



## BRIEF



Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh visits 'Prime Minister's Museum', in New Delhi, Thursday.

## Tickets

**Puri:** A total 7000 tickets will be sold by the Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) for a 'darshan' of the sibling deities on June 19, an official said on Thursday. A special ritual 'Nabajouban Darshan' will be held at the 12th century shrine on the day, which will mark the end of the 15-day Anabasar' (quarantine period) after the 'S'na Jatra'.

## Foiled

**Jammu:** An infiltration bid by terrorists was foiled along the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir leading to the seizure of a large consignment of arms and ammunition, the army said on Thursday. Officials said the seizure, including steel core bullets and Pakistan-made medicines, was made during a search operation in Krishnaghati sector early Thursday.

## Tail strike

**Mumbai:** An IndiGo aircraft operating its Bengaluru-Ahmedabad flight suffered a tail strike while landing at Ahmedabad airport on Thursday -- second such incident in the last five days, a DGCA official said. The Directorate General Civil Aviation has ordered the grounding of pilots of the mishap-hit aircraft, the official said.

## Custodial death

**Ghaziabad:** The family members of a 33-year-old man, who allegedly died in police custody, have filed a complaint against a constable, officials said on Thursday. The family members of the deceased identified as Mohammad Dilshad have alleged that the victim was called to a police outpost by the constable, where he was beaten mercilessly, leading to his death - a charge denied by police.

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# Biparjoy makes landfall

## Hits coast in Kutch

**Kutch, Jun 15:**

Cyclone Biparjoy has started making landfall near Jakhau Port in Gujarat's Kutch district after churning across the Arabian Sea for over 10 days, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said Thursday evening.

Winds of up to 145 kmph and heavy rains battered Kutch and Saurashtra coasts as agencies remain on high alert.

The landfall process will be completed by midnight. "Dense convective clouds have entered Kutch and Devbhumi Dwarka districts and therefore, the landfall process has commenced. It will continue until midnight," IMD Director General Mrutyunjay Mohapatra said.

The eye of the cyclone is around 50 km in diameter. Biparjoy is marching ahead with a speed of 13-14 kmph. Thus, it will take around five hours for the wall cloud and the eye to completely cross into the land, he said. Authorities have evacuated around one lakh people living in vulnerable areas following a prompt warning from the IMD about the 'extensive damaging potential' of the cyclone. Officials said 15 National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams, 12 teams of the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and person-



A view of heavy rainfall with strong winds as cyclone Biparjoy starts making landfall at Mandvi, in Kutch, Thursday.

## About the damage...

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## Gujarat preps for massive relief ops

The authorities have already shifted more than 94,000 persons in eight coastal districts of Gujarat to temporary shelters. Officials said 15 teams of the National Disaster Response Force, 12 teams of the State Disaster Response Force as well as personnel of the Indian Army, Navy, Air Force, Indian Coast Guard and Border Security Force (BSF) have been deployed for relief and rescue operations. In view of the cyclone causing huge tides, people have been barred from going near the sea, with lifeguards being deployed at all beaches, the officials added. "Of 94,427 persons evacuated so far, 46,800 were evacuated in Kutch district, followed by 10,749 in Devbhumi Dwarka, 9,942 in Jamnagar, 9,243 in Morbi, 6,822 in Rajkot, 4,864 in Junagadh, 4,379 in Porbandar and 1,605 in Gir Somnath district," a state government release said.

nel of the Indian Army, Navy, Air Force, Indian Coast Guard and Border Security Force have been deployed for relief and rescue operations. The Met office had earlier warned of very heavy (11.5 cm to 20.4 cm) to extremely heavy rainfall (over 20.5 cm) in Kutch, Devbhumi Dwarka, Jamnagar, Porbandar, Rajkot, Morbi and Junagadh districts.

# Govt okays purchase of 30 MQ-9B drones from US

**New Delhi, Jun 15 (PTI):**

The Defence Ministry on Thursday accorded its approval to procure 30 MQ-9B Predator drones from the US to crank up the surveillance apparatus of the armed forces, especially along the frontier with China, people familiar with the development said. The decision came days ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Washington. It is expected that the mega procurement deal worth around USD 3 billion would be

announced following talks between Modi and US President Joe Biden at the White House next week. The procurement proposal was cleared at a meeting of the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, the people cited above said. The hunter-killer Sea Guardian drones are being procured for the three services as they can carry out a variety of roles including maritime surveillance, anti-submarine warfare and over-the-horizon targeting among others.

# Three held with leopard skin, bones

**Gariaband, Jun 15:**

Three persons were arrested allegedly with leopard skin, bones and animal body parts in Gariaband district, a forest department official said on Thursday.

Acting on specific inputs, the anti-poaching team of Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve conducted an operation on Wednesday in Kalamdongri village, located around five kilometres from the Odisha border, the reserve's Deputy Director Varun Jain said. "All accused have been handed over to Odisha for-

## About the incident...

Acting on specific inputs, the anti-poaching team of Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve conducted an operation on Wednesday in Kalamdongri village, located around five kilometres from the Odisha border. All accused have been handed over to Odisha forest department for further action. The anti-poaching team of the reserve along with Odisha personnel raided the house of Kurso Bhatra, Mohansingh Rawat and Dumar Manjhi in the village. The team recovered leopard skin, leopard bones and tail, horns of four-horned antelope and sambar, ten Indian porcupines and body parts of other wild animals along with materials used in poaching.

## PANCHAYAT POLLS

# Deploy central forces in Bengal in 48 hrs: HC

**Kolkata, Jun 15 (PTI):**

The Calcutta High Court on Thursday directed the State Election Commission (SEC) to requisition and deploy central forces across West Bengal for the July 8 panchayat elections in the state.

The court noted that no appreciable steps have been taken ever since an order was passed by it on June 13 to deploy central forces in sensitive areas for the poll process. Petitioners had prayed for

## 3 shot dead in clashes

Three people were shot dead and several others injured in two districts of West Bengal on Thursday during the ongoing violence over filing of nominations for the July 8 panchayat elections, police officials said. Two persons were killed at Bhargore in South 24 Parganas district, while another youth was gunned down by miscreants at Chopra in Uttar Dinajpur dis-

trict. Thursday was the last day for filing nomination papers. Opposition parties have been alleging that the ruling Trinamool Congress supporters resorted to violence to prevent their candidates from filing nomination papers. The state government, however, claimed that more opposition candidates filed nominations than those of the ruling party till Wednesday.

ful elections, claiming that the state had witnessed large-scale violence during municipal elections in 2022 and Kolkata Municipal Corporation elections in 2021. Opposition parties have been alleging that the ruling Trinamool Congress supporters resorted to violence to prevent their candidates from filing nomination papers. The state claimed before the court that till Wednesday, more opposition candidates filed nominations than those of the ruling party. Thursday was the last day for filing nomination.

# 'WFI Chief to face sex harassment, stalking charges'

**New Delhi, Jun 15 (PTI):** Delhi Police on Thursday filed a charge sheet against BJP MP and WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh for the offences of sexual harassment and stalking, while recommending the cancellation of a complaint filed by a minor wrestler against him, citing "no corroborative evidence". The government had assured the agitating wrestlers that the charge sheet in the case would be filed by June 15, following which they had suspended their stir. In the POCSO matter, the police submitted a report requesting for cancellation of the case based upon the statements of the complainant, who is the father of the minor, and the girl herself, a statement issued by Delhi Police PRO Suman Nalwa said.

# Security forces, mob clash; houses set afire



**Imphal, Jun 15:**

At least two houses were set on fire by a mob in Imphal on Thursday afternoon a day after an attack in the Khamenlok area left nine people dead and injured 10 others, officials said. Security forces which tried to quell the mob were forced to use force and fired tear gas shells at the mob at New Checkon in Imphal, they added. This happened as the army and Assam Rifles intensified their 'area domination' operations in the aftermath of the recent spurt in violence in the strife-torn state of Manipur.

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## NARROW ESCAPE

# Fire at coaching institute in Delhi's Mukherjee Nagar

**New Delhi, Jun 15 (PTI):**

Students of a coaching institute in northwest Delhi's Mukherjee Nagar area on Thursday smashed windows, climbed down ropes and took help of ladders in desperate attempts to escape a fire that broke out on the top floor of the building housing it. A call about the fire was received at 12.27 pm and 11 fire tenders were pressed into service, said Delhi Fire Service Director Atul Garg. Garg told PTI video that 10-12 students suffered minor injuries while climbing down ropes in panic. "There is no major causality. All students have been rescued. All are safe," he said. Preliminary inquiry suggested that the fire started from the meter board installed at the fourth floor of the building. The building comprises ground plus four floors, officials said.



Students being rescued after a fire broke out at a coaching institute, at Mukherjee Nagar area in New Delhi, Thursday.

## Students smash windows, use ropes to escape

Students of a coaching institute in northwest Delhi's Mukherjee Nagar area on Thursday smashed windows and climbed down ropes and AC wires in desperate attempts to escape a fire that broke out on the top floor of the building housing it. Neha Mangal (19), who joined the coaching institute just a few days ago said, "There was smoke in the classroom. I received burn injuries on both hands. We managed to open a window and came down with the help of AC wire."

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## CM instructs CS to launch an extensive anti-drug public awareness campaign

**In Ch'garh Directs Social Welfare Department to prepare a detailed action plan in one month Calls for active collaboration with NGOs, social, cultural, and religious institutions in the fight against drug abuse**

aimed at safeguarding society from the harmful consequences of drug abuse. He has emphasized the importance of developing a detailed action plan for this campaign through consultations with prominent figures and organizations actively involved in drug de-addiction efforts nationwide. He has also instructed the Social Welfare Department to present the comprehensive plan for the anti-drug awareness campaign within one month. Additionally, he has highlighted the need for active participation of NGOs, and social, cultural, and religious institutions in this campaign.

In the instructions issued to the Chief

Secretary, Chief Minister stated that drug abuse is the worst social evil, one that significantly impacts people's lives and exposes them to severe health risks including premature death. People consume addictive substances including marijuana, cannabis, opium, tobacco, alcohol, 'gutka', smoking, heroin, cocaine, and brown sugar. Chhattisgarh Police is actively taking measures to combat this issue, and the government is making concerted efforts to prevent it. However, the success of this campaign relies on effectively connecting with the public's mindset and reaching every individual. The escalating prevalence of

drug abuse among the youth is a matter of grave concern.

In order to safeguard society from the devastating effects of drug abuse, prevent the younger generation from ruining their lives, and utilize their full potential for nation-building, it is essential to launch an extensive awareness campaign promoting a drug-free lifestyle. Seminars should be organized in secondary schools, colleges, and universities to raise awareness among students. Active collaboration from NGOs, social, cultural, and religious institutions, alongside government efforts, should be encouraged.

### Job fair on June 19 for educated unemployed

Raipur, Jun 15: A job fair is being organized by the District Employment and Self-Employment Guidance Center on June 19. The job fair will be conducted between 11 am and 2 pm at District Employment Office, old Police Headquarters. The objective of this placement camp is to provide employment to the local educated unemployed youth of Chhattisgarh. The Deputy Director of the District Employment and Self-Employment Guidance Center said candidates with educational qualifications like 8th, 12th, Graduate, ITI, Fitter, Diploma, MBA, and B.Tech etc. will be recruited in the camp. The posts to be recruited by various organizations include Machine Operator, Apprenticeship, Sales Field, Unit Attendant, Billing Executive and Driver, etc.

### HEAT AND DUST



With mercury rising each day, the emission of dust from dig-out road has created problems for the resident, with no immediate solution on hand.

### Repeating govt major challenge before Congress: Bhupesh



**NSUI state executive meeting**

Raipur, Jun 15: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel attended the state executive meeting of NSUI held at Congress State Headquarters Rajiv Bhavan on Thursday. Addressing the workers, Baghel said it had become a major challenge before the party to repeat its government. The aim should be to fulfill the target given by party's national leaders, he emphasized.

"In 2013, Nandkumar Patel became party's state president and took out the 'Parivartan Yatra'. This was a journey of transformation for the farmers, laborers, youth, women and tribals of the state. This change has happened in four and a half years of the Congress government", Baghel said, adding that there has been a change in the lives of farmers, laborers and students. 'We have gone a long way on the slogan of Garhbo Nava Chhattisgarh that we used to carry', he added.

## Govt fails to ensure smooth electricity supply: Brijmohan

Raipur, Jun 15: Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) Brijmohan Agrawal on Thursday launched scathing attack on the Congress government over the undeclared electricity shutdown across Chhattisgarh. In a statement issued here, the senior BJP MLA Agrawal termed it to be failure on part of the Congress government as frequent

power supply cut is being taken in the urban areas after regular shutdown in rural Chhattisgarh.

In support to his allegations, the BJP MLA said that the complaints registered in the Status of Technical Compliance of Electricity Department, confirms the sorry state of affairs in regular electricity supply. He said that nearly 20 thousand complaints have been registered in City Circle during

the last two months whereas 323 times electricity complaints have been registered in a single day in Bilaspur city. Similarly, the scenario is further worse in Korba as more than 150 complaints over electricity supply are being registered on daily basis. Agrawal said that the erratic power supply has affected every section of society whereas the ruling Congress government is giving priority on works

related to corruption instead of providing better services to people.

He also alleged that people are being cheated on concessional electricity tariff as several hikes in charges are being made on various fronts in the process of electricity supply. He added that no steps have been taken to establish new power plant in Chhattisgarh due to the faulty policies of Congress government.

## Ch'garh Assembly Speaker in National Legislators Conference India



Raipur, Jun 15: Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly Speaker Dr. Charandas Mahant participated on the first day of India's first "National Legislators Conference" being held in Mumbai from June 15 to 17, 2023.

For the first time in the country, the Indian Legislators Conference has been organized in Mumbai under the aegis of MIT, with the aim of making the concept of new India's construction and development suc-

cessful through politics. All legislative speakers were apprised of the objectives of the conference in the introductory meeting on June 15. Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly Speaker Dr. Charandas Mahant in his address called upon all speakers to come together on one platform and move forward in the development of the country. Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly Secretary Dinesh Sharma too attended the conference.

### VIP road renamed after Rajiv Gandhi

Raipur, Jun 15: The VIP road in Chhattisgarh capital Raipur has been renamed after Rajiv Gandhi. The decision on renaming of the road after Rajiv Gandhi was also taken at the meeting of Mayor-in-Council (MiC) of Raipur Municipal Corporation. As many as 29 agendas were discussed at the MiC meeting, chaired by the Mayor Dhebar at RMC headquarters. Giving information about the resolutions passed in the meeting, Mayor Dhebar said that guideline proposal was passed over Sarona Trenching Ground. According to decisions taken, unauthorised tap connections can be legalised on payment of Rs 100. Commercialisation and residential rates have been specified. Sanitation workers will now be given Rs 10,000 in place of Rs 5000. The issue pertaining to promotion of the officials was discussed and resolution was passed to rent out 92 shops in Jawahar Market. A resolution was also passed to reduce the rental of empty plot.

### Singhdeo visits health expo, sees demo of machines



**Gathers information about specialties of medical and lab equipment**

Raipur, Jun 15: Health and Family Welfare Minister TS Singhdeo today visited the Health Expo (Medex-2023) organized at a private hotel in

Raipur. The three-day expo has been organized by the Health Department in association with the Chhattisgarh chapter of Indian Medical Association (IMA), Indian Dental Association (IDA) and Association of Health Care Providers - India (AHPPI). Renowned compa-

nies from India and abroad who manufacture and supply medical equipment, lab equipment, medical furniture, medical clothing and consumables are participating in the expo being run from June 14 to June 16. Human resource and other service provider companies in the field of health have also set up their stalls at expo. Apart from several large hospitals and private medical colleges of the state, stalls have also been set up by the offices of Chief Medical and Health Officers of several districts. Singhdeo inquired about the use, price and features of the medical and lab equipment during his observation of the health expo. He also saw the demo of the machines. Singhdeo

visited all the stalls and discussed with the representatives of manufacturers, suppliers and service provider companies. Demos of equipment of different companies used in hospitals can also be seen.

The Health Minister told the companies participating in the expo that continuous efforts were being made towards creating a manufacturer and supplier friendly system for the supply of medical equipment, consumables and medicines in the state. Vendors associated with the health department will also be facilitated. Commissioner of Health Department, Dr CR Prasanna and President of the Indian Medical Association, Dr Rakesh Gupta were also present.

### Two nabbed with 25 gms Heroin worth Rs 1.15 lakh

**After raid in a private hotel in Tatibandh**

Raipur, Jun 15: Two inter-state drug smugglers have been nabbed by the capital police from a hotel room and seized 23 gms Heroin worth Rs 1.15 lakh from their possession. Both have been arrested under the NDPS Act and taken into custody. The police has also seized one mobile charger, two mobile phones and cash of Rs 5000 and an electric portable weighing machine from their possession.

As per reports from Tatibandh Police, they got tip from an informer that some persons are trying to sell drugs from a room in Hotel Multistar near



Tatibandh. The police raided the room No. 101 where the drug smugglers were staying and seized 25 gms Heroin packed inside a mobile phone charger. The two accused nabbed are Nishan Singh and Dharmendra Singh and both are resident of Tarantaran District of Amritsar. The local address is MIG-74/75 Veer Savarkar Nagar, Heerapur that of Dharam Singh's house under Kabir Nagar Thana area of capital city. On conducting search,

### Ganja worth Rs 1.40 lakh seized

Raipur: The Anti-crime and Cyber unit team got tip that a person standing below the Pachpedhi Naka is keeping 'Ganja' in a bag and is searching for a customer. On this the Tikrapara police raided the place and nabbed the person as per the details given. On conducting search, the person disclosed his name as Badal Soni R/o Buland Sahar UP. When the team checked inside the bag, they found



'Ganja' packed in plastic bags and seized 14.725 kg Ganja worth Rs 1.40 lakh from his possession. A case under section 20 B of Narcotics Act was filed against him and he was taken into arrest.

police found a mobile charger placed in their pocket and on opening which a white packet of drug was seized. Both

have been booked under the Narcotics Act. The police on interrogating the two have got some local links as well.

### NIT Raipur welcomes Nagaland's delegates under Yuva Sangam

Raipur, Jun 15: National Institute of Technology (NIT) Raipur welcomed the delegates of Nagaland heartily in accordance with phase two of Yuva Sangam. Yuva Sangam's Youth Exchange program under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat aims to strengthen people-to-people connections, especially between youth of different states, and introduce to them the culture and values of India.



Sarang, International Weightlifter was the Special Guest. Dr. NV Ramana Rao, Director, NIT Raipur, Dr. Prabhat Diwan, Dean (Research & Consultancy), and Dr. PY Dhekne, Registrar were the Guests at the ceremony. The students' delegates from Nagaland, along with the dignitaries, were welcomed with garlands. The delegates introduced them-

selves, expressing how they viewed Yuva Sangam as a great opportunity to connect with the diverse culture of Chhattisgarh and portrayed their excitement towards exploring unique traditions, languages, and people of Chhattisgarh through Yuva Sangam. Dr. P Diwan enlightened the delegates about their five-day schedule and ex-

plained how the experience would be invaluable for them in gaining knowledge and awareness, stressing the five P's (Paryatan, Parampara, Pragati, Prodyogik and Paraspar Sampark) of Yuva Sangam. Dr. NV Ramana Rao elaborated upon the significance of the program and how it would serve as a multidimensional exploring opportunity for the students. He proclaimed his appreciation to the Government of India, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Tourism, AICTE, and IRCTC for their collaboration for the smooth functioning of the program. Rustam Sarang established his connection with the delegates by sharing his experiences

of interacting with the people of Northeastern states during the journey of his career. He appreciated their quality of "inclusion" and togetherness which helped him to dissolve among them and considered this warm gesture from the people of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, and Nagaland. Dr. Sanjay Alung gave the delegates a glimpse of the history of the state by shifting the focus on the word "Chhattisgarh" comprising the numbers "36" and "Garh". He gave them some key insights and informed them about various events which led to the formation of the state and showed how deep the roots of tradition and culture the state possesses.

### NYK Raipur organised a blood donation camp

Raipur, Jun 15: Nehru Yuva Kendra, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India organised a blood donation camp in NYK Office on World Blood Donors Day. Arpit Tiwari, District Youth Officer, NYK Raipur apprised that the objective of this blood donation camp was to sensitise youth on sustainable health practices and benefits of blood donation. He further said that one unit of blood can save up to three or more lives. Thus nothing is better than blood donation for community development. The program was organised with the support of Bilasa Blood Centre, a unit of Shri Rawatpura Sarkar Lok Kalyan Trust.



College participated in the event. In addition VHAI and Family Health NGOs also took part in the program. Furthermore, awareness generation, sensitisation and discussion were held on Menstrual Hygiene Management. It was discussed that while good practices should be adopted by young girls and women but it is even more important that youth and man of the community support young girls and women. In addition social and behav-

ioral change practices were discussed under the Mission LIFE program. Sunita Chansoriya, PO, NSS, Dr Swapnil Karmhe, PO, NSS DB Girls College, Ratri Lahiri, PO, NSS Gurukul College, Sushmita Shrivastav, VHAI, Avdesh Singh, Family Health India were present. More than 21 blood donors attended the program along with various youth volunteers. Blood donors were felicitated with certificates and umbrellas.



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# CM announces to make model Jait Khams in every block

Swearing-in ceremony of Tehsil Satnami Samaj in Patan



**Bhilai, Jun 15:**

The swearing-in ceremony of the newly elected office bearers of Tehsil Satnami Samaj was organized on Thursday at Patan block headquarters of Durg district. The newly elected office bearers of the Samaj took oath in the presence of Chief

Minister Bhupesh Baghel. After the oath ceremony, the Chief Minister distributed certificates to the newly elected office bearers. Addressing the function as the Chief Guest, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that the government is continuously working in the interest of the people by following the

path shown by the saints. The government is working to revive the cultural tradition in the state. The people of Satnami Samaj have imbibed the message of Sant Baba Guru Ghasidas and are giving a right direction to the society. On this occasion, the Chief Minister announced to make a model Jait

Kham in every development block of the state. He called upon the people to come forward and get benefited by joining the schemes of the government. Local public representatives, eminent citizens and a large number of people of Satnami Samaj were present on this occasion.

## Leased BSP Quarters to be registered with the Registrar

**Bhilai, Jun 15:** SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant had launched a Scheme of House Lease for its employees in five phases between the years 2001 to 2003. Long term lease agreement was entered into by BSP with allottees for this purpose. As per terms of the said Scheme, the lease was to be registered by allottees with the Registrar, Durg at their own expenses. All the lessees, who have not registered the Lease Agreement of their House, are hereby informed by this Public Notice to register their lease with the Registrar, Durg. However, the Lessees have to give at least 15-days prior information to concerned office of TSD for its co-operation for registration of Lease Deed.

## Legal awareness camps organised on World Day against Child Labour

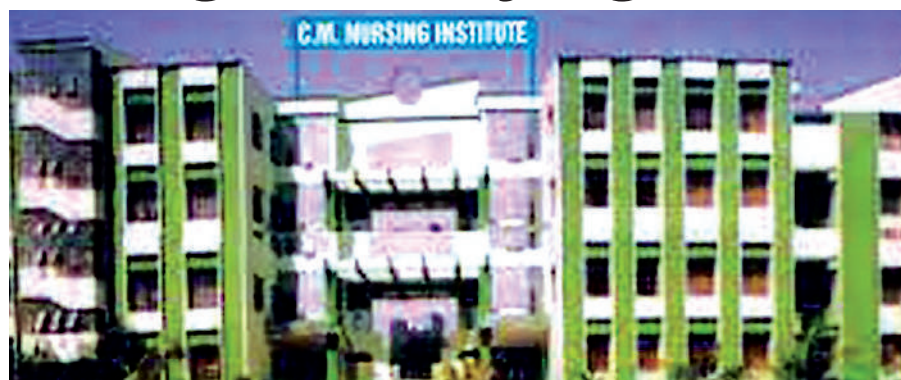


**Bhilai, Jun 15:** On the occasion of World Day against Child Labour on June 12, the paralegal volunteers of District Legal Services Authority Durg organised special legal awareness camps under the special guidance of District and Sessions Judge Neeta Yadav and Ashish Dahariya (Secretary, District Legal Services Authority Durg). They visited public places, shops and such institutions where minor children are being employed. The shop owners / factory operators were asked to fill the undertaking re-

garding not to employ child labour. People were made aware regarding the rights of children mentioned in the constitution and prohibition of child labour. They were provided detailed information on laws prohibiting employment of children under 14 years of age. Along with this, paralegal volunteers of the District Legal Services Authority visited the shops in various business premises and distributed warning pamphlets regarding child labour prohibition and forced labour restrictions mentioned in Article 23 and

Article 24 of the Constitution. They also propagated detailed information about the fundamental right to essential education and asked the people to inform the nearest police station if children below 14 years of age are found working anywhere. Information was provided by paralegal volunteers regarding various campaigns being run by National Legal Services Authority and State Legal Services Authority Bilaspur with the cooperation and coordination of the state government in relation to children.

## CM Nursing Institute Bhilai gives 100% job guarantee



**Bhilai, Jun 15:**

CM Nursing College has played an important role in the field of Nursing in the last two decades. This college provides training to its nursing students in its own Parent Hospital, Chandulal Chandrakar Memorial Hospital, Bhilai, to ensure expertise in Clinical. Today, the students of this college are giving their services not only in the country but abroad as well. The students of this

college can get government jobs with ease after receiving training from qualified teachers and doctors. They can understand the patient and disease closely and in future they can serve as a good nurse. The college is located on GE Road (NH6) Nehru Nagar Bhilai and the Hospital, Colleges Hostel and Mess are all in the same campus. The prime location makes it easy for the students and their families to reach the col-

lege. Along with transport, hostels, scholarship, sports competitions and many such programs are organized from time to time for the entertainment of the students. There is a facility to pay the fees in installments instead of lump sum. If you also want to make your child's future bright in the field of nursing, contact for admission in session 2023-24. Interested candidates can seek details on mobile numbers 9575932505, 9381441310.

## Blood Donation Camp held at JLNHRC

**Bhilai, Jun 15:**

Valedictory Ceremony of the Blood Donation Camp was organised at SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Pt Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital & Research Centre on the occasion of 'World Blood Donor Day' and formally concluded on June 15, 2023 at JLNHRC's Blood Bank. The 62 volunteers who donated blood in the camp, were felicitated for their contribution towards the noble cause and motivating the society to donate blood.

Pratibha Agarwal, DIG (CISF) was the Chief Guest on this occasion. Dr Ravindranath M, CMO I/c (M&HS) presided over the programme, while Prabir Kumar Sarkar, CGM I/c (Services) and Abhijeet, Commandant (CISF) were the special guests at the Valedictory Ceremony. Dr Pramod Binayake, CMO (M&HS), Dr V Dwivedi, CMO (M&HS), Dr RK Pal, CMO (M&HS), Dr K Thakur, CMO



(M&HS), were also present on this occasion along with other senior officers of the Plant. Para medical staff, nurses and management officials from BSP's main hospital were also present, along with Blood donors and a few blood receivers. Addressing the gathering Chief Guest Pratibha Agarwal, congratulated the JLN Hospital & Research Centre collective and said that Blood

Donation is the Best Donation and the contribution of donors towards the society cannot be expressed sufficiently in words, award or memento. I assure all CISF personnel will walk shoulder to shoulder with you in such selfless service, said Agarwal. Dr Ravindranath M said in his address that the act of donating blood spreads a message of positivity, humanity and togetherness.

It will be our endeavour in the coming times, that neither the doctors or the patients have to worry about scarcity of blood units at the time of treatment. Dr Ravindranath also appealed that the number of voluntary blood donors should be doubled in the future blood donation camps. Appreciating the contribution of the blood-donors Prabir Kumar Sarkar, CGM I/c (Services), said

that the donors have given new lives to people in the form of their blood. I shall always be available for this noble cause and we shall try our best that voluntary donors are made available from time to time, said Sharkar.

The program started with lighting of traditional lamp, followed by felicitation of the blood-donors by giving mementoes and Certificates by the dignitary guests. Prizes were also distributed to the nursing student winners of Skit and Poster Competition organized on June 13, 2023.

The judges of skit and poster competition Dr Manisha Kango, Dr Anupam Lal and Jawahar Bajpai, Sr Mgr (Public Relations) were felicitated on this occasion by giving saplings.

Sandeep Pandey and Ajay Kumar Arya conducted the programme, while Dr Nily S Kujur, Incharge, Blood Bank, proposed the Vote of Thanks.

## Result is the proof of success, that's why Motion is called 'selection machine'



**Bhilai, Jun 15:**

As a gift to the students of Bhilai and Chhattisgarh, Kota's one of the top coaching brands 'Motion' which is known only for its results has now come to Civic Centre in Bhilai City. This institute was inaugurated in July last year. As it was a little late, admissions were given only to the Class 11th students and some

droppers. 6 students out of 17 students have been selected in NEET and a couple of more students are expected to get selected on the basis of cut off. 'Motion', as per the name, has now come in Motion. The selected students of Motion are Bhavya Verma (Gen), Ananya Saharay (Gen), Hrishita Dharmik (Gen), Arman Khute (SC), Apurva Tigga (ST) and Aditya Pankaj (SC).

Motion team motivated the students who have not been selected and suggested to learn from every mistake, don't repeat the mistake, believe in yourself, study with honesty and follow the guidance of mentors. All the students who have not been able to get selected even after working hard with full honesty, should not lose heart. They can join Motion and get proper

counselling done and give another year for yourself and start your journey with full vigour without wasting even a single day with Motion's Mentors, Study Content, Motion Learning App and Test Series. Motion is going to give special offers and make special batches for all the students. Motion Bhilai Center is located at 152, New Civic Centre.

## Employees of SMS-2 felicitated with Shiromani Awards

**Bhilai, Jun 15:** Employees of Steel Melting Shop No 2 of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant were awarded with 'Karm Shiromani' Awards for their exemplary work performance under the 'Shiromani Puraskar Yojana' by Bhilai Steel Plant, in an Award Ceremony held at SMS-2. Yogesh Shastri, Acting CGM (SMS-2) was the chief guest of the Award Ceremony.

Ramesh Kadu Master Technician (CCS), Vishwajit Raut Master Technician (CCS-Electrical), and Vinod Kumar Verma, Master Operator (CCS-Operation) awarded the 'Karm Shiromani Award', for their exemplary performance for the month of May



2023. Chief Guest Yogesh Shastri, Acting CGM (SMS-2), felicitated the awardees and appreciated them for their achievements and contributions at the workplace. He said that the safety of our employees is our first priority. He further said that with your excellent work culture we have accomplished difficult tasks by turning challenges into

opportunities. This is the achievement of Bhilai's work culture and team work. Our workers have earned several accomplishments by winning many challenges with their tireless hard work, efficiency and technical efficiency. Shri Shastri encouraged all the employees of SMS-2 to work in the future with the same spirit. General Managers of

SMS-2, Raj Kumar Komalapati, and S Debsikdar, were also present on this occasion, along with NP Toppo, AGM (SMS-2) and Sanjeev Singh. The programme was conducted by KD Baghel, Additional LWO (Personnel-Steel Zone-2). Purnan Sahu, and Narendra Kurru also contributed in making the program successful.

## Obituary Prakash Chandra Malhotra



**Bhilai:** Former BSP employee Prakash Chandra Malhotra left for heavenly abode at the age of 83 years on Wednesday. Funeral procession was taken out from his residence situated at MIG 47 Vaishali Nagar and last rites of the mortal remains were performed at Ramnagar Muktidham. He was the father of BSP Executive Kailash Malhotra, Yogesh Malhotra and Manju.

## Last chance to get free uniform, bag and books at MJ School

**Bhilai, Jun 15:**

MJ Group, a pioneer in the field of education in Bhilai, is providing many concessions to needy students at the time of admission in the new session at MJ School located near IIT. This initiative is getting good response. This school ensures overall development of the students

through quality education. School has reopened after summer vacation from June 13. It is the last chance to get free school bag, uniform and textbooks. Undoubtedly, providing high quality education at such a low cost is exemplary and the school management definitely deserves appreciation for this initiative.



## Free Medical camp organised at Village Chetua

**Bhilai, Jun 15:**

Bhilai Steel Plant, conducts several public welfare activities as part of its organizational social responsibility towards the community in and around its areas of operations. The Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Department of the Plant organized a one-day free Health Camp, at Village Chetua, on June 13, 2023.

The Medical Team from CSR department, comprising of, Dr Isha Kujur, Pharmacist, Shashi Bhushan Rai, Rekha Dev for Blood-Sugar and BP examination, Shambhu for registration, volunteered their services for the camp. Anjani Kumar



Dwivedi, Development Assistant, from the CSR department was also present during the Health Camp. A total of 27 villagers from village Chetua, including 09 men, 10 women and 08 Children, availed free health services at the day long Health Camp and free medicines were distributed to them. It is noteworthy that Health Camp is one of the

prime initiatives, through which BSP's CSR Department has contributed substantially towards Public Health & Medicine. The CSR Department of Bhilai Steel Plant, conducts health camps on regular basis in the adjoining areas or mines, with the aim of ensuring adequate medical & Health facilities to the communities within which it works.

