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Cyclone Biparjoy may cause extensive damage in Gujarat

New Delhi, Jun 13 (PTI):

Cyclone Biparjoy has "extensive damaging potential" and is likely to impact Gujarat's Kutch, Devbhumi Dwarka and Jamnagar districts the most, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Tuesday.



Indian Coast Guard carries out evacuation operation at Okha, Gujarat in preventive measures of severe cyclone 'Biparjoy'.

Cyclone to hit Guj at 150 kmph; 21,000 shifted

Authorities on Tuesday shifted 21,000 people from coastal areas to temporary shelters two days before powerful cyclone Biparjoy's expected landfall near Jakhau port in Gujarat's Kutch district. An official said several NDRF and SDRF teams are on standby. He said the evacuation process was still underway and all the targeted population will be shifted to safer places by this evening.

could lead to extremely heavy rainfall (over 20 cm) at isolated places in Kutch, Devbhumi Dwarka, Jamnagar and Porbandar districts from June 13 to June 15. "We won't be surprised if these areas record more than 25 cm of rainfall. Usually, they do not receive such intense precipitation at this time of the year. Therefore, there is a risk of flooding in the low-

lying areas," he cautioned. Rajkot, Morbi and Junagarh may receive heavy to very heavy rainfall. Winds gusting up to 145 kmph are predicted to batter all these districts on June 15. Gusty winds and rain may cause extensive damage to standing crops, houses, roads, electricity and communication poles, and flooding of escape routes.

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Guwahati railway station gets 'Eat Right Station' tag

Guwahati, Jun 13 (PTI): Guwahati railway station has been awarded 'Eat Right Station' certification by FSSAI (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India) for providing high-quality and nutritious food to passengers. The station is the first under the Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) to get the status for a period of two years from June 2, 2023, a NFR release said here on Tuesday. NFR said efforts are on to bring more stations such as Rangliya, Lumding, Tinsukia, Alipurduar Jn. and Katihar in the 'Eat Right Station' category. The certification is granted by FSSAI to stations adhering to standard food storage and hygiene practices. The certification is part of the 'Eat Right India' movement, a large-scale effort by FSSAI to transform the country's food system to ensure safe, healthy and sustainable food for all Indians, the release added.

Naxal arrested in Sukma district

Sukma, Jun 13:

A Naxal allegedly involved in attacks on police has been arrested in Sukma district, a senior official said on Tuesday. Sodi Ganga (35) was arrested on Monday by a joint team of the District Reserve Guard of police and 50th battalion of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) from Virabhathi village under Bhejji police station limits. Ganga belonged to the Virabhathi Revolutionary People's Council of the Naxals, said Sukma Superintendent of Police Kiran Chavan. He joined the banned outfit as a 'Bal Sangham' member in

About the arrest

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2010, and was involved in the incidents of firing on police teams in Gachchanpalli and Kosanpara villages in 2019 and 2022, respectively, besides several other incidents of violence in the district in the last 13 years, the SP said.

BRIEF

Union External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar with representatives from various countries participating in G20 meetings, visits the Sarnath, in Varanasi, Tuesday.

Held

New Delhi: Delhi Police's Crime Branch has arrested three men in connection with an alleged attempt to murder of a police informer in southeast Delhi's Kalindi Kunj area, officials said on Tuesday. Brothers Shafiq Ali Sanfui and Afsar had allegedly conspired to kill the police informer and they hired Arif for the task and offered him Rs 3 lakh for it, the officials said.

Protest

Jaipur: Accusing Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot of graft, BJP Rajya Sabha MP Kirodi Meena on Tuesday said his party will expose corrupt practices of minister Shanti Dhariwal and scams related to mines and Jal Jeevan Mission in the state.

Mishap

Tikamgarh: A couple died after the car they were travelling in fell into a ditch in Madhya Pradesh's Tikamgarh district, police said on Tuesday. The incident occurred near Jataara, some 45 km from the district headquarters, on Monday night. Jataara police station in-charge Himanshu Bhindia said that a 67-year-old man, who was driving the car, and his 63-year-old wife died in the accident.

4 dead as chemical tanker explodes on Pune expressway

Pune, Jun 13 (PTI):

Four people were killed and three injured when a chemical-laden tanker caught fire following an accident and exploded on Pune-Mumbai Expressway on Tuesday, police said. The busy carriageway was cleared for traffic after a few hours.



An oil tanker catches fire on Pune-Mumbai Expressway at Lonavala, in Pune, Tuesday.

Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis expressed grief over the deaths. The accident took place on the expressway stretch between Lonavala and Khandala, an official said. The tanker caught fire following an accident and exploded causing fiery balls of the chemical to fall on the motorists travelling on the road below, he said. Four motorists on the road below sustained in-

juries, of which three died, while one occupant of the tanker was killed and two others in the vehicle were injured, said the official from Lonavala police station. Fadnavis, who also holds the home portfolio, called the accident "unfortunate". "Three other persons were injured in

the accident and are being treated in a local hospital. I pray for their betterment," he said on social media. The state police, highway police, personnel from INS Shivaji and the fire brigade are at the spot and the fire has been brought under control, he said.

Modi hands out jobs to 70K youth

New Delhi, Jun 13 (PTI):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday hit out at "dynastic" political parties for promoting "nepotism and corruption" in recruitment to government jobs, and said while such parties "looted" youth with their "rate cards" for various posts, his government is working to "safeguard" their bright future.



PM Modi during an event to distribute about 70,000 appointment letters to newly inducted recruits via video conferencing, in New Delhi, Tuesday.

Addressing the newly-recruited government employees after distributing appointment letters to over 70,000 people, he said dynastic parties had betrayed the youth by encouraging corruption and nepotism in the recruitment process. Recruitment process earlier used to take one to one-and-a-half years, but now it gets over in a few months transparently, he said. "We have seen how

dynastic political parties promoted nepotism and corruption in all systems. When it came to government jobs, these parties encouraged nepotism and

corruption. These dynastic parties have betrayed crores of youth," he said without naming any party. In 2014, when our government came, trans-

Criticism for Oppn

The Congress on Tuesday attacked Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the 'Rozgar Mela' events, saying this "entire tamasha" is giving the identity of "job destroyers" to the BJP which is now resorting to "desperate gimmicks" to manage the headlines. The Opposition party's attack came after Modi addressed the newly-recruited government employees after distributing appointment letters to over 70,000 people.

parency came and nepotism is also ending in the recruitment process, he asserted.

The prime minister said India is now a more stable, safer and stronger country than it was a decade ago, asserting that decisiveness has become the identity of the Indian government.

Dorsey, govt in tweetstorm over arm-twisting charge

New Delhi, Jun 13:

Twitter co-founder Jack Dorsey, in sensational allegations, claimed the Indian government threatened to shut down Twitter unless it complied with orders to restrict accounts during farmers' protests, a charge denied by the government on Tuesday as an "outright lie". In an interview, Dorsey, who quit as Twitter CEO in 2021, claimed that the Indian government "pressured" the company with threats of a shutdown and raids on employees if it did not comply with requests to take down posts and re-

strict accounts that were critical of the government over the protest by farmers against new agri laws in 2020 and 2021. Rubbishing the claims, Minister of State for IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar launched a no holds barred attack and said Dorsey's Twitter regime "had a problem accepting the sovereignty of Indian law.. It behaved as if the laws of India did not apply to it." "No one went to jail nor was Twitter 'shut down'," Chandrasekhar said. "This is an outright lie by @jack - perhaps an attempt to brush out that very dubious period of Twitter's history"

COOLING OFF



Young men swim in a stream to cool off on a hot summer day, in Srinagar, Tuesday.

Officers have to promise good conduct for study leave

Follow conduct rules or face consequences

New Delhi, Jun 13 (PTI):

The Centre has revised guidelines for IAS, IPS and IFOs officers going on study leave, making it mandatory for them to follow the service rules, failure of which would attract disciplinary and consequential actions. The move comes after it noticed instances of certain all India service officers not conducting themselves fully in consonance with the spir-

it of the AIS (Conduct) Rules, 1968 while on study leave. There are three all India services (AIS) - Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Police Service (IPS) and Indian Forest Service (IFoS).

Now, such officers will have to give an undertaking as part of a revised bond that they will abide by the All India Services (Conduct) Rules, 1968 and the guidelines on conduct during study leave, failure of which would make them liable for disciplinary action, according to a personnel ministry order.

5.4-magnitude quake hits J-K; tremors in north India

Doda/Bhaderwah, Jun 13 (PTI):

A 5.4 magnitude earthquake hit Doda in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday afternoon, forcing people in parts of the union territory to rush out of their homes in panic and causing damage to some buildings, officials said.



struck at a depth of 6 kilometres, it said. In Doda's Bhaderwah town, a few

buildings developed cracks due to the tremors. The false ceiling of a ward of the sub-district hospital collapsed. Some of the debris fell on patients recuperating in the hospital ward, an official said. The patients have been moved to safety and are being treated in an emergency ward of the hospital, he said. Azim Malik, a resident of Ghata Bhaderwah, said his house was damaged due to the tremors. "It was a strong earthquake and cracks have developed in my house," Malik told PTI.

ED raids TN Electricity Minister

In money laundering probe

Chennai, Jun 13 (PTI):

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday conducted searches against Tamil Nadu Electricity Minister V Senthil Balaji and some others as part of a money laundering investigation and held multi-city searches, prompting Chief Minister M K Stalin to slam the BJP for "backdoor intimidation" of political rivals, as he charged the ED with "political intention" behind its action.



RAF personnel during the Enforcement Directorate's searches at the premises of TN Electricity Minister V Senthil Balaji and some others in connection with a money laundering investigation, in Chennai, Tuesday.

Karur, besides in Erode. The Minister's office room at the state Secretariat here was among the locations

raided by the ED officials. This was the second time in five years that officials belonging to a Central probe

BJP's 'backdoor intimidation': Stalin

Stalin criticised the agency action against his colleague. "The BJP's politics of backdoor intimidation of those it is unable to face politically will not succeed. The time that they themselves will realise it is nearing," the Chief Minister, also president of the ruling DMK, said in a statement.

agency held searches inside the Secretariat. Income Tax authorities had conducted searches at the seat of power in December 2016 as part of its action against then Chief Secretary P Rama Mohana Rao, days after the death of then Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa.

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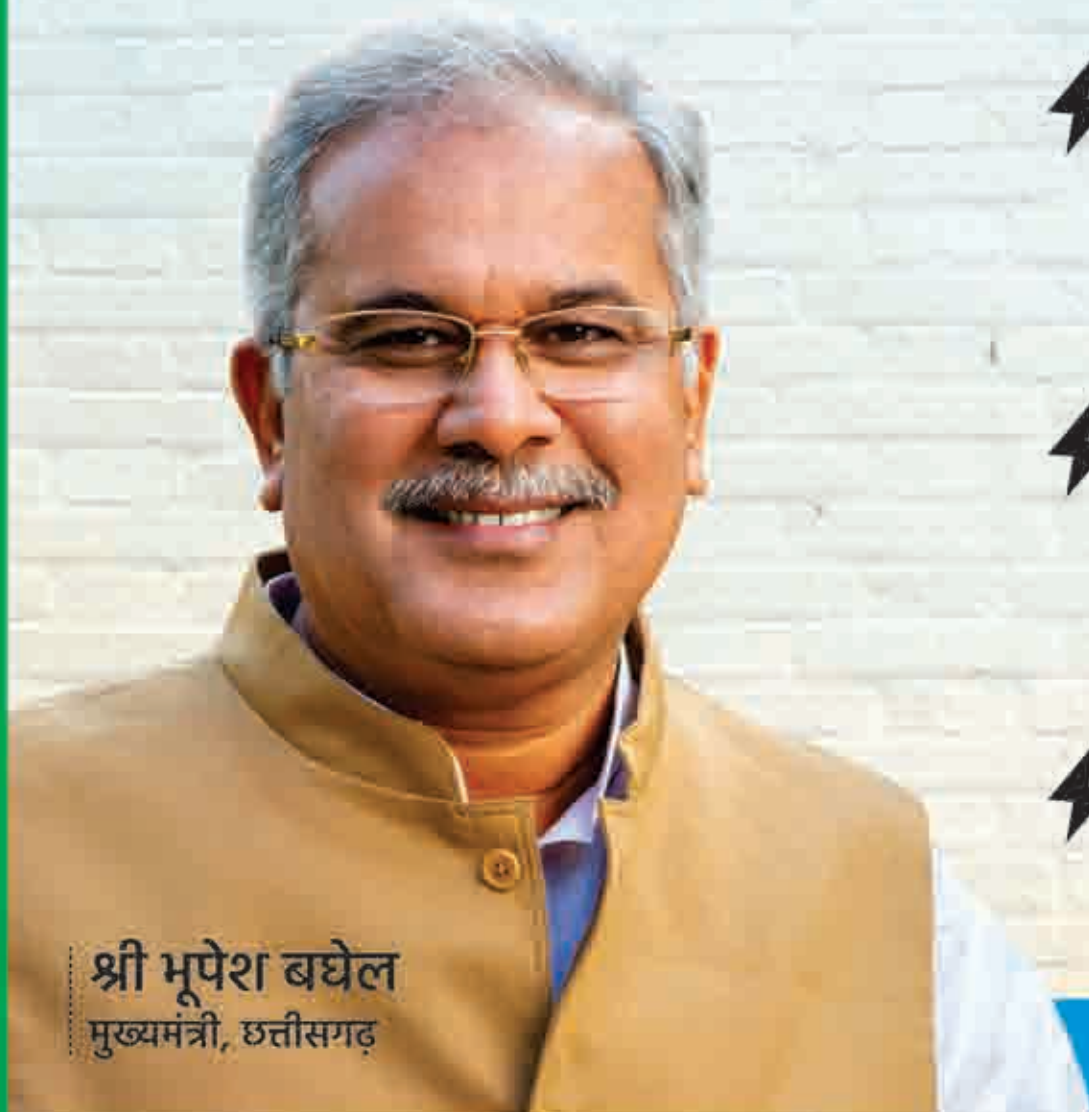


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Monsoon Session of CG Assembly from July 18

Govt likely to introduce Supplementary Budget

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Jun 13: Monsoon Session of Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly would be held from July 18 to 21.

Assembly Secretariat on Tuesday issued notification for the forthcoming session which states that the four-day session would be held from July 18. It further stated that the financial bills would be presented during the session apart from the other official works.

It is understood that it might be the last session of the current Legislative Assembly as the elections are likely to be held in the month of November.



During the Monsoon session, the state government would bring the first Supplementary Budget for the current fiscal which would aim to make budgetary provisions for the various public welfare programmes and schemes.

Meanwhile, the Leader of Opposition in

Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly Narayan Chandel said that the four-day session is very less as several issues are there to be raised during the Monsoon session and stated that minimum 10 days session should be held to give opportunity to the MLAs to raise the issues of their respective region.

Qureshi hopeful of positive response to film 'Zero Banhi Hero'



Raipur, Jun 13: Actor Man Qureshi on Tuesday said that the upcoming movie "Zero Banhi Hero" has been successfully completed and is ready for release on June 30 and added that working experience with Woman Director Bharati Verma was very unique as she has great experience.

Qureshi said that songs of the film launched through U-Tube channel has received very good response whereas the trailer has created history with a million views within 24

hours. Regarding the identity in Chhattisgarh Film Industry, the leading actor Man Qureshi said that a blockbuster movie is essential to establish actor in Urban Chhattisgarh whereas the Rural section of society has already accepted them.

He said that new concept in film making has been taken up which would be giving them satisfaction in future and hoped that film would provide him a new experience and establish him in Chollywood.

CROSSING AT THEIR PERIL



Passengers including a female police personnel trying to cross over the railway station boundary wall with iron bars on it, without realizing about the likely dangers and just to avoid long distance of crossing from foot-over-bridge or the ladders.

ED granted 3 days remand of Arvind Singh

Allowed to attend rituals of mother's demise in officer's presence

Raipur, Jun 13: In case of alleged Rs 2000 cr liquor scam in the state, ED nabbed the Liquor transporter from Khursipar Bhilai- Arvind Singh and produced him in the special court of Judge Ajay Singh Rajput in Raipur district court here on Tuesday. The Court granted permission of 3 days remand of Singh to ED. Whereas Court has granted permission to attend the programme related to final rites and other rituals in-between and under this he is allowed to stay in his residence for one hour and that too under observation of an officer from ED.



It is notable here that Arvind Singh was taken into arrest by ED when he was present to perform final rites of his mother at Khursipar in Bhilai on Monday. ED team picked him up from the crematorium itself on completion of final rites and brought him to Raipur and produced in the Court today.

It is notable here that ED suspects Arvind Singh's involvement in this liquor scam and had issued summons to him to appear before ED, but he

deliberately avoided the same and so ED was in lookout for him. What is surprising here is that ED took Singh into arrest after the tonsuring ceremony and he was wearing white banyan and dhoti below and brought him in the same condition to Raipur. When he was produced in the Court today, he was wearing the same attire.

