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'Sexual harassment case against WFI chief under consideration'

Report to be submitted to court
New Delhi, May 31 (PTI):

The sexual harassment case against Wrestling Federation of India chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh is under consideration and the status report of the investigation will be submitted to court, the Delhi Police said on Wednesday.

Earlier, police sources said the force had not found sufficient evidence in favour of the allegations levelled against Singh by

female wrestlers and that it will submit the report within 15 days. As the news came out in the media, the Delhi Police took to Twitter to say: "It is clarified that this news is wrong and the investigation into this sensitive case is under progress with all sensitivity." A public relation officer of the Delhi Police also shared the same message with reporters. After nearly an hour, the Delhi Police deleted its tweet. The PRO also removed the message she had shared in the official WhatsApp group for reporters.

Revealed: Govt's 3-pronged peace formula for Manipur

Imphal, May 31 (PTI):

The Centre is working on a three-pronged approach to bring the warring Meitei and Kuki communities into a narrow common ground for lasting peace in troubled Manipur, sources said on Wednesday.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who is currently visiting Manipur, has given clear instructions that violence must end immediately and peace should be restored in the northeastern state as early as possible.

Shah visits Manipur border town, holds security meet

Union Home Minister Amit Shah held a review meeting in this border town on Wednesday to take stock of the security situation in the northeastern state which has been witnessing sporadic violence for nearly a month. Shah, on the third day of his visit to the state, also met a delegation of the Kuki community and a team representing others communities, and they expressed strong support for the government's initiatives to restore normalcy. "Took stock of the security situation with senior officials in Moreh (Manipur)," Shah tweeted. A home ministry spokesperson



Union Home Minister Amit Shah in a meeting with a Kuki delegation, in Moreh, Manipur, Wednesday.

said Shah held a security review meeting in the Moreh town, bordering Myanmar. "Held a meeting with the delegations of Kuki and other com-

munities at Moreh. They expressed strong support for the government's initiatives to restore normalcy in Manipur," Shah said in another tweet.

confidence between the Meitei and Kuki communities. Hence, the Centre is mak-

ing all efforts to reach out to every segment of the society in Manipur and working

to bring them into a narrow common ground for lasting peace, the sources added.

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BANK LOAN FRAUD

ED attaches Rs 124 cr worth assets

Of various associates of Chennai group

New Delhi, May 31 (PTI):

Assets worth about Rs 124 crore that were in possession of various entities linked to the Chennai-based Surana Group of companies have been attached in connection with

a money laundering investigation related to three alleged bank loan frauds worth a total Rs 3,986 crore, the Enforcement Directorate said Wednesday.

A provisional order under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) has been issued to attach 78 immovable properties, it said in a statement.

BRIEF



MP CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan waves at the crowd during the 'Run for Pride' event organised to mark the anniversary of merger of the princely State of Bhopal, in Bhopal, Wednesday.

Raid

Jammu: Police on Wednesday conducted raids on the premises of suspected drug peddlers at multiple locations in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district and recovered around Rs 3 lakh cash, officials said. Nine mobile phones were also recovered from a hideout of a heroin supplier at infamous 'Chitta' hotspot in Balol Khad in the Bari Brahmana area, they said.

Raid

Bengaluru: The Lokayukta sleuths in Karnataka on Wednesday carried out searches at 57 locations simultaneously against 15 government officers who are accused of amassing wealth disproportionate to their known source of income. According to the Karnataka Lokayukta, the raids were carried out at multiple locations in 11 districts.

Collision

Budaun: Two persons were killed and four others were injured when a van collided with a tempo in Faizganj Police Station area of the district on Wednesday, police said. Station House Officer (SHO) Siddhant Sharma said, "A van collided with a tempo packed with passengers on Bisauli Road.

Four killed as auto-rickshaw falls into gorge

8-year-old boy among 2 injured

Jashpur, May 31:

Four persons, including a married couple, were killed after the auto-rickshaw in which they were returning from a wedding function fell into a 50-foot deep gorge in Jashpur district on Wednesday, police said.

Two other occupants of the vehicle, including an eight-year-old boy, sustained critical injuries in the accident which took place in Kardana Valley in the Sanna area in the afternoon, a police official said.

The deceased were identified as the owner-cum-driver of the auto-rickshaw Budhnath Ram, his wife

About the incident

As per preliminary information, Budhnath Ram, his wife and four others were returning in the three-wheeler to their native Kardana village from nearby Sonkaryi village where they had gone to attend a marriage function. When they reached near Chhatauari Kapukona village, the driver (Budhnath Ram) apparently lost control over the vehicle and it plunged into the 50-foot deep gorge. Three of the occupants died on the spot, while the fourth passenger succumbed to injuries during treatment at the Jashpur district hospital.

Phulmati, Sevanti and Brihaspati Bai, he said. As per preliminary information, Budhnath Ram, his wife and four others were

returning in the three-wheeler to their native Kardana village from nearby Sonkaryi village where they had gone to attend a marriage function. When they reached near Chhatauari Kapukona village, the driver (Budhnath Ram) apparently lost control over the vehicle and it plunged into the 50-foot deep gorge, he said.

Three of the occupants died on the spot, while the fourth passenger succumbed to injuries during treatment at the Jashpur district hospital, said the official. The two injured persons were referred to the Ambikapur medical college and hospital in neighbouring Surguja district in view of their critical condition, he said.

SII for in-house testing of its injection for detection of latent TB

Writes to govt

New Delhi, May 31 (PTI):

The Serum Institute of India (SII) has urged the Union health ministry to allow in-house testing of its Cy-Tb injection for the detection of latent tuberculosis, saying the testing facility for this product is not available in any government lab in the country, official sources said on Wednesday.

A letter in this regard was written by Prakash Kumar Singh, Director at SII, they said.

The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) approved market authorisation of Cy-Tb injection on May 9, 2022, but even

after a year of approval, Cy-Tb is not available in the market due to the non-availability of testing facility in any government lab in India, Singh said in the letter.

According to the sources, Singh is also learnt to have mentioned that Cy-Tb is important for the detection of latent TB and the government should allow its in-house testing so that the injection can be made available in India and the world at large.

The DGCA had granted market authorisation to the SII's Cy-Tb injection, which can be used for skin test for diagnosis of latent TB, for those aged 18 and above.

WELCOME RAINS



A child enjoys rain at the Golden Temple, in Amritsar, Wednesday.

Protesting wrestlers, except Sakshi Malik, return

Did not speak due to 'silence vow'

New Delhi, May 31 (PTI):

The "shell-shocked" protesting wrestlers, except Sakshi Malik, have returned to their homes in Haryana, and did not speak with the waiting media in Haridwar due to a silence vow, a member of the protest group said on Wednesday. The grapplers had resumed their agitation against Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh on April 23 at Jantar Mantar and stayed there till May 28, the day they were detained by the Delhi Police during their march towards the new

Parliament building. Immediately after their detention, the police cleared the protest site and made it clear that wrestlers will not be allowed back to the Jantar Mantar. The police action against the wrestlers drew criticism from different quarters. On Tuesday, they threatened to immerse their medals into the holy river Ganga but the farmer leaders stopped them from taking the extreme step. "They were crying since morning. It is not easy to throw away even a medal won at district level and they were ready to throw away those big international medals. They were shell-shocked, not a word was coming out of their mouths," said a member of the protesting group.

'Modi 'a specimen' who knows more than god'

Santa Clara (US), May 31 (PTI):

There are people in India who think they know more than God and Prime Minister Narendra Modi is "one such specimen", Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said.

Reacting sharply to Gandhi's targeting of Prime Minister Modi, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi on Wednesday described the former Congress president as a "fake Gandhi" and as a person "who knows nothing" but has become an expert on everything. Speaking at the 'Mohabbat Ki Dukaan' event organised by Indian



Overseas Congress USA in Santa Clara in the US state of California on Tuesday, Gandhi said these people are "absolutely convinced" that they know everything and can explain history to historians, science to scientists and warfare to the army.

Rahul 'fake Gandhi', 'insults' India: BJP

Responding to Gandhi's speech, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Joshi claimed that the Congress leader's knowledge of history did not go beyond his family. "It is funny how someone who knows nothing is suddenly an expert on everything. A man whose history knowledge does not go beyond his family is talking about history," the senior BJP leader said in New Delhi. "A man who claimed to produce gold out of potatoes is giving lectures about science and a man who never ventured beyond family affairs now wants to lead India's warfare," Joshi said.

'Oppn insulted country's sentiments, hard work of 60,000 labourers'

By boycotting Parl inauguration

Ajmer, May 31 (PTI):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday attacked the Opposition for boycotting the inauguration of new Parliament building, saying the Congress "insulted" the sentiments of the country and the hard work of 60,000 labourers.

"India got a new Parliament building three days back. I ask you whether you are proud of it or not. Did you feel the



PM Modi waves at supporters during a public meeting in Ajmer, Wednesday.

joy on the increase in India's prestige? The

Congress and some parties like it hurled the mud of politics on this too," he said at a rally in Ajmer.

The Congress and 20 other parties boycotted the inauguration of the new Parliament building by the prime minister on Sunday, saying it was an insult to President Droupadi Murmu, a tribal woman, that she was not invited by the government to do the honours.

Modi said such opportunities come once in generations, but the Congress used this for its "selfish protest". "They insulted the hard work of 60,000

labourers and the sentiment of the country," he said, adding the Congress is unable to digest the progress the country is making.

Referring to main Opposition party Congress, Modi said they are angry because a "son of the poor" is not allowing them to do what they want and is "raising questions on their corruption and parivarwad (dynastic politics)". The prime minister accused the Congress of following a policy of misleading the poor and keeping them deprived during its rule.

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National Ramayana Festival

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1st June, 3:00 pm, Ramleela Ground, Raigarh

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Chief Minister, Chhattisgarh



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CM transfers Rs 32.35 cr unemployment allowance

● To 1.05 lakh beneficiaries

Raipur, May 31: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Wednesday disbursed Rs 32.35 cr as the second instalment of the unemployment allowance into the bank accounts of 1.05 lakh beneficiaries, and said he would be happier if these youths actually get jobs.

Under the scheme, the state government pays Rs 2,500 monthly allowance to each beneficiary. The first instalment of Rs 16.54 cr was transferred into the bank accounts of 66,256 beneficiaries on April 30, officials said.

The chief minister transferred the second instalment amount during a function held at his official residence here. "The unemployed youths are being provided assistance through this scheme, but I would be happier when you get employed," he said while addressing the gathering of youths present there.



Advertisements for recruitment into various departments are continuously being released. At the same time, the government has also been imparting skill development training so that youths could start their own business. Unemployment allowance is just a small assistance through which you could achieve your goals, he added.

This allowance will help in buying books for competitive exams and other

things. The state government has waived the examination fees for the youth of Chhattisgarh in exams conducted by the Chhattisgarh Professional Examination Board and the Chhattisgarh Public Service Commission (CGPSC), he added.

Meanwhile, opposition Bharatiya Janata Party's Chhattisgarh unit chief Arun Sao accused the ruling Congress of misleading the youths in the state.

The Congress government has broken the

dreams of youths in the state and they are filled with anger, he alleged.

During his Republic Day address this year, CM Baghel had announced that unemployed youths will be given a monthly allowance of Rs 2,500 in the state from April. It was one of the key promises made by the Congress ahead of the 2018 Assembly election, in which the grand old party returned to power in the state after a gap of 15 years.

SPLASH IN HOT SUMMER



Children are enjoying a dip in cool water near the anicut to beat the summer heat.

Dr Kalda again gave new life to 5 seriously burnt children



Raipur, May 31: Dr. Sunil Kalda, Director of the Kalda Burn and Plastic Surgery Center (accredited by the Government of Chhattisgarh and Chhattisgarh Electricity Board and NABH certified), located in front of Pachpedhi Naka, Colors Mall and renowned cosmetic and reconstructive surgeon of the region addressing the scribes here informed that 11-year-old Priyanshu Pradhan (resident of Raigarh) and his brother were lighting firecrackers in Diwali and went away after setting fire to the 'Anar', but as the fire cracker failed to ignite, Priyanshu went near it and it exploded and Priyanshu's clothes caught fire, and his body got burnt.

As soon as Priyanshu's body caught fire, he was taken to a nearby hospital and treated for a day after being admitted, but there was no improvement in the patient, and the patient's

condition continued to worsen. Viewing this the relatives brought the patient to Kalda Plastic Cosmetic Surgery and Burn Center, Raipur and was treated by keeping him in intensive care. Priyanshu was treated for about 2-3 months, after which he got well and went home safely. Dr Kalda gave a new life to him. Similarly, on March 17, 10-year-old Bhavya Shrivastava (resident of Khairagarh) got 35 to 40 per cent burns on his chest while playing with perfume spray and match box, he was treated with skin implanted from his thigh. Similarly, on April 27, 6-year-old Soumya Verma, who lost her balance while playing in the courtyard of her house, fell into a burning lamp, due to which her clothes got burnt and she also got severely burned. She was admitted to Kalda Hospital. Saumya was saved by grafting. In addition to this Dr Kalda also gave

new life to 2 children Saiba Bano and Shanaya Jain who got burnt while playing. The children had 45 to 70 per cent burns. Giving this information, he further said that for the last 33 years, burn patients are being treated at the Kalda Burn and Plastic Surgery Center. This center is the only fully equipped hospital in the state where burn patients are taken care of very well. Due to which 90 percent of the burn patients have also been cured. He further told that if the patients are not treated properly after burning, then it becomes a threat to life and later the skin becomes thick, due to which itching starts in the body and parts of the body like hands, feet or neck get worsen. Due to which the patient cannot live a normal life. All these disorders are also treated in our hospital. We also have exclusive skin bank from where skin has been implanted in this patient which is available in very few places all over India. After death in the skin bank, the patient's skin is taken out safely within 6 hours and it is stored for 5 years and kept in a safe skin bank. In case of serious and burnt patients, the skin can be attached to the patient's body if required for this awareness should be raised in the society, Dr Kalda.

One nabbed with two country pistols, 5 live cartridges



● At Bilaspur station on Tuesday late at night

Bilaspur, May 31: A youth at Bilaspur station coming from Odisha by train was nabbed with two country pistols and 5 live cartridges here on Tuesday late at night. GRP's anti-crime team was conducting regular search in platform No. 7-8 on Tuesday night, when they found a passenger trying to escape on seeing the team. It was based upon suspect, he was nabbed and taken to GRP thana. On interrogation, he disclosed his name as Mithun Nayak, R/o Gram Nagala Pathak, Vijaypur, Orayya, (UP). On conducting search by the po-

lice, he started objecting to it and on this the police pressurized him and found 2 country pistols and 5 live cartridges in the bag.

It is notable here that the accused had packed the weapons in such a manner, that nobody could doubt it and he was very much confident that he is safe. But with his suspicious activities, he was nabbed. He informed that he was taking the weapon from Sambalpur to Katni and alighting at Bilaspur railway station, he was to catch another train for Katni. The police even found the rail ticket from Bilaspur to Katni. GRP has taken him into arrest and is interrogating into the matter.

Awareness event organized on 'World No Tobacco Day'

● By Sanjeevani, Rotary North, Maharashtra Mandal, YMS Foundation



Raipur, May 31: Sanjeevani Cancer Care Foundation, in collaboration with Rotary Club Raipur North, Maharashtra Mandal Raipur, and YMS Youth Foundation, successfully organized a significant awareness program on World No Tobacco Day, observed annually on May 31st. Esteemed guests, including Dr. Yousuf Memon (Founder of Sanjeevani Cancer Care Foundation & Surgical Oncologist), President Shyam Sundar Khangan and Secretary Ashok Shrivastava from Rotary Club Raipur North, President Arvind Joshi and Past President Rotarian Subodh Tole from Rotary Club of Raipur Millennium, President Ajab Kaale and Ravindra Thengdi from Maharashtra Mandal, and Mahendra Singh Hora, Suresh Chhabda, Amit Jain, along with cancer specialists Dr. Arpan

Chaturmohata, Dr. Rakesh Mishra, Dr. Aniket Thoke, Dr. Diwakar Pandey, and Dr. Vikas Goyal, were present during the event. Dr. Yousuf Memon was felicitated with 'Shawl' and 'Shrifal' by members of the Rotary Club Raipur North, Maharashtra Mandal Raipur, and YMS Youth Foundation. During the event, Dr. Yousuf Memon emphasized the staggering impact of tobacco consumption in India, which accounts for over 1.3 million deaths annually, equivalent to 3,500 deaths per day. He highlighted not only the toll it takes on lives and health but also the negative effects it has on the country's economic and social progress. Dr. Arpan Chaturmohata emphasized that the harmful effects of

tobacco extend beyond lung cancer. While tobacco use, including cigarettes and cigars, is responsible for nine out of ten lung cancer cases, it is essential to be aware that tobacco can induce cancer in multiple parts of the body such as the bladder; blood, cervix, colon, rectum, esophagus, liver, lungs, bronchi, trachea, mouth, throat, pancreas, stomach, and voice box (larynx). Dr. Aniket Thoke and Dr. Rakesh Mishra stressed that smoking is just one form of tobacco consumption. Smokeless tobacco products, like chewing tobacco, can also lead to cancer, including esophageal, mouth, throat, and pancreatic cancer. The function was also addressed by Dr. Diwakar Pandey and Dr. Vikas Goyal.

Stage all set for National Ramayan Mahotsav

Decorated on the theme of 'Aranya Kand'

Raipur, May 31: Preparations are in full swing for the three-day National Ramayan Festival to be held at the historic Ramleela Maidan in Raigarh. Along with the administrative preparations, there is a lot of excitement about the festival among the people. The festival will feature performances mainly centered on the theme of Aranya Kand in the Ramayan, and the stage is decorated accordingly.

The three-day International Ramayan Festival will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel as Chief Guest on June 1 at 3 p.m. under the chairmanship of Culture Minister Mr. Amarjeet Bhagat. This festival is organized on the initiative of Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel. The presentations of Ramkatha based on the Aranya kand will be performed by national and international troupes. The Aranya Kand is a part of TulSIDAS Ramcharitmanas and Valmiki Ramayan, which narrates the days of Lord Rama's exile along with Mata Sita and Brother Lakshman. There are nine holy places in Chhattisgarh that are included under the Ram-Van-



Gaman tourism circuit connected with Lord Ram's journey during his exile. It is believed that Lord Shri Ram spent most of his exile in the forest of Dandakaranya in Chhattisgarh. These incidents that took place in the Dandakaranya forest are mentioned in the Valmiki Ramayan and are written in many languages. Along with this, it also includes various art forms. The festival will also feature performances by Ramayan troupes from Indonesia and Cambodia. The Angkor Wat temple in Cambodia and the Java temple in Indonesia have motifs from the Ramayana. The stage performance of Ramayana is prevalent in South-Eastern countries as well, and during the Ramayan Festival, people will get a glimpse of the popular forms of Ramayan in these countries.

Competition between inter-state Ramayan troupes will be held

There is a beautiful presentation of Ramkatha that happens in different art forms in different states in India. Some Ramayan troupes in different states have made their own place with their special presentation. The performances based on Aranya Kand will be the most special feature of these troupes during the event. On the first day, a competition will be held between Uttarakhand, Karnataka, and Chhattisgarh on the theme Aranya Kand. On the second day, there will be competition between Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Goa, and Chhattisgarh. The winning teams will be awarded at the closing ceremony.

Teams from Cambodia and Indonesia will perform. During the festival, viewers will be able to see different

forms of Ramkatha seen in Indonesia and Cambodia. Artists from these countries have preserved their legacy by exhibiting Ramkatha in their respective art forms. Seeing these art forms during the Ramayan Festival would be a mesmerizing experience for the audience.

Collective Hanuman Chalisa will be recited. On each of the three days of the festival, there will be a group recitation of the Hanuman Chalisa. Kelo Mahaarti and Deep Daan will also be organized for the closing ceremony. After the start of the program, there will be a collective chanting of Hanuman Chalisa that will be recited by local artists and priests. A march past will be performed by foreign and interstate artists on this occasion.

Eminent artists will perform. The three-day event will feature daily performances by eminent artists at the national level. Stars from Indian Idol and Saregama, Shanmukha Priya and Sharad Sharma, will participate in the event on June 1. Famous singers Baba Hansraj Raghuvanshi and Lakhbir Singh Lakha will present their musical performances on June 2. Famous Bhajan singer Maithili Thakur and popular poet Kumar Vishwas will present their renditions of the story of Lord Shri Ram on June 3.

Official who gave nod to drain weir suspended

● In order to retrieve mobile phone of Food inspector

Raipur, May 31: The Chhattisgarh government on Wednesday suspended a water resources department (WRD) official for alleged negligence after 41 lakh litres of water was pumped out from a reservoir's waste weir to retrieve a mobile phone in Kanker district last week, an official said. Anurag Pandey, special secretary of WRD, issued the suspension order of R L Dhivar, in-

charge sub divisional officer (water resources) who was posted in Kapsi in the district.

As per the suspension order, Dhivar did not take any action in connection with unauthorised evacuation of 4,104 cubic meter water equivalent to 41 lakh litres from the cistern of the waste weir of Paralkot reservoir for four days from May 21.

Dhivar's act reflects lack of regular inspection of reservoirs and negligence in discharging duty, it said, adding that he has been placed under suspension with immediate effect.

Last week, Rajesh Vishwas, a food inspector posted in Pakhanjore area of the district, was suspended for allegedly draining out water from the cistern of a waste weir without seeking permission from the competent authority after his high-end mobile phone fell into it. Vishwas had gone to the reservoir for an outing with friends on May 21 when his

mobile phone fell into the water while he was taking a selfie.

He then allegedly roped in villagers and got diesel pumps to pump out water till his phone was fished out on May 25.

After the incident came to light, Kanker Collector Priyanka Shukla sought a report, following which Vishwas was suspended.

38th regular yoga practice center inaugurated in Rohinipuram

Raipur, May 31: Under the regular yoga practice program under the aegis of Chhattisgarh Yoga Commission, the 38th free regular yoga practice center was inaugurated in Ward No. 41 Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Ward of Raipur. The center was inaugurated at Tarun Garden, Rohinipuram, Raipur. Chief Guest of the function was Parliamentary Secretary and MLA of Raipur West, Mr. Vikas Upadhyay, and Mr. Gyanesh Sharma, Chairman, Chhattisgarh Yoga Commission. It is notable that preparations have been started for International Yoga Day on June 21st. Addressing the program on the occasion of Yoga Abhyas Kendra inauguration, Mr. Vikas Upadhyay expressed gratitude for the public awareness campaign being run in the state towards yoga and health under the leadership of Mr. Gyanesh Sharma, Chairman, Chhattisgarh Yoga Commission. Along with this, he announced to construct sheds in the regular yoga practice centers with the MLA's fund. As a special guest on this occasion Mr. Ravikant Kumbhkar Officer in charge, Mr. K.K. Puranik and distinguished residents of the ward were present.

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Collector asks officials to complete school repairing works soon

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, May 31: Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena reviewed various works in the time limit meeting with the officials in the Collectorate hall. He sought information from the officials of the Education Department and Rural Engineering Services regarding the repair and renovation of schools under the Chief Minister's School Jatan Yojana.

He instructed the officials to get the works done under the Mukhyamantri School Jatan Yojana completed soon in a planned manner so that the school children can take advantage of the better infrastructure of the schools. Along with this, he also reviewed the started and incomplete works under the Chief Minister's School Jatan Yojana and directed the District Education Officer in this regard.



He directed the District Education Officer to complete the ongoing deputation and recruitment process for teachers in Swami Atmanand English Medium Schools.

In the meeting, the Collector sought information from the District Program Officer of Women and Child Development regarding the distribution of eggs to bring the malnourished children under the ambit of nutrition through Anganwadi centers.

He directed to prepare a quick roadmap for distribution of eggs to the children of the identified families who have given consent for eggs as food. Under this scheme, eggs will be provided daily to the children from the egg plant located in Teligundra, Patan.

Additional Collector Arvind Ekka, Additional Collector Padmani Bhoi, Commissioner Municipal Corporation Bhilai Rohit Vyas, District Panchayat CEO Ashwani Dewangan,

Joint Collector Praveen Verma, Joint Collector Yogita Dewangan, Joint Collector Vinay Soni, SDM Durg Mukesh Rawte, SDM Dhamdha Brijesh Singh Kshatriya, Municipal Corporation Commissioner Durg Lokesh Chandrakar, Commissioner Municipal Corporation Risali Ashish Dewangan, Commissioner Municipal Corporation Bhilai Charoda Ajay Tripathi and other officers were present.

Conduct tree plantation with priority in urban areas

Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena reviewed the works of the urban bodies during a meeting with municipal commissioners and CMOs. He asked about the houses completed under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. The officials informed that 74 percent houses have been completed under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana in Durg district. Under Rajiv Gandhi Ashray Patta, 100 percent distribution was done under the urban body of Durg. 93% percent patta distribution work has been done in all the urban bodies.

The Collector had instructed them to make parking arrangements, toilets and CCTV in the market places. He asked to complete the incomplete works soon. He inquired about availability of gardens and saplings for tree plantation in urban bodies. The Collector said that people should be motivated to plant saplings on the main road, government building, market and every empty space in every house, so that there is greenery all around the city. The Collector asked to start the work of tree plantation with priority from the month of June.

Taking information about the vending zones, the Collector said that the work of all vending zones should be completed quickly and made convenient for the general public, so that the common people do not face any problem. Along with this, to make it beautiful, small plants should be planted around the vending zone. He also inquired about the applications received and rejected under Mukhyamantri Mitran Yojana.

Action against chit fund companies

Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena reviewed the works of the Revenue Department and sought detailed information on demarcation, division, land acquisition, diversion, undisputed, disputed division, partition, land records, land revenue recovery, status of compensation payment in land acquisition cases, etc. He directed all the revenue officers to resolve these cases compulsorily within the time limit. Along with this, while completing the pending cases of chit fund at the earliest, he directed the concerned officer to take legal action to get the amount back to the investors.

Nodal officers asked to inspect Gauthans regularly

Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena chaired a meeting with the officials of the District Panchayat and directed the nodal appointed for Gauthans to regularly conduct physical inspection of Gauthans. He asked the concerned officers to ensure adequate arrangements for the livestock in Gauthans including the basic facilities like food and water for the animals.

