

CONTROL OF SERVICES

'Delhi first to be attacked, other states to see similar ordinances'

New Delhi, Jun 11 (PTI):

Rally" at Ramlila Maidan,

Kejriwal, who is also the

party's national convener,

claimed the Centre's ordi-

nance was an insult to the

and I don't mind that. But I

Braving scorching heat,

ered at Ramlila Maidan to

Thane, Jun 11 (PTI):

Shahnawaz Khan alias

Baddo, the prime accused

wanted by UP police for al-

legedly operating a racket

involved in the religious

conversion of youngsters

through an online gaming

application, has been ar-

rested from Raigad dis-

trict of Maharashtra, an

He was arrested from

Ghaziabad Police were

searching for Khan, who

hails from Mumbra town-

ship in Thane district of

Maharashtra, the official

Khan is being taken to

Mumbra for questioning,

he said while refusing to

elaborate. As per the case

official said on Sunday.

Alibaug town

said.

The BJP can abuse me

people of Delhi.

said.

Chief of Army Staff General Manoj Pande visits the Army Training Command headquarters in Shimla, Sunday.

BRIEF

Ban

Imphal: The Manipur government extended its ban on internet services till June 15. The suspension of mobile data services, including broadband, has been extended till 3 pm of June 15, an order issued by Commissioner (Home) T Ranjit Singh on Saturday night said. The ban was imposed on May 3.

Heat wave

Ranchi: The Jharkhand government has announced shutting down of all schools for three days from June 12 in the wake of heat wave conditions prevailing in the state, an official said on Sunday. An order issued by the secretary of school education and literacy department K Ravi Kumar said that keeping in view the extreme heat and heat wave conditions in the state, all categories of government, non-government aided/ non-aided (including minority) and all private schools operating in the state will remain closed from June 12 to June 14.

Joint exercise

New Delhi: The Indian Air Force (IAF) has carried out a joint exercise with the Indian Army in the central sector with deployment of multiple combat assets to check the operational readiness of the two forces. The exercise follows the IAF's two strategic missions over the Indian Ocean region that involved Rafale and Su-30MKI jets.

Fire

Mumbai: Three children

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Sunday hit out at the Centre over its ordinance on control of services in the national capital, saying Delhi is the first to be "attacked" and similar ordinances will be brought for other states also. Addressing the Aam Aadmi Party's "Maha

> Delhi CM Arvind Keiriwal addresses AAP's "maha rally' against the Centre's ordinance on control of services in the national capital, at Ramlila

won't tolerate the insult of the people of Delhi," he Bhagwant Mann as well as

thousands of people gath-Addressing the rally, participate in the "Maha Rally" that was attended by Punjab Chief Minister

UP Conversion Case: Prime

Maidan, in New Delhi, Sunday,

senior AAP leaders and Raiva Sabha MP Kapil Sibal.

Kejriwal accused the BJPled Centre of not believing in the Constitution.

verted his son, who recent-

board exam, to Islam, po-

The complainant al-

contact with Baddo

app and frequently spoke

lice had said.

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said.

Delhi Sunday saw a resolute gathering of thou-

Thousands brave punishing heat to attend rally

sands at Ramlila Maidan to voice their discontent against a recent ordinance issued by the Central government that effectively granted control over the bureaucracy in the national capital to the Lieutenant Governor. Undeterred by the

scorching temperatures that reached a blistering 43 degrees, men, women, children, and the elderly filled the venue, while many others stood outside on the roads under trees. Some covered their heads with scarfs and splashed water on their faces to combat the harsh sun.

Inside the maidan, many stood near coolers



Supporters at AAP's "maha rally", at Ramlila Maidan.

and fans while others used makeshift paper fans. AAP workers lined the roads, distributing water pouches and bottles to the supporters.

HORRIFYING TRUTH

Dissident Congress leader Sachin Pilot on Sunday said peo-

Dausa, Jun 11 (PTI)

'Not back down

on demands'

ple's trust is the "biggest asset" for him and asserted that he will keep fighting to get them justice and not back down on his demands. He has been attacking the Ashok Gehlot-led Congress government in Rajasthan over alleged inaction into charges of corruption levelled by him against the previous Vasundhara Raje-led BJP dispensation.



IndiGo flight strays into Pak due to bad weather

Amritsar, Jun 11:

An IndiGo Airlines flight from Amritsar to Ahmedabad straved into Pakistan near Lahore due to bad weather and went up to Gujranwala before heading back to Indian airspace without any mishap, according to a media report on Sunday.

According to flight radar, the Indian plane with a ground speed of 454 knots entered north of Lahore at about 7:30 pm on Saturday and returned to India at 8:01 pm, the Dawn newspaper reported.

A senior official of the Civil Aviation Authority said that it was not unusual as it was "internationally allowed" in bad weather conditions, the report added.

In May, a Pakistan International Airlines flight entered Indian airspace and stayed there for nearly 10 minutes due to heavy rainfall in Pakistan.

The flight, PK248, was returning from Muscat on May 4 and was attempting to land at the Allama Iqbal International Airport in Lahore. However, heavy rainfall made it difficult for the pilot to land the

Boeing 777 aircraft. Meanwhile, several flights were diverted and delayed in Pakistan due to poor visibility at airports.

The CAA spokesman said that it had extended the weather warning for Lahore till 11:30 pm on Saturday as the visibility at the Allama Iobal International Airport was 5.000 metres.

A number of flights heading to Lahore were diverted to Islamabad due to poor visibility

Rain accompanied by strong winds and thunder lashed parts of Pakistan on Saturday evening.

16 Indians return after 9 mths of detention in Africa

New Delhi, Jun 11 (PTI):

Sixteen Indian crew members of a cargo vessel who were in detention for over nine months in Equatorial Guinea and Nigeria have returned to India following the government's lengthy negotiations with the authorities concerned, official sources said on Sunday.

Oil tanker MT Heroic Idun and its 26 crew members, including 16 Indians, were in detention since August last year.

tained in Equatorial Guinea and subsequently in Nigeria. The ship and crew were accused of various crimes, including oil theft. "Following lengthy negotiations, all charges against the

ship was released on May 27

They were initially de-

after paying the fines. The Indian crew members have now returned to India," said a source. The sources said the Indian Mission officials remained in regular touch with the crew and under-

crew were dropped and the

took consular access on numerous occasions. "From the outset, the government of India, through its missions in Equatorial Guinea and Nigeria, and in bilateral meetings, took up the matter with the respective foreign authorities at various levels," said a source. "They were pressed for early resolution of the issue and repatriation of the Indian crew members," it

Girl, 13, raped inside cargo 3-wheeler accused held from Maha details, Khan and the cler-Near north

A 13-year-old girl was allegedly raped inside a threewheeler loading vehicle at an isolated place in north Delhi's Burari area, police

The accused, who is a school dropout and drives a tempo has been nabbed, police said, adding his age is being verified. According to police, the incident took place on June 8 around 7.30 pm. when the victim was on a walk with her friend in the area close to her home. Her friend knew the accused and requested for a ride in his three-wheeler. After initial

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reluctance, the two girls went on a drive with the man who later dropped the victim's friend at her home and took the victim to an isolated place in Ajit Vihar in Shakti Enclave area where he raped hee inside the vehicle, police said. Based on the girl's statement, a case under

Gujarat among 7 states to

ic of a mosque in **Delhi's Burari** Ghaziabad were booked

under the Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Act based on a complaint.

A man from Ghaziabad had lodged a complaint with the police last month alleging that the cleric and Baddo had unlawfully consaid on Sunday.

lv passed the class 12 leged that his son came in through an online gaming to him, following which he inclined towards adopting Islam, the police

New Delhi, Jun 11 (PTI):



here and the second



were among 11 persons injured in a fire that broke out in a residential building in Dharavi area of central Mumbai on Sunday, a fire official said. The blaze broke out in a ground-plus sevenstorey building on 90 feet road around 11 am and was put out by 12.30 pm. the official said.

Held

Bahraich: A Nepali national was arrested and smack worth Rs 75 lakh was recovered from his possession in an operation conducted on the India-Nepal border under the Rupaidiha police station area here, a police official said on Sunday. The arrested person has been identified as Rajesh Giri, a resident of Banke district of Nepal.

Collapse

Rourkela: A 40-feet-high statue depicting an Indian hockey player erected in Rourkela city in Odisha's Sundargarh district ahead of this year's Men's Hockey World Cup collapsed due to a thunderstorm on Sunday, officials said. The iron statue was installed near Rourkela Airport adjacent to Bisra Munda International Hockey Stadium in January ahead of the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023.





COOLING OFF

Tourists take bath at Lachhiwala Nature Park on a hot summer day, in Dehradun, Sunday.

POSITIVE ANGLE Tihar jail inmates softening hard-knock life with 'touch ups'

their course.

the jail.

walked the ramp wearing

clothes stitched by them at

a fashion show held inside

A murder case undertri-

al said she was taught all

kinds of stitching and em-

broidery by trainers from

New Delhi, Jun 11 (PTI):

It's not all dun and drab inside Tihar central jail where women inmates are running a beauty parlour to give their jailmates a fragrant, spruced up alterlife, and sometimes dressing professional models with clothes stitched by

them. These inmates lodged in Central Jail No 6 in Tihar are making great strides towards a normal life undertaking new enterprises

such making pickle, designing, weaving, and enrolling in a beauty course. The training aims to

Pearl academy. She hopes give the inmates a chance to put her newly honed to embark on a life of digskills to earn a living once nity and independence she's out of jail.

NATIONAL TRAINING CONCLAVE PM underlines importance of capacity building, ending silos

once they are out of New Delhi, Jun 11 (PTI) prison. According to jail

officials, the inmates undertrials and convicts are Prime Minister Narendra Modi inauguratbeing trained by an academy to design fashionable ed the first 'National clothes with offer of a cer-Training Conclave' here tificate on completion of on Sunday and highlighted the importance of ca-Models from across the pacity building, ending world recently came to silos and enhancing service delivery. meet these women and

He addressed more than 1,500 participants at the event at Pragati Maidan drawn from training and research institutes across the country. "Attended the National Training Conclave today, a part of our efforts to learn and serve better. Highlighted the importance of capacity building, ending silos and



PM Modi at the inauguration of the first-ever National Training Conclave at the International Exhibition and **Convention Centre, Pragati** Maidan in New Delhi, Sunday.

enhancing service delivery," Modi said on Twitter

top school dropout rankings

New Delhi, Jun 11 (PTI):

sections 376 (rape) and 506

(criminal intimidation) of

the Indian Penal Code and

Protection of Children from

Sexual Offences Act has

been registered against the

accused and he was nabbed,

said Sagar Singh Kalsi,

Deputy Commissioner of

Police (North)

Gujarat, Bihar Karnataka. Assam and Punjab are among seven states where the school dropout rate at the secondary level was higher than the national average of 12.6 per cent in 2021-22, according to official data.

This information was collated from the minutes of the Project Approval Board (PAB) meetings held under the Ministry of Education to discuss the implementation of the "Samagra Shiksha" programme for 2023-24.

in this direction, it said.

The meetings with states

and union territories took place between March and May this year. The government views dropout as a barrier to achieving the new National Education Policy's aim of 100 per cent Gross Enrolment Rate (GER) at the school level by 2030, according to officials.

The details of the PAB meeting minutes show that the dropout rate at the secondary level in 2021 22 was 20.46 per cent in Bihar, 17.85 per cent in Gujarat. 20.3 per cent in Assam, 16.7 per cent in Andhra Pradesh, 17.2 per cent in Punjab, 21.7 per cent in Meghalaya and 14.6 per cent in Karnataka. In West Bengal, though the dropout rate has improved substantially from 2020-21 to 2021-22, particularly at the elementary level, it needs to continue taking adequate measures to reduce the dropout rate and improve the retention rate at the secondary level, it was noted in one of the minutes.

There are a lot of out of school children in the Union Territory of Delhi. Details of out of school children mainstreamed should be uploaded on PRABANDH portal, it was stated in one of the documents

Army exposes ISI's dangerous move to involve women, juveniles

In terror network

Srinagar, Jun 11 (PTI):

A 'dangerous move' by Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and heads of terror groups to rope in women and juveniles to carry weapons and messages has come to light amid a decline in the use of traditional means of communication by terrorists in Kashmir valley, a top army officer has said.

As part of this vision, The General Officer the National Programme Commanding of Srinagarfor Civil Services Capacity based 15 Corps, also known Building (NPCSCB) --'Mission Karmayogi' -- was as Chinar Corps, Lt Gen Amardeep Singh Aujla also launched to prepare a fusaid the forces need to be cauture-ready civil service tious as people sitting across with the right attitude, the Line of Control (LoC) are skills and knowledge. This busy scheming and planning conclave is yet another step to disturb the prevailing peaceful atmosphere.

"Today's threat, as I see it, is involving women, girls and juveniles in carrying messages, drugs or, at times, weapons. So far, the army has detected some cases highlighting an emerging trend which in itself is a dangerous move that Pakistan's ISI and heads of 'tanzeems' (terror groups) have adopted. We, along with other agencies, are jointly working out on this," Lt Gen Aujla told PTI.

Asked if it means that terror groups have stopped using mobile communication, the army officer said the Techint (technical intelligence) signatures have reduced considerably. Also, many Over Ground Workers (OGWs) who acted as conduits for them have been picked up.





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Crackdown on junk dealers; 21 arrested, 15 absconding



Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, June 11: On Sunday, Durg Police conducted a special campaign against the junk dealers and conducted simultaneous raids at about 40 locations across the district. After finding illegal activities, police sealed the premises of several junk dealers and arrested 21 of them.

Fifteen others are at large. 14 Inspectors, 21 Sub Inspectors, 11 Assistant Sub Inspectors and over 50 Jawans conducted the raids under the guidance of SP

of Sunday.

Shalabh Kumar Sinha. centring sheets, iron, an-SP Sinha informed that gles and other illegal they have been receiving scrap was found in the complaints from common junk yards. Police teams people as well as office issued notices to the junk bearers of industrialists dealers and took action regarding illegal trade of under section 41 (1+4)junk in the city. Taking against them. The junk the complaints into seriyards and godowns have ous cognizance, police been sealed. cracked down on the junk Police

dealers in the wee hours Manager Dewangan of Bage All the top police offi-Kabadi in Mohan Nagar; cers of the district super-Raju vised the raids. Huge (Mandalay Kabadi) of quantity of iron scrap, ve-Jewra Sirsa; Manager hicle spares, industrial Kamlesh Thakur of Bage scrap as well as TMT bars Kabadi in Jewra Sirsa;

of BSP, dismantled truck, Imran (Imran Kabadi) in Anjora; Suresh Pandey (Pandey Kabadi) in Jamul; Mannu (Mannu Kabadi) of Chhawani; Ranjit (Ranjit Kabadi) of Chhawani; Parvez (Parvez Kabadi) in Chhawani; Muchu (Muchu Kabadi) in Muchu Khursipar; Sattar Khan arrested (Sattar Kabadi) of Jamul; Manager Ankit Thakur Trilok of Ajay Kabadi in Bhilai 3; Shakeel Ahmed (Muslim Kabaddi) in 3; Mandalay Bhilai 3; Manager Armaan of Lokman Kabadi in Bhilai 3;

Rajendra Pal (Pal Kabadi)

in Jamul; Amir Khan (Delhi Kabaddi) in Jamul; Shravan Kumar Dewangan (Police Kabadi Supela; in Anuj Chandrakar (Parvati Kabadi) in Supela; Manager Vikas of Ajmal Kabadi in Supela; Guddu (Guddu Kabadi) from Supela; Firoz (Firoz Kabadi) in Supela; Shiva (Shiva Kabadi) of Kumhari: and Dhaneshwar Sahu (Sahu Kabadi) in Supela.

The absconding accused are Nadeem Azmi (Nadeem Kabadi, Durg); Shakir Ali (Shakir Supela).

Kabadi, Durg); Dilbag Bage (Bage Kabadi, Mohan Nagar); Ajay Thakur (Ajay Kabadi, Bhilai 3); Virendra Pal (Pal Kabadi, Jamul); (Lokman Lokman Kabadi, Bhilai 3); Sukhchain (Sukhchain Kabadi, Jamul); Sabir Ali (Delhi Kabadi, Jamul); Lalit (Lalit Kabadi, Jamul); Prem Sahu (Prem Kabadi, Jamul); Ajmal (Ajmal Kabadi, Supela); Asgar (Asgar Kabadi, Supela); Jethu (Jethu Kabadi, Supela) and Sitare (Sitare Kabadi,

Bhilai Mahila Samaj observes World Environment Day



Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, June 11: On the occasion of World Environment Day, Bhilai Mahila Samaj (BMS) organized a Tree Plantation Drive at Sector-4 by Bhilai, under the guidance of Triparna Dasgupta, President (BMS).

Neerja Kumari Singh, Vice-President and Praniti Mukhopadhyay and Molly Chakraborty, Additional Vice-Presidents of Bhilai Mahila Samaj (BMS) also took part in the tree plantation on this occasion, along with other members of BMS

Global warming and environmental imbalance has

lenge, which can only be prevented by reducing environmental pollution and planting more trees. It is our responsibility to avoid single use plastic, in order to protect the environ-

become a universal chal

ment All the members present in the programme planted saplings of different plant varieties, followed by taking a collective pledge to protect the environment.

It is noteworthy that BMS is one of the oldest women's organizations, which was established on 4 August 1959. BMS constantly works for women empowerment by training women to make them self-reliant.

White tigers find safe haven in Maitri Baag

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, June 11: Maitri Management, Bagh Horticulture Section of Town Services the Department of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant informed that a month and a half ago, the White Tigress 'Raksha' had given birth to 03 small cubs. Their father is white Tiger 'Sultan'. It is noteworthy that a year ago also, tigress 'Roma' had given birth to a tiger cub, fathered by Sultan.

