANCE WORK IN KM 1/2 to 2/10, 4/4 to 17/6 UNDER SURGUA DISTRICT ON AMBIKAPUR RAMANUJGANJ GARWA ROAD NH-343.	Rs. 73.52
06-	BITUMINOUS ROAD REPAIR & MAINTENANCE WORK IN KM 17/8 to 32/10, 36/2 to 36/10, 39/2 to 48/4, 52/2 to 57/10 UNDER BALRAMPUR DISTRICT ON AMBIKAPUR RAMANUJGANJ GARWA ROAD NH-343.	Rs. 130.16

The tender documents can be purchased online through PWD Website <http://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> in before 15.06.2023. The other details can be viewed online on the above mentioned Website.

**Superintending Engineer**  
**P.W.D; N.H. Circle**  
**Bilaspur (C.G.)**

G-01864/1





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### Call for Action

#### Transforming India's Tobacco Landscape

India has long been grappling with the devastating impact of tobacco consumption on public health. Despite the National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) being in place for over a decade, tobacco-related cancers still account for a significant portion of cancer cases in the country. It is high time to critically evaluate the effectiveness of the current campaign and bridge the gaps hindering its success. The World Health Organization's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO-FCTC) provides a comprehensive blueprint for combating tobacco use at various levels. India must align its strategies with this framework, ensuring that public health policies remain shielded from the influence of the powerful tobacco industry. Price and tax measures can play a crucial role in reducing tobacco demand, while regulations on tobacco product contents need to be strictly enforced. One major setback in India's fight against tobacco is the inadequate implementation and enforcement of anti-smoking regulations. Despite restrictions on smoking in public places, compliance remains woefully low. Smokers not only harm themselves but also expose non-smokers to the same health risks. It is imperative that authorities actively enforce these regulations and create a smoke-free environment for all. Of particular concern is the growing prevalence of tobacco use among school and college students in the northeast region. This indicates that the no-tobacco campaign has either failed to reach them or has not been compelling enough to persuade them to quit tobacco consumption. To address this, the campaign needs to be extended beyond mere gazetted notifications. Interactive awareness programs conducted in educational institutions, public spaces, and marketplaces can have a more profound impact on these impressionable minds. Furthermore, digital and social media platforms present an innovative opportunity to raise awareness about the health hazards of tobacco consumption. Leveraging these platforms effectively can amplify the reach of the campaign and engage with diverse population groups. However, it is crucial to ensure that these efforts facilitate two-way communication, encouraging questions and suggestions from participants rather than being one-sided monologues. The economic argument often cited in support of the tobacco industry must be debunked. Despite the health costs incurred due to tobacco-related diseases far exceeding the industry's contribution to the economy, it continues to thrive. To truly curb tobacco production, alternative livelihood opportunities must be offered to growers, suppliers, and local traders involved in the tobacco value chain. Promoting the cultivation of alternative cash crops can be a viable solution, provided it offers comparable or better economic prospects. Bridging the gaps in the no-tobacco campaign and its implementation requires prioritization in policymaking. Policymakers must recognize the urgency of reducing the disease burden on states and the country as a whole. By saving lives and improving living standards, concerted efforts to combat tobacco use can contribute to the overall well-being and prosperity of the nation. It is time for India to reinvigorate its fight against tobacco. With a comprehensive approach, strengthened enforcement, targeted awareness programs, and sustainable alternatives, we can make significant strides towards a tobacco-free future. The health and well-being of our citizens depend on it.

### Need for Positive Politics from the Opposition

By Prof. Manmohan Prakash

In India, when will the opposition engage in positive politics? It is widely believed that the role of the opposition is to criticize the ruling party, voice concerns over wrong policies, and represent the common people. However, this should never entail opposing even the right actions of the ruling party, labeling the right as wrong and vice versa. I recall when Atal Bihari Vajpayee led the opposition, he praised the good work of the ruling party. Even when Prime Minister Indira Gandhi conducted a nuclear test, the opposition lauded the decision. Whether it was the declaration of Sikkim as a state or the liberation of Bangladesh from Pakistan, the opposition refrained from criticizing the ruling party. Vajpayee was even sent to the United Nations to speak on behalf of the government while being in the opposition. Sadly, the nature of Indian politics seems to be changing. Neither the ruling party is willing to listen to the opposition nor does the ruling party give importance to the opposition. The practice of acknowledging the ruling party's right actions, as seen during Vajpayee's time, is becoming extinct. When India teaches Pakistan a lesson, the Indian Prime Minister is criticized, and evidence is demanded. Even when Modi receives honors from the world's most powerful heads of state and his policies are appreciated by world leaders, the opposition finds fault in it. It is simple to understand that the government of the ruling party is responsible for carrying out development works, introducing plans, and making amendments to rules and regulations. The opposition can only vote in favor of or against these works. In the Indian parliamentary system, decisions are made based on majority votes. It is natural for the opposition to feel sidelined in this democratic system, where decisions are taken by the ruling party. What does the opposition have to do with who inaugurates buildings and schemes at the center and in the states? If there is any corruption involved, it must be exposed, as that is the duty of the opposition. The public also expects the same from the opposition. Recently, some political parties boycotted the inauguration ceremony of the new Parliament House, but such boycotts cannot be justified. Members of Parliament have a responsibility to attend the new Parliament House and fulfill their parliamentary duties. Politicians must remember that today's public and voters are not interested in who inaugurates what. They are interested in the development of their areas, increased employment opportunities, freedom from corruption, adherence to rules and regulations, improved facilities, security from Naxalism and terrorism, and safeguarding the country's borders. They also want India's intellectual prowess to be recognized by foreign nations and its name to be respected and honored. As Indian citizens, let us set aside our differences and work for the pride of our nation. The nation should be our priority, and with this in mind, let us raise our voices, saying, "Jai Hind, Jai Bharat."

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### VP MEETS NEPAL'S PM



Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar with Nepal's Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' and his daughter Ganga Dahal during a meeting, in New Delhi, Thursday, June 01.

## Addressing Food Waste: A Key Solution to India's Hunger Crisis

### 40% of India's Food Ends Up in the Bin



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Food losses can't be brought to zero; even developed nations experience it. On 14 October, the Global Hunger Index 2022 was released. Out of 121 countries, India ranks 107, and the level of hunger and undernutrition in the country is now at "serious" levels. India's rank on this index has been worsening since 2020 – 94 in 2020 and 101 in 2021. In fact, as of now, at 19.3 per cent, it has the highest rate of child wasting, or the proportion of children under 5 years with lower weight for their height, in the world. About 16.3 per cent of Indians are undernourished, and about one in every three children is stunted, meaning the proportion of children under 5 years with lower height for age. This is despite India being the largest producer of milk, pulses, bananas, and second-largest producer of wheat, rice, and vegetables in the world. It is also among the top producers of livestock products such as fish and poultry. 40% of India's Food Ends Up in the Bin. Checking Food Waste Can Solve Most of India's Problems.

As per ancient Indian wisdom, food is hailed as nectar, and wastage of food is considered a sin. It further teaches that we should always eat a little less than what fills

our stomachs. In other words, we should eat less than our appetite. We should fill 50% of our stomachs with solid food, 25% with fluids and the rest should be kept empty.

Do you know that one-third of all food globally goes to waste? That's enough to feed 3 billion people! If food waste were a country, it would be the third-largest greenhouse gas emitter on the planet! If we all stop wasting edible food, it would be the equivalent of taking one in four cars off the road. As per the available data, the average person in India wastes 137 grams of food every single day. That's 0.96 kg per week or 50 kg per year. In India, 40% of the food is wasted which is equivalent to Rs 92,000 crores a year. The United Nations aims at tackling global hunger and striving to eradicate hunger across the world. But question arises are we learning something from the celebration not to waste food in order to tackle hunger? Food wastage is fast assuming serious dimensions. According to the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), a staggering 1.3 billion tonnes of food is being wasted annually. The FAO report further states that one-third of the total global food production is wasted, costing the world economy

about \$750 billion or INR 47 lakh crore. According to the UN Hunger Report, although the world produces enough food to feed the entire global population, still as many as 811 million people go hungry every day. It is because of food wastage. As per Food and Agricultural Organisation report, nearly 931 million tonnes of food go to waste each year which accounts for nearly 17% of global food production. As per the UN Environment Programme's (UNEP) Food Waste Index Report, 2021 61% of food waste comes from households, 26% from food service and 13% from retail.

According to the report, the US wasted 59 kg per household and China 64 kg per household. The household food waste estimate in the US 19,359,951 tonnes a year, while China accounts for 91,646,213 tonnes of food wastage a year that amounts to a staggering 68,760,163 metric tonnes of household food waste per year. According to a report by the National Resources Defence Council (NRDC), 40 per cent of the food goes uneaten in the US, whereas in Asia, India and China cause a loss 1.3 billion tonnes of food waste every year.

It's a grim paradox; a country that struggles to feed its starving population also wastes a lot of food. This contradiction puts India in a piquant situation: It produces more, wastes more while more people go hungry. Indians waste as much food as the whole of United Kingdom consumes – food wastage is an alarming issue in India. Our streets and garbage bins, landfills have enough proof to prove it. Wastage of food is not indicative of only hunger or pollution, but also many economic problems in the country, such as inflation. In India, the bigger the wedding, the

larger the party and the more colossal the waste. Weddings, restaurants, hotels, social and family functions, households spew out so much food. In an eye-opening revelation, Indian households waste 50 kilograms of food per person per year or 68,760,163 tonnes a year., according to the United Nations Environment Programme's Food Waste Index Report 2021. In India, 40% of the food is wasted which is equivalent to Rs 92,000 crore a year. Around 1% of the GDP is depleted in the form of food wastage. According to the Ministry of Agriculture (Govt of India), INR 50,000 crore of food produced gets wasted every year.

Food loss and waste undermine the sustainability of our food systems. When food is lost or wasted, all the resources that were used to produce this food – including water, land, energy, labour and capital – go to waste. Food wastage's carbon footprint is estimated at 3.3 billion tonnes of CO2 equivalent of GHG released into the atmosphere per year. Only government policies are not responsible for food waste problem we are facing today, but our culture and traditions are also playing a lead role in this drama. So, stopping the wastage of food is one single step that can make our country and planet a better place to live. It is a very easy habit that needs a small tweaking of our existing habits of how we consume and store our food.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### WFI Chief Under Fire

In the recent "Protesting wrestlers" incident, Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief and BJP MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh has faced FIRs only after the Supreme Court's intervention. Surprisingly, the wrestlers who protested were swiftly charged with trivial offenses. The public can see the political game at play and who is being protected. Despite these protests, the government appears unaware of the situation. Supporting someone with a questionable past may have detrimental consequences for the BJP in the future. While the investigation is ongoing, it is in the best interest of the BJP leadership to request the immediate resignation of the WFI president.

MK Nair, Raipur

#### Appalling Treatment

In a striking irony, as the Sengol, symbolizing fair governance, was being inaugurated in the new Parliament building, prominent women wrestlers were forcefully evicted from their protest site. Shockingly, one of the BJP MPs is facing charges under the POCSO Act, yet remains unarrested. The "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" campaign and claims of women's empowerment lose credibility when the central government appears to side with the accused in sexual harassment cases, while taking action against those seeking justice. It is imperative for governments to exhibit unwavering dedication in safeguarding women's rights, as mere rhetoric falls short of meaningful actions.

Raj Kumar, Kannur, Kerala

#### Public Tragedy

In the disturbing incident of 'Boyfriend stabs, bludgeons teen to death in public,' a minor was brutally murdered in broad daylight in Delhi. This tragic event is deeply saddening and unfortunate. It lays bare the alarming decline in law and order within the capital, where criminals appear to operate without fear of consequences. Moreover, it highlights a distressing erosion of human values. Prompt intervention by brave individuals might have saved the young girl's life. Violence must never be tolerated or justified under any circumstances. It is imperative to implement stronger security measures to curb the rising crime rates and protect the vulnerable members of our society.

Shiv Kumar Mishra, Raipur

#### Strengthening India-Turkiye Relations

Recep Tayyip Erdogan's recent victory in Turkiye's presidential election showcases his widespread popularity among the masses, which has disappointed the West and the US in their efforts to isolate Russia through Sweden's potential NATO membership. India views Erdogan's close ties with China and Pakistan with concern, particularly after Turkiye raised the Kashmir issue at the UNHRC earlier this year, drawing India's condemnation. Instead of maintaining distance, it is imperative for both India and Turkiye to enhance their bilateral relations, fostering economic and strategic benefits for each other. By prioritizing collaboration, these two nations can forge a stronger partnership for mutual growth and progress.

Krishna Kumar T M, Kollam

## Wrestlers' Plight Mirrors Historical Failings



Yash Pal Raihan

In the echoes of the Simon Commission and the resolute words of freedom fighter Lala Lajpat Rai, who stated that each blow against him would strike a nail into the coffin of British imperialism, we find ourselves reflect-

ing on the current plight of wrestlers in India. There is a growing discontent among the masses due to the government's apparent silence and inaction. We question why swift action was taken against M.J. Akbar in a "Me Too" case while the issue of wrestlers remains unresolved. The prolonged delay in addressing crucial matters is not new, as we have witnessed in previous incidents such as the NDA-1 ordinance on land acquisition and the prolonged farmers' agitation.

The mishandling of important issues reflects poorly on the country's image, particularly as we host the G20 conference. Such incidents are quickly reported abroad, and we must strive to avoid tarnishing our reputation. The farmers' agitation, lasting over a year and resulting in the loss of hundreds of lives, serves

as a reminder of the consequences of allowing grievances to fester. Similarly, the issue of wrestlers must be promptly resolved, with a clear announcement from the government.

We cannot forget the blunders made during the implementation of demonetization, which resulted in the reported deaths of 146 individuals. Lessons from that experience should have informed the current process of demonetizing the Rs 2,000 note, ensuring that it is carried out smoothly without causing unnecessary hardships for the common man.

Another critical struggle is taking place between the Supreme Court and the government regarding the appointment of judges in high courts and the Supreme Court. Undesirable statements have been made from both sides, and it remains to be

seen if a change in the law ministry will lead to any improvements in the situation.

The inauguration of the new Parliament building could have been a moment for amicable resolutions, yet it seems to have faced obstacles, much like the issue of the wrestlers. It is important to acknowledge that the entire nation stands in support of the wrestlers, and mishandling their case due to the involvement of a BJP member of parliament may prove costly for the party in future elections.

Prime Minister Modi, known for his political acumen, must not remain a silent spectator on the wrestlers' issue, especially considering the government's claims of sensitivity towards women's problems and the positive steps taken in that regard. Failing to address this matter may damage the party's reputation in the upcoming

assembly elections, as was witnessed in the loss of the Karnataka elections.

An impartial inquiry should be conducted into the brutality faced by the wrestlers, ensuring that those responsible are held accountable. The peaceful protests of the wrestlers should be condemned by all citizens who value peace, and measures should be put in place to prevent such atrocities from occurring again in the future. Failure to take action in this regard would be akin to the days of the Simon Commission, although the circumstances have significantly changed with the presence of a constitution and deep democracy. Let the example of the Simon Commission serve as a reminder of the atrocities faced by the wrestlers, highlighting the urgent need for justice and resolution.



## BRIEF

## AI intervention



**New Delhi:** Delhi Finance Minister Kailash Gahlot said the collection of GST and VAT in the city was more than Rs 34,000 crores in 2022-23, and claimed Delhi will be a leading state for tax administration through the intervention of artificial intelligence. Trade and Taxes department plays an important role in the government, Gahlot said in a review meeting.

## FTA talks



**New Delhi:** Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Wednesday told Indian Foreign Service (IFS) probationers of the 2022 batch that they would be contributing to the efforts of negotiating free trade agreements with India's trading partners. "You will be contributing to our efforts in negotiating Free Trade Agreements with our important trading partners," Goyal said.

## Crop damage



**Chandigarh:** Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said an amount of Rs 181 crore has been released to the farmers who have suffered rabi crop damage due to unseasonal rains. The chief minister has transferred this compensation directly into the accounts of the farmers through e-Kshatipurti portal, according to an official statement. The crops had been damaged due to unseasonal rains in the state in March-April this year.

# For the first time, India setting agenda for G20: Kant

New Delhi, Jun 01:



India's G20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant on Thursday said that for the first time, India is setting agenda for G20, and the whole world is responding to its positive and constructive initiatives. Addressing 'Times Network India Economic Conclave', Kant further said as G20 President, the job of India is to bring consensus on a vast range of issues, including economic and developmental issues, which are impacting the emerging markets of the world. "If you look back over the years, in the last five or six decades, we have actually responded to an agenda set by the developed world always.

"This is the first time that India is setting an agenda for G20, which accounts for about 85 per

cent of the global GDP," he said. India assumed the presidency of G20 for one year from December 1, 2022, to November 31, 2023. The G20 Summit will be held in New Delhi on September 9-10.

"So, we are setting the agenda and the world is responding to that agenda. And therefore, we picked up a very positive, very constructive development agenda, which takes care of emerging markets,

which takes care of the global south and takes care of very human-centric, global development," the former Niti Aayog CEO said. Responding to a question on the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war, Kant said the war is an important issue for Europe.

He pointed out that COVID has left 200 million people below the poverty line, 100 million people have lost their jobs, 75 countries in the world are facing a global debt crisis, and 1/3 of the world is in recession. Kant further said the world is facing a crisis of climate action and climate finance. "These are very important issues for emerging markets and developing countries. These issues need to be brought to the centre stage, not just the issue," he emphasised. Responding to criticism

that India is not on the right side of history as it has not directly condemned Russia, Kant said India looks at the world as a whole. "We should not end up getting caught in just one issue. It's very important to look beyond this issue to understand what the citizens of the world are confronted with and find a solution to the challenges.

Russia launched a special military operation in Ukraine on February 24, 2022. The Russian action has been widely condemned by the US-led West. "If we get just caught up in that one issue, we will be forgetting all the other challenges, which both emerging and developing countries are confronted with," he said, adding that it is very important to focus on all these issues.

## India's economy likely to grow in 6.5-6.7 pc range in FY'24: CII President R Dinesh

New Delhi, Jun 01:



Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) President R. Dinesh addresses during a press conference, in New Delhi, Thursday, June 1.

Industry body CII on Thursday said India's economy is expected to grow in the range of 6.5-6.7 per cent in the current financial year supported by strong domestic drivers and robust capex momentum of the government. India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew by 6.1 per cent in the March quarter of 2022-23, pushing the annual growth rate to 7.2 per cent. The growth has propelled the country's economy to USD 3.3 trillion, setting the stage for achieving the USD 5 trillion target in the next few years. Addressing the media, newly elected President of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) R Dinesh said India's GDP growth is expected to leapfrog to 7.8 per cent in the next decade (FY22-31) from 6.6 per cent previously recorded. "We expect GDP growth in a

range of 6.5-6.7 per cent in 2023-24, supported by strong domestic drivers and robust capex momentum of the government," Dinesh said. He said the government's structural reform agenda has enabled the country to become the highest growing economy in the current scenario, and we believe this can be

sustained going forward. "This year is very important in view of India assuming the G20 Presidency. The entire world is looking at India. In the last year, there has been a significant focus on India and the opportunities that arise from this are important for us," the CII President said. The industry body also expects the consumer price index (CPI) based retail inflation to fall within RBI's target range in 2023-24. Dinesh stressed that given the fast moderation in inflation, the Reserve Bank should continue with a pause in the short-term lending rate (repo rate) and also change its stance to neutral. The retail inflation declined to an 18-month low of 4.7 per cent in April and the data for May is scheduled to be released later this month. The retail inflation was 5.66 per cent in March 2023 and 7.79 per cent in the year-ago period.

## Inter-ministerial consultation on for new industrial policy: DPIIT Secy

New Delhi, Jun 01:



An inter-ministerial consultation is going on for formulation of a new industrial policy, which would aim at building a globally competitive business environment to increase manufacturing and exports, a top government official has said. This would be the third industrial policy after the first in 1956 and the second in 1991.

It is likely to replace the industrial policy of 1991 which was prepared against the backdrop of the balance of payment crisis. "The policy is in the process of inter-ministerial consultation...It will focus on newer set of industries that has now come," Secretary in Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) Rajesh

Kumar Singh told PTI. The proposed policy is likely to suggest reforms to foster and create a globally progressive, innovative and competitive industrial ecosystem. The six core objectives of the policy may include focus on competitiveness and capability; economic integration and moving up the global value chain; promoting India as an attractive investment destination in the world; nurturing innovation and entre-

preneurship; and circular and sustainable ecosystem. After the completion of the consultations, the department is likely to approach the Union Cabinet for its approval. When asked about the progress on revising Wholesale Price Index (WPI) base year from 2011-12 to 2017-18, Singh said it is also in the process of inter-ministerial consultation. Revising the base year would help in presenting a more realistic picture of the price situation in the country.

The department in June 2021 had issued a draft technical report of a working group, which suggested revising the base year and addition of about 480 items such as medicinal plants, pen drive, lifts, gymnasium equipment, and certain motorcycle engines in the new series.

## GST mop-up crosses Rs 1.5 lakh crore for third month in a row; up 12 pc in May

New Delhi, Jun 01:



GST collections crossed Rs 1.50 lakh crore for the third month in a row, recording a 12 per cent increase in May at over Rs 1.57 lakh crore, according to the official data released on Thursday. The collections, tax experts said, reflects a continuation of the good economic performance across states witnessed since last year. The gross Good & Services Tax (GST) revenue collected in the month of May, 2023 is Rs 1,57,090 crore of which Central GST is Rs 28,411 crore, State GST is Rs 35,828 crore, Integrated GST is Rs 81,363 crore (including Rs 41,772 crore collected on import of goods) and cess is Rs 11,489 crore (including Rs 1,057 crore collected on import of goods), a finance ministry

statement said. "The revenues for the month of May 2023 are 12 per cent higher than the GST revenues in the same month last year," the ministry said. During the month, revenue from import of goods was 12 per cent higher and the revenues from domestic transactions (including import of services) are 11 per cent higher than the revenues from these sources during the same month last year.

May is the third month in a row that tax collec-

tions from goods sold and services rendered have crossed Rs 1.50 lakh crore. In April GST revenues had touched a record high of Rs 1.87 lakh crore, while in March it was Rs 1.60 lakh crore. May is the 14th month in a row when monthly GST revenues came in more than Rs 1.4 lakh crore. Collections have crossed the Rs 1.5 lakh crore-mark for the 5th time since the implementation of GST on July 1, 2017.

KPMG in India National Head (Indirect Taxes) Abhishek Jain said the GST collection matches with the government budget estimates for this fiscal. "With extensive department GST audits lined up before September 2023, these figures may likely go up from here in the months to come," Jain added.

Deloitte India Partner M S Mani said these collections, while being lower than the previous year-end month, pertain to supply transactions undertaken in April. "While the collections in absolute terms are lower than the previous month - which had an embedded year-end impact - it reflects a continuation of the inherently good economic performance across states witnessed since last year," Mani added.

ICRA Chief Economist Aditi Nayar said GST revenues in May 2023 have modestly exceeded expectations. "Over the next few months, we expect GST revenues to print at Rs 1.55-1.65 trillion and record an expansion of 10-11 per cent in YoY terms, broadly in line with the nominal GDP growth expected in FY2024," Nayar said.

## Vedanta Aluminium raises menstrual hygiene awareness

New Delhi, Jun 01:

Vedanta Aluminium, the largest aluminium producer in India, reached out to over 2300 women to raise awareness around women's health as part of Menstrual Hygiene Week across its operations in Odisha and Chhattisgarh. Aligned to this year's UN theme of 'Making menstruation a normal fact of life by 2030', the company launched a series of crucial initiatives in an effort to improve rural women's health, including the establishment of a sanitary napkin production unit, the installation of sanitary napkin dispensing machines at its plant premises, and several awareness sessions on Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM). Vedanta Aluminium's initiatives are in continuation of its longstanding commitment to promoting rural women's health and well-being in the areas

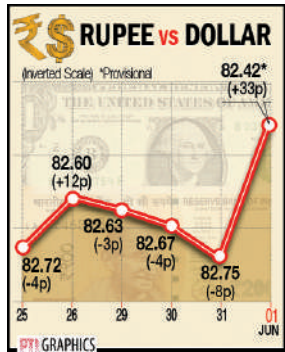
around its operations, towards helping them make informed, safer choices and dispelling myths. The company is also fostering transformative socio-economic impact through the local production and supply of affordable and eco-friendly feminine hygiene products from women-led microenterprises in the communities. Sharing his views, Mr Rahul Sharma, CEO, Vedanta Ltd - Aluminium Business said, "At Vedanta Aluminium, we consider the health and well-being of local communities and our employees as our utmost priority. Our initiatives during Menstrual Hygiene Week reflect our continued focus on enhancing the well-being of women in our communities, who, as the primary caregivers of children in rural areas, are crucial to ensuring the overall being of entire communities as well.

## Rupee rises 33 paise to close at 82.42 against US dollar

Mumbai, Jun 01:

The rupee appreciated by 33 paise to close at 82.42 (provisional) against the US dollar on Thursday, as positive macroeconomic data strengthened investor sentiments. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened at 82.54 against the US dollar and settled at 82.42 (provisional), up 33 paise over its previous close amid sustained foreign fund inflows.

During the day, the domestic unit witnessed an intra-day high of 82.36 and a low of 82.54. On Wednesday, the rupee closed at 82.75 against the US currency. The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, fell 0.20 per cent to 104.12. Global oil bench-



mark Brent crude futures advanced 0.17 per cent to USD 72.72 per barrel. "The Indian rupee strengthened amid stellar economic data and foreign fund inflows. It has clocked the best single-day gain in almost two months following dollar inflows and lower commodity prices," Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, HDFC Securities said.

## Commercial LPG price cut by Rs 83.5, ATF by 7 pc

New Delhi, Jun 01:

Price of commercial LPG, which is used by business establishments like hotels and restaurants, on Thursday was cut by Rs 83.5 per 19-kg cylinder - the third straight monthly reduction, while rates of jet fuel (ATF) were slashed by 7 per cent on softening international oil prices.

A 19-kg commercial LPG now costs Rs 1,773 in the national capital, down from Rs Rs 1,856.5, according to price notification from state-owned fuel retailers. This is the third straight monthly reduction in commercial LPG prices. Rates were cut by Rs 91.5 per 19-kg cylinder on April 1, and by a steep Rs 171.5 on May 1.

## NMDC records best ever May month performance

Hyderabad, Jun 01:

State Miner NMDC produced 3.71 MnT and sold 3.62 MnT of iron ore in the second month of FY24, recording the highest ever May month production and sales in company history.

Registering an upswing of 16% in production and 37% in sales over CPLY, NMDC has made a strong start to the fiscal. Country's largest iron ore producer has achieved its best ever April and May performances since inception in FY24. NMDC's cumulative production and sales in FY24 witnessed a 13.7% and 22% growth respec-

tively. In the first two months of the financial year, the company produced 7.22 MnT and sold 7.05 MnT iron ore.

Commenting on this performance, Amitava Mukherjee, CMD (Additional Charge) said on Wednesday that "India's volume of iron ore production has been predicted to grow by about 10% in FY24. As the largest contributor to this volume, NMDC has set the momentum right with record production and sales at the start of FY24. Our investment in new age tech and digitalization is paying rich dividends to the company and the industry."