## Over 100 students of Goal likely to get admission in Govt Medical Colleges

**Bhilai, Jun 15:** Students of Goal Institute Bhilai have made brilliant performance in NEET-2023. More than 100 students from the Institute are likely to get admission in Government Medical Colleges. Many students from Dropper Batch and Foundation Batch from Civic Centre and Genius Campus have qualified NEET. The successful students are Lakshya Sahu 569, Pranjal Maurya 598, Sonika Dewangan 530, Ved Prakash 535, Vibha 581, Prashant 500, Jayesh 502, Anjali 612, Daneshwar Sahu 576, Abhay

592, Uttam 501, Kundan Yadav 536, Aastha 553, Archanya Gupta 534, along with category students Archi 417, Lisha 416, Anurag 404, Chanchal 414, Bhavani 462, Pradeep 457, Yashvendra 403 and others students have achieved success. The director of the institution, Ranjit Kumar, heartily congratulated all the successful students and wished them a bright future. He advised the students who did not succeed to take a year drop again and get admission in the dropper batch.





# Ch'garh gears up for grand celebrations of Int'nl Day of Yoga

### 'Har Ghar Aangan Yoga' message to echo across Ch'garh on June 21

Raipur, Jun 15:

Grand celebrations of International Day of Yoga, will be organized in Chhattisgarh on June 21. The theme for this year's celebrations is 'One World, One Health'. Several programmes will be conducted in cities and villages throughout the state, aiming to promote the message of 'Har Ghar Aangan Yoga'. Mass yoga demonstrations will be held at prominent locations, including historical and public places, as well as near important rivers in gram panchayats, and urban areas.

Chairman of the Chhattisgarh Yoga Commission, mass yoga demonstrations will be organized with the participation of public representatives and citizens at prominent locations in cities and villages.

Furthermore, yoga programmes will be held at Anganwadi centers, old-age homes, PSUs, and across all government departments. These programmes will involve the participation of Sarpanchs, Parishads, local public representatives, dignified citizens, voluntary organizations, police training centers, Anganwadi centers, children's homes, old-age homes, and organizations

working for divyangs and the transgender community. The District Collector will serve as the nodal officer responsible for coordinating the selection and successful execution of venue-based programmes to be organized at the district level.

The departments of Social Welfare, School Education, Higher Education, Women and Child Development, Urban Administration, Home, Panchayat and Rural Development, as well as Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Development, have been instructed to take necessary actions to ensure the successful organization of these programmes.

# Girl Empowerment Mission (GEM) concludes at NTPC Lara

Bilaspur (Lara), Jun 14:

The four week-long Girl Empowerment Mission (GEM) undergirding at NTPC Lara station, concludes with glittering cultural presentations by its participating girls on other day at Tarang auditorium.

Diwakar Kaushik, ED Lara was the chief guest of this programme. Kanhaiya Das, AGM (HR) welcomed all dignitaries and briefed about the Girl Empowerment Mission (GEM) programme.

Diwakar Kaushik ED (Lara) inaugurated the programme and addressed the gathering. Speaking on this occasion Kaushik said, Girl Empowerment Mission programme will act as a game changer in the life of participating girls. NTPC Lara is committed to give chance more girls in future by organising this programme. Kaushik highly praised the performance of girl children and the changes hap-



pened during the four weeklong stays at Lara. Kaushik wished their bright future.

Forty rural girls in age group of 10 to 12 years reading in government schools were selected by a survey by the CSR Department of NTPC Lara. The GEM workshop was started on 17th May 2023 with registration. Since first time such type

of experience was faced by the children, initially they hesitate to express themselves fully. With continuous support and pamper by the members of Prerita Mahila Samiti, the girls feel comfort and cosy in the environment. In the four weeklong staying at NTPC Lara, they were taught various skills to nurture them to face the competitive world.

Girl Empowerment Mission is basically a personality development programme designed for girl child. Besides their regular course curriculum, they were taught how to do yoga, sports and games, self-defence, dance, handicraft etc. Based on the weekly learning programme periodical assessments were also done to understand

the level of learning of the participants so that special focus can be given to the less performing child. Girl Empowerment Mission is the flagship CSR initiative of NTPC Limited. At present Girl Empowerment Mission is organised at 41 locations of NTPC Limited across the nation.

In the concluding ceremony, different group presented cultural fest on different theme in the presence of Diwakar Kaushik, ED Lara and Seema Kaushik, President (Prerita Mahila Samiti), all general managers, office bearers of Prerita Mahila Samiti, employees, and their family members. On this occasion Akhilesh Singh, GM (Operation) & Maintenance), Rajeev Ranjan, GM (Fuel Management), SK Roy, GM (Operation), Kanhaiya Das, AGM (HR), members of Prerita Mahila Samiti, employees and villagers were present.

# Blood donation is an act of charity: Lakhma



Jagdalpur, Jun 15:

On the occasion of World Blood Donor Day, a blood donation camp was organized at Maharani Hospital on Wednesday under the aegis of District Red Cross Society. On this occasion, Industry Minister and Bastar district in-charge Kawasi Lakhma said that blood donation is an act of virtue.

People with accidents often need blood. Many times a person's life is in danger if blood is not available on time. Blood donation is done so that the life of a person does not get endangered due to lack of blood. Expressing happiness over gathering of people in large numbers to donate blood here, he said that this urge to save lives is inspiring.

Parliamentary Secretary Rekhand Jain said that Collector and President of District Red Cross Society Vijay Dayaram K. under the leader-

ship of the Red Cross Society, is carrying out continuous constructive work. Congratulating the blood donors, he said that their work would save the life of a needy person. Vice President of Indravati Basin Development Authority, Rajeev Sharma said that only a person sensitive to the lives of others can easily do a great work like blood donation.

Mayor Safira Sahu said that donating blood gives peace of mind, she told that she had donated blood last year also. A large number of Yuwodaya volunteers and NCC cadets donated blood on this occasion. Chitrakote MLA Rajman Benzam, Collector Vijay Dayaram K, Commanding Officer of NCC Colonel D Vijay Bhaskar, Vice President of District Red Cross Society Alexander Cherian, public representatives, staff of district hospital and voluntary blood donors were present in the programme.

# Fire breaks out in heap of paddy husk stored in farms

Berla, Jun 15:

The paddy husk stored in the farms of two farmers viz. Omkar Sahu and Rajaram Sahu in Gram Khisora under Kodava of Berla sub-division, caught fire and in no time the heap of paddy husk kept nearby were also gutted in fire. The fire was so intense that even on sprinkling of water by farmers manually they cannot gain control on it. Immediately Gram Panchayat Sarpanch Bhavni Sahu called fire-brigade department and it was asked to send any fire-fighting vehicle from nearby. But to the hard luck of farmers no fire-brigade was available and it was after one & half hour that the fire-brigade arrived and tried to gain control on fire. It is learnt that the fire-brigade from Than Khamaria, is about 30 kms far and Bemetara district hq's is just at distance of 23 kms and from both places it takes long time to reach any nearby village.

Sudden change in weather intensified fire. With fire breaking out in the heap of paddy husk stored in the farm, the weather all of sudden changed and with strong winds, it intensified the



■ Spreads to 20 km area in Gram Khisora; fire-brigade arrive one & half hour late

■ Only one fire-brigade station in Bemetara Hq's raises question

fire and it turned out of control and assumed proportions. If the eye witness are to be believed, then it appeared as if it might spread to nearby localities in the village as well. Fire brigade only of Nagar Palika: Despite being the area of Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu, Agriculture Minister Ravindra Choubey and MLA Bemetara Ashish Chhabda there is shortage of fire-brigade and fire-stations in the region and all are purely dependent upon the fire-brigade of District Hq's. In case if there is any

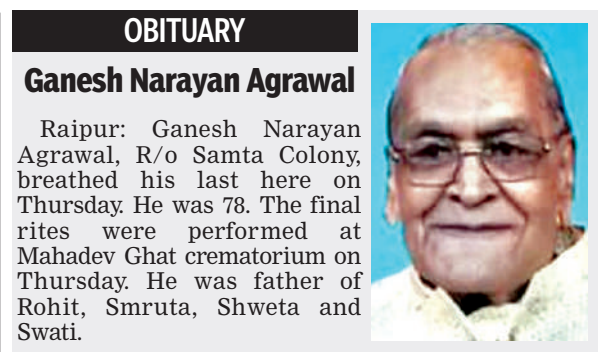
due to delay on part of fire-brigade vehicle, the villagers take it to heels and tried to gain control on fire through all sorts of resources available at hands and in this sometimes they succeed and sometime fail. Due to this the villagers are made to face lots of problems and inconveniences.

fire incident in Bemetara, then no fire-brigade could reach there on time. Fire-brigade vehicle reaches after dousing of fire: In the villages under Kodava area if the fire breaks out at any place, then the people of the region raise demand for fire-brigade vehicle and since the fire-brigade station is located in district hq's, it reaches only when the fire has either destroyed the entire unit or it has been doused. In such conditions there is lot of resentment among the villagers. Villagers turning into fire-fighters: In case of any fire incident in the villages, the fire-brigade in Bemetara Hq's is contacted and it generally reaches two hours late. In such cases,

# OBITUARY

Ganesh Narayan Agrawal

Raipur: Ganesh Narayan Agrawal, R/o Samta Colony, breathed his last here on Thursday. He was 78. The final rites were performed at Mahadev Ghat crematorium on Thursday. He was father of Rohit, Smruta, Shweta and Swati.



# Blood Donation Camp organized by 2 CRPF Battalion



Konta, Jun 15:

On the occasion of World Blood Donor Day on June 14, in the 2nd CRPF Battalion, Sukma, a blood donation camp was organized in the presence of Rati Kanta Behera, Commandant 2 Battalion CRPF in collaboration with Blood Bank District Sukma, under the leadership of Dr. Anil Kumar, Senior Medical Officer. On this occasion, officers, subordinate officers and jawans of 2 CRPF Battalion voluntarily donated 32 units of blood.

As it is known to all that most of the patients of Sukma and nearby areas are suffering from anaemia and a lot of blood is needed during their treatment. The blood donation made by the jawans will greatly facilitate the treatment of the patients being treated at the District Hospital Sukma. Among the officers of the Corps, Rati Kanta Behera, Commandant, Pawan Kumar, Second Commanding Officer, Anami Sharan, Second Commanding Officer, Dr. Anil Kumar, Senior Medical Officer, Bhaskar Bhattacharya, Deputy Commandant and Rajendra Kumar, Asst. Commandant also boosted everyone's morale by donating blood.

On this occasion, the Commandant also told the general public about the importance of blood donation. Along with this, Rati Kanta Behera, Commandant, 2 CRPF Battalion wished good health to all the local people and health workers on World Blood Donor Day, and also told that they will continue to organize such blood donation camps as

and when required. In this camp Dr. from District Hospital Sukma. S. Raju Medical Officer and Shajay Jaiswal Blood Bank Incharge etc. were also present.

# AFFIDAVIT

I Krishan Saraf, age-40, S/o Pawan Kumar Saraf, R/o - B-602, Kool Homes, Daldai Seoni Road, Mowa, Raipur, District Raipur (C.G.), do hereby make the following statements: 1. That my minor son right since childhood was known as 'Aavyansh'. 2. At present he has completed five years. 3. That with name change, I have put the name of my minor son 'Aavyansh' as 'Aavyansh Saraf'. In the near future, my son should be known and identified as Aavyansh Saraf in the near future and I am submitting an affidavit in support of it. 4. That I am submitting this affidavit presenting all the facts and in case of any fault or error, entire responsibility will be that of mine. CERTIFY I do hereby solemnly affirm that the statements made in the Affidavit from SI. No.1-4 are true to the best of my knowledge and correct. I do hereby certify it and signed it at Bagbhara, as on 12/06/2023. DEPONENT

# POONAWALLA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED (FORMERLY, MAGMA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED)

Table with columns: Sr., Name of the Borrower, Co-Borrower, Guarantor and Loan Amount, Details of the Secured Asset, Demand Notice Date, Amount Due in Rs. Includes details for SHEKH MURTUJA ALI, VIKRAM SINGH KHATRI, MAHENDRA YADAV, TULESH KUMAR YADAV, SANDEEP KUMAR SARKAR, MANORANJAN SARKAR, RAMPEM MURALI MURTI, MANPRIT KAUR, SHYAM SINGH.

STEEL AUTHORITY OF INDIA LIMITED Bhilai Steel Plant Bhilai, Dist.-Durg, Chhattisgarh, India-490001 PUBLIC NOTICE SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant had launched a Scheme of House Lease for its employees in five phases between the years 2001 to 2003. Long term lease agreement was entered into by BSP with allottees for this purpose. As per terms of the said Scheme, the lease was to be registered by allottees with the Registrar, Durg at their own expenses.

FOR POONAWALLA HOUSING FINANCE LTD (Formerly Known as Magma Housing Finance Ltd) Authorised Officer



## Our govt is committed to safeguarding the rights of every person: CM

**Belonging to the deprived section of society**

**Empowering the neglected: Govt's inclusive approach is showing a positive impact**

**Chief Minister attended a program held in Ambikapur, interacted with Special Backward Tribes, and distributed the Forest Rights pattas to beneficiaries**

**Unemployment Allowance beneficiaries received appointment letters from the Chief Minister**



Chhattisgarh. Baghel made these remarks while addressing a program in the presence of special backward tribes, forest dwellers and beneficiaries of various schemes at the PG College Hockey Stadium in Ambikapur.

In the program, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has provided benefits from various schemes to approximately 650 individuals. He distributed appointment letters to 103 teachers, forest rights patta to 193 beneficiaries, Ayushman cards to 100 beneficiaries, appointment letters to 39 teachers to join Swami Atmanand schools, 100 ATM cards to farmers, millet seeds to 50 farmers, and sprayers to 10 farmers. The Chief Minister congratulated the beneficiaries and appreciated them, particularly the youth from special backward tribes who received government service appointment letters and people who have obtained the forest right pat-

tas. During the event, CM Baghel revealed that in the past two months, approximately Rs 48 cr has been distributed through direct benefit transfer (DBT) into the accounts of unemployed individuals. He emphasised the success of the training and placement program, highlighting that numerous young individuals have received training and secured employment through the initiative of the state government. The Chief Minister distributed the appointment letters to 50 individuals from the first batch who were placed through the program. Among the 103 eligible applicants from the special backward tribes category, 58 males and 45 females were appointed as assistant teachers. Additionally, forest rights pattas were distributed to a total of 193 forest dwellers, including 106 individuals from Scheduled Tribes and the remaining from others.

In a series of commendable initiatives, CM Baghel distributed certificates to trained unemployed youth, ATM cards to 100 farmers, and Ayushman cards to 100 beneficiaries. To address the issue related to the shortage of teachers in Swami Atmanand schools, appointment letters were distributed to 39 individuals. As part of the Millet Mission, Ragi (Madiya) seed kits were also distributed to 50 farmers and 10 manual sprayer pumps to farmers belonging to the special backward tribes.

Surguja district has achieved a remarkable feat in addressing unemployment, as 3,076 applicants were deemed eligible for Unemployment Allowance, with a total distribution of Rs 1.42 crore. The district leads the state with an impressive 92.4% success rate in resolving Unemployment Allowance applications. Additionally, the Surguja district has made significant progress in providing healthcare ac-

cess through the Ayushman Card scheme, with 689,034 families receiving Ayushman cards. The distribution of ATM cards to farmers selling paddy through cooperative banks is also underway, with 7,770 cards already distributed through special camps.

Former Union Minister Kumari Selja, Legislative Assembly Speaker Charandas Mahant, Health Minister TS Singh Deo, Food Minister Amarjeet Bhagat, School Education Minister Premasi Singh Tekam, Korba MP Mrs. Jyotsna Mahant, Parliamentary Secretary Mr. Chintamani Singh Maharaj, Parliamentary Secretary Parasnath Rajwade, Chhattisgarh Scheduled Tribes Commission Chairman Bhanu Pratap Singh, Chairman of CGMSC and MLA Dr. Pritam Ram Turkey, Director of CGMSC and MLA Vinay Jaiswal, Chhattisgarh State Food Commission Chairman Gurpreet Singh Babra, State Twenty Point Program Vice Chairman Ajay Agarwal, Director of Apex Bank Ajay Bansal, Member of State Telghani Board Lakshmi Gupta and various public representative were present. At the beginning of the program, Surguja Collector Kundan Kumar presented a report regarding the achievements of government programs in the district.

## Ch'garh players shine with 15 medals

**In the first Janjatiya Khel Mahotsav held in Bhubaneswar**

**First Janjatiya Khel Mahotsav witnessed the participants from 18 states**



Raipur, Jun 15: Chhattisgarh shines at the first Janjatiya Khel Mahotsav in Bhubaneswar, bagging an impressive medal tally. With 1 gold, 6 silver, and 8 bronze medals, the state's athletes showcased their remarkable skills and sportsmanship with a total of 15 medals. Among their achievements, Chhattisgarh's players won a silver medal in the 50m and a bronze in the 100m swimming event, securing their place among the top performers from the 18 participating states.

Chhattisgarh's female football team showcased their exceptional skills, securing a

well-deserved gold medal. Kiran Pisda, a talented player from the Girls Football Academy in Raipur, emerged as the hero of this remarkable victory. The state's Kho-Kho and Kabaddi girls' teams both won the bronze medals. In athletics, Tania won the bronze medal in the high jump, while Manish Mandvi won a silver medal in the men's 5000-metre race. Tarnika Teta from Bahtarai Residential Sports Academy in Bilaspur won the silver medal in the 100-metre race and the bronze medal in the long jump. Pramila Mandvi won the silver medal in the girls' 5000-metre race.

Bilaspur's Bahatrai Residential Sports Academy

exelled in archery as well at the first Janjatiya Khel Mahotsav. Kuber Singh Jagat displayed remarkable skills, securing silver medals in both the individual 30-metre event and the overall category. Kuber Singh and Bundeshwari Maravi teamed up for the mixed event, winning a well-deserved bronze medal. Additionally, the girl's archery team won the bronze medal in the team championship, while the boy's team won the silver medal. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Umesh Patel extended their congratulations to the players for their impressive performance and wished them a successful future.

## Regular action on the illegal storage and transportation of wood by the Forest Department

**Katghora, Jun 15:**

In accordance with the instructions of the Minister of Transport, Housing and Environment, Forest, and Law, Mohammad Akbar, the Forest Department is taking continuous action to prevent forest crimes, illegal collection, and transportation of wood. In the same vein, 129 illegally stored logs of mixed species and one saw machine were seized in the



conducted a raid on the basis of the information obtained by an informer. In the action taken by the team, 129 logs of mixed species and one saw machine were found in the Badi of Saukhi Lal and Pramod in Khamhariya village.

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## Most of the panchayat reps get elected unopposed

**In the panchayat by-poll with only one candidate**



Jagdalpur, Jun 15: In Bastar district, after June 12, the last date for filing nominations for the three-tier panchayat by-elections, a situation of unopposed victory has been created in most of the panchayats where only one candidate is there for the posts of sarpanch or panch. By-elections were to be held for three posts of Sarpanch and 15 posts of Panch in the by-election. But now elections will be held only for the post of Titirgaon and for the post of Sarpanch on June 27. In the by-elections, out of three posts of sarpanch, two sarpanch have become elected unopposed. On the other hand, out of 15 posts of Panch, there is no need for voting as there is only one candidate in fray for the 12 posts and all will get elected unopposed.

According to the infor-

mation received from the District Election Branch, the elections for the post of Sarpanch were to be held in Gram Panchayat Ichhapur, Burundwara Semra and Maretha. Out of which only one candidate is standing in Burundwara Semra village of Jagdalpur block and Ichhapur village of Bastar block, in a way they will get elected unopposed. On the other hand, election will be held among the candidates for the post of Sarpanch in Maretha of Bakavand block. Similarly, out of 15 vacant posts of Panch, 12 posts have been won unopposed

## CM personally hands out appointment letters to 50 youth of Surguja

Surguja, Jun 15: Unemployment Allowance Scheme, initiated under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, is proving to be beneficial for unemployed youth who are pursuing their higher studies and preparing for competitive exams. By availing the scheme's benefits, unemployed youth are equipping themselves with the required skills and subsequently securing employment, thus becoming financially self-reliant.

Subhadra Minj and Stella Lakda, who reside in Ambikapur, are living in a rented space and focusing on their studies. They are receiving significant assistance through the unemployment allowance, which is helping them with the purchase of books, notebooks, pens, competitive exam materials, and filling out exam forms. They mentioned that they no longer rely on their relatives for financial support. They stated they are utilizing the unemployment allowance to



effectively achieve their goals.

Similarly, Umesh Chaudhary, a resident of Lakhanpur, shared that he is utilizing the unemployment allowance to purchase study materials according to his specific needs. This assistance is proving instrumental in

supporting his studies and preventing any financial difficulties from hindering his progress.

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel personally handed out appointment letters to a total of 50 youth of Surguja today, after completion of their training. After receiving

the appointment letters, these trained youth expressed their commitment to further enhancing their skills in order to achieve even greater goals in the future.

It is worth mentioning that under the Unemployment Allowance Scheme, 3,760

applicants from Surguja district are eligible for unemployment benefits. A total allowance of Rs 1.42 crore has been disbursed to them so far. Surguja district tops the state in terms of disposing of 92.4 per cent of the unemployment allowance applications.

## 28.36 cr loan disbursed to 1182 SHGs in the camp

Jagdalpur, Jun 15: Loans worth Rs 28.36 cr were distributed to 1182 SHG groups of Bastar district associated with the National Rural Livelihood Mission in the bank linkage camp. Industry Minister and district in-charge Kawasi Lakhma was present in the loan distribution program organized at Pandit Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Auditorium on Wednesday. Lakhma said on this occasion that traditionally in Bastar the key of the warehouse is in the hands of women only, because they work with more responsibility. Seeing this nature of women, CM Bhupesh Baghel has also entrusted the responsibility of strengthening the rural economy in the hands of women. Bastar MP Deepak Bajj said on the occasion that the people of the state will have money only then the state will be economically strong. The work



of strengthening the hands of women associated with self-help groups (SHGs) is being done by Chief Minister Baghel. He said that rapid changes are visi-

ble in Bastar due to women associated with self-help groups. Earlier there was smell of gunpowder in the air, whereas now this Bastar is smelling of coffee and pa-

para. Parliamentary Secretary Rekchhand Jain said that it is a fortunate day for Bastar that the women of Bastar are getting Rs 28 cr very easily for entrepreneurship. Now the situation has changed due to purchase of forest produce on support price through self-help groups. Due to this, where the forest produce collectors are getting good prices, the members of self-help groups are getting employment. He said that with today's loan distribution programme, other women groups will also get an opportunity for livelihood oriented works.

Collector Vijay Dayaram K said that according to the intention of the Chief Minister to empower the women of self-help groups through economic activities, 70 percent of the target has been achieved in the district. Necessary facilities are being provided to these

women for various livelihood oriented works in Gauthan and Rural Industrial Parks. On this occasion, products prepared from millet were launched at Kodenar Rural Industrial Park.

On this occasion, Chairman of Handicrafts Development Board Chandan Kashyap, Chitrakot MLA Rajman Benzam, Municipal Corporation Chairman Kavita Sahu also addressed the program. In the program, Chairman of Indravati Development Authority Rajeev Sharma, Chief Executive Officer of District Panchayat Prakash Sarve, Sub-Divisional Magistrate Nandkumar Choubey, Municipal Corporation Commissioner KS Paikra along with public representatives and members of self-help groups were present.

## Veterinary co-farmer awareness camp organized in sensitive areas

Konta, Jun 15: At the extreme end of the Chhattisgarh border, in the highly sensitive area of remote Chhattisgarh-Telangana border, under Chhattisgarh government's Suraji village 'Naruva, Garuva, Ghuruva and Bari Yojna', vaccination of animals was done by organizing awareness camps in forest village Maraiguda Gouthan of Konta block by the Animal Husbandry and Public Health Department here on Wednesday. During this, Sarpanch, Secretary, Ward Pancho and women of self-help groups of Gram Panchayat Maraiguda were informed about KCC by giving detailed information about departmental schemes by Dr. S. Zaheeruddin, Deputy Director Veterinary Services. Along with this, the episode of KCC animal husbandry was also prepared. In the camp, by taking advantage of the departmental schemes run by the Government of Chhattisgarh, Gauthans were motivated to improve their eco-



nomic condition and animals were bought or transported from other states to prevent lumpy skin disease caused by infection. Sarpanch, villagers and women of the group were made aware to prevent entry in the district.

In the camp, Sarpanch Maraiguda informed about the benefits of departmental schemes, KCC and protection of animals from lumpy skin disease in local Dorji dialect and animal

medicines, de-worming medicine and mineral mixture were distributed. It is worth mentioning that under the guidance and direction of Dr. S. Zaheeruddin, by the Livestock Development Department, by organizing such camps in sensitive villages, remote areas and rural areas, vaccination campaign to protect animals from diseases from time to time, breed improvement in herds.



## Man charged with murder of Hyderabad student Tejaswini in UK

London, Jun 15 (PTI):

A 23-year-old man was on Thursday charged with the murder of Indian student Tejaswini Kontham and the attempted murder of her friend at a residential address in Wembley, north London.

The Metropolitan Police said Keven Antonio Lourenco De Moraes, previously referred to as a Brazilian national, has been remanded in police custody to appear at Uxbridge Magistrates Court in London.

Two other people, one man and a woman, arrested in connection with the murder investigation at the crime scene have now been released with no further action.

“Keven Antonio Lourenco De Moraes, 23, of Neeld Crescent, Wembley was charged on Thursday, 15 June with the murder of Tejaswini Kontham and the attempted murder of a



Hyderabad Student Tejaswini

second woman,” the Met Police said in a statement.

On Tuesday, Met Police officers attended a flat in Neeld Crescent, Wembley, along with the London Ambulance Service and found Tejaswini and another woman, aged 28, suffering from knife injuries.

“Despite the efforts of emergency services, Tejaswini sadly died at the scene. Her family has been informed,” the police said.

It led to a man-hunt for

prime murder suspect De Moraes, who was later arrested in the Harrow area of north London.

The second victim of the knife attack has been named locally as Akhila, also from India who remains in hospital but is said to be out of danger. The Indian National Student Association (INSA) UK issued a statement to say that she remains in a state of shock following the attack, which claimed the life of her friend.

“On behalf of Indian students in the UK, we convey our sincere condolences to her family and friends and pray that her soul rests in peace,” INSA UK said in a statement with reference to Tejaswini.

“Our thoughts for Akhila also for her speedy recovery from this shock. We are hopeful that justice will be delivered for the affected families. We will do

everything possible to ease some of their family members’ pain. We are in touch with the authorities and will support the repatriation process,” it said.

According to INSA UK, Tejaswini whose full name is Tejaswini Kontham Reddy had recently graduated from the University of Greenwich in south London and went on to secure her post-study work visa. She moved to the flat in Wembley recently after securing a job in north London.

Sources at the Indian High Commission in London expressed their sadness at the tragic news and said the mission will support the families with consular assistance required.

Tejaswini’s father told a news channel in India on Wednesday that she had gone to London three years ago and had completed her MS course there.

## RELIEF FOR DISPLACED



A volunteer distributes food items among children at a camp set up in a school building for internally displaced people from coastal areas due to Cyclone Biparjoy approaching, in Badin, a Pakistan's southern district in the Sindh province, Thursday, June 15.

## UNGA adopts resolution introduced by India to honour fallen peacekeepers

United Nations, Jun 15 (PTI):

The UN General Assembly has adopted a draft resolution introduced by India to establish a memorial wall in the UN Headquarters to honour fallen peacekeepers.

India’s Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj introduced the draft resolution titled Memorial wall for fallen United Nations peacekeepers’ on Wednesday in the UN General Assembly hall.

The resolution was co-sponsored by nearly 190 UN Member States and was adopted by consensus.

It welcomed the initiative of Member States to “establish at a suitable and prominent place at United

Nations Headquarters in New York a memorial wall to honour the memory of fallen peacekeepers, giving due consideration to the modalities involved, including the recording of the names of those who have made the supreme sacrifice.”

While introducing the resolution, Kamboj said the memorial wall will be a testimony to the importance that the UN bestows on peacekeeping.

She said it will remind people of not only the sacrifices of the fallen but also be a “constant reminder of the cost of our decisions.”

The resolution was submitted by 18 countries including Bangladesh, Canada, China, Denmark, Egypt, France, India,

Indonesia, Jordan, Nepal, Rwanda and the US.

“Peacekeepers are not born. They are forged through the crucible of sacrifice. Their unwavering commitment and selfless acts pave the way for a world where peace must triumph over conflict,” Kamboj said.

The resolution stipulates that the wall be completed within three years of the text’s adoption.

In 2015, the Permanent Mission of India to the UN launched a virtual memorial wall, dedicated to the Indian troops who made the supreme sacrifice while doing active service as UN peacekeepers.

tiative was a precursor to the eventual construction of the Peacekeepers Memorial Wall.

## Pak FM Bilawal to travel to China and Japan to boost bilateral ties

Islamabad, Jun 15 (PTI):

Pakistan Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari will embark on a two-nation visit to China and Japan from June 27 to deepen bilateral cooperation. He will travel to China in the last week of June to attend the 14th Annual Meeting of the New Champions, also known as the World Economic Forum’s (WEF) “Summer Davos”, to be held from June 27 to June 29 in China’s Tianjin Municipality, official sources told The Express Tribune newspaper on Wednesday.

Bilawal will also undertake a maiden visit to Japan in the first week of July. Japan is a key development partner of Pakistan and the foreign minister’s visit would likely further deepen the cooperation, it said.



Pakistan has tried to maintain a fine balance while pursuing ties with its all-weather ally China and its rival Japan. Tokyo has old ties with Islamabad and supported the country financially. But in the preceding years, Japan’s relationship has grown exponentially with India while Pakistan found greater comfort in the arms of China. It is believed that Bilawal’s visit to Japan would help to maintain the balance in ties with Beijing and Tokyo.

## 2 Pakistani journalists booked

● For inciting attacks on military installations on May 9

Islamabad, Jun 15 (PTI):

Pakistan police have booked two journalists on charges of sedition and terrorism for their alleged involvement in the violence that engulfed the country on May 9 following the arrest of former prime minister Imran Khan, a media report said on Thursday.

The Aabpara police station here registered the case against anchormen Sabir Shakir and Moeed Pirzada and another individual more than a month after the violence occurred, the Dawn newspaper reported.

The case was registered against the complaint of an unnamed citizen and includes various sections of the Pakistan Penal Code along with sections of anti-terrorism laws. The FIR claimed that on May 9, the complainant was present at Melody Chowk, where an angry mob vandalised property, taking instructions from Shakir, Pirzada and Syed Akbar Hussain via video messages, the report said. The complainant claimed that the persons named in the FIR incited people to commit violence and encouraged them to attack the installations of the armed forces, spread terrorism, provoke mutiny and create chaos in the country. The case followed a similar FIR registered earlier this week where the police booked journalists Shaheen Sehba and Wajahat Saeed Khan, as well as Army officer-turned-Youtuber Adil Raja and anchorperson Syed Haider Raza Mehdi,

for “abetting mutiny” and inciting people to attack military installations across the country.

Separately, global media watchdog Reporters Without Borders (RSF) urged Pakistan to immediately dismiss the “ludicrous mutiny accusations in a complaint with no credibility” that an individual has brought against two journalists in the federal capital.

Although manifestly absurd, the charges could carry the death penalty, it said.

## North Korea launches 2 ballistic missiles toward sea

Seoul, Jun 15 (AP):

North Korea launched two short-range ballistic missiles toward its eastern waters on Thursday, the South Korean military said, in a resumption of its weapons testing activities to protest just-ended South Korean-U.S. live-fire drills, which it views as an invasion rehearsal.

The North Korean launch is its first since it failed in an attempt to put its first spy satellite into orbit in late May.

South Korea’s Joint Chiefs of Staff said it detected the North Korean launches from its capital region on Thursday evening. It said South Korea’s military boosted its surveillance posture and maintains readiness in close coordination with the United States.

Japan’s Defense Ministry also said it detected a possible ballistic missile fired by North Korea. Japan’s Coast Guard alerted vessels in



waters between the Korean Peninsula and Japan and the North Pacific seas, warning them to avoid falling objects. There were no immediate reports of damage to ships or aircraft.

The launch came hours after South Korean and US troops ended a fifth round of large-scale live-fire drills near the Koreans’ heavily fortified border earlier Thursday.

About 30 minutes before

the enemies.”

Tensions have risen in past months as the pace of both North Korean weapons tests and US-South Korea military exercises has increased in tit-for-tat responses. North Korea has test-fired about 100 missiles since the start of 2022.