As per the veterinary medical procedures, the newly born cubs are kept in a dark room along with the mother, under the special care of veterinary medical experts for supervision of breastfeeding



istered with special vita- Bhubaneswar. Due to which has also been exmin-rich health supplefavourable environment ments to ensure their adeand better upkeep of the quate nourishment and animals, the progeny of healthy growth. The cubs white tigers continued to will be made available for flourish at Maitri Bagh public view only after the Zoo and as a result there completion of the fourhas been a great demand of Maitri Bagh tigers month care period. In the year 1997, a pair of around the country.

changed with more than 05 Zoos of the country as per the rules laid down by the Central Zoo Authority. Currently, with the addi-

Dry-flower Craft Training Camp concludes at Borai

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, June 11: Social Corporate Responsibility (CSR) Department, of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant, organised Valedictory Ceremony for 3-month long 'Dry Flower Craft Training Camp' at village Borai. Triparna Dasgupta, President of Bhilai Mahila Samaj was the chief guest on this occasion. The valedictory ceremony was presided over by Praniti Mukhopadhyay, Additional Vice-President, BMS.

al development, environ-Executive ment sustainability, educa-Other Committee members of tion, sports, health and BMS, namely Sadhana well-being in Mines, Bhilai and adjoining areas. Goyal, General Secretary, Sonali Rath, Co-Secretary, Shikha Jain, Treasurer Samaj has also been work-



may contribute to their family's livelihood. conducting regular public welfare activities aimed at

They were also granted a monthly honorarium of Rs 3000 each. The training was provided by Neerja Swami Haldar, from Chhattisgarh Handicrafts Development Board.

It is noteworthy that in the last financial year, 9 Member, Shiv Kumari

the welcome address during the valedictory ceremony. The program was coordinated by Rajni Rajak, Development Assistant (CSR), while the vote of thanks was proposed by Tikam Sahu. Bhana Thakur, Janpad

and other vital health parameters.

The new-born white tiger cubs of Maitri Bagh Zoo have also been kept under medical supervision and are being admin-

white tigers was brought The Maitri Bagh manto Maitri Bagh Zoo from agement has bred over 12 Nandan Kanan Zoo,

tion of 3 new-born white tiger cubs the total num-ber of tigers in Maitri Bagh Zoo has increased to 09, informed Dr NK Jain, DGM (Horticulture &

and Deepanwita Pal, Co-Treasurer were also present on this occasion.

Bhilai Steel Plant has altional social responsibility self-reliant so that they

ing towards women empowerment. Under this initiative 25 women underwent dry-flower craft ways been a step ahead in training for three months, discharging its organiza- aimed at making them

Similarly, Bhilai Mahila

cultural unity, profession-

such camps were organ-ized by CSR, while Training Camp at Borai was the first quarterly training camp held during this year.

Vaishnav, former Janpad member, Padma Sahu, Village Sarpanch, Bindu and others were present during the valedictory ceremony of Dry-flower Craft Training Camp.

Sushil Kamde, Senior

Satish Thakur, Deputy

vised the vehicle checking.

Documents were checked

by Inspector Aruna Sahu,

Transport Department,

ASI Tarakeshwar Singh, ASI Babu Lal (CAF First

Battalion), Head Constable

Satyvender Singh and

Constable Vinod Jaiswal

(CAF, 7th Battalion), ASI

Inspector

Durg

Yashkaran

white tigers in the past, Health). **UP resident nabbed with cannabis Rs 50000 fine imposed on 38 school buses**



Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, June 11: A resident of Uttar Pradesh has been arrested with a large quantity of cannabis in Vaishali Nagar area of Bhilai. He was smuggling about 10.15 kgs of cannabis on a scooter. The accused has been booked under the provisions mentioned in NDPS Act.

Inspector Trinath Tripathi (SHO, Vaishali Nagar) informed that on the directions of SP Shalabh Kumar Sinha, they are conducting a special drive against the smuggling and illegal trade of narcotics and in-

toxicants. The network of informers has been activated and the cops are also maintaining vigil on the activities of suspects and criminal record holders.

In this sequel, police received a tip off regarding a youth moving on a scooter in the Jawahar Nagar area. He was reportedly looking for customers to sell a large quantity of cannabis. Police team swung into action and rounded up the suspect

near Sports Complex in Jawahar Nagar. On searching, police recovered 10 packets of cannabis weighing 10.150 kgs.

The cannabis, scooter and mobile phone were seized in the presence of witnesses. The accused identified as Sarvesh Kumar (33) son of Bajrang Bahadur Singh a resident of Andhwa Meharwaghat, District Kaushambi, Uttar Pradesh has been arrested under section 20 (b) of

NDPS act. He was produced before the court and has been sent to the jail on judicial remand.

ASI Suresh Pandey, onstables Durgesh Constables Rajput, Avesh Siddhiqui, Jitendra Singh, Rajkumar Yadav and Bhupendra Baghel played a vital role in arresting the accused.

brake light, parking light, indicator light, back light, meter, steering condition, tyre condition, clutch, accelerator, seat, horn, wiper, reflectors etc were checked. According to the criteria set by the Supreme Court, the joint team also checked GPS devices in

the vehicle, CCTV camera, speed governor, pressure horn, emergency window, display of school name, telephone number, mobile number of the driver, first

School bus checking camp organized as per SC guidelines

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, June 11: To ensure safe transportation of school students, Traffic Police Durg and Transport Department jointly organized a school bus checking camp at Police Ground in Sector 06. Under the guidance of SP Shalabh Sinha, 262 buses of 23 schools of the district were checked in the first phase. The Transport Department officials checked the documents including registration, permit, fitness, insurance, PUC, road tax, driver's license etc.

Thereafter, the mechanical fitness test of the vehicles was carried out, under which head light, done by the team of District Hospital Durg.

Traffic Police challaned 38 school buses including 07 without fitness, 04 without permit, 18 without uniform, 02 without fire extinguisher, 02 without wiper, 06 without reflector and 02 vehicles were fined for faulty brake light. A total fine of Rs 50800 was col-



aid box, fire extinguisher, etc in the school buses. Later, the health checkup of the drivers was done in which BP, blood sugar checked. level and eye test, etc was

lected. The schools have been instructed to rectify Superintendent of Police, the defects within a week Inspector Kujbihari Nage, Inspector DP Chandra, and get the vehicles re-Dhruv and Inspector Vishnu Thakur super-

Deputy Superintendent of Police (Traffic) Satish Thakur gave detailed information about traffic signals, traffic signals to the drivers. He asked them not to be negligent while driving, conductors were asked not to stand at the door and ensure safety of children. They were also counselled for not consuming any kind of intoxicant. Madhav Sahu (Police Lines) and staff of MT Department conducted the mechanical examination. ASI Suresh Devagann,

Hukum Singh, Chandrika Prasad, Sushil Pandey, Mahesh Mishra and Satyanarayan Pathak checked the compliance of SC guidelines.

The medical camp for drivers was conducted by Eye Assistant Officer (District Hospital Durg) Mohd Ejaz, Mukesh Sharma, MR Shaikh; RHO Yogesh Kumar Homsharan Dewangan, Narendra Kurre and Mansingh Mandavi. 10 drivers had eye problems while 21 drivers had complaints of BP and sugar.

Cops pasted OK stickers on the vehicles which were found to be fully fit. The vehicles carrying these stickers would not be stopped during the routine checking while those vehicles found without stickers will be stopped and checked.

In the coming days, another camp will be organised for the left over school buses and such institutions where school students are transported through small vehicles.



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Cong sets target for 75+, gives victory 'mantra' to party workers

CM asks party workers to promote govt's achievements and face 'lies' of BJP with full-force

PCC State in-charge praise CM's schemes and working

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Jun 11: With target of winning 75 plus in the next VS polls, the Raipur- Divisional level sammelan of Congress laid emphasis on unity. Infusing enthusiasm among the party workers, CM Baghel said that many could not get opportunity to serve this time, but they need not feel annoyed and they will be given chance in the next government. These words by CM boost-

level party workers, on the other, CM indirectly laid emphasis on given chance to new faces. CM Baghel launching scathing attack against BJP charged that in last 15 yrs of its rule, BJP could not achieve anvthing and therefore is raking up the religious conversion issue. In this sammelan, PCC State in-Charge and AICC general secv. Kumari Selia was all praise for CM Bhupesh Baghel and state govern-

ed the morale of ground-

ment schemes. Addressing the huge gathering at local Balbir Singh Juneja Indoor Stadium on Sunday, CM Baghel said that BJP seeks votes in the name of Lord Shri Ram, but they never did anything for Ram Van-Gaman Path at all. Baghel claimed that the state gov-

ernment made schemes

for people from all sections

of the society and now

they are getting its bene-



fits. The party is moving ahead with target of 75 plus in the next elections and as to whether BJP would be able to retain its 14 seats in the state is still not sure. CM asked the party workers to pay more

focus at booth-level and giving them victory 'mantra', CM asked them to face the 'lies' of BJP with conviction. CM said that the failures of Raman government and achievements of the existing gov-

ernment has to be highlighted.

CM Baghel commenting upon the statement made by Union Minister Giriraj Singh said that BJP speaks about Godse and I have even said in Vidhan

Sabha that they should speak 'Godse Murdabad' and to which they (BJP) did not say. If Godse can be 'sapoot' of 'Bharat Mata' , then this can be good or bad thing to we all, but for BJP it is like an ideal. CM further said that if they all Godse as 'Sapoot', then what they will call Mahatma Gandhi?

After this speaking to media persons, CM said that BJP is practicing politics of 'llies'. Giriraj Singh came here and raise the issue of religious conversion and de-listing. When the BJP government at the Centre is in majority, then why they do not do it? Arun Sao says that it is the Centre which purchases paddy on MSP and how much more lies they will speak, CM questioned.

PCC State in-Charge Kumari Selja praise the schemes launched by CM Bhupesh Baghel in the state for poor, labourers,

farmers and youth and women. Selja said that she hails from a state which belongs to farmers and there also there is lot of discussions and praise for CM Bhupesh Baghel's schemes. Recalling the former Union Minister Vidya Charan Shukla and said that it is his death anniversary today. Citing about her good relations with him, Selja said that Late VC Shukla he was like his father Late Ravishankar Shukla. She appealed the party workers work unitedly and work hard to achieve the set-target of 75

plus seats in the next VS

polls. Speaking on the oc-

casion, PCC Chief Mohan

Markam said that it was

Dr Mahant who made his

the Block President and

today it is a great co-inci-

dence that he is getting an

opportunity share the dais

with him. Markam further

said that this thing is pos-

sible only in Congress.

SECR starts using automatic signaling system

With schemes of the state government, there is good atmosphere and rapport of the government with labourers, farmers, youth, women and tribals community in the state. Targetting on BJP government at the Centre, he charged that BJP practices politics of 'lies'. The sammelan was also addressed by Speaker State Assembly Dr Charandas Mahant.

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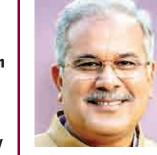
In this sammelan held at Balbir Singh Juneja stadium, PCC State in-Charge Kumari Selja, CM Bhupesh Baghel, Speaker State Assembly Dr Charandas Mahant, PCC Chief Mohan Markam and Congress office bearers from 20 Vidhan Sabha areas were present. So far party has held three divisional level sammelans in Bilaspur, Durg and Bastar region and is gearing up for the next VS polls due in the state by this year end.

CM request to include Bilaspur in the UDAN-5 scheme

Writes to the **Minister of Civil** Aviation

Letter written upon receiving information that Bilaspur has not been included in the **UDAN-5 scheme by** the central govt

Raipur, Jun 11: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has written a letter to the Civil Aviation Minister, Government of India, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, requesting him to take prompt action to add Chhattisgarh's Bilaspur city to the UDAN-5 scheme, to enable people of the city to travel to other parts of the country and boost the economic development of the region.



The Chief Minister has written in the letter that he has received information that the Union Ministry of Civil Aviation has not included Bilaspur city in the UDAN – 5 scheme. The people of Bilaspur Zone are disappointed because of this decision by the Central Government. Mr. Baghel has mentioned in the letter that Bilaspur is the second-most important city in the state. Moreover, the location of the High



Court of the state in Bilaspur necessitates regular air service facilities here. The Chief Minister has also written in the letter that the state government, in consultation with the D.G.C.A. and the Union Ministry of Aviation, had spent 45 crore from the state budget to ensure arrangements for terminal building, runway expansion, arrangement of security equipment, etc. for starting regular air service at as well.

Bilaspur Airport.

Because of the consistent efforts of the state government, Bilaspur was connected to the country's air link, and services were started from the city to Jabalpur, New Delhi, Prayagraj, Indore, etc. The number of passengers on all the flights arriving to and departing from Bilaspur was promising. However, later, for unknown reasons, the flight service to Indore was stopped.

In the letter, Chief Minister Baghel has requested the Civil Aviation Minister Scindia to take immediate action to add Bilaspur city to the UDAN-5 scheme so that people of the region can travel to other parts of the country, contributing to the economic development of the region

Huge 'Peepal'

Raipur, Jun 11: A huge 'Peepal' tree fell down near Lakhenagar Chowk due to strong winds on Sunday morning and this caused traffic congestion on Lakhengar -Sunder Nagar road. The corporator of Sunder Nagar ward called the Municipal authorities to get it removed soon. In this incident two persons are reported to have got injured and were taken to hospital for treatment.

Railway (SECR) is being upgraded and converted into automatic signaling system. Auto signaling system helps in running maximum number of

Raipur, Jun 11: The tradition and maintenance of tional signaling system in additional stations and South East Central controlling traffic at major junction stations. Due to the installation of automatic signal system, trains will not have to

stand unnecessarily any-

where. Due to this, one

the same route will be able to run easily without get ting late.

In the South East Central Railway, the sectional speed from Nagpur to Durg has been increased to 130 km per hour, at par with the Rajdhani route. Automatic signals will increase the number of trains along with the speed of trains on the rail-

way lines. On the basis of available resources, work is being done to implement automatic signaling system in various sections in place of traditional signaling system and absolute block system of train



Placement camp for educated unemployed on 13th

and

• Opportunity to be available for recruitment on over 129 posts

Guidance Center said that through this camp Pinea Matering Lab & Robo Automation Pvt. Ltd., PNG Products, CR

with freight train

long distance. It is being told that local passenger MEMU train and goods train came on

Commuter train narrowly escapes head-on collision

tree falls, two injured

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Jun 11: A placement camp is being organized by the District Employment and Self-**Employment** Guidance Center on June 13 at District Employment Office, old Police Headquarters from 11 am to 2 pm. The objective of this placement camp is to provide employment to the local educated unemployed youth of Chhattisgarh.

Deputy Director of District Employment and Employment Self vears.

Consultancy etc. will re-cruit candidates having educational qualification of 12th, Graduation, ITI, Diploma, Engineering to 129 posts of Engineer, Cluster Head, Sales M a n a g e m e n t, Driver, Technician, Delivery Boy, Accountant, **Receptionist**, Operation Head, Digital Manager, Telecaller, Hindi Typist Editor. Video Candidates willing to apply for such posts will need to have experience of minimum 01 year to 20



Raipur, Jun 11: The scene of recent tragic train accident in Balasore of Odisha can hardly be forgotten by the people when a major accident was averted in time under South East Central Railway's Bilaspur zone. A commuter train had narrowly escaped head-on collision with freight train after both of them arrived on the same railway track. A major accident was averted by stopping both the trains at a

the same track on Saturday between Jairamnagar in Bilaspur district and

Kotmisonar in Janjgir-Champa district. MEMU local was moving towards Korba. The human and technical mistake was rectified in time and both the trains were stopped. Passengers got down from their train and when they saw this scene, they thanked God. A major accident was averted by the drivers in time. The video of this incident is also going viral on social media

Firing incident on a flat in Raipur

Bullet comes inside window in the 5th floor of VIP Karishma Apartment

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Jun 11: A bullet has been fired at a flat in Raipur. Everyone was present at home on Sunday, when firing incident took place suddenly.

Panicked people informed the police. Officers are now probing the incident after reaching the spot. The person in whose house

window of a flat on the 5th the bullet was shot is an acfloor of VIP Karishma

countant by profession. No Apartment in Pandri police injury was reported in the incident. According to postation area. No one got lice, a bullet was fired in the hurt in the incident. The

The reason for the incident has not been revealed yet. Now the ballistic experts who reached the spot are investigating. It is not clear who fired the bullet and why.

flat belongs to one Vijay

Pandey, who works as an ac-

countant in a private firm.

Srivas doubts CGPSC results 2021

Raipur, Jun 11: BJP Kissan leader Gauri Shankar Srivas today raised doubts over the 2021 results of Chhattisgarh Public Service Commission. Despite ongoing agitation of the stu-

dents over the examination results, the CGPSC has not cleared its stand. he said while addressing a press conference here today. He alleged that examination results were sponsored as all the ques-

tion papers were allotted to some selected persons. Doubts of the students

over results deepen after all documents including answer sheets and OMR sheets were destroyed in a hurry on June 5 and a fresh sale tender was released through advertisement in violation of Civil Service Rules, he said.

Quoting experts Srivas said that no answer sheet or document can be sold for 20 years.

को ही हाइब्रिड लनिंग एवं डिजिटल लिट्रेसी प्रोग्राम के लिए मान्यता दी है

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'Traffic congestion remains unchanged on main roads in the city'

- Even after posting of 18 Collectors, 19 SPs and 27 CMOs in city so far
- **Encroachments by** shopkeepers narrows the main road and lack of action by administration raises eyebrows
- **Heavy vehicles** entering despite prohibited time

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method

their goods spread all over

and with no action by the

concerned authorities

shows their silent support

as well. Even the hand-cart

operators too have not

spared this area and are

Due to encroachments

doing as per their like.

Kawardha, June 11: So far 18 Collectors, 19 SPs and 27 CMOs have been posted in Kawardha and left, but the traffic on the main routes has not being streamlined till date. All the Collectors, SPs and CMOs have tried novel methods to bring the traffic on track, but the most busiest of road from Bazar Naveen to Gurunank Gate, Rishabh Chowk to Sarafa Line could not be freed from encroachers. The shopkeepers on this

route are adopting the



of 'merimarji' and Traffic police also (self-rule) have encroached raises evebrows upon the main road with

The most busiest of the roads in city viz. from Naveen Bazar to Gurunank Gate, Azad Chowk, Mahavir Swamy Chowk, Rishabh Dev Chowk to Sarafa Line are part of the city's main market area and due to which is having huge traffic pressure.

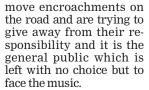
by the millionaire shop-Due to which, few years keepers and showroom owners, the road passage back many a Collectors have declared it as 'onehas turned narrow and posing lots of inconvenway' for heavy traffic and ience to passer-by. Set with no-entry of fouraside this with no attenwheelers from 9:00 am to tion being paid by the 9:00 pm, the traffic pres-Palika Administration sure indeed reduced to a great extent, but the encroachments by the shopkeepers and their adamant an attitude left no space for a permanent solution and the traffic congestion remained the same.

The shopkeeper with funda of 'what is visible will sell' and amidst mutual competition, even after having shops worth lakhs, preferred to put their display on the front and putting sign boards and others to gain mileage over others. It is sort of doing business like footpath vendors that they are now conducting their business.

Due to this a sizeable part of the road gets encroached and generally the wider road gets narrow, posing problems to all.