## Markets extend losses for 2nd day in highly volatile trade

Mumbai, Jun 01:

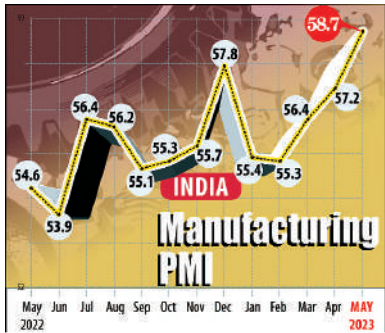
Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty ended lower in highly volatile trade on Thursday due to selling in banking, metal and energy counters amid a mixed trend in the global markets. Falling for the second day in a row, the 30-share BSE Sensex declined 193.70 points or 0.31 per cent to settle at 62,428.54 even after a positive beginning. During the day, it fell 263.1 points or 0.42 per cent to 62,359.14. The NSE Nifty fell 46.65 points or 0.25 per cent to finish at 18,487.75. "Despite challenges in the global economies, the domestic market displayed better than estimated Q4 earnings growth, along with



7.2 per cent GDP growth in FY23, adding buoyancy to the market during the week. "However, today the market closed with a marginal negative bias in which banks witnessed heavy profit-booking. Investors turned cautious in anticipation of inflationary pressure in the US after raising the US debt ceiling," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

## India's manufacturing PMI hits 31-month high in May

New Delhi, Jun 01:



Manufacturing activities in India advanced further and touched a 31-month high in May supported by stronger increase in new orders and favourable market conditions, which in turn generated more employment opportunities, a monthly survey said on Thursday. The seasonally adjusted S&P Global India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rose from 57.2 in April to 58.7 in May, indicating the strongest improvement in the health of the sector since October 2020. The May PMI data pointed to an improvement in overall operating conditions for the 23rd straight month. In PMI parlance, a print above 50 means expansion while a score below 50 indicates contraction.

"The PMI's spotlight on soaring sales showcases robust demand for

Indian-made products both domestically and internationally. "While the upturn in domestic orders strengthens the foundations of the economy, rising external business foster international partnerships and boost India's position in the global market. Combined, they also generated more employment opportunities in May," said Pollyanna De Lima, Economics Associate Director at

S&P Global Market Intelligence. Companies registered the quickest expansion in international sales for six months, the survey said. As per the report, the surge in sales paved the way for stronger increases in production, employment and quantities of purchases.

With supply chain-conditions improving further, companies noted a record accumulation in input inventories, it added. "The record increase in input stocks shows a better preparedness of manufacturers in managing supply chains. This should allow firms to mitigate potential disruptions, maintain a steady flow of production and demonstrate the industry's resilience in the face of challenges," Lima said. On the price front, cost pressures remained historically mild, but demand strength facilitated a solid and quicker increase in output charges.

## Electric vehicle makers require 13 mn sq ft real estate space by 2030 to meet output target: CBRE

New Delhi, Jun 01:

Electric vehicle manufacturers will need around 13 million square feet of real estate space by 2030 to make targeted 23 million units of two-wheelers and 4 million units of four-wheelers, according to CBRE. Real estate consultant CBRE South Asia released a report, 'Electric Vehicles in India - New Wheels on the Roads', on Thursday that focuses on the trends, growth, and influence of electric vehicles (EVs) on the real estate sector in India. "Real estate requirements of manufacturing facilities of 4-wheeler and 2-wheeler (4W and

2W) electric vehicles is estimated to be around 13 million square feet by 2030 as a result of the government's EV adoption targets," it said. Moreover, EV battery manufacturing facilities would require 2,400 acre of land to accommodate the production of 200 GWh of batteries by 2030. By 2030, this real estate requirement will allow a production capacity of about 4 million units of 4Ws and 23 million units of 2Ws. The Indian EV market is expected to grow at a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 49 per cent between 2021-2030 and cross annual sales of 17 million units by 2030.



# Unveiling the World of Art and Creativity with Curator Ranbir Rath

**Sweta Sinha**

**Ranbir Rath, a distinguished gallerist and curator, offers unique insights into the world of art and creativity. With her insightful views on curating exhibitions and managing art galleries, Rath offers a unique glimpse into the intricate world of artistic expression. In an interview with**

**Sweta Sinha, she shares details about her successful show, "Meandering Brush," along with her thoughts on the challenges and rewards of her roles as both a gallerist and a curator. Furthermore, Rath divulges exciting plans for future exhibitions, including collaborations with budding artists and community organizations.**

**Question 1 – Tell us about your recent show which you recently curated?**

**Rath:** "Meandering Brush" was an enthralling exhibition that I had the privilege to curate. It was a remarkable experience curating a solo show for Neha Bisht, where I aimed to showcase her artistic growth in every phase. The exhibition took viewers on a mesmerizing journey through various styles, techniques, and subjects, highlighting the expressive power of brushstroke. The response from the art fraternity and art lovers was overwhelming, with immense appreciation for the carefully curated artworks and the captivating choice of landscapes. Providing a platform for emerging artists to showcase their work is immensely gratifying, and witnessing the admiration for our selection of artworks at the India Habitat Center was truly fulfilling.

**Question 2 – What is easier for you, being a gallerist or a curator?**

**Rath:** Both roles come with their unique challenges and responsibilities. As a gallerist, I am entrusted with managing and operating an art gallery, which entails acquiring artworks, organizing exhibitions, marketing and promoting artists, managing sales, and building relationships with collectors and art professionals. On the other hand, as a curator, my focus is on selecting artworks for exhibitions in cultural spaces, museums, galleries, and other institutions. Curators conduct extensive research, develop exhibition concepts, collaborate with artists and lenders, arrange the display of artworks, and provide interpretive materials for visitors.

While the curatorial role allows me to work closely with artists and explore diverse artistic expressions, it demands a deep understanding of art history, critical thinking, and strong organizational skills. Balancing the expecta-



tions of various stakeholders, creating meaningful thematic connections between artworks, and managing the logistical aspects of exhibition planning can be challenging. Personally, I find the entrepreneurial aspects of being a gallerist more

demanding, including maintaining a profitable business, managing overhead costs, negotiating with artists, and thriving in a highly competitive art market. In terms of pure enjoyment and fulfillment, I find curating exhibitions to be a bit easier, despite the challenges of research and thematic curation.

**Question 3 - Share with us your plans for the next show.**

**Rath:** My upcoming exhibition will feature the talented artists from Delhi College of Arts, specifically the students of B.F.A & M.F.A. During my recent visit to their faculty, I was deeply impressed by the caliber of their work. We are currently searching for an appropriate space to showcase their exceptional talent, and our team is working diligently on making it a remarkable event. In addition to the exhibition, we are planning a series of events and workshops that complement the artworks on display. These interactive sessions will include artist talks, engaging panel discussions, and hands-on workshops, inviting visitors to explore their own creativity.

**Question 4 - What are your next plans for Nero Art Hub?**

**Rath:** At Nero Art Hub, our team is eager to collaborate with other organizations to strengthen the overall arts community. We aim to provide opportunities for untapped talent and are particularly interested in working with children from NGOs who possess immense potential but lack opportunities to display their art-

work. Additionally, we are keen on exhibiting the artworks of students from Delhi College of Arts, showcasing their unique perspectives and creative prowess.

Looking beyond local boundaries, we aspire to explore global platforms and participate in renowned art fairs, such as those in New York and other cities. As part of our innovative approach, we are delving into the realm of NFT and AI artworks, recognizing the evolving landscape of art in the digital age. We have already begun sharing a few of our artworks on prominent platforms like Rarible and Open Sea, which are dedicated to NFT marketplaces. Nero Art Hub envisions a future where art thrives, artists are celebrated, and creativity knows no bounds. With a strong commitment to fostering emerging talents, nurturing artistic communities, and embracing technological advancements, we strive to create a vibrant and inclusive space for artistic expression.

Ranbir Rath's unwavering dedication to the art world is evident in her curatorial endeavors and visionary plans for Nero Art Hub. Her passion for providing platforms to emerging artists and engaging with diverse artistic expressions is set to shape the future of the art scene. As we eagerly anticipate the upcoming exhibitions and ventures, let us celebrate the power of art and its ability to transcend boundaries, captivate hearts, and inspire the world.

## Will Tara assist Dr. Dhruv in her brother's surgery?



An iconic love story, Sony SAB's 'Dhruv Tara' showcases an extraordinary tale of love between Dhruv (Ishaan Dhawan) and Tarapriya (Riya Sharma) belonging to the 21st century and 17th century respectively. The show has captivated viewers with its compelling narrative, enchanting soundtrack, and a budding romance between Dhruv and Tara.

In the upcoming episodes, the viewers will witness Dhruv insisting that Tara assists him in her brother Mahavir's (played by Krishna Bharadwaj) sur-

gery. While Tara is seen contemplating whether she should take this step. In a dramatic turn of events, Dhruv finds himself embroiled in a heated argument before the Raj Sabha, advocating for Tara to be his assistant. However, the odds seemed stacked against them as everyone in the Raj Sabha opposes the idea.

Will Tara become Dhruv's assistant? Will the majority people in the Raj Sabha vote for her?

Don't miss watching Dhruv Tara- Samay Sadi Se Pare every Monday to Saturday at 8:00 PM only on Sony SAB.



## Kiara starts dubbing for 'Satyaprem Ki Katha'

After an early teaser and the first single 'Naseeb Se', the latest news from the upcoming musical romantic comedy 'Satyaprem Ki Katha' is that Kiara Advani has started dubbing for it.

Kiara was spotted arriving at the dubbing studio in Bandra in her swanky new Mercedes Maybach. She happily posed for the paparazzi as she stepped out of her car. Her look, though, was casual and cool. She was wearing a white tee with a printed jacket and bottoms. 'Satyaprem Ki Katha' also stars Kartik Aaryan in the lead role. It is the second collaboration of Kiara and Kartik after their smash hit 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2'. Helmed by Sameer Vidwans, 'Satyaprem Ki Katha' is being jointly produced by Nadiadwala Grandson Entertainment and Namah Pictures. The film also stars Gajraj Rao, Supriya Pathak and Siddharth Randeria in key roles, and is scheduled for release on June 29. Kiara will also soon start post-production work for National Award-winning director's Telugu debut film, the politician action thriller 'Game Changer', which has Ram Charan in the lead role.

## Allari Naresh's Ugram set for OTT release on June 2

Allari Naresh's Telugu action thriller Ugram will be streamed on OTT platform on June 2.

Prime Video on Wednesday announced the exclusive global streaming premiere of the Ugram directed by Vijay Kanakamedala and produced by Sahu Garapati and Harish Peddi, the film features Allari Naresh, Mirnaa Menon, Indrajith and Sharath Lohitashwa in the lead roles.

Ugram will exclusively stream in India and across 240 countries and territories worldwide on June 2, Prime Video said.

Ugram which was the first collaboration between Allari Naresh and Vijay Kanakamedala after the 2021 hit Naandhi was released in theatres on May 5. Though the film has not done well on the box-office, Naresh's performance has come in for praise.



Star Bharat's show 'Meri Saas Bhoot Hai' is being well received by the audience. The show is touted to be one of the best offerings under the dramedy genre on Indian television. The show, which premiered in January 2023, is garnering tremendous response among the audience due to its unique concept, gripping storyline and interesting characters. The special thing is that recently the show has completed its 100 episodes and the entire cast and crew celebrated the occasion by cutting a cake together on the sets of the show. The artists expressed their feelings while expressing their enthusiasm.



## 'Meri Saas Bhoot Hai' completes 100 episodes

## Ghostly Giggles: Comedy track with a twist!

TV's cult classic comedy show, Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai, is a non-stop funny adventure full of hilarious moments to make you laugh. The characters always find themselves in funny situations, leaving the audience split. But wait, there is more! The current storyline will spice things up by adding a pinch of fear to the mix, taking you on a spooky roller coaster, except instead of screams, you will hear laughter echoing everywhere! Manmohan Tiwari, played by Rohitashv Gour, is possessed by a ghost. Talking about the hilarious track Rohitashv Gour, aka Manmohan Tiwari, says, "In our show, we aim to deliver fresh entertainment to our viewers weekly. Our talented writers crafted an intriguing plot twist in the latest episode. My character undergoes a peculiar transformation when a ghost takes control of him.



While braving unfavourable weather conditions, Manmohan Tiwari, Angoori, Anita, and Vibhuti seek refuge at a college on their way to a party. At this college, Tiwari becomes a vessel for the spirit of Bal Mukund Jhadashwar, a former classmate of Anita and Vibhuti who tragically took his own life. Unexpectedly, Tiwari's appearance undergoes a drastic transformation as he acquires long hair. At the same

time, coincidentally, the residents of Modern Colony start experiencing hair loss, linking it to the circumstances surrounding Bal Mukund's demise. My character assumes a spooky avatar adding a comical touch bound to tickle the audience's funny bone." Sharing his experience shooting the sequence, the actor adds, "As an actor, such sequences provide ample room for performance, and I thoroughly enjoy such opportunities.

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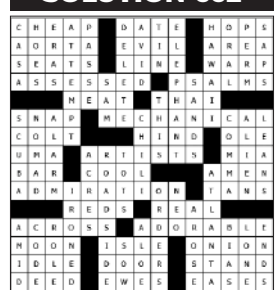
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# Australia wary of poor Oval record in WTC final

Melbourne, Jun 01 (PTD):

As Australia begin preparations for the World Test Championship final against India, the men from Down Under would be eager to put their past struggles at The Oval behind them.

In over 140 years of Test cricket in England, Australia have had one of the worst records at The Oval, which will host the final from June 7 to 11 between the top two Test sides.

Australia, who played at The Oval in 1880 in what was the first-ever Test in England, have managed a mere seven wins from 38 Tests at the famous South London venue, putting their success rate at the venue at 18.42 per cent, their poorest across England.

Australia have won just twice in the past 50 years at The Oval. On the other hand, they have 17 wins from 29 matches at The Lord's at a success rate of 43.59 per cent, which is better than hosts England's 39.72 per cent from 141 games and South Africa's 33.33 per cent at the same venue. Australia have a success rate of 34.62 per



Mitch Marsh of Australia in action during Australia training prior to the ICC World Test Championship Final 2023 at The County Ground on June 01.

cent at Headingley, 30.43 per cent at Trent Bridge, and 29.03 per cent and

26.67 per cent at Old Trafford and Edgbaston respectively. India, on the

other hand, haven't fared too well at the venue either having won two, drawn seven and lost five games. But the Rohit Sharma-led side will be boosted by the 157-run win over England here in 2021, which was its first victory at the venue in a Test match in 40 years.

According to cricket.com.au, Australia will have their first full training session in the UK on Thursday in Beckenham, which is 20km from central London.

Pat Cummins and his men will train at Kent's out-ground across the weekend as both sides will be granted access to facilities at The Oval only two days prior to the fixture.

And while The Oval is likely to favour the pacers, Beckenham is known to have a batter-friendly track. Australia finished the 2021-23 WTC cycle on top of the table, their only loss being the 2-1 away defeat to India earlier this year. They haven't beaten the Men in Blue, both home and away, in eight years - four successive series defeats.

## Treatment of Indian wrestlers was very disturbing: IOC

New Delhi, Jun 01 (PTI):

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has condemned the manner in which the protesting Indian wrestlers were being treated by Delhi Police over the weekend, terming it "very disturbing" in a strongly-worded statement.

The IOC's reaction follows the United World Wrestling's (UWW) criticism of the detention of the grapplers during their protest at Jantar Mantar, in which the sport's world body threatened to suspend the national federation if it fails to hold its election within the stipulated time.

The top wrestlers -- Sakshi Malik, Vinesh Phogat, Bajrang Punia and Sangeeta Phogat -- have accused the Wrestling Federation of India's (WFI) outgoing president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh of sexual exploitation. "The treatment of the Indian wrestling athletes over the weekend was very disturbing. The IOC insists that the allegations by the wrestlers are followed up on by an unbiased, criminal investigation in line with local law," the IOC said in the statement.

# It's a mindset thing: Hayden on India's ICC title brought

New Delhi, Jun 01 (PTD):

The great Matthew Hayden reckons India's title drought in ICC events in the past decade has to come down to the players' mindset as skill was never an issue and has advised them to "forget about the outcome" going into the World Test Championship final against Australia.

India's last ICC title came under the leadership of M S Dhoni back in 2013 and since then the team has fallen short in high pressure knock-out games including the 2017 Champions Trophy final against Pakistan, 2019 ODI World Cup semifinal versus New Zealand and more recently the T20 World Cup semifinal against England last year.

In the inaugural WTC final two years ago, India finished runners-up to New Zealand.

In terms of the financial and talent resources, India have been the sport's powerhouse for long but the big titles have eluded them.

Can they turn it around against Australia at The Oval in the final from June 7?

"It's certainly not a question of skill. So, it has to be a question of just the opportunity and the mindset



Virat Kohli of India practices during India training prior to the ICC World Test Championship Final 2023 at Arundel Cricket Club.

going in. I mean, cricket is life here, it is the DNA of sport and has no other competitors," Hayden, an important member of the all-conquering Australian team of 2000s, told PTI in an interview.

Cricket's popularity in India is unmatched and therefore it creates more pressure around the players, said Hayden.

"In Australia I could walk down the street and largely be unrecognised, especially with this terrible beard and hat on (laughs). But it's also got great competitive sports besides cricket. Rugby, football, our watersports,

surfing, outdoor sports, here in India it's very insular and there's a lot of pressure.

"It's the same with Pakistan cricket as well. There is one sport and it is cricket so it's a mindset thing."

"Being cautious about looking for the scoreboard and looking for the titles and just playing and being a part of process, something when you look at franchise setups, Gujarat Titans have done really well this year and CSK have done very well. Mumbai Indians as well believe in a certain process.

## IPL Star Pathirana Poised for World Cup Qualifiers



Hambantota, Jun 01 (AP):

Sri Lanka has unleashed some special bowling talents ahead of big events over the years.

In the case of Lasith Malinga, he was thrown into the deep end during a so-called Top End tour of Australia in 2004. In the case of Ajantha Mendis, he was introduced just before the Asia Cup and he starred with six wickets against India in the final as Sri Lanka clinched the

trophy in 2008. The same blueprint is to be followed with 20-year-old Matheesha Pathirana, who will make his ODI debut in the three-match series against Afghanistan that gets underway on Friday.

Although Pathirana has played just one Twenty20 International, he is already a star after performing a key role for Chennai in the Super Kings' run to a record fifth Indian Premier League title.

Pathirana bowls with a unique round-arm action and Sri Lankans hope that he'll be quite a handful for batters during the World Cup qualifiers later this month in Zimbabwe. Sri Lanka, which won the 1996 World Cup title and has twice been runner-up, needs to go through qualifying because of its slide down the International Cricket Council rankings in the one-day format.

## Structure and finishing crucial: Harmanpreet

London, Jun 01 (PTD):

Captain Harmanpreet Singh on Thursday said that India can bounce despite back-to-back defeats if the team converts the goal-scoring chances and maintains structure in its coming games in the men's FIH Hockey Pro League.

India, who had come to Europe as table toppers, lost 1-2 to Olympic champions Belgium in their first match and went down 2-4 against Great Britain to drop down to second position.

They face Belgium again here on Friday before taking on table-toppers Great Britain on Saturday. Great Britain have 25 points from 10 matches while India have accumulated 19 points from 10 matches.

"We are not letting the two losses last week play on our minds. We still have six more matches to play and we know that if



we play to the structure and execute good finishes, we will be able to return to the top of the pool table," Harmanpreet said ahead of the match against Belgium.

Despite the defeats, Harmanpreet said his team did have some takeaways from the two matches. "Both opponents play

very different styles. While one (Belgium) plays zonal, the other (GB) plays man-to-man. But there were some takeaways from those two matches," said Harmanpreet, who achieved the milestone of being the most prolific goal-scorer in the history of Pro League with 35 goals. "Though we didn't

create that many field goals, we did get some good PCs. There are some areas we also worked on, in these past few days and focus will continue to be on defending well," he added.

India vice-captain Hardik Singh also highlighted the efforts of newcomers in the squad.

"I think after the Rourkela matches, there was a bit of a gap to play highly competitive matches. It will take some time particularly for the youngsters to settle in and make the right connections to score goals. "This is a big platform for youngsters like Sukhjeet, Karthi and even Abhishek who are playing in London for the first time and Sanjay also had a good debut.

"There are a lot of positives from the first two matches here which they will be working on to carry forward in the upcoming matches," said the young mid-fielder.

## IPL practice aids transition to Dukes ball: Axar Patel



Portsmouth, Jun 01 (PTD):

Switching from playing T20s to the longest format of the game is difficult but practising with the red ball through the IPL will help in the tough transition at the World Test Championship final against Australia, feels India all-rounder Axar Patel.

Most members of the Indian team head to the marquee event after playing T20 cricket in the IPL for over two months.

Additionally, while the SG balls are used to play the red-ball format in India, the Dukes ball will be used for the WTC final.

However, India are well prepared for the twin challenges. To familiarise themselves with the Dukes ball, which is used in English conditions, the 'Men in Blue' have been working

with it. "We knew about this before the start of the IPL. So even during the IPL, it was discussed that we will bowl with the red ball," Axar told ICC.

"We had red balls, so we were using them. You know when and how to play, how much time you have. This mental switch from white ball to red ball is obviously tough, but we have enough time," Axar added.

The left-arm spinner, however, said that the focus is on hitting the right spot irrespective of the ball used.

"We switch from white ball to red ball. It is a similar switch to go from SG to Dukes, you have to use your talent and skill. You have to execute your plan, your bowling rhythm. Irrespective of the ball, if you bowl a good ball at a good spot, it works.

## Pujara and Kohli pose challenges for Australia: Ricky Ponting

London, Jun 01 (PTD):

Australia will have to guard against the "thorn in their side" Cheteshwar Pujara and a "back at his best" Virat Kohli if they are to counter India in the World Test Championship final at The Oval next week, feels legendary cricketer Ricky Ponting.

India's Test batting mainstay Pujara could provide valuable insights to his teammates, having played extensively at Sussex in the English County Championship, while Kohli is at his absolute best having cracked two centuries and six half-tons for Royal Challengers Bangalore in the recently-concluded Indian Premier League.

"The Australian team will be talking about Virat, no doubt about it, and they'll be talking about Pujara. They're the two," Ponting said on 'The ICC Review'. Pujara is known to relish the challenges thrown at him by



Australian bowlers, having scored more Test runs and centuries against them than any other side, and his contribution would be crucial to India's chances of lifting the WTC trophy in their second attempt. "Pujara has been a thorn in their side a lot in the past, and in Australia, and this wicket will potentially be a lot more like an Australian pitch. They know that they'll have to get him early," opined the former Australian captain.

## French Open

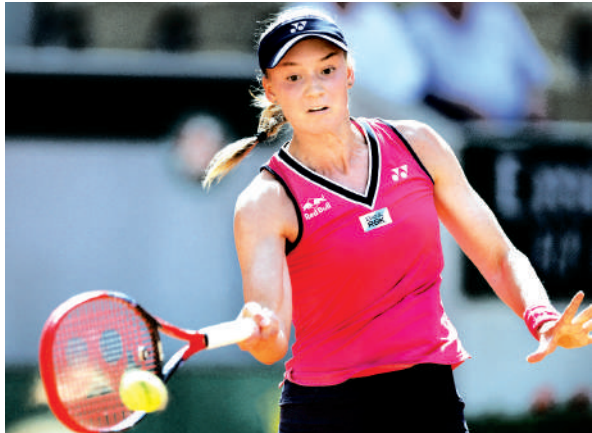
# Rybakina, Rudd march into 3rd Round

Paris, Jun 01:

Fourth seed Elena Rybakina booked her third round spot with a 6-3, 6-3 victory over rising Czech teenager Linda Noskova on Thursday, confirming her status as one of the front-runners for the title.

The Wimbledon champion, who also reached this year's Australian Open final, did not take long to pull away with a break in the third game when Noskova, ranked 50th, fired a backhand into the net. But the 18-year-old, no stranger to the Paris clay after winning the French Open junior title two years, refused to go down without a fight but paid the price for some risky plays and a double fault on her serve at 40-40 and 5-3 down.

Rybakina, a member of the new 'Big three' along with fellow title contenders, world number one Iga Swiatek and second seed Aryna Sabalenka, struggled with Noskova's powerful serve and thundering forehand.



It was instead Noskova who carved out two break points at 3-3 but Rybakina, who won the title at Indian Wells and Rome this season while also reaching the final at the Miami Open, saved them both.

She responded in kind at the very next game to break Noskova and go 5-3 up before clinching the match with an ace on her fourth match point.

Last year's runner-up Casper Ruud turned on the style at the French Open before the fourth seed showed steel to quell Italian qualifier Giulio

Zeppieri 6-3, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5 and move into the third round.

The Norwegian brought a touch of flair to Court Philippe Chatrier in classy blue pinstriped shorts and barely fluffed his lines early on, forcing an inexperienced Zeppieri into a corner by badgering him from the baseline.

Ruud's performance on clay this year has ebbed and flowed but the Estoril champion made quick work of the first set under the Parisian sun after being gifted the decisive break when Zeppieri blasted a forehand long.

## India thrash South Korea 9-1, enter final of Junior Asia Cup



Salalah (Oman), Jun 01 (PTD):

The Indian hockey team produced a dominant performance to outclass South Korea 9-1 and enter the final of the Junior Asia Cup here on Wednesday.

In the title clash on Thursday, India will meet the winner of the second semifinal between Malaysia and Pakistan.

Dhimi Bobby Singh led the way for India with a hat-trick, and was declared the Player of the Match at the Salalah

Sports Complex.

While Dhimi found the net in the 31st, 39th and 55th minutes, it was Lakra Sunit who opened the scoring for India with his 13th minute strike.

In the 19th minute, Hundal Arajjeet Singh doubled the lead before Dhimi got into the act.

Angad Bir Singh and Uttam Singh scored in the 34th and 38th minute respectively as India led 6-0 by the end of the third quarter in what was turning out to be a thoroughly one-sided match.

The Koreans found

their only goal through Keonyeol Hwang in the 46th minute, as the Indian juggernaut continued in the remaining minutes of the game.

Vishnukant Singh made it 7-1 when he found the net in the 51st minute, which was India's first strike in the fourth and final quarter.

Barely two minutes after Dhimi completed a fine hat-trick and with just three minutes left in the match, India rounded off the tally with a goal from Sharda Nand Tiwari.



# ‘No infiltration of Taliban fighters into Kashmir’

## ■ After fall of Kabul

**Srinagar, Jun 01 (PTI):** The apprehensions about the influx of Taliban fighters into Kashmir after the fall of Kabul in 2021 did not materialise and no Afghan Taliban has infiltrated into the valley, a senior Army officer has said here. General Officer Commanding (GOC) of Chinari Corps Lieutenant General A D S Auja also said that due to the ongoing internal crisis in Pakistan, there are no major worries regarding Kashmir but the armed forces have to remain alert to thwart any attempts to push in infiltrators, nar-



Lt Gen Auja

cotics or weapons.

“As far as the apprehensions which were there post Taliban 2.0 are concerned, we could see the manifestations (of concern) on this side as well in Kashmir but it never happened,” Lt Gen Auja told PTI in an interview on

Wednesday. A certain amount of chatter and a certain amount of signature was being reported on the other side in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), but it never translated into reality onto this side, he said. “So, there was no infiltration of any Afghani

Taliban... To that effect, we have been able to control (things),” he added. The GOC said India has grown in stature in a number of domains, including military, foreign affairs and economy, and is counted amongst “the very best and the most powerful” countries today.

“With that stature today, I think we are in a better position to convey and convince people across borders in many terms, which augurs well for the country. So, while the western adversary (Pakistan) which is closest to us may not agree and actually feels bad about this... the rest of the countries are now... in alignment with us on many matters,” he said.

# ‘Selective media attempted to tarnish my image’

**Hyderabad, June 01 (PTI):**

Justice M Laxman of the Telangana High Court, who granted anticipatory bail to YSR Congress Party Lok Sabha member from Kadapa Y S Avinash Reddy on May 31, has expressed anguish over attempts by a section of Telugu TV news channels to “tarnish” his image.