On May 31, a North Korean long-range rocket carrying its first spy satellite crashed off the Korean Peninsula’s west coast. North Korea admitted to its failure and vowed to push for a second launch.

A spy satellite is among a slew of high-tech weapons systems North Korean leader Kim Jong Un wants to introduce to cope with what he calls US hostility. “This launch is not to make up for the recent failure, because North Korea will almost certainly make another attempt later to put a spy satellite into orbit,” said Leif-Eric Easley, a professor at Ewha University in Seoul.

The government unveiled a Rs 14.4 trillion budget for 2023-24 in the National Assembly last week as it battled to fend off a looming default due to shrinking foreign reserves. A day before

## IMF raises issues with Pakistan’s FY23-24 budget

● Calls it ‘missed opportunity’

Islamabad, Jun 15 (PTI):

The IMF has raised several issues in Pakistan’s budget for the fiscal year 2023-24, calling it a “missed opportunity” but expressed its readiness to work with the cash-strapped country to refine the budget ahead of its passage in Parliament.

The government unveiled a Rs 14.4 trillion budget for 2023-24 in the National Assembly last week as it battled to fend off a looming default due to shrinking foreign reserves. A day before

its tabling, IMF Resident Representative for Pakistan, Esther Perez Ruiz, said Pakistan needed to satisfy the Washington-based lender on three counts, including the budget for the upcoming fiscal year before its board reviews whether to release at least some of the USD 2.5 billion pending disbursement under the 2019 Extended Fund Facility (EFF) set to expire at the June end. In a statement late on Wednesday, Ruiz said that a new tax amnesty scheme proposed by the government in the budget sets a “damaging precedent” and runs against the programme’s conditionality, the Dawn

newspaper reported. The statement did not specify which particular scheme the Fund was referring to. It also notes that the draft FY24 budget “misses an opportunity to broaden the tax base in a more progressive way, and the long list of new tax expenditures reduces further the fairness of the tax system and undercuts the resources needed for greater support for vulnerable BISP (Benazir Income Support Programme) recipients and development spending”.

## Bill Gates visits China as leaders try to revive foreign business interest

Beijing, Jun 15 (AP):

Microsoft Corp. co-founder Bill Gates says he is in Beijing, joining a series of foreign business figures who have visited China as the ruling Communist Party tries to revive investor interest in the country.

Gates, who stepped down as Microsoft chairman in 2014, said on Twitter late Wednesday that he would meet partners who have worked with his charitable foundation.



However, Gates is revered in China as an entrepreneur, giving Chinese leaders a chance

to show their interest in foreign business by publicising any meetings with him.

CEOs of global companies including Elon Musk of Tesla Ltd. and Apple Inc.’s Tim Cook have visited China this year and met Premier Li Qiang, the top economic official, and Cabinet ministers following the end of anti-virus controls that blocked most international travel.

“I’m excited to visit with partners who have been working on global

health and development challenges with @gatesfoundation for more than 15 years,” Gates wrote on Twitter. He gave no details.

The ruling party is trying to revive foreign interest in China’s slowing economy and reassure companies that have been rattled by anti-monopoly and data-security crackdowns, raids on consulting firms, tension with Washington and pressure to align their plans with official development goals.

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### Safeguarding Data

#### Urgent Reforms Needed in Digital Privacy

The recent scare of a major data breach compromising the personal information of Covid-19 vaccine recipients has once again brought the preparedness of authorities for digital privacy protection into question. While the government denies claims of data access through a Telegram bot on the vaccination-tracking platform CoWIN, the possibility of previously stolen data being involved only adds to the mounting concerns. Citizens entrusting their information to databases rightfully expect regular risk assessments and robust safety provisions. It is high time to reevaluate the safety regime and address doubts about the security of e-platforms. The challenges faced by the nodal cybersecurity agency are increasing, but meeting this demand is crucial in the present landscape. In the wake of the AIIMS cyberattack last November, a series of remedial measures were put forth. One crucial aspect highlighted was the implementation of network segmentation, which involves dividing a computer network into sub-networks to enhance security and isolate vulnerabilities. Additionally, the importance of a security information and event management solution was emphasized. This solution collects data from various sources to provide real-time visibility of security events. Establishing an incident response plan to minimize damage and ensuring mandatory cybersecurity training for staff were also stressed. Tech teams were urged to remain vigilant by keeping devices and systems updated with the latest security patches and software releases. Monitoring cybercrime forums to stay ahead of the latest tactics employed by threat actors becomes imperative in safeguarding systems and preserving the confidentiality of sensitive information. The government's increasing reliance on e-services necessitates the implementation of accompanying systems that protect the digital citizen. The rise in cybercrime activity, exemplified by recent syndicate busts in Haryana's Nuh, underscores the scale of the threat and the associated risks. To address the pressing concerns surrounding data protection, several measures must be taken. First and foremost, there is a need for a comprehensive and stringent data protection framework that sets clear guidelines for organizations handling sensitive data. This framework should include regular audits, robust encryption protocols, and strict access controls to minimize the risk of unauthorized access. Additionally, a centralized authority should be established to oversee and enforce data protection regulations across sectors, ensuring accountability and swift action in case of breaches. Public awareness campaigns and educational initiatives are vital to empower individuals with the knowledge to protect their own data and recognize potential threats. Citizens must be educated about best practices for online security, such as creating strong passwords, exercising caution while sharing personal information, and identifying phishing attempts. Collaboration between government agencies, private sector entities, and cybersecurity experts is essential in developing effective strategies to combat the evolving nature of cyber threats. As technology continues to advance, so do the methods employed by cybercriminals. It is imperative that authorities adapt their strategies and invest in robust cybersecurity measures to stay one step ahead. Data protection is not just a matter of individual privacy; it is a critical aspect of national security and economic stability. Failure to address the vulnerabilities in our digital infrastructure can have far-reaching consequences, compromising public trust and hindering progress in the digital era.

### Budget Crisis

#### Pakistan's IMF Dilemma

The evaluation of Pakistan's government budget by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has raised serious concerns about the nation's economic recovery and the possibility of securing a crucial bailout. The IMF's criticism, highlighting significant shortfalls in the budget's targets, suggests that the scheduled aid, expected this month, may not materialize. Consequently, Pakistan's dollar bonds have experienced a decline in value, compounding the country's financial challenges. In a statement reported by Bloomberg, Esther Perez Ruiz, the IMF's resident representative in Pakistan, expressed disappointment with the new budget's tax policies. She stated that it missed a vital opportunity to broaden the tax base in a more equitable and progressive manner. Moreover, the extensive list of new tax expenditures further erodes the fairness of the tax system, undermining the program's conditionality and governance agenda. Ruiz also criticized the introduction of a tax amnesty, which sets a detrimental precedent. The IMF has offered to collaborate with Pakistani authorities to refine the budget before its passage. However, as the deadline for the latest review of Pakistan's \$6.7 billion loan program approaches on June 30, the IMF's critique raises concerns about the government's ability to meet its debt obligations. Moody's Investors Service has recently cautioned that Pakistan could face default if it fails to secure a new IMF program. Patrick Curran, a senior economist at Tellimer, warns that securing IMF funding before the current program expires seems increasingly unlikely. He states that a default becomes likely unless Pakistan swiftly reaches a new agreement with the IMF in the coming months. This looming uncertainty is reflected in the decline of Pakistan's \$1 billion bond maturing in April next year, which dropped to approximately 55 cents on the dollar during Asian trading on Thursday, reaching its lowest level in nearly two weeks. The country faces the daunting challenge of approximately \$23 billion in external debt payments for the upcoming fiscal year starting in July. Despite the IMF's criticism, Pakistani officials have come forward to defend the budget, emphasizing the government's aim to obtain some relief and strengthen the ongoing economic recovery. Junior Finance Minister Aisha Ghaus Pasha, addressing reporters in Islamabad, underscored their commitment to stabilization while seeking opportunities to foster economic growth. However, the disbursement of aid has been suspended by the IMF, which demands more robust fiscal policies from Pakistan. Yet, implementing these measures presents a significant political challenge, especially with anticipated elections later this year. Addressing a financing gap of \$2 billion and making adjustments to the exchange rate policy are additional obstacles that must be overcome. Uzair Younus, director of the Pakistan Initiative at the Atlantic Council's South Asia Center, observes that the IMF finds the current budget unacceptable. Given the political exigencies in Islamabad, meeting the IMF's expectations within days is an arduous task for the government as the program's end draws near. Pakistan finds itself at a critical juncture, grappling with a budget crisis that threatens its economic stability and the prospect of securing vital IMF funding. The government must urgently address the IMF's concerns and implement necessary fiscal reforms to safeguard the nation's financial future. The coming months will determine whether Pakistan can overcome these challenges and put itself on a path towards sustained growth and stability.

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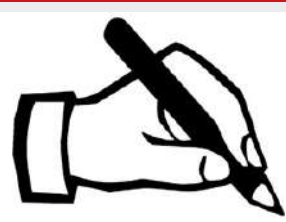
### PREPARATION FOR RATH YATRA FESTIVAL



An artisan gives final touches to idols of Lord Jagannath, Balabhadra and Devi Subhadra ahead of the Rath Yatra festival, in Bhubaneswar, Thursday, June 15.

## Battling the Storms: India's Decade of Deadly Cyclones

### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA



Over the last 10 years, India has faced several major cyclones that have left a lasting impact. Let's take a closer look at some notable ones:

#### Cyclone Phailin (2013)

On October 12, 2013, Cyclone Phailin made landfall near Gopalpur in Ganjam district, Odisha, with winds reaching around 200 km per hour. This powerful cyclone affected approximately 13.2 million people in 171 blocks across 18 districts of the state, resulting in 44 human casualties. The impact of Phailin caused extensive damage to infrastructure, agriculture, and livelihoods.

#### Cyclone Hudhud (2014)

This cyclone struck the coastal regions of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha on October 12, 2014. It resulted in approximately 124 fatalities and caused significant infrastructure damage, including buildings, roads, and the power grid. Visakhapatnam and nearby areas experienced the brunt of the cyclone, enduring heavy rainfall, strong winds, storm surges, and flooding.

#### Cyclone Vardah (2016)

Vardah made landfall near Chennai on December 12, 2016, classified as a very severe cyclonic storm. It claimed 18 lives in Tamil Nadu and caused significant damage to infrastructure, uprooting trees and disrupting power supply in Chennai and neighboring

Cyclone Biparjoy has commenced its landfall process, hitting the regions of Saurashtra and Kutch in Gujarat and extending towards Pakistan's Karachi. The India Meteorological Department has provided updates on the cyclone's movement, stating that it will cross the coasts of Saurashtra, Kutch, and Pakistan between Mandvi (Gujarat) and Karachi (Pakistan), near Jakhau Port (Gujarat), by tonight. As the cyclone progresses, areas such as Kachchh, Devbhumi Dwarka, and Jamnagar can expect light to moderate rainfall, while Porbandar, Rajkot, Morbi, and Junagarh districts of Gujarat are likely to experience heavy downpours. The IMD's latest bulletin also indicates the possibility of isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall in the remaining districts of Saurashtra and the northern Gujarat region. In preparation for the cyclone's impact, the Gujarat government has taken proactive measures, relocating over 94,000 individuals residing in eight coastal districts to temporary shelters. Prohibitory orders have been issued, public transport services have been suspended, and the public has been advised to stay indoors for safety. To ensure swift response and assistance, two teams each from the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) have been deployed in Gujarat. Additionally, the Army and Indian Air Force have been put on standby to provide support as needed. While a majority of cyclones originate over the Bay of Bengal and strike the east coast of India, recent research indicates a significant increase in the frequency, duration, and intensity of cyclones in the Arabian Sea over the past few decades. On average, five to six tropical cyclones form each year, out of which two or three could be severe, as per government data.

areas. Timely warnings and preparedness measures facilitated the evacuation of people from vulnerable regions.

#### Cyclone Fani (2019)

Fani struck the eastern coast of India on May 3, 2019, near Puri in Odisha, with wind speeds reaching 175 kmph. This extremely severe cyclonic storm claimed 64 lives and caused extensive damage to infrastructure, including houses, power lines, agricultural fields, communication networks, and water supply systems.

#### Cyclone Amphan (2020)

Amphan, the first super cyclone over the Bay of Bengal since Odisha's super cyclone in 1999, made landfall on May 20, 2020, near the Sundarbans in West Bengal. The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) labeled Amphan as the costliest tropical cyclone on record in the North Indian Ocean, with reported economic losses in India totaling approximately USD 14 billion. The cyclone resulted in 129 casualties across India and Bangladesh.

#### Cyclone Tauktae (2021)

Categorized as an extremely

severe cyclone, Tauktae made landfall on the southern coast of Gujarat on May 17, 2021, coinciding with India's battle against a ferocious second wave of COVID-19. The US Joint Typhoon Warning Center reported maximum sustained winds of up to 185 kmph, making it the "strongest tropical cyclone" to hit India's west coast in at least two decades. Tauktae claimed over 100 lives, predominantly in Gujarat, and caused widespread destruction in Kerala, Karnataka, Goa, and Maharashtra.

Thanks to the accurate early warning system of the IMD and effective disaster preparedness measures, millions of people were successfully evacuated, significantly minimizing the loss of life. However, Phailin still left a trail of destruction in its wake, causing severe damage to infrastructure, agriculture, and the means of subsistence for numerous communities. These cyclones serve as reminders of the immense challenges India faces in dealing with natural disasters. However, they also high-

light the importance of proactive measures, including timely warnings, robust evacuation plans, and efforts to strengthen infrastructure resilience in vulnerable areas.

In recent years, India has made significant progress in disaster management, with a focus on early warning systems, community preparedness, and coordinated response mechanisms. The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and state-level agencies play a crucial role in coordinating relief operations and providing support to affected regions.

As India continues to face the threat of cyclones, it is imperative that all stakeholders, including the government, communities, and individuals, work together to build a more resilient nation. By investing in preparedness measures, raising awareness, and fostering sustainable development practices, India can enhance its capacity to mitigate the impact of cyclones and protect the lives and livelihoods of its people.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Format Specialization

The outcome of the 2023 World Test Championship final highlights the clear advantage Australia gained from having separate teams for different formats. However, in the case of India, the majority of players participate across all three formats. Consequently, they struggle to find enough time for practice. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) should address this concern and manage the situation in a manner that allows players sufficient preparation time for upcoming games. A careful approach is required to ensure that representatives receive ample opportunities to hone their skills and excel in their respective formats.

Raj Kumar, Raipur

#### Lesson in Diplomacy

The Indian public is irate with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for his consistent criticism of Indian democracy while on foreign trips. Regardless of the country, whether it be England, America, or any other, Rahul Gandhi makes it his primary objective to disparage India. Such actions can only be seen as an insult to India and its democratic values. Recently, during his visit to America, when Rahul Gandhi once again began his critique of Indian democracy, John Kirby, the Strategic Communications Coordinator in the National Security Council, expressed his view that India is a vibrant democracy and its true essence can only be experienced by visiting the country. Today, even America praises Indian democracy, which has become the cornerstone of the Indo-US friendship. It is hoped that Rahul Gandhi will take this as a lesson to reconsider his approach.

Shiv Kumar Mishra, Raipur

#### Kohinoor's Homecoming

The unwavering determination of the government to reclaim the Kohinoor, despite the slim odds of success, deserves commendation. This exquisite gem has graced the crown of the late Queen Elizabeth II, the country's longest-reigning monarch. According to legend, the Kohinoor should only be worn by a woman, as it is said to bring misfortune to any man who dares to don it. Throughout history, kings have fiercely battled over the possession of this jewel, believing that its owner would wield dominion over the world. Perhaps, UK PM Rishi Sunak could persuade King Charles to restore the Kohinoor to its rightful home.

Gian P Kansal, Ambala

## CoWIN Data Leak: A Call for Thorough Investigation

### Protecting Citizens' Privacy in the Digital Age



Yash Pal Raihan

In the wake of alarming reports of a data leak from the CoWIN platform, it is imperative for the government to conduct a comprehensive investigation and provide transparent answers. Failure to address this issue promptly could have detrimental consequences for the country's reputation. We have previously

witnessed the tarnishing of our image when cough syrup exports led to the tragic deaths of children in African countries. The alleged breach of crucial data, if proven true, not only constitutes a major cybercrime but also violates the right to privacy—a fundamental right upheld by the Supreme Court. It is essential to uphold citizens' trust and protect their privacy in an era where data sharing has become ubiquitous across various mandatory applications.

Media reports suggest that a Telegram bot has leaked sensitive details such as names, dates of birth, phone numbers, Aadhaar numbers, and other information provided by individuals during their registration on the CoWIN app for Covid-19 vaccination. Shockingly, the bot is also reported to have exposed passport numbers used for booking vaccination slots. The leakage of passport numbers is particularly concerning, as

demonstrated by previous instances of fraudulent usage, such as the opening of an account by the son of a Prime Minister.

As conflicting reports continue to emerge, it is crucial to clarify the situation and alleviate the concerns of the general public. If the data leak is confirmed following a thorough investigation, it would not only constitute a significant cybercrime but also a grave violation of the right to privacy—a fundamental right recognized by the Supreme Court and guaranteed to all citizens by the Constitution. Furthermore, the leak raises questions about the safety of individuals' data entrusted to various public and government agencies.

The prompt response from the central government, represented by Minister of State of Electronics and Information Technology, Rajeev Chander Shekhar, is a positive step in recognizing

the gravity of the allegations. Shekhar stated that based on the preliminary findings of the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-in), the nodal national cybersecurity agency, the CoWIN portal itself was not directly breached, contrary to media claims and reports.

However, instead of putting an end to the controversy, the minister's guarded and technical response has only amplified doubts regarding the security of people's data within public and government agencies. It implies that an indirect breach of data may indeed have been possible. For citizens exposed to the digital world, whether their private data was leaked directly or indirectly from the CoWIN app is irrelevant—the key concern lies in the alleged exposure of their data in the public domain.

Given the gravity of the situation, it is crucial for the Prime Minister to personally

intervene and address the matter directly. This step is essential to maintain the faith of the common man in the data they provide to government agencies. Any delay or ambiguity in resolving this issue will only further erode public trust and raise doubts in the minds of citizens.

Protecting citizens' privacy in the digital age is a paramount responsibility of the government. Robust measures must be put in place to ensure the security and confidentiality of individuals' data. This incident should serve as a wake-up call to strengthen data protection frameworks, enhance cybersecurity infrastructure, and enforce stringent regulations to safeguard citizens' privacy rights. Transparency, accountability, and a proactive approach are essential in rebuilding public confidence and demonstrating a commitment to protecting citizens' sensitive information.



**BRIEF**

**Inkle**

**New Delhi:** Chat-based public account software as a service firm Inkle has made a foray into inter-company cross border payments for US-India startups which will help the firm log rapid growth in revenues in coming years. Inkle on Thursday announced the launch of cross-border payments product for US-India startups. Inkle Transfer Pricing Payments product will enable such startups to send money to India compliantly, quickly and affordably. "Customers have wired close to USD one million in transaction volumes over the last few weeks, and we're expecting volumes (and hence revenues) to rise rapidly in line with this growth over the coming years," a company statement said.

**Kesoram**

**Kolkata:** Kesoram Industries Ltd is planning to infuse fresh capital of Rs 60 crore for the turnaround of Cygnet Industries Ltd, its wholly owned subsidiary, to transform it into a leading global supplier of cellulose transparent paper; a senior company official said on Thursday. The Manjushree Khaitan-led company is the only one in south Asia that manufactures non-toxic, biodegradable cellulose transparent paper; also known as cellophane paper; used to wrap food and protect it.

**Godrej Properties**

**New Delhi:** Godrej Properties has emerged as the highest bidder to acquire 7.44-acre land parcel in Kolkata for development of a luxury housing project, which has an estimated sales revenue potential of around Rs 1,200 crore. In a regulatory filing, realty firm Godrej Properties Ltd informed that it will acquire a 7.44-acre land parcel at New Alipore in Kolkata from West Bengal Housing Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd.

**Shyam Metalics**

**Bhopal:** Integrated metal producer Shyam Metalics on Wednesday announced the launch of its premium SEL Tiger TMT Re-Bars in Madhya Pradesh as it plans to reinforce its market position in the state. Recognising the remarkable growth of the construction industry in Madhya Pradesh, the launch of SEL Tiger TMT signifies a major step forward in contributing to the state's development, a company official told reporters here.

**Ashok Leyland**

**Mumbai:** Commercial vehicle maker Ashok Leyland on Thursday said it has inked a pact with Airdrivers to produce autonomous electric terminal trucks. The tie-up with the global specialist in AI-enabled autonomous solutions across industrial mobility is aimed at addressing the net zero emission needs of the port industry, Ashok Leyland said. The two companies will combine their specialised knowledge and experience to meet the demands of sustainable autonomous transportation in the port industry, it said.

## Jindal Stainless ropes in Germany's Dassault Systemes to manage production

**New Delhi, Jun 15 (PTI):**

Jindal Stainless Ltd (JSL) on Thursday said it has roped in Germany-based Dassault Systemes to manage "end-to-end" production and operational functions at its Hisar and Jajpur units.

The deal was signed between JSL Managing Director Abhyuday Jindal and Eric Leveugle, Vice President, Worldwide Business Transformation, Dassault Systemes at Dusseldorf in Germany on Thursday, the company said in a statement.

"JSL has inked a deal with Dassault Systemes to strengthen its production



Managing Director of Jindal Stainless (JSL) Ltd Abhyuday Jindal (L) signs a pact with VP, Worldwide Business Transformation, Dassault Systemes, Eric Leveugle, in Dusseldorf, Thursday, June 15.

planning, scheduling and execution processes. Having recently merged and doubled its capacity to

2.9 million tonne per annum (MTPA), this will enable JSL to seamlessly manage end-to-end production and operational functions between Hisar (Haryana) and Jajpur (Odisha)," it said. By adopting an integrated and fully automated approach to operations management, JSL intends to achieve sharper resource utilisation, faster capacity balancing, live data synthesis and accurate predictions, while maintaining high-quality standards. "This is another bold step towards creatively demolishing legacy systems and adopting new-age models of digitisation and automation.

## ONGC signs pact with IndianOil for petrochemicals

**New Delhi, Jun 15 (PTI):**

India's top oil and natural gas producer ONGC has signed a pact with the nation's largest oil refining and fuel marketing company Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) for exploring opportunities in the petrochemicals business.

Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and IOC "signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to explore downstream opportunities, especially in petrochemicals, both greenfield projects and through acquisitions," ONGC said in a tweet. ONGC, which produces two-thirds of the na-

tion's oil that is refined into fuels like petrol and diesel and more than half of gas that is used to make fertilisers and turned into CNG, already has two downstream petrochemical plants through subsidiaries.

As nations transition away from polluting fossil fuels to low-carbon sources of energy like hydrogen and use of electricity to power automobiles, oil companies the world over are reinventing themselves. Crude oil, which is currently refined in refineries to produce petrol and diesel, is to be directly converted into petrochemicals that form building blocks for a range of plas-

tics, paints, detergents and tires.

The demand for petrochemicals in India is projected to grow exponentially as the per capita consumption was much lower world average.

Last month, Oil Minister Hardeep Singh Puri stated at a conference that the chemical market in India is projected to grow to USD 300 billion this decade from USD 178 billion.

India is expected to account for more than 10 per cent of the world's growth in petrochemicals, a press statement issued by the Press Information Bureau (PIB) on May 19 quoted him as saying.

## Bajaj Allianz General Insurance to conduct GIFI

**Pune, Jun 15:**

Bajaj Allianz General Insurance, one of the leading private general insurers of India will be hosting the General Insurance Festival of India (GIFI), which is the first of its kind event being organized in the insurance industry. The one-day festival will include various interactive activities like motivational sessions by renowned speakers, a lifestyle zone, live performances by renowned

music composer Pritam, an entertainment segment by comedian Sunil Grover and many more experiential activities. As part of the festival, the Company has also announced an awards ceremony for general insurance agents called the "GIFI Awards" where health and general insurance advisors across the industry can nominate themselves for the GIFI awards. This event will be hosted on the 3rd of July 2023, in Pune.

## Gold plunges Rs 550; silver down Rs 900

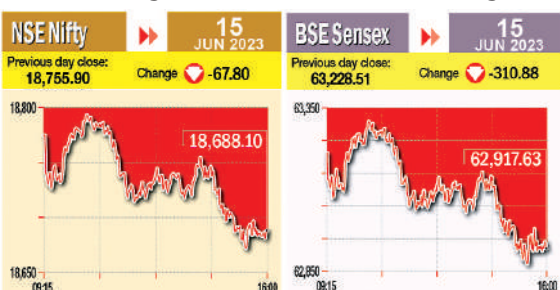
**New Delhi, Jun 15 (PTI):**

Gold price plunged Rs 550 to Rs 59,700 per 10 gram in the national capital on Thursday amid weak global trends, according to HDFC Securities. The precious metal had ended at Rs 60,250 per 10 gram in the previous trade. Silver also tumbled Rs 900 to Rs 72,600 per kilogram. "Gold extended its fall in Asian trading hours on Thursday, with spot gold price in the Delhi markets at Rs 59,700/10 gram,



down Rs 550 per 10 gram," Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst - Commodities at HDFC Securities, said. In the overseas markets, both gold and silver were trading lower at USD 1,932 per ounce and USD 23.36 per ounce, respectively.

## Market benchmarks halt 3-day rally; banking, financial stocks weigh



**Mumbai, Jun 15 (PTI):**

Equity benchmarks Sensex and Nifty buckled under selling pressure on Thursday as investors pared exposure to banking, IT and finance stocks after three sessions of gains amid the US Fed's hawkish stance on interest rates. A weak opening in European markets and the depreciating rupee also sapped risk appetite, traders said. After rallying for the past three days, the 30-share BSE Sensex fell 310.88 points or 0.49 per cent to settle at 62,917.63. During the day, it tumbled 357.43 points

or 0.56 per cent to 62,871.08.

The NSE Nifty declined 67.80 points or 0.36 per cent to end at 18,688.10. Wipro was the biggest loser in the Sensex pack, slipping nearly 2 per cent, followed by Indusind Bank, State Bank of India, Kotak Mahindra Bank, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Infosys, Tata Consultancy Services, HDFC and Bajaj Finserv.

On the other hand, Nestle, Mahindra & Mahindra, ITC, HCL Technologies, Asian Paints and Maruti were among the gainers.

## 18TH CII- EXIM BANK CONCLAVE



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar with others during the 18th CII- EXIM Bank Conclave on India-Africa Project Partnership, in New Delhi.

## Adani Green ranked first in Asia and among top 10 RE companies globally for ESG performance

**ISS ESG places AGEL in 'Prime' B+ band for its high level of transparency**

**Ahmedabad, June 15:**

Adani Green Energy Limited (AGEL), India's largest renewable power producer and the renewable energy arm of the diversified Adani portfolio, has been ranked First in Asia and among the top 10 companies globally in the renewable energy sector by ISS ESG.

AGEL has been placed in the 'Prime' (B+) band, recognizing its robust ESG disclosure practices and high level of transparency. This milestone takes AGEL a step closer to achieving its target of being rated among the top 10 ESG companies in the world in the electric utility sector by FY25. AGEL has already been ranked in the world's top 10 companies in the Renewable Energy sector by Sustainalytics in FY23.

AGEL has the largest operating renewable portfolio in India with 8,216 MW. Its operations provide clear environmental benefits through its contribution to fighting climate change and by enabling transition to a more sustainable energy system. Relevant



social and environmental risks are addressed through dedicated management systems.

AGEL strongly believes in embedding ESG principles at its core and in its business strategy. Adherence to these principles helps build resilience, transform culture, and create long-term value by systematically identifying opportunities, managing risks, and securing the interests of all our stakeholders. Being a pure-play renewable energy company, AGEL supports and contributes to India's decarbonization goals by generating and supplying renewable energy to the grid. As a part of

its vision to lead the sustainable energy future, it is committed to providing an ecologically leading solution to climate change, water scarcity, and the unsustainable growth in consumption of natural resources.

"At AGEL, there are four pillars to the ESG framework - guiding principles, policies, commitment and assurance - helping the company align with UN Global Compact, UN Sustainable Goals, India Business and Biodiversity Initiatives, Green Bond Principles, and IFC's E&S Performance," said Mr Vneet S Jaain, MD, Adani Green Energy Ltd. "Our policies

are aligned with these guidelines and ESG targets have been set keeping these policies in mind. Our aim is to be among the top 10 companies of the world in the ESG benchmarking of the electric utility sector by FY25."

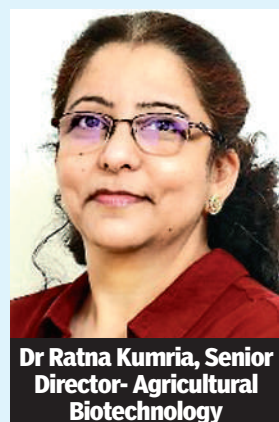
The ESG Corporate Rating provides relevant and forward-looking ESG and performance assessments. Drawing on an overall pool of about 700 standard and industry-specific indicators, ISS ESG applies approximately 100 environmental, social and governance-related indicators for each of the ratings.

AGEL has implemented a group-wide health and safety management system, which is certified in accordance with ISO 45001 standards. There is a code of conduct for all employees as well as specific policies on whistleblowing and corruption. Adani Green develops, builds, owns, operates and maintains utility-scale grid-connected solar and wind projects. The electricity produced is supplied to central and state government entities and government-backed corporations. Contributing to India's renewable energy dreams, the company is on track to achieve its target of 45 GW renewable energy capacity by 2030.

# Agri Biotechnology to Manage Climate Change

**A**lliance for Agri Innovation, a special interest group of Federation of Seed Industry of India said that the global calamities triggered by climate change, the disruption in food supply due to pandemic and geo-political instability have led the people to embrace science and agri-biotechnology. The quick solutions offered by biotechnology to manage the pandemic have also reinforced consumer's faith in technological solutions for a myriad of problems in food production and distribution. One such offering of biotechnology is GM crops that have been grown across the globe for more than 25 years with no proven negative impact, rather have contributed to increase in productivity, reduction in use of pesticides and fossil fuels.

Many countries have newly adopted GM cultivation in the last 5 years to address food security for their population, these include China, Kenya, Malawi, Ghana and Nigeria. China has allowed the commercial release of GM cotton and GM papaya so far. There are strong indications that a few more GM crops, especially GM maize and GM soybean would be allowed for commercial release soon. Some African regions have been experiencing severe problems of malnutrition, food deficit, inadequate food production, and crop loss. Modern biotechnology had been opposed in Africa over human health and the environmental concerns. However, GM crops are proving their mettle as they have contributed to solving farm problems and attaining sustainability across the continent.



Dr Ratna Kumria, Senior Director- Agricultural Biotechnology

South Africa, Burkina Faso, Egypt, Kenya, Uganda, and Nigeria have received political and public support to adopt biotechnological solutions for improving agricultural productivity. Taking the example of on such nation, Malawi had approved its first GM crop which is BT-cotton in 2019 and since then farmers have been able to cut down crop losses due to pest infestation. The cotton yields in Malawi have increased from 400 kilograms per hectare to 800 kilograms per hectare. The country is looking

into adopting the technology to find solutions for other crops like maize and traits like drought. Scientists in many vulnerable nations are trying to come up with biotechnological innovations that would help boost crop output, offer strong resistance to pests and diseases, and enhance the nutritional value of different crops.

The government of India has been funding and supporting for many decades the use of modern science and its application in agriculture to enable the transformation of the farm sector. GM crops with enhanced traits and nutritional value have been developed both by public and private sector. The commercial release of GM mustard has paved a way for other GM crops with enhanced traits to be accepted and cultivated.

There has been growing public awareness about the need for GM technol-

ogy to combat climate change, feed fast-growing population and end malnutrition. One major benefit of using GM crops for the environment is a significant reduction in the use of fertilizers and pesticides. Studies have shown that insect-resistant and herbicide-tolerant GM crops have led to a reduction in pesticide spraying by over 8 percent in the two decades of their cultivation. Water and nutrient use efficient GM crops reduce the use of water and other crucial resources respectively. Besides, the obvious reduction in chemicals and inputs, some other subtle advantages of GM crops include improvement in air quality, quality of water in water bodies, improvement in soil health and local biodiversity. The reduction in pesticide inputs and lower fossil fuel usage in GM crop cultivation leads to lower carbon emissions on GM crop farms compared

to conventional crops. The adoption of GM crops contributes to preventing a significant amount of greenhouse gas emissions e.g CO2 emission reduction associated with GM cultivation due to reduced fuel use and additional soil carbon sequestration in 2020 was found to be equal to the removal of 15.6 million cars off the road. This is important from the climate change perspective. People's experience with GM foods and awareness about their benefits has led to an increase in acceptance of modern science applications.