Amidst this with goods getting damaged due to slight error by vehicle rider or others, generally used to lead in quarrel and fight among many and amidst all such troubles neither the Nagar Palika administration, nor the Traffic police is taking any action to find permanent solution to it.

Both these department blame each other saying that it is not their job to re-



The very idea of declaring it as one-way has already turned failure and what is required is firm action by the Nagar Palika administration and traffic police against the shopkeepers spreading their goods upto the roads and the road-side vendors encroaching the remaining part of the road and impose heavy fine on those violating it.

Ch'garhi actress Urvashi Sahu releases the flyer

Apart from Naveen Bazar to Market road, The road from Thakur Dev Chowk to Darripara road is having many banks and ATMs and due to which there is traffic-jam like situation most of the day. Set aside this allowing opening of Banks on Darripara road also gives rise to many doubts, as to how the banking officials and those in power allow the banks to run, without any parking facility in that area and

this needs to be probed. Aware citizens Raju, Rishi, Prashant, Himanshu, Hritik. Bhagwat, Bharat and oth-

ers while discussing said that the government or administration's 'danda' (rule) is only for the poor and hutments and roadside vendors, but as to how it can act against the shopkeepers encroaching upto the main road area is nobody's concern.

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As to why the administration is unable to take any action is still unknown and beyond one's understanding. The people have urged the local administration to be strict against the shopkeepers and others encroaching upon the road and by marking areas for parking, should try to streamline the traffic and make if free from frequent congestion and day-to-day

What officer says

problems.

It is by holding coordi-nation with the Traffic police department and explaining it to the shopkeepers that this system would be streamlined on all the main roads of the city soon. Naresh Kumar Sharma - CMO- Kawardha.

CRPS burns a copy of the ESMA order with Patwaris



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Jagdalpur, June 11: The state government has imposed ESMA on the movement of the Patwari Sangh to crush the indefinite strike by the Chhattisgarh Revenue Patwari Sangh (CRPS) since May 15 for its 8-point demands.

Opposing this order of the government, the Chhattisgarh Employees-Officers Federation (CEOF) has given its full support to the movement by burning the copy of the

ESMA order along with the Patwaris by reaching the protest site on Friday, June 9.

Condemning this repressive order of the gov-Divisional ernment, President of Chhattisgarh Staff Officers Federation Gajendra Srivastava and Divisional Incharge Kailash Chauhan said that in a democracy all societies and organizations

have the right to express their views. The government should have been issued notice before the agitation. If the

World Environment Day Mission 2023 **United Nations** Environment

Programme, Nairobi Kenya approved the programs and competitions will be held till June 30

Of Green Care

Society India 50th

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it would have discussed Dantewada, June 11: 50th with the organization be-World Environment Day Mission 2023 is being organfore the movement and ised by Green Care Society But the government did India to bring public awareness globally on environnot discuss with the mental protection and con-Patwari Sangh before the movement, nor did it try to servation in support of United find a solution by dis-Nations **Environment Programme** cussing the movement Nirobi Kenya, Lifestyle on When the people of the Environment, Chhattisgarh state started getting upset, **Environment Conservation** they wanted to crush the Board, Chhattisgarh State movement by imposing **Biodiversity** Board. Environment Information ESMA. He has demanded early solution to demands System, Central Pollution Control Board,



Department, Government of India and Government of Chhattisgarh.

conservation, actress message of green happiness



deforestation are the biggest problems of the world today. Every citizen has to fulfill the responsibility for environmental protection and conservation.

Biswanath, Amujuri Director & COO of Green Care Society India, Dantewada informed that official approval is done from the United Nations **Environment Programme** Nairobi Kenya and Government of India as well

Chhattisgarh organisations on the 50th World **Environment Day Mission** 2023. The programme is being conducted through online and offline mediums in the open category throughout the month of June. Competitions are being organized on painting, speech, photography and ac-tions on Sustainable Development Goal 13 Climate Action, 14 Life Below Water, 15 Life on

Government

Land. General public, stuteachers, dents. Professionals, business persons, nature lovers, social workers all can participate in this mission program at free of cost and the last date for sending the entries is 30th June.

With the huge participation of the people, our mother earth will become a land capable of living a green life. Despite the busy schedule, Urvashi Sahu took out time and Green Care Society India thanked for her presence in poster release programme

trial for players of various

sports disciplines in the

state on May 25 at the

Chhattisgarh's team en-

tered the finals by defeat-

ing Tripura with a score of

4-0 in the Women's Football semi-finals held

today. Kiran Pisda, a play-

er from Girls Football

Academy Raipur, scored

three goals, while Pinky

Kashyap of Bastar scored

The final match will be

Jharkhand on June 12. It is

noteworthy that 5,000 ath-

letes from 18 states are par-

ticipating in the champi-

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Environment Climate

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by planting trees and con-Forest Change serving the environment in Chhattisgarh and all over

By promoting environ-

Urvashi Sahu released the flyer of 50th World Environment Day Mission 2023 by Green Care Society India and she said that all the citizens should give the

BALCO drives environmental transformation through on-ground initiatives

government was positive,

going on for last 23 days.

found a solution.

of the Patwaris.

On World **Environment Day**

- **Pledged to plant 1** lakh trees in FY24
- **Distributed 10,000** cloth bags to promote **#Beat Plastic** Pollution

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Balconagar, June 11: On the occasion of World Environment Day, Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO), India's iconic aluminium producer and a subsidiary of Vedanta Aluminium, organized a series of awareness events and community initiatives demonstrating its unwavering commitment to environmental preservation.

These initiatives were taken as an extension to Vedanta Aluminium's #GreenHearts campaign which aims to rally people all over the country to come together and plant a sapling for a better and greener future. The initiatives included the distribution of more than 10,000 cloth bags as a sustainable alternative to single-use plastic bags, a walkathon involving over 500 students, and an extensive tree plantation drive. line with the In Government of India's

Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE) initiative, and this

theme

of



#BeatPlasticPollution. emphasize the importance BALCO undertook an exof reducing plastic waste.

tensive campaign to spread As a responsible corpoawareness about the adrate citizen, BALCO recogverse effects of single-use nizes the importance of ensuring sustainable business plastics. To support this operations. It demonstrated cause, the company collabo rated with the Chhattisgarh its commitment in this re-**Environment Conservation** Board (CECB) to distribute more than 10,000 cloth bags to community members and school children across Raipur. Over 500 school children also participated en-

with CECB.

gard by introducing electric vehicles (EVs) for internal travel within its extensive plant premises. By embracing this inno-

vative and sustainable solution, BALCO has taken a significant stride towards thusiastically in a statelevel walkathon organized reducing carbon emissions by BALCO in association and transitioning to environmentally friendly trans-Participants were reportation. The company warded with eco-friendly goodies, including a 2023 calendar made of recycled paper and seed paper, as well as savories made with organic ingredients by the

also initiated a plantation drive at its operations. Over 100 saplings were planted. and a commitment was also made to plant over 1 lakh trees within this year alone. This endeavor aligns with the company's mission to contribute significantly to afforestation efforts and

help combat climate change. Speaking on BALCO's en-

vironment conservation efforts, Rajesh Kumar, CEO & Director, BALCO, expressed, "We are firmly committed to restoring and preserving our ecosystem, nurturing conservation efforts across all our operations. By leveraging cuttingedge technology and innovative thinking, we are determined to forge a sustainable and resilient future for generations to come. Together, we can forge a path towards a sustainable and eco-friendly future. Our unwavering commitment to safeguarding the ecosystem is deeply embedded in our vision, corporate objectives. production processes, and the way we conduct our business. We acknowledge our responsibility and will persist in taking actions that preserve and protect the environment."

Talking about the initiatives Shailesh Pisda, Regional Officer, CECB Korba, said, "BALCO is an environmentally responsible organization and it has been continuously taking important and pro-active steps towards helping safeguard our planet. I am truly impressed by the company's initiative to introduce Electric Vehicles (EVs) within its plant premises.

This forward-thinking step demonstrates BALCO's unwavering commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship. Korba is being benefitted from BALCO's environmental conservation measures and we look forward to more such initiatives in the future.

BALCO's dedication to environmental preservation extends beyond World Environment Day. The company has planned a weeklong campaign around the occasion. This includes activities such as a cleanliness drive involving employees and the local community an awareness rally, interactive sessions called "BALCO Talks" featuring industry experts, screening of environmental documentaries within the plant premises, and encouraging carpooling among employees. These initiatives aim to foster a sense of collective responsibility and encourage sustainable practices among BALCO's stakeholders.

Players from residential archery and athletic academies win medals

• Ch'garh bags medals in the first Khelo **India Tribal Games** competition

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Dr.

Kuber Singh from Residential Archery Academy Bilaspur wins a silver medal in 30 m. and second place in the overall championship

Kumari Tarnika Teta from Residential **Athletic Academy Bilaspur wins a** silver medal in the 100 m. women's championship

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Raipur, June 11: Players from Chhattisgarh have bagged medals in various events of the first Khelo India Tribal Games Championship held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

the Players of Residential Archery



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Chhattisgarh

Bhubaneswar.

Academy Bilaspur and Athletic Academy have won medals. The Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel and the Minister of Sports and Youth Welfare Mr. Umesh Patel have congratulated the players for their outstanding performance.

Singh of Kuber Residential Archery Academy Bilaspur has won the silver medal in 30 m. and has achieved the second position in the overall championship. Similarly, Kumari Tarnika Teta, a player of Residential Athletic Academy Bilaspur, has won the silver medal in the 100 m. women's championship.

The Sports and Youth Welfare Department had



Self-Help Group members supported by BALCO. These gestures aimed to promote sustainable alternatives and

vear's





Maheshwari books entire theatre for his supporters

Simga, Jun 11:

PCC representative Sunil Maheshwari booked the entire theatre for the party's workers to view the Chhattisgarhi film 'Le shuru hoge maya ke Kahani' and being overjoyed with the respect they are getting, the party workers took him on their shoulders to express their joy and happiness.

In this regard Maheshwari said that when one gets each other's support, then it feels as if one has won over entire world. He further said that in the present day time. there is no obscenity in this film and is full of humour and entertainment. In this the importance of studies has been shown and after marriage, both husband and wife go to Watches Ch'garhi film- 'Le shuru hoge Maya ke Kahani'



school together and then passes in the exams. Since this film has been produced and shot in our Kasdol block, therefore the people of the region and Bhatapara are having lot of attraction towards this picture and it is going houseful for last 35 days. This film was watched by Congress party workers along with their families

said

in a peaceful environment and this included vouth from 18 yr to elders of upto 80 yrs. During the screenof the ing film, Maheshwari met all the spectators one-by-one and out of which 30% of them informed that they are watching this Chhattisgarhi film for the first time and majority of others said that they are

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watching this film after a long time. Maheshwari that anv Chhattisgarhi film not only promotes the local language, but it also spreads the folk art & culture, traditions, festivals, food items and others. Prominent among those

who watched the film included Nagar Palika Chairperson Sunita Gupta, Sangeeta Sunil Maheshwari, V-P Trilok Saluja, BCC President Amar Mandavi, Nagar Panchayat President Bhagwat Sonkar, V-P Avinash Das, V-P Surendra Yadu, Janpad V-P Vivek Agrawal, Simga, Kuber Yadu, Advocate Sukrit Sahu, Niyaji Khan, Kesharwani, Mohan Sabhapati- Sirij Jangade, Bhullu Kurre, and 1000 others.

Many accidents taking due to fire in factories: Ali

Pappu Ali informed that under the Labour Safety Scheme,

there is provision of compensation of Rs 5 lakh in case of

injury to a labourer in the factory and it is depending upon the

seriousness of the injury that the government fixes the com-

pensation. The payment of compensation to the labourer by

the owner has to be made as per the age and salary of that

labourer. In addition to this there is provision for EPF and

Insurance and other amount which needs to be paid.

Irrespective of the fault in any accident or incident in the fac-

tory, it is the factory owner who will have to pay the penalty

or fine and bear the compensation expenses as well. One can-

not run factories in populated or posh area and for running

any factory, one should own NOC and have all provisions

inside the factory to meet any type of fire incidents.

Simga, Jun 11:

Speaking to media per-Bharatiya sons, Rashtriya Mazdoor Federation Congress (BRMZF) (INTUC) Pappu Ali informed that in all the factories of Chhattisgarh, it is generally the labourers who are dying of either burn or some other accidents and in majority of the cases the fault is on part of the factory owner. Earlier also many accidents have taken place in the factory, either in the kitchen or due to short-circuit, but so far it has not being taken seriously.

The other thing Pappu Ali highlighted is that the buildings of these factories too have not being constructed as per the rules and without taking all those precautions to avoid fire-incidents and others, that the map is passed. On the other hand, the Labour department is also not having safety and Fire-brigade complete details of the department conducts sur-

Labourers not getting justice as per rules

In majority of cases. factory owner settles the issue with labourer's family

vey, the remain silent

over the shortcomings.

Though the incidents

takes place and investiga-

lessness on part of the factory management. There are about 2000

odd industries in entire Raipur district and in this around 18000 labourers are employed, as per records. But going out of records, there are more than 50000 labourers actually working in these factories.

tion is carried out, but the

factory owner by settling

the matter with the

labourer's family, closed

down the file without any

firm action. In the last

five years, many a poor

labourers have lost their

lives due to sheer care-

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Set aside this many a factories are running in outer and posh areas and the district administration is not having details of registration of these factories. nor the details of labour cards that of the labourers. There is no compulsion or strictness against the factories on part of the Labour department or the local administration, Ali added.

Water scarcity in government hospital/CHC Naxalite couple lays down arms

Sukma, Jun 11:

A Naxalite couple carrying cash rewards of Rs 3 lakh each on their heads surrendered in Sukma district on Saturday, a police official said.

Sodhi Joga (23) and his wife Veko Kosi (22), who were active as members of the zonal technical team of the outlawed outfit, turned themselves in before police and CRPF officials, Additional Sukma Superintendent of Police Gaurav Mandal said.

They cited disappointment with the Maoist ideology and hailed the state government's surrender and rehabilitation policy to get such ultras back into the mainstream, he said.

The range field team of the Central Reserve Police

About the surrendered Maoists

Sodhi Joga (23) and his wife Veko Kosi (22), who were active as members of the zonal technical team of the outlawed outfit, turned themselves in before police and CRPF officials. The couple carried cash rewards of Rs 3 lakh each on their heads. Joga was inducted into the outlawed outfit in 2015 and was allegedly involved in an attack in 2017 in Akabeda area of Narayanpur on a police camp which was being set up. He was also involved in an incident of firing on a police team last year in Gamdi area of Narayanpur.

Force (CRPF) in Sukma in an attack in 2017 in played an instrumental Akabeda Narayanpur on a police role in the surrender of Joga and Kosi, who were camp which was being set active in Maad area of up. He was also involved in Narayanpur, the additionan incident of firing on a al SP said. police team last year in "Joga was inducted into Gamdi

the outlawed outfit in 2015 Narayanpur," the official and was allegedly involved



These days, from patients to doctors, all are worried about the shortage of water in the community health center of the city.

This hospital building, built for the expansion of health services in the city, is fighting water scarcity and as per information, the relatives of the patients and the hospital staff depend on the Sulabh or nearby river flowing at the bus stand for disposal.

Due to lack of water, there is a problem in the cleanliness of the hospital, patients and doctors have to buy water by spending extra for water and many health check-up devices have not been useful without water. Also disputes



What Law says

labourers working in that

factory and when the

are coming to the fore daily with the relatives and staff of the patients.

Due to safe delivery and economical treatment in Dongargaon Government Hospital, there is no shortage in the number of pa-

tients here, but due to lack of facilities, people have to turn to private hospitals elsewhere. At the same time, the patients who are getting treated here under compulsion are baring the burnt of water scarcity es-

pecially newborns and mothers.

Bores have been done at 4 places in the hospital premises, but there is no water in any of the bores and here, due to the immediate arrangement, efforts

are being made by the Nagar Panchayat administration to provide relief to the patients by supplying water from the tanker, but the site should have been selected keeping in mind the large structures and public facilities like the hospital, due to which people are troubled for basic facilities.

What officer says

"Complaints come from the patients and the staff is also worried about the shortage of water. Presently one tanker water has been supplied by the Nagar Panchayat.

Dr. Kamini, Medical Officer Dongargaon

'The dream comes true with the flight of spirits'

Manendragarh, Jun 11:

Meritorious students flew high in Raipur on Saturday for topping the board exams. Bharatpur-MLA Sonhat Gulab Kamro along with



Manendragarh thanked the Chief Minister for the helicopter joyride. He said that coming from a small town and sitting here in a helicopter is no less than a dream. I am very happy to have a helicopter joyride.

Revenue Officer will monitor the implementation of schemes: Collector

Manendragarh, Jun 11

Under the chairmanship of Collector Narendra Kumar Dugga, the weekly deadline meeting was held



ing. Reviewing the pend-

Education Minister Dr. Premasai Tekam flagged off the helicopter. Ms. Sunita Baiga from Bharatpur development block and Ms. Priya Rohra from Manendragarh development block of MCB district participated.

Sunita Baiga of Special Backward Tribe has passed class 12th merit list in Swami Atmanand Excellent English Medium School Bharatpur and want to become doctor in future. In her experience about the helicopter joyride, Sunita told that I could not sleep the whole night. I was re-

peatedly checking the helicopter. I thank Chief clock, when would it be Minister Bhupesh Baghel morning and when would for giving us the opportu-I board the helicopter. nity to travel in the heli-Finally, I sat in the helicopter. Priya Rohra, class 12th copter and had a lot of

student of Vijay English Medium School

It is noteworthy that two girl students, who made it to the merit list from the newly formed Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur, reached the helicopter joyride organized by the Chief Minister. Priya Rohra and Sunita Baiga from MCB enjoyed the joyride at Raipur. Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur Collector Shri Narendra Kumar Dugga was present in the program organized in Raipur to encourage Priya and Sunita. He wished both the students a very bright future.

and in the review meeting. the Collector directed to open CSC centers soon in view of the convenience of the farmers in all the cooperative societies.

He also assured to work in increasing the number of employment in the district and work in the direction of providing employment-oriented skill training to the beneficiaries of unemployment allowance in a planned manner by collecting information about their sentiments. He gave necessary guidelines to departmental officials to assess the availability of

'Women to become self-reliant

through Mahila Samman Bachat Patra'

shopping malls, hotels and other institutions, provide employment in service sector and employment opportunities in agriculture sector. He directed to start the training program soon by organizing a joint meeting with SECL.