Justice Laxman in the order pronounced in the anticipatory bail plea filed by the Kadapa MP, said he felt he must place on record certain attempts by “selective media to thwart and derail judicial process by making attempts to tarnish my image and attempts to intimidate and threaten to derail independent thought process in arriving at just decision in this matter” Referring to remarks against him by



Justice M Laxman

participants of debates in two Telugu TV news channels on May 26, Justice Laxman said the individuals of selective media houses “facilitated and abetted” the airing of views of “selective personnel of their choice” despite knowing their antecedents to intimidate, to

threaten and to “damage my reputation by personal attack”.

Justice Laxman in his order said one of the participants, who is a suspended and detained judge, made a direct attack by saying “money bags went to the judge”. Another participant, who

seems to be holding respectable office, “used derogatory language and gestures which are aimed to tarnish my comprehension and competency abilities by his mis-interpretation and misunderstanding of deliberations of Court proceedings,” the high court judge said in

the order copy.

Stating that he is least worried about such attempts to tarnish his image, as it is “indestructible” and “if such image is prone to destruction, it is not image at all”, Justice Laxman, added, “All that concerned me is inroads of such actions to damage institutional image...It is high time to protect the image by concerted efforts.”

The judge said he was “greatly hurt” not by individual comment but by the facilitation and abetment done by selective media.

“In my view, such actions clearly amount to invocation of proceedings under contempt of Courts Act, but I desist to do so, leaving it open to the head of the institution to take or not to take action,” he said.

# ‘BJP is not my party’



Pankaja Munde

**Mumbai, Jun 01 (PTI):**

Former Maharashtra minister and Bharatiya Janata Party national secretary Pankaja Munde on Thursday said that she belongs to the BJP but the party doesn't belong to her.

Munde, daughter of late senior BJP leader Gopinath Munde, has maintained a low profile since her defeat in the 2019 assembly elections. She was a cabinet minister when

BJP leader Devendra Fadnis was the Maharashtra chief minister between 2014 and 2019. Speaking at an event, she said that BJP is a big party and doesn't belong to her. “I belong to the BJP.

If I have a problem with my father, I will go to my brother's house,” she said, referring to the Rashtriya Samaj Paksha (RSP) led by Mahadeo Jankar.

Jankar, a close associate of Gopinath Munde, said, “Our community will not benefit due to my sister's party as the remote control will be with someone else.” Over the past few years, there have been speculations that Munde has been sidelined by the state BJP.

After the first expansion of the Eknath Shinde-Fadnis cabinet in August 2022, she had said she might not have been “qualified enough” to get a berth.

# Patna Museum closed for visitors for 3 months

For old building's revamp

**Patna, Jun 01 (PTI):**

The historic Patna Museum, home to a collection of rich artefacts, rare paintings and 200 million years old fossilised tree trunk, has been closed for visitors for three months starting June 1, to undertake a revamp of its 95-year-old building.

An official order was on Thursday hung at the main entrance gate of the celebrated British-era landmark in the Bihar capital which is endowed with Indo-Saracenic architecture and fondly referred to as ‘Jadu Ghar’ by locals. The order reads that the museum will be closed for visitors from June 1 to August 31 to undertake work for “water-proofing of the old building” and “strengthening of



A security man shows a notice stating closure of the Patna Museum for visitors from June 1 to August 31, in Patna, Thursday.

RB roof”. Many visitors were seen returning from the main gate after security guards told them about the closure. “I wanted to see the Patna Museum but I was not aware that it has been closed from today. It is one of the richest museums in India, and I will

miss visiting it till August end,” said a youth who returned home after reading the notice board.

A project on redevelopment and extension of the museum building, located on the old Patna Gaya Road, is currently underway, whose foundation

stone was laid by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar in August 2020. “Civil work on construction of new wings around the old museum is almost complete. Visual galleries will now come up gradually in them. The work on re-vamping of the heritage building will now commence, and therefore from June 1, the Patna Museum will be closed to visitors,” a top official in the Bihar government's Art, Culture and Youth Department earlier said. Besides, refurbishment of the heritage building, being done as part of a redevelopment project, its old galleries will be redesigned, rearranged and curated in a new way to showcase the artefacts and other historic items in a better manner, he said.

# CLEANLINESS DRIVE



BJP MP Rakesh Singh with party workers participate in a cleanliness drive at the Gondwana ‘Bawadi’ (stepwell), as part of a water conservation campaign, in Jabalpur, Thursday.

# FUN UNDER SHADE



Students have fun under shade of ‘Amaltas’ trees at Guru Nanak Dev University, in Amritsar, Thursday.

NEW STUDY

# ‘Lower emissions during Covid pandemic led to increased warming’

**New Delhi, Jun 01 (PTI):**

The Covid pandemic shutdowns in South Asia greatly reduced the concentration of short-lived cooling particles in the air, but barely affected the levels of long-lived greenhouse gases, leading to stronger climate warming, a study shows.

In the spring of 2020, the activity of many industries and transportation worldwide decreased due to pandemic restrictions.

At Hanimaadhoo, a measuring station in the northernmost Maldives off the coast of India, researchers have been measuring the atmospheric composition and radiation for two decades. The measuring station is strategically placed to capture air masses from the Asian subcontinent and located in an area with few regional

emission sources. When emissions suddenly decreased during the pandemic in South Asia — mainly India, Pakistan and Bangladesh — an opportunity was created to see what impact this had on the climate.

The study, published in the journal npj Climate and Atmospheric Science, found that the concentrations of polluting short-lived air particles decreased significantly, while the levels of longer-lived greenhouse gases were barely affected in the air.

The cooling effect of the aerosols comes from the fact that they reflect incoming solar radiation back into space. With a lower aerosol content, there is less cooling, and thus less “masking” of the warming effect of the significantly longer-lived climate gases. Measurements taken at

the same time over the northern Indian Ocean revealed a seven per cent increase in solar radiation reaching the Earth's surface, thus increasing temperatures, the researchers said.

“Through this large-scale geophysical experiment, we were able to demonstrate that while the sky became bluer and the air cleaner, climate warming increased when these cooling air particles were removed,” said Professor Orjan Gustafsson at Stockholm University in Sweden, who led the study.

The results show that a complete phasing out of fossil fuel combustion in favour of renewable energy sources with zero emissions could result in rapid “unmasking” of aerosols, while greenhouse gases linger.

# JU without VC from June 01

**Kolkata, Jun 01 (PTI):**

The prestigious Jadavpur University became headless from Thursday as the term of the incumbent vice-chancellor Suranjan Das ended on May 31 and the state higher education department is yet to form any search committee for his successor.

The eminent historian took over as VC of the private Adamas University from June 1, its chancellor Samit Ray said.

An office bearer of the Jadavpur University Teachers Association (JUTA) said the absence of a vice-chancellor will be crucial in the coming days when the four-year undergraduate curriculum in different subjects will have to be set along with emphasis on interdisciplinary subjects.

The state had announced introduction of four-year undergraduate course in its universities on Wednesday.

Das' tenure was extended for the second time on June 24, 2021, by two years or till he turned 70, whichever was earlier. But his name along with those of 23 others of the various state universities did not get the nod of the then governor, Jagdeep Dhankhar, who locked horns with the state government on various issues. All of them had to tender their resignations to Dhankhar's successor C V Ananda Bose in February this year.

Dhankhar had assumed the post of the country's vice-president in 2022 and Ananda Bose extended Das' term by three months, which ended on May 31.

# Govt museum exhibits full-scale replica of Mars Rover Opportunity



Visitors take a look at a full scale replica of NASA's Mars Rover 'Opportunity', at Visvesvaraya Industrial & Technical Museum in collaboration with US Consulate General Chennai, in Bengaluru, Thursday.

**Bengaluru, Jun 01 (PTI):** If you are curious to know how the Mars Rover Opportunity of US space agency NASA, which traversed through the barren land of the red planet and revealed many secrets about it, then head

straight to the Space Technology gallery of the Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum (VITM) here.

The Mars Rover Opportunity model, which was built by the students of Cornell University and

kept as exhibit at the VITM, was inaugurated by M Sankaran, Director, UR Rao Satellite Centre of Indian Space Research Organisation on Thursday.

The model was initially on display at the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum in Dulles, Virginia, in US, and later exhibited in the US Pavilion during the 2020 World Expo in Dubai. The replica was then received by the American Centre in the US Consulate in Chennai where it was on display from November 2022 to March 2023 before landing at the VITM.

US Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade Marisa Lago said, “As the United States and India

forge even closer cooperation across critical sectors, space provides yet another example of our partnership, with today's dedication ceremony serving as a symbol of our mutual commitment.”

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## Two Naxalites surrender in Sukma

Sukma, Jun 01:

Two Naxalites, one of them carrying a reward of Rs 1 lakh on his head, surrendered in Sukma district, police said on Thursday.

The rebels turned themselves in before police and the Central Reserve Police Force's second battalion officials here on Wednesday evening citing disappointment with "inhuman" and "hollow" Maoist ideology, a senior official said.

Police identified them as Vetti Raja, commander of Chetna Natya Mandli (CNM), a cultural wing of

Maoists, and Rava Soma, a militia member, he said.

Raja was carrying a reward of Rs 1 lakh on his head, he added.

The official said the duo told the police that they were also "impressed" by the district police's rehabilitation drive for Naxalites called 'Puna Narkom' (a term coined in local Gondi dialect which means new dawn or new beginning). The surrendered Naxalites will be provided with facilities as per the surrender and rehabilitation policy of the Chhattisgarh government, the police said.

## Amit Shah announces judicial probe, peace panel

■ To resolve Manipur crisis

Imphal, Jun 01 (PTD):

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday said a judicial probe headed by a retired high court chief justice to inquire into clashes which erupted in the northeastern state of Manipur; will soon be announced.

At a press conference held here on Thursday, he also announced that a peace committee under the Governor of Manipur Anusuiya Uikey which will have representatives of all political parties, besides representatives from both Kuki and Meitei communities and social organisations will be set up. "Dialogue is the only solution to the ongoing crisis in Manipur," Shah said. "We will soon announce a judicial probe headed by a retired high court chief justice and set up a peace committee," he said. The



Union Home Minister Amit Shah with Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren and others addresses a press conference, in Imphal, Manipur, Thursday.

Home Minister also announced a CBI probe to investigate FIRs alleging five criminal conspiracies and one general conspiracy behind the violence in Manipur. He, however, also said, "Violence was a temporary phase, misunderstandings will go away ... the situation will soon be normal." Shah said he had visited relief camps, met

both Kuki and Meitei civil groups, and discussed the peace process.

The leaders of both the warring Meitei and Kuki communities, as well as other civil society representatives who have met him, have assured him that they would work to assuage hurt feelings and remove misunderstandings, Shah said.

Cong welcomes peace measures but questions delay

The Congress welcomed the measures announced by Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday to bring back normalcy in Manipur but asked why he did not do this earlier and allowed the state to burn for a month. Congress general secretary, communications, Jairam Ramesh said Shah's series of announcements on measures related to bringing Manipur back to normalcy is welcome. "Why couldn't he have done this weeks ago? Why did the Modi government let Manipur burn for a month? Are only Manipuri votes valuable and Manipuri lives dispensable," he asked on Twitter. "The RSS' agenda, the BJP state government's diabolical acts and the Union government's inaction is the reason why Manipur is bitterly divided today. And what has happened in Manipur has implications for the entire Northeast," the Congress leader also said.



## GRE's duration to be reduced by half from Sep

■ Test takers to get official scores within 10 days

New Delhi, Jun 01 (PTD)

The Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) General Test will take less than two hours to complete from September, roughly half the time of the current test, the Educational Testing Service (ETS) announced

on Thursday. The test takers will also receive their official scores within 10 days. Among the major changes being introduced in the test are - removal of the "analyse an argument" task in the Analytical Writing section, reduced number of questions in quantitative and verbal reasoning sections and removal of "unscored" sections, the ETS said.

### BRIEF



A peacock jumps over a wall in New Delhi, Thursday.

### Maoist killed

■ **Gumla:** A Maoist, who had a bounty of Rs 2 lakh, was killed in a gunfight with security forces in Jharkhand's Gumla district on Thursday, police said. Acting on a tip-off, the forces began an operation to nab Rajesh Oraon from near Marwa forest, Superintendent of Police (SP) Ehtesham Waquarib said. "As the force reached there, Maoists started firing. In retaliatory firing, Oraon was killed on the spot," he said.

### Suicide

■ **Indore:** A 19-year-old B.Tech student died allegedly by suicide in her hostel room here on Thursday, a fortnight after she failed in her first semester, an official said. A suicide note purportedly written by her said that she was struggling with her studies.

### Seized

■ **Jaipur:** Gold worth Rs 40 lakh in the international market was seized from a passenger arriving from Bangkok at the Jaipur International Airport, custom officials said on Thursday. The gold weighing 715 grams was recovered from the passenger on Wednesday, a custom department official said, adding that the person had concealed the gold in his rectum in three capsules.

## IAF's trainer aircraft crashes in K'taka

■ Pilots eject safely

Chamarajanaga, Jun 01 (PTD):

A Kiran trainer aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF) crashed in an open field at a village in the district on Thursday but the two pilots made it out safely after ejecting from the plane before the crash.

The training aircraft, which took off from the air force station in Bengaluru, crashed this morning at Bhogapura village. It was good fortune that aircraft hit the ground on barren land and not in the nearby village, a villager said, adding it would have been catastrophic if the plane had crashed into the village. District officials said the pilots, identified only



Locals gather near the wreckage after a Kiran trainer aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF) crashed in an open field at a village, in Chamarajanagar district, Thursday.

as Tejpal and Bhumika, sustained minor injuries. No casualties were reported. According to the IAF, the pilots were on a routine training sortie when the incident occurred. A court of inquiry has been ordered to ascertain the cause of accident. "A

Kiran trainer aircraft of the IAF crashed near Chamrajnagar, Karnataka on Thursday, while on a routine training sortie. Both air crew ejected safely. A Court of Inquiry has been ordered to ascertain the cause of the accident," the IAF tweeted.

## Now, Periodic Table, Democracy dropped

■ From NCERT textbooks for Class 10

New Delhi, Jun 01 (PTD):

Chapters on the Periodic Table, contribution of agriculture to the national economy, challenges to democracy and sustainable management of natural resources are among those dropped from Class 10 textbooks by the NCERT. The changes were announced by the National Council for Education Research and Training (NCERT) last year as part of a "rationalisation" exercise based on expert recommendations. The new textbooks with these deletions and changes have now hit the

market. Even though the Class 10 Chemistry textbook drops the entire chapter that introduces students to the Periodic Table, it remains part of the syllabus for Class 11. Emphasizing the importance of the topic, a text by American chemist Glenn T Seaborg cited in the Class 11 Chemistry textbook reads, "The Periodic Table is arguably the most important concept in chemistry, both in principle and in practice. An awareness of the Periodic Table is essential to anyone who wishes to disentangle the world and see how it is built up from the fundamental building blocks of chemistry, the chemical elements."

## World's first 3D printed temple to come up in Telangana

Hyderabad, June 01 (PTD):

The world's first 3D printed Hindu temple is being built in Telangana. Situated within Charvitha Meadows, a gated villa community at Burugupally in Siddipet, the 3D printed temple is a three-part structure being built in an area of 3,800 square feet by city-based Apsuja Infratech. Apsuja Infratech has tied up with Simpliforge Creations, a 3D-printed construction company, for the project. "The three sanctums, or garbhās, within the structure represent a 'modak', dedicated to Lord Ganesha; a Shivalay, a square abode devoted to Lord Shankar; and a Lotus shaped home for Goddess Parvati," said Hari Krishna Jeedipalli, MD, Apsuja Infratech. Incidentally in March, Simpliforge Creations had together with Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad built India's first prototype



bridge in a little under two hours. "This was also assembled on site at Charvitha Meadows, Siddipet. The concept and design were developed and evaluated by Prof K V L Subramaniam and his research group from the civil engineering department of IIT Hyderabad. After undergoing load testing and evaluation for functional use, it is now being used as pedestrian bridge in the garden around the temple," said Dhruv Gandhi, CEO of Simpliforge Creations.

## 'Will strive to take India-Nepal ties to Himalayan heights'

New Delhi, Jun 01 (PTD)

India and Nepal will strive to take their bilateral ties to Himalayan heights and resolve all matters, including the boundary issue, in this spirit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Thursday after holding wide-ranging talks with his Nepalese counterpart Pushpakamal Dahal 'Prachanda'.

In his media statement after the meeting, Modi said he and Prachanda have taken many important decisions to make the partnership between the two countries a "super hit" in the future. Following the talks, Modi and Prachanda jointly launched several infrastruc-



PM Modi with Prime Minister of Nepal Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' before their meeting, at the Hyderabad House in New Delhi, Thursday.

ture projects.

The two sides also signed seven agreements to boost cooperation in several areas including trade and energy. The two leaders virtually in-

augurated integrated check posts at Rupaidiha in India and Nepalgunj in Nepal. They also virtually flagged off a cargo train from Bathnaha in Bihar to Nepal

custom yard. "We will continue to strive to take our relationship to Himalayan heights. And in this spirit, we will resolve all the issues, be it boundary related or any other issue," Modi said in presence of Prachanda.

To further strengthen cultural and religious ties, PM Prachanda and I decided that projects related to the Ramayana circuit should be expedited, he added.

Nepal is important for India in the context of its overall strategic interests in the region, and the leaders of the two countries have often noted the age-old "Roti Beti" relationship which refers to cross-border marriages between people of the two countries.

## Security personnel manhandled me in court: Manish Sisodia

■ Judge directs officials to preserve CCTV footage

New Delhi, Jun 01 (PTD)

A Delhi court on Thursday directed officials to preserve the May 23 CCTV footage of the court premises after AAP leader Manish Sisodia alleged he was manhandled by security personnel that day during his production in a case related to the alleged excise policy scam.

The police also moved an application seeking court's permission to produce Sisodia only via video conference (VC), after he levelled the allega-

tion. Police favoured Sisodia's virtual production contending that bringing him to court "creates chaos" due to the presence of Aam Aadmi Party supporters and media in the corridors. Special Judge M K Nagpal, after taking note of both the applications, directed Sisodia's production through video conference pending his decision on the prayers. Sisodia was produced before the court on Thursday via video conference. The AAP leader was arrested by the ED in a money laundering case related to the alleged scam on March 9 from Tihar Jail where he is currently lodged in judicial custody.

### FARMERS AFTER MAHAPANCHAYAT

## 'Will fight till wrestlers get justice'

Muzaffarnagar, Jun 01 (PTD):

A Khap Mahapanchayat held here on Thursday decided that a delegation would meet President Droupadi Murmu to seek justice for wrestlers demanding action against BJP MP and outgoing WFI chief Brij Bhushan Saran Singh accused of sexually abusing female grapplers, farmer leader Rakesh Tikait said.

The mahapanchayat was called by Bhartiya Kisan Union leader Naresh Tikait on Wednesday, a day after he and other farmer leaders managed to dissuade some of India's top wrestlers



Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) leader Rakesh Tikait addresses a Khap 'Mahapanchayat' organised over the ongoing protest by wrestlers against WFI President Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, at Soram village, in Muzaffarnagar, Thursday.

from throwing their medals in the Ganga river to protest alleged police inac-

tion against the outgoing Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief.

Protesting wrestlers are changing their demands'

Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, who is facing sexual harassment allegations, on Thursday said the women wrestlers are changing their demands since they started their protest against him, asserting that the charges are already being probed by the Delhi Police. "Police is probing the matter. Let it complete. Whatever comes in it, I will act accordingly," Singh, who is also the BJP MP, said at a press conference here.



Brij Bhushan



## Notorious drug peddler nabbed with two accomplices

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Jun 01:** Durg Police succeeded in arresting a notorious drug peddler along with two accomplices and a large quantity of brown sugar. Durg police are taking continuous action on drug peddlers. Brown sugar worth Rs 06 lakh packed in 274 sachets were seized from them. They used to sell the drugs to addicts in the Durg-Bhilai area. They were caught during a joint operation of Durg Civil Team and Mohan Nagar Police Station.

CSP Vaibhav Banker informed that under the guidance of Superintendent of Police Shalabh Sinha, they are conducting a special drive against the drug dealers and effective action is being taken against them. Under the supervision of Additional Superintendent



of Police (City) Sanjay Dhruv, Additional Superintendent of Police (Rural) Anant Sahu and Deputy Superintendent of Police (Headquarters) Mani Shankar Chandra, a joint team of Durg Civil Team and Mohan Nagar Police Station was constituted for action.

The team was continuously keeping an eye on the persons and suspects involved in the illegal trade of

drug. The network of informers was also activated. Meanwhile, police received a tip off regarding one Lala Sahu, a resident of Vijay Nagar Bank Colony, who was peddling brown sugar with his accomplices near the dilapidated house of Peter in Vijay Nagar.

Police team swung into action and reached Vijay Nagar Bank Colony. The team found 04 suspects near Peter's house. Police



team rounded them up and managed to trap three of them. One of them fled from the spot. On searching, police recovered 14 bundles containing 274 sachets of brown sugar from the accused. The drugs were duly seized and action was taken against the accused on the spot under the Narcotics Act.

The accused are Lalaram Sahu (27) son of Shivkumar Sahu a resident

of Vijay Nagar Durg; Nitish Pandey alias Chhotu Wright (22) son of Bharat Pandey a resident of Green Chowk Durg; and Shankar alias Chintu Nagvanshi (29) son of Late Laxminarayan Nagvanshi a resident of Green Chowk Durg. The absconding accused is identified as Buchi alias Domendra Dewangan of Shankar Nagar Durg.

Inspector Vipin Rangari (SHO, Mohan Nagar), ASI Raghavendra Singh from Mohan Nagar Police Station, Head Constable Chandrashekhar Banjir from Cyber Cell; Constables Javed Khan, Kishore Soni, Nasir Baksh, Gaur Singh, Kamlesh Yadav, Thomson Peter, Prashant Patankar, Bharthari Nishad and Manoj Kumar from Durg Civil Team played a vital role in arresting the accused.

## Uday College organises career guidance workshop



Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Jun 01:** Uday College, Jamul organised a career guidance workshop for the students of Class 12th, BEd and their parents to make them aware for selecting a better career. College Director Dr TR Sahu, Principal Dr Alipa Sahu, member Dr Jawahar Lal Sahu, organising secre-

tary Anjana Rajveer Singh (Assistant Professor), Kalavati Rao (Assistant Professor), Dr Prabha Sahu (Assistant Professor) and member faculties of the organising committee were present. About 150 students of different institutions attended the workshop. Aniket Dewangan (Co Founder and Director, Competition Academy,

Raipur) and Harishankar Verma (Founder, Srijan Academy) and Pankaj Kumar Choubbe (Co-Founder, Srijan Academy) conducted the workshop and asked the students to select a target as per their interest and make dedicated efforts to achieve the goal. Convenor Dr Alipa Sahu proposed the vote of thanks.

## Amarendu Prakash takes charge as Chairman SAIL

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Jun 01:** Amarendu Prakash has assumed the charge of Chairman, Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) w.e.f. May 31, 2023. Prior to taking charge as the Chairman, Prakash held the post of Director in-charge, Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL), SAIL. A metallurgical engineer from BIT Sindhri, Prakash joined SAIL in 1991 as a Management Trainee (Technical).

After working in various positions of responsibilities in plants and units, Amarendu Prakash was selected as a Director in the SAIL Board in charge of Bokaro Steel Plant in 2020, informed a press communique from the local SAIL

unit-The Bhilai Steel Plant.

Amarendu Prakash is an accomplished technocrat and in his career of more than three decades in SAIL, he has had exposure to plant operations at shop level, exposure to corporate functions in the Head office and leading a large steel plant with mining operations. He was a key member of the team that was leading the business transformation and financial turnaround of SAIL in 2015-17.

After taking over as the Director in charge of Bokaro Steel Plant, he has led the Plant team to reach



their best performance in all major parameters year on year. The improvement in performance has been both quantitative and qualitative. With his remarkable organizational skills and strategic planning acumen, Amarendu Prakash has been instrumental in bringing about significant changes in business processes and project implementation.

As a technically proficient leader, he has been spearheading the digitisation efforts of the company. As a key member of the Revenue Maximising Team, he has been instrumental in

strategizing the overall production and sales plan for not only enhancing value for the organisation but also for the customers.

A visionary and energetic leader, he connects with the employees across levels and motivates them to excel through various initiatives. During his tenure at Bokaro as Director, he has taken several initiatives to encourage Sports including supporting the Special Olympics.

Many social initiatives involving public participation have brought about positive changes in the city of Bokaro and peripheral areas. He is a widely travelled technocrat and has gathered vast knowledge on the Steel and Mining Industry.

## Plate Mill employees feted with Pali & Karm Shiromani Awards

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Jun 01:** Employees of the Plate Mill were awarded with the 'Pali Shiromani' and 'Karm Shiromani' Awards under the 'Shiromani Puraskar Yojana' of Bhilai Steel Plant, for displaying commendable work performance during the quarter of January 2023 to March 2023. The Award Ceremony was held on May 27, 2023, in Plate Mill Conference Hall. RK Bisare, CGM (Plate Mill) was the chief guest of the Award Ceremony.

Present in the Award Ceremony were the Senior Officers of Plate Mill, SK Verma, GM (Electrical Maintenance), J Sudhakar, GM



(Mechanical Maintenance), D Rai, GM (Operations), HK Bahurupi, GM (Operations) along with Sanjay Kumar, AGM (Electrical Maintenance). Addressing the gathering, Bisare congratulated the prize winners and encouraged all the officers and personnel present to work in future with the same spirit. Doman Singh Banchor, Master Operator (Operation Section) was

awarded the 'Karm Shiromani Award' for the month of January-2023, while Govind Ram Bhatia, Master Technician (Electrical Maintenance Section) for the month of February-2023 and Shubham Dhang, Attendant cum Technician, (Operation Section) was awarded 'Karm Shiromani Award' for the month of March 2023. Sandeep Kumar Kesari, Assistant

Manager (Electrical Maintenance Section) was awarded the 'Pali Shiromani Award' for his performance during the quarter of January 2023 to March 2023.

During the programme, the awardees Award Certificates and Letter of Appreciation were presented to the awardees and they were appreciated for their achievements and contributions at the workplace. The program was conducted by Vijay Kumar, Asst Mgr (Personnel). Shyamal Banerjee, Addl Labour Welfare Officer, Sukhchandra, Meenu Chauhan, Neeta Sarvare, Personnel Mills Zone-3, also contributed to organising the program successfully.

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# There is a part of Ch'garh in the persona and character of Lord Shri Ram: CM

**Raipur, June 01:**

In his address to the mega event of National Ramayana Festival, Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel said that Lord Shri Ram spent 10 years of his exile in Chhattisgarh. And during the exile, Shri Ram faced extreme hardships and difficulties but he never lost the sight of his moral values and dignity. The time he spent in the forests played an important role in his journey to become Maryada Purushottam, and in this way, Chhattisgarh also has a part in his character building.

Chief Minister inaugurated the three-day 'National Ramayana Festival' today at a grand function organized at the historic Ramleela Maidan in the city of arts and literature, Raigarh. On this occasion, he said that our Chhattisgarh is the state of Mata Kaushalya and Mata Shabri. This is the land of tribals and forest dwellers who have been living here for centuries. When Shri Ram was sup-

- For the first time in the country, Ramayana Festival is being organized officially at the national-level in Ch'garh
- Lord Ram resides in our hearts; our day begins with 'Ram-Ram' and ends in the name of Ram, said CM in his address to the prog

posed to be crowned as a King, he had to go on exile. During his exile, Shri Ram met Nishadraj, Shabri Mata and several sages and ascetics. We in Chhattisgarh relate to both 'Vanvasi Ram' as well as 'Kaushalya's Ram'. As Chhattisgarh is the birthplace of Mata Kaushalya, Shri Ram is considered as 'Bhancha' (nephew) in Chhattisgarh.