Judicial remand of other accused extended for 15 days

In this case, ED has taken into arrest five other accused, viz. Anwar Dhebar, AP Tripathi, Pappu, and Dhillon. All of them have faced judicial remand earlier and they were also produced in the Court today and their judicial remand was extended for 15 days more and would stay in the jail.

State-level workshop on 'Mukhyamantri Bal Uday Yojana' today

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Jun 13: Chhattisgarh Women and Child Development Department, in collaboration with UNICEF, will organize a one-day state-level workshop on the 'Mukhyamantri Bal Uday Yojana' on June 14, starting at 11 AM, at a private hotel in Raipur. The workshop will be attended by Women and Child Development Minister Smt. Anila Bhediya, Chhattisgarh State Commission for Protection of Child Rights Chairperson Smt. Tejkunwar Netam, and Chhattisgarh State Women Commission Chairperson Smt. Kiranmayi Nayak. The workshop aims to provide information about the Mukhyamantri Bal Uday Yojana and discuss its implementation process. The technical session of the workshop will focus on providing information related to vocational and skill training, discussing the formats and documentation required for the scheme, and addressing questions and queries related to the scheme.

Tejkunwar Netam, and Chhattisgarh State Women Commission Chairperson Smt. Kiranmayi Nayak. The workshop aims to provide information about the Mukhyamantri Bal Uday Yojana and discuss its implementation process. The technical session of the workshop will focus on providing information related to vocational and skill training, discussing the formats and documentation required for the scheme, and addressing questions and queries related to the scheme.

'Shala Pravesh Utsav to commence from June 16'

Message of CM and School Education Minister will be read in schools

Children will discuss the articles and the pictures in the book 'Garhbo Nava Ch'garh'

Raipur, Jun 13: This year, Shala Pravesh Utsav will be celebrated in the state from June 16 to July 15. And under this month-long event, various activities will be organized along with the admission of children in the schools. Special programmes will be organized during first 10 days of the month-long Shala Pravesh Utsav, en-

sureing public participation. On the first day, the message of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and School Education Minister Dr. Premsai Singh Tekam will be read in all the schools, new students will be welcomed by the local public representatives, and various kinds of goods will be distributed to the children. Public representatives will address the programme and pledge to work towards the development of the school. Various cultural programs will be staged by the children. Meritorious students will be honoured, parents will be encouraged to share their views regarding the education and Chief Guest will deliver a speech. For organizing Shala Pravesh Utsav, Dr.

Alok Shukla, Principal Secretary, School Education Department, has directed all District Collectors and Chief Executive Officers of District Panchayats to take personal interest in making Shala Pravesh Utsav a mass campaign. He has directed the officials to keep in mind the goal of providing quality education with holistic approach to 100% of the children in the state while ensuring their admission and stay in school. Instruction has been given to organize a special meeting of the School Management Committee before the commencement of the session. Instructions have also been given to widely publicize the event of Shala Pravesh Utsav.

Workshop on Grey-water Fecal Sludge Management

Raipur, Jun 13: Under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), a two-day training workshop began on Tuesday for grey water and fecal water sludge management in rural areas. The workshop has been organized by RCTCR Jhanjigh in association with

Swachh Bharat Mission and Water End at Sector-24 Nava Raipur Atal Nagar. Training was imparted to Sub-Divisional Officers and Deputy Engineers of Rural Engineering Services with the aim of developing understanding of construction of

technical structures for management of grey-water and fecal sludge in rural areas. Mission Director of State Swachh Bharat Mission (Rural) Ms. Iffat Ara, State Coordinator Jitendra Sahu encouraged the participants in the training workshop.

Sixth job fair organized at AIIMS-Raipur



Raipur, Jun 13: Union Minister of State for Tribal Affairs Renuka Singh Saruta distributed appointment letters to 184 youths in the sixth employment fair organized by State Bank of India at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS).

MP Sunil Kumar Soni and MLA Brijmohan Agrawal were also present in this function. Job fairs are being organized across the country from August 2022 in accordance

with Prime Minister's target of providing 10 lakh government jobs to the youth of the country by the end of 2023. To this end the sixth job fair was organized at 43 places in more than 20 states of the country. Various departments of the Central Government have been given these appointments.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi joined the program through video conferencing. Union Minister, Renuka Singh while addressing

the program said that she called upon the youths who have got appointment letters to serve the country by doing honest jobs. After Covid, the methods of government work have changed and all the youth should work by adopting these new methods, she said. All youths who get jobs in Amritkal, can contribute to the work of making the country healthy and prosperous till the Golden Age, she said. Member of Parliament Sunil Kumar Soni appealed to the newly appointed youths to do justice to the people fighting with different problems by helping them at the right time. MLA Brijmohan Agrawal in his address expressed the expectation of the youth getting employment by doing the best work and bringing laurels to the country.

Campaign for malaria-free Ch'garh, leprosy detection, 'Netra Jyoti' from 15th

Raipur, Jun 13: The campaign for malaria-free Chhattisgarh, intensive leprosy detection and National Netra Jyoti Abhiyan will start in the state from June 15. In the eighth phase of malaria-free Chhattisgarh campaign, malaria screening will be done in 23 districts. About 22 lakh people will be tested for malaria by the teams of the health department.

National Netra Jyoti Abhiyan and intensive leprosy detection campaign will also be jointly run in 146 development blocks of all 33 districts of the state. Patients suspected of leprosy will be identified and examined and treated. During the campaign, availability of proper treatment will be ensured by identifying eye patients.

State government is constantly striving to achieve better targets in the direction of malaria control and to make the state malaria-free, the eighth phase of Malaria-free Chhattisgarh campaign is being started from June 15 to July 10, so that the target of complete malaria-free state can be achieved by taking malaria cases to the lowest level, Director, Epidemic Control, Dr Subhash Mishra said. He informed that the campaign will

be conducted for 25 days in total 23 districts of the state including all the seven districts of Bastar division.

Dr Mishra said that in the eighth phase of malaria-free Chhattisgarh campaign, a target had been set for malaria screening of about 22 lakh people of the state. For this, 2854 teams have been formed across the state, he said, adding that 1539 teams have been formed in Malaria-affected Bastar division and 1315 in other 16 districts. During the campaign, teams will be active for the investigation and treatment of malaria under 274 primary health centers and 904 sub-health centers. During the campaign, the Health Department's team and Mitans (community health workers) will go door-to-door to check malaria.

People will be motivated for regular use of mosquito nets by survey teams to prevent malaria. During this, BTI and burnt oil will also be sprayed in the water accumulated around the houses and in the drains in the villages. The Health Department team will also inquire about potential patients of leprosy and eye diseases in all the houses.

Vinay wins LIC Divisional TT championship

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Jun 13: Senior Table Tennis player and former champion Vinay Baiswade has once again won the Divisional Table Tennis tournament being organized under the aegis of Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) Raipur Division. According to the information received, Baiswade defeated SP Chandrakar with the score of 4-0 in the final to clinch the title. Abhijit Ghosh from Jagdalpur secured third position. Sakshi Dhanvijay from Raipur office won the



championship in Women category. All the above players

would be representing Raipur in the Central Regional Table Tennis

tournament to be held soon. LIC Raipur Senior Divisional Manager

Ashok Thakur was present as chief guest at the concluding ceremony whereas Selection committee Chairman Manager IT Neelmani Dwevedi, LIC Employees Union General Secretary Surendra Sharma, Dhananjay Pandey, Pravin Nirpure were also present on the occasion.

Treasurer of the Committee Sandhya Raj conducted the proceedings during which Yashwant Sharma, Sishir Gupta, Vijay Thirpude, Lalit Verma and others were present, informs a press release issued here.

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5 new Swami Atmanand Schools established in Surguja



39 teachers receive appointment letters from the CM

Swami Atmanand School teachers express their gratitude to the Chief Minister

Surguja, Jun 13: As part of a unique initiative in the field of education in Chhattisgarh, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel

has launched the Swami Atmanand Excellent English Medium School Scheme. Under the scheme, 11 Swami Atmanand schools were operational in Surguja district. During the Bhent Mulakat program, the Chief Minister announced the establishment of five new Swami Atmanand schools in response to the demand of the local people. After the implementation of the Chief Minister's announcement, the district now has a total of 16 Swami Atmanand Schools. To address the shortage of teachers

in these schools, 39 teachers have been recruited for the academic session of 2023-24. Today, Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel personally handed out appointment letters to these 39 newly-appointed teachers. On this occasion, teachers working in Swami Atmanand schools expressed their gratitude to the Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel. They said that they are fortunate to be appointed as teachers in the Chief Minister's dream project, and they will work with utmost dedication.

Farmers swindled of lakhs in Pradhan Mantri Bima scheme

11 Gram Panchayats stripped of crop insurance for 2 years Collusion between Insurance Company and Agriculture Department unveiled Farmers set to protest in Belgaum Society on June 15

Central Chronicle News

Dongargarh, Jun 13: A massive scam involving the embezzlement of lakhs of rupees from hundreds of farmers in 11 gram panchayats by the agriculture department and insurance company has been unearthed, triggering heightened concern at the administrative level. The administration is currently investigating the payment of substantial premiums collected from farmers for their crop insurance. Officials responsible for the inquiry are holding meetings with cooperative banks, insurance company agents, and farmers in



an attempt to gather crucial information. Sources indicate a strong suspicion of collusion among insurance company agents, cooperative banks, and the agriculture department. At least one of these entities appears to have amassed a substantial amount in premiums collected from farmers.

Farmers have suffered substantial losses, with no insurance coverage and no return of their deposited amounts. During a meeting with senior officials, cooperative banks, insurance company agents, and farmers' representatives, the fraudulent activities targeting farmers were exposed. Former legislator Ramji Bharti, district member Ravi Agrawal, Mandal President Jain Kumar Meshram, and

farmer Pyara Das Sahu divulged the details of the scam during the meeting, which was meticulously documented. The revelations made by the attendees were duly acknowledged by the officials present. However, the pressing question remains: When will justice be served to the affected farmers?

The insurance company and relevant department find themselves unable to provide answers. Representatives on behalf of the farmers raised a crucial query during the meeting, as to why were premiums collected when the farmers' names were absent from the insurance portal? Responsible officials are unable to account for the premiums collected from the farmers. Collusion between the in-

urance company, agriculture department, and district cooperative bank has facilitated these fraudulent activities. This raises a significant concern about how the insurance company received premiums without the farmers' names listed on the portal, and whether the officials involved can conduct insurance operations without the central subsidy. The improvement of the insurance portal is now a pressing matter. Additionally, how will the farmers affected by the absence of central funding for one-year-old crop insurance receive compensation? Unfortunately, the officials were unable to provide satisfactory answers to these critical questions. In response to these grievances, farmers have

planned a protest on June 15, encompassing the Belgaum Society, to demand justice for those affected by the Pradhan Mantri Bima scheme and fraudulent practices. Representatives from 11 villages in the development block, led by former legislator Ramji Bharti, have submitted memorandums at various levels to highlight complaints of fraud in the crop insurance amounts facilitated by the concerned department. They have sought meetings with district officials, including the District Collector, to demand the display of insurance amounts on the insurance portal. Memorandums have also been submitted through senior officials of the relevant department, urging a hearing and response. Faced with an absence of action, farmers have issued a warning to the sub-divisional officer in Dongargarh, signaling their intent to protest by surrounding the Belgaum Society and causing a traffic jam on the Belgaum-Musara Road on June 15.

New District Magistrate assumes office, Commissioner bids farewell



Bilaspur, Jun 13: The administrative landscape underwent a significant change here as the newly appointed District Magistrate Bhim Singh took charge of his duties. In a formal ceremony held at the Commissioner's Office in the afternoon, Singh assumed office, succeeding the outgoing Commissioner, Dr. Sanjay Alang. This transition marks a pivotal moment in the district's governance. Bhim Singh brings with

him a wealth of experience, having previously served as the Director in the Health Department. He is an esteemed IAS officer from the distinguished 2008 batch, known for his dedication and exemplary leadership. His appointment promises a fresh perspective and renewed commitment towards the development of Bilaspur. Meanwhile, as the baton passed to Mr. Singh, Dr. Sanjay Alang bid farewell to his esteemed colleagues

and subordinates at the Commissioner's Office. The farewell ceremony was an emotional affair, attended by officials and staff who expressed their gratitude for Dr. Alang's remarkable tenure. Collector Mr. Saurabh Kumar, in his address, acknowledged Dr. Alang's affable nature and vast knowledge across various domains. Dr. Alang's contributions were not limited to administration, as he showcased an active involvement in the field of literature. Reflecting on his time as the District Magistrate of Bilaspur Division, Dr. Sanjay Alang expressed his profound appreciation for the support received from the Collectors, officials, and Commissioner's Office staff. He emphasized the unique nature of the District Magistrate's

responsibilities and how the experience has enriched his professional journey. Dr. Alang also commended the dedication and hard work of the staff, underscoring the importance of teamwork in achieving success. The farewell ceremony witnessed additional addresses by esteemed personalities, including Additional Commissioner K.L. Chauhan, Deputy Commissioner Archana Mishra, and Deputy Commissioner Mr. Akhilesh Sahu. They expressed their heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Alang for his inclusive leadership and the familial atmosphere he fostered within the office. Their words resonated with the attendees, symbolizing the respect and admiration they held for their departing colleague.

Mega Blood Donation camp on June 14

Bijapur, Jun 13: As per instructions by the Collector Rajendra Kumar Katara, the Health Department and Red Cross Society of India will be holding a mega blood donation camp on occasion of World Blood Donation Day on June 14. This camp will be organised in District Hospital. It is notable here that in order to save the lives of the persons in accidental or emergency cases, that this World Blood Donation day is observed and for this to be part of this 'Mahaparv' and ensuring one's participation, all the citizens, youth, social heads, journalists, social workers have been urged to be present and make this blood donation camp a grand success.

Tragic accident claims lives of four minors

Causing a 3-hour-long traffic jam

Central Chronicle News

Korba, Jun 13: Two boys on a bike were caught by a high-speed mixer machine and the same vehicle collided with two other boys who were constructing rails on the roadside, resulting in the loss of their lives. The incident occurred within the Chaitma police station area under the jurisdiction of the Chaitma checkpoint. This tragic event took place late Monday night on Bilaspur-Ambikapur National Highway-130.

According to the available information, all four deceased minors were residents of Kumhara Para neighborhood in Chaitma. Suresh Kumar Jogi, the in-charge of Chaitma checkpoint, stated that two minors were riding a bike on the

Bilaspur-Ambikapur National Highway when they were hit by a mixer machine belonging to Dilip Buildcon. Subsequently, the same vehicle collided with two other boys who were constructing rails on the roadside, resulting in a powerful collision. All four lost their lives at the accident scene. The deceased were identified as Hitesh Kumar Kaiwart (17 years old), Nirmal Tekam (16 years old), Akash Prajapati (17 years old), Ashwin Kumar Patel (17 years old). The police revealed that the mixer machine belongs to Dilip Buildcon Company, which was involved in the construction of National Highway-130. They stated that all four minors suffered severe head injuries, leading to their unfortunate demise. Following the incident, outraged villagers

caused a nearly 3-hour-long blockage on the National Highway. This resulted in long queues of vehicles on both sides of the road. Upon receiving the news of the accident, the police and the administration team from Chaitma arrived at the scene. Immediate assistance was provided to the families of the deceased minors. The villagers were persuaded and calmed down, leading to the clearance of the traffic jam. Subsequently, the police sent the bodies of the four minors for post-mortem examination. After the post-mortem on Tuesday, the bodies were handed over to their respective families. Suresh Kumar Jogi, the in-charge of Chaitma checkpoint, mentioned that the mixer machine has been seized, and the arrested driver is currently in custody. Further actions are being taken in relation to the case.

Minor girl gangraped

Balrampur, Jun 13: A heinous gangrape incident involving a minor has come to light in Balrampur, Chhattisgarh, sending shockwaves throughout the community. The crime, which occurred several days ago, paints a harrowing picture of deceit and betrayal. The victim, a 15-year-old girl, was attending a wedding ceremony when her innocence was exploited by three perpetrators who enticed her with the promise of an ice cream treat. Unaware of their sinister intentions, the unsuspecting teenager

willingly accompanied them. To her horror, instead of a joyful outing, she found herself near a desolate dam structure, where the three men subjected her to unspeakable acts of molestation. When she bravely resisted their advances, they callously took turns in committing the heinous act of rape. This distressing incident unfolded within the jurisdiction of the Kusmi police station, and the accused, all in their twenties, have been identified and apprehended. The victim, traumatized by the ordeal, initially remained silent

for two agonizing days. Eventually, she found the courage to confide in her parents, who promptly reported the matter to the authorities. Swift action was taken by the police, who immediately launched a manhunt for the perpetrators, as they were attempting to flee to neighboring Jharkhand. Successfully apprehended, the three individuals are now facing charges under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offenses (POCSO) Act. They have been remanded to judicial custody as the legal proceedings progress.