To avert environmental disaster and ensure food security for over 10 billion people, we need to increase food productivity without bringing more land under farming, hence preserving forests and biodiversity. The abiotic and biotic stresses faced on the farm due to climate change also need to be mitigated while im-

proving carbon capture and sequestration. The average yields of GM crops are 22 percent higher while they reduce the requirement of pesticides by 37 percent, reveals a global meta-analysis. Furthermore, genetic modification can help us achieve not only higher productivity with greater resistance to diseases and pests but also better taste, high nutritional content, longer shelf life, and improved resilience to climate change.

GM technology can contribute to food and nutritional security of nations vulnerable due to their delicate ecosystem or high populations. It can be a boon for the economically poor and undernourished populations as well as small resource-poor farmers worldwide. As a bonus GM technology is also helping reduce the environmental footprint of agriculture.



## Ek Nayi Umang: An Extraordinary Art Exhibition Showcasing Underprivileged Young Artists

Shilpa Mitra

Renowned artist and curator Arpana Caur spearheads "Ek Nayi Umang," a captivating group art exhibition aimed at promoting and supporting talented young underprivileged artists. This remarkable event is presented by Amrita Kochhar of Nanak Sai Charitable Trust in collaboration with the esteemed Academy of Fine Arts and Literature.

Over the course of 10 days, started on June 1st, "Ek Nayi Umang" has emerged as a resounding success, captivating hearts and minds from all corners. The overwhelming love and response it has received testify to its profound impact and widespread appreciation. The exhibition culminated on June 11th with a breathtaking cultural program, featuring mesmerizing music and dance performances by the participating children.

Esteemed artists Sakti Burman and Maité Delteil inaugurated the show, marking a momentous occasion. Amrita Kochhar, from the Nanak Sai Trust, generously funded art materials and snacks for these children throughout the year, while artist Ram Onkar conducted free art classes. The tireless ef-



forts of the underprivileged kids, coupled with the guidance of the esteemed artist Arpana Caur, gave rise to this magnificent art exhibition, truly exemplifying the essence of "Ek Nayi Umang."

Gallerist Amrita Kochhar expressed her satisfaction and enrichment from the experience, crediting the hardworking underprivileged kids and artist Ram Onkar as the driving force behind the exhibition. Their collective dedication and talent showcase the immense potential within these young artists, who will undoubtedly shape the future of

Indian art. "Ek Nayi Umang" has touched the hearts of all, creating a stir in the art world and affirming the remarkable accomplishments of these underprivileged children.

Amrita Kochhar proudly acknowledges the remarkable achievements of these underprivileged children as we provide them with a splendid platform. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the generous and spirited individuals, Arpana Caur and Ajeet Cour ji. We eagerly anticipate more such initiatives, as the conclusion of "Ek Nayi Umang" marks not an end, but a splendid begin-

ning for these remarkable children. We wholeheartedly wish them love, luck, and a bright future in the realm of art.

Arpana Caur, the renowned artist and curator of the show, shares her sentiments, stating, "Since 1977, my mother, the esteemed writer Mrs. Ajeet Cour (Padma Shri), has tirelessly operated a free vocational school for underprivileged children as a tribute to my late sister. This initiative has been entirely self-funded! When Amrita Kochhar from Nayan Naveli Gallery and Nanak Sai Charitable Trust approached us with the pro-

posal of bi-monthly free art workshops led by Artist Ram Onkar, we were overjoyed. Not only did she provide free art materials and snacks, but Artist Ram Onkar also served as an incredible teacher. The culmination of their efforts led to the children's first exhibition at our esteemed 'Academy of Fine Arts and Literature,' where we did not even charge for electricity. This moment serves as immense encouragement for these children and fills their parents and friends with pride."

(Writer is from Nanak Sai Charitable Trust)

## How Kajol slipped into Noyonika's character for 'The Trial'

Bollywood actress Kajol, who is gearing up for her streaming release "Trial: Pyaar, Kaanoon, Dhokha", feels that she did not have to prepare too much for her role of Noyonika Sengupta as the script provided her an in-depth detail about the same. She spoke about her part and lavished praise on director Suparn S. Varma, saying that as he narrated the script to her, he presented it in an in-depth detail about Noyonika's character about how she talks, how she walks and that "everything was written" (in the script). She said: "We had Kimani & Associates (a law firm) team members on sets with us to tell if we are doing the things correctly. They used to tell us how we should sit, how we should talk, what should be worn, what should not be worn, what is allowed, what is not allowed. We did not take much cinematic liberty in presenting this."

Talking about Noyonika's character, she said: "The graph of Noyonika from the first episode to the last is very good. From a vulnerable state to where she reaches in the end, her personal journey has been portrayed very nicely."



## B Praak dedicates the song 'Sach Keh Raha Hai' to contestant Hansvi Tonk



This Sunday, Sony Entertainment Television's homegrown dance reality show 'India's Best Dancer-Season 3' is set to raise the bar for entertainment with its 'Dosti Special' episode! Celebrating the bond of 'friendship', the contestants along with their choreographers will bring forth heartfelt acts showcasing what friendship means to them. Sensational music icon 'B Praak' will also be part of this episode to promote his song 'Kya Loge Tum', unveiling this soulful track that is part of his forthcoming album 'Zohrajabeen'.

In a stunning display of talent and unity, contestant Hansvi Tonk and her choreographer Anuradha Iyengar will deliver a performance dedicated to her fellow contestants and choreographers on the song 'Tu Jo Mila'. The performance will seamlessly blend classical and contemporary dance styles, leaving the audience spellbound. The duo will receive a standing ovation from the esteemed panel of judges, as they will be astounded by Hansvi's toofani performance and ability to excel in a new dance form (contemporary), despite her classical background.

## 'To embody the larger-than-life persona of Senapati, I had to cultivate the right mindset'

Popular television actor Vineet Kumar Chaudhury has captivated audiences with his impeccable portrayal of Senapati Samrat in Sony SAB's 'Dhruv Tara'. With his striking presence and remarkable talent, Vineet effortlessly brings this character to life on the screen. His nuanced performance as Senapati Samrat has garnered widespread acclaim. With each scene, Vineet effortlessly draws viewers into the captivating world of Senapati Samrat.

In a candid conversation, Vineet reveals, "1. What aspects of Samrat Senapati's character do you find the most intriguing, and how did you bring those qualities to life on screen?"

Every character perceives themselves as justified rather than negative, and Samrat Senapati is no exception. His ambition to claim the throne drives him to take extreme measures. Rooted in purani



parampara, he believes that men and women can never achieve equality. Change is seen as a threat, prompting him to resist

those advocating for it. Throughout my career, I had not ventured into the realm of historical or mythological characters,

but in preparation for this role, I immersed myself in extensive research, including studying historical accounts, mythology, and relevant literature. This thorough groundwork helped me bring his character to life on screen.

2. How did you prepare yourself to portray the negative role of Samrat Senapati in Dhruv Tara? Were there any specific challenges you faced?

When the opportunity to portray Samrat Senapati in Sony SAB's "Dhruv Tara" came my way, I realized that my character was more than just a one-dimensional villain. To embody the larger-than-life persona of Senapati, I had to cultivate the right mindset. I immersed myself in the character, understanding his motivation and conviction. His desire for kingship, his commitment to tradition, and his contrasting perspective on gender equality fascinated me. By delving into the character and conducting extensive

research, I've tried to approach the role with depth and capture the intricacies of Samrat Senapati.

3. How do you manage to balance the negative traits of Samrat Senapati with the overall narrative of the show, ensuring that the viewers remain engaged and interested in his character?

As an actor, I recognise that the portrayal of a character is heavily influenced by the script and direction provided to us. While we may not have complete autonomy over the material we receive, our goal is to make it captivating, charismatic, and full of surprises, all to delight our audience. In addition, we strive to infuse our own creativity and interpretation into the role, discovering ways to highlight the character's distinct qualities and intricacies. Through the addition of depth and subtlety in our performance, we aim to engage the viewers and leave a lasting impact.

## Actors and their memorable picnics!



Enjoying a holiday in our favourite picnic spots with family and friends help rejuvenate and create precious memories. On International Picnic Day, &TV artists Darshan Dave (Randheer Sharma, Dooori Maa), Gazal Sood (Kate Singh, Happu Ki Ultan Paltan), and Shubhangi Atre (Angoori Bhabi, Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai) share their favourite picnic destinations and memories. Gazal Sood, aka Kate Singh from Happu Ki Ultan Paltan, shares, "My favourite picnic destination is Goa. While exploring the state with my friends during college, I came across a beautiful destination. As I hail from Punjab, I was always excited to experience the beach, and when I visited Vagator, I fell in love with it."

## 'Tiku Weds Sheru' trailer promises madcap comedy headlined by Nawaz

The trailer of the upcoming romantic comedy drama "Tiku Weds Sheru" starring Nawazuddin Siddiqui and Avneet Kaur in lead roles was unveiled on Wednesday.

The trailer showcases the story of two aspiring actors who get married. As per the trailer, the movie looks rather like a mix of a Bollywood rom-com with black comedy, having a bit of a similarity to 'Delhi Belly'.

Somewhat satirical in nature, the movie is also well produced with great lighting and sound design. The dialogues in the trailer are also lighthearted, and the one which sticks out most is, "Big



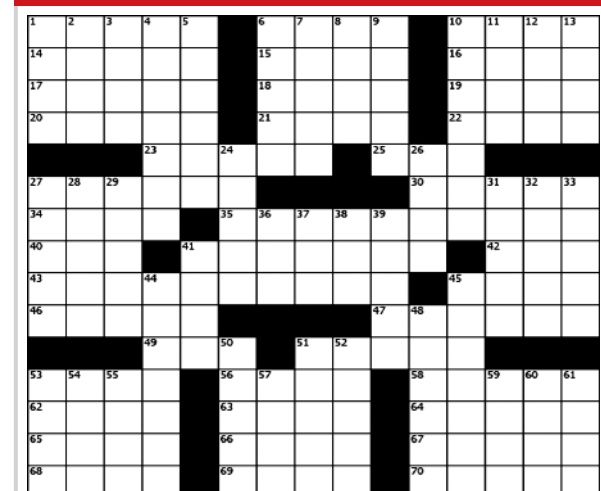
Actor Nawazuddin Siddiqui and Avneet Kaur during the trailer launch of their upcoming movie 'Tiku Weds Sheru', in Mumbai.

risk, big life. No risk, no life", said by Nawaz. The movie, while hav-

ing a solid story, does not seem to take itself too seriously with the actors

clearly having a good time. The official synopsis of the movie reads: "Sheru and Tiku are marginalised souls from the underprivileged strata of society. They are ambitious in search of a better life. Being semi-literate, Sheru works as a pimp for a local don, Shahid Bhai, and also as a junior artiste as a decoy job, where he finds girls for his pimping business. He risks everything to win the confidence of his boss to be promoted as an equal partner."

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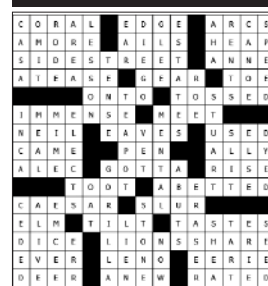
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## Messi leads world champions to victory over Soccerroos

Beijing, June 15:

Lionel Messi has orchestrated another victory for the world champions Argentina, as he scored the opening goal of a 2-0 win over a resilient Australia in Beijing.

It took him only two minutes to score the opening goal of the match — the fastest goal of his career — with a wonderful curling effort past Maty Ryan.

Argentina had more chances in an opening 15 minutes where they ran riot, but Australia soon settled and began to hit Argentina on the break.

Striker Mitch Duke had their best chance of the game midway through the first period when his header from a Riley McGree cross forced a great reaction stop from Emiliano Martinez. Both sides created chances in an even match, but Argentina dou-



Argentina's Lionel Messi gets the ball past Australia's players during a friendly soccer match held at the Worker's Stadium in Beijing, Thursday, June 15.

bled their advantage when an onrushing German Pezzella emphatically headed home a Rodrigo De Paul cross after some slop-

py marking from the Soccerroos. Australia pushed for a goal that would have made the game interesting, but Argentina

were able to see out the match, with Messi's class on display as he wowed the capacity crowd at the Workers Stadium.

## Srikanth, Prannoy, Chirag-Satwik enter quarters, Sindhu exits

Indonesia Open

Jakarta, Jun 15 (PTD):

Kidambi Srikanth and HS Prannoy registered straight game wins to advance to the men's singles quarterfinals but it was curtains for double Olympic medallist PV Sindhu at the Indonesia Open World Tour Super 1000 event here on Thursday.

Taking the court first, Srikanth used his vast experience to quell the challenge of Lakshya Sen 21-17 22-20 in an all-Indian second round duel.

It was a hard-fought battle between the two Indians but Srikanth bagged the crucial moments with his calmness and experience to prevail over Lakshya in the match that lasted 45 minutes.

The win ensured Srikanth's dominance over his younger compatriot as he took his head-to-head record to 3-0 over Lakshya.

Seventh seed Prannoy then took just 43 minutes to get the better of Angus Ng Ka Long of Hong Kong 21-18 21-16. However, world number 14 Sindhu made an early exit once again, losing 21-18 21-16 to her nemesis and world number 3 Tai Tzu Ying of Chinese Taipei in a women's singles second round match. Sindhu had made opening round exits in the



Taiwan's Tai Tzu Ying plays against India's Puserla V. Sindhu during their women's singles second round match at Indonesia Open badminton tournament at Istora stadium in Jakarta, Indonesia, Thursday, June 15.

last two events. Tai Tzu, seeded third, has been the opponent Sindhu had struggled against the most in the international arena and it was no better here with the Chinese Taipei shuttler enhancing her head-to-head record over the Indian to a staggering 19-5. Sindhu and Tai Tzu's most recent meeting was at the 2023 Sudirman Cup, where the Chinese Taipei player won 21-14 18-21 21-17. With Sindhu's loss, the Indian chal-

lenge came to an end in the women's singles event. Earlier, Birmingham Commonwealth Games champion and world No. 5 men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Ranikreddy and Chirag Shetty sailed past China's He Ji Ting and Zhou Hao Dong 21-17 21-15 in 46 minutes.

The Indian seventh seed will be up against top seeds Fajar Alfian and Muhammad Rian Ardianto in the quarterfinals.

## Ben Stokes happy with own fitness, oozing positivity on eve of Ashes

London, Jun 15 (AP):

Positivity has been the watchword for Ben Stokes since taking over as England cricket captain a year ago and he was oozing it on Thursday on the eve of a highly anticipated Ashes series against Australia.

About his own battered body, which he believes is ready to stand up to scrutiny in the most storied test series in the sport.

About the team's attacking mindset, which he insists is ingrained in his players now and is not for changing under his leadership.

And about bringing Moeen Ali out of test retirement, one of Stokes' biggest decisions in his short tenure.

Facing reporters wearing a bucket hat, Stokes was calmness personified while many in cricket are getting caught up in the excitement of what is likely to be an ex-



plusive few weeks between two long-time rivals, starting with the first test at Edgbaston from Friday. England, Stokes said, was ready for Australia with its "Bazball" approach whether it proves successful this

summer or not. "We have found a style and a way in which we want to play our cricket that has been very successful and regardless of the opponent, that's what we are going to stick to," Stokes said. "Obviously, conditions can dictate how you can do that but we will always try to adapt to the conditions and still have that positive mode, which is to go out and have as much fun as we can and always look to put pressure on the opposition regardless of who it is. Not facing the man, but facing the ball."

Part of Stokes' general optimism must be the improvement in his own health, which has been of major concern after his knee issues during the tour of New Zealand in February and the fact he played only twice for Chennai Super Kings in the Indian Premier League sending down just one over for 18 runs.

## Asia Cup to be held in hybrid model

■ From August 31 to September 17: ACC

New Delhi, Jun 15 (PTD):

Ending months of speculation around Asia Cup, the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) on Thursday announced that the tournament will be staged in a hybrid model with four games in Pakistan and nine in Sri Lanka from August 31 to September 17.

The deadlock over the staging of the 50-over tournament was broken last week when the Jay Shah-led ACC accepted Pakistan Cricket Board's hybrid model of conducting four non-India games in Pakistan. The hybrid model was proposed as the BCCI had made it clear that it won't send its team to Pakistan due to the long-standing geo-political tensions between the two

countries. "We are delighted to announce that the Asia Cup 2023 will be held from 31st August to 17th September 2023 and will see the elite teams from India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Nepal, compete in a total of 13 exciting ODI matches.

"The tournament will be hosted in a hybrid model with four matches being held in Pakistan, and the remaining nine matches being played in Sri Lanka," said the ACC in a statement. The 2023 edition will feature two groups, with two teams from each group qualifying for the Super Four stage. The top-two teams from the Super Four stage will then face off in the final. India, Pakistan and Nepal have been bracketed in one group while Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Afghanistan form the other group.

## Bangladesh leads Afghanistan by 370 runs

Mirpur, Jun 15 (AP):

Bangladesh rebounded and extended its lead to 370 runs after bowling out Afghanistan for 146 in their one-off Test on a hectic Thursday when 16 wickets fell.

Bangladesh suffered a sensational batting collapse in the morning, losing five wickets for nine runs to be bowled out for 382. Afghanistan was all out in just 39 overs, and Bangladesh chose not to enforce the follow on. It was 134-1 in its second innings by stumps on day two. Pacer Nijatullah Masood raised Afghanistan prospects when his morning five-for was just the second by an Afghan bowler on debut.

His 5-79 was instrumental in triggering the collapse as Bangladesh added just 20 runs to its overnight total of 362-5. A day after becoming the first Afghan to take a wicket with the first ball of his test career, Masood found swing and movement



Bangladesh's Najmul Hossain Shanto (R) celebrates after scoring a half-century.

in the overcast conditions to rip through Bangladesh's batting.

Pace bowler Yamin Ahmedzai, who complemented Masood with 2-39, provided the momentum-shifting breakthrough when he had Mehidy Hasan caught by Amir Hamza at backward point with a delivery that was well outside

off. Mehidy threw away his wicket for 48. Masood then undid veteran Mushfiqur Rahim, who fended a short delivery to slip to be out for 47.

After their dismissals, Bangladesh crumbled in two overs. Masood complete his five-wicket haul by rattling the stumps of Shoriful Islam in the 86th over.

## Luka Modric penalty completes thrilling 4-2 win for Croatia

Rotterdam, Jun 15 (AP):

Veteran midfielder Luka Modric scored an extra-time penalty to seal a thrilling 4-2 victory for Croatia over the Netherlands and a place in the Nations League final.

Thousands of ecstatic red-and-white clad Croatia fans chanted "Luka! Luka! Luka!" after the 37-year-old completed the scoring from the penalty spot in the 116th minute on Wednesday.

"We couldn't believe how many fans for Croatia there were in the stadium. That was really phenomenal," Modric said through an interpreter. "They give us great support and that's something that drives us



Croatia's midfielder Luka Modric (2nd R), Croatia's midfielder Ivan Perisic (R) and Croatia's forward Bruno Petkovic (2nd L) celebrate after winning the UEFA Nations League semi final football match between The Netherlands and Croatia at the De Kuip Stadium in Rotterdam.

and moves us forward." It was Modric's 165th appearance for his country.

He said after captaining Croatia to victory over Morocco in the third-place game at the World Cup in Qatar he wanted to "continue until at least the Nations League and after we will see." Netherlands coach Ronald Koeman said Modric was, "in one word: fantastic." "Sometimes there's a player for the opponent who is so decisive and so good that I can't it's hard to say enjoy watching," Koeman said. Croatia was runner-up at the 2018 World Cup in Russia and third last year in Qatar. Substitute Bruno Petkovic also scored in extra-time with a shot from just outside the penalty area that flew low into the corner, just out of the reach of Justin Bijlow as staunch Dutch resistance finally crumbled.

## Varun Tomar clinches air pistol gold in Kumar Surendra Shooting

Bhopal, Jun 15 (PTD):

Junior World Championships medallist Varun Tomar clinched the men's 10m air pistol gold in the Kumar Surendra Singh Memorial Shooting Championship here on Thursday.

Uttar Pradesh's Varun shot 241.9 in the final to overcome the challenge of army man Sharvan Kumar, who was 0.7 behind in a silver-winning effort with 241.2 points.

Sagar Dangi, from the Army Marksmanship Unit (AMU) which had six shooters in the final, came



third with 219.4 points. Sharvan was the best shooter in qualifying with a score of 584, a clear two points ahead of teammate Ayush Chawla, who finished with 582 at the MP State Shooting Academy ranges. Varun qualified fifth with a modest 581 in the 400-plus shooter field.

## World Cup Stage 3 Teen archer Bhajan Kaur grabs top-10 finish in qualifiers

Medellin, Jun 15 (PTD):

Teenage archer Bhajan Kaur grabbed a top-10 finish in the recurve women's qualification round to brighten an otherwise lacklustre show by the Indians in the World Cup Stage 3. On a day when Koreans led the show on expected lines, the 17-year-old in her debut World Cup season put up a spirited show to score 668 points for a ninth-place finish in the qualifiers, here on Wednesday. Sangeeta (651) and Tanisha Verma (648) were the next best Indians at lowly

30th and 36th places as in the women's team rankings they slipped seventh place. Shanghai gold medallist Lim Sihyeon (684) carried her form to lead the Korean 1-2-3 finish in the 72-arrow 70-metre round. Tushar Shelke was the best among the Indians with a lowly 16th place finish in the men's recurve qualification. Shelke shot 671 points in a field dominated by Koreans who took the top-three places in the standings with Kim Woojin leading the way with a score of 696, just one off his own Asian record, set two years ago.

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## Two new polio vaccines developed to eradicate viral disease

New Delhi, Jun 14 (PTI):

Scientists have developed two novel oral polio vaccines (nOPVs) that they say will bolster the World Health Organization's most recent push to finally eradicate the viral disease.

The two nOPVs, recently described in the journal Nature, are made from weakened poliovirus that has been genetically engineered to reduce reversion to dangerous forms of the virus.

"With such variation in vaccination within and between countries, poliovirus has persisted into the 21st century, with sometimes tragic consequences," said Raul Andino, a professor at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) in the US.

"We have designed these new vaccines using lessons learned from many years of fighting polio and believe they will help eliminate the disease once and for all," said Andino, co-senior author of the re-

search paper.

Polio is usually asymptomatic, but can cause severe disability, paralysis or death in about one in every hundred children. It spreads via fecal or oral particles, so it is particularly problematic in regions with poor sanitation.

The first effective polio vaccines emerged in the 1950s, kicking off massive campaigns to immunise every person, with an emphasis on children.

While the original, or "wildtype," poliovirus has only been recently detected in Afghanistan and Pakistan, vaccine-derived polio has been detected in countries as far flung as Syria, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and the US.

There have been more cases of vaccine-derived polio than wildtype in recent years, creating an urgency to counter this new source of polio, the researchers said.

The nOPV2 vaccine developed by the team earned the WHO's first-

ever emergency use listing in 2020 and was quickly manufactured and distributed.

"Over 600 million doses were delivered to more than 28 countries, and in ten instances it stopped ongoing outbreaks of vaccine-derived polio. It gave us a lot more confidence that this actually was working as anticipated," said Andino.

Despite its effectiveness, nOPV2 only protects against one of three strains of polio, and cases of polio have recently emerged in Israel, which is heavily vaccinated, as well as in pockets of the US where people refuse to vaccinate their kids.

"If there's polio anywhere, it will come back where there are gaps in vaccination," Andino said.

The latest work from Andino's group takes the solution they crafted for nOPV2 the three mutations that usually prevent the vaccine from becoming dangerous over time and engineers it into the other two types of OPV.

The resulting vaccines, nOPV1 and nOPV3, effectively prevented polio in animal models. All three are much safer than the original OPVs, which can occasionally cause paralysis in those who get the vaccine, although this is rare, the researchers said.

The two new vaccines are currently being tested in clinical trials to ensure that they are both effective and do not revert to dangerous forms in humans. Andino is hopeful they will be incorporated into bivalent or trivalent combinations with nOPV2. Children of the future will be equally protected from polio for life, and perhaps the world will someday experience decades in which zero polio is detected, the researchers added.

"The perception that polio is gone is a dangerous one. For instance, just in India, 500,000 children are born each week, an enormous number of susceptible people. We now have what we need to protect them," Andino added.

## PUBLIC CONTACT PROG



Former Rajasthan CM Vasundhara Raje with Union MoS for Education Annpurna Devi, Former Chief Minister and senior BJP leader Babulal Marandi and others during BJP's Maha Jan Sampark Abhiyan on completion of nine years of BJP-led central government, at Bagodar Stadium, in Giridih district, Thursday.

## Book describes how to make travelling unique

New Delhi, Jun 15 (PTI):

Travelling and exploring are not only multidimensional learning experiences but also natural therapy that can heal even the most difficult wounds, says a new travelogue by globetrotter Prasanna Vee.

In "One for the Road", Vee speaks of entertaining tales, unique experiences, magical moments, engrossing lessons and thought-provoking reflections from his adventures across the globe.

He also tells how one can lead a life of serial travelling, without quitting a job or compromising on any other goals in life. Vee is an American citizen of Indian origin who grew up in Chennai, before moving to the US in 1998. Though he has followed the typical career path that most techies from the subcontinent

do after migrating abroad, his passion for travelling has taken him to more than 250 countries and territories across the globe - including each of the 193 nations recognised by the UN. He likes to be called "serial traveller".

Zip-lining over the jungle canopy in Peru, navigating the maze-like streets of Venice, bargaining for the best price in the traditional markets of Marrakech, riding a speedboat across a volcanic lake in Guatemala, or a scary walking safari in the jungles of Zambia - Vee says each and every one of these adventures has been a blessing in disguise for him. He also says that one doesn't even need to travel internationally to experience this exhilarating feeling, even domestic travel could serve it on a platter.

Travelling and exploring

for Vee are multidimensional learning experiences. "You can get stimulated by the different types of music in various countries, rouse your taste buds with different cuisines, or view the enjoyment and anguish in the world through your own lens." He also feels that travel gives us the opportunity to reinvent ourselves. Finally, he says travel is a natural therapist that can heal even the most difficult wounds. "It's a doctor that can cure through distractions. It is a powerful way to mend the soul, cleanse the mind, and open the heart. Whether you are trying to fill up the cracks of your broken heart again or grieving a personal or professional loss, travel can make you forget - at least temporarily - by providing visual and mental diversions," he writes in the book, published by LetsAuthor.

## Railway Board pulled up signalling staff in April

● For adopting 'short-cuts' to clear signals

New Delhi, Jun 15 (PTI): Signalling staff were pulled up by the Railway Board in April for using "short-cuts" for reconnecting the signalling gear after maintenance work without proper testing of points. In a letter dated April 3, the board said five such incidents were reported from various railway zones.

"Five incidents on the unsafe side involving points have taken place on various zonal railways," it said, describing these incidents as "alarming and an issue of serious concern".

"The signalling gears were reconnected by signal and telecom staffs without proper testing of points after blocks for

switch/turnout replacement, wrong wiring during preparatory works, attending signal failures etc.," the letter read. "Such practices reflect dilution of manual and codal provisions. The same is a potential hazard to safety in train operations and needs to be stopped," it said.

Expressing its dissatisfaction with the signalling department, the board said these incidents indicate that despite repeated instructions, the "ground situation is not improving and the signalling staffs are continuing to adopt short-cut methods" for clearing signals, without checking the correspondence from the sites and without a proper exchange of disconnection or re-connection memo with the operating staff.

## Vizag MP's wife, son, auditor abducted, rescued by police

Visakhapatnam, Jun 15 (PTI):

The city police rescued Visakhapatnam Lok Sabha member M V V Satyanarayana's wife, son and auditor on Thursday within five hours after receiving tipoff they had been kidnapped by a gang.

Satyanarayana, an MP from the ruling YSRC party was in Hyderabad when the incident occurred. The three were abducted for ransom by a person identified as Kola Venkata Hemanth Kumar on Wednesday.

After receiving tipoff,

the police swung into action and rescued all of them, Viskakhapatnam Police Commissioner Trivikram Varma told PTI today. Police first received information around 8 AM today that the MP's auditor has been kidnapped.

## Sixteen from remote Gadchiroli and Melghat villages clear NEET

Nagpur, Jun 15 (PTI):

Sixteen students from remote villages of Gadchiroli and Melghat in Maharashtra are a step closer to fulfilling their dream of becoming doctors after clearing the undergraduate NEET, the results of which were declared on Tuesday.

National Eligibility-Cum-Entrance Test (NEET) is a single entrance test for admissions to MBBS (Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery) and BDS (Bachelor of Dental Surgery) colleges across India.

These candidates from the Vidarbha region were part of 30 students who were given free coaching for two years by Lift For Upliftment (LFU), an organisation founded by students and alumni of B J Medical College in Pune. The students from Gadchiroli and Melghat

areas often associated with Naxalism and poor social indicators were taught by doctors and those pursuing their studies at the Pune medical college. The mentors used to visit the organisation's study centres in Osmanabad and Gadchiroli districts.

Tarang Vairagade from Chandanweli village in Ettapalli takula of Gadchiroli district shared that he scored 501 out of 720 marks in NEET 2023. The 18-year-old lives with his grandmother and mother, who works on a farm and does tailoring to make ends meet.

Vairagade, who lost his father in childhood, said he went to the local schools and learnt about LFU's free coaching from a teacher. The teenager said he received offline as well as online coaching. The mentors cleared his basics and helped him improve his English.

The teenager is expecting to get admission to the MBBS course. "I want to return to my native place after medical education and serve the people here," he said.

Akash Kodyami (18) from Gavadhetti village of Gadchiroli scored 464 out of 720. Kodyami, whose family is into farming, went to a local state-run ashram shala' and a friend told him about the free coaching institute.

The tribal teen said they speak the Gondi language and he had trouble learning English. But a dictionary made by LFU that had Gondi words translated into English boosted his confidence, he said.

"The mentors helped me prepare for the board exam as well as NEET," said Kodyami, who is expecting a medical seat. Like Vairagade, he too wants to serve his people after completing his edu-

cation.

In a release, LFU co-founder Dr Ketan Deshmukh said medical entrance coaching has grown into an industry worth crores of rupees but not everyone can afford the fees.

"We want to give a fair and accessible platform for anybody who wants to become a doctor and comes from marginalised and underprivileged backgrounds. After an entrance test and interview, we select the students for coaching," he said.

The organisation has a special batch for the Vidarbha region in Bhamragarh in Gadchiroli district. "Every week doctors and senior medical students visit Bhamragarh to deliver lectures while some lectures are delivered online," said Dedhmukh.

Talking about this

year's NEET results, he said, "With these 16 students, at least 16 villages are uplifted. In the next ten years, we wish to have 100 tribal students from Gadchiroli and Melghat each become doctors."

He said many students trained by them are now studying in medical colleges and some have even joined LFU as teaching faculty.

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### BRIEF



Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh visits 'Prime Minister's Museum', in New Delhi, Thursday.

### Tickets

**Puri:** A total 7000 tickets will be sold by the Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) for a 'darshan' of the sibling deities on June 19, an official said on Thursday. A special ritual 'Nabajouban Darshan' will be held at the 12th century shrine on the day, which will mark the end of the 15-day Anabasar' (quarantine period) after the 'S'na Jatra'.

### Foiled

**Jammu:** An infiltration bid by terrorists was foiled along the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir leading to the seizure of a large consignment of arms and ammunition, the army said on Thursday. Officials said the seizure, including steel core bullets and Pakistan-made medicines, was made during a search operation in Krishnaghati sector early Thursday.

### Tail strike

**Mumbai:** An IndiGo aircraft operating its Bengaluru-Ahmedabad flight suffered a tail strike while landing at Ahmedabad airport on Thursday -- second such incident in the last five days, a DGCA official said. The Directorate General Civil Aviation has ordered the grounding of pilots of the mishap-hit aircraft, the official said.

### Custodial death

**Ghaziabad:** The family members of a 33-year-old man, who allegedly died in police custody, have filed a complaint against a constable, officials said on Thursday. The family members of the deceased identified as Mohammad Dilshad have alleged that the victim was called to a police outpost by the constable, where he was beaten mercilessly, leading to his death - a charge denied by police.

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## Biparjoy makes landfall

### Hits coast in Kutch

**Kutch, Jun 15:**

Cyclone Biparjoy has started making landfall near Jakhau Port in Gujarat's Kutch district after churning across the Arabian Sea for over 10 days, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said Thursday evening.

Winds of up to 145 kmph and heavy rains battered Kutch and Saurashtra coasts as agencies remain on high alert.

The landfall process will be completed by midnight.

"Dense convective clouds have entered Kutch and Devbhumi Dwarka districts and therefore, the landfall process has commenced. It will continue until midnight," IMD Director General Mrutyunjay Mohapatra said. The eye of the cyclone is around 50 km in diameter. Biparjoy is marching ahead with a speed of 13-14 kmph. Thus, it will take around five hours for the wall cloud and the eye to completely cross into the land, he said. Authorities have evacuated around one lakh people living in vulnerable areas following a prompt warning from the IMD about the 'extensive damaging potential' of the cyclone. Officials said 15 National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams, 12 teams of the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and person-



A view of heavy rainfall with strong winds as cyclone Biparjoy starts making landfall at Mandvi, in Kutch, Thursday.