Chief Minister said that for the first time in the country, Ramayana Festival is being organized officially at the na-



tional-level in Chhattisgarh. Although it is a national event, but foreign teams like Cambodia and Indonesia are also participating, making this festival international. Chief Minister said, "Today I witnessed a beautiful march past at the National Ramayana festival. Meanwhile, I also observed the march past of 'Ramnami Sampradai Ka Ram'. They have dedicated their entire life to Shri Ram. They believe in the formless, as Kabir believes in the formless. In this way everyone has

their own perception of 'Shri Ram'." Chief Minister said that the story of Shri Ram is enshrined in our hearts.... our day starts with 'Ram-Ram' and ends with 'Ram-Ram'. Each and every village of our state has its own Ramleela mandali. We feel deep affinity with Shri Ram because Shri Ram belongs to everyone, he belongs to Nishadraj, he belongs to Shabri.

Chief Minister further said that we have written a letter to the Chief Ministers of all those states where there are pil-



grimage sites and we have requested for 2 acres of land there, so as to arrange for proper facilities for the pilgrims from Chhattisgarh to stay there. In addition, we are also developing our pilgrimage sites to provide better facilities to the pilgrims coming from other states. Chief Minister said that Lord Shri Ram spent most of his exile with the forest dwellers. We find an account of his connection with nature and forest dwellers in the Ramayana. Chief Minister said that we have been organizing

the National Tribal Festival for three years, with the objective to promote tribal culture. We have also been taking consolidated steps towards protection of Devgudis and Ghotuls. Addressing the residents of Raigarh, Chief Minister said that Raigarh has been one of the earliest witnesses of human culture, the rock paintings here show that the earliest cultural development of mankind were found here. This 'Sanskardhani' city has made significant progress in the field of art. We are work-

ing for the conservation of Kelo as well.

While presiding over the programme, Culture Minister Mr. Amarjeet Bhagat said that in these wonderful event, we have got the opportunity to learn about the ideal character of Shri Ram. It is a matter of pride for all of us that this mega event based on Aranyakand of Ramayana is being organized in Chhattisgarh. School Education Minister Mr. Prem Sai Singh Tekam said that this unique event is being organized on the initiative of Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel. Ram Katha inspires us to follow the ideals of Shri Ram. Higher Education Minister Mr. Umesh Patel said that through Ram Van Gaman Tourism Circuit Development Plan, Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel has done a great job of developing places associated with Lord Shri Ram. Former Member of Parliament Shri Nand Kumar Sai, Mahant Shri Ramsunder Das, Chairman of

Chhattisgarh Gau Seva Aayog also addressed the programme.

**Collective recitation of Hanuman Chalisa organized**

On this occasion, Collective Recitation of Hanuman Chalisa was organized. Bhajan Singer Dilip Shadangi led the recitation while Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and thousands of spectators joined in, worshipping Hanuman ji with great devotion. At the onset, the teams from different states and countries performed a march past. Teams from Indonesia and Cambodia enthralled the audience in their traditional attires. Members of the Ramnami sect also did a march past. The specialty of the Uttarakhanda team was that it was led by Ravana. States like Goa, Karnataka, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh etc. also performed. It is noteworthy that 270 artists from 12 states are participating in this event, which includes 70 artists from Chhattisgarh state and 27 artists from abroad.

## BJP leaders remember Lord Ram only during polls and for votes: CM

**Says what Rahul Gandhi said should be taken seriously**

**Raipur, Jun 01:**

Speaking to section of media persons prior to leaving to Raigarh for Ramayan Mahotsav, CM Baghel said that Lord Shri Ram is 'aadi' and 'Aant' as well. We in Chhattisgarh relate to both 'Vanvasi Ram' as well as 'Kaushalya's Ram'. As Chhattisgarh is the birthplace of Mata Kaushalya, Shri Ram is considered as 'Bhancha' (nephew) in Chhattisgarh, he said. Contrary to this BJP leaders remember Lord Shri Ram only during election and at the time of taking votes.

CM Baghel said that prior to Narendra Modi, it was Mahatma Gandhi who uttered the word 'hey Ram' before taking his last breath. They say that even the Independence was achieved after 2014 and actually they (BJPians) are also of the same culture. It is notable here



that BJP State Chief Arun Sao has commented that Congress had to surrender itself to Lord Shri Ram due to PM Narendra Modi and CM Baghel commented upon it.

CM Bhupesh Baghel commenting upon Chollywood artist and Padam Shri recipient Anuj Sharma joining BJP said that he was already with them earlier and he used to sit along with ex-CM's son in his house and is in friendly

terms with him and there is nothing new on his joining BJP.

On BJP's comments over Rahul Gandhi's statement, CM Baghel said that both the countries are different and Prime Minister is another issue. It should not be seen by connecting it together and what Rahul Gandhi is saying should be taken seriously.

It is notable here that AICC former President Rahul Gandhi is on tour to USA and during visit

to Silicon valley, he held talks with the industrialists. There once again he raised the issue of phone tapping and targeted the Indian government. Speaking on the issue of Pegasus and other such techniques, Rahul said that he knows that his phone is being tapped, but he is not at all worried. Not only this, Rahul took out his mobile and on humorous tone said 'Hello Mr. Modi'.

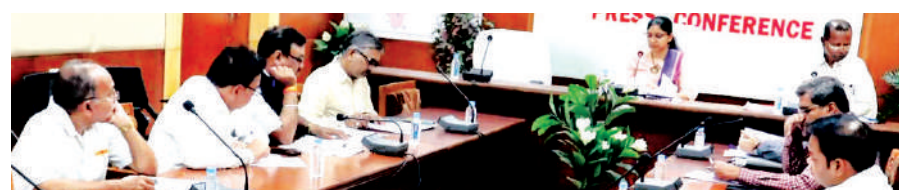
Rahul Gandhi said that he feels that tapping of his I-Phone is being done and there is need for proper rules and checks on the data from one nation and as an individual also. He said that if any country wants that one's phone tapping is required, than it cannot be stopped and this is what he feels. Rahul said that if a country has interest in tapping one's phone that it is not worth fighting, rather what all he does is all in front of the government.

- Electoral roll with photographs to be prepared on the qualifying date of October 1, 2023

**Raipur, Jun 01:**

The Election Commission of India, New Delhi has issued a program for the second special summary revision of photo electoral rolls on the qualifying date of October 1, 2023, before the Assembly General Election-2023 in Chhattisgarh. As per the program fixed by the Commission, pre-revision activities have started in the state from May 25.

Door-to-door survey is being done by the booth level officers of the polling station. Preliminary publication of voter list will be done on August 2 in the polling stations and offices of Electoral Registration Officers of all the districts. It will also be published in the website of the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Chhattisgarh.



Chief Electoral Officer Reena Babasaheb Kangale today held a meeting with the representatives of all the recognized political parties of the state and urged them to appoint BLA (Booth Level Agent) at each booth. Kangale informed about the second special summary revision of voter list and the schedule for FLC (First Level Checking) of EVM/VVPAT machines at the district level. The first level checking of EVM/VVPAT machines will be done in all the districts of the state from June 10 to June 27, 2023.

Kangale informed in the meeting that according to the program issued by the Election Commission of India for the second special summary revision of photo electoral rolls, the preliminary publication of the integrated voter list

will be done on August 2. From August 2 to August 31, claims-objections will be received for addition, deletion and modification of names in the voter list by the designated officer/BLO present in all the polling stations of the state. Special camps will be organized in all the polling stations of the state for redressal of claims and objections on August 12-13 and August 19-20. The claim-objection will be resolved by 22 September. After this, the supplementary list will be printed by checking the health parameters of the voter list prepared by September 29 and obtaining permission from the Commission for its final publication and updating the database. The final publication of the voter list will be done on October 4. Voter Helpline

App (VHA) and Voter Service Portal have been launched by the Commission to receive claims and objections from the people. Chief Electoral Officer Kangale has urged all the parties and people to fill maximum number of applications online. During the publication period, voters can go to their polling stations and see their names in the voter list. They can also see their names in the voters list through the website of the Chief Electoral Officer's office [www.ceochhattisgarh.nic.in](http://www.ceochhattisgarh.nic.in). For any kind of information or complaint, they can contact the toll-free number 180023311950 established at the State Information Center, Raipur and the toll-free number 1950 of the call centers operated in the districts.

## C Sivakumar takes over as Regional ED (WR-II & USSC)



**Raipur, Jun 01:** C Sivakumar has taken over as Regional Executive Director (ED) (WR-II & USSC) of NTPC Nava Raipur on June 01. Prior to this, Sivakumar was served as Executive Director-USSC (Unified Shared Services Centre) at NTPC Nava Raipur. A Mechanical Engineer from Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, Sivakumar has joined NTPC in 1985 as an Executive Trainee. He has rich and varied experience in the areas of Mechanical Erection & Maintenance, Project Construction, Safety and Unified Shared Services. He held several important positions in a career spanning around 38 years and worked at Vindhyachal, Korba, Mouda, BRBCL (Nabinagar), Dadri and CC-EOC Noida of NTPC. To his credit, Sivakumar also headed BRBCL and Dadri stations of NTPC. With his rich and varied experience, NTPC Nava Raipur will be benefitted greatly under his guidance and dynamic leadership in the days to come.

## Disneyland Fun Fair becomes centre of attraction, draws huge crowd

**Raipur, Jun 01:**



Disneyland Fun Fair a delightful and fun-filled fair providing an enjoyable experience for children and families. This fair is going on at Ravanbhata Maidan, Near Inter State Bus Stand adjacent to Ring Road No.1 and it takes people to a colorful and happy world. Disneyland Fun Fair is witnessing huge crowd with large number of foot-fall of visitors each day.

Director of Disneyland Fun Fair informed that new variety of domestic and foreign swings have been installed in this fair for the children.

These include attractions such as the Aero Plane, Mini Train, Cars Swing and Mickey Mouse and slides including the highest climbing Ferris Wheel (Giant Wheel), Movable Train, Breakdance Swing, Columbus Swing, Silambo Swing, Dashing Car and Dragon Swing. All these swings provide a delightful experience to the kids and add to their fun. The swings provide a delight-

ful experience to the kids and add to their fun. Additionally, the Disneyland Fun Fair also has several shopping stalls set up for children and their parents. Wide range of various toys, readymade garments, jewellery, fancy bags, household items, handloom, sarees, bedsheets, wooden handicraft, bamboo handicraft items, fancy jewellery, children's toys, sofa cover, sofa cum bed, household items and ladies items like bags and slippers is on display here. One can enjoy choosing from a wide range of choices here and enjoy shopping. Only a few days are left for this fair full of fun, happiness and adventure.

## Need to spread awareness about cancer caused by tobacco

**Raipur, Jun 01:** There has been a rapid increase in the number of cancer caused by tobacco in the whole world including India. On the occasion of World No Tobacco Day NH MMI Narayana Super Specialist Hospital has played a remarkable role as always for its excellent work. All the doctors and paramedical staff of NHMMI Narayana Super Specialist Hospital, who are committed to their excellent work by the hospital management, have ensured their important role in this special campaign. This is the reason that now the awareness about this topic has increased rapidly among the people, taking it further in NHMMI Narayana Super Specialist Hospital, working effectively on no use of tobacco, one of the major causes of cancer has played an important role in its prevention. According to the information received from NH MMI Narayana Super Specialist Hospital, on the occasion of World Tobacco Cessation Day, a poster competition was organized at NHMMI Narayana Superspeciality Hospital Raipur in which 300 children participated. The theme of this competition was "Sometimes

- NHMMI Narayana Super Specialist Hospital showcased excellent work

it's good to be a quitter". On this occasion, Dr. Bharat Bhushan, Cancer Surgeon, NHH Cancer Care, Dr. Yashwant Kashyap, Radiation Oncologist, Dr. Ashutosh Das Sharma, Medical Oncologist, Head and Neck Cancer Surgeon, Dr. Yash Chadha, Radiation Oncologist, Dr. Rajendra Patel, Dr. Neha Jaiswal, Gynecologist, encouraged the enthusiasm of the contestants by their presence. Small children displayed more than one painting on this subject, understanding the seriousness of the subject, not only did the children tell the serious consequences of cancer and the measures to prevent it, but also gave socially meaningful and effective messages through their paintings. The main objective of this painting competition was to bring awareness among the people and especially to make the new generation aware of cancer, to increase awareness among the people about the side effects

of tobacco and serious and life-threatening diseases, it was successful in many ways because in this competition where more than 300 participants took part, most of them made very attractive and abstract paintings according to the theme. Dr. Bharat said that tobacco consumption is harmful not only for the body but also for the environment. Dr. Yashwant Kashyap said that cigarette smoking has become a fashion among the youth, so we should take strict steps in this direction.

Dr. Yash Chadha said that the consumption of tobacco is more in the state as compared to other states due to which there are more patients of mouth and throat. Dr. Rajendra Patel said that Kotpa Act should be strictly followed by schools and colleges, this is a commendable initiative by the government. Dr. Neha Jaiswal said that consumption of tobacco increases the risk of cancer in women as well. It is necessary to make women aware about this. It has also been observed in the research that women in urban and rural areas often use tobacco gutka and other tobacco products including 'Gudakhu'.

## Musical performance by 12 member team from Cambodia



**Raipur, Jun 01:** The first National Ramayana Festival, organized for three days at Ramleela Maidan in Raigarh, has commenced. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the National Ramayana Festival at Ramleela Maidan in Raigarh district today. A 12-member troupe of artists, who came 4500 km away from Cambodia to Chhattisgarh, gave a mesmerising presentation on the inaugural day. They won the hearts of the audience by their 25-minute performance and exotic costumes. A musical presentation of the Ahiravan story was performed by the Cambodian Ramayana team. In this context, Ravana's brother

- As part of Int'l Ramayana Troupe
- Soulful presentation of the story of Hanuman and Ahiravan

Ahiravan takes Lord Shri Ram to Patal Lok by making him unconscious. Shri Hanuman goes to Patal Lok to bring Lord Shri Ram safely where Shri Hanuman meets his son Makardhwaj.

In the war both would fight but there is no victory or defeat in it. In the end, Shri Hanuman brings back Lord Shri Ram. This incident of Ramayana was presented in a very soulful manner.



# 'Ramayana festival is being widely appreciated'

National Ramayana Festival trending number one on social media

## Central Chronicle News

**Raipur, Jun 01:** Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the National Ramayana Festival at Ramleela Maidan in Raigarh district today. National Ramayana Festival is being widely appreciated not only in Chhattisgarh but also across the country.

Throughout the day, National Ramayana Festival trended number one on various social media platforms and people were lauding this initiative of Chhattisgarh Government to organize National Ramayana Festival.

It is noteworthy that for the first time in Chhattisgarh, 'National

India trends	
1-Trending	#RamayanMahotsavCG 4,244 Tweets
2-Trending	#FreeElectricityInRajasthan 314K Tweets
3-Trending	#JashnEpoeker 7,392 Tweets
4-Politics - Trending	#NandigramJonolowar 117K Tweets
5-Trending	CHAMBE DI BOOTI POSTER OUT 4,859 Tweets
6-Pop - Trending	Halsey 15K Tweets
7-Trending	Ireland 514K Tweets
8-Politics - Trending	Stanford

being organized from June 01 to 03 at the historic Ramleela Maidan in Raigarh.

At this mega event, devotional performances based on Ramkatha will be staged by Ramayana troupes from 12 states of the country as well as those from Cambodia and Indonesia. Through these performances, people would get to see a glimpse of various diverse national-global forms of Ramkatha.

The competition

Ramayana Festival' is of Ramayana Mandalis

based on the Aranya Kand of Ramayana has commenced, and the nationally renowned artists have arrived in Chhattisgarh to stage their musical performances at 'Bhajan Sandhya' of the Ramayana Festival. Ramayana teams from Kerala, Karnataka, Odisha, Assam, Goa, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh are participating in this national festival.

On the last day of the National Ramayana Festival, eminent Hindi poet Kumar Vishwas will extol the glory of Lord Shri Ram with his special performance at 'Apne Apne Ram Music Night'

# Trainee officers of the IAS-2022 pay courtesy call on CM

## Central Chronicle News

**Raipur, Jun 01:** The trainee officers of the Indian Administrative Service 2022 paid a courtesy visit to Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel at his residential office today.

The Additional Chief Secretary and the Director General of Chhattisgarh Administration, Nimora, Renu G. Pillay, said to the Chief Minister that the officers of the Indian Administrative Service 2022, Namrata Choubey, Prakhar Chandrakar, and Yuvraj Marmat were allocated to the Chhattisgarh cadre.

These officers were posted in districts for a 52-week-long district training program. Under this annual training program, an orientation training of five weeks is organized from 29 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 at the



Chhattisgarh Academy of Administration, Nimora.

During the training, the trainee officers will be given detailed information about the various rules, acts, processes, plans, and projects of the state government. They will also be informed about the activities of the main departments.

Additionally, they will be made aware of the innovation and best practices taking place in the state. The officers will also be given the opportunity to have courtesy meetings with senior

officials of the Chhattisgarh government.

The trainee officers shared their training experience with the Chief Minister. The Chief Minister Mr. Baghel said to the officers that they should utilize the precious training period to add value to their administrative abilities. They should strive to discharge their duties properly and contribute to the development of the state.

The officers of the Indian Administrative Service 2022 who visited the Chief

Minister include Ms. Namrata Choubey, who has been posted as the Assistant Collector, District Balodabazar-Bhatapara; Mr. Prakhar Chandrakar as Assistant Collector, District Kanker; and Yuvraj Marmat as Assistant Collector, District Raigarh.

The Additional Chief Secretary Subrat Sahoo, the Chhattisgarh Academy of Administration Director T.S. Mahawar, and the Course Director Seema Singh were also present on the occasion.

# ICAR-NIBSM to hold Academician-Industry meet today

## Central Chronicle News

**Raipur, Jun 01:** ICAR-NIBSM Raipur is going to conduct the first academician-industry meet on June 02, 2023. An academician-industry meet is a platform where academics (professors, researchers, scholars) and industry professionals come together to exchange knowledge, discuss collaboration opportunities, and bridge the gap between academia and industry.

These meetings provide a valuable platform for academia and industry to interact, share insights, and foster collaboration for mutual benefit. In a press brief held at ICAR-NIBSM today, Dr.P.K.Ghosh Director, NIBSM highlighted the importance of this institute which is unique at the national level and first in Chhattisgarh. He also briefed that academics can share their research findings, expertise, and in-

Venue: ICAR-NIBSM, Barunda, Raipur



sights with industry professionals.

This facilitates the transfer of knowledge and promotes innovation. Industry professionals can also provide insights into the practical application of academic research and share current trends, challenges, and opportunities in their respective industries. Industry representatives can offer insights into the skills and competencies required in

the job market.

Academics can gain a better understanding of industry needs, enabling them to align their curriculum and teaching methods accordingly. Academician-industry meets facilitate discussions on policy implications and the practical implementation of academic research. This dialogue helps align research outcomes with industry needs and societal challenges.

The stakeholder meet and collaboration would help in reducing post-harvest losses for farmers, fair income to farmers and reach of technological development to farmers with the help of industry network. The industries would help and express their requirements to the institute which would aid in further research and technology development and fill up the gap to support farmers and other stakeholders.

This meet will benefit the linkages between NIBSM-Industry for the technologies under pipeline and future ready for the development. NIBSM has initiated the education PG programme with 6-7 disciplines since 2020. Now NIBSM to undertake UG programme also from 2023-24 in which 35 students for B.Sc. (Ag) courses will be inducted.

This will be the unique platform where students

may get the plenty opportunity to get trained manpower through placement cell and skill development entrepreneurship as one of the agenda for this important meet. Need to encourage Internships / placements of students in the industry. The students may be encouraged to take up Internship for Development of Entrepreneurship in Agriculture (IDEA) available under BSMA academic regulations.

Farmers will also be made aware of the latest updates from the institutes. This partnership will benefit both the organizations as well as the farmers. Total 100-125 participants are expected to be part of this important event at ICAR-NIBSM. The press meet jointly co-ordinated by the Joint Directors Dr Anil Dixit and Dr S.K.Ambast of ICAR-NIBSM Raipur.

# Chhattisgarh shines in Nat'l Muay Thai C'ship



## ● Wins 37 medals

## Central Chronicle News

**Raipur, Jun 01:** In the National al Muay Thai Championship which concluded on May 30 in Chennai, Chhattisgarh

team bagged 12 gold, 10 silver and 15 bronze medals (total 37 medals).

The state team participated with 57 players and 11 officials. Bastar and Korba players sole the limelight. Out of 28 players from Bastar 19 players won medals (05 gold, 06 sil-

ver and 08 bronze). Out of 09 Korba player, 07 players won medals.

(04 gold, 01 silver and 02 bronze). Out of 11 players from Raipur, 06 players won medals, informs Anis Memon, GS of Chhattisgarh Amateur Thai Association.

# CGM- NMDC-Kirandul Padamnath Nike assumes office

## ● Was accorded welcome by heads of different departments

## Central Chronicle News

**Kirandul, Jun 01:** The newly appointed Chief General Manager NMDC Kirandul Padamnath Nike assumed office here last on May 27. During this the heads of the different departments and Labour Unions presented him with a flower bouquet and welcomed him.

In this context, on May 29, Chief of the Personnel Deptt NMDC-Kirandul-BK Madhav, CGM (Personnel) along with his colleagues, officers and employees also welcomed



Padamnath Nike with a flower bouquet and got a formal introduction of all the officers and employees from his department.

On this occasion the heads of other departments, along with their officers and employees from respective department

also welcomed new project head NMDC Kirandul-CGM Padamnath Nike in his chamber with flower bouquet.

## ● Of Jagdalpur and Chitrakot assembly

## Central Chronicle News

**Jagdalpur, Jun 01:** These days BJP is seen in the action mode of election preparation both at the Center and in the state. In this perspective, the divisional tour of BJP state in-charge is going on loudly. BJP state in-charge Omprakash Mathur took a joint meeting of core committee of Jagdalpur and Chitrakot assembly at BJP district office late in the evening. Mathur asked all the workers to maintain continuous activism till the lower level in view of the upcoming elections. He discussed about



pre-election preparations. During his four-day stay in Bastar, Mathur is visiting all the seven districts of the division and meeting the workers of each assembly. In the meeting of Jagdalpur and Chitrakote Assembly core committee, the BJP state in-charge Mathur said that the responsibilities have been assigned to the workers from the district level to the booth level and they should fulfill them hundred percent. While continuously running the pro-

grammes of the organization, maintain speed in intensive public relations, he said. Continuity of the programmes should be maintained at the booth level and effective efforts should be made for this. Every worker should work with determination to ensure BJP's victory and make Lotus bloom in Chhattisgarh. State General Secretary Organization Pawan Sai also addressed the meeting of the Core Committee. BJP state general

secretary Kedar Kashyap, divisional in-charge Santosh Padey, district in-charge G. Venkat, district president Roop Singh Madavi, former MP Dinesh Kashyap, former MLA Santosh Bafna, Baiduram Kashyap, Lachhu Ram Kashyap, Srinivasa Rao Maddi, Samundsai Kutch, Jagdalpur assembly were present in the meeting. In-charge Nikhil Rathore, Chitrakoot Assembly in-charge Naveen Vishwakarma, Sudhir Paday, Yogendra Paday, Srinivasan Mishra, Sridhar Ojha, Godavari Sahu, Santosh Baghel, Ramashray Singh, Vedprakash Paday, Rajneesh Panigrahi, Jairam Nag, Avinash Srivastava, Sudha Mishra and other workers were present.

# One needs to be intoxicated for progress and devotion of the nation: V-C

## ● Resolution taken on World No Tobacco Day in CU

## Central Chronicle News

**Bilaspur, Jun 01:** A programme was organized on 31 May 2023, World No Tobacco Day, in the meeting hall of the Administrative building of the Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (a Central University), under the National Service Scheme Cell's initiative 'Nasha Mukta Samaj Andolan - Abhiyan Kaushal Ka' with the motto 'We need food, not tobacco'. Kaushal Kishore Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India, was the Chief Guest of the programme and Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal,



presided over it.

The Chief Guest of the program, Kaushal Kishore, said that we all must work together to build a drug-free society. Addressing the gathering through online medium on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day, Mr. Kishore said that it is necessary to make the youth of the country aware of the serious consequences of such addiction. Tobacco or smoking negatively affects a person's mental health as well

as physical health. Due to the consumption of tobacco, the youth becomes a slave of intoxication physically and mentally.

Presiding over the program, Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Alok Kumar Chakrawal said on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day, "If one needs to be intoxicated, it should be for the progress and devotion of the nation. Along with establishing India as a symbol of harmony and

peace, we should have the intoxication of making India a world guru".

Appreciating the program "Nasha Mukta Samaj Andolan- Abhiyan Kaushal Ka", the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Chakrawal said that such programs should be organized in all higher education institutions of the country with the aim of spreading awareness among the youth. He stressed, "we should use the positive energy of the youth

affirmatively in works related to nation building and social issues".

**Resolution and combustion of intoxicants on World No Tobacco Day:**

On this occasion, Union Minister of State Kaushal Kishore had everyone take a pledge to make a drug-free society. On the occasion of World No Tobacco Day, intoxicants were set on fire under the leadership of V-C Prof. Chakrawal, symbolizing their renunciation.

Earlier, the program started with lighting the lamp and garlanding the statue of Maa Saraswati. The guests were welcomed by presenting saplings. The welcome speech was delivered by the Dean, Student Welfare, Prof. Shailendra Kumar. Special guest Akshat Kant, National Coordinator, 'Nasha Mukta Samaj Andolan- Abhiyan Kaushal Ka' also kept his views. The guests were honoured by presenting mementos. In the end, vote of thanks was delivered by the Registrar, Prof. Manish Srivastava and the program was conducted by Dr. Shweta Subrahmanyam, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany. Deans, Heads of Departments, and officers of various sections participated in the programme.

# Two accused arrested with stolen motor cycle

## Central Chronicle News

**Jagdalpur, Jun 01:** Police Station Kotwali of the district has arrested 2 accused Raju Rao and Chabilal Dhruv alias Abbu, residents of Metguda Jawahar Nagar, along with a stolen motor cycle, who had stolen a motor cycle in Sanjay Market.

According to the information received from the police, on May 24, applicant Suresh Kashyap, resident of Hatpadmur Nangur, parked his motorcycle number ZY 17 TM 287 Hero Splendor at Sanjay Market Kamta Hotel parking and went to buy goods inside the market. When he came back, he saw that the motor cycle missing. The applicant filed a report about loss of bike in the police station. Kotwali police registered the crime and



took it into investigation.

During investigation, on the basis of CCTV camera footage and technical evidence, bike theft accused Raju Rao and Chabilal Dhruv alias Abbu, resident of Metguda Jawahar Nagar, were arrested. In interrogation by the police, he accepted the theft of the motor cycle by starting the motor cycle with his key. After proceeding against the accused in police station Kotwali, both were sent to the court on judicial remand.



# CEO reviews implementation of CM's sanctions

● In the time-limit meeting

Central Chronicle News

**Korea, Jun 01:** CEO District Panchayat Dr Ashutosh Chaturvedi chaired the time-limit meeting held at the Collector's meeting hall here on Tuesday. In this meeting, Chaturvedi took information about implementation of various declarations and sanctions made by the Chief Minister and directed them to complete the same within stipulated time and ensuring quality work in it.

Conducting department-wise review of the applications received under



'Janchaupal', CEO directed concerned departments to sort it out at the earliest. He asked the departmental officers to provide an update information on CM's declarations.

CEO Dr Ashutosh Chaturvedi further in the meeting directed the officers to ensure complete transparency in the contractual recruitment procedure in Swamy Atmanand

English and Hindi Medium Schools and also directed to complete the pending construction works in such schools.

He also took information about verification of the polling centres in view of the forthcoming elections and directed not to show any carelessness in the works related to elections. He asked all the departmental heads to fill-up PPES of all the officers and employees soon.

He asked PHE department to speed up works under Jal Jeewan Mission.