National Team inspects Saraighna Health & Wellness Center

In Baikunthpur Assessment conducted under National Quality Assurance Program

Korea, Jun 12: A national team conducted an inspection of the Sub Health Center in Baikunthpur, Korea district of Chhattisgarh. The team examined all 12 departments of the Health & Wellness Center. District Collector Vinay Kumar Langeh, along with CHMO Dr. R.S. Sengar and DPM Dr. Prince Jayswal, guided the assessment process. The team comprised two members of the National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS), Dr.



Prashant from Maharashtra and Ms. Sonam from Madhya Pradesh. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, has initiated the NQAS program to identify high-performing health centers and improve the credibility of public hospitals. As part of this program, the

Sub Health Center in Saraighna underwent inspection by the NQAS team, in the presence of district and block-level health officials. The Health Department has started implementing the National Quality Assurance framework for Health & Wellness Centers, in addition

to CHCs, PHCs, and civil hospitals. The Health & Wellness Center in Saraighna village, located at the district headquarters of Baikunthpur, was selected for this purpose. The assessment was conducted by the state team and subsequently approved by the National Quality Assurance Standards. Assessments were conducted earlier this month to determine whether patients at these centers receive treatment in accordance with national standards. A total of 88 Health & Wellness Centers in the district have been upgraded, benefiting rural populations directly. Following the assessment by the National Quality Assurance Standards, patients

IOB introduces new attractive features

'My Account May Name' in selected Saving account

Raipur, Jun 13: Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has introduced new attractive features 'My Account May Name' in selected Saving account schemes. The 'My Account May Name' is first in the banking industry to introduce such features. In 'My Account May Name' in which customer can choose any name (Alias Name) for his/her account in addition to account name. This 'Alias Name' name can be shared by customers to others instead of sharing 15 digit account numbers. New schemes are, IOB SALARY GOLD Account, IOB SB MAX, IOB SB HNI, IOB SUPER STAR, IOB SIXTY PLUS with lot of attractive features. Customers can visit Bank's Website or nearest Branch for getting benefit of these scheme.

Dewangan alleges poor quality in roads construction

From Kurra- Mahanadi Bridge by the contractor

Navapara-Rajim, Jun 13: The young BJP leader Kishore Dewangan has launched protest in view of problems to common men in the construction of four-lane from Kurra to Mahanadi bridge. Dewangan charged that in this year-old construction work, the contractor in nexus and protection with the departmental officer is openly involved in below-standard work. This work was supposed to be completed by July 2023, but it is still going on at snail's pace and is not expected to be completed by this year end. Dewangan in a press release questioned as to what have been the quality of the construction work, right from the laying of foundation stone to that of its existing stage and how much the problems the passer-bys have to face. He informed that with build-



ing material lying scattered all over the place, the people are facing problems and are stumbling at every step. So far it is fortunate that no major accident has taken place and days are not far off, if this continues. Dewangan informed that when the people bring it to the attention of the public representatives, they ask us to contact PWD department and lodge complaint there. This raises concern on the Rs 29 cr worth of construction work for this four-lane. Dewangan said that even a layman can make out the irregularities in the quali-

ty of the construction work being carried out. Set aside using poor quality materials in the construction of four-lane, even the watering required at many places is not done in this hot summer. Dewangan giving an ultimatum said that if in a week's time the quality work is not started in his four-lane, then he along with the general public of the region would be forced to stage chakkajam at Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay chowk in Navapara and entire responsibility will be that of the PWD officials and the contractor involved.

Inter-Battalion Badminton tourney concludes

Dongargarh, Jun 13: It was under skilled guidance of DIG ITBP Regional Hq's Bengaluru OP Yadav and Commandant 40th Battalion ITBP Anant Narayan that the inter-battalion Badminton Tourney by 40th Battalion ITBP Dongargarh successfully concluded here on Monday.

This tournament was held from June 10-12 at the Badminton court of Jawaharlal Nehru College Dongargarh. In this both the singles and double badminton matches were played and in which four Battalions under ITBP Regional Hq's Bengaluru, viz. (27th, 38th, 40th and 44th Battalion), total 12 players took part. At the conclusion of the tournament, Tarun



Kumar Banjari- Second-in-Command 40th Battalion presented medals and trophies to the winners and runner's up of the tournament and extended greetings to them. Along with this he also motivated the players to give better performance in the future competitions. In the single matches, the winner was RS Thotchipem, Dy. Commandant 27th Battalion ITBP; Jit James

Dy. Commandant Regional Hq's ITBP Bengaluru was runner-up (single). Similarly in the double match pair of RS Thotchipem and Teli Hukum Singh were the winners and pair of Jit James and Rajvir S were the runner-up. On selection of the above for the Inter-Border Badminton Tournament, all the selected players were extended greetings.

Pay attention on target-oriented education: Dugga



Directs to make all preparations for 'Shala Praveshotsav'

cent-percent admission of students in all the villages. In every School, there should be kitchen garden with fruit-bearing trees and seasonal vegetables.

The review meeting of all the Principals of Schools was held under the chairmanship of Collector Narendra Kumar Dugga at the meeting room of Swamy Atmanand School, Manendragarh here on Tuesday.

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Take up PM Modi's schemes door-to-door: Om Mathur

Cites achievements of 9 yrs of Modi govt at the Centre



Rajim, Jun 13:

BJP state in-Charge Om Mathur appealed the party workers and leaders at the Vidhan Sabha-level sammelan to take up the achievements and major schemes of 9 years of PM Narendra Modi's government to the public.

Arushman Bharat Yojana, a free of cost treatment upto Rs 5 lakh is being provided to the citizens and by which more than 19 cr families have benefitted. Mathur said that all these schemes have to be remembered and not to be forgotten.



is working just against the Atalji's dream, as Chhattisgarh has now become centre of crime and corruption and rise in intoxication cases. There is need to save Chhattisgarh from such 'luterass', he appealed.

was a very small party and people do not even used to offer one glass of water to Jansangh leaders. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee laid his life demanding removal of Article 370 from Kashmir.

changing government is not an easy game. But PM Modi in last nine years of BJP's rule at the Centre has increased India's image all over the world and he held Modi as true patriot and country's power.

Navaz Khan distributes sports kits, hockey sticks to hockey players

Rajnandgaon, Jun 13:



The 13th All India Junior Boys National Hockey Championship will be held in Rourkela (Odisha) from Jun 12-22 and in this the state's hockey team too will take part.

that in case if any players want any type of assistance, he would always be ready for their help through CM Bhupesh Baghel. He informed that in the recently conducted Mahant Raja Sarveshwars All India Hockey tournament, CM made a declaration of Rs 2

cr for installation of floodlights in the ground and it will be completed soon. President CHA Firoz Ansari informed that the state's Junior (boys) hockey team after its state-level training, 18 players have been selected and they will be taking part in the National championship.

Prince Bhatia (Secretary Handball), Abdul Quadir (gen. secy), Jitesh Simankar, Sabbir Solanki, Amit Mathur, Kishore Dheewar, Shakeel Ahmed, Khemraj Sinha, Khushal Yadav, Krishna Yadav, Ashok Nagvanshi and others were present.

General Information

It is informed to the general public that Mrs. Meera Makhija, W/o Mr. Varjaram Makhija, Labbagh Ward No.23 (Chhattisgarh), had purchased land at Village-Bori Tehsil - Rajnandgaon P.H.N. 31 Kh.N. 531/ 2, 533/1, 534/1, 531/3, 533/2, 534/2 Total S.I.No. 06 Acreage 0.12, 0.09, 0.20, 0.41, 0.25, 0.15 Total 1.22 acres of agricultural land through registered deed dated 29/08/2003.

NOTICE
Change of Name
I, RATNESH CHANDRESH AGARWAL residence at MIG-62, Sector 1, Shankar Nagar, Raipur, Chhattisgarh state that-

NOTICE
Change of Name
I, SANGITA AGRAWAL residence at MIG-62, Sector 1, Shankar Nagar, Raipur, Chhattisgarh state that-

NOTICE
Change of Name
I, CHANDRESH AGRAWAL residence at MIG-62, Sector 1, Shankar Nagar, Raipur, Chhattisgarh state that-

DCB BANK
PUBLIC NOTICE
JEWELLERY AUCTION CUM INVITATION NOTICE
The below mentioned Borrowers have been issued notices to pay the entire dues in the facilities provided by them from DCB Bank Ltd. against Jewellery pledged with DCB Bank Ltd. (DCB Bank). Who are constrained to conduct auction of the pledged Jewellery as they have failed to pay the entire dues.

POONAWALLA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED
APPENDIX IV
POSSESSION NOTICE
(For Immovable Property)
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Poonawalla Housing Finance Limited (Formerly known as Magma Housing Finance Limited) of the above Corporate Registrar office (under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as the "said Act") and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (1)(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a demand notice below dated calling upon the below Borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED
NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(Under Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)
E-Auction Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Wooden Pillars and Copper Plate Inscriptions installed in ancient ponds

Six ancient ponds revived in Dhamdha

Bhilai, Jun 13:

The glory of the six ancient ponds of cultural importance has been revived in Dhamdha. These ponds had lost their existence as they were filled up with mud and were illegally captured. The initiative to restore the glory of these ponds was taken on the instructions of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel. In this campaign of water conservation conducted by the district administration Durg, the common people also gave full support. The villagers are praising the commendable work of restoring the usefulness and beauty of these disappearing ponds.

Copper Plate Inscription and Wooden Pillars have also been established by the locals as per the traditional rituals in these six revived ponds of Dhamdha. The villagers stated that the



ponds make the culture and tradition flourish. The work of beautifying and conserving these ponds on the initiative of the Chief Minister is commendable. Efforts are being made to renovate other ancient ponds of Dhamdha. In the campaign to revive these ponds of cultural importance with the help of the

district administration, first of all the encroachments were removed from the area of ponds. After the encroachment was removed, the ponds were excavated again. Along with the local people, people from Gaurav Gatha Samiti, Hind Athletics Club, Nagar Panchayat and Water Resources Department

participated in the excavation work. After the construction of the pond, a 12-feet long pillar made of Sarai wood was installed. Villagers took out a procession and prayers were offered at the Trimurti Mahamaya temple. To display the importance of these ponds, a copper plate was inscribed and installed. In

this copper plate, the existence of a government pond, its area, khasra number and other historical information have been mentioned.

Dhamdha area of Durg district was historically famous for "Char Agar Char Kori Taria" (126 ponds). With the passage of time these water sources became extinct and were captured and filled up by the people.

All the 126 ponds had lost their existence. Dhamdha Gaurav Gatha Samiti conducted a research on these ponds and prepared a list of 126 ponds after thorough investigation.

They mentioned the history of these ponds and produced information of rakba (area), khasra number, etc and published a book 'Char Agar Char Kori Taria Au Budhwa Narva'. This book was released by the Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel.

District Election Officer inspects EVM and VVPAT machines

Bhilai, Jun 13:

According to the instructions of the Election Commission of India and the Chief Electoral Officer, Chhattisgarh Raipur, the first level checking of EVMs and VVPAT machines at the district level for the 6 vidhan saba constituencies of the district under the Assembly Elections 2023 commenced from June 10.

The scrutiny process will be done by June 27, 2023. Teams of 12 engineers of ECIL Hyderabad are conducting the first level examination on daily basis. The machines found correct in the test will be used for polling work in the assembly elections 2023.

Collector and District Election Officer Pushpendra Kumar Meena inspected the first level checking of EVM and VVPAT machines. He took informa-



tion regarding EVM and VVPAT machines from the engineers of ECIL who were conducting the tests. He asked them to check EVM and VVPAT machines closely as per the instructions of the Commission.

Deputy District Election Officer BK Dubey and Nodal Officer Deputy Collector Lavkesh Dhruv and other officers were also

present. Control Unit 2079, Ballot Unit 3434 and VVPAT 2279 have been kept safe in the warehouse. This work will continue from 9 am to 7 pm everyday till June 27. Representatives of recognized national and state level parties are also participating during the FLC work.

Adequate security arrangements have been made during this process.

SP inspects Police Reserve Centre

Bhilai, Jun 13: On Tuesday, Superintendent of Police Shalabh Kumar Sinha inspected the Police Reserve Centre and took the salute of the General Parade. He inspected the uniform of the officers / personnel involved in the parade. He rewarded the officers / personnel for the best uniform. Superintendent of Police, Durg directed all officers / personnel to wear prescribed uniform and stay well dressed on duty.

He inspected the vehicles in the MT Branch and said that the heavy vehicles should be maintained properly as they are useful in establishing law and order. After that, he inspected the Armoury located at Durg and directed the officers and personnel posted here to remain vigilant about the maintenance and safety of



Arms and Ammunition. Later he inspected the Reserve Centre, Uniform Branch, Vehicle Branch Office, Police Credit Cooperative Society, Records Branch, Reader Branch and Cash Branch.

ASP (Rural) Anant Kumar Sahu, IAS Laxman Tiwari, CSP Banker Vaibhav Ramanlal (IPS), CSP Nikhil Ashok Rakhecha (IPS), SDOP Prabhat

Kumar (IPS), Probationary IPS Umesh Gupta, CSP Ashish Banchole, SDOP Devansh Singh Rathore, DSP Satish Thakur, DSP Satyanand Vindhyaraj, CSP (IUCAW) Shilpa Sahu, DSP Nilesh Dwivedi, Trainee DSP Akanksha Pandey, Reserve Inspector Ramesh Chandra and all officers / personnel were present.

Immediate action taken on the applications received in Jandarshan

Bhilai, Jun 13:

Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena met the people who reached from different places of the district and took information regarding their demands and problems. He asked the concerned officials to take necessary initiative to dispose of the applications received at the earliest. During the Jandarshan, he oversaw the applications received from the common people and directed the officials to take quick action. 175 applications were received in Jandarshan, including applications related to illegal possession, partition, financial assistance, demarcation, admission in Swami Atmanand School, ration card.

An old lady, Sohadra Bai Mahobia, a resident of Girdhari Nagar, submitted an application seeking her admission in an old age home. The lady said that she was residing with his son in Swami Vivekananda ward. Now she became helpless after the death of her son. There is no one in the family to take care of her, nor



do they have any source of income. On this, the Collector instructed the Deputy Director Social Welfare Department to take immediate action and get her admitted in the old age home. An old disabled resident of village Khamhariya approached the Jandarshan with the application for old age pension. The old man said that he is unable to work due to old age as well as being handicapped. Earlier he used to get an old age pension from Canara Bank but has not received it for the last

three months. He was asked to contact Municipal Corporation Bhilai, but he did not get any information from there either. Taking quick action on this application, the Collector directed the Deputy Director Social Welfare Department to provide pension under the old age pension scheme.

Some youth of Mahatma Gandhi Higher Secondary School, Durg, said that they have been practicing in the sports ground since last 10 years.

They said that the wrestling mat and wall of

the playground have been broken and shops are being constructed on the encroached land by some traders. They said that the playground has become small due to encroachment and the players are facing inconveniences. On this, the Collector instructed the sports department to inspect and take immediate action.

Village Purai residents demanded compensation for the acquired land under the Bharat Mala project. Residents said that at present the work of road construction is being

done on the acquired land. They drew attention to the compensation amount fixed by the government for the acquired land. On this, the Collector instructed SDM Durg to take necessary action.

State MGNREGA Labour Welfare Organization filed an application for construction of MGNREGA building. MGNREGA Mazdoor Kalyan Sangathan handed over the application for construction of state level MGNREGA building on vacant space behind Central Cooperative Bank as a permanent arrangement. On this the Collector asked the Chief Executive Officer, District Panchayat to take necessary initiative.

Former Panch of village Nagpura complained about illegal storage of sand. He said that sand is being stored illegally without permission near Jalabandha road. He demanded appropriate legal action against the person storing sand illegally.

On this, the Collector asked the officer of the Mineral Department to inspect and take necessary action.

Admin takes action against illegal storage of sand

Bhilai, Jun 13: As per the instructions of Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena, the Revenue Department took immediate action against illegal sand storage and seized the sand which was illegally stored. It needs to be mentioned here that a complaint regarding illegal storage of sand was received in the Jandarshan. Taking immediate action under the guidance of SDM



Dhamdha Vipin Soni, Nayab Tehsildar Bori seized the illegally stored sand in Village Sevati of Tehsil Bori and handed it over to the Sarpanch. He has registered the case in

the presence of Mineral Inspector Durg, village sarpanch, Kotwar and villagers and taking advance action, the seized sand was handed over to the sarpanch.

LAMP workshop for women executives inaugurated



Bhilai, Jun 13:

"LAMP - Leadership And Management Productivity", a 3-day workshop for the cross-section of Women Executives of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant was inaugurated on Tuesday at Bhilai Management Development Centre (BMDC), Russian Complex, Sector-7. Pratibha Agarwal, DIG (CISF) was the Chief Guest on this occasion.

In the inaugural address, Chief Guest Pratibha Agarwal, DIG (CISF), congratulated the women executives and said, "I am glad that today's theme has transformed from gender-equality to the position of women as institutional leaders.