The Collector also reviewed the works being done under MGNREGA and directed the program officer to speed up the approved works. He directed the concerned officers to conduct a survey at the local level so that more and more destitute women could get work under MGNREGA. To improve the economic condition of destitute women, he gave instructions to the concerned officers to ensure timely payment of MGNREGA workers.

Contractual Workers felicitated with 'Suraksha Sajagta Awards'

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, May 31: Projects - Safety, Human Resource & Rajbhasha Department of BSP organised a felicitation programme to award the Contractual Workers engaged in various projects within the plant to promote safety culture.

The Suraksha Sajagta Award ceremony was held at Project Expansion Building Conference Hall on May 26, 2023. 19 workers, including 4 women workers, were felicitated on this occasion.

Subrata Mukhopadhyay, (Projects), with Addl Charge (P&A) was Chief guest of the Award Ceremony. Mukhopadhyay expressed happiness over the safety awareness pro-



grams being held in the project works and urged the present workers to abide by the safety measures at all instances.

The winners were declared under three categories, namely 'Suraksha Sarvocch', 'Suraksha Anmol' and 'Surksha Daksh' for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions respectively. Gifts worth Rs 3,000/-, Rs

2,000/- and Rs 1000/- were given away to the awardees.

Senior Officials of the Projects Department, Anurag Upadhyay, CGM (Projects), GP Singh, CGM (Safety & Fire Services), Rajeev Srivastav, GM (Projects), were also present on the occasion along with all officers/employees and contract workers of the Project Department.

Tree Plantation drive conducted at TSD premises

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Bhilai, May 31: Horticulture section of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Town Services Department, organised a Tree Plantation Programme under the banner of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, at the TSD Premises on May 30, 2023. The tree plantation drive took place, in presence of Chief Guest JY Sapkale, CGM (TSD). As many as 75 saplings of Karanj were planted on this occasion by the Departmental Officers, Employees and School Children.

Addressing the gathering, Sapkale said, planting trees is a very important step towards environmental conservation and we and our school children have to be very sensitive about protecting



nature. The Horticulture Department is playing a significant role by inspiring everyone to plant trees through this plantation drive. Dr NK Jain, DGM (Horticulture & PHD) conducted the pro-

gramme. Addressing the gathering, Dr Jain said that, along with organising various programs for nature and environmental protection, the Horticulture Department is also continuously en-

deavouring for public awareness. On the occasion of World Environment Day on June 05, a massive Tree Plantation Program has been organized by the Horticulture Department

in the Hospital Sector area, informed Dr Jain.

Employees of Bhilai Steel Plant, Subrata Prahraj, Dinesh Kumar, Vishnu Pathak, Shivrajan Nair, KK Yadav, Surjit Malik, Ravi Phule, Shikha Dubey, Saroj Jha, PP Roy, GMV Padmini Kumar, VK Bhondekar, DC Chandrakar, Ashok Singh, Vibha Katiyar also took part in the Tree Plantation Program.

Other guests and school-children were also present on this occasion, along with Gaffar Khan, Rajesh Sharma, Shankar Aggarwal, Khiru Prasad, Lalit Kumar, Chandrakiran Thakur, Harinder, Rajkumar Aggarwal, and Madan Singh from the Horticulture Section of Bhilai Steel Plant's Town Services Department.

Government should assist the needy to prevent conversions: Shankaracharya Sadanand Saraswati Ji Maharaj

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Bhilai, May 31: Anant Shri Vibhushit Paschimnay D w a r k a Shardaapeethadhiswar Jagadguru Shankaracharya Swami Shri Sadanand Saraswati Ji Maharaj was accorded a rousing welcome at the residence of renowned educationist IP Mishra on Wednesday. Devotees were present in large numbers to pay obeisance to Pujya Shankaracharya Ji and get his blessings. IP Mishra and his family members performed the Paduka Pujan and other religious rituals.

While interacting with media persons, Shankaracharya Swami Shri Sadanand Saraswati Ji Maharaj said that religious conversion is not just the problem of Chhattisgarh



but it is happening across the country. The poor and needy persons are being lured for religious conversion. The government should work to make efforts to counter these allurements and provide support and services to the needy.

There is also a need to revise the legal aspects of religious conversions. The law against forceful conversions is not sufficient in the pres-

ent situations. He further said that the government can provide facilities which are being offered by the people involved in religious conversions.

Shankaracharya Ji said that religious conversions are being done in few states of Jharkhand also. According to his survey, conversions are being done in four to five districts in every state. If the govern-

ments pay attention and provide enough support to the needy people, the religious conversions can be curbed to great extent. He added that the industrialists and well off persons should also work in this direction.

When asked about the ban on liquor, he said that intoxication and addiction destroys the common sense and natural knowledge of a person. The governments must initiate a total ban on intoxicants and liquor.

Every person must have knowledge of their religion and one should practice it in life to attain peace, happiness and satisfaction in life. When asked about the declaration of Hindu Rashtra, he said that Hindus have a population of 100 crore in the country and the country is being run on the basis of majority.

135 employees of Bhilai Steel Plant accorded warm farewell

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Bhilai, May 31: 135 employees, posted in various departments and mining towns of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant have retired after their long service on May 31, 2023. The Retirement Ceremony for the Executives was organised in DIC Conference hall and for Non-executives at Bhilai Niwas, on May 31, 2023.

Anirban Dasgupta, Director I/c (BSP) bid farewell to the retiring employees and wished them a healthy and happy life. Dasgupta also appreciated the retiring employees for their commendable contribution to their respective fields.

A total of 135 employees retired from Bhilai Steel



Plant in the month of May. Out of 135 retiring employees, 27 are Executives and 108 are Non-Executives, including 15 personnel from mines.

The executives retiring in the month of May, 2023, include K Lalita, GM (Cost-Mgmt), N Rajasekhar, GM (BF), Swapan Chakraborty, GM (PPNC), Parmanand

Maravi, GM (Instrumentation), Dr Kujhunathan Hariharan Ramesh, ACGM (M&HS), Dr Sumanta Mishra, ACGM (M&HS), DK Panda, GM (Contract-Cell), Ramesh Chandra Srivastav, DGM (F&A), Dinesh Kumar Salam, DGM (IOC Mines), S Chandra Mishra, DGM (F&A), RJ Raju, AGM

(Education), Ramakant Pradhan, AGM (CO CCD), Pradeep Kumar Mishra, AGM (TED-Civil), Biren Kumar Das, AGM (TED-Civil), Subodh Kumar Pandey, AGM (Nandini-Mines) and other officials.

Underlining their contribution, the departing steel fraternity was wished a healthy and happy life by the Plant Management.

Charity is the best religious work: Prembhusan Ji Maharaj

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, May 31: Sanatan Dharma is based on building a society where every person follows the path of truth. Everything is accessible to a person who has good deeds. In the same way, if the king is religious, then nature also gives full support to him, said Pujya Prembhusan Ji Maharaj while reciting Shri Ram Katha on the fifth day of the nine-day programme at Shri Shankaracharya Medical College Ground, Junwani, Bhilai.

Renowned k a t h a v a c h a k Prembhusan Ji Maharaj said that at the Mithilesh Vatika, the whole nature

gathered to welcome Lord Rama. In the same way, wherever the kings were religious in Treta, the sea god used to welcome them by scattering treasures on its shore.

Pujya Prembhusan Ji Maharaj while reciting the story of Lord Ram's entry into Mithila, said that the character of Lord Ram in Sanatan Dharma and culture repeatedly teaches what to do in life. The description of a virtuous person is given in the context of Raja Janak's Vatika where Lord Shri Ram and Mata Sita had darshan of each other for the first time.

Maharaj Ji further said that both good and bad are present in the world, those who are devotees



need to make their life blessed by accepting the good. This is possible with restraint on your vision. When we try to see the good, we see everything as good. He cited the example of Yudhishtira who did not find any bad person but the Duryodhana did not

find even a single good person. We need to practice seeing the good for our own good.

In life, we should not behave with anyone to make them upset or angry. Life should be made as simple and easy as possible. Simplicity is the supreme devotion to God.



Pujyashree said that Ram and Ravana had the same zodiac sign. Ravana was born in a Brahmin clan and Lord Rama was born in a Kshatriya clan. Ravana had the superior clan but when we talk about their behaviour, conduct, etc, Ram was better than Ravana in every aspect.

People in the society imitate and follow the conduct of the best. Hence it is necessary for all the good people to demonstrate excellence in their conduct, behaviour, etc which can be followed by others. It has been proved time and

again in the Indian Sanatan culture that whoever walks on the path of religion, sorrow remains away from their home and wealth automatically reaches their home.

Maharaj Ji further said that man should refrain from discussing anyone's misdeeds. When we repeatedly discuss the wrong deeds done by someone, a similar situation begins to appear in our own lives as well. Maharaj Ji further spoke about the ideal conduct in common life.

Pujya Maharaj Ji said that in the Indian Sanatan tradition, mothers have been given the highest place. Even when we worship God, it begins with Twamev Mata.

Mothers have kept the Sanatan culture alive.

While narrating the incidents of Lord Shri Ram's journey to Mithila and breaking the dhanush, Pujya Maharaj Ji said that in the era we are living in, charity is the best religious work. God has given us something only to give to others. What we give, we get back the same and more. If we put a handful of grain in the earth, mother earth gives us 100 times in return.

On Wednesday, a large number of devotees attended the programme. Mukhya Yajmaan IP Mishra and his family offered prayers and performed aarti of the Vyaspeeth.

Funds being misutilised by govt in Gauthans: Ajay Chandrakar

Visits Siwnikala Gauthan under BJP's campaign



Central Chronicle News

Sirri, May 31: As per call by BJP's national organisation for 'Chalbo Gauthan, Kholbo Pol' campaign, MLA Kurud Ajay Chandrakar conducted inspection of Gautan in Gram Siwnikala constructed at the cost of Rs 17.26 lakh.

Sachiv Leelaram Tarak said that Gauthan is being constructed under the central and state government's instructions and in the name of serv-

ice to cattle, the government's funds actually meant for development of rural areas is being misutilised.

The 'Kotana' formed in Gauthan in Siwni is not even having water facility. To a question by MLA Chandrakar, the members of Saraswati WHSG informed that so far 40 bags of vermi-compost has been made by them, but it has not been given to the society.

On reaching the Gauthan, first he took in-

formation about the vermi-compost made and about the tank etc. Here the WHSGs members informed that the co-dung purchase facility was started a month back and in this the earthworms died due to intense heat.

Again the earthworms were brought and procedure for making vermi-compost was started and then they were able to prepare 40 bags of vermi-compost. After this he took information from

Sachiv and Rojgar Sahayak making them sit in front of him and took information about entire construction of the Gauthan and to which both gave vague replies.

On this Chandrakar said that they are not giving correct information. Both the above persons could not give correct information about the funds used in construction of the 'Gauthan'.

On this Chandrakar charged that the Bhpuresh government is

misutilising the funds in the name of 'Gauthans'. On this occasion Malak Sahu state V-P Sahu Samaj, Pushpendra Sahu, Sirri Mandal President, Lokesh Sahu, Janpad member, Jhageshwar Dhruv, Dau Takeshwar Chandrakar, Dau Kewal Chandrakar, Sushil Sahu, Dr Suresh Tarak, Dr Kapil Patel, Tekram Sahu, Kunji Ram Sahu, Dwijram Sahu, Chandraprakash Sahu, Suresh Sahu and others were present.

Devotees thronging Lord Shani's temple

In Gram Panchayat Katagi

Katagi, May 31: A retired teacher Raj Narayan Dewangan has got the temple of 'Lord Shani' constructed on the banks of river in model Gram Panchayat Katagi and there is always huge rush of devotees present to pay obeisance and seek blessings here. Having strong faith in Lord Shani, Raj Narayan Dewangan constructed this temple on his own and offer prayers in this temple daily.



Apart from this the 'Sankirtan' mandali too performs 'Bhajan-kirtan' of Shani Bhagwan. On every Saturday, the devotees having strong faith in Lord Shani seek His blessings coming to the temple and offering oblations. Many also visit the temple to avoid 'prakop' of Lord Shanidev and come here to offer prayers. Here people right from youngsters to elders visit the temple

and seeks Lord Shani's blessings. Apart from this in order to make Lord Shani happy, they also offer black clothes, 'sarson ka tel', 'udad', 'Til', 'loha' and make donations and gifts to those sitting outside.

At the same time, near the Lord Shani's temple, the temple of Pipleshwar Mahadev too is being constructed and here devotees come along with 'Belpatra', 'Dhatura' to offer prayers every Monday and seeking blessings from Mahadev. In addition to this if anyone wants to make donations for construction of Pipleshwar Mahadev's temple, then can contact Shani Dev's temple 'Pujari' - Raj Narayan Dewangan in person, he added.

Farmer leader celebrates b'day as 'Jan Seva Sankalp Divas'

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Berla, May 31: Farmer leader Yogesh Tiwari celebrated his birthday as Jan Seva Sankalp Divas with his supporters. On this occasion, a free eye and ear check-up camp was organized by the farmer leader at the basic school ground of the city and in this camp, more than 1500 people from all over the district got themselves registered for health check-up. His birthday was celebrated by cutting cake among the supporters at more than 40 places in the rural areas including the district headquarters.

During this, the farmer leader took a pledge to dedicate his life to public service.



He said that service to the poor, exploited, deprived and the elderly is the worship of God and he has always fought for the interests of the farmers, laborers and other sections of the Bemetara Assembly, which will continue in the future as well. On this occasion, the farmer leader along with his supporters reached the old age home, where he spent

about two hours with the elders and distributed clothes to the elderly.

He celebrated his birthday by cutting cake among his supporters at Basic School Ground, District Headquarters, Samridhi Vihar residence, village Pirda, Hasda, Dargaon, Nevanara, Navagaon, Sodh and other places. Supporters also donated blood on the oc-

casion of birthday, and distributed fruits to patients.

In the camp organized from 10 am to 5 pm, Bemetara former municipality president Prabha Nirvani, Saurabh Nirvani, Tarachand Maheshwari social worker, Neetu Kothari social worker, Manoj Dubey, Ajay Mishra, Piyush Sharma, Manoj Patel, Manoj Sinha, Topendra Sonwani, Balram Rai, Naresh Rai, Raghuvver Sahu, Bharat Koshale, Gannu Sahu, Shivam Tiwari, Satyam Sharma, Tushar Rajput, Chiku Rajput, Siddhant Tiwari, Vinay Patel, Rahul Sahu, Rijul Pandey, Chittaranjan Manikpuri, Bhagwat Sahu gave their services.

CHC Pithora in poor condition

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Pithora, May 31: Community Health Centre (CHC) is in a bad state here as there is reportedly no technician and ample resources to use the equipments. The generator, X-ray machine, sonography machine and ECG machine kept at the cost of crores for free service to the patients in Pithora town's community health center are lying closed.

It is surprising that despite there being no operator of any of the said machines, the local The Block Medical Officer tells about the use of all the machines mentioned above. Apart from this, the continuous absence of a dentist posted in this hospital is also in the discussion. There is



also information about a doctor posted here doing nominal duty while operating a nursing home in personal.

Maternal Child Ward is lying closed like and the lift installed for going to maternity and OPD has also deteriorated. Despite having all these valuable machines, their non-use

will be considered as a misfortune of the area, as also a doctor whose own nursing home is located on Raipur road of Jhalap, is posted in Pithora Community Health Center.

The generator-solar energy unit is closed since last year and BMO. Dr. Tara Agarwal, confirmed

about the irregularities in the centre. Also there is no night guard, and there are reports of misbehavior with women workers and nursing staff. In this regard, BMO Dr. Tara Aggarwal said that the guard has not been appointed, as it is appointed from the Jeevandeep Samiti Fund.

Instructions for storage of essential commodities before monsoon

Central Chronicle News

Sukma, May 31: Chief Executive Officer of the District Panchayat, DN Kashyap instructed to make all necessary preparations before the monsoon in the meeting of the District Disaster Management Authority. In addition to setting up flood control rooms at Tehsil and district levels, along with issuing telephone numbers, he also instructed to check rain gauges and asked to store food items and medicines by identifying submergence and inaccessible areas of the district.

Along with making proper arrangements for rain water drainage in the urban body areas, instructions were given to clean all the drains. In the meeting, the city army was asked to keep



all necessary preparations including fuel, boats before monsoon so that they can provide immediate services in times of disaster. Apart from this, instructions were also given to get all the boats repaired and at the same time, the Public Works Department was asked to install sign boards on the submergence area and roads.

Along with this, by giving promptness to the field staff in the area, they were asked to spread the flood disaster. In the meeting, Mr. Kashyap

directed the Health Department, Public Health Engineering Department, Food Department, Municipal Army as well as other departments to ensure all necessary preparations by marking the flood affected areas, as well as provide food, purely for the flood victims. Along with this, instructions were given to keep the information updated on the portal along with sending it to the higher office after evaluating the damage caused in the disaster.

CM Baghel will inaugurate a Hi-Tech Library today

- 250 students can study together in a conducive environment
- The 68-year old library is renovated with modern amenities

Central Chronicle News

Raigarh, May 31: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel will inaugurate the state-of-the-art Hi-Tech District Library in Raigarh district, providing residents with a range of modern amenities. This newly renovated library is equipped with a Wi-Fi campus, a digital classroom, an e-library, and even a canteen.

One of its main highlights is the air-conditioned study room, which can accommodate 250 children studying together. This transformation was made possible through the efforts of the district ad-



ministration, who expanded the facilities to better serve the students.

Originally established in 1955, the Raigarh Government Library has undergone a significant overhaul. With the addition of new books and updated furniture, the library now boasts a collection of over 23,000 books. To keep up with the times, modern technologies have

been integrated into the library. The entire campus is equipped with Wi-Fi, and approximately 20 computers are available for online studying.

Students can also conveniently print study materials on-site. Furthermore, a digital classroom has been established, capable of accommodating 30 students simultaneously, leveraging modern teaching methods.



Additionally, separate classrooms have been set up for group study sessions.

A noteworthy aspect of the library renovation is the inclusion of study cabins, providing students with personal study tables similar to those found in larger cities. The library offers around 180 study cabins, allowing students to focus on their studies in a

comfortable and private environment.

The library will be open to students from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., ensuring ample time for study. Furthermore, an e-library will be available to students, offering access to a variety of necessary books and magazines, with a specific focus on materials for competitive exam preparation.

Corruption in MNREGA attendance

Central Chronicle News

Sirri, May 31: Corruption has been exposed in Gram Panchayat Sirri under the Mahatma Gandhi Employment Guarantee Scheme and the villagers have informed that fake attendance is being put up. Villager Ranu Dewangan of the village has given an application in the Janpad Panchayat Kurud that by putting fake attendance in the master roll, money is coming to the account of the fake attendance givers without taking photographs.

Here work is going on at Borrabhatha near Gothan of the village and employment Assistant Saraswati Dhruv told that the work is being done by the mates



and 1 mate is required for 40 workers, but 5 mates are needed in 181 laborers. The rest are working as daily wagers. Meanwhile, workers working under the employment guarantee, while exposing the corruption of the Mates, told that one Bharti Sahu's husband Rohit Sahu had not gone to work in Jhalmala Talab, but on asking mate Bharti Sahu, she clearly told that her husband had not gone to work, but instead she has worked as a mate in em-

ployment guarantee and have also done survey work. Because of this, she cannot take the wages of both, therefore took money by putting fake attendance of my husband Rohit Sahu. Same way many villagers unfolded the fake attendance plot. But on talking to employment assistant Saraswati Dhruv, she told that the entire work of MNREGA is mostly done in the presence of mates, in this way, I will not be able to give information about the for-

gery in MNREGA because she comes only at the time of taking photographs.

She also alleged along with the mates that Amarjit Singh Gurudatta, Sarpanch of the village has not given his presence at the MNREGA work place for a single day till date. Panch Hyday Lal Dewangan, Pawan Sinha, Hiralal Sahu, Dhaneshwari Yadav, Kesar Patel say that we are not informed about MNREGA work by employment assistants and mates. Mate Bharti Sahu, Omkumari Sahu, Tulsi Sahu, Mahendra Dhruv, Rekha Sahu, Bhagwati, Bharti Dhruv, Sapna Sen, Chitrarekha, Girdhar, Harish Sahu, Johnu Tarak along with Dhaneshwari Sahu on the occasion,

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| <p>NAME CHANGE</p> <p>It is informed to the general public that I, PREM PRAKASH S/o. JIVAN LAL R/o. Near Raza Fire Works, Kasaridih (Guru Ghasidas Ward No.-44) Distt.- Durg (C.G.) have changed my old name PREM PRAKASH S/o. JIVAN LAL. So in future I should be recognized by my new name that is PREM PRAKASH MARAVI S/o. JIVAN LAL in all Government and other documents.</p> <p>PREM PRAKASH MARAVI Near Raza Fire Works, Kasaridih (Guru Ghasidas Ward No.-44) Distt.- Durg (C.G.)</p> | <p>NAME CHANGE</p> <p>It is informed to the general public that I, Bharti Patel D/o Mr. Taral Patel resident of Village Darai, District - Korba (C.G.) PIN-495450 have changed my name after marriage dated 18.05.22 as Mrs. Bharti Shreyas Kulkarni W/o Mr. Shreyas Kulkarni, resident of Labhandi, Raipur (C.G.) PIN-492012. So in future I should be recognized by my new name in all government and other documents.</p> <p>Bharti Shreyas Kulkarni District - Raipur (C.G.) PIN - 492012</p> | <p>इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank Branch: Smriti Nagar, Bhillai (C.G.)</p> <p>POSSESSION NOTICE (for Immovable Property) (Under Rule-8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)</p> <p>Whereas:</p> <p>The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Indian Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 16.03.2023 Calling upon the Borrower- Mr. Karan Vhora S/o Mr. Mahesh Chandra Vhora with our Smriti Nagar Branch to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 619647/- (Rupees Six Lakh Nineteen Thousand Six Hundred Forty Seven Only) together with interest within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.</p> <p>The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with rule 8 & 9 of the said rules on this 26th day of May of the year 2023.</p> <p>The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Indian Bank for an amount of Rs. 619647/- (Rupees Six Lakh Nineteen Thousand Six Hundred Forty Seven Only) and interest thereon.</p> <p>The borrower's attention is invited to the provision of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY</p> <p>Equitable Mortgage of Flat No. 111/A E.W.S at Parijat Apartments Ground Floor, Mauja - C.G Griha Nirman Mandal Talpuri, Ward No. 63, Ruabandha, Bhillai, District - Durg 491001, With total Extent of area 351 Square Feet. Boundaries (As per Legal opinion): North: Road, South: Flat No. 111/B, East: Adjacent Block, West: Flat No. 111/D</p> <p>Date: 26.05.2023, Place- Bhillai Authorised Officer (Indian Bank)</p> |
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Resolve problems of common people with sensitivity: Guv

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, May 31: Three probationary officers of the Indian Administrative Services (IAS) of the year 2022 batch under the leadership of Director General, Chhattisgarh Academy of Administration Smt. Renu Pillay called on Governor Vishwanath Harichandan at Raj Bhavan today.

Governor Harichandan wished the probationary officers all the best for their bright future and said that Lord Jagannath blessed them. He asked the officers to serve the country and the society by performing their duty well. Officers should discharge their responsibilities sincerely so that they feel proud of themselves that they are



working for the public with their full efficiency, said the Governor.

He said that the central and state government schemes should reach the common people. He asked the officers to work with commitment to solve the problems of exploited and

deprived sections of the society. Chhattisgarh is a tribal-dominated state and that it is necessary to work with sensitivity to solve problems of people belonging to tribal, he said.

Governor's Secretary Amrit Khalkho, Deputy Secretary Deepak

Agrawal, Director Chhattisgarh Academy of Administration TC Mahawar and Director of Training Seema Singh were also present. The trainee officers included Namrata Choubey, Prakhar Chandrakar, Yuvraj Marmat.

PCC State in-charge to dedicate Rajiv Bhavan in Arang

On June 4 in the presence of senior party leaders, CM and Ministers, MLAs

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, May 31: AICC general secretary and PCC State in-charge Kumari Selja and Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and other Ministers and MLAs of the state and party office bearers will be gathering in Arang for the dedication of massive 'Rajiv Bhavan' on June 4 constructed under the guidance of Minister for Urban Administration and Labour department Dr Shiv Kumar Daharia.

On this occasion a statue of former PM Late Rajiv Gandhi will also be unveiled. On this occasion the former PCC State in-charge PL Punia, AICC SC, ST, OBC, Minorities dept National Co-



ordinator K Raju, PCC state President Mohan Markam, and Vidhan Sabha Speaker Dr Charandas Mahant will chair it.

In this programme all the cabinet and Home Ministers of the state gov-

ernment, Parliamentary Secretaries, AICC Secretary Chandan Yadav, Saptgiri Shankar Ulka, Joint Secy Vijay Jangid, in-charge gen. secy. Ravi Ghosh, Vice President PCC Girish Dewangan, Treasurer Ram Gopal

Verma, former Minister and MLA Dhanendra Sahu, DCC District President Udhoram Verma will be specially present.

To make the programme successful, the Minister for Urban Administration and Development Dr Shiv Kumar Daharia, PCC working committee member and SC dept and PC Mahila in-charge Shakun Daharia, BCC President Komal Sahu, DCC (urban) President Bharti Dewangan, Nagar Parishad President Chandrakar, BCC Chandkhuri President Dinesh Thakur has appealed party workers to ensure their participation in large number.

Summer Carnival brings out inherent talents: Dr Sharma

Best platform to utilize summer vacations

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, May 31: "Summer Carnival brings out inherent talents in children and also ensures better use of vacation time when academics are not that troubling for them," said Dr Shailesh Sharma, Principal Shri Gujrati Shikshan Sangh Secretary Tulsi Das Patel in his speech congratulated all the participants for successfully completing the camp.

He congratulated the mentors for spending their vacation time to groom the participants and patted the students for bringing out their talents under the guidance of mentors. Dr Sharma mentioned that ac-

ording to him word 'impossible' means 'everything is possible'.

He welcomed all the management committee office bearers for honouring their invitation and attending the programme. Shri Gujrati Shikshan Sangh Secretary Tulsi Das Patel in his speech congratulated all the participants for successfully completing the camp.

He added that in this summer carnival students from other schools were also allowed to participate as many children who have come to their relative's place from outside Raipur can also attend this camp. The guests formally inaugurated the camp by lighting the ceremonial lamp.