CEO Chaturvedi also asked to provide timely relief to villagers in context of low voltage and electricity bill. He asked the

CHMO to speed up work for making of Ayushman cards, so that more and more people can avail its benefit.

**CEO gives patient hearing to grievances of people**

CEO Ashutosh Chaturvedi gave patient hearing to grievances of the villagers and people and took information about the applications received from people during 'Jandarshan' and in this it was that cases mainly related to revenue, electricity, MGNREGA, and others have been received and he asked the officers from all the departments to sort it out at the earliest.

# Water shortage exceeds as no concrete steps taken

Central Chronicle News

**Mungeli, Jun 01:** Struggling with the shortage of water in the summer, the city is forced to buy and drink water, and the public has opined that if concrete measures are not taken to save water in the city soon, then it may have to face a serious water crisis.

To avoid the shortage of water, the municipality will have to be active in making water harvesting during the rainy season, but the irony is orders are not followed in government offices only, water harvesting is done but it is of no use, as negligence in harvesting system in municipality, district hospital, collectorate and other offices is just for show. The

state government now has to bring a water law because the efforts being made to save water are failing.

Government orders issued to save water are dying in the same offices, which have the responsibility of making people aware to save water, but they themselves are not serious. The water harvesting system designed to save rain water in the government offices operated in the district headquarters is not operational anywhere.

The condition of the water harvesting system is such that we went to the municipality, district hospital, Collectorate premises, RES and saw the situation where the pipe carrying rain water to the ground

was found divided into many parts and broken among the garbage. While giving NOC of 55 square feet, the municipality takes a fee of Rs 55 per square feet from the land owner, and a maximum amount of 15 thousand rupees is deposited for making the system.

Here in this situation, neither the government officials are serious about saving water nor the common man is aware and this negligence has emerged as a water crisis for the city. According to PHE officials, this time in April also the ground water level has gone down by 60 to 90 feet and no visible efforts are being done to engage in water harvesting system.

# Trees planted under 'Go Green Tree Mitra' campaign

Central Chronicle News

**Mungeli, Jun 01:** The district hospital complex is being developed as a garden to make it green and in this series, 278 ornamental plants were planted by the officers-employees in the garden under the 'Go Green Tree Mitra' campaign.

Collector Rahul Dev planted Vidyapatti sapling in the garden and on this occasion, the collector said that every person must plant a tree for environmental protection and promotion. He said that along with plantation, its protection and care is necessary.

Collector Rahul Dev said that patients will be benefited by the development of garden in the district hospital as there will be availability of clean oxygen.



Additional Collector, District Panchayat Chief Executive Officer DS Rajput, Mungeli SDM Ms. Akanksha Shiksha Khalkho, Chief Medical and Health Officer Dr. Devendra Paikra, Civil Surgeon cum Chief

Hospital Superintendent Dr. M.K. Rai, District Program Manager Girish Kurre, and Assistant Director of Horticulture Department Satish Kumar Pandey also planted

saplings. Officers and employees of the concerned department were present on the occasion. On this occasion, Civil Surgeon cum Chief Hospital Superintendent Dr. M.K. Rai said that in order to make the district hospital clean and beautiful, along with plantation of trees in the hospital premises, arrangements for attractive lighting are being made.

## Essay competition in IGM on June 5

**Pandaria, Jun 01:** On occasion of the World Environment Day on June 5, an essay competition will be organised at Indira Gandhi Mahavidyalaya (IGM) and appeal has been made to all the students of the College to participate in it in large number.

All have been asked to write an essay in an A-4 size paper with maximum of 1000 words and minimum of 600 words and submit it through e-mail of the College, events@durguniversity.ac.in by June, 1, 2023 by 5:00 pm.

Central Chronicle News

**Kanker, Jun 01:** Shivi Development Society (Chhattisgarh chapter) organised several events on World No Tobacco Day in the premises of Livelihood College. In the morning Marathon race was organised. As many as 80 youths ran to raise awareness on this issue. Narendra ranked first among the boys where as Ms. Mamta stood first among the girls.

The workshop was inaugurated by Parliamentary Secretary in Chhattisgarh Government & Kanker MLA Shishupal Singh Sori by igniting incense sticks before the photo of Chhattisgarh Maharrari, State song Arpa Pairi ke Dhar was recited by all.



Sori in his inaugural address expressed his worry about increased use of tobacco. Sori assured the audience of the best possible efforts he could put.

DSP Headquarters Mohsin Khan informed that only laws can't change social attitude. Awareness on this grave issue is the need of the hour. Sri Mukesh Jain from

National Tobacco Control Board gave vivid details of harms caused by consumption of tobacco. Awadhesh & Mrs Shushmita Srivastava from Voluntary Health Association of India reiterating their commitment to curb the menace of tobacco consumption said that we would work for tobacco control since our last

breath.

Sri Anand Shukla from AIMS Trust lauded Shivi Development Society for their initiative. Welcome speech was delivered by social activist Sri Rajesh Singh Sisodia whereas whole program was conducted by Ms. Safina Sheikh (Program Officer) SDS. Cultural program too was organised by SDS volunteers. Three groups presented folk dance.

Ms. Safina Sheikh administered oath to all the participants for boycotting tobacco products. As many as 200 participants from different NGOs, students & media persons were present during the workshop, informs Bhama Sahu, Assistant Programmer SDS Chhattisgarh chapter.

# Villagers of Badgaon forced to drink contaminated water

Central Chronicle News

**Birkoni, Jun 01:** Drinking water is considered the first priority under the Panchayati Raj Act, but here in Gram Panchayat Bargaon, the villagers are forced to drink contaminated water. Here water comes through Mahanadi pipeline, which the villagers are forced to drink without filtering and the Gram Panchayat Bargaon has not yet taken any redressal for the inconvenience.

Water filling system and condition of taps is in pit without nozzle, where dirty water is always filled and it is connected with hose, onto which the women collect water every drop. There are 400 families living in Gram Panchayat Badgaon, and there are half a dozen handpumps, but water of these handpumps is not potable due to excess of iron content. A water tank has been constructed



under the tap water scheme, but it will take time to become operational,

but the villagers say that no arrangement of water is made by the

Panchayat and under the tap water scheme, water was transported in a tanker

for one or two days, after that it is not being used for water arrangement. Villager Rishi Chakradhari told that the motor has not been installed in the head pump and Panch Loknath Chakradhari told that the problem of water in the village is continuous, tanker's water comes sometimes and women are fighting for water by queuing up for hours.

Same way Mamta Nishad alleged said that all the taps are connected to the drain and due to non-arrangement by the panchayat, they are forced to drink contaminated water. Meanwhile Sarpanch Hulsia Nishad told that due to dry area, five bores were mined which did not succeed. Water is not available after mining of bore in four hundred feet and new water tank has been constructed and it is expected that in 2024, the benefit of Ghar Ghar Naljal Yojana will be accessible.

# Villagers block NH 130-B demanding road construction



Central Chronicle News

**Fingeshwar, Jun 01:** The villagers of Tarra village of block Fingeshwar blocked the main road of National Highway 130-B, which falls in Kopr-Gariaband-Rajim, demanding Sursabandha-Kuruskera road. The villagers have been demanding this from the administration and public representatives for a long time and the villagers told that about 2 years ago when the regional MLA had come to Tarra, he had announced the construction of this road.

But even after his announcement, the villagers are very

angry because no action has been taken so far. In the protest lately, the villagers took to shouting slogans like no road, no vote, demanding the Collector to come to the spot and talk to them.

Additional Collector Avinash Bhoi, SDM Pooja Basal and Tehsildar Sahu reached the protest site in view of the problems caused by the crowd of about 2000-2500 villagers. In the discussion with the villagers, it was revealed that 2.35 crore from the P.W.D. Department has been approved, but the place belongs to private farmers, whose compensation is around 6

crores, this being the reason why the road is not being built.

In the discussion with the Additional Collector, it has been agreed that that landowners will sign the government to make the land coming in the way a road, so the road work will start within 3 months of getting their consent form.

With the initiative and meaningful conversation of Upper Collector Avinash Bhoi, SDM Pooja Basal and Tehsildar Mr. Sahu, the villagers welcomed and thanked the district administration for solving a very important and years-old demand of the villagers of village Tarra.

## Women earn Rs. 55000 by installing Mini Rice Mill

**Manendrarh, Jun 01:** Women belonging to self-help groups are striving to become self-reliant by associating with the government's ambitious RIPA scheme. The government is also conducting various livelihood-oriented activities through the economic support obtained from the scheme.

The women of the group are contributing to the betterment of their families by securing employment near their homes. The Village Panchayat Chirmi is located in the Khadganva Development Block, situated at a distance of 65 km from the District Headquarters of Manendragadh.

Reaping the benefits of the scheme, the women of Gangamay Self-Help Group in Chirmi have installed a mini rice mill in the village.

# Number of OPDs in district hospital has been reduced: Collector

- By improving the services of the 3-urban PSCs of the city
- Meeting of executive committee of District Hospital Jeevan Deep Samiti

Central Chronicle News

**Jagdalpur, Jun 01:** Collector Vijay Dayaram K. said that the number of OPDs in the district hospital should be reduced by improving the health services by upgrading the health services in all the three urban PSCs on the spoke and hubs model.

Along with this, the services of Community Health Center (CHC) and Primary Health Center (PHC)

should also be strengthened. The meeting of the Executive Committee of the District Hospital's Jeevan Deep Samiti was held under the chairmanship of Collector Vijay Dayaram in the meeting hall of Maharani Hospital.

The Collector said that instructions were given to purchase essential medicines for the District Hospital and Urban PSC from Dhanwantri Generic Medical Store. He also instructed to complete necessary preparations in the hospital for seasonal diseases like dengue and

malaria.

He instructed to keep the data of referrers from other health centers for delivery in the district hospital. After reviewing the cataract survey work, the Collector directed to start cataract operations in the hospital. It was also discussed to improve the serv-



ice for dialysis in the hospital and increase the number of beds.

Performance of various departments of the hospital was also reviewed in the committee meeting. Decision to convert the 24/7 medical shop operating near the parking under the Dhanwantri Generic

Medical Store scheme under the hospital premises was also taken.

A decision to extend the contract period of the shops allotted in front of Devansh Hotel under the hospital premises for the next 11 months was also given.

Maintenance and repair work of 3 phase UPS 60 KVA installed in Lab and Blood Back and MCH building was also granted.

Among other decisions taken include repair of Oxygen Generation Plant; monthly expenditure on human resources; bio-waste management and cleanliness arrangements

from Jeevan Deep Samiti; fulfillment of new human resources from the doctors-employees serving in the hospital from DMFT head; Jeevan Deep Committee Financial account and income expenditure of Jeevan Deep Samiti; payment of pending dues for the financial year 2022-23.

The samiti also discussed action plan for the financial year 2023-24 and discussion on other topics in relation to the hospital by the office bearers and members of the committee. On this occasion, District Panchayat CEO Prakash Sarve, CHMO Dr. RK Chaturvedi, Civil Surgeon Dr. Sanjay Prasad, committee members and hospital management officials were present.

## CHANGE OF NAME

IT IS INFORMED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT I SUNIL KUMAR MULCHANDANI S/O CHETAN DAS MULCHANDANI RESIDENT OF WARD NO.17, H.NO.L-3, SAI KRIPA BHAWAN, MAHAMAYA VIHAR, WARE HOUSE ROAD,BEHIND C.C.N. CHANNEL OFFICE, BILASPUR (C.G.) 495001 HAVE CHANGED MY OLD NAME SUNIL KUMAR MULCHANDANI S/O CHETAN DAS MULCHANDANI, SO IN FUTURE I SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED BY MY NEW NAME SUNIL MULCHANDANI S/O CHETAN DAS MULCHANDANI IN ALL GOVERNMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS.

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## BRIEF



**Nepal PM Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' after paying homage to Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat, in New Delhi, Thursday.**

## Arrested

■ **Srinagar:** Security forces arrested two militant associates of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) in Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday and recovered arms and ammunition from their possession, police said.

## Fire

■ **Kolkata:** A fire broke out at an office of the West Bengal government on Ganesh Chandra Avenue in the city's central business district on Thursday and efforts are on to douse it, an official said.

## Demolish

■ **New Delhi:** Authorities here on Thursday demolished several shanties near central Delhi's Pragati Maidan as part of an anti-encroachment drive, officials said. Security personnel were deployed in the area to prevent any untoward incident, they said.

## Raid

■ **Srinagar:** The Jammu and Kashmir's State Investigation Agency (SIA) on Thursday conducted raids at multiple locations in the valley in connection with a case of killing of a bank guard earlier this year, officials said.

## Closed

■ **Banihal:** The Jammu-Srinagar national highway was closed for traffic on Thursday for repairing a patch of road in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district, officials said. The 270-km highway, the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with rest of the country, was blocked by a landslide at Dhalwas section in Ramban district, on Wednesday but restored for traffic later, they said.

## Injured

■ **Shimla:** A bus rolled down into a gorge in Himachal Pradesh's Mandi district on Thursday, leaving 40 passengers injured, police said. Ambulances have been dispatched to the spot, according to the state emergency operation centre.

## Meeting

■ **New Delhi:** The Congress on Thursday said it will participate in the June 12 meeting of opposition parties in Patna but is yet to decide on who will attend the meeting. Bihar Chief Minister and JDU leader Nitish Kumar has convened the meeting. "The Congress will surely participate in the June 12 meeting of opposition leaders in Patna.

## HC refuses to stay investigation against Ashneer Grover, wife

New Delhi, Jun 01 (PTD):

The Delhi High Court on Thursday refused to stay at this stage an investigation against BharatPe co-founder Ashneer Grover and his wife Madhuri Jain Grover in a case of an alleged Rs 81 crore fraud based on a complaint by the fintech unicorn.

Justice Anup Jairam Bhambhani also declined to direct the investigating officer to give an advance notice to the duo if he wanted their custody and asked them to file an anticipatory bail instead.

The judge issued notice on the petition by Grover and his wife seeking to quash the FIR registered by the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the Delhi Police and asked the investigating agency as well as complainant BharatPe to state their stand.

## ■ In EOW FIR

The court issued notice on the application for stay of investigation as well.

"No case is made out at least at this stage for staying investigation in the matter. So far as advance written notice of arrest is concerned, petitioners are at liberty to adopt other remedies available to them in accordance with law," the court said.

"File section 438 (of CrPC for anticipatory bail). Why should I get into my inherent power when there is a statutory power," the court stated.

Counsel for the petitioners contended that the FIR was based on malafides and the allegations pertained to matters relating to GST and management of the company, which they were anyway entitled to do as directors and they disclose no criminality.

It was said that the petitioners were involved in nurturing the company into a multi-crore entity and no fraud was reported by the statutory auditors.

Senior advocates Vikas Pahwa and Dayan Krishnan appeared for the complainant and opposed issuance of notice on the petition.

They argued that the matter involved complex financial transactions which resulted in defalcation of funds and the petitioners availed input tax credit under GST law with respect to bogus transactions and indulged in siphoning of funds and forged certain documents.

The EOW registered the FIR earlier this year under eight sections of the Indian Penal Code, including 406 that deals with criminal breach of trust, 420 (cheating and dishonesty), 467 and 468 (forgery).

## AIBF members visited Lakshminarasimha Swamy Temple

At Yadagirigutta; also participated in 'Swarna Pushparchana'

Hyderabad, Jun 01:

Members of the All India Brahmin Federation (AIBF) visited Sri Lakshminarasimha Swamy temple at Yadagirigutta today.

They were welcomed by the temple Deputy Executive Officer Bhaskar and other officials. Priests performed special puja at the Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy temple. The members also participated in 'Swarna Pushparchana'.

Members of the All India Brhmin Federation are on a two day visit to the city on the invitation of the Chief Minister Sri K Chandrashekar Rao. They participated in the inauguration of Brahmin Parishad at Gopanpally



on Wednesday.

Dr Pradeep Jeothi President of the All India Brahmin Federation from the state of Kerala thanked the Chief Minister for constructing a marvelous building exclusively for the Brahmin community.

He observed that the digital library set up in the Brahmin parishad is truly a centre of excellence. He said that the

temple has undergone complete transformation when compared to the temple he visited some years ago.

Pandit Padam Prakash from Uttarakhand who is the Secretary General of All India Brahmin Federation praised the Chief Minister for renovating the Yadadri temple which is now attracting pilgrims from all over the country. The Chief

Minister of Telangana should be congratulated for developing the temple into a mesmerizing spiritual centre with its sculptures and structures.

Dr Bhagwan Sharma from Uttar Pradesh who is the Chief Advisor of All India Brahmin Federation felt that the concept of constructing a bhavan on sprawling six acres exclusively for the Brahmin community by the Telangana Chief Minister should be emulated by other states as well.

He also praised the architectural work of the temple and the sculptors for developing the temple. Telangana Brahmin Federation President Jagannathan Sarma also accompanied the members.

## NEW ACADEMIC SESSION



Students during the state-level inauguration of the new academic year, in Kochi, Thursday.

## Seizure of meth in HP leaves law enforcers worried

Shimla, Jun 01 (PTD):

A recent seizure of methamphetamine in Solan district has triggered concerns that after adulterated heroin 'chitta', this recreational drug too is making inroads into Himachal Pradesh.

Although the amount recovered is small, this is the first time that the drug has been seized in the state, police said.

The seizure of meth is a serious issue as entry of high-end drugs in Himachal implies that the availability of 'chitta' has turned the state into a drug consuming market, and now new drugs are being introduced," SP, Solan, Virender Sharma told PTI.

Three people, including

two from Kharar in Punjab, were arrested last week with

1.56 gm of methamphetamine or meth and 22 gm of chitta in Parwanoo last week.

The trio had come to hand over the drugs in Parwanoo for Rs 10,000, he added.

Meth is considered more lethal than other drugs as on an average, 4.8 percent of its users required emergency medical attention after consumption, according to the Global Drug Survey.

Meth, which gives an instant high, is used in rave parties and mixed with other drugs to make them more addictive.

Recovery of meth is an indication that either rave parties are being organ-

ised or the drug is being used for adulteration. Whatever may be the case, the situation is serious, former Director of the State Forensic Science Laboratory (SFSL) Arun Sharma said.

Earlier, meth was mixed with chitta along with other synthetic drugs but now it is coming in crystal form which is more dangerous and there is a need to understand the dynamics and roots of drug trafficking through inter-agency coordination, said former convener cum advisor of HP Nasha Nivaran Board O P Sharma.

"Recovery of meth is a pointer that smugglers might be aiming at producing chitta locally," he said.

## Deccan Queen completes 93 years of service

Rail enthusiasts celebrate by cutting cakes

Mumbai, Jun 01 (PTD):

The iconic Deccan Queen, the first deluxe train of the Indian Railways, completed 93 glorious years of operations between Pune and Mumbai on Thursday, according to the Central Railway.

Rail enthusiasts and authorities celebrated the occasion with a lot of zeal and cut two big cakes at the Pune railway station on Thursday morning before the Deccan Queen departed for the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus in Mumbai.

Maharashtra minister Chandrakant Patil was also present on the occasion. "Over the last 93



Passengers celebrate the birthday of Deccan Queen, Indian Railways' first deluxe train, as it completed 93 glorious years of operations between Pune and Mumbai, in Mumbai, Thursday.

years of its colourful history, the train has grown from a mere medium of transportation between two cities into an institution binding a generation

of intensely loyal passengers," the Central Railway said. For the special day, the train was decorated with colourful garlands, and an attractive

'rangoli' (colourful pattern) was made at the entrance of the platform from the train left.

A music party played tunes of various songs to mark the occasion.

As per a Central Railway release, the Deccan Queen had its maiden run on June 1, 1930, which was a major landmark in the history of the Great Indian Peninsula (GIP) Railway, the forerunner of the Central Railway. It was the first deluxe train introduced to serve two important cities of the region Mumbai and Pune - and was aptly named after Pune, which is also known as the 'Queen of Deccan' (Dakkhan ki Rani), the release said.

## FELICITATION CEREMONY



WB CM Mamata Banerjee poses with students during a felicitation ceremony for the toppers of all Boards and Joint Entrance Examinations- 2023, in Kolkata, Thursday.

## Senior IPS officer Rajiv Singh new Manipur DGP

Imphal, Jun 01 (PTD):

Senior Indian Police Service officer Rajiv Singh was on Thursday appointed as the new DGP of Manipur, according to an official order.

Singh replaces P Doungel, who will be Officer on Special Duty (Home), a new post created by the Manipur government. Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department Special Secretary N Geoffrey said in an order that Rajiv Singh will be the new DGP of Manipur and Head of the Police Force immediately upon joining the state government.

On Monday, the Union Home Ministry transferred him from the



Tripura cadre to the Manipur cadre on deputation for three years in "relaxation of the policy as a special case in the public interest".

Singh, an IPS officer of the 1993 batch, was serving as the Inspector General of the CRPF.

To accommodate Doungel, the Manipur government created the post "OSD (Home) at apex scale of IPS", the order stated.

"Further, the Governor of Manipur is also pleased to order that Shri Rajiv Singh, IPS (TR:93) should take charge of the post of DGP, Manipur from P Doungel, IPS (MA:87) immediately upon joining the state government," it added. Soon after the violence broke out in the state on May 3, the central government appointed former chief of the CRPF Kuldip Singh as a security adviser to the Manipur government.

Manipur, which has been hit by ethnic conflict for nearly a month, witnessed a sudden spurt in clashes and firing between militants and security forces on Sunday, after a relative lull for over a fortnight.



# European summit in Moldova tackles Ukraine war, regional conflicts

**Bulboaca (Moldova), Jun 01 (AP):** Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy took his quest for more arms and support to a sprawling summit of some 50 European leaders in Moldova on Thursday, becoming the focal point of an event that seeks to quell regional conflicts and shore up unity in the face of Russia's war.

The meeting of the pancontinental European Political Community, which embraces all European nations other than Russia and Belarus, gathered the heads of state and government from 47 countries but its attention was on the continent's south and east a region pushed to a turning point

in its relationship with Moscow because of Russia's invasion of Ukraine last year.

The 27-nation EU wants to use the summit to reach out to many Eastern European countries that spent decades either within the Soviet Union or under its immediate sphere of influence, and to bolster the continent's unified response to Russian aggression.

The choice to hold the summit in Moldova, a former Soviet republic of around 2.6 million people, is seen as a message to the Kremlin both from the EU and the pro-Western Moldovan government, which received EU candidate status in June of last year at the same time as

Ukraine. As he addressed the gathered leaders at an opening ceremony, Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte noted the significance of the summit's location, only around 20 kilometers (12 miles) from Ukraine's border.

"Our meeting today in Moldova speaks volumes. The country borders on Ukraine and here, the Russian threat is palpable," Rutte said.

Moldova, Europe's poorest country which is cradled by Ukraine on three sides, aspires to join the EU by the end of the decade, and has consistently signalled its support for Ukraine and taken in refugees fleeing the war.

Zelenskyy was the first foreign leader to arrive at

Thursday's summit venue, a 19th-century castle and vineyard around 35 kilometers (21 miles) from the capital, Chisinau.

Dressed in his trademark olive green shirt and cargo pants, he sought to dispel doubts about his country's accession to the EU and NATO, and told the assembled leaders that such doubts would be exploited by Moscow.

Since the start of the invasion, he said, "the limits of security in Europe have in fact been the limits of our determination, our ability to act together for the sake of the interests of our peoples and the whole of Europe. As much as we can reject doubt, we can reject the evil of aggression".

## NATO ALLIES UNITE



U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, left, listens as gives a statement to the media, at Oslo City Hall, during a meeting of NATO's foreign ministers in Oslo, Thursday, June 01.

## China criticises US plan for trade deal with Taiwan

**Beijing, Jun 01 (AP):** China's government criticised the United States' plans to sign a trade treaty with Taiwan and called on Washington on Thursday to stop official contact with the self-ruled island democracy claimed by Beijing as part of its territory.

The agreement due to be signed on Thursday comes amid increased Chinese efforts to intimidate Taiwan by flying fighter jets and bombers near the island, a global centre for high-tech industry. American and European politicians have visited Taiwan in a show of support for its elected government. The Chinese foreign ministry accused Washington of violating agreements on the status of Taiwan, which split with the mainland in 1949 after a civil war.

## Jaishankar meets Russian counterpart Lavrov in South Africa

**Capetown, Jun 01 (PTI):**

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Thursday met his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov and discussed issues of bilateral and global interests.

Jaishankar, who is here to participate in a conclave of five-nation grouping BRICS (Brazil-Russia-India-China-South Africa), held talks with Lavrov on the sidelines of the BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting. "Good to meet FM Sergey Lavrov of Russia in Cape Town this morning on BRICS FMM sidelines. Our discussions covered bilateral matters, BRICS, G20 and SCO," Jaishankar said in a tweet.

India will hold the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) and G-20 summits in July and September respectively.

In the last few months, India has become a leading importer of discounted



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar meets his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov in Cape Town.

crude oil from Russia notwithstanding increasing disquiet in the West over the procurement in view of Russian invasion of Ukraine. India's economic engagement with Russia has been on a major upswing in the last one year, largely due to its procurement of discounted Russian oil. India has not yet condemned the Russian invasion of

Ukraine and it has been pushing for resolution of the conflict through dialogue and diplomacy. On Wednesday, Jaishankar said these are still "early days" for conflict resolution between Ukraine and Russia as presently, the focus is on problems such as a grain corridor, nuclear issues and matters related to the exchange of prisoners of war. In an interview to DD India, Jaishankar noted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had met both Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

The BRICS (Brazil-Russia-India-China-South Africa) brings together five of the largest developing countries of the world, representing 41 per cent of the global population, 24 per cent of the global GDP and 16 per cent of the global trade

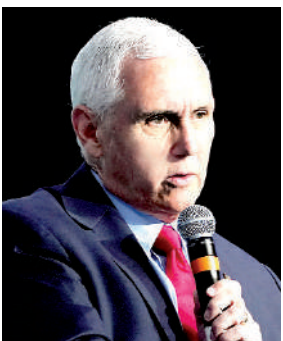
## Mike Pence will launch his presidential campaign in Iowa on June 7

**New York, Jun 01 AP):**

Former Vice President Mike Pence will officially launch his widely expected campaign for the Republican nomination for president in Iowa next week, adding another candidate to the growing GOP field and putting him in direct competition with his former boss.

Pence will hold a kickoff event in Des Moines on June 7, the date of his 64th birthday, according to two people familiar with his plans who spoke on condition of anonymity to share details ahead of the official announcement. He is also expected to release a video message as part of the launch.

His team sees early-voting Iowa as critical to his potential path to victory and advisers say he plans to campaign aggressively for the conservative, evangelical Christian voters who make up a substantial portion of the state's Republican electorate. Pence is an avowed social conservative and is staunchly opposed to



abortion rights, favouring a national ban. The campaign is expected to lean heavily on town halls and retail stops aimed at showcasing Pence's personality as he tries to emerge from former President Donald Trump's shadow.

Pence, who served in Congress and as Indiana's governor before he was tapped as Trump's running mate in 2016, had been an exceedingly loyal vice president until he broke with Trump over the 2020 election. Trump, desperate to overturn his loss and remain in power, had tried to convince

Pence and his supporters that Pence could somehow reject voters' will as he presided over the ceremonial counting of the Electoral College votes on January 6, 2021, even though the vice president has no such power. As the count was underway, a violent mob of Trump's supporters stormed the building, smashing through windows, assailing police and sending Pence, his family and his staff racing for cover as members of the mob chanted, "Hang Mike Pence!"

Pence has said Trump's "reckless words" endangered his family and everyone else who was at the Capitol that day. He has said "history will hold Donald Trump accountable."

"For four years, we had a close working relationship. It did not end well," Pence wrote in his book, "So Help Me God." Pence has spent the 2 1/2 years since then strategically distancing himself from Trump as he has laid the groundwork for the campaign.