I believe that not only are women equally proficient at the workplace, at-par with their male-colleagues, but also are holistic leaders and good negotiators". She urged the women executives to willingly accept the responsibilities and challenges in their lives and be mentally prepared to prove themselves. "You must identify your inner strengths to extract the best out of work and contribute to the growth of your organization", said Pratibha Agarwal. Faculties of the workshop 'LAMP', Dr Shoeb Ahmed, Roshan Joseph and Ajoy Joseph from Impetus Exim Pvt Ltd, are the keynote speakers of the 3-day workshop, who will train the 25 women executives on

key aspects of system imperatives, partnership for progress and business & commercial acumen. BSP Management has organized the workshop exclusively for the women executives to address key aspects of the management leadership conundrum, in terms of articulation and subsequent application in the workplace and improve their management leadership skills. Elaborating the objective of the workshop in the Opening Remark, Dr Shoeb Ahmed said that the time devoted here will help the participants in climbing the executive ladder, such that they emerge as leaders in their own field of work.

Roshan Joseph briefed about the workshop and said that all women are incredible managers conventionally. The women executives should share the managerial skills used at home to execute their responsibility at the Plant, he said. Sanjeev Shrivastava, GM(HRD) BMDC, conducted the inaugural programme of workshop "LAMP- Leadership And Management Productivity" and also proposed the vote of thanks.

Man arrested for repeatedly raping friend's sister



Bhilai, Jun 13: Police arrested a man on charges of committing rape repeatedly on the same woman. The accused is the friend of the victim's brother. Taking advantage of her ill health, the accused raped this married lady for the first time in the year 2020. Later, he threatened her and raped her several times till 2022.

When the lady filed a written complaint at Mohan Nagar Police Station, he switched off the mobile and escaped. On the instructions of SP Shalabh

Sinha, a joint team of Mohan Nagar Police Station and Civil Team was entrusted with the task of tracing and arresting the accused. Meanwhile, police received a tip off that the accused was hiding in Deepak Nagar area and was arranging money to flee. Police team swung into action and nabbed the accused. The accused identified as Syed Ashar Ali (39) son of Anwar Ali, a resident of Takiapara, Durg has been booked under the provisions mentioned in section 376 (2)(n) and 506 of IPC. Inspector Vipin Rangari, SI Uma Thakur, Constables Javed Khan, Kishore Soni, Nasir Baksh, Gaur Singh, Thomson Peter, Kamlesh Yadav, Bharthari Nishad and Ajay Yadu played a vital role in arresting the accused.

Regular college students can simultaneously pursue other degree course from PSSOU

Bhilai, Jun 13:

Students admitted and regularly studying in various courses in the colleges of the state will now be able to simultaneously pursue other degree or diploma courses from Pt Sunder Lal Sharma (Open) University (PSSOU) along with their regular studies. The university is also providing lateral admission and the credit points earned from other universities will be considered for award of diploma or degree of the Open University, said Dr BKG Singh, Vice-Chancellor of Pt Sunder Lal Sharma (Open) University, Chhattisgarh. He shared this information while addressing the participants in the capacity development workshop organized by PSSOU Regional Centre Durg in association with VYT Post Graduate College. Vice-Chancellor Dr Singh congratulated all the personnel, officers and organizations associated with the Open University



as the university received 'A+' grade by NAAC. He expressed gratitude for their cooperation. Reviewing study center-wise enrollment and problems, he also fixed the centre-wise target of admission for the next session with the consent of study centres. VYT College Principal Dr RN Singh welcomed the guests and participants. Dr Pushkar Dubey, Head of the Management Department, from the University Headquarters, explained the work of the Regional Services Division and threw light on the organization and documentation of Regional and Study Centers according to 'A Plus' grade. Dr DN

Sharma, Regional Coordinator of Regional Center, Durg, discussed the role of study centers in distance education and the responsibilities of officers and personnel posted in these study centers. The program was coordinated by Neelam Singh, Assistant Program Coordinator. Dr Pannalal Yadav, Dr Anupama Asthana, Dr Jagjit Kaur Saluja, Dr Abhinesh Surana and other counselors were also present in the workshop. Special cooperation was given by the Coordinator Assistant of Regional Center, Durg, Shivcharan Sahu, Sushma Patel, Mohd Sahir and Umesh Aanchala.

Obituary

K Joy Cherian

Bhilai: K Joy Cherian, aged 71, breathed his last to be on his heavenly abode on 11 June 2023. He was an Industrialist, Social worker and a well known name. His final journey will begin from his residence, Shanti Bhavan, street no. 32A, Shanti Nagar at 9 AM, 14 June 2023. He is survived by his wife, children, grandchildren and his large extended family.



Russia seeks expansion in ties with Pakistan: FM Lavrov

Islamabad, Jun 13 (PTI):

Russia is keen to expand and deepen bilateral ties with Pakistan as the first shipment carrying discounted Russian oil reached Karachi Port at the weekend, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said.



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Lavrov made these remarks in a video message on the 75th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Moscow and Islamabad, the Express Tribune newspaper reported.

He said Russia views Pakistan as a "key international partner in the joint efforts to combat common security challenges and threats, including transborder crime and terrorism."

Pakistan on Monday began transporting the much-anticipated discounted Russian crude oil to a refinery here in the cash-strapped country's port city, a development that is likely to provide relief to the people hit by

donated its commitments.

"The participation of Soviet specialists in the construction of the largest steel mill in Karachi (now called Pakistan Steel Mills) in the 1980s, despite the conflict raging in Afghanistan at the time, is clear evidence of this. The Guddu Thermal Power Plant, then the largest in your country, was also commissioned at that time," according to Lavrov.

"Nowadays, our relations are advanced and based on trust. They are founded on the concurrence or proximity of approaches to the key issues of the international agenda. Together with our Pakistani partners, we stand for shaping a more just and democratic multipolar world order," he added.

"We respect the cultural and civilisational diversity of peoples and their right to determine the avenues of their political, social and economic development themselves. I would like to note that Russia's

vision of the world order and our understanding of traditional moral values are in harmony with the principles of faith, unity and discipline formulated by the father of the Pakistani people Muhammad Ali Jinnah. It is on these pillars that the statehood of modern Pakistan is based," Lavrov said.

He said that Russia attached great importance to further constructive cooperation with Pakistan in international fora.

"We highly appreciate Pakistan's contribution to the activities of the United Nations and its specialised agencies. We welcome Islamabad's active involvement in joint work within the SCO as a full member of this organisation, which plays an important role in establishing multilateral cooperation in Greater Eurasia."

"It is encouraging that over the recent years, we have succeeded in making significant progress in bilateral trade.

CONNECTING ACROSS MILES



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi interacts with an Indian American truck driver while traveling in his truck from Washington DC to New York.

Tremendous excitement for PM Modi's historic state visit, says top presidential aide

Washington, Jun 13 (PTI):

There is tremendous excitement for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's State Visit here which will highlight many elements in the US-India strategic relationship, a top US presidential aide has said.

Modi has been invited by President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden for a state visit, which will include a State Dinner on June 22. "There's tremendous enthusiasm and excitement about the upcoming visit. Large numbers of stakeholders in the US-India relationship are all coming to Washington to celebrate the importance of our ties and take necessary steps to take the bilateral relationship even further," Kurt Campbell,

Deputy Assistant to the President and

Coordinator for the Indo-Pacific, told PTI in an interview on Monday.

On Monday Campbell, 65, joined National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan for a trip to India to hold the next round of the initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET).

The path-breaking ICET that ropes in technology as a key strategic element to the India-US relationship was launched by Sullivan and his Indian counterpart National Security Advisor Ajit Doval early this year. A group of American CEOs are also travelling to New Delhi to participate in the talks. The two sides are expected to be discussing a range of

issues associated with enhanced American investment in critical Indian industries and technologies.

"I can say after spending substantial time with the president and all the key players, there really is a rare sense of anticipation for what we believe will be a historic visit," Campbell said in response to a question. As the Biden administration plans to throw an unprecedented red-carpet welcome to the Prime Minister, it has organised a series of events every day next week in the American Capital, which will celebrate the various aspects of this relationship. "I would just underscore this is not simply the State Dinner. This is a weeklong cele-

bration and that will highlight many elements in the US-India relationship," Campbell said. Every single day next week, there will be something about the people-to-people ties, education, and technology that will be on full display, both for the Indian people, the American people and the world.

PM Modi's state visit to further solidify US-India ties: Blinken

Washington, Jun 13 (PTI):

Secretary of State Antony Blinken has said the trajectory of the Indo-US partnership is "unmistakable and filled with promise", and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's historic state visit to the US will further solidify the defining relationship of the 21st century.



June 22. Addressing the annual India Ideas Summit of the US-India Business Council (USIBC) here on Monday, Blinken said: "We know that India and the

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United States are big, complicated countries. We certainly have work to do to advance transparency, to promote market access, to strengthen our democracies, to unleash the full potential of our people." "But the trajectory of this partnership is unmistakable, and it is filled with promise. It is being written in places like North Carolina, where our growing engagement is benefiting both our countries," he said, as he highlighted several projects in the state benefit-

ing both nations. According to the top US diplomat, one North Carolina entrepreneur from Gujarat — commenting on this explosion of US-India commercial activity — observed, "This couldn't have happened 15 years ago." Blinken has said economic ties are at the heart of the Indo-US strategic partnership, and under the leadership of President Biden and Prime Minister Modi "and private sector leaders like you — it is growing stronger by the day."

Beijing criticises new US sanctions 30,000 Haitian kids live in private orphanages

On companies over pilot training, weapons development

Taipei, Jun 13 (AP):

China on Tuesday criticised new sanctions imposed by the United States on companies believed to be involved in training Chinese military pilots and aiding weapons development.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin urged Washington to "stop abusing export control measures" to hobble Chinese companies.

"The United States has repeatedly overstretched the concept of national security, abused state power, unwarrantedly suppressed Chinese companies, and wantonly disrupted the international economic order and trade rules," Wang said at a daily briefing in Beijing.

"It has reached a level of unscrupulous hysteria." China "demands that the US immediately correct its wrong practice of

politicising, instrumentalising, and weaponising economic, trade, and sci-tech issues with a pretext of human rights or military-related issues," Wang said. On Monday, the US government placed 43 "entities" on an export control list over national security and foreign policy concerns. The list includes both Chinese and foreign companies.

Among those listed were Frontier Services Group Ltd., a security and aviation company previously run by Blackwater founder Erik Prince, and Test Flying Academy of South Africa, a flight school under scrutiny by British authorities for hiring retired British military pilots to train Chinese fliers. The companies are barred from receiving US exports for activities deemed contrary to US national interest.

Other companies were sanctioned for aiding development of China's hypersonic weapons and the modernization of its army, the Commerce Department aid.

Two companies Beijing Ryan Wende Science and Technology Co. Ltd. and Xinjiang Kehua Hechang Biological Science and Technology Co. Ltd. — were added for allegedly supplying items that helped the Chinese government monitor Uyghurs and other ethnic minorities. The US has imposed several rounds of sanctions and import curbs over the past three years on companies believed to be aiding Beijing's crackdown on ethnic minorities in its western Xinjiang region. While the two countries spar over national security and human rights issues, they are also working to keep lines of communication open to avoid an accidental conflict.

Saint-Louis-Du-Sud (Haiti), Jun 13 (AP): Mylouse Veillard was 10 when her mother dropped her off at an orphanage in southern Haiti and promised her a better life. For three years, Mylouse slept on a concrete floor. When she was thirsty, she walked to a community well and hauled heavy buckets of water herself. Meals were scarce, and she lost weight. She worried for her younger brother, who struggled even more than she did at the facility.

It's a familiar story among the estimated 30,000 Haitian children who live in hundreds of orphanages where reports of forced labor, trafficking, and physical and

sexual abuse are rampant. In recent months, Haiti's government has stepped up efforts to remove hundreds of these children and reunite them with their parents or relatives as part of a massive push to shut down the institutions, the vast majority of which are privately owned.

Social workers are leading the endeavor, sometimes armed with only a picture and a vague description of the neighborhood where the child once lived. It's an arduous task in a country of more than 11 million people with no residential phonebooks and

where many families have no physical address or digital footprint.

"They're almost like detectives," said Morgan Wienberg, co-founder and executive director of Little Footprints, Big Steps, one of several nonprofits that help reunite children and families. "It definitely comes down to a lot of persistence."

The social workers fan out through cities, towns and villages. They walk up hills, navigate mazes of tin-roofed shacks and knock on doors. With a smile, they hold up a picture and ask whether anyone recognizes the child.

OFFICE OF THE JOINT DIRECTOR TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING REG. OFFICE RAIPUR (C.G.)

FORM-V (See rule 11)
Form for final publication of existing land use map //NOTICE//

The existing land use maps for Rajim Planning Area was published under sub-section (1) of section 15 of the Chhattisgarh Nagar Taitha Gram Nivesh Adhiniyam, 1973 (No. 23 of 1973) in the Chhattisgarh Gazette dated 24 March 2023 and objections and suggestions were invited from the public under the provision of sub-section (2) of the said section. After giving reasonable opportunity of hearing to all such persons who have filed the objection or suggestion, modifications as considered desirable, are made therein.

Now the existing land use maps for the above planning area is hereby adopted under sub-section (3) of section 15 of the said Adhiniyam and a copy of notice is also sent for its publication in "Chhattisgarh Gazette" under the provision of sub-section (4) of section 15 of the said Adhiniyam, which shall be conclusive evidence of the fact that the above maps have been duly prepared and adopted. The said adopted maps shall be available for inspection during office hours for a period of 15 days from the publication of the notice in Chhattisgarh Gazette in the following offices:

Place of Inspection: 1. Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Raipur, District- Raipur (C.G.)
2. Office of the Collector, District-Gariyaband (C.G.)
3. Joint Director Town and Country Planning, RDA Building Shastr Chowk, Raipur (C.G.)
4. Office of the Nagar panchayat Rajim, District Gariyaband.

Place: Raipur
Date: _____

(Sandeep Bangde)
Additional Director
Town and Country Planning, Raipur (C.G.)

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Section-I OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
South Kondagaon Forest Division, Kondagaon, District-Kondagaon (CG)
|| Tel. / Fax: 07786-242303 || || southfedkgn@yahoo.co.in ||

Notification No. (2023) & I Kondagaon, Dated : 09/06/2023

---: Notice Inviting Tender ---

Procurement including Designing, Fabrication and Commissioning of Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Eco-Friendly Elevated Prefab Modular Studio Cottage Of Hybrid Structure

using CNC controlled machines suitable for seismic zone IV with calculated dead load, live load, wind load and earthquake load as per the provision of IS 800-2007 and or IS 801 for strength & serviceability.

This project has to be done on turnkey basis, structure should be based on plug and play concept, prefabricated in small modules off-site (in factory), and should be installed and commissioned on-site, assembling those modules - 01 Unit

---: Tender Details ---

(1) **Tender Document** :- It can be purchased from office of Divisional Forest Officer, South Kondagaon Division.

(2) **Submission and Opening of Bid** :- Bids shall be submitted in the office of Divisional Forest Officer, South Kondagaon Division on the dates mentioned in table below till 2:00 PM, the tenders will be opened from 3:30 PM on the mentioned in table below.

Bid Round	Date from which Bid documents can be purchased	Starting date of submission of Bid	Last date of submission of Bid	Date of opening of Bid
First	05.07.2023 to 12.07.2023	10.07.2023	14.07.2023 (2:00 PM)	14.07.2023 (3:30 PM)
Second	28.07.2023 to 04.08.2023	01.08.2023	04.08.2023 (2:00 PM)	04.08.2023 (3:30 PM)

(3) **Cost of Tender Document** :- INR 1,000/- for the tender documents purchased payable through DD.

(4) Other detailed information related to the tender can be obtained by being present at the South Kondagaon Forest Division Office during office hours.

Divisional Forest Officer
South Kondagaon Division
Kondagaon

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, CIRCLE NO-1 RAIPUR (C.G.)

Tender Notice

Online tenders are invited from Contractors, Registered in appropriate class in Unified Registration System [e-Registration] for the following works:-

NIT No./ System Tender No.	Name of Work	Probable amount of contract
1	2	3
17/137722	Junction Improvement Work at Cseb Road Danganaya Chowk (Near Shilpa Mandir) Raipur Under Raipur West Vidhansabha (3rd Call)	Rs. 39.68 Lakh
33/137723	S/R Mow And Other Different Type Work at Gad Colony Sector 27 Atal Nagar Nawa Raipur Under Sub Division No.-3 (2nd Call)	Rs. 25.00 Lakh
32/137724	S/R Mow Work For District Hospital Building, Residential Quarters Pandari & Residential Quarters Kapa, Under Sub Div. No.-4(Arang), Raipur (2nd Call)	Rs. 25.00 Lakh
34/137725	MOW & Special Repair Work Of Govt. Building In Arang Section-1 Under Sub Division No.4, Raipur (2nd Call)	Rs. 35.00 Lakh
36/137726	S/R Mow Work of Residential Building & Non Residential Building at Govt. Engineering College Campus Sejbahar, Under Sub Division No.-4(Arang), Raipur(C.G.) (2nd Call)	Rs. 25.00 Lakh
37/137728	Special Repair, Mow & other Deposite Work's in Physiotherapy Collage, Veterinary Hospital Pandri & State Institute of Health & Family Welfare Section Under Construction Sub Division No.-02 at Raipur (C.G.) (2nd Call)	Rs. 30.00 Lakh
175/137776	Construction Of Cement Concret Road At Telbandha Chowk (Avanti Viahar) To Khamardih Chowk Road Length - 1.435 K.M. (2nd Call)	Rs. 99.89 Lakh

NIT No.17 System Tender No.137722 Last date of tender Download Date up to 19.06.2023 Time 17:30 PM, MT No.33 System Tender No.137723, NIT No.32 System Tender No.137724, NIT No.34 System Tender No.137725, NIT No.36 System Tender No.137726, NIT No.37 System Tender No.137728 & NIT No.175 System Tender No.137776 Last date of tender Download Date up to 24.06.2023 Time 17:30 PM

उपरोक्त निर्माण कार्य की निविदा की सामान्य शर्तें, धरोहर राशि विस्तृत निविदा विवरण, निविदा दस्तावेज व अन्य जानकारी <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> पर देखी जा सकती है एवं डाउनलोड की जा सकती है।

Note :- All eligible/interested contractors are mandated to get enrolled on the e-procurement portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process.