Thereafter the participants showcased their talents before the guests like songs,



Hanuman Chalisa learnt under the guidance of mentors Vijay Shankar Jha and Rupendra Shrivastav. The participants also showed their dancing skill learnt in the camp under Nidhi Parpani, Manju Kullu and other mentors.

The various disciplines which were taken up in the camp were 'Spoken English, Aerobics, Art and Craft, Music, Yoga, Vedic

Mathematics. The participants shared their experiences in the camp and was all praise for 'Spoken English' classes which they felt was life changing experience for them.

The outcome of art training given by Mrs Sujata Saha and Amit Soni was displayed inside the auditorium. The participants and mentors were recognised with certi-

fications and prizes by the guests.

The guests present were Secretary duo Tulsi Das Patel and Ashok Bhai Patel, Treasurer Jayant Bhai Patel, Joint Treasurer Vithal Bhai Patel and Administrator V K Mishra. The school side was represented by Principal Dr Shailesh Sharma, Vice Principal S V Chandrasekhar, Academic Coordinator Bhaskar Sharma and faculty members.

The entire carnival was organised by Mrs Shayanti Bhattacharya who also proposed vote of thanks while the programme was anchored by faculty members Mrs Reema Rao and Mrs Divya mam. Senior faculty Sanghamitra Dubey and other faculty members conceptualised the entire show.

Patwari accused of not submitting government documents arrested

Central Chronicle News

Jagdalpur, May 31: Kotwali police has nabbed a Patwari Premkant Pandey, accused of keeping the map, Kh and B-1 documents of Dharampura area in his house saying that it has got misplaced.

Kotwali police station in-charge Amit Shukla said that after the suspension of Patwari Premkant Pandey from Tehsil Office Jagdalpur on November 9, 2021, he kept the government documents, Dharampura Patwari Halka No 30's revenue record map, Khasara and



B-1 etc. Attempts were made several times to establish contact with the suspended Patwari Premkant Pandey to get the newly appointed Patwari in charge. But the suspended Patwari was not found and till today the charge was

not given.

By not submitting the official documents, the complaint application related to missing person was submitted by the applicant Tehsildar Pushparaj Patra. Under this a crime under Section 409 IPC was registered against the accused in Police Station Kotwali and taken into investigation.

Accused Patwari Premkant Pandey was arrested from his Dharampura residence and after being presented in the court on Tuesday after proceedings, was sent to jail on remand.

'Patients made aware about various harm caused by tobacco'

By interns students through dance and drama

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, May 31: Every year a special theme is fixed for World No Tobacco Day. This year's theme is very special. The theme of World No Tobacco Day 2023 is 'We Need Food, Not Tobacco'. The objective of this theme is to make tobacco farmers aware about alternative crop production. At present, tobacco is being cultivated on 3.5 million hectares of land in the world, so this theme of the World Health Organization (WHO) is a big message for the world.

Tobacco use can be fatal



for health. Tobacco chewing or smoking negatively affects a person's mental health as well as physical health. However, despite knowing this, a large number of people around the world are consuming tobacco in some form or the other. Consumption of bidi, cigarette and gutkha etc. in people increases the risk of many diseases. In this perspective, various programs were organized by



Department of Public Health Dentistry, Government Dental College, Raipur to make people aware to stop the use of tobacco and its products.

On this occasion, through dance and drama performance by the intern students, the patients were made aware about the various harm caused by tobacco. Various competitions like Rangoli, slogan writing and

poster making programs were organized for the students of the college which were also displayed in the OPD premises for observation of the patients in the form of an exhibition. Entire program was conducted under the guidance of Dr Virendra Vadher, Principal Government Dental College & Hospital and Dr Milind Wasnik, HoD Public Health Dentistry.

MAIC United grabbed 9 awards at Bhavyam Midcon

MAIC United's grand participation at Midcon

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, May 31: JCI Raipur Maic United participated in Midcon (Mid Year Conference) of JCI India Zone-IX 2023. Midcon is an one day Multi local organization meet conference in which Local Organisations are recognised for their activities through Half Year. It was Hosted by JCI Nagfeme on 28th May at Nagpur. The theme of this year Midcon was Bhavyam.

15 Officers of JCI Raipur MAIC United attended the Midcon.



Midcon started with inaugural ceremony in which many guests across the India were present. After that many competitions were lined up for members in which JCI Raipur Maic United actively participated in every competition.

The completions were selfie Competition, Reels

competition, Trasure hunt, Mr and Miss Midcon, EPS (Effective public speaking), Group dance competition in comedy theme and many more.

JCI Raipur MAIC United bagged 1st Runner up in outstanding work in program area, Full LGB registration, Best report-

ing Award for the month of February, Outstanding work in training area, Outstanding work in G&d area, Outstanding work in sustainable Area, Valuable contribution in G&d Area, 2nd Runner Up in Dance competition and last but not the least first prize in Selfie competition.

It was a memorable day for the Members of JCI Raipur MAIC United, they really enjoyed to the fullest at Midcon with huge learnings. JCI Raipur MAIC United participated in Midcon in the guidance of respected Chairman PPP JFR JCI Sen Rajesh Agrawal, Coordinator JCI Sen Jaya Arora and in-charge JC Rishi Pandey, Incharge JC Suhani Khandelwal.

Vedanta BALCO's summer camps bring fun-filled learning

To 500+ children across Korba

Central Chronicle News

Balconagar, May 31: Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO), India's iconic aluminium producer and a subsidiary of Vedanta Aluminium, recently organized summer camps attended by hundreds of children across Korba.

Featuring an array of experiential learning activities, the camps focused on providing the children with an enriching time and supplementing their academic learning. Together, they saw participation from over 500 children.

The camps were organized as part of BALCO's Project Connect, which focuses on improving the learning environment in neighboring government schools and resource cen-

ters. This is achieved by creating an enabling environment with a focus on improving students' grades, building teachers' capacity, and providing access to career counselling on subjects such as Science, English, Maths & Accountancy (SEMA) subjects in Government schools for Classes 9th to 12th.

In partnership with Sarthak Jan Vikas Sansthan, an NGO working in the areas of Health & Education, BALCO organized a 15-day summer camp for less privileged children from its nearby communities. Its aim was to make a positive impact on their lives by offering them an enjoyable learning experience while also fostering their personal development. Hosted across two schools within the district, the camp saw enthusiastic participation from the students of Government Girls School, BALCO Nagar &



Government Upper Primary School, Sonpuri. The summer camp offered an array of engaging activities such as arts and crafts, dance, music, theatre, calligraphy, and drawing which allowed children to express themselves through colors, songs, acting, and creativity. To promote physical fitness among teens, activities such as Yoga, Zumba, and Sports were also conducted. The participating children also underwent safety and self-defense train-

ing, instilling a greater sense of personal confidence within themselves. The camps also provided a meaningful opportunity for BALCO employees to engage with the children through employee volunteerism. Under a program called "Back to Basics", the employees conducted academic tutorials that supported the smooth transition of the students entering senior secondary classes. Focusing on subjects such as Science, English, and

Mathematics, these sessions provided a solid foundation and refreshed fundamental concepts. The employees also undertook sessions focusing on topics such as communication and public speaking for developing the overall personality of these children. Sessions on cyber security, environmental awareness, and documentary screenings were also incorporated to educate them about online safety and the importance of environmental conservation, ensuring that they stay informed about current trends. In addition, the company also organized an exclusive summer camp for the children of employees residing in the BALCO township. This camp encompassed various activities and training sessions, promoting the holistic development of the employees' children while fostering healthy habits in their daily routines. The

camp also featured sessions on table manners and culinary skills. Further, the children not only learned essential hygiene and healthy sanitation practices, but also absorbed skills such as treating common injuries and applying basic bandages during the sessions on first aid management.

The session on 'Pottery' was a major highlight. The kids were mesmerized by the spinning potter's wheel while they learned the art of pottery from the members of BALCO's self-help groups. The experience allowed them to immerse themselves in a rich rural landscape away from their computers, phones, desks and indoor games. Aged between 6 and 14 years, the children enjoyed a fun-filled two-week schedule, developing social skills and forging new friendships during the summer camp.

Manish Sahu appointed as Joint Secretary of IT Cell

Kareli Badi, May 31: On the recommendation of State President of Chhattisgarh State Sahu Union Honorable Tehal Singh Sahu, Youth Cell National President Sandeep Sahu, State Vice President Bhuneshwar Sahu, Mohan Kumari Sahu. Senior resident Manish Kumar Sahu was appointed as joint secretary. As soon as he got this responsibility, the Sahu brothers of the block including Sahu community Kareli Badi expressed happiness. Taking the responsibility, he said that he has to actively fulfill the responsibility showered on his shoulders by the society and also resolved to work for the unity and strength of the society. On this occasion District Officer of Sahu Samaj Dhamtari, Tehsil Officer,



Manish Sahu

IT Cell State General Secretary Manish Sahu, State Organization Secretary Dharmendra Kumar Sahu, family members Omnath, Komal, Mahendra Sahu, Thaneshwar Sahu, Yajnadata Sahu, Lukesh, Virendra and other villagers wished for a bright future.

BRIEF

Bengal school jobs scam accused arrested

● By ED

Kolkata, May 31 (PTI):



Sujay Krishna Bhadra

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday night arrested Sujay Krishna Bhadra for his alleged involvement in the illegal appointments made in different state-run and aided schools in West Bengal, an official said.

Bhadra, popularly known as "Kalighat er Kaku" (Uncle from Kalighat), was arrested following a 12-hour-long grilling by ED officials at the agency's office here in connection with their ongoing investigation into the scam. "He did not cooperate

with our officers during today's questioning. We tried a lot to get answers to some relevant questions connected to the jobs scam," an ED official told PTI over the phone. Bhadra appeared before the ED officials earlier in

the day after he was notified by the central investigating agency last week.

He had earlier appeared a couple of times before the CBI, which is also running a parallel investigation into the recruitment scam. The Trinamool Congress declined to react to the arrest but wondered whether the arrest was a part of diverting attention from the political narrative of lone Congress MLA Bayron Biswas joining the TMC.

"Yesterday, only lone Congress MLA Bayron Biswas had joined the TMC. The joining had led to panic in the opposition camp of BJP, CPI(M) and Congress. Maybe this arrest was made to divert at-

tention from that narrative," TMC spokesperson Kunal Ghosh said.

The BJP, however, said this is the most significant arrest in the School Service Commission (SSC) scam so far.

"This is the most significant arrest in the SSC scam so far. The law is finally inching closer to nabbing the mastermind and the biggest beneficiaries. The list of TMC leaders involved in corruption is long," state BJP spokesperson Samik Bhattacharya said.

State Congress president Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, too, said the day is not far when "top TMC leaders will be behind bars".

VOLUNTARY SERVICE



NCC cadets distribute 'sharbat' to commuters on the occasion of 'Nirjala Ekadashi', in Jammu, Wednesday.

Dharma Vijaya would enable the society flourish: KCR

● Attends inaugural function of Viprahitha Brahmin Sadan

Hyderabad, May 31:



Chief Minister K Chandrasekhara Reddy (left) and Brahmin leader Bharateeya Dharma (right) during the inauguration of Viprahitha Brahmin Sadan in Hyderabad.

Chief minister K Chandrasekhara Reddy on Wednesday affirmed that Dharma Vijaya would enable the Society flourish and the country attain progress in the coming days. Speaking at the inaugural function of the Viprahitha Brahmin Sadan in Hyderabad the chief minister asserted that the Dharma practiced by us would bring laurels and achievements in the coming days. The chief minister spoke how the Telangana government was committed to fulfill the aspirations of Brahmins in the state. He recalled how the brahma Gyana would pave way for Brahmanatva and affirmed that the

Brahmins in the present day society was precious the chief minister added that the puro hithas are usually known as the culmination of making good for the place they reside. The chief minister further recalled how the Brahmins have taken the chants of loka Samastha and how they preach the society flourish. The chief minister said the Vipra Sadan was first of its kind in the country and the national leaders of Brahmin associations lauded the efforts of the chief minister.

Recollecting all the good deeds of Brahmins in his crisp speech at the one and only Brahmin Sadan constructed in the country the chief minister reaffirmed the policy of state government to strengthen Sarvajana in the state. The chief minister detailed how the first initiatives of the government helped the

Brahmin Sankshema Parishad take roots in the state and added the government was allocating Rs.100 crore every year for the welfare schemes implemented by the Brahmin body. He detailed that an overseas scholarship, a scheme with the acronym of BEST Are implemented in the state. The chief minister detailed that a total of 780 students were benefited under overseas scholarships and the BEST is granted with Rs. 150 crore. Stating that the viprahitha sadan inaugurated today was constructed in a spacious area of 9 acres with an expenditure of Rs12 crore the chief minister elucidated how the culture of sanathana is preserved in the new centre. The new centre he detailed would enable the Brahmins of different financial strata get the benefits. The chief min-

ister further detailed that three more Bhavan in Suryapet, Khammam, Madhira and Beechupalli are being constructed under the aegis of Brahmin parishad. During his address to the audience the chief minister announced several sops for the welfare of Brahmins in the state. He said the honorarium of Veda Pandits would be enhanced to Rs. 5 thousand and the age limit was reduced to 65 years. Similarly the Dhupa Deepa Naivedya scheme would now be extended to 6441 temples in the state he announced. The chief minister announced that the fee reimbursement scheme for iit im students would now be implemented for Brahmin students and the annual grant for Veda schools be extended to the tune of Rs. 2 lakh per annum.

Earlier the chief minister formally inaugurated the Sadan in the presence of peethaadhishathis and eminent Brahmin clerics. Brahmin parishad chairman Ramana Chary, chief secretary Shanthi Kumari also addressed. The inaugural is held with the chanting of Traditional mantras and Homas were performed to mark the inaugural. Minister Sabitha Indra Reddy, former MP Capt Lakshminantha Rao, mayor Vijayalakshmi, MLAs Arikpudi Gandhi, Satheesh Vodithela, MLAs Vani Devi, Deshapathi Srinivas, and MPs, Telangana State irrigation development Corporation chief Venugopalachari, former Chief Secretary Rajeev Sharma, former DGPs Anurag Sharma, Aravind Rao were present on the occasion.

DELHI ORDINANCE ROW Kejriwal plans to meet Stalin, Hemant Soren to drum up support

New Delhi, May 31 (PTI):

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will meet his Tamil Nadu and Jharkhand counterparts to drum up support in opposing the central ordinance on control over administrative services in the national capital.

"Will be meeting Tamil Nadu CM Thiru @mkstalin in Chennai tomorrow (June 1) to seek DMK's support against Centre's unconstitu-

tional-undemocratic 'Anti-Delhi' Ordinance," he tweeted on Wednesday. "Day after tomorrow, on June 2, I will meet Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren in Ranchi. Will seek his support against the ordinance promulgated by Modi government against the people of Delhi," he said in another tweet.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) supreme has been reaching out to leaders of non-BJP parties to garner

support against the ordinance so that the Centre's bid to replace it through a bill is defeated when it is brought in Parliament.

The Centre had on May 19 promulgated the ordinance to create an authority for the transfer and posting of Group-A officers in Delhi, which the AAP government had called a deception with the Supreme Court verdict on control of services. The ordinance came a week after the apex court handed over

the control of services in Delhi, excluding police, public order and land, to the elected government. It seeks to set up a National Capital Civil Service Authority for the transfer of and disciplinary proceedings against Group-A officers from the DANICS cadre.

The Centre will have to bring a bill in Parliament to replace the ordinance within six months of its promulgation. Transfer and postings of all officers of the

Delhi government were under the executive control of the lieutenant governor before the top court's May 11 verdict.

CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury, Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao, Shiv Sena (UBT) chief leader Uddhav Thackeray, NCP chief Sharad Pawar, and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee have so far extended their support to the AAP.

'Amendments to Forest Conservation Act will affect rights of locals'

New Delhi, May 31 (PTI):

The All India Kisan Sabha and Bhumi Adhikar Andolan have demanded that the government should withdraw a Bill to amend the Forest Conservation Act, saying it will affect the rights of locals. The Left-backed organisations have also announced a nationwide protest on June 30 against the Bill. Addressing a press conference here on Tuesday, activists from the

two groups said the proposed amendment will destroy the essence of the Act. "The Forest Conservation Act is being amended. It will make the Act more centralised and bureaucratised and destroy the very essence of the Act," All India Kisan Sabha leader Hannan Mollah said. "We will observe Land Rights Day in June 30. Protests will be held across the country," he said. The activists said the insertion of Section

1A(2) in the Act will corporatise and exempt certain categories of land from the purview of the Forest Conservation Act (FCA), 1980. The exemptions include forest land along rail line and public road maintained by the government which provides access to a habitation or to a rail, and land situated within a distance of 100 km along international borders or line of control or line of actual control.

59 children rescued from human traffickers

● On Bihar-Pune train

Mumbai, May 31 (PTI):

The Railway Protection Force (RPF) of the Central Railway and the Maharashtra police on Wednesday rescued 59 children from human traffickers by conducting an operation on a Bihar-Pune train, and arrested five accused, officials said. These chil-

dren were rescued from Danapur-Pune Special express train at Bhusawal and Manmad, located in Jalgaon and Nashik districts, respectively, in Maharashtra, they said.

"On the basis of reliable information, the RPF along with the local police and members of an NGO rushed to the spot and conducted a check at the Bhusawal station.

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Reference to Advertisement No-04/2023 for filling up 7 posts of Deputy General Manager in Level - 13 (7th CPC) in TRIFED on deputation basis published on TRIFED website on 12.04.2023, it has been decided to extend the last date of receipt of application till 15.06.2023(5:00 PM).
All other contents of the advertisement shall remain same as provided in the detailed advertisement published on the official website of TRIFED (<https://trifed.tribal.gov.in/careers-list>) under careers section.
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e-Procurement Tender Notice
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(FIRST-CALL)
Corrigendum
No. 01/SAC/2023-24 Date 26-05-2023
The following partial modifications are made. In the tender invited vide N.I.T. No. 01/SAC/2023-24 Dated 16.05.2023, Gr-1 System Tender No. 133768 For CONSTRUCTION OF SOHAGA LIFT IRRIGATION SCHEME AT GHUNGHUTTA RIVER Whose "G" No. 01301 Date: 17-05-2023.
S.No. Amendments
1 The Quantity of all Type of concrete In structures other than Lining on The PQ Document on Page No. 10 May be Read as : 1200.02x0.5 = 1200.02 Cum. 06/12
Instead of : 1200.02x0.5 = 1200.02 Cum. 06/12
Note :- all other terms and conditions will be remain and unchanged.
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
WATER RESOURCES DIVISION No. 1, AMBIKAPUR
For, Chief Engineer
Hasdeo Ganga Basin, W.R. Deptt., Ambikapur (C.G.)
G-01792/3

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE FOR ENGINEERING WORK
(1) Tender Notice No.:E-R-T-18-23-24, Date: 29.05.2023.
Name of Work: 1. Repairs to boundary wall of GSD/Raipur, 2. Repairs to main service road and other cross service road inside premises of GSD/Raipur, 3. Replacement of old corroded AC sheet & GI sheet roofing of non-ferrous Godown and Old Godown A&B at GSD/Raipur. Tender Value: ₹ 2,69,20,614/- EMD: ₹ 2,84,600/-
Submission of Tender: Upto 11.00 hours on 28.06.2023. Opening of Tender: 11.00 hours on 28.06.2023.
For further details/purchase of tender document, eligibility criteria and the complete details for the above work, please contact office of the Sr. Divisional Engineer (Co.)/South East Central Railway, Raipur or refer/download tender document which is available on our website: www.ireps.gov.in
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NIT No. 03/SAC/2022-23, Dated: 24.01.2023 System Tender No. 121444 (2nd Call) for work of Cement Concrete lining of Dy. No. 4 from R.D. 0 m. to 6000 m. and Chorbhatti Minor of Mahanadi Main Canal is cancel due non participation of tenderer.
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For Chief Engineer, Mahanadi Project Raipur (C.G.)
G-01737/3

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR
Tender Notice
No. 6453/CPC/2023 Bilaspur, dated 26 /05/2023
The High Court of Chhattisgarh, Bilaspur invites on-line bids (Technical and Financial) through GeM (Government eMarket Places) from eligible bidders for purchasing the following articles/work with Supply, Testing, Installation and Maintenance of the same at the High Court of Chhattisgarh, Bilaspur (C.G.).
A) Up-gradation of Local Area Network (LAN) of existing High Court building in Phase-II.
B) Supply, testing, installation and maintenance of Local Area Network (LAN) in the extended Court building of High Court of Chhattisgarh, Bilaspur in Phase-II.
Interested parties may view and download the detailed terms and conditions from the website viz. <https://gem.gov.in>
I. Documents download start date: -25.05.2023
II. Last date for uploading/submission of bids on-line: -17.06.2023
III. Last date of submission physical documents: -19.06.2023 (required documents, mentioned in Tender Notice).
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Registrar General
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Reviving Vigilance

Red Corner Notices and Counter-Terrorism Measures

The recent raids conducted by the Special Investigation Unit (SIU) on the residences of terrorists affiliated with organizations like Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), Hizbul Mujahideen, and other militant outfits have shed light on the ongoing efforts to combat terrorism. The intelligence agencies have gathered valuable information about these terrorists, including their addresses in India and likely operational locations in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK). With detailed dossiers submitted to the Union Home Ministry, the next step involves approaching Interpol for the issuance of Red Corner Notices (RCNs) to aid in their arrest and repatriation. The significance of RCNs cannot be overstated. These notices, issued by Interpol, serve as international alerts to law enforcement agencies worldwide, urging them to locate and provisionally arrest individuals wanted for extradition or prosecution by a member country. When RCNs are issued against terrorists or criminals operating in Pakistan, it amplifies the chances of their apprehension. Sadly, Pakistan has displayed a lack of concrete actions in arresting and extraditing wanted terrorists like Masood Azhar, Zakiur Rehman Lakhvi, and others who have been subject to RCNs. This lack of cooperation has raised concerns within the international community. Addressing the issue of non-compliance with RCNs requires diplomatic engagement, discussions, and negotiations between the concerned countries. Collaboration and cooperation between nations are essential for the effective enforcement of RCNs and to ensure that countries fulfill their obligations in combating terrorism. Security agencies have been vigilant, closely monitoring the situation, and proactively countering terrorist activities through raids, operations, and dismantling support networks. Intelligence sharing and proactive measures have been instrumental in taking necessary actions against terrorists. The focus should be on dismantling the support networks, including Over Ground Workers (OGWs) and Underground Workers (UGWs), as they play crucial roles in facilitating and assisting terrorist activities such as recruitment, financing, logistics, and intelligence gathering. OGWs and UGWs form the backbone of terrorist networks, providing invaluable support and resources. Apprehending and interrogating these individuals can yield critical intelligence that leads to the arrest of high-value targets and prevents future attacks. OGWs and UGWs are often involved in criminal activities like extortion, smuggling, and illicit financing to provide financial support to terrorist organizations. Targeting these individuals disrupts the funding and logistics networks that sustain terrorist activities. Additionally, they are actively involved in the recruitment and radicalization of vulnerable youth. Dismantling OGW and UGW networks is crucial for restoring public confidence in the security apparatus and encouraging citizen cooperation. Efforts to revive militancy in districts such as Doda, Kishtwar, Bhandarwah, and Ramban have been a cause of concern for security forces. Collaborative efforts among security forces, intelligence agencies, and local administration are focused on thwarting attempts to revive militancy and maintaining peace and stability in these affected areas. The collective dedication of these entities deserves appreciation and support. Vigilance against terrorism remains paramount, and the issuance of Red Corner Notices serves as a crucial step in apprehending wanted terrorists. However, the international community must continue to exert pressure on non-compliant countries and emphasize the importance of cooperation in combating terrorism effectively. The relentless pursuit of dismantling support networks, coupled with socio-economic development and community participation, will pave the way for a more secure and peaceful future.

The Deceptive Game of Price Boosting

By Rathin Chanda

Price boosting, a perennial concern in India's economic, political, and social fabric, continues to manipulate the minds of the nation. This demanding phenomenon holds significant sway in economic theory, capable of impacting the livelihoods of many. The price of agricultural products, the ultimate determinant of their value, often experiences dramatic swings. Currently, the focus is on onions, which have become the center of attention due to their skyrocketing prices. The onion price crisis has dominated discussions in tea shops, Parliament, and the media, making it a hot topic of the time. Media outlets eagerly exploit such issues to bolster their business strategies, while opposition political parties capitalize on them for political gains. In a country like India, these scenarios tend to elicit public sympathy, creating an opportune environment for such issues to take center stage. The plight of rising prices strikes a chord with the masses, making it a soft spot that political parties skillfully exploit to win over voters and constituents. The media has learned from these experiences and now strategically exploits such sensitive issues to engage readers, viewers, and citizens. By assuming the role of the fourth pillar of democracy, the media aims to raise awareness, promote civic consciousness, and reflect the society's collective conscience. While price boosting has proven to be a lucrative endeavor for profit-making organizations, it has also become an advantage for political parties since the post-independence era. Back then, even without the influence of social media, opposition parties effectively used fare hikes for buses and trams to criticize the ruling Congress party and prominent Chief Minister Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy. Today, social media plays a significant role in manipulating and propagandizing such issues in favor of the opposition. Price boosting has remained a recurring theme in Indian politics and economy, capturing the attention of customers across all sections of society. It has become a celebrity issue, finding a place in election manifestos and becoming an acid test for the ruling party's capabilities and the opposition's ability to mobilize public sentiment against them. Regrettably, these celebrity issues rarely find resolution. They are perpetually manipulated to serve as stepping stones to power, exploiting the sympathy of voters rather than genuinely addressing the problem at hand. Their significance cannot be undermined, as they continue to shape the political landscape and influence the trajectory of power dynamics. Price boosting operates like an advertisement, intended to stimulate public sentiment and secure votes. Its timing is meticulously calculated to extract maximum advantage in the ever-competitive race between the ruling party and the opposition. It is crucial for the public to be aware of the deceptive game of price boosting, as history has shown how ruling and opposition parties treat this issue. Let us not fall prey to its allure and instead demand genuine solutions and lasting change from our elected representatives. Only then can we break free from this perpetual cycle of price manipulation and work towards a more equitable and stable society.

(The views and opinions expressed in this editorial are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of the newspaper.)