The Collector took necessary information regarding the implementation of the announcements and instructions made during employment in industries, the Chief Minister's meet-

ing complaints received by departments various through m-portal, the concerned officers were instructed to resolve them within the time limit. Beneficiaries presented 18 applications in front of the Collector in Collector Jandarshan. In Jandarshan mainly applications related to revenue matters, electricity related problems, compensation

distribution, MNREGA and other matters were received.

The Collector instructed the officers of all the departments for early disposal of the applications. SDM Abhishek Kumar, in-Additional charge Abhilasha Collector Paikra, District Panchayat Nodal Officer Mr. Harit and district level officers were present in the meeting.

Observer inspects activities for by-poll

fun. No member of my

family has ever sat in a

For post of 1 Sarpanch, 12 Panchs in different wards of villages

Dubey and took all neces-

sary information. The by-

poll for the post of

Panchayat Mohara in

Simga block; that of

in

Panchayat Sakalor in

ward No. 19; Panch in

Manohara ofward No. 10;

in ward No 8 of Phulwari;

in ward No. 1, 2, 3, 6, 11,

12, 13 in Amakoni ward;

in Gram

Gram

Sarpanch

Panch



Simga, Jun 11:

The observer Heena Animesh Netam arrived Simga Janpad Panchayat on Saturday to take stock of preparations going on for the Panchayat by-poll 2023 to be held in Simga block.

On her reaching, she held talks with the CEO Gram Panchayat Amit

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in ward no. 18 of Gram Mohara and ward No. 15 of Durchura.

In this way the by-poll for 1 post of Sarpanch 12and posts of Sarpanchs is to be held in Simga on June 27. In this regard, the review of nomination papers was done in Simga on June 10 at Janpad Panchayat Simga. In this meeting Amit Dubey, lar Priyanka CEO Tehsildar Banjara, Control Room in-charge SR Gendre, tax officer RB Pandey, Durgehs Sahu, PK Rai, OP Purena, social teacher organiser Saju Daharia were present. Observer Heena Animesh Netam inspected the control room, Strong Room, and gave instructions to ensure completion of by-

poll in free & fair manner.

Pithora, Jun 11:

With the objective of encouraging women to save and giving more interest, the Government of India has started Mahila Samman Bachat Patra Yojana. Its purpose is to encourage the women of the country to save and so that they can become self-sufficient by saving.

This objective was launched in the scheme budget 2023 passed by the central government, and after the launch of the scheme, now Rajya Sabha MP Saroj Pandey has opened an account under the 'Women's Honor Savings Certificate' scheme by going to the post office in Durg. After completion of all the formalities she was given a computer generated passbook. After opening this account, Rajya Sabha MP Saroj Pandey said that under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, big



steps should be taken continuously to increase the number of women and she termed this step as a unique initiative for women empowerment and appealed to women and girls to take advantage of this scheme maximum numbers. in Assistant Superintendent Post Office Gyanesh Mishra told that this scheme is an ambitious scheme for women by the Central Government's Mahila

Samman Savings Certificate Scheme. Under this scheme all women and girls are eligible to join this scheme. This savings scheme is valid till March 31, 2025. The minimum investment amount from this scheme will be from 1000 to a maximum of 2 lakh rupees. 7.50 percent compound interest per quarter will be added to the same account on the investment made by women and girls.

Bemetara, Jun 11:

According to the instructions of the Government of India, in the meeting of the working group of G20 held in Bemetara district, G20, National Education Policy 2020 and awareness-based public participation activities on basic literacy and numeracy, from 1.6.2023, schools across the entire district under Bemetara district a workshop is being organized. Along with this, various

types of activities are also being organized under the public participation campaign related to the G20 Summit. Most of these activities are being organized through online due to school holidays. Public participation cam-

paign is being run to spread the publicity of these programs and to reach the common man, in which all government schools and Jawahar

Navodaya Vidvalava Bemetara are actively participating in these activities/programs.

DEO conducts meeting

of package coordinators

In development block Saja, on Jun 8, under the chairmanship of the District Education Officer, the meeting of head teachers and cluster coordinator was held in the community hall of the city. On which, along with other issues, different people expressed their views on the National Education Policy, FLN, Digital **Basic Literacy and Campaigns** based on awareness, implementation of campaigns.

District Education Officer Arvind Mishra said that the successful implementation of NEP 2020. To do this, the head can inspire the subordinate teachers only by being spontaneous to the readers. Mask making, math games and various activities are being done very happily with the children.

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BRIEF



Congress leader Sachin Pilot 'Sarva Dharma during Prarthana Sabha', in Dausa, Sunday.

Overturn

Kota: A vehicle overturned on the Kota-Baran highway on Sunday, leaving three labourers dead and four others injured, police said. A police patrolling squad spotted the overturned vehicle in the early hours, DSP Harshraj Singh said

Demolished

Mumbai: A memorial of 18th century Mysore ruler Tipu Sultan on a traffic junction in Dhule in Maharashtra was de molished by the civic body which claimed it was illegal. It was allegedly built by Dhule City All India Ittehadul Majlis-e-Muslimeen MLA Faruk Shah Anwar on the intersection of Vadjai Road, some 322 kilometres from here, a police official said on Sunday.

Derail

Kharagpur: A coach of the Medinipur-Howrah local train derailed at the Kharagpur station in West Bengal's Paschim Medinipur district on Saturday night, a South Eastern Railway official said. The accident happened around 9 pm when the train was heading towards Howrah, and there was no one in the coach, they said.

Mishap

Mumbai: A private bus rammed into a monorail bridge pillar near Bhoiwada bus stop in Mumbai on

'Role of nurses as crucial as that of doctors'

Lucknow, Jun 11 (PTI):

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Saturday said nurses and paramedic staff's role is as important as that of doctors in providing proper medical care to the patients.

Handing over appointment letters to newly selected 1.442 staff nurses at an event here, Adityanath said, "This is a crucial area. You will all agree that a strong med-

ical system is important for good health, just as a strong educational system is for any civilised societv." Stressing the importance of nursing and paramedic staff, he said, "Through their care and

assistance to patients, the nursing staff can significantly contribute to the achievement of the goal of recovery and well-

Lucknow, Jun 11 (PTI):

For the last five years,

Versha Verma has been

cremating unclaimed bod-

ies, with the belief that

after death, people must

get their due respect

through a dignified

Though it is routine to

get calls about unclaimed

bodies to be cremated,

doing the last rites has

been always an emotional

situation, said Verma, who

started the service after

seeing and reading news

claimants being dumped

and not dignified, the 44-

year-old said, adding that

during the Covid period,

she got "countless" calls to

This is unacceptable

bodies with no

farewell.

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in rivers.

cremate bodies.



Yogi Adityanath

ness." The programmes that the government runs without discrimination are what have led to changes in the state over the past six years, he said. 'In 2017, the state had a

total of 12 medical colleges. Between 2017 and 2022, more medical colleges have either already been built, or will be built in 63 districts of the state," Adityanath said in an official statement. Asserting that the goal

of 'one district, one medical college' will soon be realised, he said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision and leadership, medical colleges will soon be available in every district of the state.

'Where it is not possible, we recommended that medical colleges be built there using the Public-Partnership Private (PPP) model because they are the best medium for specialised medicine.'

While distributing the appointment letters, he drew a comparison with the previous governments and claimed, "When we came to power in 2017, the unemployment rate was around 19 per cent. Today, it has come down to around 3-5 per cent.", The chief minister noted that in the last six years, 6 lakh government jobs were provided in the state.

CARING FOR THE DEAD

Versha Verma conducts cremation of an unclaimed body,

handed over to me for cremation," she said.

claimed bodies, she said, "I also provide free ambulances to patients all over Pradesh". Uttar 'Currently, we have three ambulances of our own. We also hire ambulances, if needed. During Covid, we hired five amublances for taking the dead bodies to crematorium," she said. Verma also said she gets

people who visit her organisation's social media accounts and learn about its works.

financial help from anyone till now. Whatever is required to carry on my services, I get through responses from social media," she said.

'Deportation of some Indian UP woman conducts cremation of unclaimed bodies students from Canada stayed' New Delhi, Jun 11 (PTI): to Canada during 2017-2019. After completing Some Indian students their studies, some of

Devotees gather at Indrayani river ghat as annual pilgrimage of warkaris to Pandharpur with palanguin of saint

in Canada facing the prospect of deportation on charges of obtaining visas using fake admission letters have received "stay orders" from Canadian authorities, government sources said on Sunday.

India has repeatedly been urging Canadian authorities to be fair and take a humanitarian approach since the students were allegedly victims of some agents.

The sources also said that the actual number of Indian students facing deportation from Canada is much less than 700. "Most of these students had gone

them obtained work permits, while others continue to study in Canada,' said a source.

India has been taking up the matter with Canadian authorities, in Canada and in New Delhi. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar also took up with matter with his Canadian coun-

terpart. [•]Canadian authorities were repeatedly urged to be fair and take a humanitarian approach since the students were not at fault," said the source cited above. "It was also pointed out that there were gaps in the Canadian system and a lack of diligence, owing to which the students were granted visa and also allowed to enter Canada," it added.

In the last few days, Canadian parliamentarians across political par-ties have spoken in support of the students. Immigration Minister Sean Frasier has indicated that Canada is actively pursuing a solution for international students who

are facing uncertainty, the

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has acknowledged the need for fair treatment of the students. "Some students have recently received stay orders on their deportation notices," the source said.

sources said.

Bengal Cong chief visits family of slain party worker

In Murshidabad district

Kolkata, June 11 (PTI):

claimed bodies, Verma UP teacher uses cow dung to make variety of household items

in Lucknow.

ganisation.

Shahjahanpur (UP), Jun sticks, havan material, 11 (PTI): A Shahjahanpur- wall hangings, namebased teacher is using cow plates, trophies," she said,

Verma, who runs an said her personal number NGO called "EK Koshish is listed at mortuaries, Aisi Bhi", said the cost of hospitals and police stations, and authorities conservices is borne by the ortact her directly. "In case of On how she receives inan unclaimed body, it is formation about unkept for 72 hours after postmortem, and then Besides cremating un-

financial support from

"I have never asked for



Dnyaneshwar, at Alandi Devachi near Pune, Sunday.

Saturday, leaving a woman injured, police said.The bus was on its way to Colaba bus depot in south Mumbai from Antop Hill in the afternoon when the incident occurred, which is prima facie caused by brake failure.

Heat wave

Jaipur: Heat wave conditions continued in Rajasthan on Saturday while rains lashed parts of the state, according to the local MeT department.Ganganagar, Hanumangarh and Churu districts witnessed rain.

uses their dung as raw material to churn out these items.

Cow dung has religious significance but it can also be used to make a range of household products, Gangwar said.

reared over 50 cows and

She said people from other districts of the state visit her and take training. "Some of the items

made by us are incense

dung to make products adding around a dozen people are employed for like incense sticks, wall hangings and nameplates. the work.

Pooja Gangwar, 42, a Gangwar said she has primary school teacher in been making these items Rajanpur village in the using cow dung since Tilhar area of this Uttar 2017. Pradesh district, has

District Magistrate, Shahiahanpur Umesh Pratap Singh, said, "Items of home decoration, incense sticks, 'havan' material, religious symbols and lamps are being made from cow dung by a primary school teacher. It sets an example.'

"We have encouraged every village pradhan in the district to keep at least 10 cows. People are encouraged to rear cows,' he said

MANIPUR VIOLENCE

People do yoga at Triphala Park, in Noida, Sunday.

visited the house of party worker Fulchand Sheikh in Murshidabad district who was shot dead in the run-up to the panchayat election.

Condemning the incident, the Congress leader questioned Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's "silence" on the matter.

Sheikh, 45, was attacked by TMC's goons on June 9 when he was playing cards at Ratanpur village on Friday, his family members alleged. He was rushed to Kandi Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

West Bengal Congress party chief Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury on Sunday The incident took place when the process of filing nominations for the July 8 rural polls is underway.

Chowdhury assured the bereaved family that the party would protest the killing and demand justice.

The charge was, howev-

er, denied by the ruling

The Congress, he said, would also demand police protection for the villagers as people were living in fear.

Two others were also injured in the attack, the police had said.

The Congress leader claimed that after committing the crime, the culprits looted belongings from Sheikh's house

Refinery accident

Guwahati: One labourer died and another was critically injured in an accident at Guwahati Refinery, an official said on Sunday. The accident took place at a project site of the refinery in Noonmati area of the city on Saturday, the official added.

Accident

Lucknow: Two persons were killed when a speeding container truck ran over them outside the Haj House here on Sunday, police said.SHO of Sarojininagar police station, Shailendra Giri, said the two had come here to see off their relatives going for the Haj pilgrimage.

Imphal, Jun 11 (PTI): soon Over 50,000 people, who have been displaced by

the ethnic violence in Manipur, are currently staying at 349 relief camps across the state, a minister said on Sunday.

State Information and Public Relations Minister Dr R K Ranjan said combing operations have been launched in all districts, particularly in vulnerable areas.

He said 53 arms and 39 bombs have been recovered during the operation. Ranjan, who is also the

government spokesperson, said a road map for education of students. which has been affected due to the ethnic clashes, has been chalked out and would be made public

"Altogether 50,698 people displaced by the ethnic violence are currently sheltered at 349 relief camps," said an official statement quoting the minister.

District and cluster nodal officers have been asked to look after the relief centres which have been opened especially for women, elderly people and children.

A price control mechanism has been put in place to check the price rise of essential commodities, he said, adding that various goods are being brought to the state through NH-37.

As much as 35,000 metric tonnes of construction materials, fuels and essential commodities have

been taken to Manipur in 2,376 trucks since violence erupted in early May, the statement said.

Altogether 198 of the existing 242 bank branches are now operational, and the rest would be made functional at the earliest, Ranjan said.

Notably, a large numbers of weapons were looted from police stations in early May when ethnic violence broke out in the state.

Both Chief Minister N Biren Singh and Union Home Minister Amit Shah have appealed to people to surrender their weapons.

Overall 990 arms and 13,526 ammunition have been surrendered to the government, the statement said.

Sena (UBT) Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Raut on Sunday claimed the Bharatiya Janata Party was "scared" of his party chief

The comments came a day after Union Home Minister Amit Shah in a rally in Nanded tore into Thackeray over the chain of events post the 2019 Assembly polls which led to the unravelling of the Shiv Sena-BJP alliance.

hands with the Nationalist Congress Party and Congress to form the Maha Vikas Aghadi government as betrayal for the sake of power.

In a social media post, Raut said, "It is good the BJP is scared of Uddhav Thackeray. It ensured a split in the party (Shiv Sena), gave name and its symbol to traitors: still the fear of Uddhav Thackeray and Shiv Sena (original) has not gone."

IIT Mandi researchers develop smart biogradable microgels

To aid sustainable farming practices

New Delhi, Jun 11 (PTI): population.

Researchers at the Institute Indian of Technology (IIT), Mandi have developed smart biodegradable microgels to make agricultural practices more sustainable and minimise adverse impact caused by use of insecticides and agrochemicals.

The research has been published in the Carbohydrate Polymers' journal.

According to officials, modern agriculture relies heavily on application of various agrochemicals such as insecticides, herbicides, and fertilizers on crops to meet the demand of food for the growing

These agrochemicals are excessively used in the

fields to compensate their loss via leaching, degradation, rain fall, evaporation, dust drift etc. The frequent use of such agrochemicals results in high cost and causes adverse effect on environment, including both groundwater and soil and human health,' Garima Agrawal, Assistant Professor, School of Chemical Sciences, IIT Mandi told PTI.

"The main objective of this research is to develop sustainable farming practices that can minimise the adverse environmental impact of currently preva-

lent agricultural practices involving excessive use of agrochemicals. These chemicals when frequently applied to the fields, affect the quality of the soil. Additionally, these excessive agrochemicals slowly percolate through the soil and contaminate the groundwater also," she said. Agrawal explained that

these agrochemicals also get washed away in rain and reach the nearby water sources like lake, river or stream and pollute it. The use of biodegradable microgels as a smart delivery system for fertilizers and insecticides has the potential to provide a solution to this issue.

BJP scared of Uddhav, claims Raut Over 50,000 people staying in 349 relief camps Mumbai, Jun 11 (PTI): Shiv

Uddhav Thackeray and said it was a good thing.

Shah called Thackeray's joining





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Imran Khan upset over losing powerful army's backing: FM Bilawal

Islamabad, Jun 11 (PTI)

Pakistan Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari has said that deposed prime minister Imran Khan is not against the army's interference in politics but is upset with the powerful establishment only because it is no longer supporting him, according to a media report.

"Khan's problem with the Pakistan Army began in April of last year when it declared that it would not get involved in politics and would not take sides," Bilawal told Qatar-based Al Jazeera news channel on Saturday The Pakistan Tehreek-e-

Insaf chairman's issue



with the army is not that they're involved in politics; his problem with the army is they're not getting involved to support him, he said. Bilawal said that the

role of the army in Pakistan's politics cannot be denied. "More than half of our history has been covered by military rule. My party, the Pakistan

Peoples Party, has challenged each and every single dictatorship Pakistan's history." He said Khan, however,

supported every dictatorship in Pakistan, including the last dictatorship of former president General (retd) Pervez Musharraf.

"Khan's political history is that he has supported every dictator and he supported every autocrat in Pakistan's history," he said. The foreign minister said that former-cricketerturned politician's rise to power in 2018 is well-documented. "It is an established fact that he was brought into power through a rigged election in collaboration with some

and witnesses

Kidnapping and forced

of Sindh have become a

lies. In recent months

there has been a surge in

such cases in interior

Sindh with the lower

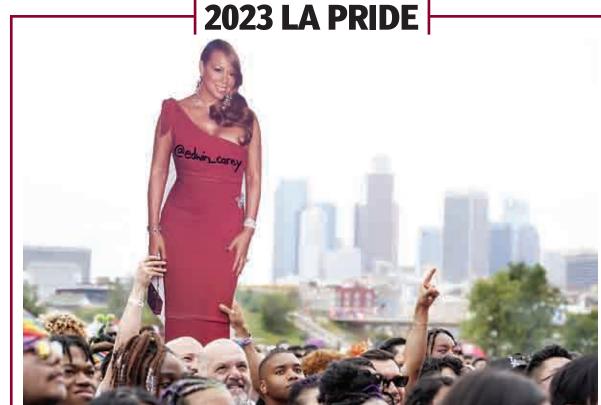
courts flooded with appli-

former officers of the Pakistan Army." in

Responding to a question about the army's popularity after May 9 events, Bilawal said the majority of the people of the country want the army to remain apolitical.