Superintending Engineer
P.W.D, Raipur Circle No-1
Raipur (C.G.)

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SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE FOR MISCELLANEOUS WORKS
BSPT/OT/23-24-05, Date: 06.06.2023

Tender Notice No. - Sr. DEE (RS&G) BSPT/OT/23-24-05, Date: 06.06.2023

Name of Work :- (1) Renovation of HT Line over BSP settlement. (2) Rehabilitation of power supply system & Renovation of LT Line over Pandra Section of BSP Division. (3) Provision of HM tower at Various Location over Bilaspur Settlement.

Tender Value :- ₹ 89,48,561.47/-.
Bid Security Amount :- ₹ 1,79,000/-
Tender Closing Date & Time :- 29.06.2023, 15:00 Hrs.

For further details, eligibility criteria & complete details for the above works, please refer/download tender document which is available on our website www.irgsp.gov.in.
Sr. Divt. Elect. Engrg. (RS&G) GPR/10/105 S.E.C. Railway, Bilaspur.

South East Central Railway @scrail

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DURG CIRCLE DURG (C.G.)

Durg, Dated: 05.06.2023

e-Procurement Tender Notice
1st Call

Online tenders in form "A" percentage rate basis are invited on behalf of Governor of Chhattisgarh dated 22-06-2023 :-

NIT No./ System No.	Name of work	P.A.C. (Rs. In lacs.)
55/137341	CONSTRUCTION OF TEHSIL OFFICE BUILDING AT LAL BAHADUR NAGAR, BLOCK- DONGARGARH, DISTRICT- RAJNANDGAON	64.62
56/137345	SR/AR/MOW/Deposit Work for Residential/Non Residential Building at H. Q NO. 1 Under Sub Division No. 1 Rajnandgaon	50.00
57/137355	SR/AR/MOW/Deposit Work for Residential/Non Residential Building at H. Q NO. 3 Under Sub Division No. 1 Rajnandgaon	50.00
58/137356	Construction Of Child Adoption Centre At Rajnandgaon	33.47
59/137357	W.M/M/ B.T. Patch Repair of Various Roads Under Sub Division A.Chowki, Distt-Mohla-Manpur-A.Chowki	50.00
60/137359	W.M/M/ B.T. Patch Repair of State Highway No. 24 in Km. 43/2 to 100/2 & SH-06 Road at Under Sub Division A.Chowki, Distt-Mohla-Manpur-A.Chowki	80.00
61/137360	Construction of Latakodo to Ghotiya Road, Length - 1.80 km, (i/c Culverts) Block Chihurya Dist. Rajnandgaon No-3	198.12
62/137361	W/W, C/W, Distemping and Painting of R/Building at H.Q. section No. 2 Kawardha	22.88
63/137362	AR work of Non Residential Building under H.Q. Section No.1 Sub Division Kawardha	21.15
64/137363	AR work of Residential Building under H.Q. Section No.1 Sub Division Kawardha	21.40
65/137364	A.R work of N/R Building at Kawardha under Head Quarter Section No. 02 P.W.D. Sub Division Kawardha	21.08
66/137365	Distemping and Painting of R/Building & Old C.H., New C.H., S.P. Office & Consumer Forum under H.Q. Section no. 1 Kawardha	24.01
67/137366	A.R work of Res. Building at Kawardha under Head Quarter Section No. 02 P.W.D. Sub Division Kawardha	22.11
68/137367	W/W, C/W, Distemping and Painting of N/R Building at H.Q. section No. 2 Kawardha	20.06
69/137368	S.R. & M.O.W. work of R/B & N/R Building at Sub Division Kawardha	40.00

Note:-
1- NIT No 55 & 61 are under Public Works Department Rajnandgaon Division Rajnandgaon, NIT No 62 & 63 is under Public Works Department Kawardha Division Kawardha.
2- General Conditions, detailed NIT, Tender documents & other information of the above construction work downloaded from the Eprocurement web portal or departmental website <http://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>.
3- NIT No. & Name of the Work should be essentially mentioned on the envelope through the Registered Post/Speed Post in this office.

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Strengthening Trust

Canada's Role in Immigration Integrity

In recent news, Indian students facing deportation from Canada have been granted a respite as the stay on their removal provides a sense of relief. These students had obtained visas based on fake admission offer letters, a fraudulent scheme orchestrated by an immigration agent in Jalandhar. It was a shocking revelation for these individuals when they received deportation notices from the Canadian Border Security Agency. The agent, who is currently on the run, reportedly charged Rs 16 lakh per student for admission and document processing. The authenticity of the offer letters issued by Canadian embassy officials is also under scrutiny. The intervention of the Indian government in the matter has led to a temporary halt in the deportations. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has emphasized the importance of fair treatment for these affected students, while Leader of the Opposition Pierre Poilievre has called for the prosecution of the fraudsters and the protection of the "honest students" who have the potential to contribute to Canada through their work and dedication. Given that Canada is a favored destination for Indian students seeking higher education, the revenue generated by these students significantly contributes to the country's economy. It is thus the responsibility of Canada to ensure that these students are not exploited by unscrupulous agents who may be colluding with certain Canadian officials. Furthermore, the Indian authorities must also take concrete steps to combat visa fraud. Establishing close coordination and cooperation between the two governments is essential in exposing and bringing to justice those who engage in such fraudulent activities. For many Indian parents, sending their children abroad for studies is an arduous task. It often involves mortgaging immovable property and depleting life savings. With the cost of a bachelor's course in Canada amounting to at least Rs 15 lakh per annum, Indian students face significant financial burdens and must work hard to recoup their expenses. A transparent and corruption-free immigration system is crucial in safeguarding the hopes and dreams of these aspiring students. Canada should view this incident as an opportunity to rectify and strengthen its immigration system. Stringent measures need to be implemented to verify the authenticity of admission offer letters and ensure that all visa applications are thoroughly scrutinized. The collaboration between Canadian authorities and Indian agencies should extend to sharing information and intelligence to effectively identify and prosecute fraudsters. In addition, creating awareness among aspiring students and their families about the potential risks associated with unauthorized agents and emphasizing the importance of seeking guidance from reputable sources is paramount. Educational institutions, both in India and Canada, can play a vital role in guiding students through the application process, minimizing the chances of falling victim to fraudulent schemes. Canada has long been celebrated as a welcoming destination for international students. It is crucial for the country to uphold its reputation by providing a safe and secure environment for aspiring individuals to pursue their educational aspirations. By taking decisive action against visa fraud and ensuring fair treatment for affected students, Canada can reinforce its commitment to nurturing global talent and maintaining its position as an attractive destination for international students. In conclusion, the temporary respite granted to Indian students facing deportation from Canada serves as a reminder of the need for a robust and transparent immigration system. Canada must take responsibility for safeguarding the dreams and aspirations of these students, while the Indian authorities should actively collaborate in exposing and prosecuting those involved in visa fraud. By doing so, Canada can demonstrate its commitment to fairness, integrity, and the pursuit of excellence in education, ensuring a brighter future for both students and the country as a whole.

Conditional Indo-China Ties

Striving for Peace and Security

The Indo-China relationship stands at a critical juncture, with India making it unequivocally clear that normalizing ties is contingent upon achieving peace and tranquility along the border areas. While India seeks to improve relations with China, the current standoff between Indian and Chinese troops in eastern Ladakh has cast a shadow over the bilateral relationship, impeding progress and serving as an obstacle to the mutual interests of both nations. The deployment of troops in forward areas remains a pivotal issue that must be addressed. Despite engaging in talks to resolve the ongoing dispute, true progress in the relationship cannot be realized until there is lasting peace in the border regions. Recent efforts have led to successful disengagement from the north and south banks of the Pangong Lake and the Gogra area, but numerous unresolved issues still linger, demanding further diplomatic and military deliberations. Confrontations and standoffs between Indian and Chinese troops in the eastern Ladakh region have become recurrent, highlighting differing perceptions of the Line of Actual Control, territorial incursions, infrastructural developments near the border, and strategic positioning as key points of contention. India consistently emphasizes the need for peaceful measures and diplomatic solutions to address conflicts and tensions. Regrettably, China has repeatedly instigated confrontations, escalating tensions in various locations. The Doklam standoff is a notable example, wherein China attempted to construct a road on the Doklam plateau. India's primary concern was the potential alteration of the status quo and its impact on national security, given the proximity of Chinese forces to the vital "Chicken's Neck" corridor that connects mainland India with its northeastern states. After extensive deliberations and diplomatic efforts, both nations agreed to disengage their troops and return to pre-standoff positions. India has expressed strong objections to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), which passes through the Pakistan-occupied territory of Gilgit-Baltistan, a part of Jammu and Kashmir. This project has the potential to enhance China's military and strategic presence in the region, thereby affecting India's security interests. India has proposed its own connectivity projects, such as the International North-South Transport Corridor and the Chabahar port in Iran, adhering to established international norms regarding disputed territories. Consequently, the CPEC project is deemed illegal. China's territorial disputes with neighboring countries are well-documented. Employing a policy of incremental intrusion and encroachment, China persistently lays claim to territories belonging to neighboring nations. The Aksai Chin region of India remains under China's occupation, and China continues to raise the issue of the state of Arunachal Pradesh despite prior mutual settlements. Recent controversies surrounding the renaming of certain places in Arunachal Pradesh by China have further strained mutual ties. Moreover, China's objectionable activities, such as constructing infrastructure near borders and attempting to establish new villages in disputed areas, are clear acts of aggression. India, cognizant of past experiences, is taking a pragmatic approach. Alongside diplomatic efforts, India is focusing on enhancing border infrastructure, modernizing all branches of its armed forces, and strengthening its deterrence and defense capabilities through advanced weaponry and operational enhancements. Strategic alliances and partnerships with like-minded countries such as the United States, Japan, Australia, and ASEAN nations have been actively pursued to counterbalance China's regional influence. The "Make in India" initiative plays a pivotal role in boosting self-reliance and reducing dependence on Chinese imports. While India remains committed to peaceful relations and dialogue, it has raised the bar in terms of self-reliance, strategic partnerships, and security preparedness. Diplomatic negotiations and mutual talks continue to be the preferred path forward, but India stands ready to confront any challenges to its territorial integrity.

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75TH UN PEACEKEEPERS DAY



Indian peacekeeping personnel at the 75th anniversary event of 'UN Peacekeepers Day', in New Delhi, Tuesday, June 13.

G-20 offers us a rare chance to forge a global vision for Digital Health

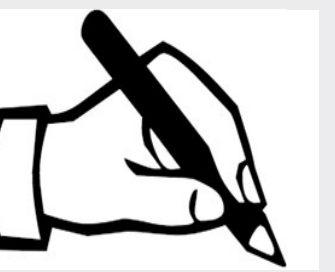


DR MANSUKH MANDAVIYA

Imagine a world without the internet today, where computer networks didn't talk to each other. In such a disconnected world, people in one country may continue to reinvent the wheel which has been in use for years in another part of the world. But without a standardised Internet Protocol (IP), our version of reality would have looked radically different—one with many local area networks but no common internet to plug into. This alternate version of reality is similar to the flux the digital health space is facing today—on the brink of disruptive technologies but awaiting direction, a standard framework and a decisive nudge from the international leadership to ensure that innovations that can benefit billions of people residing in Global South can be scaled up and sustained. The exciting world of digital health is brimming with small but powerful pilots and innovations across subsectors—smart wearables, internet of things, virtual care, remote monitoring, artificial intelligence, big data analytics, blockchain, tools enabling data exchange, storage, remote data capture—but is stuck in a fragmented ecosystem without a unified global vision. This at a time when the pandemic has already made us realise the enormous potential of digital tools in healthcare space.

Designing a digital health push—the great experiment in India

We in India have lived and experienced the transformative potential of digital tools in public health space in



recent times. During Covid-19, platforms like CoWin and e-Sanjeevani proved to be absolute game-changers transforming the way vaccines, and healthcare services were delivered to over a billion people including those who were the hardest to reach.

CoWin, the digital backbone of India's Covid-19 vaccination programme, on one hand tracked the logistics of vaccine and on the other registered every beneficiary for Covid-19 vaccination, the actual vaccination process, generated digital certificates which acted as proof of vaccinations among its other features. By reducing the information asymmetry between people and the system, CoWin democratized the vaccination drive, ensuring that the vaccines become accessible to all eligible beneficiaries. Rich or poor, everyone had the same access pathway to vaccination, and all stood in the same queue for their turn for vaccines. Realising the potential of the tool, our Hon Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi offered it as a gift to the world.

Similarly e-Sanjeevani, the telemedicine platform that allowed people online consultations with doctors from the comforts of their home was an instant hit, and has handled over 10 crore consultations. At its peak, it handled over 5 lakh consultation a day. A digitally enabled Covid War Room helped us make evidence-based policy decision, almost real-time. A special surveillance system Covid-19 India Portal tracked the disease by geography and monitored

the inventory for essential supplies, predicting demand at national, state and district level based on case loads. AarogyaSetu, RT-PCR app and other digital tools allowed our country to convert data into policy that strengthened our Covid-19 policy response by an order of magnitude.

To harness the full potential of digital tools in public health, India is already building/creating a national digital health ecosystem—Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM). It empowers patients to store and access their medical records, share them with healthcare providers to ensure appropriate treatment and follow-ups. It helps patients to have access of accurate information on health facilities and service providers. India under the able leadership of our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is willing to share our learnings and resources to build similar digital health ecosystems for the world, particularly in the low- and middle-income countries so that our experiences can shorten their efforts curve on digital public goods; vulnerable people in these parts of the world can derive benefits of cutting-edge digital solutions and innovations and the dream of Universal Healthcare Coverage can come true.

What ails the global digital health ecosystem?

Access to digital solutions is blocked by copyright regimes and proprietary systems. Most transformative digital solutions are not easily accessible, because they are unevenly distributed in terms of language, content, and infrastructure required to access them. Even when relevant digital public goods or open-source solutions exist, their utility is limited as they are bound to a platform, data and logic for which there are no common global standards. Also there is no overarching global governance framework for digital health that can take care of interoperability across different systems while addressing concerns around data security and privacy. There are several independent efforts afoot to create global

standards around digital health, but these initiatives are working in silos, and remain largely uncoordinated without any support for enforcement. These challenges can turn into opportunities if we as a global community can resolve to converge all efforts under one effective umbrella. G-20 is effectively poised as a powerful platform to deliberate and build a future-ready vision for digital health.

G-20 India presidency will strive for a digital health breakthrough

Imagine the tremendous potential that can be unlocked if we build and implement an effective global blueprint for digital health for the humanity. For that we need to collectively agree to converge scattered ongoing efforts into one global initiative on digital health, institutionalise a governance framework, collaborate on a common protocol just as had been done for internet decades back; identify and scale-up promising digital solutions in healthcare as digital public goods; set up structures to bring all relevant stakeholders from different disciplines and sectors onboard; build trust for global health data exchange and find ways to fund such initiatives.

As part of G-20 presidency, we in India will strive to build consensus and a roadmap on some of these issues along with feasible mechanisms to operationalise them, so that the fullest potential of digital health can be unleashed for the entire world including countries in the Global South. All it takes for us to script a breakthrough in digital health is to place the collective good over our narrow interests and grasp that the 'universe' in Universal Healthcare Coverage extends much beyond our own countries. In essence, what must drive our intention and action in G-20 is 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' which means the universe is a family. And it is our responsibility to secure Health for that family, the Universe at any cost.

(Writer is Minister of Health and Family Welfare; Chemicals and Fertilizers, GoI)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Railway: Problems to be assessed imperatively

The Indian rail services have been introducing further and further trains to manage with the soaring demand, but it suffers from geriatric structure and poor conservation factors frequently cited as the cause of accidents. It has been reported that there is an increase in train accidents across the rail network this year compared to last year. The railway board emphasizes frequently the deficit of force and flagged the problem of trespassing locomotive aviators. The recent rail accident has brought under scrutiny the union government's policy of accelerating privatisation of rail services and operations, assessing a snap on reclamation in vacant posts and its focus on running super speed and gaudy modernized trains for the rich classes.