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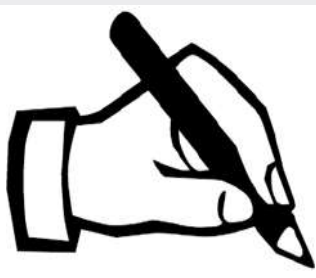
SERENE RAINY SPLENDOR



People visit the Mughal Garden during rainfall, in Srinagar, Wednesday, May 31.

Unveiling the Dark Side of Tobacco Challenging Society's Love Affair with a Silent Killer

PROF. MAN MOHAN PRAKASH



In a world captivated by the allure of tobacco, its deadly consequences continue to cast a shadow over humanity. Globally, tobacco use claims the lives of approximately seven million people each year, and if current trends persist, this grim toll is projected to surpass eight million annually by 2030. However, the devastating impact of tobacco extends beyond mere mortality rates. It infiltrates the very essence of society, impeding family development, jeopardizing human and environmental health, and hindering sustainable progress.

1. Is it not true that tobacco use is harmful to health, as clearly stated on tobacco product packages?
2. Is it not true that doctors and medical researchers attribute tobacco products to numerous diseases, including cancer, cardiovascular disease, lung disease, diabetes type-2, weak immune system, and shortened lifespans?
3. Is it not true that tobacco-related diseases contribute to the wealth of medical professionals?
4. Is it not true that tobacco use leads to yellow stained teeth, diminishing one's beauty?
5. Is it not true that tobacco use

causes bad breath, pushing away loved ones?

6. Is it not true that tobacco products worsen the economic conditions of families who use them?
7. Is it not true that sociologists perceive tobacco as a source of family discord, a status symbol, and an element that erodes family health, wealth, and the environment?
8. Is it not true that agricultural scientists blame tobacco cultivation for reducing land availability for growing essential food crops?
9. Is it not true that tobacco growing, manufacturing, and use pollute our water, soil, beaches, and city streets with toxic waste, cigarette butts, microplastics, and e-cigarette waste?
10. Is it not true that tobacco and its products harm the health of animals through land pollution, as stated by livestock experts and animal lovers?
11. Is it not true that newborn babies, through their silent voice, hold their parents' tobacco use responsible for their underdeveloped bodies, poor health, or premature births?

If the answer to all these questions is "yes," a significant question arises: why do people continue to use tobacco?

Addicted Person's Perspective

1. Is it not true that addicted individuals consider tobacco products a source of energy, even praying for lower prices? Do they believe that tobacco consumption awakens positive emotions, enhances concentration, and provides pleasure, freedom from anxiety, and social status?
2. Is it not true that tobacco use increases the secretion of dopamine, the "good mood hormone"?

If the answer to this question is "yes," then why do addicted individuals refuse to give up tobacco use?

Replacing tobacco use with exercise, yoga, and pranayama to increase dopamine levels

1. Is it not true that regular exercise, yoga, pranayama, meditation, appreciation of nature, entertainment, companionship, consuming loved food, engaging in safe legal sex, caring for animals, and participating in social activities stimulate the secretion of "good mood hormones"? Why not embrace these natural ways to increase dopamine levels, rather than resorting to toxic tobacco and its products?
2. Why hasn't the government banned tobacco products for public use? Is it not true that the government avoids doing so due to significant tax revenue and duties derived from tobacco sales?

Strategies to reduce or eliminate tobacco consumption

1. Consumers bid farewell to tobacco and its products for the sake of their health, families, society, and country.
2. Farmers abandon tobacco crops.
3. The government increases duties on tobacco products and imposes fines on cultivating to-

bacco for non-medical purposes.

4. Public protests against the sale of tobacco products intensify.
5. Society recognizes and awards individuals who have quit tobacco and its products.
6. Families warmly embrace and support their members who choose to quit tobacco and its products.
7. Educational institutions incorporate lessons in textbooks and regular programs that expose the numerous drawbacks of tobacco and its products.

Strategies for consumers to quit tobacco and its products

1. Develop a strong determination and willpower to quit tobacco for good.
2. Seek guidance and advice from healthcare professionals to embark on a tobacco-free journey.
3. Cultivate positive habits such as singing, listening to music, painting, and join clubs focused on nature, yoga, laughter, and other healthy activities.
4. Invest quality time in nurturing relationships with family and close friends.
5. Engage in social services and contribute to the welfare of the community.

By addressing these critical questions, understanding the consequences of tobacco use, and implementing effective measures, we can collectively combat the grip of this deadly habit. It is time for individuals, families, communities, and governments to take a stand against tobacco and pave the way for a healthier, happier future.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Erdogan a tough nut to crack

Tayyip Erdogan's authoritarian rule has entered its third decade with his palm in Turkey's runoff presidential election. The US and its abettors were hoping that the drift would turn in their favour, but now they've no choice but to deal with Erdogan, who has proved to be a tough nut to crack for the West. Amid the Ukraine war, Erdogan's been brazenly engaging with Russia. Erdogan's has indicted Stockholm of being soft on terror groups hostile to Ankara. Political durability in Turkey doesn't help India as well since Erdogan has maintained good relations with China as well as Pakistan. Turkey was among the notable absentees from the G20 Tourism Working Group meeting held lately in Kashmir. Before this time, India had hit out at Turkey for combing up the Kashmir issue at the UN Human Rights Council, weeks after New Delhi commenced Operation Dost to give philanthropic aid to the earthquake hit nation. Both India and Turkey are aspiring global powers that have Russia as their common supporter. They've a lot to gain from each other in profitable and strategic terms. Their participated interests should goad them to reset their ties.

Dr. Vijaykumar H K, Raichur, Karnataka

Unending Corruption

Corruption has plagued India since its independence, with recent revelations of massive funds hidden in Swiss bank accounts equivalent to five years of direct tax collections. From zeep to dress, warplanes to guns, corruption permeates every sector in our nation. Despite being the world's second-largest democracy, India still struggles for recognition on par with China, a nation that gained independence years later. Corruption hinders our development, perpetuating poverty and depriving farmers of their basic needs. Whistleblowers pay the ultimate price, while journalists sacrifice their lives for this cause. Corruption remains a recurring issue, capturing media attention and hindering India's progress.

Rathin Kumar Chanda, Chandannagar, Hooghly

Thrilling Finish

Chennai Super Kings (CSK) emerged victorious in a nail-biting last-ball finish to secure their fifth Indian Premier League (IPL) title. In a rain-affected final, CSK chased down the target set by Gujarat Titans (GT) with five wickets in hand. Both teams displayed exceptional cricketing skills, but CSK held their nerve to seal the win. The highlight of the match was when GT's captain, Hardik Pandya, embraced an incredible final over from CSK's Mohit Sharma, despite a couple of marginal errors. While fans anticipated it to be M.S. Dhoni's farewell match, he dismissed retirement rumors, stating his intention to continue playing. CSK's triumph showcased the power of national integration, with players from various states contributing to their success. Congratulations to both teams for a memorable tournament that captivated millions worldwide.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee, Faridabad

What motivate RBI to withdrawal 2000 rupee note!



Vinay Pravin Gual

At the moment of demonetization in 2016, the 2000 Rupee note made its debut. The government acted quickly during the demonetization period but did not make the necessary preparations to meet the demand for cash. - the period in which a sizable number of individuals wait queues for money to pay for their daily expenses, in which many people are struggling to survive, losing their employment, and small businesses start shutting. People wait in lines in front of ATMs to deposit or exchange their money. Our prime minister's mother was also

in a queue to deposit money. It also demonstrates how true it is that "how difficult that time was for ordinary people to overcome," but yet the people of India managed to do it because our prime minister pledged to abolish corruption. The BJP administration came to power on the pledge to put an end to corruption, which is why every Indian came outside to support government decision, despite the opposition party's attempts to overturn the government's demonetization decision.

However, it was a difficult task for the Indian people to exchange their notes. Every family has a financial provider who sets aside funds for special purposes when difficult times or unexpected medical expenses arise. Usually, this person is the mother or wife of the family. When demonetization occurs, every wife digs a secret location where they store cash for savings and gives it to their spouse.

However the situation has changed recently. After seven years, the RBI withdrawn 2000 rupee notes, despite the fact that just 10.8% of the 6.73 lakhs rupees in circulated in the market. The RBI ceased producing 2000-rupee notes in 2018 - 2019. This withdrawal of 2000 rupees was made according to with "Clean Note Policy".

The Reserve Bank of India stated in a statement that the RBI's Clean Note Policy aims to give citizens high-quality currency notes and coins while removing worn-out notes from circulation.

From 23 May until 30 September 2023, persons could exchange notes. After that, 2000-rupee notes would no longer be accepted as legal money in India. People will swap their 2000 Rupee notes at the nearest bank, whether they have an account there or not. Even if individuals can exchange 2000 rupee notes and provide KYC documentation without having an account with a bank, a person is only allowed to convert 20,000 rupees (2000 x 10) at a time.

Day 1 and Day 2 saw less people come to exchange 2000 rupee notes in banks, but we saw an increase in gold purchases, and on day 3 people arrived to fill up on 1 or 2 liter petrol by paying 2000 rupee currency, which makes it difficult for the pumps to offer change. However, during the middle of the wedding season, RBI decisions might be favorable or adverse, making it necessary for person who has been saving 2000 rupee notes to wait in line to exchange them for buying marriage things. The Congress party commented on the withdrawal of 2000 rupee notes as the beginning of a second "disaster" in refer-

ring to November 28, 2016, of demonetization, where 500 and 1000 rupee notes became no longer legal tender.

The senior and former union finance minister P. Chidambaram said, "A few weeks after demonetization, the government again introduces the 500 rupee note as legal tender, and he will not be surprised when the government re-introduces the 1000 rupee note again. Along with that, he said the 2000 rupee note is not a popular medium of exchange, and we said this in November 2016 and proved it correct. The 2000 rupee note was a band-aid to cover the foolish decision of demonetizing the 500 and 1000 rupees, which were popular and widely exchanged currencies," he said on Twitter.

If we think outside the box, we understand that holding 2000 rupees in bulk quantity as black money is easy and can be stored in a smaller area compared to 500 and 1000 rupees. That is why the government should take the decision to withdraw the 2000 rupee note. And when the government implemented demonetization, the scarcity of cash forced the government to fulfill its requirement for cash flow. Suddenly, after the announcement of demonetization, people rush towards banks, and banks are not prepared for that situa-

tion. That time banks had fewer employees and less money and all big money was banned, so the RBI and the Government took the initiative to print 2000 rupees notes to overcome the shortage of cash.

In conclusion, the withdrawal of 2000 rupee notes, which is less than 10% in the market, should be a good decision but very risky. But this time, the government gave plenty of time to the people and also prepared so that nobody could be affected. In the meantime, people also know the process of exchange because they already did this once in 2016, when the government banned 500 and 1000 rupee notes. We know that the BJP government's motive is to put an end to corruption and black money by having big money, which takes less space, so any individual cannot hold a lot of money in a small area. So, that government initiative will help people in the long run because it brings more transparency and efficiency to governance.

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BRIEF

Mandi airport



Shimla: Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has urged the Centre to grant Rs 1,000 crore for greenfield airport in Mandi district and Rs 400 crore for the expansion of Kangra airport. The chief minister called on Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in New Delhi on Tuesday late evening and requested her for granting funds for airport projects as per the recommendations of the 15th Finance Commission, according to an official release. He requested the Union Minister to review the decision to impose a limit on new loans under externally aided projects and added that reconsidering this decision would help in development in various sectors, the release said.

Lending app

Kochi: Seeking to tap into the growing digital lending sector, Kerala-based Manappuram Finance Ltd has launched Ma-Money, a new digital lending platform. The objective of introducing the app is to provide customers all the financial products offered by Manappuram Finance under one umbrella, a statement said here. A pioneer in digital gold loans, the company hopes that the new app will help it scale up its digital business and reach a wider audience.

DPRs importance



New Delhi: Union Minister Nitin Gadkari on Tuesday emphasised the importance of accurate preparation of detailed project report (DPR) to minimise project delays, reduce cost of construction, and implement proper road alignment, according to an official statement. The road transport and highways minister chaired a meeting with NHAI officials in New Delhi and discussed various aspects of National Highway development.

Non-coking prices

New Delhi: Coal India Ltd (CIL) on Tuesday said it has increased prices of non-coking coal by 8 per cent. The prices will come into effect from Wednesday, the miner said in a regulatory filing. "The Board has approved a price increase of 8 per cent over the existing notified prices for high-grade coal of grade G2 to G10. This will be applicable to all subsidiaries, including NEC, for regulated and non-regulated sectors," CIL said. The board of directors of the company approved the revision in the prices of non-coking coal with effect from 00:00 hours of May 31, 2023, it said.

Retail inflation for industrial workers eases to 5.09pc in April

New Delhi, May 31:

Retail inflation for industrial workers eased to 5.09 per cent in April from 5.79 per cent in March this year mainly due to lower prices of certain food items. "Year-on-year inflation for the month stood at 5.09 per cent compared to 5.79 per cent for the previous month and 6.33 per cent during the corresponding month a year before," a labour ministry statement said. Similarly, it stated that the food inflation stood at 4.16 per cent against 5.02 per cent of the previous month and 7.05 per cent during the corresponding month a year ago.

The All-India CPI-IW (consumer price index for industrial workers) for April, 2023 increased by 0.9 points and stood at 134.2



points. It was 133.3 points in March 2023. The maximum upward pressure in the current index came from Food & Beverages group contributing 0.39 percentage points to the total change. At the item level, Rice, Arhar Dal, Apple, Banana, Orange, Cauliflower, Brinjal, Cabbage, Ginger, Peas, Dairy Milk, French bean, Lemon, Cumin seed/Jira, Chillies dry, Cooked Meal, Poultry Chicken, Ladies

Suiting, etc. are responsible for the rise in the index. However, this increase was largely checked by Wheat Atta, Tomato, Onion, Drum Stick, Lady's Finger, Mango, Soyabean Oil, Sunflower Oil, Mustard Oil, Egg-Hen, Electricity Domestic, Firewood and Chips, etc. putting downward pressure on the index.

At the centre level, Howrah recorded a maxi-

mum increase of 4.1 points. Among others, four centres recorded an increase between 2 to 2.9 points, 30 centres between 1 to 1.9 points and 37 centres between 0.1 to 0.9 points. On the contrary, Salem recorded a maximum decrease of 1.9 points. Among others, 11 centres recorded decrease between 0.1 to 0.9 points. Rest of the four centres the index remained stationary.

The Labour Bureau has been compiling Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers every month on the basis of retail prices collected from 317 markets spread over 88 industrially important centres in the country. The index is compiled for 88 centres and All-India and is released on the last working day of the succeeding month.

Cabinet approves Rs 1 lakh crore scheme

To increase grain storage capacity in cooperative sector

New Delhi, May 31:

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved a Rs 1 lakh crore programme to increase foodgrain storage capacity by 700 lakh tonne in the cooperative sector. Giving details, Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur said presently, the grain storage capacity in the country is about 1,450 lakh tonne. In the next five years, the storage will expand to 2,150 lakh tonne. The storage capacity will be increased in the cooperative sector. Terming the proposed scheme as the "world's largest foodgrain storage programme" in the cooperative sector, Thakur said a 2,000-tonne



capacity godown will be set up in each block. He said the move is aimed to reduce the damage of food grains due to a lack of storage facilities, help in checking distress sales by farmers, reduce import dependence and create employment opportunities in rural India. The minister said more storage capacity will reduce transportation costs for farmers and strengthen food security. India annually produces about 3,100 lakh tonne of foodgrains, but the existing godowns can store only up to 47 per cent of the produce.

Nepal wants to attract Indian investments in energy sector

Kathmandu, May 31:

Nepal wants to attract more Indian investments in its energy sector specifically for the development of hydro-power, Nepal's Foreign Minister NP Saud said on Wednesday, underlining that the Himalayan nation wants a power deal with India so that it can export electricity to Bangladesh as well by utilising the Indian grid.

Foreign Minister Saud, who is accompanying Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' on a four-day official visit, also told PTI that a wide range of issues, including trade, transit, connectivity and border issues will be covered during bilateral talks. 'Prachanda' will hold talks with his Indian coun-



terpart Narendra Modi and other leaders in New Delhi to further strengthen the age-old, multifaceted and cordial ties. Saud also said, "We would also like to have India's line of credit for the construction of transmission lines." Nepal wants to attract more Indian investment in the energy sector. "We want India's investment for the development of

India's GDP expands 6.1 pc in Q4, 7.2 pc in FY23

New Delhi, May 31:

India's economy grew by 6.1 per cent in the January-March quarter of 2022-23, pushing the annual growth rate to 7.2 per cent on account of better performance by agriculture, manufacturing, mining and construction sectors, official data showed on Wednesday. The growth propelled the Indian Economy to USD 3.3 trillion and set the stage for achieving USD five trillion target in the next few years.

In the previous 2021-22 fiscal, the economy grew by 9.1 per cent. China has registered an economic growth of 4.5 per cent in the first three months of 2023. The economic expansion was recorded at 6.1 per cent during the March 2023 quarter, while it was 4.5 per cent in October-December and 6.2 per cent in July-September 2022.

The growth was 13.1 per cent in April-June 2022, as per the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO). The GDP had grown by four per cent in the January-March quarter of 2021-22. The NSO, in its second advance estimate released in February, had projected the GDP growth for 2022-23 at seven per cent. According to the NSO data, the real GDP prices in 2022-23 are estimated to attain a level of Rs 160.06 lakh crore against the first revised estimates of GDP of Rs 149.26 lakh crore for 2021-22.

"The growth in real GDP during 2022-23 is estimated at 7.2 per cent as compared to 9.1 per cent in 2021-22," it stated. Nominal GDP or GDP at Current Prices in the year 2022-23 is estimated to attain a level of Rs 272.41 lakh crore (USD 3.3 trillion), as against Rs 234.71 lakh crore (USD 2.8

trillion) in 2021-22, showing a growth rate of 16.1 per cent, it added.

The GDP at Constant (2011-12) Prices in Q4 2022-23 is estimated at Rs 43.62 lakh crore against Rs 41.12 lakh crore in Q4 2021-22, showing a growth of 6.1 per cent.

The GDP at Current Prices in Q4 2022-23 is estimated at Rs 71.82 lakh crore compared to Rs 65.05 lakh crore in Q4 2021-22, a growth of 10.4 per cent. Gross value added (GVA) growth during the fiscal ending March 2023 was 7 per cent against an 8.8 per cent growth in the preceding year. The GVA growth in the manufacturing sector accelerated to 4.5 per cent in the March 2023 quarter against 0.6 per cent a year ago. GVA growth in mining was 4.3 per cent in the fourth quarter compared to 2.3 per cent in the same quarter of the previous fiscal.

40-50 FDI proposals from countries sharing land border with India pending for approval

New Delhi, May 31:

About 40-50 foreign direct investment (FDI) proposals from countries sharing land border with India under the provisions of Press Note 3 are pending for approval with the government, official sources said.

Under Press Note 3, the government has made its prior approval mandatory for foreign investments from countries that share land border with India. These countries are China, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Bhutan, Nepal, Myanmar and Afghanistan. As per that decision, FDI proposals from these countries need government approval for investments

in India in any sector. "About 40-50 proposals are pending with the commerce and industry ministry as they require security and political clearances," one of the sources said. Sources added that there is no consideration at present to ease norms under this press note.

"FDI is not totally banned from these countries. It is just that they (investors from these countries) have to follow the government approval route and of course that takes time," a source said. The government has a commitment to clear these proposals in three months time, but it takes about seven months.

Sensex, Nifty trip over profit taking in banking, energy shares

Mumbai, May 31:

Benchmark stock indices Sensex and Nifty cut short their four-day gaining streak and closed lower by half a per cent on Wednesday due to profit-taking in banking, energy and metal stocks amid weak trends in global markets. Snapping its four-day rally, the 30-share BSE Sensex fell 346.89 points or 0.55 per cent to settle at 62,622.24. During the day, it tumbled 568.11 points or 0.90 per cent to 62,401.02. The NSE Nifty declined 99.45 points or 0.53 per cent to end at 18,534.40.

In the four-day rally to Tuesday, Sensex advanced by 1,195 points or 2 per cent while Nifty rose by 348 points or 2.26 per cent.



"Markets witnessed profit-taking and shed over half a per cent, tracking mixed cues. After the initial

downtick, the Nifty index traded with a negative bias for most of the session however a marginal rebound in the final hours trimmed some losses," said Ajit Mishra, SVP - Technical Research, Religare Broking Ltd.

Global headwinds, especially from the US markets, are causing intermediate volatility however the positional up trend is still intact, Mishra said. From the Sensex pack, Axis Bank, State Bank of India, Reliance Industries, HDFC, HDFC Bank, NTPC, Tata Steel and UltraTech Cement were the major laggards on Wednesday. Bharti Airtel, Tech Mahindra, Asian Paints, Sun Pharma, Tata Motors and Kotak Mahindra Bank were among the gainers. "As indicated by multiple economic data points, the Indian economy is presently experiencing a robust recovery, leading to an upward trend in domestic equity markets.

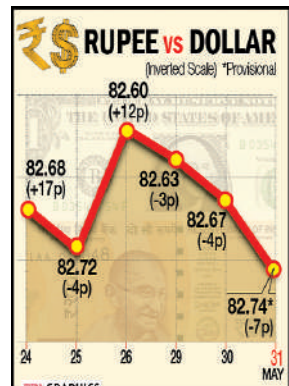
However, the rally is being hindered at times due to negative signals from global peers, as observed today.

"Concerns about a recession and potential interest rate hikes in western markets are impacting the domestic market but it is nevertheless maintaining the outperformance," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

The broader market however gained, with the BSE smallcap gauge jumping 0.68 per cent and midcap index climbing 0.54 per cent. Among the indices, energy fell 1.20 per cent, metal (1.16 per cent), oil & gas (1.04 per cent), utilities (1 per cent) and financial services (0.68 per cent).

Mumbai, May 31:

Falling for the third straight session, the rupee declined by 7 paise to 82.74 (provisional) against the US dollar on Wednesday, as intense selling pressure in domestic equities and a strong greenback overseas dented the sentiment. Forex traders said the continued inflow of foreign capital and a steep decline in crude price, however, restricted the fall in the domestic unit. The dollar was trading at an elevated level of 104 as a positive development on the US debt ceiling bill boosted investors' sentiment. On the domestic front, traders were keeping an eye on the annual GDP data to be released later in the day. At the interbank foreign ex-



change, the domestic unit opened weak at 82.71 against the dollar. The currency touched an intraday low of 82.75 and a high of 82.64. The unit finally settled at 82.74 (provisional) against the dollar, registering a fall of 7 paise over its previous close. On Tuesday, the rupee

closed at 82.67 against the US currency. The currency has been registering a fall for the past three sessions. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.34 per cent to 104.54. Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, fell 1.69 per cent to USD 72.30 per barrel. In the domestic equity market, the 30-share BSE Sensex declined 346.89 points or 0.55 per cent to 62,622.24. The broader NSE Nifty fell 99.45 points or 0.53 per cent to 18,534.40. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) were net buyers in the capital market on Tuesday as they purchased shares worth Rs 2,085.62 crore, according to exchange data.

Myntra's EORS-18 goes live today

Mumbai, May 31:

Myntra, one of India's leading fashion, beauty and lifestyle destinations, said on Monday that it is on track to welcome 15 million new users from non-metros on the app as the 18th edition of Myntra's biannual End of Reason Sale (EORS) is all set to enthrall millions in the country, from June 1, with more than 20 lakh fashion, beauty and lifestyle products from over 6,000 leading international, domestic and D2C brands. The company is geared to handle 9 lakh concurrent users at peak. Myntra's over 17,000 MENSAs network of Kirana partners will play an important role in enabling the seamless deliv-

ery of orders across the country. "Our effort has been to ensure every customer cohort, be it GenZ or millennials, or our customers from T2&3 cities, or beauty enthusiasts get enthralled by unmatched offers and have a delightful shopping experience through the pioneering tech enhancements and features on Myntra," said Nandita Sinha, CEO, Myntra.

"The presence of superstars like Shah Rukh in our EORS films further builds resonance with this shopping extravaganza across age groups and geographies," she added. Categories that are expected to see heightened traction from consumers during EORS 18 include - Men's Casual Wear,

Women's Ethnic, Women's Western wear, Beauty and Personal Care, Watches and Wearables, Home and Furnishing, Summer Essentials, Work wear and Kids wear. The platform has also amped up its categories like sports footwear, home and furnishing, and accessories for customers to explore new selections in the lifestyle space. As a part of 'EORS Specials', Myntra onboarded Converse Footwear ahead of EORS, and scaled up collections from Nike Jordans, Air Force, and Dunks. Customers will also be able to buy unique celebrity lines such as Puma X Anuska, Club Originals, Tapsee X Reebok, and Puma colour-blocked styles.

India witnesses transformation, to emerge as key driver of Asian, global growth: Morgan Stanley

New Delhi, May 31:

India has witnessed a significant transformation in several areas since 2014 and will emerge as a key driver for Asian and global growth, says a Morgan Stanley research report on Wednesday. India of today, the report said, is different from what it was in 2013. "In a short span of 10 years, India has gained positions in the world order with significant positive consequences for the macro and market outlook," it said. India, according to the report, "will emerge as a key driver for Asia and global growth." On the skepticism about India, particularly with

overseas investors, who say India has not delivered its potential - despite it being the second-fastest growing economy and among the top-performing stock markets over the past 25 years - and that equity valuations are too rich, it said, such a view ignores the significant changes that have taken place in India, especially since 2014. The report highlighted the 10 big changes, including supply-side policy reforms, formalisation of the economy, Direct Benefit Transfer, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, focus on FDI and flexible inflation targeting. These changes are because of India's poli-

cy choices, and their implications for its economy and market.

As a result, the report expects a new cycle in manufacturing and capex, as the share of both will rise in GDP. It also estimates that India's export market share will rise to 4.5 per cent by 2031, nearly 2 times from 2021 levels, with broadbased gains across goods and services exports and there would be a major shift in consumption basket. "As India's per capita income increases from USD 2,200 currently to about USD 5,200 by F2032, this will have major implications for change in the consumption basket, with an impetus to discre-

tionary consumption," it said. As per the report, inflation would remain benign and less volatile, which would imply shallower rate cycles and benign trend in current account deficit. The share of profits in GDP has doubled from all-time lows in 2020 and are set to rise further maybe even double from here leading to strong absolute and relative earnings, it said, adding, this explains India's apparently rich headline equity valuations. As India's reliance on global capital market flows has reduced, the market's sensitivity to a US recession and US Fed rate changes also seems to be fading, it added.