### About the damage...

Winds of up to 145 kmph and heavy rains battered Kutch and Saurashtra coasts as agencies remain on high alert. The eye of the cyclone is around 50 km in diameter.

### Gujarat preps for massive relief ops

The authorities have already shifted more than 94,000 persons in eight coastal districts of Gujarat to temporary shelters. Officials said 15 teams of the National Disaster Response Force, 12 teams of the State Disaster Response Force as well as personnel of the Indian Army, Navy, Air Force, Indian Coast Guard and Border Security Force (BSF) have been deployed for relief and rescue operations. In view of the cyclone causing huge tides, people have been barred from going near the sea, with lifeguards being deployed at all beaches, the officials added. "Of 94,427 persons evacuated so far, 46,800 were evacuated in Kutch district, followed by 10,749 in Devbhumi Dwarka, 9,942 in Jamnagar, 9,243 in Morbi, 6,822 in Rajkot, 4,864 in Junagadh, 4,379 in Porbandar and 1,605 in Gir Somnath district," a state government release said.

nel of the Indian Army, Navy, Air Force, Indian Coast Guard and Border Security Force have been deployed for relief and rescue operations. The Met office had earlier warned of very heavy (11.5 cm to 20.4 cm) to extremely heavy rainfall (over 20.5 cm) in Kutch, Devbhumi Dwarka, Jamnagar, Porbandar, Rajkot, Morbi and Junagadh districts.

## Govt okays purchase of 30 MQ-9B drones from US

**New Delhi, Jun 15 (PTI):**

The Defence Ministry on Thursday accorded its approval to procure 30 MQ-9B Predator drones from the US to crank up the surveillance apparatus of the armed forces, especially along the frontier with China, people familiar with the development said. The decision came days ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Washington. It is expected that the mega procurement deal worth around USD 3 billion would be

announced following talks between Modi and US President Joe Biden at the White House next week. The procurement proposal was cleared at a meeting of the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, the people cited above said. The hunter-killer Sea Guardian drones are being procured for the three services as they can carry out a variety of roles including maritime surveillance, anti-submarine warfare and over-the-horizon targeting among others.

## Three held with leopard skin, bones

**Gariaband, Jun 15:**

Three persons were arrested allegedly with leopard skin, bones and animal body parts in Gariaband district, a forest department official said on Thursday.

Acting on specific inputs, the anti-poaching team of Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve conducted an operation on Wednesday in Kalamdongri village, located around five kilometres from the Odisha border, the reserve's Deputy Director Varun Jain said. "All accused have been handed over to Odisha for-

### About the incident...

Acting on specific inputs, the anti-poaching team of Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve conducted an operation on Wednesday in Kalamdongri village, located around five kilometres from the Odisha border. All accused have been handed over to Odisha forest department for further action. The anti-poaching team of the reserve along with Odisha personnel raided the house of Kurso Bhatra, Mohansingh Rawat and Dumar Manjhi in the village. The team recovered leopard skin, leopard bones and tail, horns of four-horned antelope and sambar, ten Indian porcupines and body parts of other wild animals along with materials used in poaching.

### PANCHAYAT POLLS

## Deploy central forces in Bengal in 48 hrs: HC

**Kolkata, Jun 15 (PTI):**

The Calcutta High Court on Thursday directed the State Election Commission (SEC) to requisition and deploy central forces across West Bengal for the July 8 panchayat elections in the state.

The court noted that no appreciable steps have been taken ever since an order was passed by it on June 13 to deploy central forces in sensitive areas for the poll process. Petitioners had prayed for

### 3 shot dead in clashes

Three people were shot dead and several others injured in two districts of West Bengal on Thursday during the ongoing violence over filing of nominations for the July 8 panchayat elections, police officials said. Two persons were killed at Bhargore in South 24 Parganas district, while another youth was gunned down by miscreants at Chopra in Uttar Dinajpur dis-

trict. Thursday was the last day for filing nomination papers. Opposition parties have been alleging that the ruling Trinamool Congress supporters resorted to violence to prevent their candidates from filing nomination papers. The state government, however, claimed that more opposition candidates filed nominations than those of the ruling party till Wednesday.

ful elections, claiming that the state had witnessed large-scale violence during municipal elections in 2022 and Kolkata Municipal Corporation elections in 2021. Opposition parties have been alleging that the ruling Trinamool Congress supporters resorted to violence to prevent their candidates from filing nomination papers. The state claimed before the court that till Wednesday, more opposition candidates filed nominations than those of the ruling party. Thursday was the last day for filing nomination.

## 'WFI Chief to face sex harassment, stalking charges'

**New Delhi, Jun 15 (PTI):** Delhi Police on Thursday filed a charge sheet against BJP MP and WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh for the offences of sexual harassment and stalking, while recommending the cancellation of a complaint filed by a minor wrestler against him, citing "no corroborative evidence". The government had assured the agitating wrestlers that the charge sheet in the case would be filed by June 15, following which they had suspended their stir. In the POCSO matter, the police submitted a report requesting for cancellation of the case based upon the statements of the complainant, who is the father of the minor, and the girl herself, a statement issued by Delhi Police PRO Suman Nalwa said.

## Security forces, mob clash; houses set afire



**Imphal, Jun 15:**

At least two houses were set on fire by a mob in Imphal on Thursday afternoon a day after an attack in the Khamenlok area left nine people dead and injured 10 others, officials said. Security forces which tried to quell the mob were forced to use force and fired tear gas shells at the mob at New Checkon in Imphal, they added. This happened as the army and Assam Rifles intensified their 'area domination' operations in the aftermath of the recent spurt in violence in the strife-torn state of Manipur.

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### NARROW ESCAPE

## Fire at coaching institute in Delhi's Mukherjee Nagar

**New Delhi, Jun 15 (PTI):**

Students of a coaching institute in northwest Delhi's Mukherjee Nagar area on Thursday smashed windows, climbed down ropes and took help of ladders in desperate attempts to escape a fire that broke out on the top floor of the building housing it. A call about the fire was received at 12.27 pm and 11 fire tenders were pressed into service, said Delhi Fire Service Director Atul Garg. Garg told PTI video that 10-12 students suffered minor injuries while climbing down ropes in panic. "There is no major causality. All students have been rescued. All are safe," he said. Preliminary inquiry suggested that the fire started from the meter board installed at the fourth floor of the building. The building comprises ground plus four floors, officials said.



Students being rescued after a fire broke out at a coaching institute, at Mukherjee Nagar area in New Delhi, Thursday.

### Students smash windows, use ropes to escape

Students of a coaching institute in northwest Delhi's Mukherjee Nagar area on Thursday smashed windows and climbed down ropes and AC wires in desperate attempts to escape a fire that broke out on the top floor of the building housing it. Neha Mangal (19), who joined the coaching institute just a few days ago said, "There was smoke in the classroom. I received burn injuries on both hands. We managed to open a window and came down with the help of AC wire."

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## CM instructs CS to launch an extensive anti-drug public awareness campaign

**In Ch'garh Directs Social Welfare Department to prepare a detailed action plan in one month Calls for active collaboration with NGOs, social, cultural, and religious institutions in the fight against drug abuse**

aimed at safeguarding society from the harmful consequences of drug abuse. He has emphasized the importance of developing a detailed action plan for this campaign through consultations with prominent figures and organizations actively involved in drug de-addiction efforts nationwide. He has also instructed the Social Welfare Department to present the comprehensive plan for the anti-drug awareness campaign within one month. Additionally, he has highlighted the need for active participation of NGOs, and social, cultural, and religious institutions in this campaign.

In the instructions issued to the Chief

Secretary, Chief Minister stated that drug abuse is the worst social evil, one that significantly impacts people's lives and exposes them to severe health risks including premature death. People consume addictive substances including marijuana, cannabis, opium, tobacco, alcohol, 'gutka', smoking, heroin, cocaine, and brown sugar. Chhattisgarh Police is actively taking measures to combat this issue, and the government is making concerted efforts to prevent it. However, the success of this campaign relies on effectively connecting with the public's mindset and reaching every individual. The escalating prevalence of

drug abuse among the youth is a matter of grave concern.

In order to safeguard society from the devastating effects of drug abuse, prevent the younger generation from ruining their lives, and utilize their full potential for nation-building, it is essential to launch an extensive awareness campaign promoting a drug-free lifestyle. Seminars should be organized in secondary schools, colleges, and universities to raise awareness among students. Active collaboration from NGOs, social, cultural, and religious institutions, alongside government efforts, should be encouraged.

### Job fair on June 19 for educated unemployed

Raipur, Jun 15: A job fair is being organized by the District Employment and Self-Employment Guidance Center on June 19. The job fair will be conducted between 11 am and 2 pm at District Employment Office, old Police Headquarters. The objective of this placement camp is to provide employment to the local educated unemployed youth of Chhattisgarh. The Deputy Director of the District Employment and Self-Employment Guidance Center said candidates with educational qualifications like 8th, 12th, Graduate, ITI, Fitter, Diploma, MBA, and B.Tech etc. will be recruited in the camp. The posts to be recruited by various organizations include Machine Operator, Apprenticeship, Sales Field, Unit Attendant, Billing Executive and Driver, etc.

### HEAT AND DUST



With mercury rising each day, the emission of dust from dig-out road has created problems for the resident, with no immediate solution on hand.

### Repeating govt major challenge before Congress: Bhupesh



#### NSUI state executive meeting

Raipur, Jun 15: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel attended the state executive meeting of NSUI held at Congress State Headquarters Rajiv Bhavan on Thursday. Addressing the workers, Baghel said it had become a major challenge before the party to repeat its government. The aim should be to fulfill the target given by party's national leaders, he emphasized.

"In 2013, Nandkumar Patel became party's state president and took out the 'Parivartan Yatra'. This was a journey of transformation for the farmers, laborers, youth, women and tribals of the state. This change has happened in four and a half years of the Congress government", Baghel said, adding that there has been a change in the lives of farmers, laborers and students. 'We have gone a long way on the slogan of Garhbo Nava Chhattisgarh that we used to carry', he added.

## Govt fails to ensure smooth electricity supply: Brijmohan

Raipur, Jun 15: Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) Brijmohan Agrawal on Thursday launched scathing attack on the Congress government over the undeclared electricity shutdown across Chhattisgarh. In a statement issued here, the senior BJP MLA Agrawal termed it to be failure on part of the Congress government as frequent

power supply cut is being taken in the urban areas after regular shutdown in rural Chhattisgarh.

In support to his allegations, the BJP MLA said that the complaints registered in the Status of Technical Compliance of Electricity Department, confirms the sorry state of affairs in regular electricity supply. He said that nearly 20 thousand complaints have been registered in City Circle during

the last two months whereas 323 times electricity complaints have been registered in a single day in Bilaspur city. Similarly, the scenario is further worse in Korba as more than 150 complaints over electricity supply are being registered on daily basis. Agrawal said that the erratic power supply has affected every section of society whereas the ruling Congress government is giving priority on works

related to corruption instead of providing better services to people.

He also alleged that people are being cheated on concessional electricity tariff as several hikes in charges are being made on various fronts in the process of electricity supply. He added that no steps have been taken to establish new power plant in Chhattisgarh due to the faulty policies of Congress government.

## Ch'garh Assembly Speaker in National Legislators Conference India



Raipur, Jun 15: Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly Speaker Dr. Charandas Mahant participated on the first day of India's first "National Legislators Conference" being held in Mumbai from June 15 to 17, 2023.

For the first time in the country, the Indian Legislators Conference has been organized in Mumbai under the aegis of MIT, with the aim of making the concept of new India's construction and development suc-

cessful through politics. All legislative speakers were apprised of the objectives of the conference in the introductory meeting on June 15. Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly Speaker Dr. Charandas Mahant in his address called upon all speakers to come together on one platform and move forward in the development of the country. Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly Secretary Dinesh Sharma too attended the conference.

### VIP road renamed after Rajiv Gandhi

Raipur, Jun 15: The VIP road in Chhattisgarh capital Raipur has been renamed after Rajiv Gandhi. The decision on renaming of the road after Rajiv Gandhi was also taken at the meeting of Mayor-in-Council (MiC) of Raipur Municipal Corporation. As many as 29 agendas were discussed at the MiC meeting, chaired by the Mayor Dhebar at RMC headquarters. Giving information about the resolutions passed in the meeting, Mayor Dhebar said that guideline proposal was passed over Sarona Trenching Ground. According to decisions taken, unauthorised tap connections can be legalised on payment of Rs 100. Commercialisation and residential rates have been specified. Sanitation workers will now be given Rs 10,000 in place of Rs 5000. The issue pertaining to promotion of the officials was discussed and resolution was passed to rent out 92 shops in Jawahar Market. A resolution was also passed to reduce the rental of empty plot.

### Singhdeo visits health expo, sees demo of machines



#### Gathers information about specialties of medical and lab equipment

Raipur, Jun 15: Health and Family Welfare Minister TS Singhdeo today visited the Health Expo (Medex-2023) organized at a private hotel in

Raipur. The three-day expo has been organized by the Health Department in association with the Chhattisgarh chapter of Indian Medical Association (IMA), Indian Dental Association (IDA) and Association of Health Care Providers - India (AHPI). Renowned compa-

nies from India and abroad who manufacture and supply medical equipment, lab equipment, medical furniture, medical clothing and consumables are participating in the expo being run from June 14 to June 16. Human resource and other service provider companies in the field of health have also set up their stalls at expo. Apart from several large hospitals and private medical colleges of the state, stalls have also been set up by the offices of Chief Medical and Health Officers of several districts. Singhdeo inquired about the use, price and features of the medical and lab equipment during his observation of the health expo. He also saw the demo of the machines. Singhdeo

visited all the stalls and discussed with the representatives of manufacturers, suppliers and service provider companies. Demos of equipment of different companies used in hospitals can also be seen.

The Health Minister told the companies participating in the expo that continuous efforts were being made towards creating a manufacturer and supplier friendly system for the supply of medical equipment, consumables and medicines in the state. Vendors associated with the health department will also be facilitated. Commissioner of Health Department, Dr CR Prasanna and President of the Indian Medical Association, Dr Rakesh Gupta were also present.

### Two nabbed with 25 gms Heroin worth Rs 1.15 lakh

#### After raid in a private hotel in Tatibandh

Raipur, Jun 15: Two inter-state drug smugglers have been nabbed by the capital police from a hotel room and seized 23 gms Heroin worth Rs 1.15 lakh from their possession. Both have been arrested under the NDPS Act and taken into custody. The police has also seized one mobile charger, two mobile phones and cash of Rs 5000 and an electric portable weighing machine from their possession.

As per reports from Tatibandh Police, they got tip from an informer that some persons are trying to sell drugs from a room in Hotel Multistar near



Tatibandh. The police raided the room No. 101 where the drug smugglers were staying and seized 25 gms Heroin packed inside a mobile phone charger. The two accused nabbed are Nishan Singh and Dharmendra Singh and both are resident of Tarantaran District of Amritsar. The local address is MIG-74/75 Veer Savarkar Nagar, Heerapur that of Dharam Singh's house under Kabir Nagar Thana area of capital city. On conducting search,

### Ganja worth Rs 1.40 lakh seized

Raipur: The Anti-crime and Cyber unit team got tip that a person standing below the Pachpedhi Naka is keeping 'Ganja' in a bag and is searching for a customer. On this the Tikrapara police raided the place and nabbed the person as per the details given. On conducting search, the person disclosed his name as Badal Soni R/o Buland Sahar UP. When the team checked inside the bag, they found



'Ganja' packed in plastic bags and seized 14.725 kg Ganja worth Rs 1.40 lakh from his possession. A case under section 20 B of Narcotics Act was filed against him and he was taken into arrest.

police found a mobile charger placed in their pocket and on opening which a white packet of drug was seized. Both

have been booked under the Narcotics Act. The police on interrogating the two have got some local links as well.

### NIT Raipur welcomes Nagaland's delegates under Yuva Sangam

Raipur, Jun 15: National Institute of Technology (NIT) Raipur welcomed the delegates of Nagaland heartily in accordance with phase two of Yuva Sangam. Yuva Sangam's Youth Exchange program under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat aims to strengthen people-to-people connections, especially between youth of different states, and introduce to them the culture and values of India. NIT Raipur organized an opening ceremony briefing the delegates about their stay and the schedule for the upcoming week on Thursday. Dr. Sanjay Alung, Divisional Commissioner, Raipur was present as the Chief Guest with Rustam



Sarang, International Weightlifter was the Special Guest. Dr. NV Ramana Rao, Director, NIT Raipur, Dr. Prabhat Diwan, Dean (Research & Consultancy), and Dr. PY Dhekne, Registrar were the Guests at the ceremony. The students' delegates from Nagaland, along with the dignitaries, were welcomed with garlands. The delegates introduced them-

selves, expressing how they viewed Yuva Sangam as a great opportunity to connect with the diverse culture of Chhattisgarh and portrayed their excitement towards exploring unique traditions, languages, and people of Chhattisgarh through Yuva Sangam. Dr. P Diwan enlightened the delegates about their five-day schedule and ex-

plained how the experience would be invaluable for them in gaining knowledge and awareness, stressing the five P's (Paryatan, Parampara, Pragati, Prodyogik and Parasrat) of Yuva Sangam. Dr. NV Ramana Rao elaborated upon the significance of the program and how it would serve as a multidimensional exploring opportunity for the students. He proclaimed his appreciation to the Government of India, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Tourism, AICTE, and IRCTC for their collaboration for the smooth functioning of the program. Rustam Sarang established his connection with the delegates by sharing his experiences

of interacting with the people of Northeastern states during the journey of his career. He appreciated their quality of "inclusion" and togetherness which helped him to dissolve among them and considered this warm gesture from the people of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, and Nagaland. Dr. Sanjay Alung gave the delegates a glimpse of the history of the state by shifting the focus on the word "Chhattisgarh" comprising the numbers "36" and "Garh". He gave them some key insights and informed them about various events which led to the formation of the state and showed how deep the roots of tradition and culture the state possesses.

### NYK Raipur organised a blood donation camp

Raipur, Jun 15: Nehru Yuva Kendra, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India organized a blood donation camp in NYK Office on World Blood Donors Day. Arpit Tiwari, District Youth Officer, NYK Raipur apprised that the objective of this blood donation camp was to sensitise youth on sustainable health practices and benefits of blood donation. He further said that one unit of blood can save up to three or more lives. Thus nothing is better than blood donation for community development. The program was organized with the support of Bilasa Blood Centre, a unit of Shri Rawatpura Sarkar Lok Kalyan Trust. Volunteers from NYK and it's youth club, Durga College, DB Girls College, GEC Raipur, Gurukul



College participated in the event. In addition VHAI and Family Health NGOs also took part in the program. Furthermore, awareness generation, sensitisation and discussion were held on Menstrual Hygiene Management. It was discussed that while good practices should be adopted by young girls and women but it is even more important that youth and man of the community support young girls and women. In addition social and behav-

ioral change practices were discussed under the Mission LIFE program. Sunita Chansoriya, PO, NSS, Dr Swapnil Karmhe, PO, NSS DB Girls College, Ratri Lahiri, PO, NSS Gurukul College, Sushmita Shrivastav, VHAI, Avdesh Singh, Family Health India were present. More than 21 blood donors attended the program along with various youth volunteers. Blood donors were felicitated with certificates and umbrellas.



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# CM announces to make model Jait Khams in every block

Swearing-in ceremony of Tehsil Satnami Samaj in Patan



**Bhilai, Jun 15:**

The swearing-in ceremony of the newly elected office bearers of Tehsil Satnami Samaj was organized on Thursday at Patan block headquarters of Durg district. The newly elected office bearers of the Samaj took oath in the presence of Chief

Minister Bhupesh Baghel. After the oath ceremony, the Chief Minister distributed certificates to the newly elected office bearers. Addressing the function as the Chief Guest, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that the government is continuously working in the interest of the people by following the

path shown by the saints. The government is working to revive the cultural tradition in the state. The people of Satnami Samaj have imbibed the message of Sant Baba Guru Ghasidas and are giving a right direction to the society. On this occasion, the Chief Minister announced to make a model Jait

Kham in every development block of the state. He called upon the people to come forward and get benefited by joining the schemes of the government. Local public representatives, eminent citizens and a large number of people of Satnami Samaj were present on this occasion.

## Leased BSP Quarters to be registered with the Registrar

**Bhilai, Jun 15:** SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant had launched a Scheme of House Lease for its employees in five phases between the years 2001 to 2003. Long term lease agreement was entered into by BSP with allottees for this purpose. As per terms of the said Scheme, the lease was to be registered by allottees with the Registrar, Durg at their own expenses. All the lessees, who have not registered the Lease Agreement of their House, are hereby informed by this Public Notice to register their lease with the Registrar, Durg. However, the Lessees have to give at least 15-days prior information to concerned office of TSD for its co-operation for registration of Lease Deed.

## Legal awareness camps organised on World Day against Child Labour



**Bhilai, Jun 15:** On the occasion of World Day against Child Labour on June 12, the paralegal volunteers of District Legal Services Authority Durg organised special legal awareness camps under the special guidance of District and Sessions Judge Neeta Yadav and Ashish Dahariya (Secretary, District Legal Services Authority Durg). They visited public places, shops and such institutions where minor children are being employed. The shop owners / factory operators were asked to fill the undertaking re-

garding not to employ child labour. People were made aware regarding the rights of children mentioned in the constitution and prohibition of child labour. They were provided detailed information on laws prohibiting employment of children under 14 years of age. Along with this, paralegal volunteers of the District Legal Services Authority visited the shops in various business premises and distributed warning pamphlets regarding child labour prohibition and forced labour restrictions mentioned in Article 23 and

Article 24 of the Constitution. They also propagated detailed information about the fundamental right to essential education and asked the people to inform the nearest police station if children below 14 years of age are found working anywhere. Information was provided by paralegal volunteers regarding various campaigns being run by National Legal Services Authority and State Legal Services Authority Bilaspur with the cooperation and coordination of the state government in relation to children.

## CM Nursing Institute Bhilai gives 100% job guarantee



**Bhilai, Jun 15:**

CM Nursing College has played an important role in the field of Nursing in the last two decades. This college provides training to its nursing students in its own Parent Hospital, Chandulal Chandrakar Memorial Hospital, Bhilai, to ensure expertise in Clinical. Today, the students of this college are giving their services not only in the country but abroad as well. The students of this

college can get government jobs with ease after receiving training from qualified teachers and doctors. They can understand the patient and disease closely and in future they can serve as a good nurse. The college is located on GE Road (NH6) Nehru Nagar Bhilai and the Hospital, Colleges Hostel and Mess are all in the same campus. The prime location makes it easy for the students and their families to reach the col-

lege. Along with transport, hostels, scholarship, sports competitions and many such programs are organized from time to time for the entertainment of the students. There is a facility to pay the fees in installments instead of lump sum. If you also want to make your child's future bright in the field of nursing, contact for admission in session 2023-24. Interested candidates can seek details on mobile numbers 9575932505, 9381441310.

## Blood Donation Camp held at JLNHRC

**Bhilai, Jun 15:**

Valedictory Ceremony of the Blood Donation Camp was organised at SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Pt Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital & Research Centre on the occasion of 'World Blood Donor Day' and formally concluded on June 15, 2023 at JLNHRC's Blood Bank. The 62 volunteers who donated blood in the camp, were felicitated for their contribution towards the noble cause and motivating the society to donate blood.

Pratibha Agarwal, DIG (CISF) was the Chief Guest on this occasion. Dr Ravindranath M, CMO I/c (M&HS) presided over the programme, while Prabir Kumar Sarkar, CGM I/c (Services) and Abhijeet, Commandant (CISF) were the special guests at the Valedictory Ceremony. Dr Pramod Binayake, CMO (M&HS), Dr V Dwivedi, CMO (M&HS), Dr RK Pal, CMO (M&HS), Dr K Thakur, CMO



(M&HS), were also present on this occasion along with other senior officers of the Plant. Para medical staff, nurses and management officials from BSP's main hospital were also present, along with Blood donors and a few blood receivers. Addressing the gathering Chief Guest Pratibha Agarwal, congratulated the JLN Hospital & Research Centre collective and said that Blood

Donation is the Best Donation and the contribution of donors towards the society cannot be expressed sufficiently in words, award or memento. I assure all CISF personnel will walk shoulder to shoulder with you in such selfless service, said Agarwal. Dr Ravindranath M said in his address that the act of donating blood spreads a message of positivity, humanity and togetherness.

It will be our endeavour in the coming times, that neither the doctors or the patients have to worry about scarcity of blood units at the time of treatment. Dr Ravindranath also appealed that the number of voluntary blood donors should be doubled in the future blood donation camps. Appreciating the contribution of the blood-donors Prabir Kumar Sarkar, CGM I/c (Services), said

that the donors have given new lives to people in the form of their blood. I shall always be available for this noble cause and we shall try our best that voluntary donors are made available from time to time, said Sharkar.

The program started with lighting of traditional lamp, followed by felicitation of the blood-donors by giving mementoes and Certificates by the dignitary guests. Prizes were also distributed to the nursing student winners of Skit and Poster Competition organized on June 13, 2023.

The judges of skit and poster competition Dr Manisha Kango, Dr Anupam Lal and Jawahar Bajpai, Sr Mgr (Public Relations) were felicitated on this occasion by giving saplings.

Sandeep Pandey and Ajay Kumar Arya conducted the programme, while Dr Nily S Kujur, Incharge, Blood Bank, proposed the Vote of Thanks.

## Result is the proof of success, that's why Motion is called 'selection machine'



**Bhilai, Jun 15:**

As a gift to the students of Bhilai and Chhattisgarh, Kota's one of the top coaching brands 'Motion' which is known only for its results has now come to Civic Centre in Bhilai City. This institute was inaugurated in July last year. As it was a little late, admissions were given only to the Class 11th students and some

droppers. 6 students out of 17 students have been selected in NEET and a couple of more students are expected to get selected on the basis of cut off. 'Motion', as per the name, has now come in Motion. The selected students of Motion are Bhavya Verma (Gen), Ananya Saharay (Gen), Hrishita Dharmik (Gen), Arman Khute (SC), Apurva Tigga (ST) and Aditya Pankaj (SC).

Motion team motivated the students who have not been selected and suggested to learn from every mistake, don't repeat the mistake, believe in yourself, study with honesty and follow the guidance of mentors. All the students who have not been able to get selected even after working hard with full honesty, should not lose heart. They can join Motion and get proper

counselling done and give another year for yourself and start your journey with full vigour without wasting even a single day with Motion's Mentors, Study Content, Motion Learning App and Test Series. Motion is going to give special offers and make special batches for all the students. Motion Bhilai Center is located at 152, New Civic Centre.

## Employees of SMS-2 felicitated with Shiromani Awards

**Bhilai, Jun 15:** Employees of Steel Melting Shop No 2 of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant were awarded with 'Karm Shiromani' Awards for their exemplary work performance under the 'Shiromani Puraskar Yojana' by Bhilai Steel Plant, in an Award Ceremony held at SMS-2. Yogesh Shastri, Acting CGM (SMS-2) was the chief guest of the Award Ceremony.

Ramesh Kadu Master Technician (CCS), Vishwajit Raut Master Technician (CCS-Electrical), and Vinod Kumar Verma, Master Operator (CCS-Operation) awarded the 'Karm Shiromani Award', for their exemplary performance for the month of May



2023. Chief Guest Yogesh Shastri, Acting CGM (SMS-2), felicitated the awardees and appreciated them for their achievements and contributions at the workplace. He said that the safety of our employees is our first priority. He further said that with your excellent work culture we have accomplished difficult tasks by turning challenges into

opportunities. This is the achievement of Bhilai's work culture and team work. Our workers have earned several accomplishments by winning many challenges with their tireless hard work, efficiency and technical efficiency. Shri Shastri encouraged all the employees of SMS-2 to work in the future with the same spirit. General Managers of

SMS-2, Raj Kumar Komalapati, and S Debsikdar, were also present on this occasion, along with NP Toppo, AGM (SMS-2) and Sanjeev Singh. The programme was conducted by KD Baghel, Additional LWO (Personnel-Steel Zone-2). Purnan Sahu, and Narendra Kurre also contributed in making the program successful.

## Obituary Prakash Chandra Malhotra



**Bhilai:** Former BSP employee Prakash Chandra Malhotra left for heavenly abode at the age of 83 years on Wednesday. Funeral procession was taken out from his residence situated at MIG 47 Vaishali Nagar and last rites of the mortal remains were performed at Ramnagar Muktidham. He was the father of BSP Executive Kailash Malhotra, Yogesh Malhotra and Manju.

## Last chance to get free uniform, bag and books at MJ School

**Bhilai, Jun 15:**

MJ Group, a pioneer in the field of education in Bhilai, is providing many concessions to needy students at the time of admission in the new session at MJ School located near IIT. This initiative is getting good response. This school ensures overall development of the students

through quality education. School has reopened after summer vacation from June 13. It is the last chance to get free school bag, uniform and textbooks. Undoubtedly, providing high quality education at such a low cost is exemplary and the school management definitely deserves appreciation for this initiative.



## Free Medical camp organised at Village Chetua

**Bhilai, Jun 15:**

Bhilai Steel Plant, conducts several public welfare activities as part of its organizational social responsibility towards the community in and around its areas of operations. The Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Department of the Plant organized a one-day free Health Camp, at Village Chetua, on June 13, 2023.

The Medical Team from CSR department, comprising of, Dr Isha Kujur, Pharmacist, Shashi Bhushan Rai, Rekha Dev for Blood-Sugar and BP examination, Shambhu for registration, volunteered their services for the camp. Anjani Kumar



Dwivedi, Development Assistant, from the CSR department was also present during the Health Camp.

A total of 27 villagers from village Chetua, including 09 men, 10 women and 08 Children, availed free health services at the day long Health Camp and free medicines were distributed to them. It is noteworthy that Health Camp is one of the

prime initiatives, through which BSP's CSR Department has contributed substantially towards Public Health & Medicine. The CSR Department of Bhilai Steel Plant, conducts health camps on regular basis in the adjoining areas or mines, with the aim of ensuring adequate medical & Health facilities to the communities within which it works.

## Over 100 students of Goal likely to get admission in Govt Medical Colleges

**Bhilai, Jun 15:** Students of Goal Institute Bhilai have made brilliant performance in NEET-2023. More than 100 students from the Institute are likely to get admission in Government Medical Colleges. Many students from Dropper Batch and Foundation Batch from Civic Centre and Genius Campus have qualified NEET. The successful students are Lakshya Sahu 569, Pranjal Maurya 598, Sonika Dewangan 530, Ved Prakash 535, Vibha 581, Prashant 500, Jayesh 502, Anjali 612, Daneshwar Sahu 576, Abhay

592, Uttam 501, Kundan Yadav 536, Aastha 553, Archanya Gupta 534, along with category students Archi 417, Lisha 416, Anurag 404, Chanchal 414, Bhavani 462, Pradeep 457, Yashvendra 403 and others students have achieved success. The director of the institution, Ranjit Kumar, heartily congratulated all the successful students and wished them a bright future. He advised the students who did not succeed to take a year drop again and get admission in the dropper batch.





## Ch'garh gears up for grand celebrations of Int'n'l Day of Yoga

'Har Ghar Aangan Yoga' message to echo across Ch'garh on June 21

Raipur, Jun 15:

Grand celebrations of International Day of Yoga, will be organized in Chhattisgarh on June 21. The theme for this year's celebrations is 'One World, One Health'. Several programmes will be conducted in cities and villages throughout the state, aiming to promote the message of 'Har Ghar Aangan Yoga'. Mass yoga demonstrations will be held at prominent locations, including historical and public places, as well as near important rivers in gram panchayats, and urban areas.

According to information received from Gyanesh Sharma,

Chairman of the Chhattisgarh Yoga Commission, mass yoga demonstrations will be organized with the participation of public representatives and citizens at prominent locations in cities and villages.

Furthermore, yoga programmes will be held at Anganwadi centers, old-age homes, PSUs, and across all government departments. These programmes will involve the participation of Sarpanchs, Parshads, local public representatives, dignified citizens, voluntary organizations, police training centers, Anganwadi centers, children's homes, old-age homes, and organizations

working for divyangs and the transgender community. The District Collector will serve as the nodal officer responsible for coordinating the selection and successful execution of venue-based programmes to be organized at the district level.

The departments of Social Welfare, School Education, Higher Education, Women and Child Development, Urban Administration, Home, Panchayat and Rural Development, as well as Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Development, have been instructed to take necessary actions to ensure the successful organization of these programmes.

## Girl Empowerment Mission (GEM) concludes at NTPC Lara

Bilaspur (Lara), Jun 14:

The four week-long Girl Empowerment Mission (GEM) undergong at NTPC Lara station, concludes with glittering cultural presentations by its participating girls on other day at Tarang auditorium. Diwakar Kaushik, ED Lara was the chief guest of this programme.