"As far as the army's popularity as an institution is concerned, the PTI supporters may be upset with the Pakistan Army for not violating the Constitution and supporting Khan," he said.

He said the majority of Pakistanis are deeply offended by the actions that took place on May 9 where Khan encouraged his supporters to attack army installations.



A crowd member holds up a cutout of headliner Mariah Carey on the second night of the 2023 LA Pride in the Park concert at the Los Angeles State Historic Park in Los Angeles.

3 Pakistani soldiers killed during Honduras opens embassy in China after Pak police recover kidnapped Hindu girl shootout with militants breaking off ties with Taiwan

Karachi, Jun 11 (PTI):

A minor Hindu girl, who was allegedly kidnapped by an Aghan Pashtun family, forcibly converted to Islam and married off to a Muslim man in Pakistan's Sindh province has been recovered from Karachi, police said. Raveena Meghwal was

kidnapped from the Sanjar Chang area of Tando Allahyar in the Southern Sindh province and was taken to Karachi, said SSP Tando Allahyar, Syed Saleem Shah.

A complaint about the kidnapping was filed by the girl's family and the Dahrawar Pakistan Ittehad (PDI), a body fighting for minorities rights in the Sindh province.

"After investigating the matter we sent a team to Karachi from where the girl was safely recovered and brought back to Mirpurkhas," Shah said.

The Afghan Pashtun Jamo Khan had a person family claimed the girl had converted to Islam and married Jamo Khan out of her own free will, he said. first convert to Islam.

Interestingly, when the The PDI has demanded girl and the accused were that Jamo Khan and his presented in a magisassociates should be tried trate's court in Tando under the Sindh Child Allahvar on Saturday. Marriage Act and the Jamo Khan and his lawyer Maulvi who performed the produced a marriage cer-'Nikah' (marriage contract)

tificate but when the accused was asked to submit should all be arrested as his national identity card well. it turned out he didn't even have a Pakistani NIC conversions of young and was carrying a Hindu girls in the interior Afghan ID card. menace for Hindu fami-

Magistrate, Saba Omar has sent the girl to a safe home and for a medical examination and said the statement of the girl would be recorded later.

The magistrate allowed cations from affected parthe girl to meet with her ents seeking justice and parents and relatives in the return of their daughthe court where she told ters, sisters and wives. the media she was forcibly Hindus form the biggest abducted and taken to a minority community in house in Karachi where Pakistan.

and some witnesses read a 'Nikah' (marriage con-In restive North tract) after forcing her to Waziristan district

Peshawar, Jun 11 (PTI):

Pakistani security forces exchanged fire with terrorists in the restive North Waziristan tribal district bordering Afghanistan, killing a least three soldiers and three militants, the Army said on Sunday.

The shootout took place in the Miranshah area of the district in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province overnight early on Saturday, Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), the military's media wing, said in a statement.

Four terrorists were also injured during the gun battle, ISPR said.

The security forces seized arms and ammunition from the possession of

Although the Pakistani cleared North Waziristan of militants, occasional at-

tacks and shootouts continue, raising concerns that the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), which earlier had a stronghold in the district, are regrouping in the area.

The TTP is a close ally of the Afghan Taliban, who seized power in Afghanistan on August 15, 2021, as the US and NATO forces withdrew from the country after two decades of war. The TTP unilaterally ended a cease-fire agreement with the Pakistani government last November and has since stepped up its attacks in

Beijing, Jun 11 (AP):

Honduras opened an embassy in Beijing on Sunday, Chinese state media reported, months the Central after American nation broke off relations with Taiwan to form diplomatic ties with China

Foreign China's Minister Qin Gang and his Honduran counterpart Enrique Reina took part in the inauguration of the embassy on Sunday morning, China's official CCTV said.

The said report Honduras still needed to determine the embassy's permanent location and would increase its number of staff.

Qin pledged that China would establish a new model with Honduras of "friendly cooperation" be-

tween countries with different sizes and systems, according to a statement from China's Foreign Ministry.

The symbol of the two strengthening sides' diplomatic ties came during Honduran President Xiomara Castro's six-day visit to China.

Honduras established formal relations with China in March, becoming the latest in a string of technology giant Huawei countries to break diplobefore arriving in Beijing matic ties with Taiwan.

China sees self-governed Taiwan as a breakaway province, to be retaken by force if necessary, and prohibits its own diplomatic partners from having formal ties with Taipei.

Castro arrived in Shanghai on Friday on her first visit since the establishment of relations.

The ties formed in March were a diplomatic victory for China amid heightened tensions between Beijing and the United States, including over China's increasing assertiveness toward selfruled Taiwan.

During her stay in

Shanghai, she visited the

headquarters of the New

Development Bank, a

bank established by the

BRICS nations, which in-

cludes Brazil, Russia.

India, China and South

Africa. Honduras request-

ed admission to the bank,

Castro's office tweeted

The president also visit-

ed a research center for

on Saturday night,

China's official Global

newspaper

Saturday.

Times

reported.

US confirms China has had a spy base in Cuba since at least 2019

Washington, Jun 11 (AP):

the country.

China has been operating a spy base in Cuba since at least 2019, part of a global effort by Beijing to upgrade its intelligence-gathering capabilities, according to a Biden administration official. The official, who was

tion has stepped up efforts to thwart the Chinese push to expand its spying operations and believes it has made some the report inaccurate. progress through diplo-"I've seen that press remacy and other unspeciport, it's not accurate," fied action, according to White House National

cash-strapped Cuba billions of dollars as part of the negotiations. The White House called

community had deter mined Chinese spying from Cuba has been an "ongoing" matter and is "not a new development." the administration official said.

Cuban Deputy Foreign Minister Carlos Fern ndez de Coss o also refuted the report in a Twitter post Saturday. "The slanderous speculation continues, evidently promoted by certain media to cause harm and alarm without observing minimum patterns of communication and without providing data or evidence to support what they disseminate," he wrote.

said, are doing good

across the country, but po-

litically they are way be-

we've never been discrim-

inated against, we are

doing well. But unfortu-

nately, tides are changing. I'm from California,

where unfortunately, on

the caste basis now, they

want to add this to the discriminating factors," car-diologist Dr Romesh

Japra said on Saturday.

He alleged that organi-

sations like Equality Labs

and CARE are trying to

"Politically, we think,

Ukraine's dam collapse is both a fast-moving disaster and a slow-moving ecological catastrophe

Kherson (Ukraine), Jun 11 (AP):

The destruction of the Kakhovka Dam was a fastmoving disaster that is



The Kakhovka Dam was the last in a system of six Soviet-era dams on the river, which flows from Belarus to the Black Sea.

the slain terrorists and launched a sanitisation operation to eliminate any other militant found in the area military claims it has

swiftly evolving into a long-term environmental catastrophe affecting drinking water, food supplies and ecosystems reaching into the Black Sea

The short-term dangers can be seen from outer space tens of thousands of parcels of land flooded, and more to come. Experts say the long-term consequences will be generational.

For every flooded home and farm, there are fields upon fields of newly planted grains, fruits and vegetables whose irrigation canals are drying up. Thousands of fish were

Houses are seen underwater in the flooded town of Oleshky, Ukraine, Sunday, June 11. The destruction of the Kakhovka Dam in southern Ukraine is swiftly evolving into long-term environmental catastrophe. It affects drinking water, food supplies and ecosystems reaching into the Black Sea.

left gasping on mud flats. Fledgling water birds lost their nests and their food sources. Countless trees and plants were drowned. If water is life, then the

draining of the Kakhovka reservoir creates an uncertain future for the region of southern Ukraine that was an arid plain until the damming of the Dnieper River 70 years ago.

WORLD MEETING ON HUMAN FRATERNITY



Nobel Peace Prize Laureates Nadia Murad (2018), center, and Muhammad Yunus (2006), fifth from left, sign also on behalf of some other 30 Nobel laureates, background, the Declaration of Human Fraternity during the ' #Notalone' 'World Meeting on Human Fraternity ' in St. Peter's Square at The Vatican. Pope Francis was supposed to participate before he was operated on to repair a hernia on Wednesday.

Then the Dnieper became part of the front line after Russia's invasion last

vear this territory "All formed its own particular ecosystem, with the reser-voir included," said Katervna Filiuta, an expert in protected habitats for the Ukraine Nature Conservation Group.

Ihor Medunov is very much part of that ecosystem. His work as a hunting and fishing guide effectively ended with the start of the war, but he stayed on his little island compound with his four dogs because it seemed safer than the alternative.

not authorised to comment publicly and spoke on the condition of anonymity, said the US intelligence community has been aware of China's spying from Cuba and a larger effort to set up intelligence-gathering operations around the globe for some time.

The Biden administra-

Threat of terrorism rising in Afghanistan and region: UN report

United Nations, Jun 11 (PTI):

The link between the Taliban and Al-Qaeda and Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan remains "strong and symbiotic", according to a UN report which said the ability of terrorist groups to freely manoeuvre under the Taliban de facto authorities in Afghanistan is raising the threat of terrorism in the country and the region.

The fourteenth report of the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team of the 1988 Taliban Sanctions Committee of the UN Security Council said that contrary to statements to not allow Afghan soil to be used for attacks against other countries, the Taliban have harboured and allowed active support of Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan. While maintaining links to numerous terrorist entities, the Taliban have lobbied member states for counter-terror-

the official, who was ta miliar with US intelligence on the matter.

The existence of the Chinese spy base was confirmed after The Wall Street Journal reported on Thursday that China and Cuba had reached an agreement in principle to build an electronic eavesdropping station on the island.

The Journal reported China planned to pay a

ism assistance in its fight

against the Islamic State of

Iraq and the Levant

Khorasan Province (ISIL-K),

which it perceives as its

principal rival. "The link be-

tween the Taliban and both Al-Qaeda and Tehrik-e-

Taliban Pakistan (TTP) re-

mains strong and symbiotic.

rising

America and the Taliban.

Security Council spokesman John Kirby said in an MSNBC interview Thursday.

"What I can tell you is that we have been concerned since day one of this administration about China's influence activities around the world; certainly in this hemisphere and in this region, we're watching this very, very closely."

The US intelligence

First ever Hindu American Summit to be held at US Capitol on June 14

hind.

Washington, Jun 11 (PTI): event. Hindu Americans, he

A group of eminent Indian-Americans from across the country have come together to host the first ever Hindu-American Summit for Political Engagement at the US Capitol, which organisers said along with others would be addressed by House Speaker Kevin McCarthy.

A range of terrorist groups Being organised by the have greater freedom of marecently formed Americans4Hindus politinoeuvre under the Taliban de facto authorities. They cal Action committee in are making good use of this, association with over 20 and the threat of terrorism other diaspora bodies, the Hindu-American Summit in both Afghanistan and the reis to be held at the US Capitol on June 14 to raise gion," the report, issued here on Friday, said. It added the concerns of the Hindu that while they have sought community before the to reduce the profile of these lawmakers. groups and have conducted

About 130 Indian American leauce _____ over the country _____ New York, American leaders from all operations against ISIL-K, in general, the Taliban have Florida, New York, Boston, Texas, Chicago not delivered on the counterterrorism provisions under the Agreement for Bringing and California represent-Peace to Afghanistan being 20 Hindu and Indian tween the United States of organisations are coming to the US Capital for the

response to a question.

dismantle Hinduism. "They are behind many (anti-Hindu activities) of these things. So, we thought we should get together, unite all the Hindu Americans, all the leaders, all the executive heads of the organisations, and get here on the Capitol Hill, come to the powerhouses the Congress and put our case forward," he said in



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Combating Extremism

Canada's Responsibility in Brampton Parade Incident

he events surrounding the Brampton parade in Canada's Ontario province, organized to commemorate the anniversary of Operation Blue Star, have ignited intense controversy and highlighted the need for Canada to rein in separatist elements. While Sikhs worldwide hold events to remember this historical event, the Brampton parade crossed the boundaries of decorum by featuring a float depicting the assassination of Indira Gandhi, evoking strong reactions. The presence of separatist elements among the Sikh diaspora, who continue to fuel the Khalistan movement and issue inflammatory statements, is a concerning issue. Countries like Canada and the United States have become safe havens for separatists, granting them asylum during the dark days of terrorism in Punjab. However, it is crucial to note that the Blue Star remembrance events in India, particularly in Amritsar, have evolved into more rational and peaceful gatherings over the years. The Akal Takht, a supreme temporal authority of Sikhs, has even called for reform movements in villages plagued by drug abuse and other social issues. Many Punjabis have embraced the path of peace and moved beyond the secessionist extremism propagated by the Sikh diaspora. The dichotomy between the ground situation in India and the efforts of some segments of the Sikh diaspora to keep the flame of separatism alive is striking. It is imperative to acknowledge the role that Canada's political leaders have played in this matter. They must take responsibility for encouraging extremism in order to consolidate their vote banks. India's Minister of External Affairs, S Jaishankar, rightly criticized Canada for allowing space for separatists, extremists, and advocates of violence to operate freely. Earlier this year, India raised concerns about the breach of security at the Indian High Commission in the UK, highlighting how Khalistan radicals misuse their asylum status to support terrorist activities in India. These disturbances are incongruent with the efforts being made by the governments of Canada and the UK to strengthen bilateral ties with India. While both countries seek to enhance cooperation and foster mutual understanding, incidents like the Brampton parade undermine these efforts. It is essential for Canada to recognize its responsibility in curbing the activities of separatist elements within its borders and ensure that its political leaders do not provide legitimacy or support to extremist ideologies. Addressing this issue requires a multi-faceted approach. Canada's government must actively monitor and investigate any instances of support for extremism or violence within its Sikh community. Additionally, efforts should be made to foster dialogue and understanding between different segments of the community, promoting a sense of unity and shared values. The Sikh diaspora has an important role to play in shaping a positive narrative and contributing constructively to the development and progress of both Canada and India. Moreover, it is crucial to emphasize the significance of preserving the sanctity of commemorative events. While it is essential to remember and learn from historical events, it should be done in a manner that respects the sentiments of all individuals involved and promotes harmony and understanding. Floats or displays that glorify violence or celebrate assassinations only serve to deepen divisions and hinder the progress of communities towards reconciliation and peace. As a nation that prides itself on diversity and inclusivity, Canada must actively work towards countering extremism and promoting unity among its diverse communities. By addressing this issue, Canada can reinforce its commitment to upholding democratic values, preserving social harmony, and building stronger relationships with countries like India. It is time for Canada to shoulder the onus of curbing separatist elements and creating an environment where dialogue, understanding, and mutual respect can flourish.

Strengthening Border Infra

Timely Completion of Strategic Projects

ndia's Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has taken a significant step towards bolstering border infrastructure by inviting bids for the construction of a 4-km-long concrete road near Saser La, a high-altitude pass in eastern Ladakh. This development comes in the midst of a prolonged standoff along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and demonstrates India's commitment to match China's aggressive actions. The proposed road will serve as part of a larger military-usable route connecting Sasoma, Saser La, and Murgo, providing an alternative pathway to Depsang and Daulat Beg Oldie in the Sub-Sector North. The completion of this road and other infrastructure projects within their designated timelines is of utmost importance. One critical project is the operationalization of the strategic Sela tunnel, which will ensure all-weather connectivity to Arunachal Pradesh's Tawang district. This region witnessed a clash between Indian and Chinese troops in December 2022, highlighting the need for improved infrastructure to support the armed forces in defending the border. Moreover, these projects will also benefit the local residents, serving as their "eyes and ears" and enhancing their overall well-being. In April, the Vibrant Villages Programme was launched at Kibithoo, Arunachal Pradesh, as part of India's comprehensive plan to counter China's provocative actions. Approximately 3,000 villages across Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, and Ladakh have been identified for holistic development under this initiative. The success of these comprehensive development programs is crucial in maximizing border security and strengthening India's position in the region. It is worth noting that China has been aggressively expanding its infrastructure along the LAC, including the construction of roads and bridges, to enhance troop mobility and readiness. In contrast, India's focus on strategic projects demonstrates a resolute commitment to match China's efforts and safeguard its territorial integrity. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar rightly emphasized that the normalization of India-China ties cannot be expected until the situation along the eastern Ladakh border is resolved. Given the significance of these projects, it is essential to ensure their timely completion. Delays or inadequate progress could undermine India's efforts to enhance border security and could result in a persistent vulnerability. The government must prioritize allocating adequate resources, addressing logistical challenges, and maintaining strict oversight to avoid unnecessary setbacks. Furthermore, effective coordination between the concerned authorities, including the BRO, local administrations, and relevant stakeholders, is crucial. Regular monitoring, strict adherence to project timelines, and proactive mitigation of potential obstacles are necessary to ensure the successful execution of these strategic initiatives. India's determination to strengthen its border infrastructure serves as a powerful message to its adversaries. However, it is essential to remain vigilant and maintain a long-term perspective. Continued investment in border infrastructure, coupled with diplomatic efforts, will contribute to safeguarding national interests, fostering regional stability, and securing a peaceful environment along the borders. India's commitment to timely completing these strategic projects will not only bolster its defense capabilities but also demonstrate its resolve to protect its sovereignty and territorial integrity. The successful implementation of these initiatives, combined with sustained diplomatic efforts, will help establish a stable and secure environment in the region. By ensuring the completion of these projects within their time frames, India can fortify its position and effectively respond to any future challenges along its borders.

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A flooded colony after a heavy rainfall in Dimapur, Nagaland, Sunday, June 11.

Adapting Education: The Significance of Timely Changes in Curriculum



C urriculum, course material, and textbooks hold significant importance in any education system and educational policy. They determine what is suitable to teach students of different ages and classes, considering their mental capacity and the ability to grasp concepts without undue pressure.

We now recognize the 21st century as the age of science and technology, where remarkable progress has been made in these fields due to ongoing research. As a result, the content of basic and applied sciences has substantially increased. Additionally, the internet provides a vast amount of knowledge readily accessible to all. Consequently, the principles of science are evolving or being interpreted in new ways based

Changes in syllabi and textbooks are considered a normal process in the education system. The University Grants Commission, recognizing this, mandates periodic meetings of subject experts (BOS) in higher education to review the course content at least once every two years. Timeto-time changes in the curriculum, both nationally and internationally, are indicative of a robust education system. However, when determining the subject matter, it is essential to ensure an easy transition from theory to utility and avoid unnecessary complexities

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on education cannot be ignored. The pandemic has affected various sectors, including education, over the past two years. To safeguard students' interests, online learning, teaching, and examinations were conducted, despite their limitations. The effectiveness and impact of this experiment on students' minds and brains require further research. Nevertheless, it successfully maintained the continuity of teaching and learning during challenging times. When studying the research on the effect of the pandemic on students, it becomes evident that the tragedy has had a profound impact on students' mental health, from school to university levels. Studies by researchers such as Priya Bhakta, Kakoli Das, and others published in the "Journal of Affective Disorders" in 2023, as well as Dev, Kar et al., published in the research journal 'DATA' in 2022, reveal that COVID-19 has negatively affected the mental health of a large number of students in India. These studies indicate that students experienced significant mental stress and anxiety, which falls under the category of mental illness in medical science and can lead to other health issues.