Rani Mukerji: I made it a point to choose films where the girl is also pivotal to the plot

Actress Rani Mukerji has shared her vision to represent women correctly in Hindi cinema. She said that women are the backbone of a family and the society and that she has a responsibility to show this to people across the world.

Rani says, "As an actor, your vision for cinema and roles will constantly evolve but one thing that's constantly stayed for me is the way I wanted to portray and represent women on screen. Women are the backbone of a family and the society, and I think, as an actor, I have a responsibility to show this to as many people as possible across my country and the world."

She added: "Cinema can have a lasting impression on the minds of people. It is a very powerful tool to trigger a national conversation and I became conscious very early on in my career that I could make a real change in the way women are projected on-screen, that could be positive."

Rani wanted to show girls as fiercely independent and self-reliant in films. She says, "I made it a point to choose films where the girl is also pivotal to the plot, where the girl is projected with dignity and power." "For me,

women have always been agents of change. They have been independent, courageous, caring, pursuers of dreams and the best multitasker you can ever find. I wanted to highlight these facets of a woman by choosing characters that echo this belief system of mine."

Rani adds, "So, if you see films like 'Black', 'Veer-Zaara', 'Mardaani' series, 'Yuva', 'No One Killed Jessica', 'Hichki' or even my latest film 'Mrs. Chatterjee vs Norway', to name a few, the girls I play are central to the plot, the heroes that people have adored and accepted for being who they are."

In her last release, 'Mrs Chatterjee vs Norway (MCVN)', Rani again played a fiery woman who took on a country to win back her children. The film was a re-sounding hit at the box-office and it brought back belief that content cinema could pull in people to the theatres in this post pandemic world. Rani says, "The fact that MCVN is a hit today is because people want to see strong woman protagonists like this on the big screen. There is constant chatter whether women-centric films are box office draws? That concerns me, of course they are box office draws."

"A film is a hit when producers make money from it and it is not just about how much it collects at the box-office because one should also factor in the cost of the film."

When Parineeti blushed at the paparazzi's question about her wedding



Bollywood actress Parineeti Chopra was asked about her wedding date by paparazzi as she stepped out of a building.

A video shared by celebrity paparazzi Viral Bhayani showed Parineeti dressed in an all white ensemble as she left a building when she was asked about her wedding date by the photographers. They asked her: "Shaadi ki tareek kya hai? Kuch toh batao, chupao mat. (When is the wedding? Say something, don't be silent.)"

Parineeti then pointed at her team member and said: "She knows."

When the photographers asked Parineeti to invite them to the wedding, she was seen blushing. Before leaving in her car, the actor smiled and said "bye." Earlier this month, Parineeti and Raghav Chadha exchanged rings in New Delhi. The ceremony was attended by family members and politicians.

Dimple Kapadia: You can't do a decent performance if you're not given the meat

Veteran actress Dimple Kapadia has been in the industry for five decades and has given unforgettable power-packed performances. Be it her maiden film 'Bobby', which released in 1973 or her latest series 'Saas Bahu Aur Flamingo', her on screen game is top-notch.

However, the 65-year-old actress says one cannot have a decent performance if not given the meat.

Her latest release 'Saas Bahu Aur Flamingo' has redefined the relationship between the women of the family, where often it is shown that "aurat hi aurat ki dushman hoti hai".

Asked how she feels the show and the relationship of the women in the show has changed the perspective, Dimple told IANS: "I haven't broken the barrier. It was the character that's broken the barrier. And that's important. At the end of the day, it's the written material, it's the role, it's the character, that really works and people often mistake by saying - Oh, what a great performance."

"You can't do a decent performance if you're not given the meat. If the character is not good enough, if the lines are not good enough - it's an effort by the entire team."

The actress firmly believes that "each one



plays such an important part". Dimple added: "It's unbelievable where it can

get you. In the sense that even a hug or a dress person or your makeup artist, even that matters and it translates, so it's a complete team effort. You can't stand there alone and do anything."

In 'Saas Bahu Aur Flamingo', Dimple plays a strong-headed matriarch and a drug lord. It is the women in her family who take care of the business. The crime drama streaming television series also stars Radhika Madan, Isha Talwar, Angira Dhar, Deepak Dobriyal, Monica Dogra and Naseeruddin Shah.

Talking about how much of herself did she see in her character of Rani Baa, Dimple said: "It would be a lie to say that in every character that you do, there has to be 30 per cent of yourself, otherwise, where do you dig from? Where do you get your experiences from? Where do you get your emotions from? So yes, 30 per cent of it is you."

She added: "And the other thing is that I'm silly, but I don't think I have done any work - I have this thing where some part of my jewellery has to be on me, I don't know why, it's been like that always from the beginning, so that there is always some part of me and I take it from there."

Directed by Homi Adajania, 'Saas Bahu Aur Flamingo' is available on Disney+ Hotstar.

Tavleen plots to destroy the Brar household

Sony SAB's Dil Diyaan Gallaan is a family drama that sheds light on a family separated by both physical and emotional disparities. The show talks about the impact of misunderstandings, lack of communication, and unexpressed emotions, which contribute to conflicts among three generations.

Since, Tavleen's (Jayati Bhatia) entry on the show, the Brar family has witnessed some high voltage drama with Rana (Ravi Gossain) committing a murder and being hunted down by the police for it.

The next few episodes will see the whole Brar family in turmoil after Rana is found guilty of killing Khushwant's goon. Veer (Paras Arora) and Maan (Sandeep Baswana) do their level best to hide him from the police and succeed in doing so. Rana is in no position to face the punishment and leaves the family divided yet again



with Dilpreet and Maan at loggerheads over the way they try to save Rana. With Maan and Dilpreet locking horns once again, will the misunderstandings fuelled by Tavleen (Jayati Bhatia) start growing again in the Brar family?

Vidya Balan leads crusade against Plastic Pollution

Vidya Balan, the acclaimed Indian actress, has always been more than just a performer on the silver screen. With her unwavering commitment to social causes and environmental issues, she has become a beacon of change and a vocal advocate for a cleaner, more sustainable future. Balan's passion for making a difference extends beyond the realms of entertainment, as she consistently uses her platform to raise awareness about the pressing challenges facing our society.

What sets Vidya Balan apart is her genuine commitment to everything she stands for. She does not shy away from discussing the challenges we face as a society and the changes we need to make. Her unwavering dedication to the causes she supports makes her a true champion of change. She is a proud advocate of child nutrition, women



empowerment, education and sustainability.

Recognizing the urgency of the situation, renowned actress Vidya Balan has joined forces with Bhamla Foundation to support their anti-single use plastic initiative. The Bhamla Foundation, in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, has been dedicated to raising awareness about environmental issues for many years.

"We must eliminate unnecessary plastic items like water bottles, bags, trays, cutlery, plates, cups, and food packaging from our lives this World Environment Day," emphasizes Vidya Balan. Her words resonate with the urgent need to address the crisis of climate change, pollution, waste, and biodiversity loss caused by plastic pollution.

'My character will be the catalyst in bringing Ram and Priya together'

The third season of Sony Entertainment Television's much adored show, 'Bade Acche Lagte Hain' has brought back the fan-favourite jodi of Nakuul Mehta and Disha Parmar, who are reprising their iconic roles as Ram Kapoor and Priya. The engaging storyline, coupled with the talented ensemble cast who bring the characters to life with their exceptional performances, has struck a chord with viewers. One such actor to make her mark is Supriya Shukla, who essays the role of Ram Kapoor's mother Supriya, who has showcased her talent across different mediums of entertainment, is currently seen playing an important role in the third instalment of the Bade Acche Lagte Hain franchise, which fills her with overwhelming joy.



Elaborating on her role, Supriya shares, "Whenever I take on a new project, I ensure that my presence in the show makes a difference and stands out from my previous work. My character, Shalini Kapoor, is a positive personality with the purest heart. Her one wish is to see her son settled, where he is loved for who he is and not just for his wealth."

Nimrat Kaur says parents need to be careful about how they conduct themselves around kids

Actress Nimrat Kaur, who essays the role of a student counsellor in the upcoming streaming series 'School of Lies', feels that parents need to be extremely careful with how they conduct themselves around their kids as kids today are fast learners and the behaviour of parents leaves a fine imprint on the kids in their formative years.

Wrapped in the intense mystery of a missing child, 'School of Lies' showcases the journey of teenagers in a boarding school.

Talking about how the dynamics between parents and their child are changing, Nimrat told IANS, "Young kids nowadays have a mind of their own, they want to make their own choices and are so ahead of everything all the time. Parents have to be very careful with how they conduct themselves around their kids. I think growing up



things were much simpler for us, especially the fact that the internet

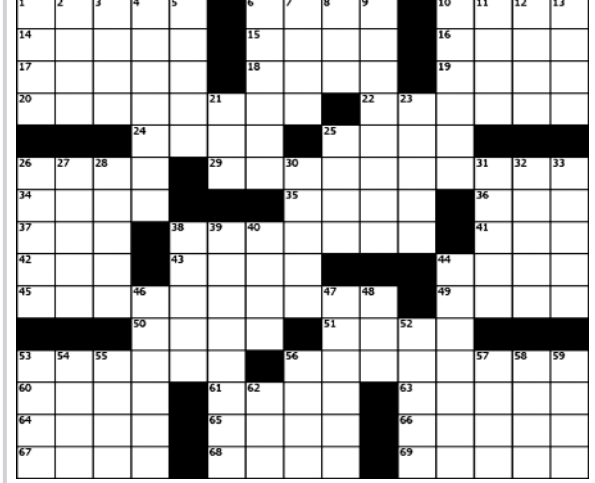
hadn't happened to the world - we didn't have smartphones or access to anything other than our own minds. So, growing up, there was a bigger distance between us and our parents."

Children today are very different from how it used to be two to three decades back. Today's children are in some ways, adults themselves with them being connected to the world with the advancement of technology and the growing culture across the world. Even their relationships with their parents are constantly evolving.

She further mentioned, "It was almost like they were adults and we were not supposed to have an opinion about things that didn't concern us. The one difference I see very majorly today is that children and their opinions are sought for absolutely everything. They have a take and a say in everything."

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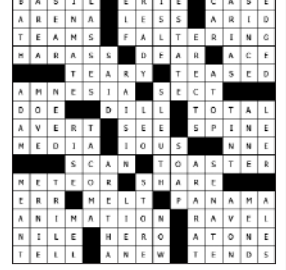
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 - Beer ingredient
 - Main artery
 - Malicious
 - Space
 - Chairs
 - Queue
 - Distort
 - Appraised
 - Sacred songs
 - Pork or beef
 - Bangkok native
 - Cinch
 - Like a robot, e.g.
 - Young male horse
 - Rear
 - Bullring cheer
 - Actress _____ Thurman
 - Dali and Picasso
 - Hamm or Farrow
 - Salad
 - Refrigerate
 - Prayer word

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- Spanish house
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 - Notable periods
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 - Old hat
 - Remove
 - Ardent
 - Soft metal
 - Tusked animal
 - Alloha State
 - _____ hygiene
 - Salon treatment
 - Exhausts
 - Uncle
 - Smooths wood
 - That's opposite
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 - Roaming tribesman
 - Frighten
 - Spicy dish
 - Punctuation mark
 - E.T., e.g.
 - Tilts
 - Land measures
 - Highway shoulder
 - Toddlers
 - Georgia city
 - Pressed
 - Commands
 - Agent Smith's nemesis
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 - Area _____
 - Actor's desire
 - Lotion ingredient
 - Partiality
 - Unescorted
 - Finale
 - Female pig

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Indian bowlers' workload management in focus

Portsmouth, May 31 (PTI):

The Indian cricket team is focussing on building workload for the bowlers, who had an extensive run in the IPL, ahead of the World Test Championship final against Australia starting on June 7 at The Oval.

In the bowling department, while the likes of Mohammed Siraj, Shardul Thakur, Axar Patel, Jaydev Unadkat and Umesh Yadav were part of the first batch to travel to England, pace spearhead Mohammed Shami's departure was delayed as the IPL final in Ahmedabad last Sunday was moved to the reserve day after incessant rain.

The middle-order mainstay Virat Kohli was also among the players who left in the first batch along with the Rahul Dravid-led coaching staff. Kohli joined the camp on Monday along with Cheteshwar Pujara, who linked up with the squad in England as he was busy playing County Championship for Sussex.

The Indian team is expected to have a few practice sessions at the Arundel Castle Cricket Club in Sussex ahead of the big final. "The preparation has been good so far.



Virat Kohli (R) with bowlers Umesh Yadav (L) and Mohammed Siraj at a practice session ahead of the World Test Championship final cricket match between India and Australia, in UK.

The initial bit was to ease into the practice session but the last two sessions have been pretty happy I think we pushed them a little bit. Just adding a little bit of workload for the bowlers, just kind of preparing them for the

Test match," said India's bowling coach Paras Mhambrey in a video released by the BCCI.

"(We are) happy with the conditions, I think it is a lovely ground, (it is) kind of what you can expect. The weather is holding up,

it has been sunny, a little windy, a little chill but something that we have to get used to (when) playing in England," he said. India's fielding coach T Dilip said the focus will be on close-in catching since the running part of the fit-

ness drill was covered in the IPL. "The players have been coming from an IPL so a key thing for us to take care of was the workload, how much they have run, how much they have taken care.

"What we understood and got out of that is things (like) ground fielding have been covered in the IPL, so the focus here was more on the volume of catching, especially when you are talking about close-in catching, the slip catching and the flat catches. These are the catches that we tend to increase the volume of," he said.

Mhambrey said while the bowlers will get some rest in days leading up to the WTC final, the group is determined to extract the maximum benefits from the training sessions.

"We have two more sessions now, we want to build up especially with the bowlers in a couple of sessions. One day before the Test match, all of us have an easier option, the bowlers' option is they take an off and maybe one or two sessions before that.

"If you look at it, we have three quality sessions in which we can push them in and try to get the best out of every session we have," he said.

DYNAMIC DUO BONDING



Cricketers Rishabh Pant and Shikhar Dhawan at the National Cricket Academy, in Bengaluru, Wednesday, May 31.

Love to be able to execute Ashwin-style: Murphy

Melbourne, May 31 (PTI):

Having studied Ravichandran Ashwin from close quarters during his maiden tour of India, young Australia off-spinner Todd Murphy wants to add the Indian tweaker's carrom ball to his bag of tricks ahead of next week's World Test Championships final and the Ashes.

The 22-year-old claimed 14 wickets at an average of 25.51 during the four-Test series in India earlier this year.

Murphy, who is a part of the Australian squad which will take on India in the WTC final at The Oval from June 7 to 11 and the Ashes series, is currently in England honing his skills ahead of the marquee events. "I am still working on that (carrom ball) but I am still a long way off being able to do it the way Ravi Ashwin can," Murphy was quoted as saying by 'cricket.com.au'.

"It is simple in a way, and yet so difficult. It is just



about being confident that you can execute it. I'd love to be able to add that myself one day. "If you have a delivery that goes the other way it just poses different challenges for the batsmen," he added.

Murphy, however, said his prime focus will be to get his stock ball right.

"You are always looking at ways to tinker and add things to your kitbag but in Test cricket you have to

make sure your fundamentals are really good and your stock ball is in as good a position as you can."

As part of his analysis of Ashwin's bowling action, Murphy would freeze-frame the point of delivery to understand the subtle variations that the Indian brought to his bowling.

"That is the best part of analysis now that you have access to that the whole time," Murphy said.

Pujara's inputs will be invaluable for Indian batters: Gavaskar

Portsmouth, May 31 (PTI):

Former captain Sunil Gavaskar on Wednesday reckoned Cheteshwar Pujara could provide valuable insights to his Indian teammates ahead of the World Test Championship final against Australia, having played extensively in the English County Championship.

With Pujara's knowledge and captaincy experience (at Sussex), his inputs could prove invaluable, especially against Australian batter Steve Smith, who is also a part of his county side.

The WTC final is scheduled to be held at the Oval in London from June 7-11.

"The fact that he is been around will mean that he will have also seen how the pitch has been behaving at The Oval. "He might not have played at The Oval, he might be in Sussex not too far away from London but he will have kept an eye on what is happening and his inputs will be invaluable as far as the batting unit is concerned or even as far as the captaincy is concerned,"



Gavaskar told Star Sports.

"He will have the captains here as far as the Oval pitch is concerned and don't forget he has also been captaining the team, so he definitely will have worked out quite a few strategies seeing that Steve Smith, the Australian is his teammate at the moment." Gavaskar also said the Indian batters, coming off the IPL, will have to adjust their bat speed ahead of the WTC final, and advised them to play as late as possible. "I think they are going to look at their bat speed. Coming from T20 where the bat speed is very fast to Test cricket where the bat speeds got to be a lot more control, that is something they'll need to do," Gavaskar told Star Sports.

Only matter of time before India becomes leading chess nation in world: Carlsen

New Delhi, May 31 (PTI):

Five-time world champion Magnus Carlsen feels it is only a matter of time before India becomes a leading chess nation, saying the country is "doing a lot of right things".

Carlsen who is the current world rapid chess champion, is widely regarded as the best player of the current generation.

While Indian chess players have done extremely well in global circuit in recent years, the country also successfully hosted the Chess Olympiad last year.

"I think India is doing a lot of right things so far, and it is a matter of time before it is clearly the leading chess nation in the world," Carlsen was quoted as saying in a press release.

The Norwegian Grandmaster is one of the icon players for the inaugural Global Chess League, which is the world's first and largest official franchise league of its kind, with chess players from all over the world competing in



a unique joint team format. The GCL is a joint venture between Tech Mahindra and the international chess federation (FIDE), which will witness six teams competing in a minimum of 10 matches each in a double round-robin, rapid format from June 21 to July 2 in Dubai.

"It is an exciting prospect for me to be a part of. This will be something new. Something that has not been done this way in over-the-board chess. I am looking forward to exploring this format for future."

The league will see each

of the six franchises play a total of 10 matches in a double round-robin format, with the winner of each match being decided in a best-of-six board scoring system played simultaneously. The top two teams will qualify for the final on July 2 and the winner will be crowned the world champion.

Carlsen, who is known for his experimental views on chess, said he prefers playing in team events. The 32-year-old from Norway is also looking forward to rubbing shoulders with the young Indian players.

We could face sort of similarities at Oval to what we had in India: Smith



London, May 31 (PTI):

Australia's batting mainstay Steve Smith is expecting batting friendly conditions at The Oval for the World Test Championship final but feels they could face India like conditions as the game goes on.

The venue offers one of the best batting conditions in the UK with true pace and bounce. India are expected to play their front-line spinners R Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja in their bid to make the most of the conditions. "The Oval can pres-

ent itself with some spin occasionally particularly as the game wears on so we could face some sort of similarities to what we had in India at certain stages of the game.

"But The Oval is a wonderful place to play cricket in. Lightening fast outfield, the square goes whole way across the ground so it is a nice place to bat when you get in and has some decent pace and bounce for an English surface. Should be an absolute cracker," Smith told cricket.com.au ahead of the final beginning June 7.

He is first one to turn up for training and leaves last: Hazlewood praises Kohli

London, May 31 (PTI):

Australia pacer Josh Hazlewood has spoken highly of Royal Challengers Bangalore teammates Virat Kohli and Mohammed Siraj ahead of the World Test Championship final against India at The Oval starting June 7.

Hazlewood, who has been battling with multiple injuries over the last six months, had to cut short his IPL stint with a side issue. However, he feels he is not far from bowling full tilt as Australia gear up for the big final.

Talking about Kohli, whose wicket he will be targeting at The Oval, Hazlewood said the Indian superstar's work ethic makes him the player that he is.

"I think it's probably how hard he works (that



stands out). His fitness first of all - and then his skill work and batting and fielding in particu-

lar. "He is always out there (training) first and leaves last and the intensity he trains at all the time is at such a high level it drags everyone else along for the ride. That can lean on to the other players and improve them as well," Hazlewood told the ICC.

On RCB's leading wicket taker Siraj, who is expected to play a big part in the WTC final, Hazlewood said: "I was a bit late getting there (to RCB this year), but before then he was on fire."

"He is up there at the top of the wickets every time, and the economy rate was probably the thing as bowling at Chinnaswamy (RCB's home ground) is impossible sometimes and he was going at six or six-and-a-half an over. His control was great and he is bowling well."

Thailand Open badminton

Kiran stuns Shi Yuqi; Saina, Lakshya, Satwik-Chirag too win

■ Sindhu makes early exit

Bangkok, May 31 (PTI):

India's Kiran George scripted a stunning straight-game win over world number 9 Shi Yu Qi of China but double Olympic medallist PV Sindhu made an opening round exit from the Thailand Open Super 500 tournament here on Wednesday.

Ashmita Chaliha and Saina Nehwal also made winning starts to their campaign in women's singles, while Lakshya Sen and world number 4 pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty also progressed to the pre-quarterfinals.

On a day when Kidambi Srikanth and B Sai Praneeth also failed to cross the opening hur-



dle, 2022 Odisha Open winner Kiran, a product of the Prakash Padukone academy, notched up a 21-18 22-20 win over third seed Shi Yu Qi, who is a 2018 world championships silver medallist. Kiran will take on China's Weng Hong Yang next.

His academy mate Lakshya also dug deep to eke out a hard-fought 21-23 21-15 21-15 win over Chinese Taipei's Wang Tzu Wei. He is likely to square off against All England champion Li Shi Feng of China.

Under pressure to implement poll guarantees: Kharge

Bengaluru, May 31:

With pressure mounting on the Congress government in Karnataka to implement the five 'guarantees' as promised to the people ahead of assembly polls, State's Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister Priyank Kharge on Wednesday said criteria and frameworks are being decided for its implementation.



Priyank Kharge

He said the criterion has to be fixed to implement the guarantees, as tax-payers money is involved.

In view of the implementation of five guarantee schemes, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is today holding a meeting with all the ministers of his cabinet and senior officials of the concerned departments at Vidhana Soudha, the seat of state secretariat and legislature,

in Bengaluru. The decision on implementation of guarantees is likely to be taken at the cabinet meeting on Thursday.

"Every scheme is based on a criterion, it is your (public) money, tax payers money is involved. We will have to put criteria. Tell me which scheme of the central-Modi government is free?" Kharge asked.

Speaking to reporters, he said, "there will be criteria and we will ensure that everyone is benefited.

Is it wrong to give priority to BPL (below poverty line), the government is for the poor."

"How to implement Gruha Jyoti, Gruha Lakshmi, YuvaNidhi — the criterion and framework will be decided by today and tomorrow, there is no need to worry," he added. The Congress had promised to implement the guarantees' "200 units of free power to all households (Gruha Jyoti), Rs 2,000 monthly assistance to the woman head of every family (Gruha Lakshmi), 10 kg of rice free to every member of a BPL household (Anna Bhagya), Rs 3,000 every month for unemployed graduate youth and Rs 1,500 for unemployed diploma holders (both in the age group of 18-25) (YuvaNidhi), and free travel for women in public transport buses (Shakti),

on the very first day of assuming power in the state. There is mounting pressure on the new government from opposition parties and various sections of people from across the state, to fulfill its five guarantees as promised ahead of polls. Opposition Bharatiya Janata Party and Janata Dal-Secular have accused the Congress of trying to "cheat" voters after coming to power by trying to attach conditions or criterion to the guarantees for their implementation, which were not mentioned ahead of polls. Asked how the government will mobilise resources, the minister said, "we will do it. First of all — it is because of the central government and the double engine (BJP at both centre and state) government that was there — our financial situation has worsened."

RELIGIOUS GATHERING



Devotees gather to offer prayers to Lord Dwarkadheesh on the occasion of 'Nirjala Ekadashi', at Dwarkadheesh temple in Mathura, Wednesday.

NEW STUDY

'Climate changing driving away marine fish towards poles'

New Delhi, May 31 (PTI):

Global warming is causing the majority of fish populations in the sea to relocate towards colder waters nearer the north and south poles, according to a study on the impact of climate change on oceans. The researchers from the University of Glasgow in the UK found that, in response to ocean warming, many marine fish populations are shifting towards the Earth's poles or are moving to deeper waters all in a bid to stay cool. For marine life such as fish, the temperature of the surrounding water affects critical functions such as metabolism, growth and reproduction. Marine species also often have a very narrow livable temperature range making even small differences in the water impossible to cope with. As a result, marine life changes caused by global warming have been up to seven-fold faster than animal responses on land, the researchers said. The study, published in

the journal Global Change Biology, examined data on 115 species spanning all major oceanic regions, totalling 595 marine fish population responses to rising sea temperatures.

"We observed a striking trend (where) species living in areas that are warming faster are also showing the most rapid shifts in their geographical distributions," said Carolin Dahms, lead author of the study.

"It's possible that rate of warming in some regions may be too fast for fish to adapt, and so relocating may be their best coping strategy. At the same time we see that their ability to do so is also impacted by other factors such as fishing, with commercially exploited species moving more slowly," Dahms said.

While relocation to cooler water may allow these species to persist in the short-term, it remains to be seen how food-webs and ecosystems will be affected by these changes, the researchers added.

'Amend laws to punish rape of dead bodies'

● HC TELLS CENTRE

Bengaluru, May 31 (PTI):

The High Court of Karnataka has asked the Centre to amend the relevant provisions of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) or bring in new ones criminalizing and providing for punishment for carnal intercourse with corpses.

The High Court made the recommendations after acquitting a person under Section 376 of the IPC as the rape provision does not have clause for convicting a person accused of having intercourse with a dead body.

The accused had murdered a woman and then had sexual intercourse with her body. The court, however, confirmed the rigorous life imprisonment and a fine of Rs 50,000 for the accused under Section 302 (murder) of the IPC.

"Admittedly, the accused had sexual intercourse on the dead body. Whether it amounts to an offence under Section 375 or Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code? A careful

reading of the provisions of Section 375 and 377 of the Indian Penal Code make it clear that the dead body cannot be called as human or person. Thereby, the provisions of sections 375 or 377 of the Indian Penal Code would not attract. Therefore, there is no offence committed punishable under Section 376 of the Indian Penal Code," the Division Bench of Justices B Veerappa and Venkatesh Naik T said in their judgment on May 30.

Citing the examples of several countries, including UK and Canada, where Necrophilia and crime against dead bodies are punishable criminal offences, the HC recommended that such provisions be introduced in India.