Kanhaiya Das, AGM (HR) welcomed all dignitaries and briefed about the Girl Empowerment Mission (GEM) programme. Diwakar Kaushik ED (Lara) inaugurated the programme and addressed the gathering. Speaking on this occasion Kaushik said, Girl Empowerment Mission programme will act as a game changer in the life of participating girls. NTPC Lara is committed to give chance more girls in future by organising this programme. Kaushik highly praised the performance of girl children and the changes hap-



pened during the four weeklong stays at Lara. Kaushik wished their bright future.

Forty rural girls in age group of 10 to 12 years reading in government schools were selected by a survey by the CSR Department of NTPC Lara. The GEM workshop was started on 17th May 2023 with registration. Since first time such type

of experience was faced by the children, initially they hesitate to express themselves fully. With continuous support and pamper by the members of Prerita Mahila Samiti, the girls feel comfort and cosy in the environment. In the four weeklong staying at NTPC Lara, they were taught various skills to nurture them to face the competitive world.

Girl Empowerment Mission is basically a personality development programme designed for girl child. Besides their regular course curriculum, they were taught how to do yoga, sports and games, self-defence, dance, handicraft etc. Based on the weekly learning programme periodical assessments were also done to understand

the level of learning of the participants so that special focus can be given to the less performing child. Girl Empowerment Mission is the flagship CSR initiative of NTPC Limited. At present Girl Empowerment Mission is organised at 41 locations of NTPC Limited across the nation.

In the concluding ceremony, different group presented cultural fest on different theme in the presence of Diwakar Kaushik, ED Lara and Seema Kaushik, President (Prerita Mahila Samiti), all general managers, office bearers of Prerita Mahila Samiti, employees, and their family members. On this occasion Akhilesh Singh, GM (Operation & Maintenance), Rajeev Ranjan, GM (Fuel Management), SK Roy, GM (Operation), Kanhaiya Das, AGM (HR), members of Prerita Mahila Samiti, employees and villagers were present.

## Blood Donation Camp organized by 2 CRPF Battalion

On occasion of World Blood Donor Day

Konta, Jun 15:

On the occasion of World Blood Donor Day on June 14, in the 2nd CRPF Battalion, Sukma, a blood donation camp was organized in the presence of Rati Kanta Behera, Commandant 2 Battalion CRPF, in collaboration with Blood Bank District Sukma, under the leadership of Dr. Anil Kumar, Senior Medical Officer. On this occasion, officers, subordinate officers and jawans of 2 CRPF Battalion voluntarily donated 32 units of blood.

As it is known to all that most of the patients of Sukma and nearby areas



are suffering from anemia and a lot of blood is needed during their treatment. The blood donation made by the jawans will greatly facilitate the treatment of the patients being treated at the District Hospital Sukma. Among the officers of the Corps, Rati Kanta Behera, Commandant, Pawan Kumar, Second Commanding Officer, Anami Sharan, Second

Commanding Officer, Dr. Anil Kumar, Senior Medical Officer, Bhaskar Bhattacharya, Deputy Commandant and Rajendra Kumar, Asst. Commandant also boosted everyone's morale by donating blood.

On this occasion, the Commandant also told the general public about the importance of blood donation. Along with this, Rati Kanta Behera,

Commandant, 2 CRPF Battalion wished good health to all the local people and health workers on World Blood Donor Day, and also told that they will continue to organize such blood donation camps as and when required. In this camp Dr. from District Hospital Sukma, S. Raju Medical Officer and Shajay Jaiswal Blood Bank Incharge etc. were also present.

## Home Minister reviews crime, law and order in district

Bemetara, Jun 15:

State's Public Works, Home, Jail, Religious Trust, Endowment and Tourism Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu, during his visit to Bemetara reviewed about the crime and law and order situation in the district. Holding meeting with the officials of the Home Department HM Sahu took information from Superintendent of Police Bhavna Gupta about police station, delimitation, outpost, line, availability of force and other security-related matters in the district. During the meeting, SP discussed in detail about the law and order and incidents going on in the district. The Home Minister directed the Superintendent of Police to keep special vigil on the border areas and to keep vigil in the internal areas of the district as well. He

- Says disciplinary action should be taken against those who make aggressive speech
- Instructions given to further strengthen the security system to curb criminal activities



directed to further strengthen the security system to curb criminal activities in the district. The Superintendent of Police was asked to send information on the need for more security forces in the district. He asked to take disciplinary action against those who spoil the aggressive speech and social environment in the district and took information regarding cyber cases in the district and asked to arrange state-of-the-art equipment at cy-

bercrime police stations and topics like women's crime were also discussed. The Home Minister told that keeping in mind the upcoming elections, start curbing the crime activities in the district from now itself. Apart from this, instructions were given to take continuous inspection action against those selling liquor illegally. Home Minister Sahu asked to give top priority to the safety of women and children and directed to take

effective steps by continuously monitoring hookah and drugs in the district. Seeing the increasing influence of social media, the Home Minister said that due to all this, the challenges of the police have increased, the cases of online fraud are increasing, it has also become necessary to stop the misleading propaganda of such hysterical information. He instructed the police to make positive efforts by increasing their policing work.

## Blood donation is an act of charity: Lakhma



Jagdalpur, Jun 15:

On the occasion of World Blood Donor Day, a blood donation camp was organized at Maharani Hospital on Wednesday under the aegis of District Red Cross Society. On this occasion, Industry Minister and Bastar district in-charge Kawasi Lakhma said that blood donation is an act of virtue.

People with accidents often need blood. Many times a person's life is in danger if blood is not available on time. Blood donation is done so that the life of a person does not get endangered due to lack of blood. Expressing happiness over gathering of people in large numbers to donate blood here, he said that this urge to save lives is inspiring.

Parliamentary Secretary Rekhchand Jain said that Collector and President of District Red Cross Society Vijay Dayaram K. under the

leadership of the Red Cross Society, is carrying out continuous constructive work. Congratulating the blood donors, he said that their work would save the life of a needy person. Vice President of Indravati Basin Development Authority, Rajeev Sharma said that only a person sensitive to the lives of others can easily do a great work like blood donation.

Mayor Safira Sahu said that donating blood gives peace of mind, she told that she had donated blood last year also. A large number of Yuvodaya volunteers and NCC cadets donated blood on this occasion. Chitrakote MLA Rajman Benzam, Collector Vijay Dayaram K. Commanding Officer of NCC Colonel D Vijay Bhaskar, Vice President of District Red Cross Society Alexander Cherian, public representatives, staff of district hospital and voluntary blood donors were present in the programme.

## District admn comes into action, sends report to EC

Khairagarh, Jun 15:

In KCG District there are many officers and employees in many government departments who are posted here for more than three years and there are few departments where the employees are posted as if with permanent place of posting for last many years and have not being trasferred till date. The main reason behind it is the strong connection with the political representatives of the region, then be it Congress or BJP, these stalwarts are able to manage both ends. If at all there is transfer, then these officers either takes resort to greasing of palms or to honour the red-bureaucracy with all possible means. Generally it is the connection and rapport of that of-

ficer or employee with the political leader of the region that the person is able to get the posting or place of his choice. After the formation of new District KCG, there are chances of action against such officers in view of forthcoming VS polls 2023.

Transfer of officers /employees with more than 3 yrs of posting at one place:

There can be transfer of such officers and employees who are posted at the same place for last 3 yrs in any government department. There are many employees in the Food, Health, PHE, PWD, WRD, Revenue, Rural Engineering, Women and Child Development Department, Agriculture, Janpad Panchayat, Horticulture, Veterinary,



Electriciyt, and Education and others, who are serving for quite a long time and are having good political connections with those in power. There are many officers, employees who are having regular sitting with political leaders and are even table-partners to many in the evening as well.

According to the Election Commission

- About the officers/ employees posted at the same place for more than 3 yrs

guidelines, those who are posted at the same place of posting for last many years, can affect the free & fair elections. Though the transfers of the officers posted at district-level is generally done in few years, but there are employees in many departments who continue to serve for long without any transfer and they have become extra-special to the political leaders as well.

But with strict instructions by the Election Commission, the officers and employees posted at the same place of working for many years need to be

trasferred. Now this remains to be seen as to how many face the action.

It is notable here that with many officers in KCG district posted for long, have even purchase land and built houses in areas like Khairagarh, Gandai, Chuikhadan urban headquarters. On the other hand, many employees have purchased plots in the region and are planning for the right time to get their houses constructed soon.

Commission starts VS preparations:

With the Vidhan Sabha polls likely to be held in November end this year, the Election Commission has intensified its preparations as well. With officers and employees posted at the same place for long, leaves doubts about their

What officer says:

After instructions by the EC, we have sent the list to them and since I am on Delhi tour, more information in this regard can be held from the Collectorate. Sunil Sharma-Dy. Collector- Election Branch office, District KCG.

credibility, dedication and free & fair practices and therefore in order to maintain transparency, the EC has issued guidelines to the Chief Secretary of the state to issue transfer orders to those who are posted at the same place for more than 3 yrs, so that free & fair polls can be held. Now this remains to be seen as to on whom the axe fall and they get fresh posting in compliance to EC's guidelines.

## Fire breaks out in heap of paddy husk stored in farms

Berla, Jun 15:

The paddy husk stored in the farms of two farmers viz. Omkar Sahu and Rajaram Sahu in Gram Khisora under Kodava of Berla sub-division, caught fire and in no time the heap of paddy husk kept nearby were also gutted in fire. The fire was so intense that even on sprinkling of water by farmers manually they cannot gain control on it. Immediately Gram Panchayat Sarpanch Bhavni Sahu called fire-brigade department and it was asked to send any fire-fighting vehicle from nearby. But to the hard luck of farmers no fire-brigade was available and it was after one & half hour that

- Spreads to 20 km area in Gram Khisora; fire-brigade arrive one & half hour late
- Only one fire-brigade station in Bemetara Hq's raises question

the fire-brigade arrived and tried to gain control on fire. It is learnt that the fire-brigade from Than Khamaria, is about 30 kms far and Bemetara district hq's is just at distance of 23 kms and from both places it takes long time to reach any nearby village.

Sudden change in weather intensified fire: With fire breaking out



in the heap of paddy husk stored in the farm, the weather all of sudden changed and with strong winds, it intensified the fire and it turned out of control and assumed proportions. If the eye wit-

ness are to be believed, then it appeared as if it might spread to nearby localities in the village as well.

Fire brigade only of Nagar Palika: Despite being the area of

Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu, Agriculture Minister Ravindra Choubey and MLA Bemetara Ashish Chabda there is shortage of fire-brigade and fire-stations in the region and all are purely dependent upon the fire-brigade of District Hq's. In case if there is any fire incident in Bemetara, then no fire-brigade could reach there on time.

Fire-brigade vehicle reaches after dousing of fire:

In the villages under Kodava area if the fire breaks out at any place, then the people of the region raise demand for fire-brigade vehicle and since the fire-brigade station is located in district hq's, it

reaches only when the fire has either destroyed the entire unit or it has been doused. In such conditions there is lot of resentment among the villagers.

Villagers turning into fire-fighters:

In case of any fire incident in the villages, the fire-brigade in Bemetara Hq's is contacted and it generally reaches two hours late. In such cases, due to delay on part of fire-brigade vehicle, the villagers take it to heels and tried to gain control on fire through all sorts of resources available at hands and in this sometimes they succeed and sometime fail. Due to this the villagers are made to face lots of problems and inconveniences.

## OBITUARY Ganesh Narayan Agrawal

Raipur: Ganesh Narayan Agrawal, R/o Samta Colony, breathed his last here on Thursday. He was 78. The final rites were performed at Mahadev Ghat crematorium on Thursday. He was father of Rohit, Smruta, Shweta and Swati.





## Our govt is committed to safeguarding the rights of every person: CM

**Belonging to the deprived section of society**

**Empowering the neglected: Govt's inclusive approach is showing a positive impact**

**Chief Minister attended a program held in Ambikapur, interacted with Special Backward Tribes, and distributed the Forest Rights pattas to beneficiaries**

**Unemployment Allowance beneficiaries received appointment letters from the Chief Minister**



Chhattisgarh. Baghel made these remarks while addressing a program in the presence of special backward tribes, forest dwellers and beneficiaries of various schemes at the PG College Hockey Stadium in Ambikapur.

In the program, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has provided benefits from various schemes to approximately 650 individuals. He distributed appointment letters to 103 teachers, forest rights pattas to 193 beneficiaries, Ayushman cards to 100 beneficiaries, appointment letters to 39 teachers to join Swami Atmanand schools, 100 ATM cards to farmers, millet seeds to 50 farmers, and sprayers to 10 farmers. The Chief Minister congratulated the beneficiaries and appreciated them, particularly the youth from special backward tribes who received government service appointment letters and people who have obtained the forest right pat-

tas. During the event, CM Baghel revealed that in the past two months, approximately Rs 48 cr has been distributed through direct benefit transfer (DBT) into the accounts of unemployed individuals. He emphasised the success of the training and placement program, highlighting that numerous young individuals have received training and secured employment through the initiative of the state government. The Chief Minister distributed the appointment letters to 50 individuals from the first batch who were placed through the program. Among the 103 eligible applicants from the special backward tribes category, 58 males and 45 females were appointed as assistant teachers. Additionally, forest rights pattas were distributed to a total of 193 forest dwellers, including 106 individuals from Scheduled Tribes and the remaining from others.

In a series of commendable initiatives, CM Baghel distributed certificates to trained unemployed youth, ATM cards to 100 farmers, and Ayushman cards to 100 beneficiaries. To address the issue related to the shortage of teachers in Swami Atmanand schools, appointment letters were distributed to 39 individuals. As part of the Millet Mission, Ragi (Madiya) seed kits were also distributed to 50 farmers and 10 manual sprayer pumps to farmers belonging to the special backward tribes.

Surguja district has achieved a remarkable feat in addressing unemployment, as 3,076 applicants were deemed eligible for Unemployment Allowance, with a total distribution of Rs 1.42 crore. The district leads the state with an impressive 92.4% success rate in resolving Unemployment Allowance applications. Additionally, the Surguja district has made significant progress in providing healthcare ac-

cess through the Ayushman Card scheme, with 689,034 families receiving Ayushman cards. The distribution of ATM cards to farmers selling paddy through cooperative banks is also underway, with 7,770 cards already distributed through special camps.

Former Union Minister Kumari Selja, Legislative Assembly Speaker Charandas Mahant, Health Minister TS Singh Deo, Food Minister Amarjeet Bhagat, School Education Minister Premasi Singh Tekam, Korba MP Mrs. Jyotsna Mahant, Parliamentary Secretary Mr. Chintamani Singh Maharaj, Parliamentary Secretary Parasnath Rajwade, Chhattisgarh Scheduled Tribes Commission Chairman Bhanu Pratap Singh, Chairman of CGMSC and MLA Dr. Pritam Ram Turkey, Director of CGMSC and MLA Vinay Jaiswal, Chhattisgarh State Food Commission Chairman Gurpreet Singh Babra, State Twenty Point Program Vice Chairman Ajay Agarwal, Director of Apex Bank Ajay Bansal, Member of State Telghani Board Lakshmi Gupta and various public representatives were present. At the beginning of the program, Surguja Collector Kundan Kumar presented a report regarding the achievements of government programs in the district.

## Ch'garh players shine with 15 medals

**In the first Janjatiya Khel Mahotsav held in Bhubaneswar**

**First Janjatiya Khel Mahotsav witnessed the participants from 18 states**



Raipur, Jun 15: Chhattisgarh shines at the first Janjatiya Khel Mahotsav in Bhubaneswar, bagging an impressive medal tally. With 1 gold, 6 silver, and 8 bronze medals, the state's athletes showcased their remarkable skills and sportsmanship with a total of 15 medals. Among their achievements, Chhattisgarh's players won a silver medal in the 50m and a bronze in the 100m swimming event, securing their place among the top performers from the 18 participating states.

Chhattisgarh's female football team showcased their exceptional skills, securing a

well-deserved gold medal. Kiran Pisda, a talented player from the Girls Football Academy in Raipur, emerged as the hero of this remarkable victory. The state's Kho-Kho and Kabaddi girls' teams both won the bronze medals. In athletics, Tania won the bronze medal in the high jump, while Manish Mandvi won a silver medal in the men's 5000-metre race. Tarnika Teta from Bahtarai Residential Sports Academy in Bilaspur won the silver medal in the 100-metre race and the bronze medal in the long jump. Pramila Mandvi won the silver medal in the girls' 5000-metre race.

Bilaspur's Bahatrai Residential Sports Academy

exceeded in archery as well at the first Janjatiya Khel Mahotsav. Kuber Singh Jagat displayed remarkable skills, securing silver medals in both the individual 30-metre event and the overall category. Kuber Singh and Bundeshwari Maravi teamed up for the mixed event, winning a well-deserved bronze medal. Additionally, the girl's archery team won the bronze medal in the team championship, while the boy's team won the silver medal. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Umesh Patel extended their congratulations to the players for their impressive performance and wished them a successful future.

## Regular action on the illegal storage and transportation of wood by the Forest Department

**Katghora, Jun 15:**

In accordance with the instructions of the Minister of Transport, Housing and Environment, Forest, and Law, Mohammad Akbar, the Forest Department is taking continuous action to prevent forest crimes, illegal collection, and transportation of wood. In the same vein, 129 illegally stored logs of mixed species and one saw machine were seized in the



conducted a raid on the basis of the information obtained by an informer. In the action taken by the team, 129 logs of mixed species and one saw machine were found in the Badi of Saukhi Lal and Pramod in Khamhariya village. The collectors couldn't produce the legal documents for these items. The flying squad team has filed a forest crime case and has taken the matter into consideration.

village Khamhariya of Katghora Forest Board. The flying squad team, formed under the direction of the Forest Officer of the Katghora Forest Board, Premlata Yadav,

## Most of the panchayat reps get elected unopposed

**In the panchayat by-poll with only one candidate**



Jagdalpur, Jun 15: In Bastar district, after June 12, the last date for filing nominations for the three-tier panchayat by-elections, a situation of unopposed victory has been created in most of the panchayats where only one candidate is there for the posts of sarpanch or panch. By-elections were to be held for three posts of Sarpanch and 15 posts of Panch in the by-election. But now elections will be held only for the post of Titirgaon and for the post of Sarpanch on June 27. In the by-elections, out of three posts of sarpanch, two sarpanch have become elected unopposed. On the other hand, out of 15 posts of Panch, there is no need for voting as there is only one candidate in fray for the 12 posts and all will get elected unopposed.

According to the infor-

mation received from the District Election Branch, the elections for the post of Sarpanch were to be held in Gram Panchayat Ichhapur, Burundwara Semra and Maretha. Out of which only one candidate is standing in Burundwara Semra village of Jagdalpur block and Ichhapur village of Bastar block, in a way they will get elected unopposed. On the other hand, election will be held among the candidates for the post of Sarpanch in Maretha of Bakavand block. Similarly, out of 15 vacant posts of Panch, 12 posts have been won unopposed

## CM personally hands out appointment letters to 50 youth of Surguja

Surguja, Jun 15: Unemployment Allowance Scheme, initiated under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, is proving to be beneficial for unemployed youth who are pursuing their higher studies and preparing for competitive exams. By availing the scheme's benefits, unemployed youth are equipping themselves with the required skills and subsequently securing employment, thus becoming financially self-reliant.

Subhadra Minj and Stella Lakda, who reside in Ambikapur, are living in a rented space and focusing on their studies. They are receiving significant assistance through the unemployment allowance, which is helping them with the purchase of books, notebooks, pens, competitive exam materials, and filling out exam forms. They mentioned that they no longer rely on their relatives for financial support. They stated they are utilizing the unemployment allowance to



effectively achieve their goals. Similarly, Umesh Chaudhary, a resident of Lakhanpur, shared that he is utilizing the unemployment allowance to purchase study materials according to his specific needs. This assistance is proving instrumental in

supporting his studies and preventing any financial difficulties from hindering his progress. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel personally handed out appointment letters to a total of 50 youth of Surguja today, after completion of their training. After receiving

the appointment letters, these trained youth expressed their commitment to further enhancing their skills in order to achieve even greater goals in the future. It is worth mentioning that under the Unemployment Allowance Scheme, 3,760

applicants from Surguja district are eligible for unemployment benefits. A total allowance of Rs 1.42 crore has been disbursed to them so far. Surguja district tops the state in terms of disposing of 92.4 per cent of the unemployment allowance applications.

## 28.36 cr loan disbursed to 1182 SHGs in the camp

Jagdalpur, Jun 15: Loans worth Rs 28.36 cr were distributed to 1182 SHG groups of Bastar district associated with the National Rural Livelihood Mission in the bank linkage camp. Industry Minister and district in-charge Kawasi Lakhma was present in the loan distribution program organized at Pandit Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Auditorium on Wednesday. Lakhma said on this occasion that traditionally in Bastar the key of the warehouse is in the hands of women only, because they work with more responsibility. Seeing this nature of women, CM Bhupesh Baghel has also entrusted the responsibility of strengthening the rural economy in the hands of women. Bastar MP Deepak Bajj said on the occasion that the people of the state will have money only then the state will be economically strong. The work



of strengthening the hands of women associated with self-help groups (SHGs) is being done by Chief Minister Baghel. He said that rapid changes are visi-

ble in Bastar due to women associated with self-help groups. Earlier there was smell of gunpowder in the air, whereas now this Bastar is smelling of coffee and pa-

para. Parliamentary Secretary Rekhand Jain said that it is a fortunate day for Bastar that the women of Bastar are getting Rs 28 cr very easily for entrepreneurship. Now the situation has changed due to purchase of forest produce on support price through self-help groups. Due to this, where the forest produce collectors are getting good prices, the members of self-help groups are getting employment. He said that with today's loan distribution programme, other women groups will also get an opportunity for livelihood oriented works. Collector Vijay Dayaram K said that according to the intention of the Chief Minister to empower the women of self-help groups through economic activities, 70 percent of the target has been achieved in the district. Necessary facilities are being provided to these

women for various livelihood oriented works in Gauthan and Rural Industrial Parks. On this occasion, products prepared from millet were launched at Kodenar Rural Industrial Park. On this occasion, Chairman of Handicrafts Development Board Chandan Kashyap, Chitrakot MLA Rajman Benzam, Municipal Corporation Chairman Kavita Sahu also addressed the program. In the program, Chairman of Indravati Development Authority Rajeev Sharma, Chief Executive Officer of District Panchayat Prakash Sarve, Sub-Divisional Magistrate Nandkumar Choubey, Municipal Corporation Commissioner KS Paikra along with public representatives and members of self-help groups were present.

## Veterinary co-farmer awareness camp organized in sensitive areas

Konta, Jun 15: At the extreme end of the Chhattisgarh border, in the highly sensitive area of remote Chhattisgarh-Telangana border, under Chhattisgarh government's Suraji village 'Naruva, Garuva, Ghuruva and Bari Yojna', vaccination of animals was done by organizing awareness camps in forest village Maraiguda Gouthan of Konta block by the Animal Husbandry and Public Health Department here on Wednesday. During this, Sarpanch, Secretary, Ward Pancho and women of self-help groups of Gram Panchayat Maraiguda were informed about KCC by giving detailed information about departmental schemes by Dr. S. Zaheeruddin, Deputy Director Veterinary Services. Along with this, the episode of KCC animal husbandry was also prepared. In the camp, by taking advantage of the departmental schemes run by the Government of Chhattisgarh, Gauthans were motivated to improve their eco-



nomic condition and animals were bought or transported from other states to prevent lumpy skin disease caused by infection. Sarpanch, villagers and women of the group were made aware to prevent entry in the district. In the camp, Sarpanch Maraiguda informed about the benefits of departmental schemes, KCC and protection of animals from lumpy skin disease in local Dorli dialect and animal

medicines, de-worming medicine and mineral mixture were distributed. It is worth mentioning that under the guidance and direction of Dr. S. Zaheeruddin, by the Livestock Development Department, by organizing such camps in sensitive villages, remote areas and rural areas, vaccination campaign to protect animals from diseases from time to time, breed improvement in herds.



## Man charged with murder of Hyderabad student Tejaswini in UK

London, Jun 15 (PTI):

A 23-year-old man was on Thursday charged with the murder of Indian student Tejaswini Kontham and the attempted murder of her friend at a residential address in Wembley, north London.

The Metropolitan Police said Keven Antonio Lourenco De Moraes, 23, of Neeld Crescent, Wembley, was charged on Thursday, 15 June with the murder of Tejaswini Kontham and the attempted murder of a



Hyderabad Student Tejaswini

second woman," the Met Police said in a statement.

Two other people, one man and a woman, arrested in connection with the murder investigation at the crime scene have now been released with no further action.

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prime murder suspect De Moraes, who was later arrested in the Harrow area of north London.

The second victim of the knife attack has been named locally as Akhila, also from India who remains in hospital but is said to be out of danger. The Indian National Student Association (INSA) UK issued a statement to say that she remains in a state of shock following the attack, which claimed the life of her friend.

"On behalf of Indian students in the UK, we convey our sincere condolences to her family and friends and pray that her soul rests in peace," INSA UK said in a statement with reference to Tejaswini.

"Our thoughts for Akhila also for her speedy recovery from this shock. We are hopeful that justice will be delivered for the affected families. We will do

everything possible to ease some of their family members' pain. We are in touch with the authorities and will support the repatriation process," it said.

According to INSA UK, Tejaswini whose full name is Tejaswini Kontham Reddy had recently graduated from the University of Greenwich in south London and went on to secure her post-study work visa. She moved to the flat in Wembley recently after securing a job in north London.

Sources at the Indian High Commission in London expressed their sadness at the tragic news and said the mission will support the families with consular assistance required.

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## UNGA adopts resolution introduced by India to honour fallen peacekeepers

United Nations, Jun 15 (PTI):

The UN General Assembly has adopted a draft resolution introduced by India to establish a memorial wall in the UN Headquarters to honour fallen peacekeepers.

India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj introduced the draft resolution titled Memorial wall for fallen United Nations peacekeepers' on Wednesday in the UN General Assembly hall.

The resolution was co-sponsored by nearly 190 UN Member States and was adopted by consensus.

It welcomed the initiative of Member States to "establish at a suitable and prominent place at United

Nations Headquarters in New York a memorial wall to honour the memory of fallen peacekeepers, giving due consideration to the modalities involved, including the recording of the names of those who have made the supreme sacrifice."

While introducing the resolution, Kamboj said the memorial wall will be a testimony to the importance that the UN bestows on peacekeeping.

She said it will remind people of not only the sacrifices of the fallen but also be a "constant reminder of the cost of our decisions."

The resolution was submitted by 18 countries including Bangladesh, Canada, China, Denmark, Egypt, France, India,

Indonesia, Jordan, Nepal, Rwanda and the US.

"Peacekeepers are not born. They are forged through the crucible of sacrifice. Their unwavering commitment and selfless acts pave the way for a world where peace must triumph over conflict," Kamboj said.

The resolution stipulates that the wall be completed within three years of the text's adoption.

In 2015, the Permanent Mission of India to the UN launched a virtual memorial wall, dedicated to the Indian troops who made the supreme sacrifice while doing active service as UN peacekeepers.

initiative was a precursor to the eventual construction of the Peacekeepers Memorial Wall.

## Pak FM Bilawal to travel to China and Japan to boost bilateral ties

Islamabad, Jun 15 (PTI):

Pakistan Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari will embark on a two-nation visit to China and Japan from June 27 to deepen bilateral cooperation. He will travel to China in the last week of June to attend the 14th Annual Meeting of the New Champions, also known as the World Economic Forum's (WEF) "Summer Davos", to be held from June 27 to June 29 in China's Tianjin Municipality, official sources told The Express Tribune newspaper on Wednesday.

Bilawal will also undertake a maiden visit to Japan in the first week of July. Japan is a key development partner of Pakistan and the foreign minister's visit would likely further deepen the cooperation, it said.

## RELIEF FOR DISPLACED



A volunteer distributes food items among children at a camp set up in a school building for internally displaced people from coastal areas due to Cyclone Biparjoy approaching, in Badin, a Pakistan's southern district in the Sindh province, Thursday, June 15.

## North Korea launches 2 ballistic missiles toward sea

Seoul, Jun 15 (AP):

North Korea launched two short-range ballistic missiles toward its eastern waters on Thursday, the South Korean military said, in a resumption of its weapons testing activities to protest just-ended South Korean-US live-fire drills, which it views as an invasion rehearsal.

The North Korean launch is its first since it failed in an attempt to put its first spy satellite into orbit in late May.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said it detected the North Korean launches from its capital region on Thursday evening. It said South Korea's military boosted its surveillance posture and maintains readiness in close coordination with the United States.

Japan's Defense Ministry also said it detected a possible ballistic missile fired by North Korea. Japan's Coast Guard alerted vessels in



waters between the Korean Peninsula and Japan and the North Pacific seas, warning them to avoid falling objects. There were no immediate reports of damage to ships or aircraft.

The launch came hours after South Korean and US troops ended a fifth round of large-scale live-fire drills near the Koreans' heavily fortified border earlier Thursday.

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## 2 Pakistani journalists booked

● For inciting attacks on military installations on May 9

Islamabad, Jun 15 (PTI):



Portrait of a Pakistani journalist

Pakistan police have booked two journalists on charges of sedition and terrorism for their alleged involvement in the violence that engulfed the country on May 9 following the arrest of former prime minister Imran Khan, a media report said on Thursday.

The Aabpara police station here registered the case against anchor men Sabir Shakir and Moeed Pirzada and another individual more than a month after the violence occurred, the Dawn newspaper reported.

The case was registered against the complaint of an unnamed citizen and includes various sections of

the Pakistan Penal Code along with sections of anti-terrorism laws. The FIR claimed that on May 9, the complainant was present at Melody Chowk, where an angry mob vandalised property, taking instructions from Shakir, Pirzada and Syed Akbar Hussain via video messages, the report said.

The complainant claimed that the persons named in the FIR incited people to commit violence and encouraged them to attack the installations of the armed forces, spread terrorism, provoke mutiny and create chaos in the country. The case followed a similar FIR registered earlier this week where the police booked journalists Shaheen Sehba and Wajahat Saeed Khan, as well as Army officer-turned-Youtuber Adil Raja and anchorperson Syed Haider Raza Mehdi,

for "abetting mutiny" and inciting people to attack military installations across the country.

Separately, global media watchdog Reporters Without Borders (RSF) urged Pakistan to immediately dismiss the "ludicrous mutiny accusations in a complaint with no credibility" that an individual has brought against two journalists in the federal capital. Although manifestly absurd, the charges could carry the death penalty, it said.

## IMF raises issues with Pakistan's FY23-24 budget

● Calls it 'missed opportunity'

Islamabad, Jun 15 (PTI):

The IMF has raised several issues in Pakistan's budget for the fiscal year 2023-24, calling it a "missed opportunity" but expressed its readiness to work with the cash-strapped country to refine the budget ahead of its passage in Parliament.

The government unveiled a Rs 14.4 trillion budget for 2023-24 in the National Assembly last week as it battled to fend off a looming default due to shrinking foreign reserves. A day before

its tabling, IMF Resident Representative for Pakistan, Esther Perez Ruiz, said Pakistan needed to satisfy the Washington-based lender on three counts, including the budget for the upcoming fiscal year before its board reviews whether to release at least some of the USD 2.5 billion pending disbursement under the 2019 Extended Fund Facility (EFF) set to expire at the June end. In a statement late on Wednesday, Ruiz said that a new tax amnesty scheme proposed by the government in the budget sets a "damaging precedent" and runs against the programme's conditionality, the Dawn

newspaper reported. The statement did not specify which particular scheme the Fund was referring to. It also notes that the draft FY24 budget "misses an opportunity to broaden the tax base in a more progressive way, and the long list of new tax expenditures reduces further the fairness of the tax system and undercuts the resources needed for greater support for vulnerable BISP (Benazir Income Support Programme) recipients and development spending".

## Bill Gates visits China as leaders try to revive foreign business interest

Beijing, Jun 15 (AP):

Microsoft Corp. co-founder Bill Gates says he is in Beijing, joining a series of foreign business figures who have visited China as the ruling Communist Party tries to revive investor interest in the country.

Gates, who stepped down as Microsoft chairman in 2014, said on Twitter late Wednesday that he would meet partners who have worked with his charitable foundation.



Portrait of Bill Gates

to show their interest in foreign business by publicising any meetings with him.

CEOs of global companies including Elon Musk of Tesla Ltd. and Apple Inc.'s Tim Cook have visited China this year and met Premier Li Qiang, the top economic official, and Cabinet ministers following the end of anti-virus controls that blocked most international travel.

"I'm excited to visit with partners who have been working on global

health and development challenges with @gatesfoundation for more than 15 years," Gates wrote on Twitter. He gave no details.

The ruling party is trying to revive foreign interest in China's slowing economy and reassure companies that have been rattled by anti-monopoly and data-security crackdowns, raids on consulting firms, tension with Washington and pressure to align their plans with official development goals.