## कार्यालय कलेक्टर, जिला गरियाबंद (छत्तीसगढ़)

क्रमांक / 1960 / वित्त-स्था. / सीधी भर्ती / 2023 गरियाबंद, दिनांक 29 / 05 / 2023

### :- विज्ञापन की सूचना :-

छत्तीसगढ़ शासन, सामान्य प्रशासन विभाग, मंत्रालय, महानदी भवन, नवा रायपुर का पत्र क्रमांक / एफ 13-1 / 2023 / आ.प्र. / 1-3 नवा रायपुर, अटल नगर, दिनांक 03.05.2023 एवं छत्तीसगढ़ शासन, राजस्व एवं आपदा प्रबंधन विभाग, मंत्रालय, महानदी भवन, नवा रायपुर का पत्र क्रमांक / एफ 4-04 / 2023 / सात-2 नवा रायपुर, अटल नगर, दिनांक 09.05.2023 में दिये गये निर्देशानुसार राजस्व विभाग, जिला प्रशासन/भू-अभिलेख शाखा गरियाबंद में सहायक ग्रेड-03/स्टेनोटाईपिस्ट/वाहन चालक/चतुर्थ श्रेणी (भृत्य/प्रोसेस सर्वर/अर्दली/चौकीदार/फर्गस/स्वीपर नियमित) के रिक्त पदों की पूर्ति सीधी भर्ती द्वारा किये जाने हेतु निर्धारित योग्यताधारी अभ्यर्थियों से ऑनलाईन आवेदन पत्र दिनांक 01.06.2023 से दिनांक 15.06.2023 तक आमंत्रित किया जाता है।

ऑनलाईन आवेदन पत्र आमंत्रित किये जाने हेतु जिला गरियाबंद के वेबसाइट <https://gariaband.gov.in/> में नोटिस (Notice) के सबमेनू भर्ती (Recruitment) में लिंक दिनांक 01.06.2023 से उपलब्ध रहेगी। विज्ञापन की विस्तृत विवरण जिले के वेबसाइट <https://gariaband.gov.in/> में अपलोड है या कार्यालयीन समय पर कार्यालय के सूचना पटल पर देखा जा सकता है।

(कलेक्टर महोदय द्वारा अनुमोदित)

अपर कलेक्टर,  
गरियाबंद (छ.ग.)

G-01886/1

## कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता लो० नि० वि० वि/यां संभाग रायपुर छ.ग.

### निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

क्रमांक-8965/NIT-4/2023-2024/ व ले नि दिनांक : 29 / 05 / 2023

एकीकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली अंतर्गत सक्षम श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से निम्नलिखित मैनुअल निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है :-

क्र.	निविदा क्र.	कार्य का नाम / NoOfCalls	कार्य की अनुमानित लागत (लाख में)
1	1	2	3
4	T0064	Providing electrification work for S/R, MOW, Deposit, Original work and ordinary maintenance at pension bazaar and bairon bazaar section under P.W.D. (E/M) Workshop Sub division, Raipur (C.G.) प्रथम आमंत्रण	15.00
4	T0065	Providing electrification work for S/R, MOW, Deposit, Original work and ordinary maintenance at Panchsail Nagar section under P.W.D. (E/M) Workshop Sub division, Raipur (C.G.) प्रथम आमंत्रण	12.00
4	T0066	Providing, installation and ordinary maintenance of LV packages electronic items under P.W.D. (E/M) Workshop subdivision Raipur (C.G.) प्रथम आमंत्रण	15.00
4	T0067	Providing, installation and ordinary maintenance of Neon and LED display board under P.W.D. (E/M) Workshop subdivision, Raipur (C.G.) प्रथम आमंत्रण	15.00
4	T0068	Providing ordinary maintenance of air-conditioners at pension bada section under P.W.D. (E/M) workshop subdivision, Raipur (C.G.) प्रथम आमंत्रण	15.00
4	T0069	Providing ordinary maintenance of air-conditioners at sirpur bhawan section under P.W.D. (E/M) workshop subdivision, Raipur (C.G.) प्रथम आमंत्रण	16.50
4	T0070	वि. / या. उपसंभाग धमतरी के अंतर्गत विकासखंड नगरी के मूल कार्य, लघुमूल कार्य, जमा मद कार्य, साधारण एवं विशेष मरम्मत कार्य के संभावित विद्युतीकरण कार्य। प्रथम आमंत्रण	19.50
4	T0071	वि. / या. उपसंभाग धमतरी के अंतर्गत विकासखंड मगरलौड के मूल कार्य, लघुमूल कार्य, जमा मद कार्य, साधारण एवं विशेष मरम्मत कार्य के संभावित विद्युतीकरण कार्य। प्रथम आमंत्रण	9.50
4	T0072	विकासखंड बलीदावाजार में आवसी एवं गैर आवसीय भवनों के मूल कार्य, लघुमूल कार्य, जमा कार्य, विशेष मरम्मत कार्य एवं साधारण मरम्मत कार्य के अंतर्गत विद्युतीकरण कार्य। प्रथम आमंत्रण	19.50
4	T0073	स्थित संभाग बलीदावाजार के अंतर्गत आवसी एवं गैर आवसीय भवनों के मूल कार्य, लघुमूल कार्य, जमा कार्य, साधारण एवं साधारण मरम्मत कार्य के अंतर्गत विद्युतीकरण कार्य। प्रथम आमंत्रण	19.00
4	T0074	वि. / या. उपसंभाग विधानसभा रायपुर अंतर्गत नवीन विधान मदन में पुराने ए.सी. के बदलकर नए ए.सी. लगाने हेतु प्रदान एवं स्थापना का कार्य। (App. Make-Vollas/Bluestar/Panasonic) प्रथम आमंत्रण	18.50
4	T0075	वि. / या. उपसंभाग विधानसभा रायपुर अंतर्गत विधानसभा सदन में अतिरिक्त ऑडियो सिस्टम डी. डी. एस्.पी. लगाने का कार्य। (App. Make- Bhratler/AGK) प्रथम आमंत्रण	11.00
4	T0076	शासकीय आवसीय वी-03 एवं डी-8 स्थित साइन रायपुर में स्थापित वाहनचालक संरक्षक, वाहनचालक इकाई का वार्षिक मरम्मत एवं अनुसंधान कार्य। (App. Make-Vollas/Bluestar) प्रथम आमंत्रण	4.30
4	T0077	छ.ग. विधानसभा अंतर्गत नवनिर्मित डी-ब्लॉक में लो वोल्टेज एवं ऑडियो सिस्टम संबंधित कार्य। प्रथम आमंत्रण	10.50
4	T0078	Providing annual maintenance service to 2x500 KVA Transformer, 33/0.433 KV substation, LT panels at Administration Academy Nimora under PWD E/M subdivision Vidhansabha, Raipur (C.G.) प्रथम आमंत्रण	9.00
4	T0079	E/F work to newly proposed Govt 1 no Bandi Bairak and Bandi Toilet in district Jail, Gariyaband Chhattisgarh प्रथम आमंत्रण	4.90
4	T0080	Providing electrification work of record room of CE office and RDC building 4th floor, Sirpur Bhawan Campus, Civil Lines, Raipur CG प्रथम आमंत्रण	10.63
4	T0081	E/F work under (Deposit/SR/OM/MOW) of Jora section under PWD ELM Mantralay subdivision, Raipur (C.G.) प्रथम आमंत्रण	19.00
4	T0082	E/F work under (Deposit/SR/OM/MOW) of NRB building at Tikrapara section under PWD E/M Mantralay subdivision, Raipur (C.G.) प्रथम आमंत्रण	19.00
4	T0083	E/F work to newly proposed Govt Registrar & Sub Registrar composite building at Gariyaband, Dist. Gariyaband (C.G.) प्रथम आमंत्रण	8.00
4	T0084	वि. / या. उपसंभाग विधानसभा रायपुर अंतर्गत विधानसभा सेक्टर में मूल/लघुमूल/जमा/वार्षिक मरम्मत कार्य के संभावित विद्युतीकरण कार्य। प्रथम आमंत्रण	16.00
4	T0085	Supply and installation of Cassette type Air Conditioner at C.G. Vidhansabha Bhawan, Raipur (C.G.) प्रथम आमंत्रण	6.00
4	T0086	E/F work to newly proposed Govt High School at Chhindaula block, Gariyaband Chhattisgarh प्रथम आमंत्रण	7.34

नोट :- निविदा प्रश्न हेतु आवेदन प्रस्तुत करने की अंतिम तिथि दिनांक 15 / 06 / 2023 अपराह्न 5:30 बजे तक

निविदा संबंधी शर्तें विभाग की वेबसाइट [www.cg.nic.in/pwdraipur](http://www.cg.nic.in/pwdraipur) में Live Tender के अंतर्गत निविदा प्रश्न में उपलब्ध है। इनका अवलोकन संबंधित संभाग कार्यालय में किया जा सकता है।

शर्तें :- 1) उपरोक्त कार्यों के आवेदन प्राप्त होने पर ही नियमानुसार भुगतान की कार्यवाही की जावेगी।

कार्यपालन अभियंता  
लो. नि. वि. वि/यां संभाग रायपुर छ.ग.

G-01855/2

## 6 killed, 3 injured in explosion inside house in Pakistan's Punjab province

**Lahore, Jun 01 (PTI):**

At least six people of the same family were killed and three others injured on Thursday in a blast in Punjab province of Pakistan, police said.

The incident took place in a house in Kot Addu district, some 400kms from Lahore. According to police, Muhammad Iqbal of Daira Deen Panah area, did a scrap business and often stored recyclable material at home. "On Thursday morning, a powerful

blast occurred in the storeroom at Iqbal's house killing him, his wife Haseena, their two minor children and two women relatives on the spot.

The three other people suffered injuries and have been shifted to hospital," the police said. They said apparently some explosive material was stored in the house that went off. "An investigation team has been constituted headed by the district police officer (DPO) to probe the matter," the police said.

**रायपुर विकास प्राधिकरण**  
भक्त माता कर्म व्यावसायिक परिसर, न्यू गजेन्द्र नगर, रायपुर (छत्तीसगढ़)

**निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना**  
(क्रमांक- 21 दिनांक 01.06.2023)

रायपुर विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा छ.ग. शासन के एकल प्रणाली पंजीयन के अंतर्गत "द" श्रेणी (एक करोड़ तक के निर्माण कार्यों के लिये) एवं उससे ऊपर की श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु पी.डब्ल्यू.डी. भवन एस.ओ.आर. 01.01.2015 पर मुखरद निविदा प्राधिकरण की निष्पत्ति निविदा प्रश्न "अ" प्रतिशत कम/अधिक दरों में दिनांक 20.06.2023 को अपराह्न 4.00 बजे तक आमंत्रित की जाती है। जो उसी दिन अपराह्न 4.15 बजे तक प्राधिकरण कार्यालय में उपस्थित निविदाकर्ताओं के समक्ष खोली जावेगी। उक्त आमंत्रण सूचना तथा आगामी संशोधन वेबसाइट <https://rda.cgstate.gov.in/> में देखा जा सकता है।

क्रं.	कार्य का विवरण	अनुमानित लागत	धरोहर राशि	निविदा प्रश्न की कोमत	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	प्राधिकरण की टैगोर नगर में निर्मित प्राधिकरण के स्टोर में संचारण एवं मरम्मत का कार्य।	रु. 12.67 लाख	रु. 26,000/-	रु. 2,000/-	डेढ़ माह

निविदा प्रश्न प्राधिकरण कार्यालय में सहायक अधीक्षक (तक.) से शासकीय कार्य दिवसों में दिनांक 19.06.2023 को (बेचरत 1.30 बजे तक) निष्पत्ति राशि नगर में राशि जमा कर तथा अन्य जानकारी प्राप्त किया जा सकता है।

कार्यपालन अभियंता

## GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MANIYARI WATER RESOURCES DIVISION, MUNGELI, DISTT.-MUNGELI (C.G.)

**e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE**  
eProcurement Portal: <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>

**NIT No.: 03/SAC/2023-24, Gr.No. 01 & 02**  
Dated: 30.05.2023  
Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to 19-06-2023 at 17.30 Hour

**Group No. 01 Name of work - BALANCE WORK OF C.C. LINING BETWEEN RD 0M. TO 3015M., RD 4030M. TO 6060M., PITHAMPUR MINOR RD 0M. TO 1200M., KUWAGAON MINOR RD 0M. TO 600M., SODAR MINOR-01 RD 0M. TO 1050M. & CONSTRUCTION 02 NOS. VRB, RENOVATION OF 07 NOS. VRB, 05 NOS. FALL, 03 NOS. HEAD REGULATOR & FIXING OF 20 NOS. COLABA IN KHAPARI DISTRIBUTORY OF MANIYARI TANK SCHEME.**

**(SECOND CALL) System Tender No. 135782, Probable Amount of Contract:- Rs. 831.94 Lakhs**

(As Per SOR Amended on 22.08.2022)

**Group No. 02 Name of work - BALANCE WORK OF C.C. LINING BETWEEN RD 8550M. TO 10170 M., RD 11700M. TO 17200 M., SODAR MINOR-02 RD 0M. TO 600M., FARHADA MINOR RD 0M. TO 500M. & CONSTRUCTION OF 06 NOS. VRB, RENOVATION OF 04 NOS. VRB, 11 NOS. FALL 02 NOS. HEAD REGULATOR & FIXING OF 28 NOS. COLABA IN KHAPARI DISTRIBUTORY OF MANIYARI TANK SCHEME.**

**(SECOND CALL) System Tender No. 135783, Probable Amount of Contract: Rs. 672.72 Lakhs**

(As Per SOR Amended on 22.08.2022)

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) from Date 06.06.2023, at 17:31 Hours, (IST) onwards.

NOTE :- All eligible/interested contractors/bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the Integrated e-procurement portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) and get approval on specific vendor class from PWD under Centralized Contractor/Supplier Registration in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process.

**EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**  
MANIYARI W.R. DIVISION MUNGELI  
DISTT MUNGELI (C.G.)

G-01846/2

## GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MANIYARI WATER RESOURCES DIVISION, MUNGELI, DISTT.-MUNGELI (C.G.)

**e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE**  
eProcurement Portal: <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>

**NIT No.: 04/SAC/2023-24, Gr.No. 01 & 02**  
Dated: 31.05.2023  
Online Tenders are invited for the following works Gr. No. 01 up to 21.06.2023 & Gr. No. 02 up to 19-06-2023 at 17.30 Hour

**Group No. 01 Name of work - C.C. LINING OF RATIYAPARA MINOR RD 0.0 KM. TO RD 6.50 KM. (TAIL) OF D-3 BRANCH CANAL OF MANIYARI TANK SCHEME INCLUDING RENOVATION OF 2 NOS. OLD STRUCTURES AND CONSTRUCTION OF 9 NOS. NEW STRUCTURES INCLUDING FIXING OF 16 NOS. COLABA. (FIRST-CALL)**

**System Tender No. 136087, Probable Amount of Contract:- Rs. 502.08 Lakhs**

(As Per SOR Amended on 22.08.2022)

**Group No. 02 Name of work - RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION WORK FOR DIVERSIFIED OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER AND 2 NO. G-TYPE QUARTER, 01 NO. F-TYPE QUARTER WITH BOUNDARY WALL AT GOVERNMENT LAND SITUATED IN VILLAGE DHARAMPURA OF MUNGELI. (FIFTH CALL)**

**System Tender No. 136081, Probable Amount of Contract:- Rs. 162.71 Lakhs**

(As Per SOR 01.08.2010 and Amendments 01.08.2014)

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) from Date 07.06.2023, at 17:31 Hours, (IST) onwards.

NOTE :- All eligible/interested contractors/bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the Integrated e-procurement portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) and get approval on specific vendor class from PWD under Centralized Contractor/Supplier Registration in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process.

**EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**  
MANIYARI W.R. DIVISION MUNGELI  
DISTT MUNGELI (C.G.)

G-01863/1

## GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, WATER RESOURCES DIVISION No. 1 AMBIKAPUR

**e-Procurement Tender Notice**  
Main Portal: <http://cgprocurement.gov.in>  
WRD Portal: <http://wrld.cgprocurement.gov.in>  
(FIRST-CALL)

**Corrigendum**

No. 02 /SAC/ 2023-24 Date 30-05-2023

The following partial modifications are made. In the tender invited vide N.I.T. No. 01/SAC /2023-24 Dated 16.05.2023, Gr-1 System Tender No. 133768 For CONSTRUCTION OF SOHAGALIFT IRRIGATION SCHEME AT GHUNGHUTTA RIVER Whose "G" No. 01301 Date, 17-05-2023.

S.No.	Amendments
1	The Quantity of Under Ground Pipe Line (Class K-9 & K-7) 400 = 200 mm Ø Except Hume pine on The PQ Document : 1300.00x0.5 = 1300m 06/12

Note :- all other terms and conditions will be remain and unchanged.

**EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**  
WATER RESOURCES DIVISION No. 1, AMBIKAPUR  
For, Chief Engineer  
Hasdeo Ganga Basin, W.R. Deptt., Ambikapur (C.G.)

G-01878/3

## Office of the Superintending Engineer, P.W.D; National Highway Circle, Bilaspur (C.G.)

**Notice Inviting Tender No. 01(1-6)/G/2022-23**  
Bilaspur, Dated 30.05.2023

**Tender Notice (1st Call)**  
Online Tenders are invited Under Executive Engineer, P.W.D.; N.H. Division, Bilaspur (C.G.) for the following's Works upto 15.06.2023.

Sno.	Name of work	P.A.C. (Rs. In Lacs.)
1	2	3
01-	BT patch repair work in Km 363.000 to 373.505 and 375.620 to 385.700 (Sifli to Ambikapur Town portion) of Katni Gumla road NH -43.	Rs. 81.96
02-	Road repair work from km 388.990 to 413.017 (Near D' hilocks school to Batauli village) of Katni Gumla road NH -43 under the Risk and Cost of Job No. 078-CHH-NHDP-IV-2015-16-25 , Contractor- GVR Infra Project Ltd.	Rs. 75.11
03-	BT patch repair work in Km 433.850 to 437.675 (Sitapur Town portion) of Katni Gumla road NH -43	Rs. 57.23
04-	PROVIDING AND FIXING OF RETRO-REFLECTORISED SIGN BOARD ON N.H. -43, N.H. -130 AND N.H. 343 IN N.H. DIVISION AMBIKAPUR.	Rs. 71.34
05-	BITUMINOUS ROAD REPAIR & MAINTENANCE WORK IN KM 1/2 to 2/10, 4/4 to 17/6 UNDER SURGUA DISTRICT ON AMBIKAPUR RAMANUJGANJ GARWA ROAD NH-343.	Rs. 73.52
06-	BITUMINOUS ROAD REPAIR & MAINTENANCE WORK IN KM 17/8 to 32/10, 36/2 to 36/10, 39/2 to 48/4, 52/2 to 57/10 UNDER BALRAMPUR DISTRICT ON AMBIKAPUR RAMANUJGANJ GARWA ROAD NH-343.	Rs. 130.16

The tender documents can be purchased online through PWD Website <http://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> in before 15.06.2023. The other details can be viewed online on the above mentioned Website.

**Superintending Engineer**  
P.W.D; N.H. Circle  
Bilaspur (C.G.)

G-01864/1



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## Call for Action

## Transforming India's Tobacco Landscape

India has long been grappling with the devastating impact of tobacco consumption on public health. Despite the National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) being in place for over a decade, tobacco-related cancers still account for a significant portion of cancer cases in the country. It is high time to critically evaluate the effectiveness of the current campaign and bridge the gaps hindering its success. The World Health Organization's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO-FCTC) provides a comprehensive blueprint for combating tobacco use at various levels. India must align its strategies with this framework, ensuring that public health policies remain shielded from the influence of the powerful tobacco industry. Price and tax measures can play a crucial role in reducing tobacco demand, while regulations on tobacco product contents need to be strictly enforced. One major setback in India's fight against tobacco is the inadequate implementation and enforcement of anti-smoking regulations. Despite restrictions on smoking in public places, compliance remains woefully low. Smokers not only harm themselves but also expose non-smokers to the same health risks. It is imperative that authorities actively enforce these regulations and create a smoke-free environment for all. Of particular concern is the growing prevalence of tobacco use among school and college students in the northeast region. This indicates that the no-tobacco campaign has either failed to reach them or has not been compelling enough to persuade them to quit tobacco consumption. To address this, the campaign needs to be extended beyond mere gazetted notifications. Interactive awareness programs conducted in educational institutions, public spaces, and marketplaces can have a more profound impact on these impressionable minds. Furthermore, digital and social media platforms present an innovative opportunity to raise awareness about the health hazards of tobacco consumption. Leveraging these platforms effectively can amplify the reach of the campaign and engage with diverse population groups. However, it is crucial to ensure that these efforts facilitate two-way communication, encouraging questions and suggestions from participants rather than being one-sided monologues. The economic argument often cited in support of the tobacco industry must be debunked. Despite the health costs incurred due to tobacco-related diseases far exceeding the industry's contribution to the economy, it continues to thrive. To truly curb tobacco production, alternative livelihood opportunities must be offered to growers, suppliers, and local traders involved in the tobacco value chain. Promoting the cultivation of alternative cash crops can be a viable solution, provided it offers comparable or better economic prospects. Bridging the gaps in the no-tobacco campaign and its implementation requires prioritization in policymaking. Policymakers must recognize the urgency of reducing the disease burden on states and the country as a whole. By saving lives and improving living standards, concerted efforts to combat tobacco use can contribute to the overall well-being and prosperity of the nation. It is time for India to reinvigorate its fight against tobacco. With a comprehensive approach, strengthened enforcement, targeted awareness programs, and sustainable alternatives, we can make significant strides towards a tobacco-free future. The health and well-being of our citizens depend on it.

## Need for Positive Politics from the Opposition

By Prof. Manmohan Prakash

In India, when will the opposition engage in positive politics? It is widely believed that the role of the opposition is to criticize the ruling party, voice concerns over wrong policies, and represent the common people. However, this should never entail opposing even the right actions of the ruling party, labeling the right as wrong and vice versa. I recall when Atal Bihari Vajpayee led the opposition, he praised the good work of the ruling party. Even when Prime Minister Indira Gandhi conducted a nuclear test, the opposition lauded the decision. Whether it was the declaration of Sikkim as a state or the liberation of Bangladesh from Pakistan, the opposition refrained from criticizing the ruling party. Vajpayee was even sent to the United Nations to speak on behalf of the government while being in the opposition. Sadly, the nature of Indian politics seems to be changing. Neither the ruling party is willing to listen to the opposition nor does the ruling party give importance to the opposition. The practice of acknowledging the ruling party's right actions, as seen during Vajpayee's time, is becoming extinct. When India teaches Pakistan a lesson, the Indian Prime Minister is criticized, and evidence is demanded. Even when Modi receives honors from the world's most powerful heads of state and his policies are appreciated by world leaders, the opposition finds fault in it. It is simple to understand that the government of the ruling party is responsible for carrying out development works, introducing plans, and making amendments to rules and regulations. The opposition can only vote in favor of or against these works. In the Indian parliamentary system, decisions are made based on majority votes. It is natural for the opposition to feel sidelined in this democratic system, where decisions are taken by the ruling party. What does the opposition have to do with who inaugurates buildings and schemes at the center and in the states? If there is any corruption involved, it must be exposed, as that is the duty of the opposition. The public also expects the same from the opposition. Recently, some political parties boycotted the inauguration ceremony of the new Parliament House, but such boycotts cannot be justified. Members of Parliament have a responsibility to attend the new Parliament House and fulfill their parliamentary duties. Politicians must remember that today's public and voters are not interested in who inaugurates what. They are interested in the development of their areas, increased employment opportunities, freedom from corruption, adherence to rules and regulations, improved facilities, security from Naxalism and terrorism, and safeguarding the country's borders. They also want India's intellectual prowess to be recognized by foreign nations and its name to be respected and honored. As Indian citizens, let us set aside our differences and work for the pride of our nation. The nation should be our priority, and with this in mind, let us raise our voices, saying, "Jai Hind, Jai Bharat."

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## VP MEETS NEPAL'S PM



Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar with Nepal's Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' and his daughter Ganga Dahal during a meeting, in New Delhi, Thursday, June 01.

## Addressing Food Waste: A Key Solution to India's Hunger Crisis

## 40% of India's Food Ends Up in the Bin



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Food losses can't be brought to zero; even developed nations experience it. On 14 October, the Global Hunger Index 2022 was released. Out of 121 countries, India ranks 107, and the level of hunger and undernutrition in the country is now at "serious" levels. India's rank on this index has been worsening since 2020 – 94 in 2020 and 101 in 2021. In fact, as of now, at 19.3 per cent, it has the highest rate of child wasting, or the proportion of children under 5 years with lower weight for their height, in the world. About 16.3 per cent of Indians are undernourished, and about one in every three children is stunted, meaning the proportion of children under 5 years with lower height for age. This is despite India being the largest producer of milk, pulses, bananas, and second-largest producer of wheat, rice, and vegetables in the world. It is also among the top producers of livestock products such as fish and poultry. 40% of India's Food Ends Up in the Bin. Checking Food Waste Can Solve Most of India's Problems.

As per ancient Indian wisdom, food is hailed as nectar, and wastage of food is considered a sin. It further teaches that we should always eat a little less than what fills

our stomachs. In other words, we should eat less than our appetite. We should fill 50% of our stomachs with solid food, 25% with fluids and the rest should be kept empty.

Do you know that one-third of all food globally goes to waste? That's enough to feed 3 billion people! If food waste were a country, it would be the third-largest greenhouse gas emitter on the planet! If we all stop wasting edible food, it would be the equivalent of taking one in four cars off the road. As per the available data, the average person in India wastes 137 grams of food every single day. That's 0.96 kg per week or 50 kg per year. In India, 40% of the food is wasted which is equivalent to Rs 92,000 crores a year. The United Nations aims at tackling global hunger and striving to eradicate hunger across the world. But question arises are we learning something from the celebration not to waste food in order to tackle hunger? Food wastage is fast assuming serious dimensions. According to the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), a staggering 1.3 billion tonnes of food is being wasted annually. The FAO report further states that one-third of the total global food production is wasted, costing the world economy

about \$750 billion or INR 47 lakh crore. According to the UN Hunger Report, although the world produces enough food to feed the entire global population, still as many as 811 million people go hungry every day. It is because of food wastage. As per Food and Agricultural Organisation report, nearly 931 million tonnes of food go to waste each year which accounts for nearly 17% of global food production. As per the UN Environment Programme's (UNEP) Food Waste Index Report, 2021 61% of food waste comes from households, 26% from food service and 13% from retail.

According to the report, the US wasted 59 kg per household and China 64 kg per household. The household food waste estimate in the US 19,359,951 tonnes a year, while China accounts for 91,646,213 tonnes of food wastage a year that amounts to a staggering 68,760,163 metric tonnes of household food waste per year. According to a report by the National Resources Defence Council (NRDC), 40 per cent of the food goes uneaten in the US, whereas in Asia, India and China cause a loss 1.3 billion tonnes of food waste every year.

It's a grim paradox; a country that struggles to feed its starving population also wastes a lot of food. This contradiction puts India in a piquant situation: It produces more, wastes more while more people go hungry. Indians waste as much food as the whole of United Kingdom consumes – food wastage is an alarming issue in India. Our streets and garbage bins, landfills have enough proof to prove it. Wastage of food is not indicative of only hunger or pollution, but also many economic problems in the country, such as inflation. In India, the bigger the wedding, the

larger the party and the more colossal the waste. Weddings, restaurants, hotels, social and family functions, households spew out so much food. In an eye-opening revelation, Indian households waste 50 kilograms of food per person per year or 68,760,163 tonnes a year., according to the United Nations Environment Programme's Food Waste Index Report 2021. In India, 40% of the food is wasted which is equivalent to Rs 92,000 crore a year. Around 1% of the GDP is depleted in the form of food wastage. According to the Ministry of Agriculture (Govt of India), INR 50,000 crore of food produced gets wasted every year.