Dr. Vijaykumar H K, Raichur, Karnataka

Brampton Parade

The unfortunate politics surrounding certain sections of the Indian diaspora, primarily based in Canada and the UK, is regrettable, especially considering the already painful memories of Operation Blue Star and its aftermath. These events are detested by peace-loving individuals. The Punjabi community has moved forward, embracing peace. However, a few elements residing in the West deliberately keep these memories alive, receiving tacit support from their adopted countries. Western nations, in the name of freedom of expression, permit nefarious activities on their soil. Despite the clear stance of the Indian Government, these events continue to occur. Hate has no place in any society and such divisive actions should be condemned.

Shiv Kumar Mishra, Raipur

Trump Indicted

Former US President Donald Trump faces yet another indictment, this time for mishandling classified documents. With his previous indictment for hush money payments, Trump's reputation continues to plummet. The disgraceful conduct exhibited by Trump cannot be understated. While he will fight the charges in court, the damage has already been done. Trump is expected to cry foul and play the victim card, rallying his supporters to take to the streets. In anticipation of potential chaos, the Biden administration must gear up to handle the situation with utmost caution and preparedness. More charges are likely to follow, further complicating the legal battles ahead.

Krishna Kumar Nair, Kannur

Unveiling the Fast-Food Dilemma

Convenience, Affordability, and Health Implications

Affordability vs. Health: The Price We Pay

One of the primary drivers behind the fast-food culture is convenience. In our increasingly busy lives, time is a precious commodity. Fast food outlets offer a quick solution to satisfy hunger, especially for those with hectic schedules or limited cooking skills. The ability to grab a meal on the way home or have it delivered to our doorstep provides a tempting alternative to cooking from scratch. Another factor contributing to the rise of fast-food culture is its affordability. Fast-food chains often offer value meals and combo deals, appealing to cost-conscious consumers. For many, fast food appears to be a budget-friendly option, especially when compared to dining in restaurants or preparing homemade meals. This perceived value has contributed to the widespread adoption of fast food as a regular dining choice.

The Health Consequences: Unveiling the Dark Side

While fast food offers convenience and affordability, its negative impact on health cannot be ignored. Fast food meals tend to be high in calories, unhealthy fats, salt, and sugar. Regular consumption of such

In recent decades, fast food has emerged as a dominant force in the global food industry, shaping our eating habits and impacting our health. The rise of fast-food culture has been fueled by factors such as convenience, affordability, and aggressive marketing. This article delves into the reasons behind the exponential growth of fast-food culture and explores its implications for our health. Fast food has revolutionized the way we eat, providing quick and easily accessible meals in a fast-paced world. The advent of fast-food chains, with their standardized menus and efficient service, has made them a convenient option for individuals and families on the go. The proliferation of drive-thrus and home delivery services has further amplified the allure of fast food, making it an integral part of our modern lifestyle.

meals contributes to weight gain, obesity, and a host of related health problems. These include an increased risk of cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, and certain types of cancer. Furthermore, fast food meals often lack essential nutrients, such as fiber, vitamins, and minerals, necessary for maintaining optimal health. The emphasis on processed and refined ingredients further exacerbates the nutritional deficiencies associated with fast food consumption. The excessive intake of unhealthy fats and additives, coupled with a lack of fresh and wholesome ingredients, disrupts the balance in our diets, negatively impacting our overall well-being. Fast-food culture not only affects our physical health but also influences our food culture and eating habits. The emphasis on speed and convenience

has led to a decline in home-cooked meals, family gatherings around the dinner table, and the transmission of culinary traditions across generations. Fast food culture promotes a disconnected and fragmented approach to eating, undermining the social and cultural significance of shared meals and traditional cooking practices.

Changing Food Culture: Beyond Physical Health

To address the health concerns associated with fast food culture, a collective effort is required. Governments and regulatory bodies play a crucial role in implementing policies that promote transparency in food labeling, restrict harmful ingredients, and encourage healthier options in fast food menus. Fast food companies themselves have a responsibility to prioritize the health of their customers by offering more

nutritious choices and reducing the levels of unhealthy ingredients in their products. This includes reformulating recipes, reducing portion sizes, and increasing the availability of fresh ingredients. Collaborations with health experts and nutritionists can aid in developing healthier alternatives without compromising taste or convenience. Education also plays a vital role in combating the fast-food dilemma. By raising awareness about the consequences of fast-food consumption, individuals can make informed choices and prioritize their health. Promoting nutrition education programs in schools, workplaces, and communities can empower individuals to make healthier dietary choices and develop lifelong habits. In addition to individual actions, collective efforts should be made to foster a cultural shift towards healthier eating.

Encouraging a return to home-cooked meals and communal dining experiences can help rebuild the social and cultural significance of food. Supporting local farmers and sustainable food systems can promote access to fresh, nutritious ingredients and strengthen community ties.

The Path Towards a Balanced Future

The rise of fast-food culture has undeniably reshaped our eating habits and impacted our health. While convenience and affordability are enticing, the detrimental effects on our physical well-being cannot be ignored. It is essential to strike a balance between convenience and health, making conscious choices that prioritize nutrition and long-term well-being. By promoting healthier options, educating individuals about the consequences of fast-food consumption, and encouraging a return to home-cooked meals, we can reclaim our health and build a food culture that nourishes both our bodies and our communities. Governments, businesses, and individuals must collaborate to create an environment that supports and incentivizes healthier food choices.

BRIEF

IMGC

Chennai: India Mortgage Guarantee Corporation (IMGC) would focus on strengthening partnerships with banks and financial institutions, a top official said on Tuesday. The company is backed by marquee investors - Enact MI, Sagen (Brookfield Group), National Housing Bank, IFC (World Bank Group), And Asian Development Bank. The mortgage guarantee company, since its inception in 2012 has breached Rs 20,000 crore in home loan guarantees to over one lakh customers across 400 locations.

Whatfix

Bangalore: Whatfix, a leader in digital adoption platforms (DAP), today announced an expansion of its collaboration with Microsoft with its listing on the Azure Marketplace, aimed at providing data-driven digital adoption solutions to joint customers. The listing will enable global enterprises on the Microsoft Azure cloud to access and deploy solutions from Whatfix that meets their business needs. Whatfix has different plans built to cater to a wide variety of DAP use cases and customers can choose the plan best suited for them, directly from the Azure Marketplace to begin their digital adoption journey.

Reliance Nippon Life

Mumbai: Reliance Nippon Life Insurance Company Limited announced a total bonus of Rs 344 Cr. for its participating policyholders in FY23. The Company registered a strong financial performance in FY23 delivering Rs 108 Cr. as profits after tax (65% growth over FY22). As per this announcement, all participating policies with reversionary bonus in-force as of March 31, 2023, have been credited with bonus declared.

Exim Bank

Mumbai: The Export Import (Exim) Bank India on Monday said the country's merchandise exports are set to fall to USD 111.7 billion for the April-June period amid continuing global volatilities. The country had reported overall merchandise exports at USD 116.7 billion in the year-ago period, as per official data. "India's exports could be shadowed by a continued slowdown in select major trade partners including advanced economies, global financial sector stress, high inflationary pressures leading to tighter global monetary and financial conditions, and continued uncertainty around the Russia-Ukraine conflict," the Exim Bank said.

Zee Entertainment

New Delhi: Shares of Zee Entertainment Enterprises fell over 6.50 per cent in morning trade on Tuesday after Sebi banned Essel Group chairman Subhash Chandra and ZEEL's Punit Goenka from holding any directorial or key managerial position in any listed firm. The stock tumbled 6.28 per cent to Rs 182.60 apiece on the BSE after a weak beginning.

TRAI directs telcos to deploy AI-based system

To crack down on unauthorised senders of pesky messages

New Delhi, June 13 (PTI):

Telecom regulator TRAI has directed all telcos to deploy Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning based systems to detect, identify, and act against senders of commercial communication who are not registered in accordance with regulations.

All the access providers have been asked to comply with the directions and report an updated status on actions taken, within 30 days.

In a statement on issue

of direction for deploying Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning-based UCC (Unsolicited Commercial Communication) Detect system, TRAI explained that the entities who do not get registered with the access providers, and use ten digits mobile numbers for sending commercial communications through messages or calls are called Unregistered Telemarketers (UTMs).

While a slew of measures taken by TRAI to curb pesky messages, has led to a drop in complaints against Registered Telemarketers (RTMs), "UCC from Unregistered Telemarketers (UTMs) is still continuing."

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)

termed pesky calls and messages as a major source of inconvenience to the public. "At times these Unregistered Telemarketers (UTMs) through messages having fraudulent links and telephone numbers trap the customers into sharing of their critical information causing financial loss to the customers," TRAI said.

To detect, identify and act against all such unregistered telemarketers, TRAI has been nudging Access Service Providers to implement UCC Detect System' with requisite functionalities within the framework of TRAI's Telecom Commercial Communication Customer Preference Regulations, 2018. Access Service providers have im-

plemented such detect system as per their suitability and feasibility.

However, "the UTMs are continuously evolving new techniques to send unsolicited communications and the current UCC detect systems deployed by the Access Service providers are not fully capable to detect such UCC," TRAI said.

In order to have uniformity of UCC Detect System implementations, TRAI has directed all access providers to deploy Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning based UCC Detect system capable of constantly evolving to deal with new signatures, new patterns and new techniques used by Unregistered Telemarketers.

MRF becomes first Indian firm to hit Rs 1 lakh stock price mark

New Delhi, Jun 13 (PTI):

Tyre maker MRF on Tuesday reached a new milestone as its stock hit Rs 1 lakh mark during the day.

The stock went up to Rs 1,00,300 - also its 52-week high level -- on the BSE during the day. Shares of the company ended at Rs 99,950.65, a gain of 1.02 per cent. In intra-day, it climbed 1.37 per cent to Rs 1,00,300.

At the NSE, shares of the company advanced 1.48 per cent to hit a record high of Rs 1,00,439.95 during the day. It ended at Rs 99,900, up 0.94 per cent.

So far this year, the stock has rallied 12.89 per

cent. "MRF, one of the leading stocks in the Indian stock market, has made history by becoming the first 6-digit stock after surpassing the impressive milestone of 1 lakh," said Santosh Meena, Head of Research, Swastika Investmart Ltd.

MRF commands one of the highest price quotations on the exchanges.

The other stock in the high price list is Honeywell Automation, with its shares quoting at Rs 41,200.75 on Tuesday.

Some other companies with high price tags are Page Industries (Rs 38,407.60), 3M India (Rs 27,068.65) and Shree Cement (Rs 26,138.05).

Japan's Toyota announces battery electric vehicle initiatives

Tokyo, Jun 13 (AP):

Toyota plans to make an all solid-state battery as part of its ambitious plans for battery electric vehicles, the company said Tuesday, amid mounting criticism Japan's top automaker needs to do more to fight climate change.

Toyota Motor Corp. aims for a commercial solid-state battery as soon as 2027. Charging time, one of the main drawbacks of electric vehicles, will get shortened to 10 minutes or less, the company said in a statement. "With the evolution of the vehicle's operating system, the next-generation battery EV will also enable customization of the driving feel," with a focus on acceler-

ation, turning and stopping," it said. EV owners usually have charging stations in their homes and keep their cars plugged in overnight to recharge. That's one of the main reasons Toyota has long insisted that hybrids are a better solution. A hybrid recharges as the car runs.

Toyota President Koji Sato has said the company must play catchup after falling behind in the EV sector. The automaker is likely to face harsh criticism on its climate change commitments at a shareholders' meeting in Toyota city, central Japan, set for Wednesday.

In its latest announcement, Toyota said it was also working on innovating lithium-ion batteries, the battery

BIMSTEC BUSINESS CONCLAVE



Bangladesh Industries Minister Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun presents a memento to Nepal Industries, Commerce & Supplies Minister Ramesh Rizal (R) as Mehul Mohank (C), President, Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC), looks on at the inauguration of BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) Business Conclave, in Kolkata, Tuesday, June 13.

DGCA allows IndiGo to operate flight services to Nairobi

Mumbai, Jun 13 (PTI):

Aviation safety regulator DGCA has granted permission to no-frills airline IndiGo to operate its flight services to Nairobi in Kenya, a DGCA official said on Tuesday.

This would be the Gurugram-based airline's first foray into the vast African region.

IndiGo had in February this year announced its plans to launch air services to Nairobi, Jakarta and some Central Asian Countries as part of its international expansion plans amid increasing competition due to a rejuvenated Air India under Tata Group. "Indigo operations to Nairobi with effect

from July 24 has been approved today (Tuesday)," the official said.

Early this month, the airline said it will connect Nairobi in Kenya and Jakarta in Indonesia, with direct flights from Mumbai in late July or early August.

"Delhi will get connected in August to Tbilisi, Georgia and Baku, Azerbaijan and in September to Tashkent, Uzbekistan, and Almaty, Kazakhstan," it said on June 2.

It has also said at that time that once these routes are operational, the airline will be connecting a total of 32 international destinations compared to 26 currently.

ROZGAR MELA



Union Minister Anurag Thakur hands over appointment letters to new recruits during the Rozgar Mela, in Shimla, Tuesday, June 13.

Security in digital economy a global challenge: Rajeev Chandrasekhar

Pune, Jun 13 (PTI):

Union minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar on Monday said that security in the digital economy is a global challenge and a partnership approach is needed to tackle it.

He was addressing G20 delegates at the Global Digital Infrastructure (DPI) summit at the third Digital Economy Working Group (DEWG) meeting here in Maharashtra.

"The digital economy security is neither a domestic issue nor a domain in which selective cooperation is enough," said the Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology.

He asserted that a common understanding must



be devised to improve the domestic, legal, technical, and economic aspects of security in the digital economy.

"With the rise of health tech, fintech, e-commerce, artificial intelligence, and Internet of Things companies, businesses now hold large data sets that hold sensitive and personal data of

consumers. Sectorally, most cyber crimes are reported in the financial services sector, followed by the healthcare sector and crimes on social media," he said. The minister said these are key sectors where data breaches not only incur economic costs but also hurt consumer trust and business credibility.

3rd G20 FWG meeting to take place in Kochi from June 13 to 14

Kochi, Jun 13 (PTI):

The Third G20 Framework Working Group (FWG) meeting under India's G20 presidency is scheduled to take place in the port city of Kochi from June 13 to 14.

Dr V Anantha Nageswaran, Chief Economic Adviser, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, and Tom Hemingway, Deputy Director, HM Treasury, United Kingdom, will jointly chair the meeting, a G20 release said.

More than 75 delegates from G20 member nations, invitee countries, and various international and regional organisations will participate in the two-day long meeting, it said. The G20 FWG focusses on

global macroeconomic issues of current relevance, it said. It further said: "As per the mandate received from G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors in February 2023, the group has been deliberating on the macroeconomic implications of food and energy insecurity, macroeconomic risks arising from climate change and transition policies and other risks to the global economy such as inflation, financial globalisation, and financial stability."

In the upcoming meeting, detailed deliberations will be held on the current global economic outlook based on presentations from international organisations such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank, the release said.

Sensex jumps 418 pts to close at 6-mth high

Nifty above 17,700 mark on macro data push

Mumbai, Jun 13 (PTI):

Benchmark Sensex spurred 418 points to settle at more than six-month high while Nifty closed above the 17,700 mark on Tuesday on positive domestic macroeconomic data and gains in global markets.

Buying in index majors Reliance Industries and ITC also added to the optimism in equities.

Climbing for the second straight session, the 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 418.45 points or 0.67 per cent to settle at 63,143.16, a level not seen since December 1 when the barometer closed at an all-time high. During the day,



the index advanced 452.76 points or 0.72 per cent to 63,177.47.

The NSE Nifty climbed 114.65 points or 0.62 per cent to end at 17,716.45.

From the Sensex pack, ITC, Titan, Asian Paints, Reliance, Tata Steel, Bajaj Finserv, Axis Bank, Hindustan Unilever, Infosys, Bajaj Finance, Nestle and ICICI Bank were the major gainers.

Kotak Mahindra Bank, Mahindra & Mahindra,

HCL Technologies, State Bank of India, Bharti Airtel and Tata Motors were among the laggards.

"The sustained flow of better-than-expected domestic macroeconomic data kept the market mood afloat, with the Nifty midcap trading to all-time highs.. "Attention now turns to the release of US inflation data and the upcoming Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) announcement,

where the view is optimistic on keeping rates on hold," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

Retail inflation declined to a 25-month low of 4.25 per cent in May, mainly on account of softening prices of food and fuel items. This is the fourth straight month when retail inflation has declined and the third straight month of Consumer Price Index (CPI) based inflation remaining within the RBI's comfort zone of below 6 per cent.

India's industrial production growth rose to 4.2 per cent in April from 1.7 per cent in March 2023, mainly due to good performance by the manufacturing and mining sectors, according to official data released on Monday. In the broader market,

the BSE midcap gauge jumped 1.17 per cent and smallcap index climbed 0.82 per cent.