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### Safeguarding Data

#### Urgent Reforms Needed in Digital Privacy

The recent scare of a major data breach compromising the personal information of Covid-19 vaccine recipients has once again brought the preparedness of authorities for digital privacy protection into question. While the government denies claims of data access through a Telegram bot on the vaccination-tracking platform CoWIN, the possibility of previously stolen data being involved only adds to the mounting concerns. Citizens entrusting their information to databases rightfully expect regular risk assessments and robust safety provisions. It is high time to reevaluate the safety regime and address doubts about the security of e-platforms. The challenges faced by the nodal cybersecurity agency are increasing, but meeting this demand is crucial in the present landscape. In the wake of the AIIMS cyberattack last November, a series of remedial measures were put forth. One crucial aspect highlighted was the implementation of network segmentation, which involves dividing a computer network into sub-networks to enhance security and isolate vulnerabilities. Additionally, the importance of a security information and event management solution was emphasized. This solution collects data from various sources to provide real-time visibility of security events. Establishing an incident response plan to minimize damage and ensuring mandatory cybersecurity training for staff were also stressed. Tech teams were urged to remain vigilant by keeping devices and systems updated with the latest security patches and software releases. Monitoring cybercrime forums to stay ahead of the latest tactics employed by threat actors becomes imperative in safeguarding systems and preserving the confidentiality of sensitive information. The government's increasing reliance on e-services necessitates the implementation of accompanying systems that protect the digital citizen. The rise in cybercrime activity, exemplified by recent syndicate busts in Haryana's Nuh, underscores the scale of the threat and the associated risks. To address the pressing concerns surrounding data protection, several measures must be taken. First and foremost, there is a need for a comprehensive and stringent data protection framework that sets clear guidelines for organizations handling sensitive data. This framework should include regular audits, robust encryption protocols, and strict access controls to minimize the risk of unauthorized access. Additionally, a centralized authority should be established to oversee and enforce data protection regulations across sectors, ensuring accountability and swift action in case of breaches. Public awareness campaigns and educational initiatives are vital to empower individuals with the knowledge to protect their own data and recognize potential threats. Citizens must be educated about best practices for online security, such as creating strong passwords, exercising caution while sharing personal information, and identifying phishing attempts. Collaboration between government agencies, private sector entities, and cybersecurity experts is essential in developing effective strategies to combat the evolving nature of cyber threats. As technology continues to advance, so do the methods employed by cybercriminals. It is imperative that authorities adapt their strategies and invest in robust cybersecurity measures to stay one step ahead. Data protection is not just a matter of individual privacy; it is a critical aspect of national security and economic stability. Failure to address the vulnerabilities in our digital infrastructure can have far-reaching consequences, compromising public trust and hindering progress in the digital era.

### Budget Crisis

#### Pakistan's IMF Dilemma

The evaluation of Pakistan's government budget by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has raised serious concerns about the nation's economic recovery and the possibility of securing a crucial bailout. The IMF's criticism, highlighting significant shortfalls in the budget's targets, suggests that the scheduled aid, expected this month, may not materialize. Consequently, Pakistan's dollar bonds have experienced a decline in value, compounding the country's financial challenges. In a statement reported by Bloomberg, Esther Perez Ruiz, the IMF's resident representative in Pakistan, expressed disappointment with the new budget's tax policies. She stated that it missed a vital opportunity to broaden the tax base in a more equitable and progressive manner. Moreover, the extensive list of new tax expenditures further erodes the fairness of the tax system, undermining the program's conditionality and governance agenda. Ruiz also criticized the introduction of a tax amnesty, which sets a detrimental precedent. The IMF has offered to collaborate with Pakistani authorities to refine the budget before its passage. However, as the deadline for the latest review of Pakistan's \$6.7 billion loan program approaches on June 30, the IMF's critique raises concerns about the government's ability to meet its debt obligations. Moody's Investors Service has recently cautioned that Pakistan could face default if it fails to secure a new IMF program. Patrick Curran, a senior economist at Tellimer, warns that securing IMF funding before the current program expires seems increasingly unlikely. He states that a default becomes likely unless Pakistan swiftly reaches a new agreement with the IMF in the coming months. This looming uncertainty is reflected in the decline of Pakistan's \$1 billion bond maturing in April next year, which dropped to approximately 55 cents on the dollar during Asian trading on Thursday, reaching its lowest level in nearly two weeks. The country faces the daunting challenge of approximately \$23 billion in external debt payments for the upcoming fiscal year starting in July. Despite the IMF's criticism, Pakistani officials have come forward to defend the budget, emphasizing the government's aim to obtain some relief and strengthen the ongoing economic recovery. Junior Finance Minister Aisha Ghaus Pasha, addressing reporters in Islamabad, underscored their commitment to stabilization while seeking opportunities to foster economic growth. However, the disbursement of aid has been suspended by the IMF, which demands more robust fiscal policies from Pakistan. Yet, implementing these measures presents a significant political challenge, especially with anticipated elections later this year. Addressing a financing gap of \$2 billion and making adjustments to the exchange rate policy are additional obstacles that must be overcome. Uzair Younus, director of the Pakistan Initiative at the Atlantic Council's South Asia Center, observes that the IMF finds the current budget unacceptable. Given the political exigencies in Islamabad, meeting the IMF's expectations within days is an arduous task for the government as the program's end draws near. Pakistan finds itself at a critical juncture, grappling with a budget crisis that threatens its economic stability and the prospect of securing vital IMF funding. The government must urgently address the IMF's concerns and implement necessary fiscal reforms to safeguard the nation's financial future. The coming months will determine whether Pakistan can overcome these challenges and put itself on a path towards sustained growth and stability.

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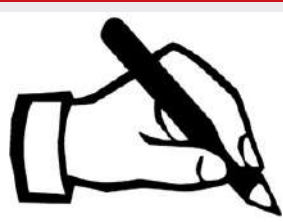
### PREPARATION FOR RATH YATRA FESTIVAL



An artisan gives final touches to idols of Lord Jagannath, Balabhadra and Devi Subhadra ahead of the Rath Yatra festival, in Bhubaneswar, Thursday, June 15.

## Battling the Storms: India's Decade of Deadly Cyclones

### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA



Over the last 10 years, India has faced several major cyclones that have left a lasting impact. Let's take a closer look at some notable ones:

#### Cyclone Phailin (2013)

On October 12, 2013, Cyclone Phailin made landfall near Gopalpur in Ganjam district, Odisha, with winds reaching around 200 km per hour. This powerful cyclone affected approximately 13.2 million people in 171 blocks across 18 districts of the state, resulting in 44 human casualties. The impact of Phailin caused extensive damage to infrastructure, agriculture, and livelihoods.

#### Cyclone Hudhud (2014)

This cyclone struck the coastal regions of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha on October 12, 2014. It resulted in approximately 124 fatalities and caused significant infrastructure damage, including buildings, roads, and the power grid. Visakhapatnam and nearby areas experienced the brunt of the cyclone, enduring heavy rainfall, strong winds, storm surges, and flooding.

#### Cyclone Vardah (2016)

Vardah made landfall near Chennai on December 12, 2016, classified as a very severe cyclonic storm. It claimed 18 lives in Tamil Nadu and caused significant damage to infrastructure, uprooting trees and disrupting power supply in Chennai and neighboring

Cyclone Biparjoy has commenced its landfall process, hitting the regions of Saurashtra and Kutch in Gujarat and extending towards Pakistan's Karachi. The India Meteorological Department has provided updates on the cyclone's movement, stating that it will cross the coasts of Saurashtra, Kutch, and Pakistan between Mandvi (Gujarat) and Karachi (Pakistan), near Jakhau Port (Gujarat), by tonight. As the cyclone progresses, areas such as Kachchh, Devbhumi Dwarka, and Jamnagar can expect light to moderate rainfall, while Porbandar, Rajkot, Morbi, and Junagarh districts of Gujarat are likely to experience heavy downpours. The IMD's latest bulletin also indicates the possibility of isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall in the remaining districts of Saurashtra and the northern Gujarat region. In preparation for the cyclone's impact, the Gujarat government has taken proactive measures, relocating over 94,000 individuals residing in eight coastal districts to temporary shelters. Prohibitory orders have been issued, public transport services have been suspended, and the public has been advised to stay indoors for safety. To ensure swift response and assistance, two teams each from the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) have been deployed in Gujarat. Additionally, the Army and Indian Air Force have been put on standby to provide support as needed. While a majority of cyclones originate over the Bay of Bengal and strike the east coast of India, recent research indicates a significant increase in the frequency, duration, and intensity of cyclones in the Arabian Sea over the past few decades. On average, five to six tropical cyclones form each year, out of which two or three could be severe, as per government data.

areas. Timely warnings and preparedness measures facilitated the evacuation of people from vulnerable regions.

#### Cyclone Fani (2019)

Fani struck the eastern coast of India on May 3, 2019, near Puri in Odisha, with wind speeds reaching 175 kmph. This extremely severe cyclonic storm claimed 64 lives and caused extensive damage to infrastructure, including houses, power lines, agricultural fields, communication networks, and water supply systems.

#### Cyclone Amphan (2020)

Amphan, the first super cyclone over the Bay of Bengal since Odisha's super cyclone in 1999, made landfall on May 20, 2020, near the Sundarbans in West Bengal. The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) labeled Amphan as the costliest tropical cyclone on record in the North Indian Ocean, with reported economic losses in India totaling approximately USD 14 billion. The cyclone resulted in 129 casualties across India and Bangladesh.

#### Cyclone Tauktae (2021)

Categorized as an extremely

severe cyclone, Tauktae made landfall on the southern coast of Gujarat on May 17, 2021, coinciding with India's battle against a ferocious second wave of COVID-19. The US Joint Typhoon Warning Center reported maximum sustained winds of up to 185 kmph, making it the "strongest tropical cyclone" to hit India's west coast in at least two decades. Tauktae claimed over 100 lives, predominantly in Gujarat, and caused widespread destruction in Kerala, Karnataka, Goa, and Maharashtra.

Thanks to the accurate early warning system of the IMD and effective disaster preparedness measures, millions of people were successfully evacuated, significantly minimizing the loss of life. However, Phailin still left a trail of destruction in its wake, causing severe damage to infrastructure, agriculture, and the means of subsistence for numerous communities. These cyclones serve as reminders of the immense challenges India faces in dealing with natural disasters. However, they also high-

light the importance of proactive measures, including timely warnings, robust evacuation plans, and efforts to strengthen infrastructure resilience in vulnerable areas.

In recent years, India has made significant progress in disaster management, with a focus on early warning systems, community preparedness, and coordinated response mechanisms. The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and state-level agencies play a crucial role in coordinating relief operations and providing support to affected regions.

As India continues to face the threat of cyclones, it is imperative that all stakeholders, including the government, communities, and individuals, work together to build a more resilient nation. By investing in preparedness measures, raising awareness, and fostering sustainable development practices, India can enhance its capacity to mitigate the impact of cyclones and protect the lives and livelihoods of its people.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Format Specialization

The outcome of the 2023 World Test Championship final highlights the clear advantage Australia gained from having separate teams for different formats. However, in the case of India, the majority of players participate across all three formats. Consequently, they struggle to find enough time for practice. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) should address this concern and manage the situation in a manner that allows players sufficient preparation time for upcoming games. A careful approach is required to ensure that representatives receive ample opportunities to hone their skills and excel in their respective formats.

Raj Kumar, Raipur

#### Lesson in Diplomacy

The Indian public is irate with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for his consistent criticism of Indian democracy while on foreign trips. Regardless of the country, whether it be England, America, or any other, Rahul Gandhi makes it his primary objective to disparage India. Such actions can only be seen as an insult to India and its democratic values. Recently, during his visit to America, when Rahul Gandhi once again began his critique of Indian democracy, John Kirby, the Strategic Communications Coordinator in the National Security Council, expressed his view that India is a vibrant democracy and its true essence can only be experienced by visiting the country. Today, even America praises Indian democracy, which has become the cornerstone of the Indo-US friendship. It is hoped that Rahul Gandhi will take this as a lesson to reconsider his approach.

Shiv Kumar Mishra, Raipur

#### Kohinoor's Homecoming

The unwavering determination of the government to reclaim the Kohinoor, despite the slim odds of success, deserves commendation. This exquisite gem has graced the crown of the late Queen Elizabeth II, the country's longest-reigning monarch. According to legend, the Kohinoor should only be worn by a woman, as it is said to bring misfortune to any man who dares to don it. Throughout history, kings have fiercely battled over the possession of this jewel, believing that its owner would wield dominion over the world. Perhaps, UK PM Rishi Sunak could persuade King Charles to restore the Kohinoor to its rightful home.

Gian P Kansal, Ambala

## CoWIN Data Leak: A Call for Thorough Investigation

### Protecting Citizens' Privacy in the Digital Age



Yash Pal Raihan

In the wake of alarming reports of a data leak from the CoWIN platform, it is imperative for the government to conduct a comprehensive investigation and provide transparent answers. Failure to address this issue promptly could have detrimental consequences for the country's reputation. We have previously

witnessed the tarnishing of our image when cough syrup exports led to the tragic deaths of children in African countries. The alleged breach of crucial data, if proven true, not only constitutes a major cybercrime but also violates the right to privacy—a fundamental right upheld by the Supreme Court. It is essential to uphold citizens' trust and protect their privacy in an era where data sharing has become ubiquitous across various mandatory applications.

Media reports suggest that a Telegram bot has leaked sensitive details such as names, dates of birth, phone numbers, Aadhaar numbers, and other information provided by individuals during their registration on the CoWIN app for Covid-19 vaccination. Shockingly, the bot is also reported to have exposed passport numbers used for booking vaccination slots. The leakage of passport numbers is particularly concerning, as

demonstrated by previous instances of fraudulent usage, such as the opening of an account by the son of a Prime Minister.

As conflicting reports continue to emerge, it is crucial to clarify the situation and alleviate the concerns of the general public. If the data leak is confirmed following a thorough investigation, it would not only constitute a significant cybercrime but also a grave violation of the right to privacy—a fundamental right recognized by the Supreme Court and guaranteed to all citizens by the Constitution. Furthermore, the leak raises questions about the safety of individuals' data entrusted to various public and government agencies.

The prompt response from the central government, represented by Minister of State of Electronics and Information Technology, Rajeev Chander Shekhar, is a positive step in recognizing

the gravity of the allegations. Shekhar stated that based on the preliminary findings of the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-in), the nodal national cybersecurity agency, the CoWIN portal itself was not directly breached, contrary to media claims and reports.

However, instead of putting an end to the controversy, the minister's guarded and technical response has only amplified doubts regarding the security of people's data within public and government agencies. It implies that an indirect breach of data may indeed have been possible. For citizens exposed to the digital world, whether their private data was leaked directly or indirectly from the CoWIN app is irrelevant—the key concern lies in the alleged exposure of their data in the public domain.

Given the gravity of the situation, it is crucial for the Prime Minister to personally

intervene and address the matter directly. This step is essential to maintain the faith of the common man in the data they provide to government agencies. Any delay or ambiguity in resolving this issue will only further erode public trust and raise doubts in the minds of citizens.

Protecting citizens' privacy in the digital age is a paramount responsibility of the government. Robust measures must be put in place to ensure the security and confidentiality of individuals' data. This incident should serve as a wake-up call to strengthen data protection frameworks, enhance cybersecurity infrastructure, and enforce stringent regulations to safeguard citizens' privacy rights. Transparency, accountability, and a proactive approach are essential in rebuilding public confidence and demonstrating a commitment to protecting citizens' sensitive information.



**BRIEF**

**Inkle**

**New Delhi:** Chat-based public accountant software as a service firm Inkle has made a foray into inter-company cross border payments for US-India startups which will help the firm log rapid growth in revenues in coming years. Inkle on Thursday announced the launch of cross-border payments product for US-India startups. Inkle Transfer Pricing Payments product will enable such startups to send money to India compliantly, quickly and affordably. "Customers have wired close to USD one million in transaction volumes over the last few weeks, and we're expecting volumes (and hence revenues) to rise rapidly in line with this growth over the coming years," a company statement said.

**Kesoram**

**Kolkata:** Kesoram Industries Ltd is planning to infuse fresh capital of Rs 60 crore for the turnaround of Cygnet Industries Ltd, its wholly owned subsidiary, to transform it into a leading global supplier of cellulose transparent paper; a senior company official said on Thursday. The Manjushree Khaitan-led company is the only one in south Asia that manufactures non-toxic, biodegradable cellulose transparent paper; also known as cellophane paper; used to wrap food and protect it.

**Godrej Properties**

**New Delhi:** Godrej Properties has emerged as the highest bidder to acquire 7.44-acre land parcel in Kolkata for development of a luxury housing project, which has an estimated sales revenue potential of around Rs 1,200 crore. In a regulatory filing, realty firm Godrej Properties Ltd informed that it will acquire a 7.44-acre land parcel at New Alipore in Kolkata from West Bengal Housing Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd.

**Shyam Metalics**

**Bhopal:** Integrated metal producer Shyam Metalics on Wednesday announced the launch of its premium SEL Tiger TMT Re-Bars in Madhya Pradesh as it plans to reinforce its market position in the state. Recognising the remarkable growth of the construction industry in Madhya Pradesh, the launch of SEL Tiger TMT signifies a major step forward in contributing to the state's development, a company official told reporters here.

**Ashok Leyland**

**Mumbai:** Commercial vehicle maker Ashok Leyland on Thursday said it has inked a pact with Airdrivers to produce autonomous electric terminal trucks. The tie-up with the global specialist in AI-enabled autonomous solutions across industrial mobility is aimed at addressing the net zero emission needs of the port industry, Ashok Leyland said. The two companies will combine their specialised knowledge and experience to meet the demands of sustainable autonomous transportation in the port industry, it said.

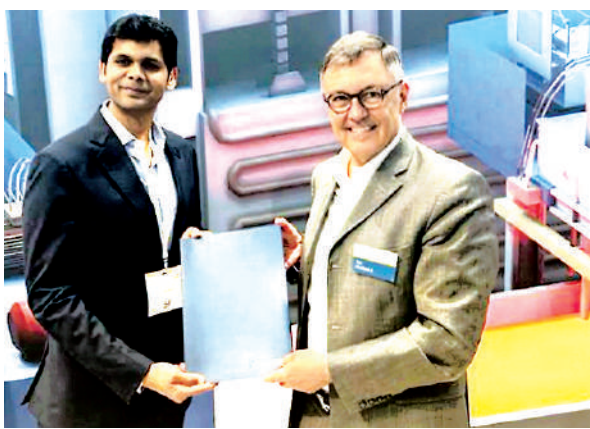
## Jindal Stainless ropes in Germany's Dassault Systemes to manage production

**New Delhi, Jun 15 (PTI):**

Jindal Stainless Ltd (JSL) on Thursday said it has roped in Germany-based Dassault Systemes to manage "end-to-end" production and operational functions at its Hisar and Jajpur units.

The deal was signed between JSL Managing Director Abhyuday Jindal and Eric Leveugle, Vice President, Worldwide Business Transformation, Dassault Systemes at Dusseldorf in Germany on Thursday, the company said in a statement.

"JSL has inked a deal with Dassault Systemes to strengthen its production



Managing Director of Jindal Stainless (JSL) Ltd Abhyuday Jindal (L) signs a pact with VP, Worldwide Business Transformation, Dassault Systemes, Eric Leveugle, in Dusseldorf, Thursday, June 15.

planning, scheduling and execution processes. Having recently merged and doubled its capacity to

2.9 million tonne per annum (MTPA), this will enable JSL to seamlessly manage end-to-end production and operational functions between Hisar (Haryana) and Jajpur (Odisha)," it said. By adopting an integrated and fully automated approach to operations management, JSL intends to achieve sharper resource utilisation, faster capacity balancing, live data synthesis and accurate predictions, while maintaining high-quality standards. "This is another bold step towards creatively demolishing legacy systems and adopting new-age models of digitisation and automation.

## ONGC signs pact with IndianOil for petrochemicals

**New Delhi, Jun 15 (PTI):**

India's top oil and natural gas producer ONGC has signed a pact with the nation's largest oil refining and fuel marketing company Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) for exploring opportunities in the petrochemicals business.

Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and IOC "signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to explore downstream opportunities, especially in petrochemicals, both greenfield projects and through acquisitions," ONGC said in a tweet. ONGC, which produces two-thirds of the na-

tion's oil that is refined into fuels like petrol and diesel and more than half of gas that is used to make fertilisers and turned into CNG, already has two downstream petrochemical plants through subsidiaries.

As nations transition away from polluting fossil fuels to low-carbon sources of energy like hydrogen and use of electricity to power automobiles, oil companies the world over are reinventing themselves. Crude oil, which is currently refined in refineries to produce petrol and diesel, is to be directly converted into petrochemicals that form building blocks for a range of plas-

tics, paints, detergents and tires.

The demand for petrochemicals in India is projected to grow exponentially as the per capita consumption was much lower world average.

Last month, Oil Minister Hardeep Singh Puri stated at a conference that the chemical market in India is projected to grow to USD 300 billion this decade from USD 178 billion.

India is expected to account for more than 10 per cent of the world's growth in petrochemicals, a press statement issued by the Press Information Bureau (PIB) on May 19 quoted him as saying.

## Gold plunges Rs 550; silver down Rs 900

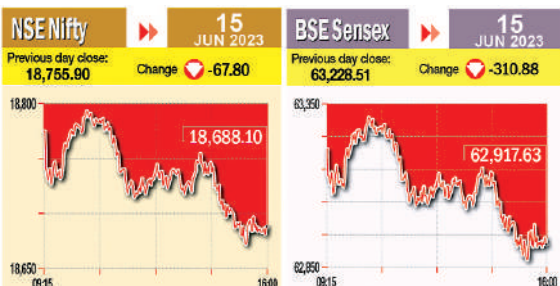
**New Delhi, Jun 15 (PTI):**

Gold price plunged Rs 550 to Rs 59,700 per 10 gram in the national capital on Thursday amid weak global trends, according to HDFC Securities. The precious metal had ended at Rs 60,250 per 10 gram in the previous trade. Silver also tumbled Rs 900 to Rs 72,600 per kilogram. "Gold extended its fall in Asian trading hours on Thursday, with spot gold price in the Delhi markets at Rs 59,700/10 gram,



down Rs 550 per 10 gram," Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst - Commodities at HDFC Securities, said. In the overseas markets, both gold and silver were trading lower at USD 1,932 per ounce and USD 23.36 per ounce, respectively.

## Market benchmarks halt 3-day rally; banking, financial stocks weigh



**Mumbai, Jun 15 (PTI):**

Equity benchmarks Sensex and Nifty buckled under selling pressure on Thursday as investors pared exposure to banking, IT and finance stocks after three sessions of gains amid the US Fed's hawkish stance on interest rates. A weak opening in European markets and the depreciating rupee also sapped risk appetite, traders said. After rallying for the past three days, the 30-share BSE Sensex fell 310.88 points or 0.49 per cent to settle at 62,917.63. During the day, it tumbled 357.43 points

or 0.56 per cent to 62,871.08.

The NSE Nifty declined 67.80 points or 0.36 per cent to end at 18,688.10. Wipro was the biggest loser in the Sensex pack, slipping nearly 2 per cent, followed by Indusind Bank, State Bank of India, Kotak Mahindra Bank, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Infosys, Tata Consultancy Services, HDFC and Bajaj Finserv.

On the other hand, Nestle, Mahindra & Mahindra, ITC, HCL Technologies, Asian Paints and Maruti were among the gainers.

## 18TH CII- EXIM BANK CONCLAVE



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar with others during the 18th CII- EXIM Bank Conclave on India-Africa Project Partnership, in New Delhi.

## Adani Green ranked first in Asia and among top 10 RE companies globally for ESG performance

### ISS ESG places AGEL in 'Prime' B+ band for its high level of transparency

**Ahmedabad, June 15:**

Adani Green Energy Limited (AGEL), India's largest renewable power producer and the renewable energy arm of the diversified Adani portfolio, has been ranked First in Asia and among the top 10 companies globally in the renewable energy sector by ISS ESG.

AGEL has been placed in the 'Prime' (B+) band, recognizing its robust ESG disclosure practices and high level of transparency. This milestone takes AGEL a step closer to achieving its target of being rated among the top 10 ESG companies in the world in the electric utility sector by FY25. AGEL has already been ranked in the world's top 10 companies in the Renewable Energy sector by Sustainalytics in FY23.

AGEL has the largest operating renewable portfolio in India with 8,216 MW. Its operations provide clear environmental benefits through its contribution to fighting climate change and by enabling transition to a more sustainable energy system. Relevant



social and environmental risks are addressed through dedicated management systems.

AGEL strongly believes in embedding ESG principles at its core and in its business strategy. Adherence to these principles helps build resilience, transform culture, and create long-term value by systematically identifying opportunities, managing risks, and securing the interests of all our stakeholders. Being a pure-play renewable energy company, AGEL supports and contributes to India's decarbonization goals by generating and supplying renewable energy to the grid. As a part of

its vision to lead the sustainable energy future, it is committed to providing an ecologically leading solution to climate change, water scarcity, and the unsustainable growth in consumption of natural resources.

"At AGEL, there are four pillars to the ESG framework - guiding principles, policies, commitment and assurance - helping the company align with UN Global Compact, UN Sustainable Goals, India Business and Biodiversity Initiatives, Green Bond Principles, and IFC's E&S Performance," said Mr Vneet S Jaain, MD, Adani Green Energy Ltd. "Our policies

are aligned with these guidelines and ESG targets have been set keeping these policies in mind. Our aim is to be among the top 10 companies of the world in the ESG benchmarking of the electric utility sector by FY25."

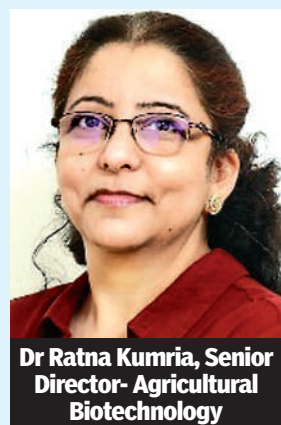
The ESG Corporate Rating provides relevant and forward-looking ESG and performance assessments. Drawing on an overall pool of about 700 standard and industry-specific indicators, ISS ESG applies approximately 100 environmental, social and governance-related indicators for each of the ratings.

AGEL has implemented a group-wide health and safety management system, which is certified in accordance with ISO 45001 standards. There is a code of conduct for all employees as well as specific policies on whistleblowing and corruption. Adani Green develops, builds, owns, operates and maintains utility-scale grid-connected solar and wind projects. The electricity produced is supplied to central and state government entities and government-backed corporations. Contributing to India's renewable energy dreams, the company is on track to achieve its target of 45 GW renewable energy capacity by 2030.

# Agri Biotechnology to Manage Climate Change

**A**lliance for Agri Innovation, a special interest group of Federation of Seed Industry of India said that the global calamities triggered by climate change, the disruption in food supply due to pandemic and geo-political instability have led the people to embrace science and agri-biotechnology. The quick solutions offered by biotechnology to manage the pandemic have also reinforced consumer's faith in technological solutions for a myriad of problems in food production and distribution. One such offering of biotechnology is GM crops that have been grown across the globe for more than 25 years with no proven negative impact, rather have contributed to increase in productivity, reduction in use of pesticides and fossil fuels.

Many countries have newly adopted GM cultivation in the last 5 years to address food security for their population, these include China, Kenya, Malawi, Ghana and Nigeria. China has allowed the commercial release of GM cotton and GM papaya so far. There are strong indications that a few more GM crops, especially GM maize and GM soybean would be allowed for commercial release soon. Some African regions have been experiencing severe problems of malnutrition, food deficit, inadequate food production, and crop loss. Modern biotechnology had been opposed in Africa over human health and the environmental concerns. However, GM crops are proving their mettle as they have contributed to solving farm problems and attaining sustainability across the continent.



**Dr Ratna Kumria, Senior Director- Agricultural Biotechnology**

South Africa, Burkina Faso, Egypt, Kenya, Uganda, and Nigeria have received political and public support to adopt biotechnological solutions for improving agricultural productivity. Taking the example of on such nation, Malawi had approved its first GM crop which is BT-cotton in 2019 and since then farmers have been able to cut down crop losses due to pest infestation. The cotton yields in Malawi have increased from 400 kilograms per hectare to 800 kilograms per hectare. The country is looking

into adopting the technology to find solutions for other crops like maize and traits like drought. Scientists in many vulnerable nations are trying to come up with biotechnological innovations that would help boost crop output, offer strong resistance to pests and diseases, and enhance the nutritional value of different crops.

The government of India has been funding and supporting for many decades the use of modern science and its application in agriculture to enable the transformation of the farm sector. GM crops with enhanced traits and nutritional value have been developed both by public and private sector. The commercial release of GM mustard has paved a way for other GM crops with enhanced traits to be accepted and cultivated. There has been growing public awareness about the need for GM technol-

ogy to combat climate change, feed fast-growing population and end malnutrition. One major benefit of using GM crops for the environment is a significant reduction in the use of fertilizers and pesticides. Studies have shown that insect-resistant and herbicide-tolerant GM crops have led to a reduction in pesticide spraying by over 8 percent in the two decades of their cultivation. Water and nutrient use efficient GM crops reduce the use of water and other crucial resources respectively. Besides, the obvious reduction in chemicals and inputs, some other subtle advantages of GM crops include improvement in air quality, quality of water in water bodies, improvement in soil health and local biodiversity. The reduction in pesticide inputs and lower fossil fuel usage in GM crop cultivation leads to lower carbon emissions on GM crop farms compared

to conventional crops. The adoption of GM crops contributes to preventing a significant amount of greenhouse gas emissions e.g CO2 emission reduction associated with GM cultivation due to reduced fuel use and additional soil carbon sequestration in 2020 was found to be equal to the removal of 15.6 million cars off the road. This is important from the climate change perspective. People's experience with GM foods and awareness about their benefits has led to an increase in acceptance of modern science applications.

To avert environmental disaster and ensure food security for over 10 billion people, we need to increase food productivity without bringing more land under farming, hence preserving forests and biodiversity. The abiotic and biotic stresses faced on the farm due to climate change also need to be mitigated while im-

proving carbon capture and sequestration. The average yields of GM crops are 22 percent higher while they reduce the requirement of pesticides by 37 percent, reveals a global meta-analysis. Furthermore, genetic modification can help us achieve not only higher productivity with greater resistance to diseases and pests but also better taste, high nutritional content, longer shelf life, and improved resilience to climate change.

GM technology can contribute to food and nutritional security of nations vulnerable due to their delicate ecosystem or high populations. It can be a boon for the economically poor and undernourished populations as well as small resource-poor farmers worldwide. As a bonus GM technology is also helping reduce the environmental footprint of agriculture.



## Ek Nayi Umang: An Extraordinary Art Exhibition Showcasing Underprivileged Young Artists

Shilpa Mitra

Renowned artist and curator Arpana Caur spearheads "Ek Nayi Umang," a captivating group art exhibition aimed at promoting and supporting talented young underprivileged artists. This remarkable event is presented by Amrita Kochhar of Nanak Sai Charitable Trust in collaboration with the esteemed Academy of Fine Arts and Literature.

Over the course of 10 days, started on June 1st, "Ek Nayi Umang" has emerged as a resounding success, captivating hearts and minds from all corners. The overwhelming love and response it has received testify to its profound impact and widespread appreciation. The exhibition culminated on June 11th with a breathtaking cultural program, featuring mesmerizing music and dance performances by the participating children.

Esteemed artists Sakti Burman and Maité Delteil inaugurated the show, marking a momentous occasion. Amrita Kochhar, from the Nanak Sai Trust, generously funded art materials and snacks for these children throughout the year, while artist Ram Onkar conducted free art classes. The tireless ef-



orts of the underprivileged kids, coupled with the guidance of the esteemed artist Arpana Caur, gave rise to this magnificent art exhibition, truly exemplifying the essence of "Ek Nayi Umang."

Gallerist Amrita Kochhar expressed her satisfaction and enrichment from the experience, crediting the hardworking underprivileged kids and artist Ram Onkar as the driving force behind the exhibition. Their collective dedication and talent showcase the immense potential within these young artists, who will undoubtedly shape the future of

Indian art. "Ek Nayi Umang" has touched the hearts of all, creating a stir in the art world and affirming the remarkable accomplishments of these underprivileged children.

Amrita Kochhar proudly acknowledges the remarkable achievements of these underprivileged children as we provide them with a splendid platform. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the generous and spirited individuals, Arpana Caur and Ajeet Cour ji. We eagerly anticipate more such initiatives, as the conclusion of "Ek Nayi Umang" marks not an end, but a splendid begin-

ning for these remarkable children. We wholeheartedly wish them love, luck, and a bright future in the realm of art.