Food loss and waste undermine the sustainability of our food systems. When food is lost or wasted, all the resources that were used to produce this food – including water, land, energy, labour and capital – go to waste. Food wastage's carbon footprint is estimated at 3.3 billion tonnes of CO2 equivalent of GHG released into the atmosphere per year. Only government policies are not responsible for food waste problem we are facing today, but our culture and traditions are also playing a lead role in this drama. So, stopping the wastage of food is one single step that can make our country and planet a better place to live. It is a very easy habit that needs a small tweaking of our existing habits of how we consume and store our food.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## WFI Chief Under Fire

In the recent "Protesting wrestlers" incident, Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief and BJP MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh has faced FIRs only after the Supreme Court's intervention. Surprisingly, the wrestlers who protested were swiftly charged with trivial offenses. The public can see the political game at play and who is being protected. Despite these protests, the government appears unaware of the situation. Supporting someone with a questionable past may have detrimental consequences for the BJP in the future. While the investigation is ongoing, it is in the best interest of the BJP leadership to request the immediate resignation of the WFI president.

MK Nair, Raipur

## Appalling Treatment

In a striking irony, as the Sengol, symbolizing fair governance, was being inaugurated in the new Parliament building, prominent women wrestlers were forcefully evicted from their protest site. Shockingly, one of the BJP MPs is facing charges under the POCSO Act, yet remains unarrested. The "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" campaign and claims of women's empowerment lose credibility when the central government appears to side with the accused in sexual harassment cases, while taking action against those seeking justice. It is imperative for governments to exhibit unwavering dedication in safeguarding women's rights, as mere rhetoric falls short of meaningful actions.

Raj Kumar, Kannur, Kerala

## Public Tragedy

In the disturbing incident of 'Boyfriend stabs, bludgeons teen to death in public,' a minor was brutally murdered in broad daylight in Delhi. This tragic event is deeply saddening and unfortunate. It lays bare the alarming decline in law and order within the capital, where criminals appear to operate without fear of consequences. Moreover, it highlights a distressing erosion of human values. Prompt intervention by brave individuals might have saved the young girl's life. Violence must never be tolerated or justified under any circumstances. It is imperative to implement stronger security measures to curb the rising crime rates and protect the vulnerable members of our society.

Shiv Kumar Mishra, Raipur

## Strengthening India-Turkiye Relations

Recep Tayyip Erdogan's recent victory in Turkiye's presidential election showcases his widespread popularity among the masses, which has disappointed the West and the US in their efforts to isolate Russia through Sweden's potential NATO membership. India views Erdogan's close ties with China and Pakistan with concern, particularly after Turkiye raised the Kashmir issue at the UNHRC earlier this year, drawing India's condemnation. Instead of maintaining distance, it is imperative for both India and Turkiye to enhance their bilateral relations, fostering economic and strategic benefits for each other. By prioritizing collaboration, these two nations can forge a stronger partnership for mutual growth and progress.

Krishna Kumar T M, Kollam

## Wrestlers' Plight Mirrors Historical Failings



Yash Pal Raihan

In the echoes of the Simon Commission and the resolute words of freedom fighter Lala Lajpat Rai, who stated that each blow against him would strike a nail into the coffin of British imperialism, we find ourselves reflect-

ing on the current plight of wrestlers in India. There is a growing discontent among the masses due to the government's apparent silence and inaction. We question why swift action was taken against M.J. Akbar in a "Me Too" case while the issue of wrestlers remains unresolved. The prolonged delay in addressing crucial matters is not new, as we have witnessed in previous incidents such as the NDA-1 ordinance on land acquisition and the prolonged farmers' agitation.

The mishandling of important issues reflects poorly on the country's image, particularly as we host the G20 conference. Such incidents are quickly reported abroad, and we must strive to avoid tarnishing our reputation. The farmers' agitation, lasting over a year and resulting in the loss of hundreds of lives, serves

as a reminder of the consequences of allowing grievances to fester. Similarly, the issue of wrestlers must be promptly resolved, with a clear announcement from the government.

We cannot forget the blunders made during the implementation of demonetization, which resulted in the reported deaths of 146 individuals. Lessons from that experience should have informed the current process of demonetizing the Rs 2,000 note, ensuring that it is carried out smoothly without causing unnecessary hardships for the common man.

Another critical struggle is taking place between the Supreme Court and the government regarding the appointment of judges in high courts and the Supreme Court. Undesirable statements have been made from both sides, and it remains to be

seen if a change in the law ministry will lead to any improvements in the situation.

The inauguration of the new Parliament building could have been a moment for amicable resolutions, yet it seems to have faced obstacles, much like the issue of the wrestlers. It is important to acknowledge that the entire nation stands in support of the wrestlers, and mishandling their case due to the involvement of a BJP member of parliament may prove costly for the party in future elections.

Prime Minister Modi, known for his political acumen, must not remain a silent spectator on the wrestlers' issue, especially considering the government's claims of sensitivity towards women's problems and the positive steps taken in that regard. Failing to address this matter may damage the party's reputation in the upcoming

assembly elections, as was witnessed in the loss of the Karnataka elections.

An impartial inquiry should be conducted into the brutality faced by the wrestlers, ensuring that those responsible are held accountable. The peaceful protests of the wrestlers should be condemned by all citizens who value peace, and measures should be put in place to prevent such atrocities from occurring again in the future. Failure to take action in this regard would be akin to the days of the Simon Commission, although the circumstances have significantly changed with the presence of a constitution and deep democracy. Let the example of the Simon Commission serve as a reminder of the atrocities faced by the wrestlers, highlighting the urgent need for justice and resolution.



## BRIEF

## AI intervention



**New Delhi:** Delhi Finance Minister Kailash Gahlot said the collection of GST and VAT in the city was more than Rs 34,000 crores in 2022-23, and claimed Delhi will be a leading state for tax administration through the intervention of artificial intelligence. Trade and Taxes department plays an important role in the government, Gahlot said in a review meeting.

## FTA talks



**New Delhi:** Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Wednesday told Indian Foreign Service (IFS) probationers of the 2022 batch that they would be contributing to the efforts of negotiating free trade agreements with India's trading partners. "You will be contributing to our efforts in negotiating Free Trade Agreements with our important trading partners," Goyal said.

## Crop damage



**Chandigarh:** Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said an amount of Rs 181 crore has been released to the farmers who have suffered rabi crop damage due to unseasonal rains. The chief minister has transferred this compensation directly into the accounts of the farmers through e-Kshatipurti portal, according to an official statement. The crops had been damaged due to unseasonal rains in the state in March-April this year.

# For the first time, India setting agenda for G20: Kant

New Delhi, Jun 01:



India's G20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant on Thursday said that for the first time, India is setting agenda for G20, and the whole world is responding to its positive and constructive initiatives. Addressing 'Times Network India Economic Conclave', Kant further said as G20 President, the job of India is to bring consensus on a vast range of issues, including economic and developmental issues, which are impacting the emerging markets of the world. "If you look back over the years, in the last five or six decades, we have actually responded to an agenda set by the developed world always.

"This is the first time that India is setting an agenda for G20, which accounts for about 85 per

cent of the global GDP," he said. India assumed the presidency of G20 for one year from December 1, 2022, to November 31, 2023. The G20 Summit will be held in New Delhi on September 9-10.

"So, we are setting the agenda and the world is responding to that agenda. And therefore, we picked up a very positive, very constructive development agenda, which takes care of emerging markets,

which takes care of the global south and takes care of very human-centric, global development," the former Niti Aayog CEO said. Responding to a question on the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war, Kant said the war is an important issue for Europe.

He pointed out that COVID has left 200 million people below the poverty line, 100 million people have lost their jobs, 75 countries in the world are facing a global debt crisis, and 1/3 of the world is in recession. Kant further said the world is facing a crisis of climate action and climate finance.

"These are very important issues for emerging markets and developing countries. These issues need to be brought to the centre stage, not just the issue," he emphasised. Responding to criticism

that India is not on the right side of history as it has not directly condemned Russia, Kant said India looks at the world as a whole. "We should not end up getting caught in just one issue. It's very important to look beyond this issue to understand what the citizens of the world are confronted with and find a solution to the challenges.

Russia launched a special military operation in Ukraine on February 24, 2022. The Russian action has been widely condemned by the US-led West. "If we get just caught up in that one issue, we will be forgetting all the other challenges, which both emerging and developing countries are confronted with," he said, adding that it is very important to focus on all these issues.

## India's economy likely to grow in 6.5-6.7 pc range in FY'24: CII President R Dinesh

New Delhi, Jun 01:



Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) President R. Dinesh addresses during a press conference, in New Delhi, Thursday, June 1.

Industry body CII on Thursday said India's economy is expected to grow in the range of 6.5-6.7 per cent in the current financial year supported by strong domestic drivers and robust capex momentum of the government. India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew by 6.1 per cent in the March quarter of 2022-23, pushing the annual growth rate to 7.2 per cent. The growth has propelled the country's economy to USD 3.3 trillion, setting the stage for achieving the USD 5 trillion target in the next few years. Addressing the media, newly elected President of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) R Dinesh said India's GDP growth is expected to leapfrog to 7.8 per cent in the next decade (FY22-31) from 6.6 per cent previously recorded. "We expect GDP growth in a

range of 6.5-6.7 per cent in 2023-24, supported by strong domestic drivers and robust capex momentum of the government," Dinesh said. He said the government's structural reform agenda has enabled the country to become the highest growing economy in the current scenario, and we believe this can be

sustained going forward.

"This year is very important in view of India assuming the G20 Presidency. The entire world is looking at India. In the last year, there has been a significant focus on India and the opportunities that arise from this are important for us," the CII President said. The industry body also expects the consumer price index (CPI) based retail inflation to fall within RBI's target range in 2023-24. Dinesh stressed that given the fast moderation in inflation, the Reserve Bank should continue with a pause in the short-term lending rate (repo rate) and also change its stance to neutral. The retail inflation declined to an 18-month low of 4.7 per cent in April and the data for May is scheduled to be released later this month. The retail inflation was 5.66 per cent in March 2023 and 7.79 per cent in the year-ago period.

## Inter-ministerial consultation on for new industrial policy: DPIIT Secy

New Delhi, Jun 01:



An inter-ministerial consultation is going on for formulation of a new industrial policy, which would aim at building a globally competitive business environment to increase manufacturing and exports, a top government official has said. This would be the third industrial policy after the first in 1956 and the second in 1991.

It is likely to replace the industrial policy of 1991 which was prepared against the backdrop of the balance of payment crisis. "The policy is in the process of inter-ministerial consultation...It will focus on newer set of industries that has now come," Secretary in Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) Rajesh

Kumar Singh told PTI. The proposed policy is likely to suggest reforms to foster and create a globally progressive, innovative and competitive industrial ecosystem. The six core objectives of the policy may include focus on competitiveness and capability; economic integration and moving up the global value chain; promoting India as an attractive investment destination in the world; nurturing innovation and entre-

preneurship; and circular and sustainable ecosystem. After the completion of the consultations, the department is likely to approach the Union Cabinet for its approval. When asked about the progress on revising Wholesale Price Index (WPI) base year from 2011-12 to 2017-18, Singh said it is also in the process of inter-ministerial consultation. Revising the base year would help in presenting a more realistic picture of the price situation in the country.

The department in June 2021 had issued a draft technical report of a working group, which suggested revising the base year and addition of about 480 items such as medicinal plants, pen drive, lifts, gymnasium equipment, and certain motorcycle engines in the new series.

## GST mop-up crosses Rs 1.5 lakh crore for third month in a row; up 12 pc in May

New Delhi, Jun 01:



GST collections crossed Rs 1.50 lakh crore for the third month in a row, recording a 12 per cent increase in May at over Rs 1.57 lakh crore, according to the official data released on Thursday. The collections, tax experts said, reflects a continuation of the good economic performance across states witnessed since last year. The gross Good & Services Tax (GST) revenue collected in the month of May, 2023 is Rs 1,57,090 crore of which Central GST is Rs 28,411 crore, State GST is Rs 35,828 crore, Integrated GST is Rs 81,363 crore (including Rs 41,772 crore collected on import of goods) and cess is Rs 11,489 crore (including Rs 1,057 crore collected on import of goods), a finance ministry

statement said. "The revenues for the month of May 2023 are 12 per cent higher than the GST revenues in the same month last year," the ministry said. During the month, revenue from import of goods was 12 per cent higher and the revenues from domestic transactions (including import of services) are 11 per cent higher than the revenues from these sources during the same month last year.

May is the third month in a row that tax collec-

tions from goods sold and services rendered have crossed Rs 1.50 lakh crore. In April GST revenues had touched a record high of Rs 1.87 lakh crore, while in March it was Rs 1.60 lakh crore. May is the 14th month in a row when monthly GST revenues came in more than Rs 1.4 lakh crore. Collections have crossed the Rs 1.5 lakh crore-mark for the 5th time since the implementation of GST on July 1, 2017.

KPMG in India National Head (Indirect Taxes) Abhishek Jain said the GST collection matches with the government budget estimates for this fiscal. "With extensive department GST audits lined up before September 2023, these figures may likely go up from here in the months to come," Jain added.

Deloitte India Partner M S Mani said these collections, while being lower than the previous year-end month, pertain to supply transactions undertaken in April. "While the collections in absolute terms are lower than the previous month - which had an embedded year-end impact - it reflects a continuation of the inherently good economic performance across states witnessed since last year," Mani added.

ICRA Chief Economist Aditi Nayar said GST revenues in May 2023 have modestly exceeded expectations. "Over the next few months, we expect GST revenues to print at Rs 1.55-1.65 trillion and record an expansion of 10-11 per cent in YoY terms, broadly in line with the nominal GDP growth expected in FY2024," Nayar said.

## Vedanta Aluminium raises menstrual hygiene awareness

New Delhi, Jun 01:

Vedanta Aluminium, the largest aluminium producer in India, reached out to over 2300 women to raise awareness around women's health as part of Menstrual Hygiene Week across its operations in Odisha and Chhattisgarh. Aligned to this year's UN theme of 'Making menstruation a normal fact of life by 2030', the company launched a series of crucial initiatives in an effort to improve rural women's health, including the establishment of a sanitary napkin production unit, the installation of sanitary napkin dispensing machines at its plant premises, and several awareness sessions on Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM). Vedanta Aluminium's initiatives are in continuation of its longstanding commitment to promoting rural women's health and well-being in the areas

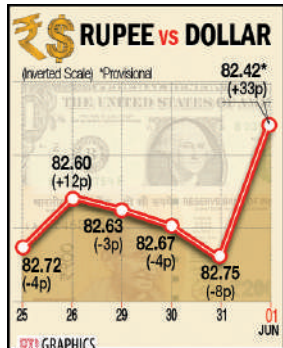
around its operations, towards helping them make informed, safer choices and dispelling myths. The company is also fostering transformative socio-economic impact through the local production and supply of affordable and eco-friendly feminine hygiene products from women-led microenterprises in the communities. Sharing his views, Mr Rahul Sharma, CEO, Vedanta Ltd - Aluminium Business said, "At Vedanta Aluminium, we consider the health and well-being of local communities and our employees as our utmost priority. Our initiatives during Menstrual Hygiene Week reflect our continued focus on enhancing the well-being of women in our communities, who, as the primary caregivers of children in rural areas, are crucial to ensuring the overall being of entire communities as well.

## Rupee rises 33 paise to close at 82.42 against US dollar

Mumbai, Jun 01:

The rupee appreciated by 33 paise to close at 82.42 (provisional) against the US dollar on Thursday, as positive macroeconomic data strengthened investor sentiments. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened at 82.54 against the US dollar and settled at 82.42 (provisional), up 33 paise over its previous close amid sustained foreign fund inflows.

During the day, the domestic unit witnessed an intra-day high of 82.36 and a low of 82.54. On Wednesday, the rupee closed at 82.75 against the US currency. The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, fell 0.20 per cent to 104.12. Global oil bench-



mark Brent crude futures advanced 0.17 per cent to USD 72.72 per barrel. "The Indian rupee strengthened amid stellar economic data and foreign fund inflows. It has clocked the best single-day gain in almost two months following dollar inflows and lower commodity prices," Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, HDFC Securities said.

## Commercial LPG price cut by Rs 83.5, ATF by 7 pc

New Delhi, Jun 01:

Price of commercial LPG, which is used by business establishments like hotels and restaurants, on Thursday was cut by Rs 83.5 per 19-kg cylinder - the third straight monthly reduction, while rates of jet fuel (ATF) were slashed by 7 per cent on softening international oil prices.

A 19-kg commercial LPG now costs Rs 1,773 in the national capital, down from Rs Rs 1,856.5, according to price notification from state-owned fuel retailers. This is the third straight monthly reduction in commercial LPG prices. Rates were cut by Rs 91.5 per 19-kg cylinder on April 1, and by a steep Rs 171.5 on May 1.

## NMDC records best ever May month performance

Hyderabad, Jun 01:

State Miner NMDC produced 3.71 MnT and sold 3.62 MnT of iron ore in the second month of FY24, recording the highest ever May month production and sales in company history.

Registering an upswing of 16% in production and 37% in sales over CPLY, NMDC has made a strong start to the fiscal. Country's largest iron ore producer has achieved its best ever April and May performances since inception in FY24. NMDC's cumulative production and sales in FY24 witnessed a 13.7% and 22% growth respec-



tively. In the first two months of the financial year, the company produced 7.22 MnT and sold 7.05 MnT iron ore.

Commenting on this performance, Amitava Mukherjee, CMD (Additional Charge) said on Wednesday that "India's volume of iron ore production has been predicted to grow by about 10% in FY24. As the largest contributor to this volume, NMDC has set the momentum right with record production and sales at the start of FY24. Our investment in new age tech and digitalization is paying rich dividends to the company and the industry."

## Electric vehicle makers require 13 mn sq ft real estate space by 2030 to meet output target: CBRE

New Delhi, Jun 01:

Electric vehicle manufacturers will need around 13 million square feet of real estate space by 2030 to make targeted 23 million units of two-wheelers and 4 million units of four-wheelers, according to CBRE. Real estate consultant CBRE South Asia released a report, 'Electric Vehicles in India - New Wheels on the Roads', on Thursday that focuses on the trends, growth, and influence of electric vehicles (EVs) on the real estate sector in India. "Real estate requirements of manufacturing facilities of 4-wheeler and 2-wheeler (4W and

2W) electric vehicles is estimated to be around 13 million square feet by 2030 as a result of the government's EV adoption targets," it said. Moreover, EV battery manufacturing facilities would require 2,400 acre of land to accommodate the production of 200 GWh of batteries by 2030. By 2030, this real estate requirement will allow a production capacity of about 4 million units of 4Ws and 23 million units of 2Ws. The Indian EV market is expected to grow at a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 49 per cent between 2021-2030 and cross annual sales of 17 million units by 2030.

## Markets extend losses for 2nd day in highly volatile trade

Mumbai, Jun 01:

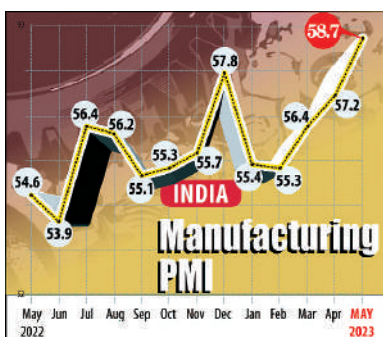
Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty ended lower in highly volatile trade on Thursday due to selling in banking, metal and energy counters amid a mixed trend in the global markets. Falling for the second day in a row, the 30-share BSE Sensex declined 193.70 points or 0.31 per cent to settle at 62,428.54 even after a positive beginning. During the day, it fell 263.1 points or 0.42 per cent to 62,359.14. The NSE Nifty fell 46.65 points or 0.25 per cent to finish at 18,487.75. "Despite challenges in the global economies, the domestic market displayed better than estimated Q4 earnings growth, along with



7.2 per cent GDP growth in FY23, adding buoyancy to the market during the week. "However, today the market closed with a marginal negative bias in which banks witnessed heavy profit-booking. Investors turned cautious in anticipation of inflationary pressure in the US after raising the US debt ceiling," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

## India's manufacturing PMI hits 31-month high in May

New Delhi, Jun 01:



Manufacturing activities in India advanced further and touched a 31-month high in May supported by stronger increase in new orders and favourable market conditions, which in turn generated more employment opportunities, a monthly survey said on Thursday. The seasonally adjusted S&P Global India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rose from 57.2 in April to 58.7 in May, indicating the strongest improvement in the health of the sector since October 2020. The May PMI data pointed to an improvement in overall operating conditions for the 23rd straight month. In PMI parlance, a print above 50 means expansion while a score below 50 indicates contraction.

"The PMI's spotlight on soaring sales showcases robust demand for

Indian-made products both domestically and internationally. "While the upturn in domestic orders strengthens the foundations of the economy, rising external business foster international partnerships and boost India's position in the global market. Combined, they also generated more employment opportunities in May," said Pollyanna De Lima, Economics Associate Director at

S&P Global Market Intelligence. Companies registered the quickest expansion in international sales for six months, the survey said. As per the report, the surge in sales paved the way for stronger increases in production, employment and quantities of purchases.

With supply chain-conditions improving further, companies noted a record accumulation in input inventories, it added. "The record increase in input stocks shows a better preparedness of manufacturers in managing supply chains. This should allow firms to mitigate potential disruptions, maintain a steady flow of production and demonstrate the industry's resilience in the face of challenges," Lima said. On the price front, cost pressures remained historically mild, but demand strength facilitated a solid and quicker increase in output charges.



# Unveiling the World of Art and Creativity with Curator Ranbir Rath

**Sweta Sinha**

**Ranbir Rath, a distinguished gallerist and curator, offers unique insights into the world of art and creativity. With her insightful views on curating exhibitions and managing art galleries, Rath offers a unique glimpse into the intricate world of artistic expression. In an interview with**

**Sweta Sinha, she shares details about her successful show, "Meandering Brush," along with her thoughts on the challenges and rewards of her roles as both a gallerist and a curator. Furthermore, Rath divulges exciting plans for future exhibitions, including collaborations with budding artists and community organizations.**

**Question 1 – Tell us about your recent show which you recently curated?**

**Rathi:** "Meandering Brush" was an enthralling exhibition that I had the privilege to curate. It was a remarkable experience curating a solo show for Neha Bisht, where I aimed to showcase her artistic growth in every phase. The exhibition took viewers on a mesmerizing journey through various styles, techniques, and subjects, highlighting the expressive power of brushstroke. The response from the art fraternity and art lovers was overwhelming, with immense appreciation for the carefully curated artworks and the captivating choice of landscapes. Providing a platform for emerging artists to showcase their work is immensely gratifying, and witnessing the admiration for our selection of artworks at the India Habitat Center was truly fulfilling.

**Question 2 – What is easier for you, being a gallerist or a curator?**

**Rathi:** Both roles come with their unique challenges and responsibilities. As a gallerist, I am entrusted with managing and operating an art gallery, which entails acquiring artworks, organizing exhibitions, marketing and promoting artists, managing sales, and building relationships with collectors and art professionals. On the other hand, as a curator, my focus is on selecting artworks for exhibitions in cultural spaces, museums, galleries, and other institutions. Curators conduct extensive research, develop exhibition concepts, collaborate with artists and lenders, arrange the display of artworks, and provide interpretive materials for visitors.

While the curatorial role allows me to work closely with artists and explore diverse artistic expressions, it demands a deep understanding of art history, critical thinking, and strong organizational skills. Balancing the expecta-



tions of various stakeholders, creating meaningful thematic connections between artworks, and managing the logistical aspects of exhibition planning can be challenging. Personally, I find the entrepreneurial aspects of being a gallerist more

demanding, including maintaining a profitable business, managing overhead costs, negotiating with artists, and thriving in a highly competitive art market. In terms of pure enjoyment and fulfillment, I find curating exhibitions to be a bit easier, despite the challenges of research and thematic curation.

**Question 3 - Share with us your plans for the next show.**

**Rathi:** My upcoming exhibition will feature the talented artists from Delhi College of Arts, specifically the students of B.F.A & M.F.A. During my recent visit to their faculty, I was deeply impressed by the caliber of their work. We are currently searching for an appropriate space to showcase their exceptional talent, and our team is working diligently on making it a remarkable event. In addition to the exhibition, we are planning a series of events and workshops that complement the artworks on display. These interactive sessions will include artist talks, engaging panel discussions, and hands-on workshops, inviting visitors to explore their own creativity.

**Question 4 - What are your next plans for Nero Art Hub?**

**Rathi:** At Nero Art Hub, our team is eager to collaborate with other organizations to strengthen the overall arts community. We aim to provide opportunities for untapped talent and are particularly interested in working with children from NGOs who possess immense potential but lack opportunities to display their art-

work. Additionally, we are keen on exhibiting the artworks of students from Delhi College of Arts, showcasing their unique perspectives and creative prowess.

Looking beyond local boundaries, we aspire to explore global platforms and participate in renowned art fairs, such as those in New York and other cities. As part of our innovative approach, we are delving into the realm of NFT and AI artworks, recognizing the evolving landscape of art in the digital age. We have already begun sharing a few of our artworks on prominent platforms like Rarible and Open Sea, which are dedicated to NFT marketplaces. Nero Art Hub envisions a future where art thrives, artists are celebrated, and creativity knows no bounds. With a strong commitment to fostering emerging talents, nurturing artistic communities, and embracing technological advancements, we strive to create a vibrant and inclusive space for artistic expression.

Ranbir Rath's unwavering dedication to the art world is evident in her curatorial endeavors and visionary plans for Nero Art Hub. Her passion for providing platforms to emerging artists and engaging with diverse artistic expressions is set to shape the future of the art scene. As we eagerly anticipate the upcoming exhibitions and ventures, let us celebrate the power of art and its ability to transcend boundaries, captivate hearts, and inspire the world.

## Will Tara assist Dr. Dhruv in her brother's surgery?



An iconic love story, Sony SAB's 'Dhruv Tara' showcases an extraordinary tale of love between Dhruv (Ishaan Dhawan) and Tarapriya (Riya Sharma) belonging to the 21st century and 17th century respectively. The show has captivated viewers with its compelling narrative, enchanting soundtrack, and a budding romance between Dhruv and Tara.

In the upcoming episodes, the viewers will witness Dhruv insisting that Tara assists him in her brother Mahavir's (played by Krishna Bharadwaj) sur-

gery. While Tara is seen contemplating whether she should take this step. In a dramatic turn of events, Dhruv finds himself embroiled in a heated argument before the Raj Sabha, advocating for Tara to be his assistant. However, the odds seemed stacked against them as everyone in the Raj Sabha opposes the idea.

Will Tara become Dhruv's assistant? Will the majority people in the Raj Sabha vote for her?

Don't miss watching Dhruv Tara- Samay Sadi Se Pare every Monday to Saturday at 8:00 PM only on Sony SAB.



## Kiara starts dubbing for 'Satyaprem Ki Katha'

After an early teaser and the first single 'Naseeb Se', the latest news from the upcoming musical romantic comedy 'Satyaprem Ki Katha' is that Kiara Advani has started dubbing for it.

Kiara was spotted arriving at the dubbing studio in Bandra in her swanky new Mercedes Maybach. She happily posed for the paparazzi as she stepped out of her car. Her look, though, was casual and cool. She was wearing a white tee with a printed jacket and bottoms. 'Satyaprem Ki Katha' also stars Kartik Aaryan in the lead role. It is the second collaboration of Kiara and Kartik after their smash hit 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2'. Helmed by Sameer Vidwans, 'Satyaprem Ki Katha' is being jointly produced by Nadiadwala Grandson Entertainment and Namah Pictures. The film also stars Gajraj Rao, Supriya Pathak and Siddharth Randeria in key roles, and is scheduled for release on June 29. Kiara will also soon start post-production work for National Award-winning director's Telugu debut film, the politician action thriller 'Game Changer', which has Ram Charan in the lead role.