Among the indices, reality rallied 2.94 per cent, consumer durables zoomed 1.80 per cent, telecommunication (1.69 per cent), FMCG (1.38 per cent), healthcare (1.04 per cent), metal (1.03 per cent) and commodities (0.90 per cent). Services emerged as the only laggard.

"Nifty rose for the second consecutive session aided by positive overnight cues. Global equities were largely up on Tuesday, taking cues from an upbeat session on Wall Street ahead of key US inflation data that could shape the outlook for Federal Reserve monetary policy," said Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research, HDFC Securities.

OTT actresses changing the face of fashion on social media

While all celebrities take to Instagram to share their looks, only some successfully leave a mark with their courageous and adventurous sartorial prowess consistently. These beauties have emerged as trendsetters of the industry and enjoy an impressive fan following. Let's look at 5 such actresses whose style game is winning Instagram.

1. Isha Talwar

Isha Talwar is known for her signature looks that feature bold colors and bold prints. She also loves to mix and match different pieces to create kaleidoscopic and eye-catching ensembles. From traditional sarees and salwar kameez to modern western wear, Isha Talwar has a wardrobe full of unique looks. The 'Saas Bahu Aur Flamingo' actress often compliments her outfits with statement jewelry pieces such as necklaces, earrings, and rings.

2. Aahana Kumra

Aahana Kumra is often complimented for her hot and ravishing pictures wearing bold bikinis and other steamy dresses on her social media handles. The Lipstick Under My Burkha actress is famous for her vibrant vacation looks that set the internet on fire. The star rarely



goes wrong with her style, and she never shies away from experimenting with different looks.

3. Kirti Kulhari

Kirti has always been bold when it comes to her fashion choices, but the 'Four More Shots Please' actress left everyone surprised as she revealed her new look recently. The actress has chopped off her

hair and now proudly flaunts a crew cut. Kirti is also a sartorial queen whose interesting choices have often left us amazed. She's not your usual dresser and likes atypical silhouettes that is sure to grab our attention.

4. Sandeepa Dhar

From very smart blazers to sexy monokinis, Sandeepa excels at every-

thing proving that the talented beauty is versatile in acting and also her fashion choices. She is not only trendy and fashionable but also mesmerizing through her fashion choices. From Instagram to magazines, she raises the heartbeat of millions. Her social media game is always top-notch as her much-loved and popular transition reels can be beaten by none.

Darshan Dave joins 'Doosri Maa' as Randheer Sharma



a fresh dose of drama into the show and curiosity into viewer's mind. With his talent and dedication, Darshan is poised to deliver a captivating portrayal of this intriguing character, keeping the audience on the edge of their seats.

About his entry as Randheer Sharma in the show, Darshan Dave shares, "My character Randheer Sharma will bring a fresh wave of twists, turns, and drama. As a lawyer, Randheer is in a rivalry with Ashok, having lost all his cases against him. Even though, after Ashok's disappearance and during difficult phase of Yashoda Randheer offers a helping hand. Randheer aims to impress Yashoda with his kindness while harbouring a complex and multi-layered personality. I am thrilled to take on this character, as it allows me to explore the depths of this unique layered character.

With numerous impressive performances in television shows, actor Darshan Dave has established himself as a well-known face in the entertainment industry. Now, he is gearing up to join the cast of &TV's family drama, Doosri Maa, taking quite an alluring character named Randheer Sharma. As Randheer, the actor will skillfully bring new arcs into the lives of Yashoda (Neha Joshi) and Ashok (Mohit Dagg), injecting

Ridhi Dogra: 'I crush on all my directors, follow them like sheep'



Actress Ridhi Dogra, who is receiving a lot of positive response for her recent shows 'Asur 2' and 'Badtameez Dil', has shared that she crushes on all her directors.

The actress who has had two releases within

a week is garnering praises for both the shows: 'Asur 2' and 'Badtameez Dil' have her portraying two completely different characters. She said: "I crush on all my directors. I follow them like sheep. Oni was remarkable to work with for both the seasons of 'Asur 2'. I was in love with his mind. The whole show was a beautiful teamwork. Even Gaurav Shukla, our writer, I call him our Desi Tarantino (sic)." Talking about the journey of 'Asur', she said: "When I was approached for the first season, it was like a show had come my way and I had to decide if I had to do or not. Then I came to know Barun was a part of it, so I asked him. He told me to do it and so it was with his conviction I said Yes. For the second season, I knew I couldn't wait to come back for it".

Sony SAB presents 'Vanshaj': A captivating family drama

Sony SAB's much-anticipated family drama, Vanshaj, premiered on the television screens on 12th June. This enthralling drama will take the viewers on a journey filled with political intrigue and the quest of a female heir Anjali Tatrari as Yuvika, to assert her right to succession, exploring the eternal conflict between inheritance and capability. Set in a legacy business house, Vanshaj portrays the opulence, wealth, and fame reminiscent of prominent business families in India. The narrative of Vanshaj revolves around the Mahajans featuring Puneet Issar as Bhanupratap, Mahir Pandhi as DJ, and Gireesh Sahdev as Dhanraj among others. The cast and creators of the show announced the launch of the show at an exciting gathering today, where they introduced the media to the world of Vanshaj and took them on a whirlwind tour of the show's larger-than-life sets.

This business dynasty skillfully manoeuvres through the ruthless realm of politics, power struggles, and the intricate complexities of



human relationships. As the audience immerses themselves in the captivating world of the Mahajans, they will witness the unfolding drama and become a part of their compelling story. In addition to its mind-blowing storyline, Vanshaj boasts an exceptional star cast featuring Gurdeep Punj as Bhoomi, Parinitaa Seth as Gargi, and Sheena Bajaj as Roohi which

further adds to the allure of this unmissable television experience. These talented actors bring their characters to life, adding depth and authenticity to the portrayal of the Mahajan family and their associates. With its gripping narrative and relatable themes, Vanshaj has the potential to become a popular choice among viewers. As the episodes will unfold, the audience

can anticipate more dramatic twists, emotional moments, and thought-provoking dilemmas that will keep them hooked to their screens.

Will Yuvika succeed in asserting her rightful position in the family and the business? To uncover the answer, don't miss the captivating saga of Vanshaj on Sony SAB, airing every Monday to Saturday at 10 PM.

Jennifer Garner reveals 'crucial' link to her Hollywood stardom



as set-building or costume fitting, reports 'Female First UK'.

Speaking to 'Abbott Elementary' star Sheryl Lee Ralph for Variety's 'Actors on Actors' series, she said: "People have no idea that they are the crucial link to getting your start. I worked in summer stock every summer. I would hang the lights and build the sets and sell the tickets."

"I've been fired from costume departments before, and they sent me to construction. I got sent back to costumes. They sent me to tickets. I might as well be a performer, and I better be nice doing it, because I know I can't do those other jobs," she added.

Actress Jennifer Garner has insisted that it is important to be 'nice' to crew on set because she knows she could never do their jobs.

The 51-year-old actress, who spent her summers working in various behind-the-scenes roles at theatres before finding fame, admitted that she kept getting moved to different departments because she wasn't particularly skilled in areas such

A role is a role, the script remains my hero, says Kajol about her OTT debut



After ruling the silver screen for a good decade, Kajol is making her OTT debut with 'The Trial - Pyaar Kaanoon Dhokha'. So, is working on a web series different from films? Kajol doesn't see any difference.

"Regardless of the format, a role is a role. It requires the same amount of hard work," Kajol said at the trailer launch of the Disney+ Hotstar series in Mumbai on Monday. When asked about the difficulties she might have faced in migrating from the silver screen to OTT, Kajol said: "It is a rather simple choice for me. I have always maintained that if I work, I will have fun, I will work with good people, and the script will always be my hero, always."

Talking about the work involved, Kajol said: "Whether it is an OTT platform or a film, for me, a role is a role, both formats require the same amount of work. Perhaps, doing an eight-episode series for OTT required more time, but it is the same."



Ravi Teja-starrer Telugu movie 'Eagle' set for Sankranti 2024 release

Telugu star Ravi Teja, the Mass Maharaja in the Tollywood pecking order, scored the biggest solo hit of his career with 'Dhamaka', a People Media Factory production. The star now collaborates again with the production house, which is now in the news for having picked up the 'Adipurush' rights in the two Telugu states for Rs 170 crore, for a more ambitious project helmed by cinematographer-turned-director Karthik Gattamneni.

The teaser shows Ravi Teja standing near a lake, his face partially visible, and then the title is revealed as 'Eagle'. The title is a striking one and its

first glimpse establishes the world of the protagonist. It also reveals that the other prominent cast members are Anupama Parameswaran, Navdeep, Madhubala and Kavya Thapar. Outstanding visuals are accompanied by a voluptuous musical score.

Written and directed by Karthik Gattamneni, who also doubles as the DOP and editor, the big-budget entertainer is being co-produced by T.G. Vishwa Prasad and Vivek Kuchibhotla. The dialogues are by Manibabu Karanam; Davzand is the music director. The shoot of the movie is at present on in Hyderabad and it is well on its way for a Sankranti, 2024 release.

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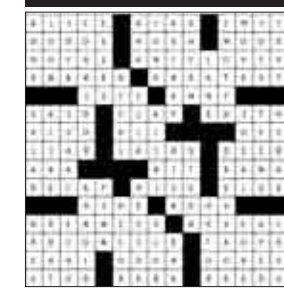
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- Moisten while cooking
- Chime
- Corrals
- Drummer Ringo
- Smell
- Tallies
- Skilled
- Adjacent
- Large sets of computer info
- Sports site
- Spirit
- Coolidge's nickname
- Copenhagen native
- Tel Aviv's locale
- Go-between
- Actress Della
- Dined
- Attire
- Snoopy person
- Bossa
- Cut off
- Detective's assignment
- Drifting
- Wind direction (abbr.)
- Baby dog

Sindhu, Prannoy make prequarters; Treesa-Gayatri bow out

Jakarta, Jun 13 (PTI):

Star Indian shuttler PV Sindhu roared back to form, ousting home favourite Gregoria Mariska Tunjung in straight games in the opening round of the Indonesia Open World Tour Super 1000 event, here on Tuesday.

The double Olympic medallist and former world champion, who made first round exits from the last two events, took 38 minutes to prevail over her recent nemesis from Indonesia 21-19 21-15 and seal a pre-quarterfinal berth.

This was also Sindhu's first win against Tunjung in her last three games as she had lost to the Indonesian in the Madrid Masters final and Malaysian Masters semifinal earlier this year.

Sindhu, who has slipped to world No 13 in rankings, overcame a stiff challenge in the first game when the local challenger led 9-7 with a crosscourt drop.

Using her height to full advantage, Sindhu snatched the lead 11-10 following three consecutive errors by Tunjung and sealed the first game.



After an edgy start, Sindhu was in full flow in the second game, forcing Tunjung to commit a lot of errors as the Indian finally managed to end her string of losses and extended her overall head-to-head record to 8-2. Sindhu now faces an even tougher battle as she is next up against third seed Tai Tzu Ying.

The Taiwanese star is on an eight-match winning streak against the Indian and overall leads 18-5 on head-to-head. It was a win-

ning start for the in-form shuttler HS Prannoy too as he prevailed over Kenta Nishimoto of Japan 21-16 21-14 in 50 minutes.

The seventh-seeded Indian, who claimed the Malaysia Masters Super 300 title last month, next faces NG Ka Long Angus of Hong Kong in the round of 16. Indian women's doubles duo of Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand crashed out in the opening round, going down to Rin Iwanaga and Kie

Nakanishi of Japan.

The Commonwealth Games bronze medallist duo squandered their lead in the opening game to go down 22-20 12-21 16-21 in a one-hour 12 minutes fight.

CWG Birmingham 2022 champion and world No 5 men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Ranikreddy and Chirag Shetty begin their campaign against Marcus Fernaldi Gideon and Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo of Indonesia in the opening round.

After Junior Asia Cup title triumph, senior players cannot take their place for granted: Schopman

New Delhi, Jun 13 (PTI):

Senior India hockey players cannot take their place in the side for the upcoming Asian Games for granted after the success of the junior women's team in the Asia Cup in Japan recently, chief coach Janneke Schopman has said.

The junior women's team returned to Bengaluru on Tuesday after displayed superb skills defeating four-time champions Korea 2-1 in the summit clash to clinch their maiden Asia Cup title in Kakamigahara, Japan on Sunday.

The Dutch tactician also said that while senior India players were "quite competitive", the age of junior players will not come in the way of their selection in the India side for the Asian Games, to be held in Hangzhou, China in September-October this year. "I was able to see everyone off the field and on the field and their performances. Let's see what happens but the senior core group is quite competitive and people have to show up in every session to get selected," Schopman, who coached the junior Asia Cup side, said in a virtual press conference on Tuesday. "Age is not the deciding factor (for team selection for the Asian



Indian Junior Women's Hockey team players celebrate during a felicitation event after a historic triumph at the Women's Hockey Junior Asia Cup, at Sports Authority of India in Bengaluru, Tuesday, June 13.

Games) and we winning the Junior Asia Cup means players showed up, so I (I'll) definitely take that into consideration. "I am quite happy with the performance of the players in the Junior Asia Cup and the thing for me was always to use the Australia tour and the Junior Asia Cup to have 25 out of our 33 players (in core probables) performing," she added.

Schopman also said she will complete the task of selecting the squad for the quadrennial continental

showpiece this month, although the deadline set by the organisers is July 15.

"We always make selections quite early for bigger tournaments. Of course it makes a difference how players are performing this time, we have selection trials this month and the players need to be good at that time," Schopman said.

She said the players in the Junior Asia Cup-winning squad, five of whom are already in senior core group, will be up for selection in the Asian Games

squad but the criteria will remain simple -- "consistent performance in training".

"For me, it's about the big picture and I think everyone in the senior core group knows that you have to perform every single day in training and that's what I look at. Currently our core group is pretty strong and we have five from the junior team already but everyone has a chance to make or break into the Asian Games team," she said.

Women's Emerging Asia Cup

Shreyanka grabs 5/2 as India crush Hong Kong by 9 wickets

Mong Kok, Jun 13 (PTI):

Rising all-rounder Shreyanka Patil decimated an inexperienced Hong Kong side with impressive figures of 5/2 as Indian U-23 women's team opened its campaign in the Women's Emerging Asia Cup with a comfortable nine-wicket victory, here on Tuesday. The 20-year-old Shreyanka, one of the finds of inaugural edition of WPL having put up a stellar show for RCB, bowled her tight off-breaks as Hong Kong were bowled out for 34 in 14 overs, with opener Mariko Hill scoring 14 off 19 balls.

India's U-19 World Cup stars left-arm spinner Mannat Kashyap (2/2) and leg-spinner Parshavi Chopra (2/12) were other wicket-takers.

In reply, India achieved the target in 5.2 overs with Gongadi Trisha scoring an unbeaten 19.

Brief Scores: Hong Kong W 34 in 14 overs (Shreyanka Patil 5/2). India W 38/1 in 5.2 overs (G Trisha 19 not out). India W win by 9 wickets.

India to begin new WTC cycle with two-match Test series against West Indies

New Delhi, Jun 13 (PTI):

India will begin their new World Test Championship (WTC) cycle with a two-match away series against the West Indies starting in Dominica on July 12.

The second Test of the series will be played at Queen's Park Oval in Trinidad from July 20-24, according to a release issued by the BCCI on Monday.

India will then continue their preparations for the ODI World Cup at home in October-November this year by playing three ODIs against the Caribbean side between July 27 and August 1.

After that, India will field a completely new team led by Hardik Pandya in five T20Is, scheduled to commence on August 3 at the Brian Lara Cricket Academy in Trinidad. The last two T20Is will be played in the United States.

On Sunday, India lost the WTC final in London with Rohit Sharma's side suffering a 209-run defeat at the hands of Australia.

Rohit Sharma likely to lead in Caribbean

New Delhi: There is no imminent threat to Rohit Sharma's Test captaincy but the stylish Mumbaier will need to rake up some significant numbers in West Indies to prevent a question mark over his leadership in the traditional format. Rohit will lead Indian in the two-Test series in the West Indies and then perhaps sit with BCCI and decide on his future in traditional format.



If those privy to developments in the Indian team are to be believed, unless Rohit himself decides to stay away from two-Test series against West Indies starting in Dominica from July 12, he will be leading the team. However the BCCI brass and the national selection committee will be under pressure to take a

tough call if he fails to notch up at least one big knock either at Dominica or at Port of Spain during the second Test (July 20-24). "These are baseless stuff that Rohit will be removed from captaincy. Yes, whether he will last the whole two-year WTC cycle is a big question as he would be nearly 38 when the third edition ends in 2025," a senior BCCI source in know of things told PTI on conditions of anonymity. "As of now, I believe that Shiv Sunder Das and his colleagues will have to take a call after the two Tests and looking at his batting form." In fact, the BCCI works very differently from other sporting organisations.

In Indian board, those in power believe that you don't take decisions when the criticism reaches crescendo.

Schedule

July 12-16, first Test at Dominica
July 20-24, second Test at Trinidad
July 27, first ODI at Barbados
July 29, second ODI at Barbados
August 1, third ODI at Trinidad

August 3, first T20I at Trinidad
August 6, second T20I at Guyana
August 8, third T20I at Guyana
August 12, fourth T20I at Lauderhill (US)
August 13, fifth T20I at Lauderhill (US).