Arpana Caur, the renowned artist and curator of the show, shares her sentiments, stating, "Since 1977, my mother, the esteemed writer Mrs. Ajeet Cour (Padma Shri), has tirelessly operated a free vocational school for underprivileged children as a tribute to my late sister. This initiative has been entirely self-funded! When Amrita Kochhar from Nayan Naveli Gallery and Nanak Sai Charitable Trust approached us with the pro-

posal of bi-monthly free art workshops led by Artist Ram Onkar, we were overjoyed. Not only did she provide free art materials and snacks, but Artist Ram Onkar also served as an incredible teacher. The culmination of their efforts led to the children's first exhibition at our esteemed 'Academy of Fine Arts and Literature,' where we did not even charge for electricity. This moment serves as immense encouragement for these children and fills their parents and friends with pride."

(Writer is from Nanak Sai Charitable Trust)

## How Kajol slipped into Noyonika's character for 'The Trial'

Bollywood actress Kajol, who is gearing up for her streaming release "Trial: Pyaar, Kaanoon, Dhokha", feels that she did not have to prepare too much for her role of Noyonika Sengupta as the script provided her an in-depth detail about the same. She spoke about her part and lavished praise on director Suparn S. Varma, saying that as he narrated the script to her, he presented it in an in-depth detail about Noyonika's character about how she talks, how she walks and that "everything was written" (in the script). She said: "We had Kimani & Associates (a law firm) team members on sets with us to tell if we are doing the things correctly. They used to tell us how we should sit, how we should talk, what should be worn, what should not be worn, what is allowed, what is not allowed. We did not take much cinematic liberty in presenting this."

Talking about Noyonika's character, she said: "The graph of Noyonika from the first episode to the last is very good. From a vulnerable state to where she reaches in the end, her personal journey has been portrayed very nicely."



## B Praak dedicates the song 'Sach Keh Raha Hai' to contestant Hansvi Tonk



This Sunday, Sony Entertainment Television's homegrown dance reality show 'India's Best Dancer-Season 3' is set to raise the bar for entertainment with its 'Dosti Special' episode! Celebrating the bond of 'friendship', the contestants along with their choreographers will bring forth heartfelt acts showcasing what friendship means to them. Sensational music icon 'B Praak' will also be part of this episode to promote his song 'Kya Loge Tum', unveiling this soulful track that is part of his forthcoming album 'Zohrajabeen'.

In a stunning display of talent and unity, contestant Hansvi Tonk and her choreographer Anuradha Iyengar will deliver a performance dedicated to her fellow contestants and choreographers on the song 'Tu Jo Mila'. The performance will seamlessly blend classical and contemporary dance styles, leaving the audience spellbound. The duo will receive a standing ovation from the esteemed panel of judges, as they will be astounded by Hansvi's toofani performance and ability to excel in a new dance form (contemporary), despite her classical background.

## 'To embody the larger-than-life persona of Senapati, I had to cultivate the right mindset'

Popular television actor Vineet Kumar Chaudhury has captivated audiences with his impeccable portrayal of Senapati Samrat in Sony SAB's 'Dhruv Tara'. With his striking presence and remarkable talent, Vineet effortlessly brings this character to life on the screen. His nuanced performance as Senapati Samrat has garnered widespread acclaim. With each scene, Vineet effortlessly draws viewers into the captivating world of Senapati Samrat.

In a candid conversation, Vineet reveals, "1. What aspects of Samrat Senapati's character do you find the most intriguing, and how did you bring those qualities to life on screen?"

Every character perceives themselves as justified rather than negative, and Samrat Senapati is no exception. His ambition to claim the throne drives him to take extreme measures. Rooted in purani



parampara, he believes that men and women can never achieve equality. Change is seen as a threat, prompting him to resist

those advocating for it. Throughout my career, I had not ventured into the realm of historical or mythological characters,

but in preparation for this role, I immersed myself in extensive research, including studying historical accounts, mythology, and relevant literature. This thorough groundwork helped me bring his character to life on screen.

2. How did you prepare yourself to portray the negative role of Samrat Senapati in Dhruv Tara? Were there any specific challenges you faced?

When the opportunity to portray Samrat Senapati in Sony SAB's "Dhruv Tara" came my way, I realized that my character was more than just a one-dimensional villain. To embody the larger-than-life persona of Senapati, I had to cultivate the right mindset. I immersed myself in the character, understanding his motivation and conviction. His desire for kingship, his commitment to tradition, and his contrasting perspective on gender equality fascinated me. By delving into the character and conducting extensive

research, I've tried to approach the role with depth and capture the intricacies of Samrat Senapati.

3. How do you manage to balance the negative traits of Samrat Senapati with the overall narrative of the show, ensuring that the viewers remain engaged and interested in his character?

As an actor, I recognise that the portrayal of a character is heavily influenced by the script and direction provided to us. While we may not have complete autonomy over the material we receive, our goal is to make it captivating, charismatic, and full of surprises, all to delight our audience. In addition, we strive to infuse our own creativity and interpretation into the role, discovering ways to highlight the character's distinct qualities and intricacies. Through the addition of depth and subtlety in our performance, we aim to engage the viewers and leave a lasting impact.

## Actors and their memorable picnics!



Enjoying a holiday in our favourite picnic spots with family and friends help rejuvenate and create precious memories. On International Picnic Day, & TV artists Darshan Dave (Randheer Sharma, Doo Sri Maa), Gazal Sood (Kate Singh, Happu Ki Ultan Paltan), and Shubhangi Atre (Angoori Bhabi, Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai) share their favourite picnic destinations and memories. Gazal Sood, aka Kate Singh from Happu Ki Ultan Paltan, shares, "My favourite picnic destination is Goa. While exploring the state with my friends during college, I came across a beautiful destination. As I hail from Punjab, I was always excited to experience the beach, and when I visited Vagator, I fell in love with it."

## 'Tiku Weds Sheru' trailer promises madcap comedy headlined by Nawaz

The trailer of the upcoming romantic comedy drama "Tiku Weds Sheru" starring Nawazuddin Siddiqui and Avneet Kaur in lead roles was unveiled on Wednesday.

The trailer showcases the story of two aspiring actors who get married. As per the trailer, the movie looks rather like a mix of a Bollywood rom-com with black comedy, having a bit of a similarity to 'Delhi Belly'.

Somewhat satirical in nature, the movie is also well produced with great lighting and sound design. The dialogues in the trailer are also lighthearted, and the one which sticks out most is, "Big



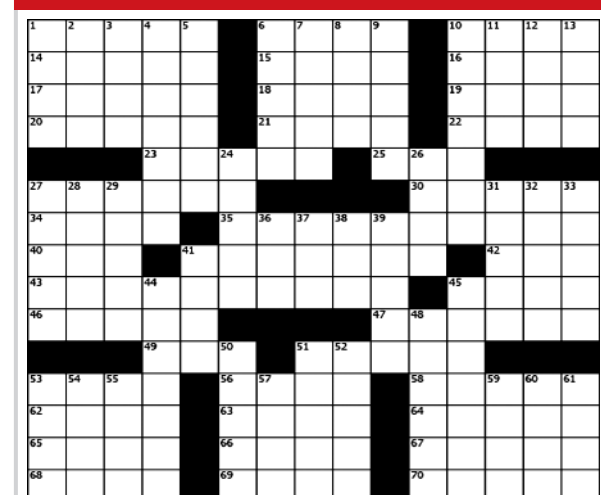
Actor Nawazuddin Siddiqui and Avneet Kaur during the trailer launch of their upcoming movie 'Tiku Weds Sheru', in Mumbai.

risk, big life. No risk, no life", said by Nawaz. The movie, while hav-

ing a solid story, does not seem to take itself too seriously with the actors

clearly having a good time. The official synopsis of the movie reads: "Sheru and Tiku are marginalised souls from the underprivileged strata of society. They are ambitious in search of a better life. Being semi-literate, Sheru works as a pimp for a local don, Shahid Bhai, and also as a junior artiste as a decoy job, where he finds girls for his pimping business. He risks everything to win the confidence of his boss to be promoted as an equal partner."

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- Pesto ingredient
- Grand \_\_\_\_\_
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- Without company
- Honey factory
- Concept
- Leases
- In the middle of
- Steals from
- Double curves
- Average skirt

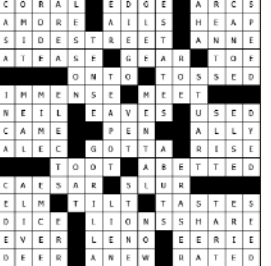
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- Unadorned
- Pub offerings
- Male children
- Meantime
- Decrease
- Dishonor
- Boundary
- Greedy
- Military doctor
- Phone bug
- Object of adoration
- Society gals
- Soothe
- Acquire knowledge
- Imitator
- Motorist's aid
- Fido's rope
- Glue
- Not fresh

## 677

- Says
- Merry
- First Greek letter
- Divan
- Gawk
- Appearance
- The \_\_\_\_\_ Office
- Glen
- Bus patron
- Actress \_\_\_\_\_ Moore
- Constantly
- Show contempt
- Site
- Camera glass
- Jobs
- Stopwatch
- Etching fluids
- Bother
- Gift for Dad
- Rural hotel
- Framed (2 wds.)
- Rocker \_\_\_\_\_ Turner
- Decorative clothing
- Endurance
- Desire to drink
- Swiss song
- Woody or Tim
- Malicious look
- Carbonated drink
- Done
- Fortune's partner
- Donated
- Citrus drinks
- Nerd
- Slips up

### SOLUTION 676





## Messi leads world champions to victory over Soccerroos

Beijing, June 15:

Lionel Messi has orchestrated another victory for the world champions Argentina, as he scored the opening goal of a 2-0 win over a resilient Australia in Beijing.

It took him only two minutes to score the opening goal of the match — the fastest goal of his career — with a wonderful curling effort past Maty Ryan.

Argentina had more chances in an opening 15 minutes where they ran riot, but Australia soon settled and began to hit Argentina on the break.

Striker Mitch Duke had their best chance of the game midway through the first period when his header from a Riley McGree cross forced a great reaction stop from Emiliano Martinez. Both sides created chances in an even match, but Argentina dou-



Argentina's Lionel Messi gets the ball past Australia's players during a friendly soccer match held at the Worker's Stadium in Beijing, Thursday, June 15.

bled their advantage when an onrushing German Pezzella emphatically headed home a Rodrigo De Paul cross after some slop-

py marking on the Soccerroos. Australia pushed for a goal that would have made the game interesting, but Argentina

were able to see out the match, with Messi's class on display as he wowed the capacity crowd at the Workers Stadium.

## Srikanth, Prannoy, Chirag-Satwik enter quarters, Sindhu exits

Indonesia Open

Jakarta, Jun 15 (PTD):

Kidambi Srikanth and HS Prannoy registered straight game wins to advance to the men's singles quarterfinals but it was curtains for double Olympic medallist PV Sindhu at the Indonesia Open World Tour Super 1000 event here on Thursday.

Taking the court first, Srikanth used his vast experience to quell the challenge of Lakshya Sen 21-17 22-20 in an all-Indian second round duel.

It was a hard-fought battle between the two Indians but Srikanth bagged the crucial moments with his calmness and experience to prevail over Lakshya in the match that lasted 45 minutes.

The win ensured Srikanth's dominance over his younger compatriot as he took his head-to-head record to 3-0 over Lakshya.

Seventh seed Prannoy then took just 43 minutes to get the better of Angus Ng Ka Long of Hong Kong 21-18 21-16. However, world number 14 Sindhu made an early exit once again, losing 21-18 21-16 to her nemesis and world number 3 Tai Tzu Ying of Chinese Taipei in a women's singles second round match. Sindhu had made opening round exits in the



Taiwan's Tai Tzu Ying plays against India's Puserla V. Sindhu during their women's singles second round match at Indonesia Open badminton tournament at Istora stadium in Jakarta, Indonesia, Thursday, June 15.

last two events. Tai Tzu, seeded third, has been the opponent Sindhu had struggled against the most in the international arena and it was no better here with the Chinese Taipei shuttler enhancing her head-to-head record over the Indian to a staggering 19-5. Sindhu and Tai Tzu's most recent meeting was at the 2023 Sudirman Cup, where the Chinese Taipei player won 21-14 18-21 21-17. With Sindhu's loss, the Indian chal-

lenge came to an end in the women's singles event. Earlier, Birmingham Commonwealth Games champion and world No. 5 men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Ranikreddy and Chirag Shetty sailed past China's He Ji Ting and Zhou Hao Dong 21-17 21-15 in 46 minutes.

The Indian seventh seed will be up against top seeds Fajar Alfian and Muhammad Rian Ardianto in the quarterfinals.

## Ben Stokes happy with own fitness, oozing positivity on eve of Ashes

London, Jun 15 (AP):

Positivity has been the watchword for Ben Stokes since taking over as England cricket captain a year ago and he was oozing it on Thursday on the eve of a highly anticipated Ashes series against Australia.

About his own battered body, which he believes is ready to stand up to scrutiny in the most storied test series in the sport.

About the team's attacking mindset, which he insists is ingrained in his players now and is not for changing under his leadership.

And about bringing Moeen Ali out of test retirement, one of Stokes' biggest decisions in his short tenure.

Facing reporters wearing a bucket hat, Stokes was calmness personified while many in cricket are getting caught up in the excitement of what is likely to be an ex-



plusive few weeks between two long-time rivals, starting with the first test at Edgbaston from Friday. England, Stokes said, was ready for Australia with its "Bazball" approach whether it proves successful this

summer or not. "We have found a style and a way in which we want to play our cricket that has been very successful and regardless of the opponent, that's what we are going to stick to," Stokes said. "Obviously, conditions can dictate how you can do that but we will always try to adapt to the conditions and still have that positive mode, which is to go out and have as much fun as we can and always look to put pressure on the opposition regardless of who it is. Not facing the man, but facing the ball."

Part of Stokes' general optimism must be the improvement in his own health, which has been of major concern after his knee issues during the tour of New Zealand in February and the fact he played only twice for Chennai Super Kings in the Indian Premier League sending down just one over for 18 runs.

## Asia Cup to be held in hybrid model

■ From August 31 to September 17: ACC

New Delhi, Jun 15 (PTD):

Ending months of speculation around Asia Cup, the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) on Thursday announced that the tournament will be staged in a hybrid model with four games in Pakistan and nine in Sri Lanka from August 31 to September 17.

The deadlock over the staging of the 50-over tournament was broken last week when the Jay Shah-led ACC accepted Pakistan Cricket Board's hybrid model of conducting four non-India games in Pakistan. The hybrid model was proposed as the BCCI had made it clear that it won't send its team to Pakistan due to the long-standing geo-political tensions between the two

countries. "We are delighted to announce that the Asia Cup 2023 will be held from 31st August to 17th September 2023 and will see the elite teams from India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Nepal, compete in a total of 13 exciting ODI matches.

"The tournament will be hosted in a hybrid model with four matches being held in Pakistan, and the remaining nine matches being played in Sri Lanka," said the ACC in a statement. The 2023 edition will feature two groups, with two teams from each group qualifying for the Super Four stage. The top-two teams from the Super Four stage will then face off in the final. India, Pakistan and Nepal have been bracketed in one group while Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Afghanistan form the other group.

## Bangladesh leads Afghanistan by 370 runs

Mirpur, Jun 15 (AP):

Bangladesh rebounded and extended its lead to 370 runs after bowling out Afghanistan for 146 in their one-off Test on a hectic Thursday when 16 wickets fell.

Bangladesh suffered a sensational batting collapse in the morning, losing five wickets for nine runs to be bowled out for 382. Afghanistan was all out in just 39 overs, and Bangladesh chose not to enforce the follow on. It was 134-1 in its second innings by stumps on day two. Pacer Nijatullah Masood raised Afghanistan prospects when his morning five-for was just the second by an Afghan bowler on debut.

His 5-79 was instrumental in triggering the collapse as Bangladesh added just 20 runs to its overnight total of 362-5. A day after becoming the first Afghan to take a wicket with the first ball of his test career, Masood found swing and movement



Bangladesh's Najmul Hossain Shanto (R) celebrates after scoring a half-century.

in the overcast conditions to rip through Bangladesh's batting.

Pace bowler Yamin Ahmedzai, who complemented Masood with 2-39, provided the momentum-shifting breakthrough when he had Mehidy Hasan caught by Amir Hamza at backward point with a delivery that was well outside

off. Mehidy threw away his wicket for 48. Masood then undid veteran Mushfiqur Rahim, who fended a short delivery to slip to be out for 47.

After their dismissals, Bangladesh crumbled in two overs. Masood complete his five-wicket haul by rattling the stumps of Shoriful Islam in the 86th over.

## Luka Modric penalty completes thrilling 4-2 win for Croatia

Rotterdam, Jun 15 (AP):

Veteran midfielder Luka Modric scored an extra-time penalty to seal a thrilling 4-2 victory for Croatia over the Netherlands and a place in the Nations League final.

Thousands of ecstatic red-and-white clad Croatia fans chanted "Luka! Luka! Luka!" after the 37-year-old completed the scoring from the penalty spot in the 116th minute on Wednesday.

"We couldn't believe how many fans for Croatia there were in the stadium. That was really phenomenal," Modric said through an interpreter. "They give us great support and that's something that drives us



Croatia's midfielder Luka Modric (2nd R), Croatia's midfielder Ivan Perisic (R) and Croatia's forward Bruno Petkovic (2nd L) celebrate after winning the UEFA Nations League semi final football match between The Netherlands and Croatia at the De Kuip Stadium in Rotterdam.

and moves us forward." It was Modric's 165th appearance for his country.

He said after captaining Croatia to victory over Morocco in the third-place game at the World Cup in Qatar he wanted to "continue until at least the Nations League and after we will see." Netherlands coach Ronald Koeman said Modric was, "in one word: fantastic." "Sometimes there's a player for the opponent who is so decisive and so good that I can't it's hard to say enjoy watching," Koeman said. Croatia was runner-up at the 2018 World Cup in Russia and third last year in Qatar. Substitute Bruno Petkovic also scored in extra-time with a shot from just outside the penalty area that flew low into the corner, just out of the reach of Justin Bijlow as staunch Dutch resistance finally crumbled.

## Varun Tomar clinches air pistol gold in Kumar Surendra Shooting

Bhopal, Jun 15 (PTD):

Junior World Championships medallist Varun Tomar clinched the men's 10m air pistol gold in the Kumar Surendra Singh Memorial Shooting Championship here on Thursday.

Uttar Pradesh's Varun shot 241.9 in the final to overcome the challenge of army man Sharvan Kumar, who was 0.7 behind in a silver-winning effort with 241.2 points.

Sagar Dangi, from the Army Marksmanship Unit (AMU) which had six shooters in the final, came



third with 219.4 points. Sharvan was the best shooter in qualifying with a score of 584, a clear two points ahead of teammate Ayush Chawla, who finished with 582 at the MP State Shooting Academy ranges. Varun qualified fifth with a modest 581 in the 400-plus shooter field.

## World Cup Stage 3 Teen archer Bhajan Kaur grabs top-10 finish in qualifiers

Medellin, Jun 15 (PTD):

Teenage archer Bhajan Kaur grabbed a top-10 finish in the recurve women's qualification round to brighten an otherwise lacklustre show by the Indians in the World Cup Stage 3. On a day when Koreans led the show on expected lines, the 17-year-old in her debut World Cup season put up a spirited show to score 668 points for a ninth-place finish in the qualifiers, here on Wednesday. Sangeeta (651) and Tanisha Verma (648) were the next best Indians at lowly

30th and 36th places as in the women's team rankings they slipped seventh place. Shanghai gold medallist Lim Sihyeon (684) carried her form to lead the Korean 1-2-3 finish in the 72-arrow 70-metre round. Tushar Shelke was the best among the Indians with a lowly 16th place finish in the men's recurve qualification. Shelke shot 671 points in a field dominated by Koreans who took the top-three places in the standings with Kim Woojin leading the way with a score of 696, just one off his own Asian record, set two years ago.

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## Two new polio vaccines developed to eradicate viral disease

New Delhi, Jun 14 (PTI):

Scientists have developed two novel oral polio vaccines (nOPVs) that they say will bolster the World Health Organization's most recent push to finally eradicate the viral disease.

The two nOPVs, recently described in the journal Nature, are made from weakened poliovirus that has been genetically engineered to reduce reversion to dangerous forms of the virus.

"With such variation in vaccination within and between countries, poliovirus has persisted into the 21st century, with sometimes tragic consequences," said Raul Andino, a professor at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) in the US.

"We have designed these new vaccines using lessons learned from many years of fighting polio and believe they will help eliminate the disease once and for all," said Andino, co-senior author of the re-

search paper.

Polio is usually asymptomatic, but can cause severe disability, paralysis or death in about one in every hundred children. It spreads via fecal or oral particles, so it is particularly problematic in regions with poor sanitation.

The first effective polio vaccines emerged in the 1950s, kicking off massive campaigns to immunise every person, with an emphasis on children.

While the original, or "wildtype," poliovirus has only been recently detected in Afghanistan and Pakistan, vaccine-derived polio has been detected in countries as far flung as Syria, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and the US.

There have been more cases of vaccine-derived polio than wildtype in recent years, creating an urgency to counter this new source of polio, the researchers said.

The nOPV2 vaccine developed by the team earned the WHO's first-

ever emergency use listing in 2020 and was quickly manufactured and distributed.

"Over 600 million doses were delivered to more than 28 countries, and in ten instances it stopped ongoing outbreaks of vaccine-derived polio. It gave us a lot more confidence that this actually was working as anticipated," said Andino.

Despite its effectiveness, nOPV2 only protects against one of three strains of polio, and cases of polio have recently emerged in Israel, which is heavily vaccinated, as well as in pockets of the US where people refuse to vaccinate their kids.

"If there's polio anywhere, it will come back where there are gaps in vaccination," Andino said.

The latest work from Andino's group takes the solution they crafted for nOPV2 the three mutations that usually prevent the vaccine from becoming dangerous over time and engineers it into the other two types of OPV.

The resulting vaccines, nOPV1 and nOPV3, effectively prevented polio in animal models. All three are much safer than the original OPVs, which can occasionally cause paralysis in those who get the vaccine, although this is rare, the researchers said.

The two new vaccines are currently being tested in clinical trials to ensure that they are both effective and do not revert to dangerous forms in humans. Andino is hopeful they will be incorporated into bivalent or trivalent combinations with nOPV2. Children of the future will be equally protected from polio for life, and perhaps the world will someday experience decades in which zero polio is detected, the researchers added.

"The perception that polio is gone is a dangerous one. For instance, just in India, 500,000 children are born each week, an enormous number of susceptible people. We now have what we need to protect them," Andino added.

## PUBLIC CONTACT PROG



Former Rajasthan CM Vasundhara Raje with Union MoS for Education Annpurna Devi, Former Chief Minister and senior BJP leader Babulal Marandi and others during BJP's Maha Jan Sampark Abhiyan on completion of nine years of BJP-led central government, at Bagodar Stadium, in Giridih district, Thursday.

## Book describes how to make travelling unique

New Delhi, Jun 15 (PTI):

Travelling and exploring are not only multidimensional learning experiences but also natural therapy that can heal even the most difficult wounds, says a new travelogue by globetrotter Prasanna Vee.

In "One for the Road", Vee speaks of entertaining tales, unique experiences, magical moments, engrossing lessons and thought-provoking reflections from his adventures across the globe.

He also tells how one can lead a life of serial travelling, without quitting a job or compromising on any other goals in life. Vee is an American citizen of Indian origin who grew up in Chennai, before moving to the US in 1998. Though he has followed the typical career path that most techies from the subcontinent

do after migrating abroad, his passion for travelling has taken him to more than 250 countries and territories across the globe - including each of the 193 nations recognised by the UN. He likes to be called "serial traveller".

Zip-lining over the jungle canopy in Peru, navigating the maze-like streets of Venice, bargaining for the best price in the traditional markets of Marrakech, riding a speedboat across a volcanic lake in Guatemala, or a scary walking safari in the jungles of Zambia - Vee says each and every one of these adventures has been a blessing in disguise for him. He also says that one doesn't even need to travel internationally to experience this exhilarating feeling, even domestic travel could serve it on a platter.

Travelling and exploring

for Vee are multidimensional learning experiences. "You can get stimulated by the different types of music in various countries, rouse your taste buds with different cuisines, or view the enjoyment and anguish in the world through your own lens." He also feels that travel gives us the opportunity to reinvent ourselves. Finally, he says travel is a natural therapist that can heal even the most difficult wounds. "It's a doctor that can cure through distractions. It is a powerful way to mend the soul, cleanse the mind, and open the heart. Whether you are trying to fill up the cracks of your broken heart again or grieving a personal or professional loss, travel can make you forget - at least temporarily - by providing visual and mental diversions," he writes in the book, published by LetsAuthor.

## Vizag MP's wife, son, auditor abducted, rescued by police

Visakhapatnam, Jun 15 (PTI):

The city police rescued Visakhapatnam Lok Sabha member M V V Satyanarayana's wife, son and auditor on Thursday within five hours after receiving tipoff they had been kidnapped by a gang.

Satyanarayana, an MP from the ruling YSRCP was in Hyderabad when the incident occurred.

The three were abducted for ransom by a person identified as Kola Venkata Hemanth Kumar on Wednesday.

After receiving tipoff, the police swung into action and rescued all of them, Viskakhapatnam Police Commissioner Trivikram Varma told PTI today. Police first received information around 8 AM

today that the MP's auditor has been kidnapped.

Immediately, we set up check posts and based on information from the auditor's driver, we tracked the vehicle, said the Police Commissioner.

With the available information, police found that the abductors were moving in a car towards Padmanabham area and arrested them. The gang informed the police that they had dropped the trio on the highway.

The MP's wife, son and auditor had boarded a bus from the highway and reached their places, police said.

Varma said by 12.30 PM they rescued the trio and also apprehended the two kidnapers while a search is on for the third accused.

## Railway Board pulled up signalling staff in April

● For adopting 'short-cuts' to clear signals

New Delhi, Jun 15 (PTI):

Signalling staffers were pulled up by the Railway Board in April for using "short-cuts" for reconnecting the signalling gear after maintenance work without proper testing of points. In a letter dated April 3, the board said five such incidents were reported from various railway zones.

"Five incidents on the unsafe side involving points have taken place on various zonal railways," it said, describing these incidents as "alarming and an issue of serious concern".

"The signalling gears were reconnected by signal and telecom staffers without proper testing of points after blocks for switch/turnout replacement, wrong wiring during preparatory works, attending signal failures etc.," the letter read. "Such prac-

tices reflect dilution of manual and codal provisions. The same is a potential hazard to safety in train operations and needs to be stopped," it said.

Expressing its dissatisfaction with the signalling department, the board said these incidents indicate that despite repeated instructions, the "ground situation is not improving and the signalling staffers are continuing to adopt short-cut methods" for clearing signals, without checking the correspondence from the sites and without a proper exchange of disconnection or re-connection memo with the operating staff. "Joint works with engineering staffers, signal maintenance and other repair works requiring disconnection contained in IRSEM should indicate time duration catering provisions for testing signalling gears after completion of engineering works.... The gears should be reconnected only after proper testing to ascertain safe certifica-

tion of the signalling system," it said.

The Railway Board also said several infrastructure projects are under progress with stringent targets and officers and staffers on the field need to be sensitised that the integrity of the signalling system is of utmost importance from a safety point of view. "These aspects need to be reviewed in weekly safety meetings at divisional and headquarters levels," the letter said.

The railway minister as well as officials had hinted at signal interference as a possible cause of a horrific crash involving three trains in Odisha's Balasore on June 2. As many as 288 people were killed and more than 1,000 injured in the crash involving the Bengaluru-Howrah Superfast Express, the Shalimar-Chennai Central Coromandel Express - two trains carrying around 2,500 passengers - and a goods train.

## Sixteen from remote Gadchiroli and Melghat villages clear NEET

Nagpur, Jun 15 (PTI):

Sixteen students from remote villages of Gadchiroli and Melghat in Maharashtra are a step closer to fulfilling their dream of becoming doctors after clearing the undergraduate NEET, the results of which were declared on Tuesday.

National Eligibility-Cum-Entrance Test (NEET) is a single entrance test for admissions to MBBS (Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery) and BDS

(Bachelor of Dental Surgery) colleges across India.

These candidates from the Vidarbha region were part of 30 students who were given free coaching for two years by Lift For Upliftment' (LFU), an organisation founded by students and alumni of B J Medical College in Pune.

The students from Gadchiroli and Melghat areas often associated with Naxalism and poor social indicators were taught by doctors and those pursuing their stud-

ies at the Pune medical college. The mentors used to visit the organisation's study centres in Osmanabad and Gadchiroli districts.

Tarang Vairagade from Chandanweli village in Ettapalli takula of Gadchiroli district shared that he scored 501 out of 720 marks in NEET 2023. The 18-year-old lives with his grandmother and mother, who works on a farm and does tailoring to make ends meet.

Vairagade, who lost his father in childhood, said

he went to the local schools and learnt about LFU's free coaching from a teacher. The teenager said he received offline as well as online coaching. The mentors cleared his basics and helped him improve his English.

The teenager is expecting to get admission to the MBBS course. "I want to return to my native place after medical education and serve the people here," he said.

Akash Kodyami (18) from Gavadhetti village of Gadchiroli scored 464 out

of 720. Kodyami, whose family is into farming, went to a local state-run ashram shala' and a friend told him about the free coaching institute.

The tribal teen said they speak the Gondi language and he had trouble learning English. But a dictionary made by LFU that had Gondi words translated into English boosted his confidence, he said.

"The mentors helped me prepare for the board exam as well as NEET," said Kodyami, who is expecting a medical seat.

## K'taka removes RSS founder, Savarkar from textbooks

Bengaluru, June 15 (PTI):

The Karnataka Cabinet on Thursday approved the revision of Kannada and Social Science textbooks of classes 6 to 10 in the state for this academic year by removing the chapters on RSS founder K B Hedgewar and Hindutva ideologue V D Savarkar among others.

It has also consented to add chapters on social reformer and educator Savitribai Phule, Nehru's letters to Indira Gandhi and poetry on Ambedkar, and do away with the changes that were brought in by the previous BJP government.

The Congress had in its poll manifesto promised to undo the changes made to school textbooks when the BJP was in power, and had also promised to scrap the National Education Policy (NEP). "Regarding textbook revision, the Cabinet discussed the proposal brought by the department, the lesson removed and added, and the decisions to be taken, and has given its approval." Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H K Patil said after the cabinet meeting.

Primary and Secondary Education Minister Kumar Bangarappa said it was Congress's promise in the manifesto to revise the textbooks and that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has

consistently given his guidance on this.

Noting that the textbooks had reached the students by the time the new government came to power, he said, "We cannot stop it; withdrawing and reprinting new textbooks would lead to loss of hundreds of crores. There is a provision of supplementary books as done in the past, so we are going for a supplementary book regarding what is to be done and what is not needed or may lead to wrong thinking. We have removed what was not required."

The education minister said a five-member expert committee of Rajappa Dalawai, Raveesh Kumar, Prof T R Chandrashekar, Dr Ashwath Narayan, and Rajesh has worked for revising the text book for this year.

He said, "Though there were suggestions for larger changes, keeping in mind technical and printing difficulties, and as the academic year has started, only a few changes have been made this time in Kannada and social sciences textbooks of classes 6 to 10. This may cost about Rs 10-12 lakh. There are 75,000 schools in the state; we will ensure it reaches them."

After Congress came to

power, a delegation of writers, thinkers and representatives of various organisations met Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and petitioned him regarding the revision of textbooks. Responding to the question of what has been added and removed during the revision, Bangarappa said, "We have only restored what was there before the previous BJP government made changes; we have removed the changes they had made."

A chapter on Savitri Phule, which was removed, has been re-introduced, a poem on Ambedkar titled 'Nee Hoda Marudina' has been added, and 'Magalige Bareda Patra' - a chapter on Nehru's letters to Indira Gandhi has also been re-introduced.

## MASS MARRIAGE CEREMONY



Brides arrive at a mass marriage ceremony, in Srinagar on Thursday

## Day before retirement, SC judge Justice Joseph pronounces two verdicts

New Delhi, Jun 15 (PTI):

Supreme Court judge Justice KM Joseph on Thursday pronounced two verdicts, a day ahead of his superannuation.

Justice Joseph, who is set to retire on Friday, was accorded a warm farewell by the Supreme Court and lawyers bodies on May 19, the last working day before the top court closed for the summer vacation.

On Thursday, Justice Joseph, along with Justice BV Nagarathna, pronounced two verdicts including one involving Coal India Limited in which the bench ruled that the Competition Act, 2002 also applies to the public sector company. Justice

Nagarathna, after the pronouncement of the verdict said, "It was an honour to share the bench with Justice Joseph. I wish him a happy and active retired life."

Justice V Ramasubramanian, who is set to retire on June 29, also pronounced three verdicts together with Justice Pankaj Mithal. Justice Ramasubramanian, was also given farewell by the Supreme Court and the bar bodies on May 19.

Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud had paid glowing tributes to retiring Supreme Court judges Justices Joseph, Ajay Rastogi and V Ramasubramanian, recalling their contributions to the service of the nation.

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