## Allari Naresh's Ugram set for OTT release on June 2

Allari Naresh's Telugu action thriller Ugram will be streamed on OTT platform on June 2.

Prime Video on Wednesday announced the exclusive global streaming premiere of the Ugram directed by Vijay Kanakamedala and produced by Sahu Garapati and Harish Peddi, the film features Allari Naresh, Mirnaa Menon, Indrajith and Sharath Lohitashwa in the lead roles.

Ugram will exclusively stream in India and across 240 countries and territories worldwide on June 2, Prime Video said.

Ugram which was the first collaboration between Allari Naresh and Vijay Kanakamedala after the 2021 hit Naandhi was released in theatres on May 5. Though the film has not done well on the box-office, Naresh's performance has come in for praise.



## 'Meri Saas Bhoot Hai' completes 100 episodes

Star Bharat's show 'Meri Saas Bhoot Hai' is being well received by the audience. The show is touted to be one of the best offerings under the dramedy genre on Indian television. The show, which premiered in January 2023, is garnering tremendous response among the audience due to its unique concept, gripping storyline and interesting characters. The special thing is that recently the show has completed its 100 episodes and the entire cast and crew celebrated the occasion by cutting a cake together on the sets of the show. The artists expressed their feelings while expressing their enthusiasm.

In the latest episode of the show, viewers are experiencing a rollercoaster of events. Gaura has orchestrated the marriage between her husband Som (portrayed by Vibhav Roy) and Twinkle (portrayed by Anushka Srivastava). However, the new bride's true colors have now surfaced, creating turmoil. As a result, Rekha (played by Sushmita Mukherjee) turns to Gaura for assistance in separating her son from Twinkle. In this complex situation, it remains uncertain whether Rekha has genuinely changed her perspective towards Gaura or if she is once again using Gaura to achieve her own objectives.

## Ghostly Giggles: Comedy track with a twist!

TV's cult classic comedy show, Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai, is a non-stop funny adventure full of hilarious moments to make you laugh. The characters always find themselves in funny situations, leaving the audience split. But wait, there is more! The current storyline will spice things up by adding a pinch of fear to the mix, taking you on a spooky roller coaster, except instead of screams, you will hear laughter echoing everywhere! Manmohan Tiwari, played by Rohitashv Gour, is possessed by a ghost. Talking about the hilarious track Rohitashv Gour, aka Manmohan Tiwari, says, "In our show, we aim to deliver fresh entertainment to our viewers weekly. Our talented writers crafted an intriguing plot twist in the latest episode. My character undergoes a peculiar transformation when a ghost takes control of him.



While braving unfavourable weather conditions, Manmohan Tiwari, Angoori, Anita, and Vibhuti seek refuge at a college on their way to a party. At this college, Tiwari becomes a vessel for the spirit of Bal Mukund Jhadashwar, a former classmate of Anita and Vibhuti who tragically took his own life. Unexpectedly, Tiwari's appearance undergoes a drastic transformation as he acquires long hair. At the same

time, coincidentally, the residents of Modern Colony start experiencing hair loss, linking it to the circumstances surrounding Bal Mukund's demise. My character assumes a spooky avatar adding a comical touch bound to tickle the audience's funny bone." Sharing his experience shooting the sequence, the actor adds, "As an actor, such sequences provide ample room for performance, and I thoroughly enjoy such opportunities.

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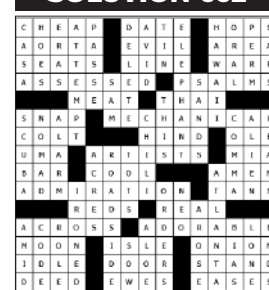
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# Australia wary of poor Oval record in WTC final

Melbourne, Jun 01 (PTD):

As Australia begin preparations for the World Test Championship final against India, the men from Down Under would be eager to put their past struggles at The Oval behind them.

In over 140 years of Test cricket in England, Australia have had one of the worst records at The Oval, which will host the final from June 7 to 11 between the top two Test sides.

Australia, who played at The Oval in 1880 in what was the first-ever Test in England, have managed a mere seven wins from 38 Tests at the famous South London venue, putting their success rate at the venue at 18.42 per cent, their poorest across England.

Australia have won just twice in the past 50 years at The Oval. On the other hand, they have 17 wins from 29 matches at The Lord's at a success rate of 43.59 per cent, which is better than hosts England's 39.72 per cent from 141 games and South Africa's 33.33 per cent at the same venue. Australia have a success rate of 34.62 per



Mitch Marsh of Australia in action during Australia training prior to the ICC World Test Championship Final 2023 at The County Ground on June 01.

cent at Headingley, 30.43 per cent at Trent Bridge, and 29.03 per cent and

26.67 per cent at Old Trafford and Edgbaston respectively. India, on the

other hand, haven't fared too well at the venue either having won two, drawn seven and lost five games. But the Rohit Sharma-led side will be boosted by the 157-run win over England here in 2021, which was its first victory at the venue in a Test match in 40 years.

According to cricket.com.au, Australia will have their first full training session in the UK on Thursday in Beckenham, which is 20km from central London.

Pat Cummins and his men will train at Kent's out-ground across the weekend as both sides will be granted access to facilities at The Oval only two days prior to the fixture.

And while The Oval is likely to favour the pacers, Beckenham is known to have a batter-friendly track. Australia finished the 2021-23 WTC cycle on top of the table, their only loss being the 2-1 away defeat to India earlier this year. They haven't beaten the Men in Blue, both home and away, in eight years - four successive series defeats.

## Treatment of Indian wrestlers was very disturbing: IOC

New Delhi, Jun 01 (PTI):

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has condemned the manner in which the protesting Indian wrestlers were being treated by Delhi Police over the weekend, terming it "very disturbing" in a strongly-worded statement.

The IOC's reaction follows the United World Wrestling's (UWW) criticism of the detention of the grapplers during their protest at Jantar Mantar, in which the sport's world body threatened to suspend the national federation if it fails to hold its election within the stipulated time.

The top wrestlers -- Sakshi Malik, Vinesh Phogat, Bajrang Punia and Sangeeta Phogat -- have accused the Wrestling Federation of India's (WFI) outgoing president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh of sexual exploitation. "The treatment of the Indian wrestling athletes over the weekend was very disturbing. The IOC insists that the allegations by the wrestlers are followed up on by an unbiased, criminal investigation in line with local law," the IOC said in the statement.

# It's a mindset thing: Hayden on India's ICC title brought

New Delhi, Jun 01 (PTD):

The great Matthew Hayden reckons India's title drought in ICC events in the past decade has to come down to the players' mindset as skill was never an issue and has advised them to "forget about the outcome" going into the World Test Championship final against Australia.

India's last ICC title came under the leadership of M S Dhoni back in 2013 and since then the team has fallen short in high pressure knock-out games including the 2017 Champions Trophy final against Pakistan, 2019 ODI World Cup semifinal versus New Zealand and more recently the T20 World Cup semifinal against England last year.

In the inaugural WTC final two years ago, India finished runners-up to New Zealand.

In terms of the financial and talent resources, India have been the sport's powerhouse for long but the big titles have eluded them.

Can they turn it around against Australia at The Oval in the final from June 7?

"It's certainly not a question of skill. So, it has to be a question of just the opportunity and the mindset



Virat Kohli of India practices during India training prior to the ICC World Test Championship Final 2023 at Arundel Cricket Club.

going in. I mean, cricket is life here, it is the DNA of sport and has no other competitors," Hayden, an important member of the all-conquering Australian team of 2000s, told PTI in an interview.

Cricket's popularity in India is unmatched and therefore it creates more pressure around the players, said Hayden.

"In Australia I could walk down the street and largely be unrecognised, especially with this terrible beard and hat on (laughs). But it's also got great competitive sports besides cricket. Rugby, football, our watersports,

surfing, outdoor sports, here in India it's very insular and there's a lot of pressure.

"It's the same with Pakistan cricket as well. There is one sport and it is cricket so it's a mindset thing."

"Being cautious about looking for the scoreboard and looking for the titles and just playing and being a part of process, something when you look at franchise setups, Gujarat Titans have done really well this year and CSK have done very well. Mumbai Indians as well believe in a certain process.

# IPL Star Pathirana Poised for World Cup Qualifiers



Hambantota, Jun 01 (AP):

Sri Lanka has unleashed some special bowling talents ahead of big events over the years.

In the case of Lasith Malinga, he was thrown into the deep end during a so-called Top End tour of Australia in 2004. In the case of Ajantha Mendis, he was introduced just before the Asia Cup and he starred with six wickets against India in the final as Sri Lanka clinched the

trophy in 2008. The same blueprint is to be followed with 20-year-old Matheesha Pathirana, who will make his ODI debut in the three-match series against Afghanistan that gets underway on Friday.

Although Pathirana has played just one Twenty20 International, he is already a star after performing a key role for Chennai in the Super Kings' run to a record fifth Indian Premier League title.

Pathirana bowls with a unique round-arm action and Sri Lankans hope that he'll be quite a handful for batters during the World Cup qualifiers later this month in Zimbabwe. Sri Lanka, which won the 1996 World Cup title and has twice been runner-up, needs to go through qualifying because of its slide down the International Cricket Council rankings in the one-day format.

# Structure and finishing crucial: Harmanpreet

London, Jun 01 (PTD):

Captain Harmanpreet Singh on Thursday said that India can bounce despite back-to-back defeats if the team converts the goal-scoring chances and maintains structure in its coming games in the men's FIH Hockey Pro League.

India, who had come to Europe as table toppers, lost 1-2 to Olympic champions Belgium in their first match and went down 2-4 against Great Britain to drop down to second position.

They face Belgium again here on Friday before taking on table-toppers Great Britain on Saturday. Great Britain have 25 points from 10 matches while India have accumulated 19 points from 10 matches.

"We are not letting the two losses last week play on our minds. We still have six more matches to play and we know that if



we play to the structure and execute good finishes, we will be able to return to the top of the pool table," Harmanpreet said ahead of the match against Belgium.

Despite the defeats, Harmanpreet said his team did have some takeaways from the two matches. "Both opponents play

very different styles. While one (Belgium) plays zonal, the other (GB) plays man-to-man. But there were some takeaways from those two matches," said Harmanpreet, who achieved the milestone of being the most prolific goal-scorer in the history of Pro League with 35 goals. "Though we didn't

create that many field goals, we did get some good PCs. There are some areas we also worked on, in these past few days and focus will continue to be on defending well," he added.

India vice-captain Hardik Singh also highlighted the efforts of newcomers in the squad.

"I think after the Rourkela matches, there was a bit of a gap to play highly competitive matches. It will take some time particularly for the youngsters to settle in and make the right connections to score goals. "This is a big platform for youngsters like Sukhjeet, Karthi and even Abhishek who are playing in London for the first time and Sanjay also had a good debut.

"There are a lot of positives from the first two matches here which they will be working on to carry forward in the upcoming matches," said the young mid-fielder.

# IPL practice aids transition to Dukes ball: Axar Patel



Portsmouth, Jun 01 (PTD):

Switching from playing T20s to the longest format of the game is difficult but practising with the red ball through the IPL will help in the tough transition at the World Test Championship final against Australia, feels India all-rounder Axar Patel.

Most members of the Indian team head to the marquee event after playing T20 cricket in the IPL for over two months.

Additionally, while the SG balls are used to play the red-ball format in India, the Dukes ball will be used for the WTC final.

However, India are well prepared for the twin challenges. To familiarise themselves with the Dukes ball, which is used in English conditions, the 'Men in Blue' have been working

with it. "We knew about this before the start of the IPL. So even during the IPL, it was discussed that we will bowl with the red ball," Axar told ICC.

"We had red balls, so we were using them. You know when and how to play, how much time you have. This mental switch from white ball to red ball is obviously tough, but we have enough time," Axar added.

The left-arm spinner, however, said that the focus is on hitting the right spot irrespective of the ball used.

"We switch from white ball to red ball. It is a similar switch to go from SG to Dukes, you have to use your talent and skill. You have to execute your plan, your bowling rhythm. Irrespective of the ball, if you bowl a good ball at a good spot, it works.

# Pujara and Kohli pose challenges for Australia: Ricky Ponting

London, Jun 01 (PTD):

Australia will have to guard against the "thorn in their side" Cheteshwar Pujara and a "back at his best" Virat Kohli if they are to counter India in the World Test Championship final at The Oval next week, feels legendary cricketer Ricky Ponting.

India's Test batting mainstay Pujara could provide valuable insights to his teammates, having played extensively at Sussex in the English County Championship, while Kohli is at his absolute best having cracked two centuries and six half-tons for Royal Challengers Bangalore in the recently-concluded Indian Premier League.

"The Australian team will be talking about Virat, no doubt about it, and they'll be talking about Pujara. They're the two," Ponting said on 'The ICC Review'. Pujara is known to relish the challenges thrown at him by



Australian bowlers, having scored more Test runs and centuries against them than any other side, and his contribution would be crucial to India's chances of lifting the WTC trophy in their second attempt. "Pujara has been a thorn in their side a lot in the past, and in Australia, and this wicket will potentially be a lot more like an Australian pitch. They know that they'll have to get him early," opined the former Australian captain.

## French Open

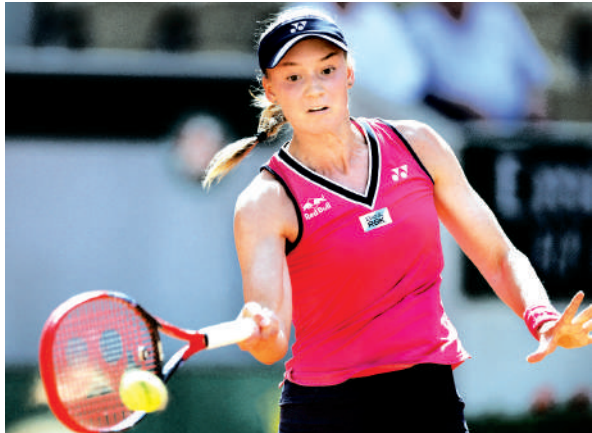
# Rybakina, Rudd march into 3rd Round

Paris, Jun 01:

Fourth seed Elena Rybakina booked her third round spot with a 6-3, 6-3 victory over rising Czech teenager Linda Noskova on Thursday, confirming her status as one of the front-runners for the title.

The Wimbledon champion, who also reached this year's Australian Open final, did not take long to pull away with a break in the third game when Noskova, ranked 50th, fired a backhand into the net. But the 18-year-old, no stranger to the Paris clay after winning the French Open junior title two years, refused to go down without a fight but paid the price for some risky plays and a double fault on her serve at 40-40 and 5-3 down.

Rybakina, a member of the new 'Big three' along with fellow title contenders, world number one Iga Swiatek and second seed Aryna Sabalenka, struggled with Noskova's powerful serve and thundering forehand.



It was instead Noskova who carved out two break points at 3-3 but Rybakina, who won the title at Indian Wells and Rome this season while also reaching the final at the Miami Open, saved them both.

She responded in kind at the very next game to break Noskova and go 5-3 up before clinching the match with an ace on her fourth match point.

Last year's runner-up Casper Ruud turned on the style at the French Open before the fourth seed showed steel to quell Italian qualifier Giulio

Zeppieri 6-3, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5 and move into the third round.

The Norwegian brought a touch of flair to Court Philippe Chatrier in classy blue pinstriped shorts and barely fluffed his lines early on, forcing an inexperienced Zeppieri into a corner by badgering him from the baseline.

Ruud's performance on clay this year has ebbed and flowed but the Estoril champion made quick work of the first set under the Parisian sun after being gifted the decisive break when Zeppieri blasted a forehand long.

# India thrash South Korea 9-1, enter final of Junior Asia Cup



Salalah (Oman), Jun 01 (PTD):

The Indian hockey team produced a dominant performance to outclass South Korea 9-1 and enter the final of the Junior Asia Cup here on Wednesday.

In the title clash on Thursday, India will meet the winner of the second semifinal between Malaysia and Pakistan.

Dhimi Bobby Singh led the way for India with a hat-trick, and was declared the Player of the Match at the Salalah

Sports Complex.

While Dhimi found the net in the 31st, 39th and 55th minutes, it was Lakra Sunit who opened the scoring for India with his 13th minute strike.

In the 19th minute, Hundal Arajjeet Singh doubled the lead before Dhimi got into the act.

Angad Bir Singh and Uttam Singh scored in the 34th and 38th minute respectively as India led 6-0 by the end of the third quarter in what was turning out to be a thoroughly one-sided match.

The Koreans found

their only goal through Keonyeol Hwang in the 46th minute, as the Indian juggernaut continued in the remaining minutes of the game.

Vishnukant Singh made it 7-1 when he found the net in the 51st minute, which was India's first strike in the fourth and final quarter.

Barely two minutes after Dhimi completed a fine hat-trick and with just three minutes left in the match, India rounded off the tally with a goal from Sharda Nand Tiwari.



# ‘No infiltration of Taliban fighters into Kashmir’

## ■ After fall of Kabul

**Srinagar, Jun 01 (PTI):** The apprehensions about the influx of Taliban fighters into Kashmir after the fall of Kabul in 2021 did not materialise and no Afghan Taliban has infiltrated into the valley, a senior Army officer has said here. General Officer Commanding (GOC) of Chinari Corps Lieutenant General A D S Auja also said that due to the ongoing internal crisis in Pakistan, there are no major worries regarding Kashmir but the armed forces have to remain alert to thwart any attempts to push in infiltrators, nar-



Lt Gen Auja

cotics or weapons.

“As far as the apprehensions which were there post Taliban 2.0 are concerned, we could see the manifestations (of concern) on this side as well in Kashmir but it never happened,” Lt Gen Auja told PTI in an interview on

Wednesday. A certain amount of chatter and a certain amount of signature was being reported on the other side in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), but it never translated into reality onto this side, he said. “So, there was no infiltration of any Afghani

Taliban... To that effect, we have been able to control (things),” he added. The GOC said India has grown in stature in a number of domains, including military, foreign affairs and economy, and is counted amongst “the very best and the most powerful” countries today.

“With that stature today, I think we are in a better position to convey and convince people across borders in many terms, which augurs well for the country. So, while the western adversary (Pakistan) which is closest to us may not agree and actually feels bad about this... the rest of the countries are now... in alignment with us on many matters,” he said.

## FUN UNDER SHADE



Students have fun under shade of ‘Amaltas’ trees at Guru Nanak Dev University, in Amritsar, Thursday.

# ‘Selective media attempted to tarnish my image’

Hyderabad, June 01 (PTI):

Justice M Laxman of the Telangana High Court, who granted anticipatory bail to YSR Congress Party Lok Sabha member from Kadapa Y S Avinash Reddy on May 31, has expressed anguish over attempts by a section of Telugu TV news channels to “tarnish” his image.

Justice Laxman in the order pronounced in the anticipatory bail plea filed by the Kadapa MP, said he felt he must place on record certain attempts by “selective media to thwart and derail judicial process by making attempts to tarnish my image and attempts to intimidate and threaten to derail independent thought process in arriving at just decision in this matter” Referring to remarks against him by



Justice M Laxman

participants of debates in two Telugu TV news channels on May 26, Justice Laxman said the individuals of selective media houses “facilitated and abetted” the airing of views of “selective personnel of their choice” despite knowing their antecedents to intimidate, to

threaten and to “damage my reputation by personal attack”.

Justice Laxman in his order said one of the participants, who is a suspended and detained judge, made a direct attack by saying “money bags went to the judge”. Another participant, who

seems to be holding respectable office, “used derogatory language and gestures which are aimed to tarnish my comprehension and competency abilities by his mis-interpretation and misunderstanding of deliberations of Court proceedings,” the high court judge said in

the order copy.

Stating that he is least worried about such attempts to tarnish his image, as it is “indestructible” and “if such image is prone to destruction, it is not image at all”, Justice Laxman, added, “All that concerned me is inroads of such actions to damage institutional image...It is high time to protect the image by concerted efforts.”

The judge said he was “greatly hurt” not by individual comment but by the facilitation and abetment done by selective media.

“In my view, such actions clearly amount to invocation of proceedings under contempt of Courts Act, but I desist to do so, leaving it open to the head of the institution to take or not to take action,” he said.

## NEW STUDY

# ‘Lower emissions during Covid pandemic led to increased warming’

New Delhi, Jun 01 (PTI):

The Covid pandemic shutdowns in South Asia greatly reduced the concentration of short-lived cooling particles in the air, but barely affected the levels of long-lived greenhouse gases, leading to stronger climate warming, a study shows.

In the spring of 2020, the activity of many industries and transportation worldwide decreased due to pandemic restrictions.

At Hanimaadhoo, a measuring station in the northernmost Maldives off the coast of India, researchers have been measuring the atmospheric composition and radiation for two decades. The measuring station is strategically placed to capture air masses from the Asian subcontinent and located in an area with few regional

emission sources. When emissions suddenly decreased during the pandemic in South Asia — mainly India, Pakistan and Bangladesh — an opportunity was created to see what impact this had on the climate.

The study, published in the journal npj Climate and Atmospheric Science, found that the concentrations of polluting short-lived air particles decreased significantly, while the levels of longer-lived greenhouse gases were barely affected in the air.

The cooling effect of the aerosols comes from the fact that they reflect incoming solar radiation back into space. With a lower aerosol content, there is less cooling, and thus less “masking” of the warming effect of the significantly longer-lived climate gases. Measurements taken at

the same time over the northern Indian Ocean revealed a seven per cent increase in solar radiation reaching the Earth’s surface, thus increasing temperatures, the researchers said.

“Through this large-scale geophysical experiment, we were able to demonstrate that while the sky became bluer and the air cleaner, climate warming increased when these cooling air particles were removed,” said Professor Orjan Gustafsson at Stockholm University in Sweden, who led the study.

The results show that a complete phasing out of fossil fuel combustion in favour of renewable energy sources with zero emissions could result in rapid “unmasking” of aerosols, while greenhouse gases linger.

# ‘BJP is not my party’



Pankaja Munde

Mumbai, Jun 01 (PTI):

Former Maharashtra minister and Bharatiya Janata Party national secretary Pankaja Munde on Thursday said that she belongs to the BJP but the party doesn’t belong to her.

Munde, daughter of late senior BJP leader Gopinath Munde, has maintained a low profile since her defeat in the 2019 assembly elections. She was a cabinet minister when

BJP leader Devendra Fadnis was the Maharashtra chief minister between 2014 and 2019. Speaking at an event, she said that BJP is a big party and doesn’t belong to her. “I belong to the BJP.

If I have a problem with my father, I will go to my brother’s house,” she said, referring to the Rashtriya Samaj Paksha (RSP) led by Mahadeo Jankar.

Jankar, a close associate of Gopinath Munde, said, “Our community will not benefit due to my sister’s party as the remote control will be with someone else.” Over the past few years, there have been speculations that Munde has been sidelined by the state BJP.

After the first expansion of the Eknath Shinde-Fadnis cabinet in August 2022, she had said she might not have been “qualified enough” to get a berth.

## CLEANLINESS DRIVE



BJP MP Rakesh Singh with party workers participate in a cleanliness drive at the Gondwana ‘Bawadi’ (stepwell), as part of a water conservation campaign, in Jabalpur, Thursday.

## JU without VC from June 01

Kolkata, Jun 01 (PTI):

The prestigious Jadavpur University became headless from Thursday as the term of the incumbent vice-chancellor Suranjan Das ended on May 31 and the state higher education department is yet to form any search committee for his successor.

The eminent historian took over as VC of the private Adamas University from June 1, its chancellor Samit Ray said.

An office bearer of the Jadavpur University Teachers Association (JUTA) said the absence of a vice-chancellor will be crucial in the coming days when the four-year undergraduate curriculum in different subjects will have to be set along with emphasis on interdisciplinary subjects.

The state had announced introduction of four-year undergraduate course in its universities on Wednesday.

Das’ tenure was extended for the second time on June 24, 2021, by two years or till he turned 70, whichever was earlier. But his name along with those of 23 others of the various state universities did not get the nod of the then governor, Jagdeep Dhankhar, who locked horns with the state government on various issues. All of them had to tender their resignations to Dhankhar’s successor C V Ananda Bose in February this year.

Dhankhar had assumed the post of the country’s vice-president in 2022 and Ananda Bose extended Das’ term by three months, which ended on May 31.

# Patna Museum closed for visitors for 3 months

For old building’s revamp

Patna, Jun 01 (PTI):

The historic Patna Museum, home to a collection of rich artefacts, rare paintings and 200 million years old fossilised tree trunk, has been closed for visitors for three months starting June 1, to undertake a revamp of its 95-year-old building.

An official order was on Thursday hung at the main entrance gate of the celebrated British-era landmark in the Bihar capital which is endowed with Indo-Saracenic architecture and fondly referred to as ‘Jadu Ghar’ by locals. The order reads that the museum will be closed for visitors from June 1 to August 31 to undertake work for “water-proofing of the old building” and “strengthening of



A security man shows a notice stating closure of the Patna Museum for visitors from June 1 to August 31, in Patna, Thursday.

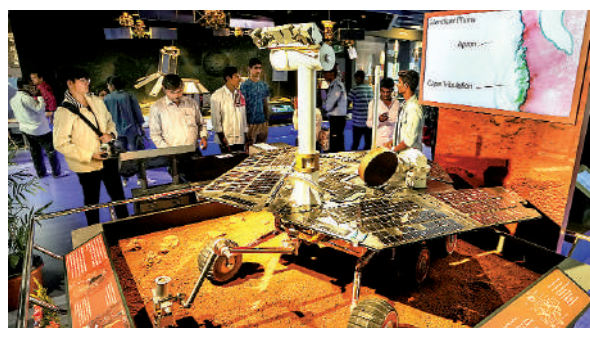
RB roof”. Many visitors were seen returning from the main gate after security guards told them about the closure. “I wanted to see the Patna Museum but I was not aware that it has been closed from today. It is one of the richest museums in India, and I will

miss visiting it till August end,” said a youth who returned home after reading the notice board.

A project on redevelopment and extension of the museum building, located on the old Patna Gaya Road, is currently underway, whose foundation

stone was laid by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar in August 2020. “Civil work on construction of new wings around the old museum is almost complete. Visual galleries will now come up gradually in them. The work on revamping of the heritage building will now commence, and therefore from June 1, the Patna Museum will be closed to visitors,” a top official in the Bihar government’s Art, Culture and Youth Department earlier said. Besides, refurbishment of the heritage building, being done as part of a redevelopment project, its old galleries will be redesigned, rearranged and curated in a new way to showcase the artefacts and other historic items in a better manner, he said.

# Govt museum exhibits full-scale replica of Mars Rover Opportunity



Visitors take a look at a full scale replica of NASA's Mars Rover 'Opportunity', at Visvesvaraya Industrial & Technical Museum in collaboration with US Consulate General Chennai, in Bengaluru, Thursday.

**Bengaluru, Jun 01 (PTI):** If you are curious to know how the Mars Rover Opportunity of US space agency NASA, which traversed through the barren land of the red planet and revealed many secrets about it, then head

straight to the Space Technology gallery of the Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum (VITM) here.

The Mars Rover Opportunity model, which was built by the students of Cornell University and

kept as exhibit at the VITM, was inaugurated by M Sankaran, Director, UR Rao Satellite Centre of Indian Space Research Organisation on Thursday.

The model was initially on display at the Smithsonian’s Air and Space Museum in Dulles, Virginia, in US, and later exhibited in the US Pavilion during the 2020 World Expo in Dubai. The replica was then received by the American Centre in the US Consulate in Chennai where it was on display from November 2022 to March 2023 before landing at the VITM.

US Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade Marisa Lago said, “As the United States and India

forge even closer cooperation across critical sectors, space provides yet another example of our partnership, with today’s dedication ceremony serving as a symbol of our mutual commitment.”

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