For science students, online learning limited their hands-on experience, especially in laboratory settings. The principles and facts that were easily understood through practical learning and training were not grasped as effectively in online teaching. This situation raises concerns about the difficulties faced by weaker students who require special attention from their teachers. Notably, NCERT has made adjustments to the text material, considering the mood and mental health of children affected by COVID-19, and this initiative is commendable.

There have been discussions in various news publications about the removal of certain lessons, such as Darwin's theory and the periodic table, from NCERT science books. Upon investigation, it becomes clear that the preparation of the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) under the Education Policy 2020 is in its final stage. Once implemented, textbooks will be prepared afresh. In the meantime, NCERT has made adjustments to the current year's textbooks, taking into account the learning loss caused by the pandemic. It is widely acknowledged, especially among those involved in the field of education, that changes in course content and textbooks are a common process to ensure their relevance to the time period, circumstances, and the mental level of children. Textbooks can never be considered final, and it is therefore futile to protest against changes. In my opinion, partial modifications in textbooks for a certain period, considering special circumstances and with

the students' best interests in mind, should be welcomed by society. These changes have several benefits: they apply to all students, reduce the burden of carrying learning materials, rationalize the content, and address the aftereffects of the pandemic.

The Education Policy 2020 emphasizes the importance of considering mental health, age, and intellectual abilities. It promotes experiential and activity-based learning and encourages curiosity and a creative mindset. If we evaluate the partial changes made by NCERT based on these points, they do not appear to violate the objectives of the Education Policy 2020.

Moreover, the main goals of the Education Policy 2020 are to reduce the burden of school bags, rationalize the text material, eliminate repetitive content, make the material more learner-friendly, and align it with the students' mental level. When evaluated from these perspectives, the partial changes made by NCERT can be justified. They do not seem to deviate from the key elements of the Education Policy 2020, such as promoting creativity, empirical learning, scientific understanding, innovative attitudes, and moral values Therefore, the objections raised

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Moving Beyond Freebies

While the concept of providing quality education is commendable, offering free electricity is not a sustainable approach. The dangerous trend of political parties promising freebies to entice voters poses a threat to democracy, as these giveaways drain the limited resources of state and central governments, impeding crucial development projects. Instead of outright freebies, an alternative approach could be to provide essential resources like fuel, power, and water at concessional rates. By striking a balance, short-term freebies can be replaced with long-term solutions that address critical challenges, such as sustained investment in healthcare. It is essential to prioritize judicious resource allocation and focus on sustainable development for the betterment of society as a whole.

Navneet Nair, Raipur

Global Dreams

A significant number of students opt for higher education abroad, driven by the belief in better opportunities and the prospect of settling in foreign lands. Middle-class families often shoulder enormous financial burdens, taking loans to support their children's overseas education. Students perceive an international degree as a catalyst for improving ca-reer prospects, unlocking global job opportunities, and attaining higher salaries and improved standards of living. Regrettably, much work remains to enhance the quality of education in India. Addressing this gap is crucial to provide students with competitive education options within the country, reducing the necessity and financial strain of seeking edu-cation abroad. By strengthening educational standards domestically, India can empower its students to thrive both nationally and globally.

Saurab Verma, Korba

Infrastructure Carnage

The relentless violence in the Ukraine conflict has unleashed a catastrophic wave of destruction, leaving a trail of ruined infrastructure in its wake. Amidst escalating tensions, the annihilation of the Kherson dam emerges as a grim harbinger of further despair for the Ukrainian people. Tragically, both nations engage in a blame game while civilians on both sides bear the brunt of suffering. Throughout history, major infrastructural targets like dams have been deemed offlimits in armed conflicts, acknowledging their dire repercussions on civilian populations, ecosystems, and neighboring territories. Regrettably, this long-standing convention has been brazenly shattered by the warring factions. This heinous act unquestionably amounts to a criminal atrocity. Gregory Fernandes, Mumbai

Central Chronicle invites articles, write-ups, and comments on a wide range of issues for our editorial page. Submissions should be between 800-900 words in length. In addition, we welcome letters to the editor for this page. While letters may be edited for clarity, we aim to preserve the integrity of the original message, and ask that they be kept to around 50-60 words. Submissions can be sent via email to editorcentralchronicle@gmail.com. on modern knowledge. Due to these advancements, some traditional subjects may have lost their relevance.

In general, when scientific subjects are new and information is scarce, they can be taught at any grade level to provide basic knowledge. However, as research progresses and more dimensions of usefulness are added to these subjects. they are included or shifted to higher-grade syllabi and textbooks. It is crucial to consider the mental level of learners when introducing complex and new material. Therefore, compared to arts, literature, and other subjects, the curriculum in science requires more frequent changes.

by anyone regarding these changes hold no meaning. On the contrary, the learner-friendly initiatives taken by NCERT should be welcomed. They demonstrate the education system's adaptability and commitment to ensuring that education remains relevant and effective in evolving times.

The adjustments made by NCERT, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, reflect the commitment to provide quality education while considering the challenges faced by students. By embracing these changes, we can create an education system that equips students with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in the 21st century.



Yash Pal Ralhan

T he political landscape stands at a crossroads, fraught with uncertainty and anticipation, following the recent assembly elections in Karnataka. As rumors circulate through the electronic media, speculations arise about the possibility of preponing parliamentary elections and holding them concurrently with the assembly elections in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh, scheduled for October-November this year. The government may assert that this move aims to save national resources.

The consequences of the Karnataka assembly elections are still reverberating, with over 30 candidates having their security deposits forfeited and some constituencies witnessing party vote shares of less than five percent. Despite extensive campaigning efforts by the top party leaders, including numerous roadshows, results fell short of expectations.

Meanwhile, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is engrossed in hectic political activities, indicating the possibility of major political decisions in the days to come, both at the central and state levels. Speculations arise that the Jannayak Janta Party (JJP) in Haryana might withdraw support, prompting the government to sustain itself with the backing of independent candidates.

Commanding the Political Horizon:

Assessing The Current Scenario

Recent developments further suggest potential political alignments between the AIADMK and the BJP, with the joining of threetime Rajya Sabha member Maitrain to the BJP. Additionally, media reports indicate a potential political understanding between the Janata Dal (Secular) and the BJP in Karnataka, and a similar prospect between the Akali Dal and the BJP in the near future.

In essence, all political parties are engaged in the process of forming alliances with various groups, as they anticipate the possibility of imminent elections due to the fluid political situation

in the country. Maharashtra, too, experiences a dynamic political landscape, and its consequences may have a national impact. Moreover, the implementation of Supreme Court decisions regarding 16 MLAs may prompt the preponement of assembly elections, possibly overshadowing the need to preponed parliamentary elections. BJP's think tank indicates that this time, garnering votes in the name of Modi might prove challenging. A recent article by an RSS mouthpiece suggests that strengthening state-level BJP leadership becomes crucial, as public support may not solely rely on the charisma of Modi. In Jammu and Kashmir, as-

sembly elections may be announced at any moment, with the possibility of the People's Democratic Party and the National Conference contesting unitedly, potentially impacting BJP's seat share. Similarly, in Himachal Pradesh, the implementation of the old pension scheme might favor the Congress party. Furthermore, a significant opposition enclave is set to convene in Patna, with Nitish Kumar at the forefront. This could result in a reduced seat share for BJP in Bihar, which could dent their overall prospects. Similar scenarios are anticipated in Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh, where Congress is poised to gain more seats. Recent surveys also indicate a potential increase in Congress seats in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh.

In light of the above observations, there is a likelihood that the BJP might preponed parliamentary elections. As responsible citizens, we must vigilantly observe all developments, ensuring the preservation of the sanctity of Indian democracy at all costs.

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BRIEF

SRAM & MRAM

New Delhi: UK-based conglomerate SRAM & MRAM Group has appointed Nitin Gupta as Technical Director for its Odisha semiconductor project, according to a statement. The group, a UK-based investment and business consultancy firm and growth accelerator, has signed an MoU with the Odisha government to set up a semiconductor manufacturing facility in the state. The group looks to invest Rs 30,000 crore in the initial phase of the unit. In his new role. Nitin Gupta will play a key leadership role in driving the development and execution of the ground-breaking venture. SRAM & MRAM Group said.

Vedanta Ltd

New Delhi: Vedanta Ltd on Saturday said it has been declared as "preferred bidder" for an iron ore mine in Goa. The government of Goa had invited tenders to participate in electronic auction for grant of mining lease in respect of iron ore mines in the state, the company said in a regulatory statement. The company said it had submitted its bid for grant of mining lease. "As per the notice dated June 9, 2023, issued by the Directorate of Mines & Geology, Government of Goa, the company has been declared as 'preferred bidder' in respect of electronic auction of block VII - Cudnem mineral block based on highest final price offer of 93.15 per

IIFT

cent," it said.

New Delhi: The commerce ministry's Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) has slipped three notches to 27th under the management category in the NIRF ranking 2023. The ranking under the National Institutional

Moody's sees India's GDP expanding 6-6.3 pc in Q1, flags fiscal slippage risks

New Delhi, Jun 11 (PTI):

Moody's on Sunday said the Indian economy is expected to clock a 6-6.3 per cent growth in June quarter, and flagged risks of fiscal slippage arising from weaker-than-expected government revenues in the current fiscal.

Moody's growth estimate is lower than the 8 per cent projection for the first quarter made by the Reserve Bank last week.

In an interview with PTI, Moody's Investors Associate Service Managing Director Gene Fang said India has a relatively high level of general government debt at around 81.8 per cent of GDP for 2022-23, and low debt affordability.

India, he said, has a high growth potential and its credit strengths include a stable domestic financing base for government debt, as well as a sound external position. "We expect India's growth to come in



around 6-6.3 per cent in the first quarter of the current fiscal year, which remains relatively flat from the 6.1 per cent recorded in the final quarter of fiscal 2022-23," Fang said.

While household demand is likely to see an improvement given the moderation in both headline and core inflation readings, lagged effects of higher interest rates pose some risks on gross fixed capital formation, in particular, Fang added.

Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) is an indicator of investment in the economy.

Fang said as a 'Baa3' rated sovereign, India's strengths lie in its large and diversified economy with a high growth potential, which is evident in

Petroleum Corporation

Ltd (HPCL) got 0.6 mm-

scmd each while Gujarat

State Petroleum Corp

(GSPC) walked away with

0.5 mmscmd and Shell an-

other 0.2 mmscmd, they

Reliance-bp, which two

years back reversed the de-

clining trend in domestic

gas output by bringing to

production their second

wave of discoveries in the

said.

the relatively strong growth forecast this year despite the weaker global economic outlook. The government has

largely met its fiscal objectives over the past two years, assuaging concerns on fiscal policy, he said.

The fiscal deficit, which is the difference between government expenditure and revenue, narrowed to 6.4 per cent of GDP in 2022-23 from 6.7 per cent in 2021-22. In the current fiscal, the deficit is budgeted to come in lower at 5.9 per cent of GDP.

"As the government balances the commitment to longer-term fiscal sustainability against its more immediate priority of supporting the economy amid high inflation and weak global demand, and ahead of general elections due by May 2024, we expect some risks of fiscal slippage arising from possibly weaker-than-expected government revenues," Fang said.

ORGANIC GALA FLEA MARKET



Congress leader and Ex-MP Renuka Chowdhury at the inauguration of the Organic Gala Flea Market, at N Convention in Hyderabad, Sunday, June 11.

IndianOil top bidder for Reliance's KG gas

New Delhi, Jun 11 (PTI):

gas

City gas companies in-cluding GAIL Gas Ltd, Indian Oil Corporation Mahanagar Gas Ltd, (IOC), the nation's largest Torrent Gas, Indian Oil oil firm, has walked away Adani Gas Ltd, and with half of the natural Harvana City Gas secured Reliance a total of 0.5 mmscmd of that Industries Ltd and its partgas for turning into CNG ner bp of the UK offered in for sale to automobiles and piped to household the latest auction of the fuel used to generate kitchens for cooking purpower, produce fertilizer, poses. turned into CNG and used State gas utility GAIL and refiner Hindustan

for cooking purposes. IOC got 2.5 million standard cubic meters per day out of the 5 mmscmd of gas auctioned last month, sources with knowledge of the matter said.

The oil refining and marketing company, which was the top bidder even in the previous auction of gas from the eastern offshore KG-D6 block of Reliance-bp, bid the volumes on behalf of seven fertilizer plants.

deepsea of the Bay of Bengal, are now ramping up supplies.

Natural gas, a cleanerburning, efficient fuel, is being seen as a transition fuel for nations to move from polluting hydrocarbons to zero-emission fuels.

Reliance-bp in the latest tender offered 5 mmscmd of gas for a period of 3 years starting June 1. Bidders were asked to quote a variable 'v' over and above the JKM price, the spot market benchmark for liquefied natural gas (LNG) delivered to Japan and South Korea.

Sources said the e-auction started on May 19 and ended on May 23 - the longest duration of an auction since the time operators were allowed to sell fuel through open ten-KG-D6 block lying in der. At the end of the e-

auction, gas was sold to 16 buyers at a price of JKM + (plus) USD 0.75 per mmBtu for 3 years, they said adding at the current JKM price of USD 9.2 per

mmBtu, the price for KG-D6 gas comes to around USD 10. This rate compares with

the capped price of USD 6.5 per mmBtu that Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), the state-owned behemoth, gas for fuel produced from legacy or old fields.

Reliance-bp had in April sold 6 mmscmd of gas. IOC had walked away with almost half of the 6 mmscmd of gas sold in an eauction on April 12 while GAIL bought 0.7 mmscmd, Adani-Total Gas Ltd 0.4 mmscmd, Shell 0.5 mmscmd, GSPC 0.25 mmscmd and IGS another 0.5 mmscmd.

New Delhi, Jun 11 (PTI):

The current financial year will be "a golden year" for Puniab National Bank due to its multi-pronged strategy and steady focus, its managing director Atul Kumar Goel has said. The state-owned bank's aim for FY24 is to adopt a multi-pronged strategy that seeks to build upon the existing synergies and capabilities to further scale up operational efficiency for facilitating sustainable and profitable growth, Goel said in his message to shareholders.

'The strategy relies on increasing market share, which includes boosting both CASA (Current Account Savings Account) share and increasing credit offtake, especially in the RAM (Retail, Agriculture and MSME) segment; improving



ing the rate of recoveries, min-

imising slippages, robust moni-

toring of special accounts to

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enhanced collections efficien-

FY24 to be golden year

for Punjab National Bank: MD

the rendering of enhanced customer service and superior customer experience and affect the employee-centric transformation to enhance efficiency and productivity of the workforce.

During 2022-23 the bank initiated more than 35 digital journeys, including different RAM segments and opening new accounts under CASA through Tab banking to reduce turnaround time.

"FY 2023-24 will be a golden year for your bank, and with the right strategy, steady focus and clear vision, your bank will definitely scale up its performance and generate more value and returns to all its stakeholders," Goel said. Talking about financials, Goel said the bank recorded an operating profit of Rs 22.529 crore and a net profit of Rs 2,507 crore in FY23.

BPCL's Bargarh bio-refinery to invigorate circular economy: Pradhan

New Delhi, Jun 11 (PTI):

State-owned Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd's (BPCL) Bargarn 2G bio-refinery which will use rice straw to produce ethanol for mixing in petrol, will invigorate a circular economy and give impetus to waste-to-wealth creation. Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said on Sunday. Pradhan, who is the Union Minister for HRD, visited the underconstruction Bargarh 2G bio-refinerv site in Odisha as part of the Vikas Teerth Yatra to mark nine years of the Modi government. "Bargarh bio-refinery is making steady progress and is expected to be commissioned soon," he tweet-After producing ed. ethanol from sugarcane,



part of the plan to augment the production of ethanol to meet the higher mixing target.

Odisha is being built at a

cost of Rs 1,607 crore and

Kolkata, Jun 11 (PTI): The Bargarn bio-refinery in

aims 25pc CAGR in 3-4yrs would predominantly become a retail finance com-Toubro pany in the long term, gradually reducing the

cording to a senior official. ness to HSBC. Joshi ex-The group is currently pects that its new busi-

porate restructuring, ac- off its mutual fund businesses. like consumer loans, SME Finance, and home loans, will grow faster than the matured businesses. Rural group (microfinance), tractor loans, and two-wheeler loans are treated as matured and have cumulative assets of about Rs 40,500 crore. He stated that the merger process would be completed within the current fiscal year, and post that, the management will explore dropping the word "Holding" from the company's name. Asked about fundraising, Joshi said with loan portfolio churning, borrowing will remain limited in the current fiscal.



cy," he said. Besides, as per the annual report, the bank will focus on accelerating digital transformation with an emphasis on leveraging digitisation to procure more business, thrust on customer centricity through

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Ranking Framework (NIRF) was recently released by the HRD ministry. In the last year's ranking, IIFT was at 24th spot as against 25th in 2021.

Shriram Properties

• New Delhi: Realty firm Shriram

Properties is targeting a 25 per cent growth in sales bookings this fiscal from a record Rs 1,846 crore in the previous year on strong housing demand, its CMD M Murali said. In an interview with PTI, the company's Chairman and Managing Director M Murali said the housing demand has been robust across all price categories, helping the company to post record sales bookings in the 2022-23 fiscal.

FinMin

New Delhi: The finance ministry has started the process of deciding on a new convenor of the GoM on GST rate rationalisation, sources said. The position has been lying vacant following the change of government in Karnataka. Former Karnataka chief minister Basavaraj Bommai was the convenor of the sevenmember Group of Ministers (GoM) set up under the GST Council in September 2021.



India is now pushing for producing low-carbon fuel from grains and agri waste. This is part of an ambitious programme to mix ethanol in petrol to cut down emissions as well as the country's dependence on imports for meeting oil needs. Presently, 10 per cent ethanol is mixed in petrol (10 per cent ethanol, 90 per cent petrol) and this

volume is targeted to be doubled by 2025. The Bargarh 2G bio-refinery is

will produce 100 kilolitres per day of 1G ethanol (ethanol from rice grain) and a similar volume of 2G ethanol (ethanol from rice straw) "The Bargarh 2G Bio-refinery will invigorate a cir-

cular economy, give impetus to waste-to-wealth creation, boost farmers' income & welfare, create large-scale employment, augment indigenous production of green fuel and lead Odisha towards prosperity and self-reliance as envisioned by PM @naren-dramodi ji," Pradhan tweeted.