Rani Rampal's inspiring words behind Neelam's success in Junior Asia Cup

New Delhi, Jun 13 (PTI):

'Believe in yourself' -- these words from former India captain Rani Rampal seem to have had a transformational effect on young drag-flicker Neelam Panghal, who emerged the star of the side, scoring the winning goal for India in the Junior Asia Cup final against Korea in Japan on Sunday.

The 19-year-old 'go-getter' from Hisar district in Haryana struck in the 41st minute as India defeated four-time champions Korea 2-1 in Kakamigahara, Japan on Sunday. "Whenever she (Rani) conducted a session, she told us to 'believe in yourself', and that is what inspired me," said Neelam on Tuesday.

"I took a few penalty corner sessions from Rani in Bengaluru, especially about her hitting skills. When I was young and started taking penalty corners, I used to drag (the stick) but I started taking hits watching Rani di. I have learnt a lot from her."

Mirabai Chanu and Bindyarani Devi's proposal to train in USA approved



New Delhi, Jun 13 (PTI):

The Sports Ministry has approved the foreign training camp for Target Olympic Podium Scheme athletes Mirabai Chanu and Bindyarani Devi, who will head to the USA in the Asian Games build-up.

The approval was given during the Mission Olympic Cell's (MOC) recent meeting.

Olympic medallist Mirabai and Commonwealth Games medal winner Bindyarani would be training at St. Louis's SQUAT University

under Dr Aron Horschig and working on their rehabilitation and strength training process ahead of the upcoming Asian Games. During their 65-day foreign training camp, the duo will be accompanied by Indian chief coach Vijay Sharma and their physiotherapist Tesneem Zayyad.

The government will cover their air travel expenses, boarding and lodging cost, medical insurance, local transportation cost, gym expenses and doctor's consultation cost among other expenses.

Kylian Mbappe informs PSG he will not trigger contract extension

Manchester, Jun 13 (AP):

Kylian Mbappe has told Paris Saint-Germain he will not take up the option of a 12-month extension on his contract, which expires at the end of next season.

The France superstar confirmed his decision in a letter to PSG, a person with knowledge of the correspondence told The Associated Press on Monday. The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to comment publicly.

The person also said PSG would not allow Mbappe to leave as a free agent, raising the possibility of an immediate bidding war by other clubs and potential transfer this summer.

The French club, which is owned by Qatar Sports Investments, has already seen Lionel Messi leave for nothing in return, with the Argentine great making a stunning move to MLS team



Inter Miami.

There is also uncertainty about the future of another PSG star Brazil international Neymar.

But the potential departure of the 24-year-old Mbappe would be the greatest loss to PSG, given that he is a national icon and widely considered one of the few players capable of taking over from Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo as soccer's biggest star.

Mbappe had until July 31

to trigger a one-year extension to his contract. He has been at the club since 2017 after signing from Monaco in a transfer worth a reported 190 million.

In 2021, PSG turned down a bid of 190 million from Real Madrid for the World Cup-winning forward, who went on to sign his current contract.

Mbappe hoped to help PSG win its first Champions League title, but the team suffered another disappointment in European soccer's top competition, which Manchester City went on to win by beating Inter Milan 1-0 in the final on Saturday.

The young striker is likely to be linked with a move to Madrid, particularly after Karim Benzema left the Spanish team Al-Ittihad. Madrid has already agreed to a deal for England midfielder Jude Bellingham. The potential acquisition of Mbappe would be a major statement of intent after it relinquished its Spanish league and Champions League titles this year.

Korou Singh named India captain for AFC U-17 Asian Cup

Khao Yai, Jun 13 (PTI):

Promising midfielder Korou Singh was on Tuesday named India captain for the upcoming AFC U-17 Asian Cup.

The talented 16-year-old has become an influential player on the pitch in the recent past.

After scoring a goal each in the SAFF U-17 Championship and the AFC U-17 Asian Cup Qualifiers, the winger went on to put on a fine show in the team's training matches in Spain and Germany, against the junior teams of some of the top clubs in the world, like Atletico de Madrid, Real Madrid, VfB Stuttgart, FC Augsburg, and more.

Overall, he scored three goals and made five assists in the 10 practice matches in Europe before reaching Thailand, where he scored one and assisted another in two training games against local sides.

"Being the captain of India in a tournament like



the AFC U-17 Asian Cup is a big responsibility, and we believe that Korou is quite capable of carrying out such leadership responsibilities," India head coach Bibiano Fernandes said while announcing Korou as the captain of the team.

The India U-17s are currently training at the Khao Yai Sports Complex in

Thailand, and will travel to Bangkok on June 14 before the start of the AFC U-17 Asian Cup, where they are set to play Vietnam (June 17), Uzbekistan (June 20), and Japan (June 23) in Group D.

For Fernandes, it was a matter of finding the best suited player, who could not only lead the team on

the pitch, but off it as well.

"It's been a process through this year and a half with this team. Peka (Vanlalpeka Guite) was the captain last year in SAFF and the AFC qualifiers," said Fernandes.

"Then some new boys came in, and we tried to rotate the captain's armband to as many boys as possible to see who takes up the leadership role in a good manner."

"It was also a matter of giving it to someone who the entire team loves and respects, and someone who can lead the rest of the boys both on and off the pitch. After assessing all the players in all areas, we had a meeting with the team officials and decided Korou was best suited," he said. "Being a captain means that one has to take responsibility for the entire team, encourage them on all occasions, and lead them through difficult times. In my books, a captain has to lead by example," said Fernandes.

'Visiting 'amazing India' on a diet not helpful'

New Delhi, Jun 13 (PTI):

From chicken tikka masala to "colourful" Bollywood movies, reigning Miss World Karolina Bielawska has a list of things that she loves about India and would like to explore during the month-long competition for the 71st Miss World to be hosted here later this year.



Miss World Karolina Bielawska

"I am a huge fan of tikka masala, and also love butter chicken. It is not very helpful to be on a diet when you are in India because your food is absolutely delicious and I love spicy food," the 24-year-old told PTI in an interview.

Touted to be the 'most travelled' Miss World, Bielawska hopes to "discover" India as much as possible during her

month-long stay for the competition later this year. Her preferred travel destinations are Manipur and Agra followed by another trip to Mumbai and Goa. "I would love to go to Manipur and Agra to see Taj (Mahal) and discover Goa a little bit more. ... Also Mumbai, I think there is so much more to see. We were there very quickly, very briefly. So, I hope that during this one month festival we would be able to discover as much as possible," she added. The Polish beauty queen is also a fan of Bollywood movies, which she catches up on during her trav-

els. Bielawska said given a chance, she would love to star in a Hindi film.

The Miss World said she could see herself doing the dancing in "colourful" Bollywood movies.

"The most known to me is Priyanka Chopra because she was Miss World. In Poland, we don't have that much access. However, whenever I catch a flight, I always see Bollywood movies, and what I love the most about them is that they have so much passion in them. "The dances, the culture are so vibrant and colourful. I know Aishwarya is an amazing star as well and I would see myself doing it," said the Polish beauty queen.

PROTEST RALLY



West Bengal Finance Minister Chandrima Bhattacharya (C) beat utensils as she joins other TMC women activists in a protest rally demanding payment for 100 days of work from Central Government, in Kolkata, Tuesday.

Priyanka Gandhi a 'seasonal' Hindu: Rajnath

Bhopal, Jun 13 (PTI):

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday termed Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra a "mausami" (seasonal) Hindu without taking her name, a day after she offered prayers to Narmada river in Madhya Pradesh.



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh being welcomed by Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan upon his arrival, in Bhopal, Tuesday.

Addressing Kisan Mahakumbh or congregation of farmers at Rajgarh, Singh said India has become strong under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi "who is a man with the 56-inch chest, though the country follows the principle of not to attack first".

Singh alleged that Congress has been misleading the people, who should understand the reality.

"Now some people have become 'mausami' (seasonal) Hindus. Now Narmada ji's prayers are being performed before any programme. Why didn't you remember Narmada ji earlier? Why is Narmada ji being re-

membered now? If anyone has done the work of conserving Narmada ji, it is your popular Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan," Singh said.

Taking potshots at Congress, he said they are holding a public meeting with Lord Hanuman's gada (mace). "Earlier, it was like a (proverbial) mountain falling on them

(Congress) when we used to take names of Ram and Hanuman. The names of Ram and Hanuman had to be taken secretly. This is the same Congress which opposed when we had taken a resolve to construct the Ram temple in Ayodhya. We had to sacrifice four governments.. Now they have come to mislead the people by tak-

ing Hanuman's gada," Singh said.

On Monday, Priyanka Gandhi kickstarted the campaign for upcoming Assembly polls in Madhya Pradesh by offering prayers at the Narmada river, considered sacred by Hindus, in Jabalpur. Replicas of the gada (mace) of Lord Hanuman were also installed by Congress at the venue of her public meeting.

Singh said the BJP has promised to construct a Ram temple in Ayodhya, and according to information, the idol of Lord Ram will be consecrated on January 22 next year.

"Hanuman's gada exists where Lord Ram is," he said. He alleged Congress has failed to fulfil promises made before the last Assembly elections in MP.

"Now, they are assuring five 'guarantees' afresh. They even didn't fulfil the first guarantee of waiving loans of farmers," the defence minister said. He said India has become powerful in the world and

no one can dare to challenge us.

"Terrorists from Pakistan had attacked Indian soil. After the attack, our prime minister called us and decided in 10 minutes. After that Army personnel went to the soil of Pakistan and succeeded in eliminating the terrorists," he said, apparently referring to the 2016 surgical strike beyond LOC.

"We have given a message to the whole world that India is no longer a weak India. We have that power within us that we can kill on this side as well, and if needed we can go and kill on the other side as well. It is the character of India," Singh said. He said India has neither attacked any country in the world nor occupied an inch of the land of any country, which defines the character of India.

"This character remained because we consider the people living on the other side of the border as members of our family.

'Majority of elderly harassed by family members'

New Delhi, Jun 13 (PTI):

More than two-thirds of the 5,000 elderly people who took part in a survey conducted by an NGO said they face harassment, humiliation and mistreatment at the hands of their family members including children.

The survey was conducted during the first week of June through Agewell Foundation's nationwide network of volunteers, and the report was released on Tuesday, two days ahead of the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15.

Agewell Foundation said they surveyed 5,000 older people on the status of elder abuse and awareness about their rights in India.

According to the report, more than two-thirds of those surveyed told they were being harassed, mistreated or humiliated by their family members,

children, relatives, or others.

Most old people (approximately 77 per cent of the respondents) are not aware of their human rights and do not protest when they start getting abused, the report said, adding gradually elder

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abuse becomes a pattern.

Old people, who depend on others for their needs in old age, are more prone to face elder abuse, the report said.

It has also been observed that one of the most common reasons for rampant elder abuse is the old person's fear of losing family members or support.

They fear that if they talk about mistreatment or harassment and report it, it will result in tension and stress in their life, it said.

"Old people are afraid of loneliness, isolation, and

marginalization in old age and prefer to compromise and face elder abuse. Most of them ignore elder abuse for the sake of the well-being of their family members," the report said.

During this exercise, older women were found to be more prone to suffer elder abuse as they are comparatively more dependent on others for their needs, particularly financial and psychological needs, the report said.

Speaking on the occasion, Himanshu Rath, founder chairman, Agewell Foundation said, with ever-increasing elderly population, the growing popularity of nuclear families and widening inter-generational gaps, elder abuse has become a common phenomenon for most older people.

"We celebrate the occasion every year but do nothing for sensitizing the people about the human rights of older persons on the ground.

'Overactive inflammatory response could be at the root of long Covid'

New Delhi, Jun 13 (PTI):

An overactive inflammatory response could be at the root of many long Covid cases, according to new research.

A set of molecules associated with inflammation was found in the blood proteins of only a subset of patients with long COVID and not those recovered from the disease, said scientists from the Allen Institute and Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center, Washington, US, in the research. Out of 55 pa-

tients with long COVID, about two-thirds were found to have persistently high levels of certain signals of inflammation.

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Further, looking at blood samples from 25 people who had had COVID but recovered, and from 25 volunteers who had never had COVID to their knowledge, the scientists found that those without long COVID did not show the same signs of inflammation in their blood. The re-

searchers have published their findings in the journal Nature Communications.

"There's an obvious implication to these findings. Certain kinds of anti-inflammatory drugs might alleviate symptoms for some long COVID patients."

"But physicians need a way of telling which long COVID patients might benefit from which treatment - a form of precision medicine for a disease that so far remains maddeningly mysterious," said Troy Torgerson, Director of

Experimental Immunology at the Allen Institute. "The big question was, can we define which long COVID patients have persistent inflammation versus those that don't?" said Torgerson.

Specifically, the blood markers uncovered in this subset of patients with "inflammatory long COVID", pointed to a flavour of inflammation similar to that seen in autoimmune diseases like rheumatoid arthritis, the scientists said.

Court allows Karti Chidambaram to travel abroad

New Delhi, Jun 13 (PTI):



A Delhi court has allowed Congress MP Karti Chidambaram, accused in Aircel-Maxis and INX Media scam cases, to travel to Spain and the United Kingdom from June 25 to July 17. The court directed Chidambaram to furnish a security deposit of Rs one crore and not to open or close any bank account overseas or enter into any property transactions abroad. Special Judge Namrita Aggarwal allowed Chidambaram's plea, noting that he was on several occasions granted permission by the court to travel abroad. Moreover, on none of the occasions, the applicant has violated

any of the conditions imposed upon him by the court concerned, the judge said in an order passed on June 12. "Therefore, in view of the above facts and circumstances, the applications moved by the applicant/accused Karti P Chidambaram are allowed and he is permitted to travel to Spain and the United Kingdom during

the period June 25 to July 17, 2023," the judge said.

The ED alleged that during the course of the pending investigation, it was revealed that the applicant had disposed of some shares of the company beneficially owned or controlled by him and has thus, destroyed the proceeds of the crime.

Chidambaram had moved applications in four cases in which he is an accused. The cases related to corruption and money laundering are being probed by the CBI and ED in alleged Aircel Maxis and INX Media scams.

The court directed Chidambaram to furnish a security deposit of Rs one crore by way of FDR/bank

draft and inform about his travel itinerary, address and contact details for the period abroad to the court as well as to the investigating officers in all four cases. It also directed him to surrender his passport within 48 hours of his return to India. "He shall not make any attempt to tamper with the evidence or influence the witnesses of this case in any manner," the judge said.

Chidambaram had sought permission, claiming that he had to attend ATP Mallorca Championships to be held in Mallorca, Spain from June 25 to July 1 and Wimbledon Championships to be held in London from July 3 to July 16.

Scientists find increased warmer inflows into Arctic in 2010s

Predict more sea-ice decline

New Delhi, Jun 13 (PTI):

Oceanographers have observed an increased heat transport to the Arctic Ocean in the 2010s, changes that they have attributed to the warming inflow waters from the subarctic, or south of the Arctic. They have also found evidence of an increase in the volume of ocean inflows, responsible for carrying warm waters from the Pacific and Atlantic into the Arctic, after they reviewed current research analysing the waters flowing between the Arctic and sub-

arctic oceans and studies aimed at predicting the temperature, salinity and volume transport of water at these connection points in the future.

RATH YATRA PREPARATIONS



An artisan paints clay idols of Lord Jagannath ahead of the Rath Yatra festival, in Nadia, Tuesday.

Plastic exhaust fans, LEDs at dark spots in Bihar

To avoid untoward incidents

New Delhi, Jun 13 (PTI):

Replacing over 2,000 exhaust fans with plastic ones and installing lights at dark spots are among the measures the Bihar Jail has taken to prevent incidents like the recent murder of jailed gangster Tillu Tajpuriya, officials said on Tuesday.

After the brutal murder of Tajpuriya inside the prison on May 2, Director General of Delhi Prisons Sanjay Beniwal issued a circular to remove "dangerous objects" from wards of Bihar Jail that can be used by inmates to make improvised

weapons, they said.

The Public Works Department (PWD) will be carrying out the work. It has floated tenders for Central Jail number 1 of Bihar and more are in the offing. Once the tender is awarded the work has to be completed within a month, the officials added. According to prison officials, keeping the safety of inmates in mind and to prevent a repetition of such incidents in the near future, the Bihar Jail administration got more than 2,000 exhaust fans removed from the wards housing the barracks where inmates are lodged. "More than 2,000 exhaust fans installed in the wards of the Bihar jails have been re-

placed and these will be replaced by plastic exhaust fans, which will be installed by the PWD by this month. The process of removing the exhaust fans started after gangster Tillu Tajpuriya was murdered," a senior jail official said.

He added that exhaust fans were removed only from wards of Bihar jails since those installed in the Rohini and Mandoli jails are out of reach of the inmates lodged there.

The attackers of Tajpuriya had also taken advantage of certain "dark spots" to gain access to his cell and so, to keep a close watch on the activities in such areas, LED lights will also be installed, he said.

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