"It is high time the central government amended the provisions of Section 377 of IPC and included murder of a dead body of men, woman or animal as contemplated under the said provision," the HC said in its judgment.

"The central government shall amend the new provision in the IPC with

regard to sadism or necrophilia against the person whoever voluntarily has carnal intercourse against the natural including the dead body of the woman, punishable with imprisonment of life or with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to 10 years and also shall be liable for fine," it suggested.

The HC also directed the state government to ensure that CCTV cameras are installed in mortuaries in all government and private hospitals to prevent offence against dead bodies within six months. It also recommended maintaining mortuary services properly and sensitization of the staff.

The murder and rape incident dates back to June 25, 2015 and both the accused and victim are from a village in Tumakuru district.

The brother of the 21-year-old victim filed a complaint after his sister was found murdered. She had not returned from her computer class and her body was found with the throat slit on the way home.

Science, Arts most popular streams over last 10 years: MoE

● Commerce has stagnated

New Delhi, May 31 (PTI):

Science and Arts have been the most popular streams among students over the last 10 years while commerce has stagnated with only 14 per cent students opting for it, according to a study conducted by the Ministry of Education.

The study, which is an assessment of Class 10 and 12 board exam results, noted that there are huge variations in choice of streams across states.

"Only 2 per cent students in Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Telangana opt for Arts stream but in states like Tripura and Gujarat over 82 per cent students choose the stream while in states like Punjab and Rajasthan the percentage of such students is above 70," it said.

Similarly, the popularity of science stream is extremely low in Punjab,

Haryana and Assam where just about 17 per cent students opt for it, whereas in states such as Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Tamil Nadu, more than 60 per cent students choose science to study after class 12.

"In Goa and Karnataka, distribution of students is almost similar in major streams," the report said.

A large difference in performance of students from various boards, significant variation in pass percentages and no level playing field for students in terms of standard are among the challenges identified by the ministry in the assessment.

According to School Education Secretary, Sanjay Kumar, this difference between pass percentages of various states has led the education ministry to now look at standardising the assessment pattern for all 60 school boards across states in the country.

Currently, there are

three central boards in India Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) and the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS). Apart from these, various states have their own state boards, taking the total number of school boards to 60.

The study analysed the Class 10 and 12 results for state boards of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Karnataka, Kerala, Manipur, Odisha, West Bengal and Telangana to understand the variation in results for different state boards.

Based on the report, all states have been asked to work on the standardisation process of assessment.

"A meeting in this regard was held earlier this month wherein the presentation was shared with the states and concerns about developing a common assessment system was discussed," Kumar added.

JOY OF SUCCESS



Students of class 12 celebrate after Gujarat Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board (GSEB) declared results, in Ahmedabad, Wednesday.

'Large difference in performance of students from various boards a challenge'

New Delhi, May 31 (PTI):

EDUCATION MINISTRY STUDY

Large difference in performance of students from various boards, significant variation in pass percentages and no level playing field for students in terms of standard are among the challenges identified by the Ministry of Education in an assessment of classes 10 and 12 exam results.

The assessment has also pointed out that top five boards (Uttar Pradesh, CBSE, Maharashtra, Bihar and West Bengal) cover about 50 per cent of students and the rest 50

per cent students are enrolled in 55 boards across the country.

The study noted that the deviation in performance might be due to different patterns followed by boards and convergence of secondary and higher secondary boards into a single board in a state can help students.

The assessment also found that different syllabi followed by boards have created barriers for national level entrance tests.

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Examinations (CISCE) and the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS). Apart from these, various states have their own state boards, taking the total number of school boards to 60. Noting that the pass percentages vary significantly among boards, the study report points out that in senior secondary exams, while Meghalaya has a pass percentage of 57 per cent, Kerala has a pass percentage of 99.85 per cent. The report also noted that 11 states contribute to 85 per cent of school dropouts. These

states are Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Assam, West Bengal, Haryana and Chhattisgarh.

Among possible causes for higher failure rate in state boards pointed out in the report include less number of trained teachers and teachers per school.

'Nation First': Book brings to fore bravery of Indian Army wives

New Delhi, May 31 (PTI):

A new book, written by Shikha Saxena, wife of 1999 Kargil War hero Captain Akhilesh Saxena describes the largely overlooked turmoil endured by the families of military officers in the face of conflict. The detailed memoir, titled "Nation First", shows the boundless bravery of the Indian troops as well as the emotional tumult experienced by their kin both during and after war. It is the story of a young couple, Shikha and Akhilesh, who unexpectedly found themselves in the midst of war,

where the author depicts her personal experiences as well as those of her husband — badly wounded in missions at Tololing, the Hump and Three Pimples.

"The book contains firsthand and as-yet-undocumented information that reflects the mental status, emotions, and interactions of not just the Indian troops but also their families. This story showcases the value system of armed forces, and their courage to fight and defeat challenges on the battlefield and in life," the author said in a statement. Akhilesh is currently

vice-president at Tata Communications, while Shikha is the founder and CEO of Inspiring Mantras, which conducts leadership programmes.

The book's foreword is written by General VP Malik and Ranjana Malik, the Chief of Army Staff (COAS) and the President of the Army Wife Welfare Association (AWWA) during the Kargil War, respectively. "This is truly a first-of-its-kind book. Never have I seen such an inspirational military life story covered in such detail. It is not just a narration of firsthand experience but also

an interesting insight into military traditions which build camaraderie, family support, an environment of strong patriotism and our military psychology," wrote the former COAS in the book.

Touted to be a story of "grit, determination and heroic patriotism" by Hachette India, the book is endorsed by the likes of Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari, veteran actor Anupam Kher and bestselling author Anand Neelakantan. While Gadkari called "Nation First" a "remarkable book"

on the human cost of war and the sacrifices it entails, Kher said the book brings to life the "bloodiest battles without losing sight of the tenderness of humanity". "I have read many books on war, but the way Shikha has narrated this electrifying story left me spellbound... This story can only be told by a person who has lived this reality and Shikha does it with great heart. This powerful memoir reminds us that courageous men in uniform are supported by the grace and poise shown by their families," wrote Gadkari in his praise for the book.

Tikait announces 'mahapanchayat' in Muzaffarnagar today

Muzaffarnagar (UP), May 31 (PTI): BKU leader Naresh Tikait said a 'mahapanchayat' will be held in Muzaffarnagar's Soram village on Thursday to discuss the ongoing protest by wrestlers against WFI chief Brij Bhushan Singh over sexual harassment charges. Tikait, the head of Balyan Khap, on Tuesday night said the matter will be discussed in detail in the mahapanchayat. On a drama-filled Tuesday, some of India's best wrestlers accompanied by hundreds of supporters gathered on the banks of the Ganga in Haridwar, threatening to immerse their World and Olympic medals in the holy river, but refrained after being convinced by Khap and farmer lead-

ers who sought five days to address their grievances.

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'Sexual harassment case against WFI chief under consideration'

Report to be submitted to court
New Delhi, May 31 (PTI):

The sexual harassment case against Wrestling Federation of India chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh is under consideration and the status report of the investigation will be submitted to court, the Delhi Police said on Wednesday.

Earlier, police sources said the force had not found sufficient evidence in favour of the allegations levelled against Singh by

female wrestlers and that it will submit the report within 15 days. As the news came out in the media, the Delhi Police took to Twitter to say: "It is clarified that this news is wrong and the investigation into this sensitive case is under progress with all sensitivity." A public relation officer of the Delhi Police also shared the same message with reporters. After nearly an hour, the Delhi Police deleted its tweet. The PRO also removed the message she had shared in the official WhatsApp group for reporters.

Revealed: Govt's 3-pronged peace formula for Manipur

Imphal, May 31 (PTI):

The Centre is working on a three-pronged approach to bring the warring Meitei and Kuki communities into a narrow common ground for lasting peace in troubled Manipur, sources said on Wednesday.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who is currently visiting Manipur, has given clear instructions that violence must end immediately and peace should be restored in the northeastern state as early as possible.

The government is working on a three-pronged approach to restore peace in Manipur. These include dialogue with the affected people, rehabilitating those who had to leave their homes with enhanced security and control over insurgents, the sources privy to the development said.

The major task before the government is to build con-

Shah visits Manipur border town, holds security meet

Union Home Minister Amit Shah held a review meeting in this border town on Wednesday to take stock of the security situation in the northeastern state which has been witnessing sporadic violence for nearly a month.

Shah, on the third day of his visit to the state, also met a delegation of the Kuki community and a team representing others communities, and they expressed strong support for the government's initiatives to restore normalcy.

"Took stock of the security situation with senior officials in Moreh (Manipur)," Shah tweeted. A home ministry spokesperson



Union Home Minister Amit Shah in a meeting with a Kuki delegation, in Moreh, Manipur, Wednesday.

said Shah held a security review meeting in the Moreh town, bordering Myanmar. "Held a meeting with the delegations of Kuki and other com-

munities at Moreh. They expressed strong support for the government's initiatives to restore normalcy in Manipur," Shah said in another tweet.

confidence between the Meitei and Kuki communities.

Hence, the Centre is mak-

ing all efforts to reach out to every segment of the society in Manipur and working

to bring them into a narrow common ground for lasting peace, the sources added.

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BANK LOAN FRAUD

ED attaches Rs 124 cr worth assets

Of various associates of Chennai group

New Delhi, May 31 (PTI):

Assets worth about Rs 124 crore that were in possession of various entities linked to the Chennai-based Surana Group of companies have been attached in connection with

a money laundering investigation related to three alleged bank loan frauds worth a total Rs 3,986 crore, the Enforcement Directorate said Wednesday.

A provisional order under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) has been issued to attach 78 immovable properties, it said in a statement.

BRIEF



MP CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan waves at the crowd during the 'Run for Pride' event organised to mark the anniversary of merger of the princely State of Bhopal, in Bhopal, Wednesday.

Raid

Jammu: Police on Wednesday conducted raids on the premises of suspected drug peddlers at multiple locations in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district and recovered around Rs 3 lakh cash, officials said. Nine mobile phones were also recovered from a hideout of a heroin supplier at infamous 'Chitta' hotspot in Balol Khad in the Bari Brahmana area, they said.

Raid

Bengaluru: The Lokayukta sleuths in Karnataka on Wednesday carried out searches at 57 locations simultaneously against 15 government officers who are accused of amassing wealth disproportionate to their known source of income. According to the Karnataka Lokayukta, the raids were carried out at multiple locations in 11 districts.

Collision

Budaun: Two persons were killed and four others were injured when a van collided with a tempo in Faizganj Police Station area of the district on Wednesday, police said. Station House Officer (SHO) Siddhant Sharma said, "A van collided with a tempo packed with passengers on Bisauli Road.

Four killed as auto-rickshaw falls into gorge

8-year-old boy among 2 injured

Jashpur, May 31:

Four persons, including a married couple, were killed after the auto-rickshaw in which they were returning from a wedding function fell into a 50-foot deep gorge in Jashpur district on Wednesday, police said.

Two other occupants of the vehicle, including an eight-year-old boy, sustained critical injuries in the accident which took place in Kardana Valley in the Sanna area in the afternoon, a police official said.

The deceased were identified as the owner-cum-driver of the auto-rickshaw Budhnath Ram, his wife

About the incident

As per preliminary information, Budhnath Ram, his wife and four others were returning in the three-wheeler to their native Kardana village from nearby Sonkaryi village where they had gone to attend a marriage function. When they reached near Chhatauari Kapukona village, the driver (Budhnath Ram) apparently lost control over the vehicle and it plunged into the 50-foot deep gorge. Three of the occupants died on the spot, while the fourth passenger succumbed to injuries during treatment at the Jashpur district hospital.

Phulmati, Sevanti and Brihaspati Bai, he said. As per preliminary information, Budhnath Ram, his wife and four others were

returning in the three-wheeler to their native Kardana village from nearby Sonkaryi village where they had gone to attend a marriage function. When they reached near Chhatauari Kapukona village, the driver (Budhnath Ram) apparently lost control over the vehicle and it plunged into the 50-foot deep gorge, he said.

Three of the occupants died on the spot, while the fourth passenger succumbed to injuries during treatment at the Jashpur district hospital, said the official. The two injured persons were referred to the Ambikapur medical college and hospital in neighbouring Surguja district in view of their critical condition, he said.

SII for in-house testing of its injection for detection of latent TB

Writes to govt

New Delhi, May 31 (PTI):

The Serum Institute of India (SII) has urged the Union health ministry to allow in-house testing of its Cy-Tb injection for the detection of latent tuberculosis, saying the testing facility for this product is not available in any government lab in the country, official sources said on Wednesday.

A letter in this regard was written by Prakash Kumar Singh, Director at SII, they said.

The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) approved market authorisation of Cy-Tb injection on May 9, 2022, but even

after a year of approval, Cy-Tb is not available in the market due to the non-availability of testing facility in any government lab in India, Singh said in the letter.

According to the sources, Singh is also learnt to have mentioned that Cy-Tb is important for the detection of latent TB and the government should allow its in-house testing so that the injection can be made available in India and the world at large.

The DGCA had granted market authorisation to the SII's Cy-Tb injection, which can be used for skin test for diagnosis of latent TB, for those aged 18 and above.

'Modi 'a specimen' who knows more than god'

Santa Clara (US), May 31 (PTI):

There are people in India who think they know more than God and Prime Minister Narendra Modi is "one such specimen", Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said.

Reacting sharply to Gandhi's targeting of Prime Minister Modi, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi on Wednesday described the former Congress president as a "fake Gandhi" and as a person "who knows nothing" but has become an expert on everything.

Speaking at the 'Mohabadi Ki Dukaan' event organised by Indian



Overseas Congress USA in Santa Clara in the US state of California on Tuesday, Gandhi said these people are "absolutely convinced" that they know everything and can explain history to historians, science to scientists and warfare to the army.

Rahul 'fake Gandhi', 'insults' India: BJP

Responding to Gandhi's speech, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Joshi claimed that the Congress leader's knowledge of history did not go beyond his family. "It is funny how someone who knows nothing is suddenly an expert on everything. A man whose history knowledge does not go beyond his family is talking about history," the senior BJP leader said in New Delhi. "A man who claimed to produce gold out of potatoes is giving lectures about science and a man who never ventured beyond family affairs now wants to lead India's warfare," Joshi said.

Gyanvapi case: HC upholds Hindu women's right to pray

Mosque Committee's challenge rejected

Prayagraj, May 31 (PTI):

The Allahabad High Court on Wednesday rejected a plea challenging the maintainability of a suit filed by five Hindu women seeking permission for regular worship of Shringar Gauri and other deities in Varanasi's Gyanvapi mosque compound.

Justice J J Munir dismissed the mosque management committee's revision petition that contended that the suit is barred under the Places of Worship Act, 1991, which prohibits conversion of

VHP welcomes HC decision

The Vishva Hindu Parishad on Wednesday welcomed the Allahabad High Court's decision on a lawsuit related to the Gyanvapi-Shringar Gauri dispute and said it will speed up the court proceedings. The VHP's reaction came after the Allahabad High Court rejected a plea challenging the maintainability of a suit filed by five Hindu women seeking permission for regular worship of Shringar Gauri and other deities in Varanasi's Gyanvapi mosque compound. "The technical objections have been negated. The suit would now proceed on merits and we do see success at the end of the tunnel," VHP national working president Alok Kumar said, welcoming the court's decision. "We hope that now the suit will expeditiously proceed towards a final judgement," he added.

any place of worship and provides for the maintenance of its religious character as it existed on August 15, 1947. The Anjuman Intezamia Masjid (AIM) committee had filed the petition in the high court against the order of the district judge of Varanasi in September

last year that turned down its objections on the maintainability of the suit filed by the five Hindu women.

The suit filed in August 2021 sought permission for daily worship at Maa Shringar Gauri Sthal in the Gyanvapi complex.

The district judge had

on September 12, 2022 dismissed the plea of AIM filed under Order 7 Rule 11 of the Civil Procedure Code (CPC). It had observed that the suit by the Hindu women was not barred by the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991, The Wakf Act 1995, and the UP Shri Kashi Vishwanath Temple Act, 1983 as was being claimed by the AIM.

The counsel for the petitioner, SFA Naqvi, contended before the court that the claim of the Hindu side that the devotees were restrained from worshipping Shringar Gauri and other deities on the outer wall of Gyanvapi in 1993 is an "artificial" claim and an example of clever drafting.

WELCOME RAINS



A child enjoys rain at the Golden Temple, in Amritsar, Wednesday.

Protesting wrestlers, except Sakshi Malik, return

Did not speak due to 'silence vow'

New Delhi, May 31 (PTI):

The "shell-shocked" protesting wrestlers, except Sakshi Malik, have returned to their homes in Haryana, and did not speak with the waiting media in Haridwar due to a silence vow, a member of the protest group said on Wednesday.

The grapplers had resumed their agitation against Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh on April 23 at Jantar Mantar and stayed there till May 28, the day they were detained by the Delhi Police during their march towards the new

Parliament building. Immediately after their detention, the police cleared the protest site and made it clear that wrestlers will not be allowed back to the Jantar Mantar. The police action against the wrestlers drew criticism from different quarters. On Tuesday, they threatened to immerse their medals into the holy river Ganga but the farmer leaders stopped them from taking the extreme step. "They were crying since morning. It is not easy to throw away even a medal won at district level and they were ready to throw away those big international medals. They were shell-shocked, not a word was coming out of their mouths," said a member of the protesting group.

'Oppn insulted country's sentiments, hard work of 60,000 labourers'

By boycotting Parl inauguration

Ajmer, May 31 (PTI):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday attacked the Opposition for boycotting the inauguration of new Parliament building, saying the Congress "insulted" the sentiments of the country and the hard work of 60,000 labourers.

"India got a new Parliament building three days back. I ask you whether you are proud of it or not. Did you feel the



PM Modi waves at supporters during a public meeting in Ajmer, Wednesday.

joy on the increase in India's prestige? The

Congress and some parties like it hurled the mud of politics on this too," he said at a rally in Ajmer.

The Congress and 20 other parties boycotted the inauguration of the new Parliament building by the prime minister on Sunday, saying it was an insult to President Droupadi Murmu, a tribal woman, that she was not invited by the government to do the honours.

Modi said such opportunities come once in generations, but the Congress used this for its "selfish protest". "They insulted the hard work of 60,000

labourers and the sentiment of the country," he said, adding the Congress is unable to digest the progress the country is making.

Referring to main Opposition party Congress, Modi said they are angry because a "son of the poor" is not allowing them to do what they want and is "raising questions on their corruption and parivarwad (dynastic politics)". The prime minister accused the Congress of following a policy of misleading the poor and keeping them deprived during its rule.

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CM transfers Rs 32.35 cr unemployment allowance

● To 1.05 lakh beneficiaries

Raipur, May 31: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Wednesday disbursed Rs 32.35 cr as the second instalment of the unemployment allowance into the bank accounts of 1.05 lakh beneficiaries, and said he would be happier if these youths actually get jobs.

Under the scheme, the state government pays Rs 2,500 monthly allowance to each beneficiary. The first instalment of Rs 16.54 cr was transferred into the bank accounts of 66,256 beneficiaries on April 30, officials said.

The chief minister transferred the second installment amount during a function held at his official residence here. "The unemployed youths are being provided assistance through this scheme, but I would be happier when you get employed," he said while addressing the gathering of youths present there.



Advertisements for recruitment into various departments are continuously being released. At the same time, the government has also been imparting skill development training so that youths could start their own business. Unemployment allowance is just a small assistance through which you could achieve your goals, he added.

This allowance will help in buying books for competitive exams and other things. The state government has waived the examination fees for the youth of Chhattisgarh in exams conducted by the Chhattisgarh Professional Examination Board and the Chhattisgarh Public Service Commission (CGPSC), he added.

Meanwhile, opposition Bharatiya Janata Party's Chhattisgarh unit chief Arun Sao accused the ruling Congress of misleading the youths in the state.

The Congress government has broken the dreams of youths in the state and they are filled with anger, he alleged.

During his Republic Day address this year, CM Baghel had announced that unemployed youths will be given a monthly allowance of Rs 2,500 in the state from April. It was one of the key promises made by the Congress ahead of the 2018 Assembly election, in which the grand old party returned to power in the state after a gap of 15 years.

While addressing the gathering of youths present there, the Chief Minister said that the government has waived the examination fees for the youth of Chhattisgarh in exams conducted by the Chhattisgarh Professional Examination Board and the Chhattisgarh Public Service Commission (CGPSC), he added.

Dr Kalda again gave new life to 5 seriously burnt children



Raipur, May 31: Dr. Sunil Kalda, Director of the Kalda Burn and Plastic Surgery Center (accredited by the Government of Chhattisgarh and Chhattisgarh Electricity Board and NABH certified), located in front of Pachpedhi Naka, Colors Mall and renowned cosmetic and reconstructive surgeon of the region addressing the scribes here informed that 11-year-old Priyanshu Pradhan (resident of Raigarh) and his brother were lighting firecrackers in Diwali and went away after setting fire to the 'Anar', but as the fire cracker failed to ignite, Priyanshu went near it and it exploded and Priyanshu's clothes caught fire, and his body got burnt.

As soon as Priyanshu's body caught fire, he was taken to a nearby hospital and treated for a day after being admitted, but there was no improvement in the patient, and the patient's condition continued to worsen.

Viewing this the relatives brought the patient to Kalda Plastic Cosmetic Surgery and Burn Center, Raipur and was treated by keeping him in intensive care. Priyanshu was treated for about 2-3 months, after which he got well and went home safely. Dr Kalda gave a new life to him. Similarly, on March 17, 10-year-old Bhavya Shrivastava (resident of Khairagarh) got 35 to 40 per cent burns on his chest while playing with perfume spray and match box, he was treated with skin implanted from his thigh. Similarly, on April 27, 6-year-old Soumya Verma, who lost her balance while playing in the courtyard of her house, fell into a burning lamp, due to which her clothes got burnt and she also got severely burned. She was admitted to Kalda Hospital. Soumya was saved by grafting. In addition to this Dr Kalda also gave

new life to 2 children Saiba Bano and Shanaya Jain who got burnt while playing. The children had 45 to 70 per cent burns. Giving this information, he further said that for the last 33 years, burn patients are being treated at the Kalda Burn and Plastic Surgery Center. This center is the only fully equipped hospital in the state where burn patients are taken care of very well. Due to which 90 percent of the burn patients have also been cured. He further told that if the patients are not treated properly after burning, then it becomes a threat to life and later the skin becomes thick, due to which itching starts in the body and parts of the body like hands, feet or neck get worsen. Due to which the patient cannot live a normal life. All these disorders are also treated in our hospital. We also have exclusive skin bank from where skin has been implanted in this patient which is available in very few places all over India. After death in the skin bank, the patient's skin is taken out safely within 6 hours and it is stored for 5 years and kept in a safe skin bank. In case of serious and burnt patients, the skin can be attached to the patient's body if required for this awareness should be raised in the society, Dr Kalda.

One nabbed with two country pistols, 5 live cartridges



● At Bilaspur station on Tuesday late at night

Bilaspur, May 31: A youth at Bilaspur station coming from Odisha by train was nabbed with two country pistols and 5 live cartridges here on Tuesday late at night. GRP's anti-crime team was conducting regular search in platform No. 7-8 on Tuesday night, when they found a passenger trying to escape on seeing the team. It was based upon suspect, he was nabbed and taken to GRP thana. On interrogation, he disclosed his name as Mithun Nayak, R/o Gram Nagala Pathak, Vijaypur, Oraiyya, (UP). On conducting search by the police,

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Awareness event organized on 'World No Tobacco Day'

● By Sanjeevani, Rotary North, Maharashtra Mandal, YMS Foundation



Raipur, May 31: Sanjeevani Cancer Care Foundation, in collaboration with Rotary Club Raipur North, Maharashtra Mandal Raipur, and YMS Youth Foundation, successfully organized a significant awareness program on World No Tobacco Day, observed annually on May 31st. Esteemed guests, including Dr. Yousuf Memon (Founder of Sanjeevani Cancer Care Foundation & Surgical Oncologist), President Shyam Sundar Khangan and Secretary Ashok Shrivastava from Rotary Club Raipur North, President Arvind Joshi and Past President Rotarian Subodh Tole from Rotary Club of Raipur Millennium, President Ajab Kaale and Ravindra Thengdi from Maharashtra Mandal, and Mahendra Singh Hora, Suresh Chhabda, Amit Jain, along with cancer specialists Dr. Arpan

Chaturmohata, Dr. Rakesh Mishra, Dr. Aniket Thoke, Dr. Diwakar Pandey, and Dr. Vikas Goyal, were present during the event. Dr. Yousuf Memon was felicitated with 'Shawl' and 'Shrifal' by members of the Rotary Club Raipur North, Maharashtra Mandal Raipur, and YMS Youth Foundation. During the event, Dr. Yousuf Memon emphasized the staggering impact of tobacco consumption in India, which accounts for over 1.3 million deaths annually, equivalent to 3,500 deaths per day. He highlighted not only the toll it takes on lives and health but also the negative effects it has on the country's economic and social progress. Dr. Arpan Chaturmohata emphasized that the harmful effects of

tobacco extend beyond lung cancer. While tobacco use, including cigarettes and cigars, is responsible for nine out of ten lung cancer cases, it is essential to be aware that tobacco can induce cancer in multiple parts of the body such as the bladder, blood, cervix, colon, rectum, esophagus, liver, lungs, bronchi, trachea, mouth, throat, pancreas, stomach, and voice box (larynx). Dr. Aniket Thoke and Dr. Rakesh Mishra stressed that smoking is just one form of tobacco consumption. Smokeless tobacco products, like chewing tobacco, can also lead to cancer, including esophageal, mouth, throat, and pancreatic cancer. The function was also addressed by Dr. Diwakar Pandey and Dr. Vikas Goyal.

Stage all set for National Ramayan Mahotsav

Decorated on the theme of 'Aranya Kand'

Raipur, May 31: Preparations are in full swing for the three-day National Ramayan Festival to be held at the historic Ramleela Maidan in Raigarh. Along with the administrative preparations, there is a lot of excitement about the festival among the people. The festival will feature performances mainly centered on the theme of Aranya Kand in the Ramayan, and the stage is decorated accordingly.