Group's non-bank financing vertical aims to maintain a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of over 25 per cent predominantly by focusing on retail financing as a longterm strategy, a senior official said on Sunday.

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With the current growth rate, the retail portfolio of the group is estimated to reach Rs 1,00,000 crore by FY2025-26. "In FY23 we grew by 35

per cent. Our CAGR for the next few years will continue to be at least 25 per cent with the opportunities lying ahead," L&T Finance group CFO Sachinn Joshi told PTI.

L&T Finance Group

undergoing a restructur wholesale book from its existing portfolio, which is around Rs 19,500 crore now," he said.

In the current fiscal year itself, he expects retail to reach 80 per cent of the total loan book, two years ahead of the target under its goal "Lakshya."

The group's non-banking finance companies' loan book currently stands at about Rs 81,000 crore spread across its group companies. The share of retail in the total loan book is expected to scale up to about 90 per cent by FY'26 from around 75 per cent, fueled by streamlining with the ongoing cor-

ing process where it will amalgamate its finance subsidiaries, L&T Finance, L&T Infra Credit Limited, and L&T Mutual Fund Trustee Limited with the listed L&T Finance Holding Ltd to simplify the corporate structure and enable greater focus on retail financing. These whollyowned subsidiaries have already received approval from the Reserve Bank of India. Out of the total outstanding loan book of Rs 81,000 crore spread across its group companies, only Rs 4,500 crore is on the books of L&T Infra Credit Limited. L&T had hived

Mutual funds invest more than Rs 2,400 crore in equities in May

After withdrawing capital from equities in April, mutual funds put in over Rs 2,400 crore in stocks last month, primarily due to robust GDP growth, controlled inflation levels, and balanced liquidity in the economy.

Going ahead, stronger inflows from the mutual fund space in equities are expected on positive macro numbers and the current fair value of Nifty, Feroze Azeez, Deputy CEO of Anand Rathi Wealth, said.

"Stable GDP growth, wards cant role in attracting in-

New Delhi, Jun 11 (PTI): vestments from both mutual funds and foreign portfolio investors (FPIs),"

low inflation, investorfriendly policies, and global market sentiments toemerging economies play a signifi-

Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) continued their buying stance and pumped in close to Rs 9.800 crore in Indian equities this month so far, on strong economic growth and valuations of

This came following a nineshowed.

out over Rs 34,000 crore during the January-February period. Further, the outlook for FPI flows in the rest of June is positive as the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has signaled that it will not be raising interest rates shortly, which is a positive sign for equity markets,

Rs 9,800 cr in equities this month New Delhi, Jun 11 (PTI):

FPIs buying spree continues; invest

attractive stocks.

month high investment of Rs 43,838 crore in equities in May, Rs 11,631 crore in April, and Rs 7,936 crore in March, data with the depositories

Before that, FPIs had pulled

Mayank Mehraa, Smallcase manager and principal partner financial consultancy Craving Alpha, said. However, valuation could become a concern as Indian markets continue to surge and stricter regulatory norms could also check

foreign money flowing into India to some extent, Srivastava, Himanshu Associate Director - Manager

Research, Morningstar India, said. According to the data, FPIs

invested a net sum of Rs 9,788 crore in Indian equities during June 1-9.

The inflow could be attributed to too strong economic growth, relatively attractive valuations of Indian stocks compared to other large emerging markets, and confidence about the positive policy outlook from the government, Mehraa said.

Jaguar evolution into all-electric brand on track: Chandrasekaran

New Delhi, Jun 11 (PTI):

The transformation of Jaguar into an all-electric luxury brand is on track with first new vehicles to be launched in 2025, according to Jaguar Land Chairman N Rover Chandrasekaran.

Addressing shareholders in the company's Annual Report for 2022-23. he noted that the British automaker is set to transform into a modern luxury vehicle business.

Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) has been a whollyowned subsidiary of Tata Motors since 2008.

Chandrasekaran noted that the brand faced a difficult business environment last fiscal with sev-



eral headwinds like shortage of electronic components

inflationary pressures,

Chandrasekaran said.

The British brand had to contend with the shortcles. age of semiconductors and challenges in energy supplies in the aftermath of the war in Ukraine, leading to a battle against

"In this context, I am pleased that the company is progressing well in its transformation journey and is set to become a modern luxury vehicle business, with sustainability at its heart," he informed the shareholders.

Chandrasekaran noted that the company's efforts to address the supply chain challenges have started to yield results, enabling it to increase the production of the new Range Rover, Range Rover Sport, and Defender vehi-

"I am also pleased to see Jaguar Land Rover's collaboration and active partnerships enabling it to leverage synergies across the Tata Group of companies," he noted.

net withdrawal of Rs 4,533 crore in April. However, there is a disparity in May's investments between mutual funds and Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs), with mutual funds show ing lower investments than the substantial Rs 43,838 crore invested by FPIs. Even in April, for-

eign investors infused Rs

11,631 crore.

Akhil Chaturvedi, Chief

Business Officer at Motilal

According to the data

Securities and Exchange

Board of India (Sebi), mu-

tual funds infused a net

sum of Rs 2,446 crore in

equities as compared to a

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Oswal AMC, said.

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Rashmika praises Maitreyi dancing on 'Saami Saami'; calls her 'stunner

ctress Rashmika Mandanna has called ⊾'Never Have I Ever star Maitreyi Ramakrishnan after seeing her dance on the number 'Saami Saami' from 'Pushpa: The Rise' and the young performer has reacted saying she will never have imposter syndrome' about dancing again.

Rashmika took to Twitter, where she re-shared a clip by a fan, where Maitreyi is seen dancing on the track originally picturised on Allu Arjun and herself.

Praising Maitreyi, Rashamika wrote: "Stunner! you did sooooo goooooddddd. Sending you full love." Maitreyi could not contain

her excitement seeing Rashmika's message. She tweeted back: "I will

NEVER have imposter syndrome about dancing again. Thank you so much @iamRashmika."

'Pushpa: The Rise' was released in 2021. The Telugulanguage action drama film is directed by Sukumar. It stars Allu Arjun as the titular character alongside Fahadh Faasil (his Telugu debut), and Rashmika Mandanna.

'Never Have I Ever' Season 4 is the final season. It is a teenage comedy series on Netflix. It first came out in 2020. It revolves around Maitrevi's character Devi, an Indian-American high school student. The final season will be released on June 8 on the streaming giant.



the trailer for A Maniesh Paul's OTT debut show Rafuchakkar dropped today, the multi-faceted artist expressed the excitement and nervousness resembling a newcomer stepping into the industry.

With an illustrious career of over 15 years, Maniesh Paul has donned multiple hats to entertain the audience, however, Rafuchakkar presents him in the most unique and never-seenbefore avatar. Delving into the versatility of the actor, Rafuchakkar portrays Maniesh Paul in not one but five different looks. Talking about the trailer and his digital debut, Maniesh Paul said, "I'm experiencing a roller-coaster of emotions. I have butterflies in my stomach, I am excited, nervous, curious and grateful, I feel like a newcomer, beginning my career again. Rafuchakkar is nothing like what I've done before, the show discovered aspects in me even I didn't know existed. I am very thrilled to present Maniesh 2.0 to the audience and I am grateful to Jio Studios to give me the right platform to show my capabilities.

trailer The of Rafuchakkar traces the story of a con artist named Prince played by Maniesh Paul. With five different avatars, Maniesh almost looks unrecognisable in every look. The show promises drama, suspense and a lot of entertainment.

After an impactful and impressive performance in Jugjugg Jeeyo last year which led to a streak of awards for the actor, Maniesh Paul has pushed his boundaries to unveil different facets of his versatility in his OTT debut -Rafuchakkar

Kangana calls Ranbir 'skinny white rat' for starring as Lord Ram in 'Ramayana'

After the news of Ranbir Kapoor playing Lord Ram in the upcoming film 'Ramayan' did the rounds, actress Kangana Ranaut reacted to it calling the actor a "skinny white rat." There were reports claiming that star couple Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor will play Goddess Sita and Lord Ram in Nitesh Tiwari's 'Ramayana.' Kangana took to Instagram and criticised the casting for the

film. She wrote: "Recently, I am hearing news about another coming up Bolly Ramayana... Where a skinny white rat (socalled actor) who desperately needs some sun tan and conscience he is infamous for doing nasty underhand PR about almost everyone in the industry... known for womanising and drug addiction after desperately trying to prove himself Lord Shiva in a trilogy (which no one watched or want to make more parts of) has now grown fancy to be Lord Rama...

The media reports also claimed that south star Yash would essay the role of Raavan. "Whereas a young southern superstar who is known to be self-made, a devoted family man a traditionalist also according to Valmiki ji description he looks more like Lord Rama in his complexion, demeanour and facial features ... is offered to play Ravana...What kind of Kalyuga is this?? No pale-looking druggie soy boy should play Lord Rama Jai Shri Ram.

Kajol on what

'Sanya's and mine workout sessions frequently ended up in dance sessions'



Adaa Khan roped in to play a socially impactful role in 'Wagle Ki Duniya'



COLORS presents mythological masterpiece 'Shiv Shakti – Tap Tyag Tandav'

ndia is a land of rich mythology woven into its cultural fabric. The ancient stories passed down through generations serve as timeless guides for life's journey. Depicting the most powerful love saga that transcends all emotions, COL ORS' new magnum opus 'Shiv Shakti – Tap Tyag Tandav' revolves around two of the revered deities – Shiv and Shakti. It portrays their journey of duty, sacrifice, and separation that leads to tap, tyag, and tanday, Having curated a show in the mythological genre on an extravagant canvas earlier. COLORS and King of Mythology Siddharth Kumar Tewary have teamed up yet again for a visually stunning saga. Starring Ram Yashvardhan and Subha Rajput in the roles of Shiv and Shakti respectively, the upcoming show captures the journey of two divine entities, who share an inseparable bond spanning across



went behind the making of 'The Trial - Pyaar, Kanoon, Dhoka'

ajol is set to make her web Aseries debut playing the role of Noyonika Sengupta, a fierce lawyer, mother and a wife 'The Trial - Pyaar, Kanoon, Dhoka'. 'The Trial' is a story of a wife's choices. The series also has a stellar ensemble with Sheeba Chaddha, Jisshu Sengupta, Alyy Khan, Kubbra Sait and



nantvijay Joshi is currently reeling in, in adulation that his recently released Netflix Original, 'Kathal' is garnering. Produced by Guneet Monga and Ekta Kapoor, the film is based on the curious case of missing jackfruits. Anantvijay plays constable Saurabh Dwivedi in the film opposite Sanya Malhotra. Sharing about the experience of working on the film Anantvijay added, "We shot 'Kathal' in Gwalior! And having Gurpal Singh ji on set, used to be a good street food exploration. Sanya and I used to explore the streets of Gwalior in search of chaats and mithai. It was fun!" On working with Sanya, he further added, "Sanya is a very entertaining co-star on-screen as well as off-screen.

ctress Adaa Khan has Ajoined the cast of Wagle Ki Duniya', a slice-oflife family drama TV show, where she will be seen playing the role of Sakhi Warge. The character she is set to play is socially impactful. Sakhi Warge is Sakhi Wagle's (Chinmayee Salvi) friend from dance class. A happy young girl with dreams in her eves. Sakhi Warge is extremely innocent and takes things as they are. However, while Sakhi's innocence and acceptance of things can be seen as positive attributes, it also leaves her vulnerable to exploitation.

Ghostbuster.

Susmita



eras. Enriched with the finest VFX and soulful music, 'Shiv Shakti - Tap Tyag Tandav' created and produced by Siddharth Kumar Tewary's Swastik Productions, premieres on the 19th of June and will air every Monday to Friday at 8 PM only on COLORS.

Celebrated set designer Omung Kumar B. has created five ethereal-looking sets (Kailash, Forest,

Indra Lok, Asur Lok & Daksh Darbar) that enliven the divine realm of the show and reflect its grandeur. With numerous magnificent aspects woven into its design, the sets showcase a never-before-seen opulence on television.

'Shiv Shakti – Tap Tyag Tandav' will premiere on the 19th of June and air every Monday to Friday at 8PM only on Colors

Gaurav Pandey in pivotal roles. Opening up about the cama-

raderie on the sets of 'The Trial - Pyaar, Kanoon, Dhona', Kajol said: "We had an absolute great time on set. Suparn was like our gang leader. He just made sure that we were all comfortable around each other as far the dialogues and other aspects were concerned.'

"I think everybody was pretty much a veteran on set, everybody worked on many films before this, have done a lot of work, been in the industry for years. So, it was really comfortable, easy and good fun. I do love legal drama but I didn't really go into detail and exact legalities of things.'

48. Knitting rods

50. One time only

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58. In danger (2 wds.)

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66. Square dance figure

73. School groups (abbr.)

62. Urgent acronym

64. Compass dir.

68. Syrup tree

71. Drive too fast

72. Lunchtime

1. Carved pole

4. Barbie's beau

7. Miscalculated

8. Converged

9. Partly cover

10. Bee's home

12. Speak wildly

13. Ultimatum word

11. Realm

18. Slipper

22. Tabby, e.g.

26. Igloo dwelle

28. Styling foam

30. The Grim

24. Revised

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2. Consent

5. Obvious

6. Owl's cry

3. Bias

54. Martial artist Chuck

Star Bharat brings the sizzle of 'Jhakas' June from Jun 15

tar Bharat, India's leading entertainment channel, is all set to enthrall its viewers with a power-packed Drama filled episodes for the show. With a diverse range of engaging content, Star Bharat continues to captivate audiences with its unique storytelling and compelling narratives. This June, from 15th viewers can look forward to an array of thrilling twists, emotional turns. and unforgettable moments in their favorite shows: 'Ajooni,' 'Meri Saas Bhoot Hai,' 'Na Umra Ki Seema Ho,' and 'Aashao Ka Savera...Dheere Dheere Se.

In the popular show 'Ajooni,' audiences will witness a striking transformation as Shoaib



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leap of one year, bringing Mukherjee. now This about significant changes leap promises to deliver a

roller-coaster of emotions and unexpected turns that will leave audiences hooked as the show will now air on prime time slot starting from 15th June 9:00 PM

'Na Umra Ki Seema Ho' is about to take a dramatic turn as Vidhi, the protagonist, finds herself forcibly ousted from the Raichand house by Jay. The series will also introduce a new character, Chitra's husband, who will stir up turmoil in the lives of Dev and Vidhi. Brace yourself for gripping storytelling, intense performances, and an intriguing plot that will keep viewers on the edge of their seats.

Stay Tuned to watch Star Bharat for more drama and entertainment every Monday-Friday

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AUSTRALIA ON TOP OF THE TEST WORLD



Cricket's behemoth India lose yet again

London, Jun 11 (PTI):

India, for all its financial clout and hoo-ha around its cricket, lost yet again when it mattered the most, as its underwhelming record in ICC tournaments continued with a 209-run hammering by Australia in the WTC final here on Sunday.

Australian pacer Scott Boland produced a bowling spell of rare quality to get rid of Virat Kohli and Ravindra Jadeia in the same over, effectively shutting the door on India, who were bowled out for 234 in their second innings on the final day at The Oval.

Australia were clearly the better team on all fronts while India had only themselves to blame for yet another loss in a global event. India's last ICC title came way

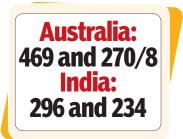
back in 2013 and it was their second successive defeat in the WTC final, having gone down against New Zealand two years ago. India lost seven wickets for the addition of 70 runs on the final day.

While the non selection of R Aswhin was the big talking point on the opening day, India lost the title contest mainly due to the failure of their high-profile batting line-up.

The top four comprising Rohit Sharma, Shubman Gill Cheteshwar Pujara and Kohli failed to deliver in the high-stake game

Chasing a record 444 at The Oval, Indian fans went into day five high on hope with Kohli (49) and Ajinkya Rahane (46) walking into the middle.

However, Boland removing Kohli and Jadeja (0) in the seventh over of the morning pretty much shut the door on India, who resumed the day at 164 for three needing another 280 runs for an



improbable win. Kohli, who had looked in extremely good touch on day four, had to make a big hundred if India had to get anywhere close to the massive target. On a surface with variable bounce, there was always going to be an odd ball that had your name on it, and that is what happened with both Kohli and Jadeja.

Boland's relentless pursuit around the off-stump has added an extra dimension to the Australian attack. Bowling from the pavilion end, the seamer pitched one wide and Kohli went for the drive only to be caught by a flying Steve Smith at second slip.

Two balls later, he got one to seam away from round the wicket and Jadeja ended up offering an easy catch to the wicketkeeper, leaving India at 179 for five.

K S Bharat then joined Rahane who played a couple of beautiful straight drives off Mitchell Starc to keep crowd going.

Starc drew his length back soon after and Rahane went hard at a ball that he could have left to be caught behind, sealing his team's fate. The experienced batter was left tapping his head in frustration knowing he went for the wrong shot.

Shardul Thakur lasted just five balls, lbw off Nathan Lyon, to make it 213 for seven. It seemed the match would last till lunch but the Indian tail made the task easier for the Australians and were bowled out in the extra half hour of play.

We let ourselves down with the ball: Rohit

London, Jun 11 (PTI):

India skipper Rohit Sharma blamed poor bowling in the first innings for their crushing defeat in the World Test Championship against Australia but said no one can take away from his side the good work done in the last two years. Having lost to New Zealand two years ago in the WTC final of the 2019-21 cycle, India were not good enough on the second appearance in the final as Australia adding one more trophy to their expansive cabinet. India let Australia score a huge 469 in their first innings and then struggled to match that. They were bowled out for 234. The contest was decided the moment Steve Smith took a sharp catch in the slip to get rid of Virat Kohli (49) off Scott Boland after India resumed their chase on the

final day. India needed 280 runs more to win but could add a mere 70 runs in a slightly extended morning session as the Australian bowlers ran riot. "It was a tough one. We started well, winning the toss and putting them into bat in those conditions. We bowled pretty well in the first session and then we let ourselves down a little bit with how we bowled," Rohit said during the post-match presentation ceremony. "But again, credit to the Australian batters, in particular, Travis Head came in and played really well. That took us off guard a little bit and then we knew it was always hard to come back. We (did) put up a show. "We fought hard but congratulations to Australia. We spoke of a lot of things. We spoke of bowling tighter lines. But it didn't work out. Things like that can happen," the India captain said.

Scott Boland my favourite player: Pat Cummins

London, Jun 11 (PTI):

Australia captain Pat Cummins commended Scott Boland for playing a decisive role in his team's comprehensive 209-run win in the World Test Championship final, saying the seamer remains his favourite player. Boland troubled India throughout the game with his incisive bowling, not allowing the famed Indian batting line-up to breathe easy at any point in the contest which lasted a little over lunch on the fifth and final day. The right-arm seamer Boland accounted for Shubman Gill (18), Virat Kohli (49) and Ravindra Jadeja (0) in the second innings as India were bowled out for 234 while chasing 444. 'We left Day One feeling like we were on top of the game. When it counted, we played really well. We could have really driven the game, didn't have

our best day and let India closer back in. For the most parts, we were in control. Boland - he's my favourite player. He just continues to be my favourite," Cummins said. "Coming off a break, everyone switched on when it mattered. Everyone played really well and we'll savour this for a few days before we turn our attention (to the Ashes)," he said. The Australia captain Cummins also praised Travis Head (163) and Steve Smith (121) for their first-innings heroics, with their 285-run fourth wicket stand putting up the platform for Australia's win. 'We made the most of it (losing the toss). We were certainly going to bowl. The way Travis (Head) and Smithy (Steve Smith) put on that partnership, gave us comfort after a nervy morning," Cummins told the broadcaster after Australia added one more trophy to their kitty.

Man City beats Inter Milan for first Champions League title Kakamigahara, Jun 11 (PTI):

India stun South Korea, clinch maiden Women's Jr Asia Cup title

India put up a collective show to stun four-time champions South Korea 2-1 and clinch their maiden Women's Junior Hockey Asia Cup here on Sunday. Annu and Neelam scored for India while Park Seo Yeon was the lone goal scorer for Korea.





Istanbul, Jun 11 (AP)

Billions of dollars have been spent and many tears shed on Manchester City's journey to the summit of European soccer.

The mission was com-Istanbul's pleted in Ataturk Olimpiyat Stadium on Saturday as the Abu Dhabi-backed club won the Champions League title for the first time and perhaps heralded the start of a new era of dominance in the competition

"It was written in the stars. It belongs to us," said Pep Guardiola after the 1-0 win against Inter Milan, as tears flowed again from the manager, his players and a sea of blue-shirted fans.

On this occasion, the emotion was pure ecstasy after so many disappointments on this stage.

The victory, courtesy of Rodri's 68th minute goal, has been 15 years in the

making since Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahvan transformed City into one of the richest teams in the world overnight.

This was the final frontier for Guardiola's team, which also completed a rare treble of trophies after winning the Premier League title and FA Cup this season. The Champions League

had always been a step that seemed out of reach even for a team that has spent more than 1.5 billion on the world's

best players and hired probably the greatest coach of his generation in Guardiola.

With that psychological barrier broken and the spending power to further improve a team that has already proved too good for the rest, the potential is there to win European club soccer's biggest prize on multiple occasions.

being "just 13 Champions Leagues away" from Real Madrid. "If you sleep a little bit

we will catch you," he said. 'But I don't want after one Champions League to disappear, so work harder next season and be in there. There are teams that win the Champions League and after one or two seasons disappear. This is what you have to avoid. Knowing me this is not going to happen. But at the same time I have to admit it, it is a big relief for the club, for the institu-

tion, for everyone to have this trophy. Because now, finally, they don't have to ask me if we are going to win the Champions League or not."

This trophy will also strengthen the case to declare Guardiola the greatest coach ever as he collected his third Champions League title and 30th major piece of sil-Guardiola joked about verware.

After a barren first quarter, India got going with a 22nd minute goal by Annu from a penalty corner.

Annu made amends for her miss in the semifinal against Japan, as she stepped up in style to beat the goalkeeper and give India the lead against the run of play.

South Korea took three minutes to bring it level when Park Seo Yeon struck from the right following a brilliant surge from the right.

Neelam struck powerfully to the low right of the South Korean goalkeeper to help India regain the lead in the 41st

HI announces cash rewards

Hockey India has declared a cash prize of Rs 2 lakh for each player while the support staff will receive Rs 1 lakh for their splendid show. India finished unbeaten in the tournament and also secured a spot in the Women's Junior World Cup 2023 slated in Chile later this year. "We are filled with immense pride as the Indian Junior Women's team clinched their maiden Junior Asia Cup, leaving us all in awe. "It will serve as a strong foundation for their upcoming challenge at the Junior World Cup later this year," Hockey India president Dilip Tirkey said.

China 2-5. Indian captain they had their strategy in Preeti who was named place following a 1-1 draw Player-of-the-Match said against the Koreans in the

We were acutely aware

round-robin stage.

of the specific areas we needed to excel in order to overcome the Koreans,' Preeti said.

'The final match brought about a considerable amount of nerves. However, we knew that as a team we have to play our best game to achieve something special and that's exactly what we did. We are elated to make our nation proud," she added.

Is Iga Swiatek the Next Queen of Clay?

India held on to their

South Korea had a lot of

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Before this, India's best-

ever finish in the tourna-

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in Bangkok when they en-

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first time, only to lose to

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Paris, Jun 11(AP):

Rafael Nadal's French Open record might be a long shot for Iga Swiatek but the Pole has now triumphed three times at Roland Garros and tournament director Amelie Mauresmo sees more success for her in Paris.

Swiatek, 22, lifted the Suzanne Lenglen Cup on Saturday for the third time in four years, becoming the youngest to win the claycourt Grand Slam twice in a row since Monica Seles in 1992.

"She's getting this special relationship with Roland Garros over the years. She's still young, won her first in 2020 and we can imagine that she will lift the trophy many more times here," former world number one and twice major champion Mauresmo told reporters after Swiatek beat Czech Karolina Muchova 6-2, 5-7, 6-4 in the final. According to Mauresmo, who shone on grass and hardcourts but never won the French Open, Swiatek has the all the qualities needed to reign on clay.

"Her game is really suited to the surface, she moves remarkably, slides perfectly and she's tough mentally," said Mauresmo.

Asked if she could one day emulate Nadal's staggering record of 14 titles at Roland Garros, Mauresmo replied: "From three to 14, there's a long way, but the fact is that she's won three of the last four.'



India face Vanuatu with an eye on final

Bhubaneswar, Jun 11 (PTI):

On a high after their convincing win over Mongolia, India will look to seal a final berth when they face Vanuatu in the four-nation Intercontinental Cup football tournament here on Monday.

hosts blanked The Mongolia 2-0 in their tournament opener on Friday, while Vanuatu went down 1-3 to Lebanon.

So, as things stand, the Blue Tigers will seal their final berth if they win against the team from Oceania. Lebanon are the other team that is in the hunt for a final berth as they face Mongolia in the earlier kick-off at the Kalinga Stadium. Against Mongolia, India sealed victory in the opening quarter itself, with quick-fire goals from Sahal Abdul Samad and Lallianzuala Chhangte to bag their sixth straight win on home soil. "I was most impressed with the players' intention of adding to the game we've been practising during the training sessions," India head coach Igor Stimac said.

The visiting teams have found it tough to deal with Bhubaneswar's hot and humid conditions.

'The weather does make a lot of impact on the pitch, but we need to be honest that we have an advantage in that sense because we've already trained here for more than three weeks," Stimac said.



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K'taka Govt launches free bus rides for women

Rolls out first poll guarantee

Bengaluru, Jun 11 (PTI):

Women in Karnataka can travel for free in government buses in the state from Sunday with the rollout of the first of the five poll guarantees of the ruling Congress - the 'Shakti' scheme.

This free travel service will benefit more than 41.8 lakh women passengers everyday and would cost the state exchequer Rs 4,051.56 crore annually, officials said.

The scheme is available for women, who are domiciled in Karnataka, for the journey within the state limits from 1 pm today.

Minister Chief Siddaramaiah launched the scheme, which will provide free rides for women and girl students



K'taka CM Siddaramaiah, deputy CM DK Shivakumar distributes the smart card during the launch of the 'Shakti Scheme', at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru, Sunday.

of the state in government buses, from the grand steps of Vidhana Soudha, the seat of Karnataka legislature and secretariat here. Deputy Chief Minister

D K Shivakumar and Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy were

among others present at the event, where the logo of the Shakti scheme was unveiled, while Shakti Smart Cards were symbolically issued to five women.

Women can apply for the Shakti Smart Card by registering on the

'Seva Sindhu' government portal to avail the benefit of the scheme.

As per the Chief Minister's directions, district incharge minislaunched the ters scheme in their respective districts across the state.

The government noted that this scheme would reduce the travel expenses of working women from poor and lower middle class, and as the savings can be used for household expenses, the initiative has brought smiles on women's faces. "We have implement-

ed the Shakti scheme today, at a time across the state, as promised...,' Siddaramaiah said as he hit out at the opposition for criticising his government with respect to implementation of guarantees and accused them of trying to create "confusion" among people.



Sculptures of national birds and animals of the G20 countries made from scrap metal at a waste-to-art themed park setup ahead of the G20 Summit, at Kautilya Marg, in New Delhi, Sunday.

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of the outlawed ULFA, in

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ULFA in 1986. I was about

17-18 years of age then.

The ideology propagated

by the outfit seemed cor-

rect then," he said, recall-

ing the immense difficul-

ties endured by the cadres

as they trained and

camped in the Kachin

before reaching the train-

ing camps. Unknown dis-

eases afflicted us and there

were no medicines. Yet, we

sustained and returned to

Assam after three-four

years. Counter-insurgency

operations were intense

then, but the popularity of

sections of society helped

us in many ways. But later,

"People from different

the group was also high.

"Many boys died even

province of Myanmar.

"I was influenced by a

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Ex-ULFA 'lieutenant' runs waste-collection venture 'Very severe' Biparjoy to hit Kutch coast on June 15 ed a door-to-door waste colchines for turning waste to be a big blow for the or some more margin," he In Assam lection venture with said. Kalita is not one to be Kalita



Waves crash against the jetty at a fishing harbour ahead of the expected landfall of Cyclone Biparjoy, in Dwarka district, Sunday.

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Sunday morning, the IMD said. "VSCS (very severe

Ahmedabad, Jun 11 (PTI):

The very severe cyclonic storm 'Biparjoy' intensified into an "extremely severe cyclonic storm" and is likely to cross Saurashtra-Kutch and adjoining Pakistan coasts around the afternoon of June 15 as a "verv severe cyclonic storm (VSCS)", the India Meteorological

Sivasagar (Assam), Jun 11 (PTI):

cvclonic storm) 'Biparjoy' intensified into an ESCS (extremely severe cyclonic storm) at 5:50 am today (Sunday), about 480 km SSW of Porbandar, 530 km SSW of Dwarka and 610 km SSW of Naliya.

To cross Saurashtra and Kutch and adjoining Pakistan coasts bw Mandvi, Gujarat and Karachi, Pakistan around noon of June 15 as VSCS (very severe cyclonic storm)," the IMD tweeted.

In an advisory issued in Department said on the early hours of Sunday, the IMD said during the day wind speeds will touch storm "Biparjoy" over 40-50 kmph gusting to 60 east central Arabian Sea kmph along and off Saurashtra and Kutch coast.

It will further increase to 45-55 kmph gusting to 65 kmph on Monday, and 50-60 kmph gusting to 70 kmph during Tuesday and Wednesday.

As a teenager, Bipul Kalita, a former self-styled lieutenant of the banned ULFA, had once tried to "clean up" the society with guns but maturity led him back to the mainstream and turn into an entrepreneur associated with clearing garbage from his home town

real sense. In his mid-fifties now, Kalita had chased the dream of the proscribed United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) for around 12 years to establish a sovereign Assam'.

Sivasagar in Assam in the

He gave up arms in 2000 and has since settled into family life with his wife and two daughters at his native place in the eastern part of the state.

After doing some jobs for the first few years, Kalita chose to be an entrepreneur in 2016 and start-

seven-eight partners. "We started the garbage

collection work in the 14 wards of Sivasagar town. We also undertook an awareness drive about proper waste disposal in Dibrugarh.

"Though we were a group of seven-eight people in the beginning, most left the venture as they didn't consider it as an appropriate job. I continued with it alone with my NGO Rupantar' and soon received help from six other civil society organisations," Kalita told PTI.

In Assam, NGOs are engaged in door-to-door waste collection in urban areas.

He now has seven vehicles and employees, including the drivers and other associates, with the task of garbage collection and disposal.

"We also have 20-25 women working with us. Besides garbage collection, we have two ma-

into manure. These were given by the Sivsagar Municipal Board," he said.

The suppliers of the machine had come from New Delhi and trained Kalita and his team to convert waste into manure, but a chemical needed for the process has to be sourced from the national capital, which has been a problem for them.

'Financial crunch remains the biggest challenge" for the militantturned-entrepreneur as his venture is dependent only on the nominal monthly charge collected from households and commercial buildings.

'We get Rs 60 per month per household, of which we pay Rs 10 to the municipal board. Commercial buildings pay a little more in terms of monthly charges but we have to give 50 per cent of it to the board

"Our appeal to the municipal board is to waive the tax so that we can get the secret killings' proved

ganisation," dissuaded from hardships claimed. Secret killings in Assam and hurdles, having spent

referred to the killing of relatives, friends and sympathisers of ULFA militants by unidentified assailants in the late 1990s.

When Kalita left ULFA in 2000, it still had some "popularity, but once most members of its central committee' came overground between 2008 and 2010, people's confidence eroded and popularity decreased", he claimed.

"Time has changed now. When we took up arms, it was a different age. We have been now following the peace talks between the organisation and the government, but except for a few visits to New Delhi, nothing has hap pened," Kalita rued.

"Many like me did not get any financial support from the government after our surrender. We hope that the administration will be sympathetic and will help us," he added.

Priyanka to kick-start Congress' MP poll campaign today

Jabalpur, Jun 11 (PTI):

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra will kick off the Congress's campaign for the year-end Madhya Pradesh Assembly polls from Jabalpur on Monday after praying at the banks of the Narmada river, a party leader said.

Jabalpur is at the centre of the state's Mahakoshal region, which has a sizable number of tribal voters. In the 2018 Assembly polls, the Congress won 11 of the 13 Scheduled Tribe reserved seats in the eight-district division, with the remaining two

bagged by the Bharatiya Janata Party.

"Priyanka ji will launch be attended by at least two the party's campaign and lakh persons. "People in Mahakoshal Sankalp 2023 by addressing a public meeting on area or Jabalpur division Saturday at Shahid having eight districts feel Smarak at around 11.15

neglected by the BJP. We am. She will land in did well (last time) in the Jabalpur at around 10:30am and head to area. This time around we are going to sweep the Gwarighat to pray to Narmada river," Jabalpur polls," he claimed.

Asked why she picked mayor and Congress' city Jabalpur for the party's chief Jagat Bahadur Singh told PTI on Sunday. campaign launch, Congress Rajya Sabha member from MP and En route to the rally senior Supreme Court venue eight kilometres lawyer Vivek Tankha said away, she will garland a statue of Rani Durgavati, the rally is being held in who attained martyrdom Mahakoshal as Rahul

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fighting the Mughals, he Gandhi's Bharat Jodo said, adding the rally will Yatra did not pass through it.

"The rally in Mahakoshal area will help the Congress in neighbouring Vindh and Bundelkhand regions. Moreover, there is strong anti-incumbency (against BJP government) in Mahakoshal and a large chunk of traditional tribal voters of Congress dwell in this region," he said. MP has six regions, namely Mahakoshal, Gwalior-Chambal, Central India, Nimar-Malwa, Viz Bundelkhand. Vindh, and



Young women protect themselves with scarves on a hot summer day, in Nagpur, Sunday.

Pregnant women should chant 'Sunderkand', read Ramayana'

New Delhi, Jun 11 (PTI):

Pregnant women should chant 'Sunderkand' and read epics like Ramayana to have mentally and physically sound babies, Telangana governor Tamilisai Soundararajan said on Sunday.

Soundararajan, who is also a gynaecologist and fetal therapist, made the remarks while launching 'Garbha Sanskar' programme of an RSS-linked body.

Under the 'Garbha Sanskar' programme developed by Samvardhinee Nyas, doctors associated with the organisation will provide a mix of "scientific and traditional" prescriptions to expectant mothers so that they give birth to "sanskari and deshbhakt" babies.

These prescriptions will include reading of religious texts such as the Bhagavad Gita, chanting of Sanskrit mantras and practice of yoga. The process will start from the pre-conception to delivery stage and continue till a baby attains two years of age. Family members of the expectant mothers will also be guided during the programme, according to the Sanskar' 'Garbha module launched virtually.



Tamilisai Soundararaian

Samvardhinee Nyas is a wing of Rashtra Sevika Sangh, a women's organisation that parallels the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS).

Addressing the virtual launch event, Soundararajan appreciat-ed the efforts of the Samvardhinee Nyas in developing Sanskar' 'Garbha programme module and said implementation of this "scientific and holistic approach" towards pregnancy will "definitely" yield positive results.

"In villages, we have seen expectant mothers reading Ramayana, Mahabharata and other epics as well as good stories. Particularly in Tamil Nadu, there is a belief that pregnant ladies should learn Sunderkandam of Kamba Ramayana," she said.Chanting of "Sunderkand" during pregnancy will be "very

good for the babies", she added."Sunderkand" is a chapter in Hindu epic 'Ramayana", which depicts the adventures of Lord Hanuman and his selflessness, strength, and devotion to Lord Rama.

Soundararajan, who is also Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry, noted the scientific approach towards pregnancy is to prevent the complications during the period but holistic approach towards pregnancy would help pregnant women give birth to healthy and sound babies.

Practice of yoga during pregnancy will take care of physical and mental wellbeing of both the expectant mother and the baby in the womb and eventually help in normal delivery, she said, highlighting the significance

of motherhood and the importance of the 'Garbha Sanskar'. Addressing the event,

Leena Gahane, co-head of the intellectual wing of the Rashtra Sevika Samiti, appreciated the launch of 'Garbha Sanskar' module on the occasion of 350th death anniversary of Jijabai ji and hoped that its implementation will bring "next generation with qualities like Shivaji Maharai".

Jijabai, referred to as Rajmata, was the mother of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, founder of the Maratha Empire.

The 'Garbha Sanskar' programme will be implemented across the country by the doctors associated with the Samvardhinee Nyas, according to a senior functionary of the organisation.

"For this, we have divided the country into five regions and in each of the five regions will have a team of 10 doctors who will implement the programme. Each of these doctors will start with taking up 20 cases of pregnancy in their respective

regions," the Samvardhinee Nyas functionary told PTI on Saturday.



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