The three-day International Ramayan Festival will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel as Chief Guest on June 1 at 3 p.m. under the chairmanship of Culture Minister Mr. Amarjeet Bhagat. This festival is organized on the initiative of Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel. The presentations of Ramkatha based on the Aranya kand will be performed by national and international troupes. The Aranya Kand is a part of TulSIDAS Ramcharitmanas and Valmiki Ramayan, which narrates the days of Lord Rama's exile along with Mata Sita and Brother Lakshman.



Gaman tourism circuit connected with Lord Ram's journey during his exile. It is believed that Lord Shri Ram spent most of his exile in the forest of Dandakaranya in Chhattisgarh. These incidents that took place in the Dandakaranya forest are mentioned in the Valmiki Ramayan and are written in many languages. Along with this, it also includes various art forms. The festival will also feature performances by Ramayan troupes from Indonesia and Cambodia. The Angkor Wat temple in Cambodia and the Java temple in Indonesia have motifs from the Ramayana. The stage performance of Ramayana is prevalent in South-Eastern countries as well, and during the Ramayan Festival, people will get a glimpse of the popular forms of Ramayan in these countries.

Competition between inter-state Ramayan troupes will be held

There is a beautiful presentation of Ramkatha that happens in different art forms in different states in India. Some Ramayan troupes in different states have made their own place with their special presentation. The performances based on Aranya Kand will be the most special feature of these troupes during the event. On the first day, a competition will be held between Uttarakhand, Karnataka, and Chhattisgarh on the theme Aranya Kand. On the second day, there will be competition between Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Goa, and Chhattisgarh. The winning teams will be awarded at the closing ceremony.

Teams from Cambodia and Indonesia will perform. During the festival, Viewers will be able to see different

forms of Ramkatha seen in Indonesia and Cambodia. Artists from these countries have preserved their legacy by exhibiting Ramkatha in their respective art forms. Seeing these art forms during the Ramayan Festival would be a mesmerizing experience for the audience.

Collective Hanuman Chalisa will be recited
On each of the three days of the festival, there will be a group recitation of the Hanuman Chalisa. Kelo Mahaarti and Deep Daan will also be organized for the closing ceremony. After the start of the program, there will be a collective chanting of Hanuman Chalisa that will be recited by local artists and priests. A march past will be performed by foreign and interstate artists on this occasion.

Eminent artists will perform
The three-day event will feature daily performances by eminent artists at the national level. Stars from Indian Idol and Saregama, Shanmukha Priya and Sharad Sharma, will participate in the event on June 1. Famous singers Baba Hansraj Raghuvanshi and Lakhbir Singh Lakha will present their musical performances on June 2. Famous Bhajan singer Maithili Thakur and popular poet Kumar Vishwas will present their renditions of the story of Lord Shri Ram on June 3.

Official who gave nod to drain weir suspended

● In order to retrieve mobile phone of Food inspector

Raipur, May 31: The Chhattisgarh government on Wednesday suspended a water resources department (WRD) official for alleged negligence after 41 lakh litres of water was pumped out from a reservoir's waste weir to retrieve a mobile phone in Kanker district last week, an official said. Anurag Pandey, special secretary of WRD, issued the suspension order of R L Dhiwar, in

charge sub divisional officer (water resources) who was posted in Kapsi in the district. As per the suspension order, Dhiwar did not take any action in connection with unauthorised evacuation of 4,104 cubic meter water equivalent to 41 lakh litres from the cistern of the waste weir of Paralkot reservoir for four days from May 21. Dhiwar's act reflects lack of regular inspection of reservoirs and negligence in discharging duty, it said, adding that he has been placed under suspension with immediate effect.

Last week, Rajesh Vishwas, a food inspector posted in Pakhanjore area of the district, was suspended for allegedly draining out water from the cistern of a waste weir without seeking permission from the competent authority after his high-end mobile phone fell into it. Vishwas had gone to the reservoir for an outing with friends on May 21 when his mobile phone fell into the water while he was taking a selfie. He then allegedly roped in villagers and got diesel pumps to pump out water till his

phone was fished out on May 25. After the incident came to light, Kanker Collector Priyanka Shukla sought a report, following which Vishwas was suspended. The collector also issued a show-cause notice to the SDO Dhiwar for allegedly giving verbal permission to drain out the water, said officials. Vishwas has been asked to pay a penalty of Rs 53,092 to the department within ten days for draining out a large quantity of water without seeking permission from the authority.

38th regular yoga practice center inaugurated in Rohinipuram

Raipur, May 31: Under the regular yoga practice program under the aegis of Chhattisgarh Yoga Commission, the 38th free regular yoga practice center was inaugurated in Ward No. 41 Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Ward of Raipur. The center was inaugurated at Tarun Garden, Rohanipuram, Raipur. Chief Guest of the function was Parliamentary Secretary and MLA of Raipur West, Mr. Vikas Upadhyay, and Mr. Gyanesh Sharma, Chairman, Chhattisgarh Yoga Commission. It is notable that preparations have been started for



International Yoga Day on June 21st. Addressing the program on the occasion of Yoga Abhyas Kendra inauguration, Mr. Vikas Upadhyay expressed grati-

tude for the public awareness campaign being run in the state towards yoga and health under the leadership of Mr. Gyanesh Sharma, Chairman,

Chhattisgarh Yoga Commission. Along with this, he announced to construct sheds in the regular yoga practice centers with the MLA's fund. As a special guest on this occasion Mr. Ravikant Kumbhkar Officer in charge, Mr. K.K. Purnanik and distinguished residents of the ward were present. This free regular yoga practice will be conducted by yoga instructor Mrs. Sheela Sharma, Ms. Chhaya Thakur every day from 7 am to 8 am in Tarun Garden, Rohanipuram Raipur, No. 41 Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Ward.

Collector asks officials to complete school repairing works soon

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Bhilai, May 31: Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena reviewed various works in the time limit meeting with the officials in the Collectorate hall. He sought information from the officials of the Education Department and Rural Engineering Services regarding the repair and renovation of schools under the Chief Minister's School Jatan Yojana.

He instructed the officials to get the works done under the Mukhyamantri School Jatan Yojana completed soon in a planned manner so that the school children can take advantage of the better infrastructure of the schools. Along with this, he also reviewed the started and incomplete works under the Chief Minister's School Jatan Yojana and directed the District Education Officer in this regard.



He directed the District Education Officer to complete the ongoing deputation and recruitment process for teachers in Swami Atmanand English Medium Schools. In the meeting, the Collector sought information from the District Program Officer of Women and Child Development regarding the distribution of eggs to bring the malnourished children under the ambit of nutrition through Anganwadi centers.

He directed to prepare a quick roadmap for distribution of eggs to the children of the identified families who have given consent for eggs as food. Under this scheme, eggs will be provided daily to the children from the egg plant located in Teligundra, Patan. Additional Collector Arvind Ekka, Additional Collector Padmani Bhoi, Commissioner Municipal Corporation Bhilai Rohit Vyas, District Panchayat CEO Ashwani Dewangan, Joint Collector Praveen Verma, Joint Collector Yogita Dewangan, Joint Collector Vinay Soni, SDM Durg Mukesh Rawte, SDM Dhamdha Brijesh Singh Kshatriya, Municipal Corporation Commissioner Durg Lokesh Chandrakar, Commissioner Municipal Corporation Risali Ashish Dewangan, Commissioner Municipal Corporation Bhilai Charoda Ajay Tripathi and other officers were present.

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Conduct tree plantation with priority in urban areas

Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena reviewed the works of the urban bodies during a meeting with municipal commissioners and CMOs. He asked about the houses completed under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. The officials informed that 74 percent houses have been completed under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana in Durg district. Under Rajiv Gandhi Ashray Patta, 100 percent distribution was done under the urban body of Durg. 93% percent patta distribution work has been done in all the urban bodies.

The Collector had instructed them to make parking arrangements, toilets and CCTV in the market places. He asked to complete the incomplete works soon. He inquired about availability of gardens and saplings for tree plantation in urban bodies. The Collector said that people should be motivated to plant saplings on the main road, government building, market and every empty space in every house, so that there is greenery all around the city. The Collector asked to start the work of tree plantation with priority from the month of June.

Taking information about the vending zones, the Collector said that the work of all vending zones should be completed quickly and made convenient for the general public, so that the common people do not face any problem. Along with this, to make it beautiful, small plants should be planted around the vending zone. He also inquired about the applications received and rejected under Mukhyamantri Mitan Yojana.

Action against chit fund companies

Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena reviewed the works of the Revenue Department and sought detailed information on demarcation, division, land acquisition, diversion, undisputed, disputed division, partition, land records, land revenue recovery, status of compensation payment in land acquisition cases, etc. He directed all the revenue officers to resolve these cases compulsorily within the time limit. Along with this, while completing the pending cases of chit fund at the earliest, he directed the concerned officer to take legal action to get the amount back to the investors.

Nodal officers asked to inspect Gauthans regularly

Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena chaired a meeting with the officials of the District Panchayat and directed the nodal appointed for Gauthans to regularly conduct physical inspection of Gauthans. He asked the concerned officers to ensure adequate arrangements for the livestock in Gauthans including the basic facilities like food and water for the animals.

The Collector also reviewed the works being done under MGNREGA and directed the program officer to speed up the approved works. He directed the concerned officers to conduct a survey at the local level so that more and more destitute women could get work under MGNREGA. To improve the economic condition of destitute women, he gave instructions to the concerned officers to ensure timely payment of MGNREGA workers.

Contractual Workers felicitated with 'Suraksha Sajagta Awards'

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, May 31: Projects - Safety, Human Resource & Rajbhasha Department of BSP organised a felicitation programme to award the Contractual Workers engaged in various projects within the plant to promote safety culture.

The Suraksha Sajagta Award ceremony was held at Project Expansion Building Conference Hall on May 26, 2023. 19 workers, including 4 women workers, were felicitated on this occasion.

Subrata Mukhopadhyay, (Projects), with Addl Charge (P&A) was Chief guest of the Award Ceremony. Mukhopadhyay expressed happiness over the safety awareness pro-



grams being held in the project works and urged the present workers to abide by the safety measures at all instances. The winners were declared under three categories, namely 'Suraksha Sarvocch', 'Suraksha Anmol' and 'Surksha Daksh' for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions respectively. Gifts worth Rs 3,000/-, Rs

2,000/- and Rs 1000/- were given away to the awardees. Senior Officials of the Projects Department, Anurag Upadhyay, CGM (Projects), GP Singh, CGM (Safety & Fire Services), Rajeev Srivastav, GM (Projects), were also present on the occasion along with all officers/employees and contract workers of the Project Department.

Tree Plantation drive conducted at TSD premises

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Bhilai, May 31: Horticulture section of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Town Services Department, organised a Tree Plantation Programme under the banner of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, at the TSD Premises on May 30, 2023. The tree plantation drive took place, in presence of Chief Guest JY Sapkale, CGM (TSD). As many as 75 saplings of Karanj were planted on this occasion by the Departmental Officers, Employees and School Children.

Addressing the gathering, Sapkale said, planting trees is a very important step towards environmental conservation and we and our school children have to be very sensitive about protecting



nature. The Horticulture Department is playing a significant role by inspiring everyone to plant trees through this plantation drive. Dr NK Jain, DGM (Horticulture & PHD) conducted the pro-

gramme. Addressing the gathering, Dr Jain said that, along with organising various programs for nature and environmental protection, the Horticulture Department is also continuously en-

deavouring for public awareness. On the occasion of World Environment Day on June 05, a massive Tree Plantation Program has been organized by the Horticulture Department

in the Hospital Sector area, informed Dr Jain.

Employees of Bhilai Steel Plant, Subrata Prahraj, Dinesh Kumar, Vishnu Pathak, Shivrajan Nair, KK Yadav, Surjit Malik, Ravi Phule, Shikha Dubey, Saroj Jha, PP Roy, GMV Padmini Kumar, VK Bhonekar, DC Chandrakar, Ashok Singh, Vibha Katiyar also took part in the Tree Plantation Program.

Other guests and school-children were also present on this occasion, along with Gaffar Khan, Rajesh Sharma, Shankar Aggarwal, Khiru Prasad, Lalit Kumar, Chandrakiran Thakur, Harinder, Rajkumar Aggarwal, and Madan Singh from the Horticulture Section of Bhilai Steel Plant's Town Services Department.

Government should assist the needy to prevent conversions: Shankaracharya Sadanand Saraswati Ji Maharaj

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, May 31: Anant Shri Vibhushit Paschimnaya D w a r k a Shardaapeethadhiswar Jagadguru Shankaracharya Swami Shri Sadanand Saraswati Ji Maharaj was accorded a rousing welcome at the residence of renowned educationist IP Mishra on Wednesday. Devotees were present in large numbers to pay obeisance to Pujya Shankaracharya Ji and get his blessings. IP Mishra and his family members performed the Paduka Pujan and other religious rituals.

While interacting with media persons, Shankaracharya Swami Shri Sadanand Saraswati Ji Maharaj said that religious conversion is not just the problem of Chhattisgarh



but it is happening across the country. The poor and needy persons are being lured for religious conversion. The government should work to make efforts to counter these allurements and provide support and services to the needy. There is also a need to revise the legal aspects of religious conversions. The law against forceful conversions is not sufficient in the pres-

ent situations. He further said that the government can provide facilities which are being offered by the people involved in religious conversions.

Shankaracharya Ji said that religious conversions are being done in few states of Jharkhand also. According to his survey, conversions are being done in four to five districts in every state. If the govern-

ments pay attention and provide enough support to the needy people, the religious conversions can be curbed to great extent. He added that the industrialists and well off persons should also work in this direction.

When asked about the ban on liquor, he said that intoxication and addiction destroys the common sense and natural knowledge of a person. The governments must initiate a total ban on intoxicants and liquor.

Every person must have knowledge of their religion and one should practice it in life to attain peace, happiness and satisfaction in life. When asked about the declaration of Hindu Rashtra, he said that Hindus have a population of 100 crore in the country and the country is being run on the basis of majority.

135 employees of Bhilai Steel Plant accorded warm farewell

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, May 31: 135 employees, posted in various departments and mining towns of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant have retired after their long service on May 31, 2023. The Retirement Ceremony for the Executives was organised in DIC Conference hall and for Non-executives at Bhilai Niwas, on May 31, 2023.

Anirban Dasgupta, Director I/c (BSP) bid farewell to the retiring employees and wished them a healthy and happy life. Dasgupta also appreciated the retiring employees for their commendable contribution to their respective fields.

A total of 135 employees retired from Bhilai Steel



Plant in the month of May. Out of 135 retiring employees, 27 are Executives and 108 are Non-Executives, including 15 personnel from mines.

The executives retiring in the month of May, 2023, include K Lalita, GM (Cost-Mgmt), N Rajasekhar, GM (BF), Swapan Chakraborty, GM (PPNC), Parmanand

Maravi, GM (Instrumentation), Dr Kujhunathan Hariharan Ramesh, ACGM (M&HS), Dr Sumanta Mishra, ACGM (M&HS), DK Panda, GM (Contract-Cell), Ramesh Chandra Srivastav, DGM (F&A), Dinesh Kumar Salam, DGM (IOC Mines), S Chandra Mishra, DGM (F&A), RJ Raju, AGM

(Education), Ramakant Pradhan, AGM (CO CCD), Pradeep Kumar Mishra, AGM (TED-Civil), Biren Kumar Das, AGM (TED-Civil), Subodh Kumar Pandey, AGM (Nandini-Mines) and other officials.

Underlining their contribution, the departing steel fraternity was wished a healthy and happy life by the Plant Management.

Charity is the best religious work: Prembhusan Ji Maharaj

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, May 31: Sanatan Dharma is based on building a society where every person follows the path of truth. Everything is accessible to a person who has good deeds. In the same way, if the king is religious, then nature also gives full support to him, said Pujya Prembhusan Ji Maharaj while reciting Shri Ram Katha on the fifth day of the nine-day programme at Shri Shankaracharya Medical College Ground, Junwani, Bhilai.

Renowned k a t h a v a c h a k Prembhusan Ji Maharaj said that at the Mithilesh Vatika, the whole nature

gathered to welcome Lord Rama. In the same way, wherever the kings were religious in Treta, the sea god used to welcome them by scattering treasures on its shore.

Pujya Prembhusan Ji Maharaj while reciting the story of Lord Ram's entry into Mithila, said that the character of Lord Ram in Sanatan Dharma and culture repeatedly teaches what to do in life. The description of a virtuous person is given in the context of Raja Janak's Vatika where Lord Shri Ram and Mata Sita had darshan of each other for the first time.

Maharaj Ji further said that both good and bad are present in the world, those who are devotees



need to make their life blessed by accepting the good. This is possible with restraint on your vision. When we try to see the good, we see everything as good. He cited the example of Yudhishtira who did not find any bad person but the Duryodhana did not

find even a single good person. We need to practice seeing the good for our own good.

In life, we should not behave with anyone to make them upset or angry. Life should be made as simple and easy as possible. Simplicity is the supreme devotion to God.



Pujyashree said that Ram and Ravana had the same zodiac sign. Ravana was born in a Brahmin clan and Lord Rama was born in a Kshatriya clan. Ravana had the superior clan but when we talk about their behaviour, conduct, etc, Ram was better than Ravana in

every aspect.

People in the society imitate and follow the conduct of the best. Hence it is necessary for all the good people to demonstrate excellence in their conduct, behaviour, etc which can be followed by others. It has been proved time and

again in the Indian Sanatan culture that whoever walks on the path of religion, sorrow remains away from their home and wealth automatically reaches their home.

Maharaj Ji further said that man should refrain from discussing anyone's misdeeds. When we repeatedly discuss the wrong deeds done by someone, a similar situation begins to appear in our own lives as well. Maharaj Ji further spoke about the ideal conduct in common life.

Pujya Maharaj Ji said that in the Indian Sanatan tradition, mothers have been given the highest place. Even when we worship God, it begins with Twamev Mata.

Mothers have kept the Sanatan culture alive.

While narrating the incidents of Lord Shri Ram's journey to Mithila and breaking the dhanush, Pujya Maharaj Ji said that in the era we are living in, charity is the best religious work. God has given us something only to give to others. What we give, we get back the same and more. If we put a handful of grain in the earth, mother earth gives us 100 times in return.

On Wednesday, a large number of devotees attended to the programme. Mukhya Yajmaan IP Mishra and his family offered prayers and performed aarti of the Vyaspeeth.

Funds being misutilised by govt in Gauthans: Ajay Chandrakar

Visits Siwnikala Gauthan under BJP's campaign



Central Chronicle News

Sirri, May 31: As per call by BJP's national organisation for 'Chalbo Gauthan, Kholbo Pol' campaign, MLA Kurud Ajay Chandrakar conducted inspection of Gauthan in Gram Siwnikala constructed at the cost of Rs 17.26 lakh. Sachiv Leelaram Tarak said that Gauthan is being constructed under the central and state government's instructions and in the name of serv-

ice to cattle, the government's funds actually meant for development of rural areas is being misutilised. The 'Kotana' formed in Gauthan in Siwni is not even having water facility. To a question by MLA Chandrakar, the members of Saraswati WHSG informed that so far 40 bags of vermi-compost has been made by them, but it has not been given to the society. On reaching the Gauthan, first he took in-

formation about the vermi-compost made and about the tank etc. Here the WHSGs members informed that the co-dung purchase facility was started a month back and in this the earthworms died due to intense heat. Again the earthworms were brought and procedure for making vermi-compost was started and then they were able to prepare 40 bags of vermi-compost. After this he took information from

Sachiv and Rojgar Sahayak making them sit in front of him and took information about entire construction of the Gauthan and to which both gave vague replies. On this Chandrakar said that they are not giving correct information. Both the above persons could not give correct information about the funds used in construction of the 'Gauthan'. On this Chandrakar charged that the Bhupesh government is

misutilising the funds in the name of 'Gauthans'. On this occasion Malak Sahu state V-P Sahu Samaj, Pushpendra Sahu, Sirri Mandal President, Lokesh Sahu, Janpad member, Jhageshwar Dhruv, Dau Takeshwar Chandrakar, Dau Kewal Chandrakar, Sushil Sahu, Dr Suresh Tarak, Dr Kapil Patel, Tekram Sahu, Kunji Ram Sahu, Dwijram Sahu, Chandraprakash Sahu, Suresh Sahu and others were present.

Devotees thronging Lord Shani's temple

In Gram Panchayat Katagi

Katagi, May 31: A retired teacher Raj Narayan Dewangan has got the temple of 'Lord Shani' constructed on the banks of river in model Gram Panchayat Katagi and there is always huge rush of devotees present to pay obeisance and seek blessings here. Having strong faith in Lord Shani, Raj Narayan Dewangan constructed this temple on his own and offer prayers in this temple daily.



Apart from this the 'Sankirtan' mandali too performs 'Bhajan-kirtan' of Shani Bhagwan. On every Saturday, the devotees having strong faith in Lord Shani seek His blessings coming to the temple and offering oblations. Many also visit the temple to avoid 'prakop' of Lord Shanidev and come here to offer prayers. Here people right from youngsters to elders visit the temple

and seeks Lord Shani's blessings. Apart from this in order to make Lord Shani happy, they also offer black clothes, 'sarson ka tel', 'udad', 'Til', 'loha' and make donations and gifts to those sitting outside. At the same time, near the Lord Shani's temple, the temple of Pipleshwar Mahadev too is being con-

structed and here devotees come along with 'Belpatra', 'Dhatura' to offer prayers every Monday and seeking blessings from Mahadev. In addition to this if anyone wants to make donations for construction of Pipleshwar Mahadev's temple, then can contact Shani Dev's temple 'Pujari' - Raj Narayan Dewangan in person, he added.

Farmer leader celebrates b'day as 'Jan Seva Sankalp Divas'

Central Chronicle News

Berla, May 31: Farmer leader Yogesh Tiwari celebrated his birthday as Jan Seva Sankalp Divas with his supporters. On this occasion, a free eye and ear check-up camp was organized by the farmer leader at the basic school ground of the city and in this camp, more than 1500 people from all over the district got themselves registered for health check-up. His birthday was celebrated by cutting cake among the supporters at more than 40 places in the rural areas including the district headquarters. During this, the farmer leader took a pledge to dedicate his life to public service.



He said that service to the poor, exploited, deprived and the elderly is the worship of God and he has always fought for the interests of the farmers, laborers and other sections of the Bemetara Assembly, which will continue in the future as well. On this occasion, the farmer leader along with his supporters reached the old age home, where he spent

about two hours with the elders and distributed clothes to the elderly. He celebrated his birthday by cutting cake among his supporters at Basic School Ground, District Headquarters, Samridhi Vihar residence, village Pirda, Hasda, Dargaon, Nevanara, Navagaon, Sodh and other places. Supporters also donated blood on the oc-

casion of birthday, and distributed fruits to patients. In the camp organized from 10 am to 5 pm, Bemetara former municipality president Prabha Nirvani, Saurabh Nirvani, Tarachand Maheshwari social worker, Neetu Kothari social worker, Manoj Dubey, Ajay Mishra, Piyush Sharma, Manoj Patel, Manoj Sinha, Topendra Sonwani, Balram Rai, Naresh Rai, Raghuvare Sahu, Bharat Koshale, Gannu Sahu, Shivam Tiwari, Satyam Sharma, Tushar Rajput, Chiku Rajput, Siddhant Tiwari, Vinay Patel, Rahul Sahu, Rijul Pandey, Chittaranjan Manikpuri, Bhagwat Sahu gave their services.

CHC Pithora in poor condition

Central Chronicle News

Pithora, May 31: Community Health Centre (CHC) is in a bad state here as there is reportedly no technician and ample resources to use the equipments. The generator, X-ray machine, sonography machine and ECG machine kept at the cost of crores for free service to the patients in Pithora town's community health center are lying closed. It is surprising that despite there being no operator of any of the said machines, the local The Block Medical Officer tells about the use of all the machines mentioned above. Apart from this, the continuous absence of a dentist posted in this hospital is also in the discussion. There is



also information about a doctor posted here doing nominal duty while operating a nursing home in personal. Maternal Child Ward is lying closed like and the lift installed for going to maternity and OPD has also deteriorated. Despite having all these valuable machines, their non-use

will be considered as a misfortune of the area, as also a doctor whose own nursing home is located on Raipur road of Jhalap, is posted in Pithora Community Health Center. The generator-solar energy unit is closed since last year and BMO. Dr. Tara Agarwal, confirmed

about the irregularities in the centre. Also there is no night guard, and there are reports of misbehavior with women workers and nursing staff. In this regard, BMO Dr. Tara Aggarwal said that the guard has not been appointed, as it is appointed from the Jeevandeep Samiti Fund.

Instructions for storage of essential commodities before monsoon

Central Chronicle News

Sukma, May 31: Chief Executive Officer of the District Panchayat, DN Kashyap instructed to make all necessary preparations before the monsoon in the meeting of the District Disaster Management Authority. In addition to setting up flood control rooms at Tehsil and district levels, along with issuing telephone numbers, he also instructed to check rain gauges and asked to store food items and medicines by identifying submergence and inaccessible areas of the district. Along with making proper arrangements for rain water drainage in the urban body areas, instructions were given to clean all the drains. In the meeting, the city army was asked to keep



all necessary preparations including fuel, boats before monsoon so that they can provide immediate services in times of disaster. Apart from this, instructions were also given to get all the boats repaired and at the same time, the Public Works Department was asked to install sign boards on the submergence area and roads. Along with this, by giving promptness to the field staff in the area, they were asked to spread the flood disaster. In the meeting, Mr. Kashyap

directed the Health Department, Public Health Engineering Department, Food Department, Municipal Army as well as other departments to ensure all necessary preparations by marking the flood affected areas, as well as provide food, purely for the flood victims. Along with this, instructions were given to keep the information updated on the portal along with sending it to the higher office after evaluating the damage caused in the disaster.

CM Baghel will inaugurate a Hi-Tech Library today

- 250 students can study together in a conducive environment
- The 68-year old library is renovated with modern amenities

Central Chronicle News

Raigarh, May 31: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel will inaugurate the state-of-the-art Hi-Tech District Library in Raigarh district, providing residents with a range of modern amenities. This newly renovated library is equipped with a Wi-Fi campus, a digital classroom, an e-library, and even a canteen. One of its main highlights is the air-conditioned study room, which can accommodate 250 children studying together. This transformation was made possible through the efforts of the district administra-



tion, who expanded the facilities to better serve the students. Originally established in 1955, the Raigarh Government Library has undergone a significant overhaul. With the addition of new books and updated furniture, the library now boasts a collection of over 23,000 books. To keep up with the times, modern technologies have been integrated into the library. The entire campus is equipped



with Wi-Fi, and approximately 20 computers are available for online studying. Students can also conveniently print study materials on-site. Furthermore, a digital classroom has been established, capable of accommodating 30 students simultaneously, leveraging modern teaching methods. Additionally, separate class-

rooms have been set up for group study sessions. A noteworthy aspect of the library renovation is the inclusion of study cabins, providing students with personal study tables similar to those found in larger cities. The library offers around 180 such cabins, allowing students to focus on their studies in a comfortable and private environment. The library will be open to students from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., ensuring ample time for study. Furthermore, an e-library will be available to students, offering access to a variety of necessary books and magazines, with a specific focus on materials for competitive exam preparation.

Corruption in MNREGA attendance

Central Chronicle News

Sirri, May 31: Corruption has been exposed in Gram Panchayat Sirri under the Mahatma Gandhi Employment Guarantee Scheme and the villagers have informed that fake attendance is being put up. Villager Ranu Dewangan of the village has given an application in the Janpad Panchayat Kurud that by putting fake attendance in the master roll, money is coming to the account of the fake attendance givers without taking photographs. Here work is going on at Borrabhatha near Gothan of the village and employment Assistant Saraswati Dhruv told that the work is being done by the mates



and 1 mate is required for 40 workers, but 5 mates are needed in 181 laborers. The rest are working as daily wagers. Meanwhile, workers working under the employment guarantee, while exposing the corruption of the Mates, told that one Bharti Sahu's husband Rohit Sahu had not gone to work in Jhalmala Talab, but on asking mate Bharti Sahu, she clearly told that her husband had not gone

to work, but instead she has worked as a mate in employment guarantee and have also done survey work. Because of this, she cannot take the wages of both, therefore took money by putting fake attendance of my husband Rohit Sahu. Same way many villagers unfolded the fake attendance plot. But on talking to employment assistant Saraswati Dhruv, she told that the entire work of MN-

REGA is mostly done in the presence of mates. In this way, I will not be able to give information about the forgery in MNREGA because she comes only at the time of taking photographs. She also alleged along with the mates that Amarjit Singh Gurudatta, Sarpanch of the village has not given his presence at the MNREGA work place for a single day till date. Panch Hyday Lal

Dewangan, Pawan Sinha, Hiratal Sahu, Dhaneshwari Yadav, Kesar Patel say that we are not informed about MNREGA work by employment assistants and mates. Mate Bharti Sahu, Omkumari Sahu, Tulsi Sahu, Mahendra Dhruv, Rekha Sahu, Bhagwati, Bharti Dhruv, Sapna Sen, Chitrarekha, Girdhar, Harish Sahu, Johnu Tarak along with Dhaneshwari Sahu on the occasion,

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Resolve problems of common people with sensitivity: Guv

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, May 31: Three probationary officers of the Indian Administrative Services (IAS) of the year 2022 batch under the leadership of Director General, Chhattisgarh Academy of Administration Smt. Renu Pillay called on Governor Vishwanath Harichandan at Raj Bhavan today.

Governor Harichandan wished the probationary officers all the best for their bright future and said that Lord Jagannath blessed them. He asked the officers to serve the country and the society by performing their duty well. Officers should discharge their responsibilities sincerely so that they feel proud of themselves that they are



working for the public with their full efficiency, said the Governor.

He said that the central and state government schemes should reach the common people. He asked the officers to work with commitment to solve the problems of exploited and

deprived sections of the society. Chhattisgarh is a tribal-dominated state and that it is necessary to work with sensitivity to solve problems of people belonging to tribal, he said.

Governor's Secretary Amrit Khalkho, Deputy Secretary Deepak

Agrawal, Director Chhattisgarh Academy of Administration TC Mahawar and Director of Training Seema Singh were also present. The trainee officers included Namrata Choubey, Prakhar Chandrakar, Yuvraj Marmat.

PCC State in-charge to dedicate Rajiv Bhavan in Arang

On June 4 in the presence of senior party leaders, CM and Ministers, MLAs

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, May 31: AICC general secretary and PCC State in-charge Kumari Selja and Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and other Ministers and MLAs of the state and party office bearers will be gathering in Arang for the dedication of massive 'Rajiv Bhavan' on June 4 constructed under the guidance of Minister for Urban Administration and Labour department Dr Shiv Kumar Daharia.

On this occasion a statue of former PM Late Rajiv Gandhi will also be unveiled. On this occasion the former PCC State in-charge PL Punia, AICC SC, ST, OBC, Minorities dept National Co-



ordinator K Raju, PCC state President Mohan Markam, and Vidhan Sabha Speaker Dr Charandas Mahant will chair it.

In this programme all the cabinet and Home Ministers of the state gov-

ernment, Parliamentary Secretaries, AICC Secretary Chandan Yadav, Saptgiri Shankar Ulka, Joint Secy Vijay Jangid, in-charge gen. secy. Ravi Ghosh, Vice President PCC Girish Dewangan, Treasurer Ram Gopal

Verma, former Minister and MLA Dhanendra Sahu, DCC District President Udhoram Verma will be specially present.

To make the programme successful, the Minister for Urban Administration and Development Dr Shiv Kumar Daharia, PCC working committee member and SC dept and PC Mahila in-charge Shakun Daharia, BCC President Komal Sahu, DCC (urban) President Bharti Dewangan, Nagar Parishad President Chandrakar, BCC Chandkhuri President Dinesh Thakur has appealed party workers to ensure their participation in large number.

Summer Carnival brings out inherent talents: Dr Sharma

Best platform to utilize summer vacations

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, May 31: "Summer Carnival brings out inherent talents in children and also ensures better use of vacation time when academics are not that troubling for them," said Dr Shailesh Sharma, Principal Shri Gujrati Shikshan Sangh Secretary Tulsi Das Patel in his speech congratulated all the participants for successfully completing the camp.

He congratulated the mentors for spending their vacation time to groom the participants and patted the students for bringing out their talents under the guidance of mentors. Dr Sharma mentioned that ac-

ording to him word 'impossible' means 'everything is possible'.

He welcomed all the management committee office bearers for honouring their invitation and attending the programme. Shri Gujrati Shikshan Sangh Secretary Tulsi Das Patel in his speech congratulated all the participants for successfully completing the camp.

He added that in this summer carnival students from other schools were also allowed to participate as many children who have come to their relative's place from outside Raipur can also attend this camp. The guests formally inaugurated the camp by lighting the ceremonial lamp.

Thereafter the participants showcased their talents before the guests like songs,



Hanuman Chalisa learnt under the guidance of mentors Vijay Shankar Jha and Rupendra Shrivastav. The participants also showed their dancing skill learnt in the camp under Nidhi Parpani, Manju Kullu and other mentors.

The various disciplines which were taken up in the camp were 'Spoken English, Aerobics, Art and Craft, Music, Yoga, Vedic

Mathematics. The participants shared their experiences in the camp and was all praise for 'Spoken English' classes which they felt was life changing experience for them.

The outcome of art training given by Mrs Sujata Saha and Amit Soni was displayed inside the auditorium. The participants and mentors were recognised with certi-

fications and prizes by the guests.

The guests present were Secretary duo Tulsi Das Patel and Ashok Bhai Patel, Treasurer Jayant Bhai Patel, Joint Treasurer Vithal Bhai Patel and Administrator V K Mishra. The school side was represented by Principal Dr Shailesh Sharma, Vice Principal S V Chandrasekhar, Academic Coordinator Bhaskar Sharma and faculty members.

The entire carnival was organised by Mrs Shayanti Bhattacharya who also proposed vote of thanks while the programme was anchored by faculty members Mrs Reema Rao and Mrs Divya mam. Senior faculty Sanghamitra Dubey and other faculty members conceptualised the entire show.

Patwari accused of not submitting government documents arrested

Central Chronicle News

Jagdalpur, May 31: Kotwali police has nabbed a Patwari Premkant Pandey, accused of keeping the map, Kh and B-1 documents of Dharampura area in his house saying that it has got misplaced.

Kotwali police station in-charge Amit Shukla said that after the suspension of Patwari Premkant Pandey from Tehsil Office Jagdalpur on November 9, 2021, he kept the government documents, Dharampura Patwari Halka No 30's revenue record map, Khasara and



B-1 etc. Attempts were made several times to establish contact with the suspended Patwari Premkant Pandey to get the newly appointed Patwari in charge. But the suspended Patwari was not found and till today the charge was

not given.

By not submitting the official documents, the complaint application related to missing person was submitted by the applicant Tehsildar Pushparaj Patra. Under this a crime under Section 409 IPC was registered against the accused in Police Station Kotwali and taken into investigation.

Accused Patwari Premkant Pandey was arrested from his Dharampura residence and after being presented in the court on Tuesday after proceedings, was sent to jail on remand.

'Patients made aware about various harm caused by tobacco'

By interns students through dance and drama

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, May 31: Every year a special theme is fixed for World No Tobacco Day. This year's theme is very special. The theme of World No Tobacco Day 2023 is 'We Need Food, Not Tobacco'. The objective of this theme is to make tobacco farmers aware about alternative crop production. At present, tobacco is being cultivated on 3.5 million hectares of land in the world, so this theme of the World Health Organization (WHO) is a big message for the world.

Tobacco use can be fatal



for health. Tobacco chewing or smoking negatively affects a person's mental health as well as physical health. However, despite knowing this, a large number of people around the world are consuming tobacco in some form or the other. Consumption of bidi, cigarette and gutkha etc. in people increases the risk of many diseases. In this perspective, various programs were organized by



Department of Public Health Dentistry, Government Dental College, Raipur to make people aware to stop the use of tobacco and its products.

On this occasion, through dance and drama performance by the intern students, the patients were made aware about the various harm caused by tobacco. Various competitions like Rangoli, slogan writing and

poster making programs were organized for the students of the college which were also displayed in the OPD premises for observation of the patients in the form of an exhibition. Entire program was conducted under the guidance of Dr Virendra Vadher, Principal Government Dental College & Hospital and Dr Milind Wasnik, HoD Public Health Dentistry.

MAIC United grabbed 9 awards at Bhavyam Midcon

MAIC United's grand participation at Midcon

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, May 31: JCI Raipur Maic United participated in Midcon (Mid Year Conference) of JCI India Zone-IX 2023. Midcon is an one day Multi local organization meet conference in which Local Organisations are recognised for their activities through Half Year. It was Hosted by JCI Nagfeme on 28th May at Nagpur. The theme of this year Midcon was Bhavyam.

15 Officers of JCI Raipur MAIC United attended the Midcon.



Midcon started with inaugural ceremony in which many guests across the India were present. After that many competitions were lined up for members in which JCI Raipur Maic United actively participated in every competition.

The completions were selfie Competition, Reels

competition, Trasure hunt, Mr and Miss Midcon, EPS (Effective public speaking), Group dance competition in comedy theme and many more.

JCI Raipur MAIC United bagged 1st Runner up in outstanding work in program area, Full LGB registration, Best report-

ing Award for the month of February, Outstanding work in training area, Outstanding work in G&d area, Outstanding work in sustainable Area, Valuable contribution in G&d Area, 2nd Runner Up in Dance competition and last but not the least first prize in Selfie competition.

It was a memorable day for the Members of JCI Raipur MAIC United, they really enjoyed to the fullest at Midcon with huge learnings. JCI Raipur MAIC United participated in Midcon in the guidance of respected Chairman PPP JFR JCI Sen Rajesh Agrawal, Coordinator JCI Sen Jaya Arora and in-charge JC Rishi Pandey, Incharge JC Suhani Khandelwal.

Vedanta BALCO's summer camps bring fun-filled learning

To 500+ children across Korba

Central Chronicle News

Balconagar, May 31: Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO), India's iconic aluminium producer and a subsidiary of Vedanta Aluminium, recently organized summer camps attended by hundreds of children across Korba.

Featuring an array of experiential learning activities, the camps focused on providing the children with an enriching time and supplementing their academic learning. Together, they saw participation from over 500 children.

The camps were organized as part of BALCO's Project Connect, which focuses on improving the learning environment in neighboring government schools and resource cen-

ters. This is achieved by creating an enabling environment with a focus on improving students' grades, building teachers' capacity, and providing access to career counselling on subjects such as Science, English, Maths & Accountancy (SEMA) subjects in Government schools for Classes 9th to 12th.

In partnership with Sarthak Jan Vikas Sansthan, an NGO working in the areas of Health & Education, BALCO organized a 15-day summer camp for less privileged children from its nearby communities. Its aim was to make a positive impact on their lives by offering them an enjoyable learning experience while also fostering their personal development. Hosted across two schools within the district, the camp saw enthusiastic participation from the students of Government Girls School, BALCO Nagar &



Government Upper Primary School, Sonpuri. The summer camp offered an array of engaging activities such as arts and crafts, dance, music, theatre, calligraphy, and drawing which allowed children to express themselves through colors, songs, acting, and creativity. To promote physical fitness among teens, activities such as Yoga, Zumba, and Sports were also conducted. The participating children also underwent safety and self-defense train-

ing, instilling a greater sense of personal confidence within themselves. The camps also provided a meaningful opportunity for BALCO employees to engage with the children through employee volunteerism. Under a program called "Back to Basics", the employees conducted academic tutorials that supported the smooth transition of the students entering senior secondary classes. Focusing on subjects such as Science, English, and

Mathematics, these sessions provided a solid foundation and refreshed fundamental concepts. The employees also undertook sessions focusing on topics such as communication and public speaking for developing the overall personality of these children. Sessions on cyber security, environmental awareness, and documentary screenings were also incorporated to educate them about online safety and the importance of environmental conservation, ensuring that they stay informed about current trends. In addition, the company also organized an exclusive summer camp for the children of employees residing in the BALCO township. This camp encompassed various activities and training sessions, promoting the holistic development of the employees' children while fostering healthy habits in their daily routines. The

camp also featured sessions on table manners and culinary skills. Further, the children not only learned essential hygiene and healthy sanitation practices, but also absorbed skills such as treating common injuries and applying basic bandages during the sessions on first aid management.

The session on 'Pottery' was a major highlight. The kids were mesmerized by the spinning potter's wheel while they learned the art of pottery from the members of BALCO's self-help groups. The experience allowed them to immerse themselves in a rich rural landscape away from their computers, phones, desks and indoor games. Aged between 6 and 14 years, the children enjoyed a fun-filled two-week schedule, developing social skills and forging new friendships during the summer camp.

Manish Sahu appointed as Joint Secretary of IT Cell

Kareli Badi, May 31: On the recommendation of State President of Chhattisgarh State Sahu Union Honorable Tehal Singh Sahu, Youth Cell National President Sandeep Sahu, State Vice President Bhuneshwar Sahu, Mohan Kumari Sahu. Senior resident Manish Kumar Sahu was appointed as joint secretary. As soon as he got this responsibility, the Sahu brothers of the block including Sahu community Kareli Badi expressed happiness. Taking the responsibility, he said that he has to actively fulfill the responsibility showered on his shoulders by the society and also resolved to work for the unity and strength of the society. On this occasion District Officer of Sahu Samaj Dhamtari, Tehsil Officer,



Manish Sahu

IT Cell State General Secretary Manish Sahu, State Organization Secretary Dharmendra Kumar Sahu, family members Omnath, Komal, Mahendra Sahu, Thaneshwar Sahu, Yajnadata Sahu, Lukesh, Virendra and other villagers wished for a bright future.

BRIEF



Tribal people of Manipur take part in a 'Tribal Solidarity protest' against the ongoing tension in the state, at Jantar Mantar, in New Delhi, Wednesday.

Ministers

Chandigarh: The Bhagwant Mann government in Punjab on Wednesday expanded its cabinet by inducting AAP MLAs Gurmeet Singh Khudian and Balkar Singh as ministers. Governor Banwarilal Purohit administered oath of office and secrecy to the new ministers at the Raj Bhavan here.

Road shut

Jammu: The Jammu-Srinagar national highway and Mughal road were shut for traffic on Wednesday following landslides and mudslides triggered by heavy rains in Ramban and Poonch districts of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

Acting DGP

Lucknow: Senior IPS officer Vijay Kumar will be the new acting DGP of Uttar Pradesh, a senior official said Wednesday. With the officiating Director General of Police (DGP) R K Vishwakarma retiring from service on Wednesday, the chief minister has given the additional charge to Kumar.

IEDs

Chaibasa: Ten Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) were found in Jharkhand's West Singhbhum district, police said on Wednesday. While six IEDs were found in the forest near Tumbahaka village in Tonto police station area, a 5 kg explosive was found at a forest near Chota Kuiria in Gailkera police station area, they said.

Protest

Mumbai: Leaders of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) on Wednesday staged a protest outside the Mumbai police commissioner's office demanding action against two websites for alleged objectionable articles on renowned social reformer Savitribai Phule.

Bengal school jobs scam accused arrested

By ED

Kolkata, May 31 (PTI):

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday night arrested Sujay Krishna Bhadra for his alleged involvement in the illegal appointments made in different state-run and aided schools in West Bengal, an official said.

Bhadra, popularly known as "Kalighat er Kaku" (Uncle from Kalighat), was arrested following a 12-hour-long grilling by ED officials at the agency's office here in connection with their ongoing investigation into the scam. "He did not cooperate



Sujay Krishna Bhadra

with our officers during today's questioning. We tried a lot to get answers to some relevant questions connected to the jobs scam," an ED official told PTI over the phone. Bhadra appeared before the ED officials earlier in

the day after he was notified by the central investigating agency last week.

He had earlier appeared a couple of times before the CBI, which is also running a parallel investigation into the recruitment scam. The Trinamool Congress declined to react to the arrest but wondered whether the arrest was a part of diverting attention from the political narrative of lone Congress MLA Bayron Biswas joining the TMC.

"Yesterday, only lone Congress MLA Bayron Biswas had joined the TMC. The joining had led to panic in the opposition camp of BJP, CPI(M) and Congress. Maybe this arrest was made to divert at-

tention from that narrative," TMC spokesperson Kunal Ghosh said.

The BJP, however, said this is the most significant arrest in the School Service Commission (SSC) scam so far.

"This is the most significant arrest in the SSC scam so far. The law is finally inching closer to nabbing the mastermind and the biggest beneficiaries. The list of TMC leaders involved in corruption is long," state BJP spokesperson Samik Bhattacharya said.

State Congress president Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, too, said the day is not far when "top TMC leaders will be behind bars".

VOLUNTARY SERVICE



NCC cadets distribute 'sharbat' to commuters on the occasion of 'Nirjala Ekadashi', in Jammu, Wednesday.

Dharma Vijaya would enable the society flourish: KCR

Attends inaugural function of Viprahitha Brahmin Sadan

Hyderabad, May 31:

Chief minister K Chandrasekhar Rao on Wednesday affirms that Dharma Vijaya would enable the Society flourish and the country attain progress in the coming days. Speaking at the inaugural function of the Viprahitha Brahmin Sadan in Hyderabad the chief minister asserted that the Dharma practiced by us would bring laurels and achievements in the coming days. The chief minister spoke how the Telangana government was committed to fulfill the aspirations of Brahmins in the state. He recalled how the brahma Gyana would pave way for Brahmanatva and affirmed that the



brahmanatva was intellectual speciality in the Bharateeya Dharma. Stating that the role of

Brahmins in the present day society was precious the chief minister added that the puro hithas are usually known as the culmination of making good for the place they reside. The chief minister further recalled how the Brahmins have taken the chants of loka Samastha and how they preach the society flourish. The chief minister said the Vipra Sadan was first of its kind in the country and the national leaders of Brahmin associations lauded the efforts of the chief minister.

Recollecting all the good deeds of Brahmins in his crisp speech at the one and only Brahmin Sadan constructed in the country the chief minister reaffirmed the policy of state government to strengthen Sarvajana in the state. The chief minister detailed how the first initiatives of the government helped the

Brahmin Sankshema Parishad take roots in the state and added the government was allocating Rs.100 crore every year for the welfare schemes implemented by the Brahmin body. He detailed that an overseas scholarship, a scheme with the acronym of BEST Are implemented in the state. The chief minister detailed that a total of 780 students were benefited under overseas scholarships and the BEST is granted with Rs. 150 crore. Stating that the viprahitha sadan inaugurated today was constructed in a spacious area of 9 acres with an expenditure of Rs12 crore the chief minister elucidated how the culture of sanathana is preserved in the new centre. The new centre he detailed would enable the Brahmins of different financial strata get the benefits. The chief min-

ister further detailed that three more Bhavan in Suryapet, Khammam, Madhira and Beechupalli are being constructed under the aegis of Brahmin parishad. During his address to the audience the chief minister announced several sops for the welfare of Brahmins in the state. He said the honorarium of Veda Pandits would be enhanced to Rs. 5 thousand and the age limit was reduced to 65 years. Similarly the Dhupa Deepa Naivedya scheme would now be extended to 6441 temples in the state he announced. The chief minister announced that the fee reimbursement scheme for iit iim students would now be implemented for Brahmin students and the annual grant for Veda schools be extended to the tune of Rs. 2 lakh per annum.

Earlier the chief minister formally inaugurated the Sadan in the presence of peethaadhipathis and eminent Brahmin clerics. Brahmin parishad chairman Ramana Chary, chief secretary Shanthi Kumari also addressed. The inaugural is held with the chanting of Traditional mantras and Homas were performed to mark the inaugural. Minister Sabitha Indra Reddy, former MP Capt Lakshminantha Rao, mayor Vijayalakshmi, MLAs Arikepudi Gandhi, Satheesh Vodithela, MLCs Vani Devi, Deshapathi Srinivas, and MPs, Telangana State irrigation development Corporation chief Venugopalachari, former Chief Secretary Rajeev Sharma, former DGPs Anurag Sharma, Aravind Rao were present on the occasion.

DELHI ORDINANCE ROW

Kejriwal plans to meet Stalin, Hemant Soren to drum up support

New Delhi, May 31 (PTI):

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will meet his Tamil Nadu and Jharkhand counterparts to drum up support in opposing the central ordinance on control over administrative services in the national capital.

"Will be meeting Tamil Nadu CM Thiru @mkstalin in Chennai tomorrow (June 1) to seek DMK's support against Centre's unconstitu-

tional-undemocratic 'Anti-Delhi' Ordinance," he tweeted on Wednesday. "Day after tomorrow, on June 2, I will meet Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren in Ranchi. Will seek his support against the ordinance promulgated by Modi government against the people of Delhi," he said in another tweet.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) supreme has been reaching out to leaders of non-BJP parties to garner

support against the ordinance so that the Centre's bid to replace it through a bill is defeated when it is brought in Parliament.

The Centre had on May 19 promulgated the ordinance to create an authority for the transfer and posting of Group-A officers in Delhi, which the AAP government had called a deception with the Supreme Court verdict on control of services. The ordinance came a week after the apex court handed over

the control of services in Delhi, excluding police, public order and land, to the elected government. It seeks to set up a National Capital Civil Service Authority for the transfer of and disciplinary proceedings against Group-A officers from the DANICS cadre.

The Centre will have to bring a bill in Parliament to replace the ordinance within six months of its promulgation. Transfer and postings of all officers of the

Delhi government were under the executive control of the lieutenant governor before the top court's May 11 verdict.

CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury, Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao, Shiv Sena (UBT) chief leader Uddhav Thackeray, NCP chief Sharad Pawar, and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee have so far extended their support to the AAP.

'Amendments to Forest Conservation Act will affect rights of locals'

New Delhi, May 31 (PTI):

The All India Kisan Sabha and Bhumi Adhikar Andolan have demanded that the government should withdraw a Bill to amend the Forest Conservation Act, saying it will affect the rights of locals. The Left-backed organisations have also announced a nationwide protest on June 30 against the Bill. Addressing a press conference here on Tuesday, activists from the

two groups said the proposed amendment will destroy the essence of the Act. "The Forest Conservation Act is being amended. It will make the Act more centralised and bureaucratised and destroy the very essence of the Act," All India Kisan Sabha leader Hannan Mollah said. "We will observe Land Rights Day in June 30. Protests will be held across the country," he said. The activists said the insertion of Section

1A(2) in the Act will corporatise and exempt certain categories of land from the purview of the Forest Conservation Act (FCA), 1980. The exemptions include forest land along rail line and public road maintained by the government which provides access to a habitation or to a rail, and land situated within a distance of 100 km along international borders or line of control or line of actual control.

59 children rescued from human traffickers

On Bihar-Pune train

Mumbai, May 31 (PTI):

The Railway Protection Force (RPF) of the Central Railway and the Maharashtra police on Wednesday rescued 59 children from human traffickers by conducting an operation on a Bihar-Pune train, and arrested five accused, officials said. These children were rescued from Danapur-Pune Special express train at Bhusawal and Manmad, located in Jalgaon and Nashik districts, respectively, in Maharashtra, they said.

"On the basis of reliable information, the RPF along with the local police and members of an NGO rushed to the spot and conducted a check at the Bhusawal station.

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Reference to Advertisement No-04/2023 for filling up 7 posts of Deputy General Manager in Level - 13 (7th CPC) in TRIFED on deputation basis published on TRIFED website on 12.04.2023, it has been decided to extend the last date of receipt of application till 15.06.2023(5:00 PM).

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

e-Procurement Tender Notice Main Portal: http://cgeprocurement.gov.in WRD Portal: http://wrddcgeprocurement.gov.in (FIRST-CALL) Corrigendum

No. 01/SAC/2023-24 Date 26-05-2023 The following partial modifications are made. In the tender invited vide N.I.T. No. 01/SAC/2023-24 Dated 16.05.2023, Gr-1 System Tender No. 133768 For CONSTRUCTION OF SOHAGA LIFT IRRIGATION SCHEME AT GHUNGHUTTA RIVER Whose "G" No. 01301 Date: 17-05-2023.

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SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE FOR ENGINEERING WORK

(1) Tender Notice No.: E-R-T-18-23-24, Date: 29.05.2023.

Name of Work: 1. Repairs to boundary wall of GSD/Raipur, 2. Repairs to main service road and other cross service road inside premises of GSD/Raipur, 3. Replacement of old corroded AC sheet & GI sheet roofing of non-ferrous Godown and Old Godown at GSD/Raipur. Tender Value: ₹ 2,69,20,614/- EMD: ₹ 2,84,600/- Submission of Tender: Upto 11.00 hours on 28.06.2023. Opening of Tender: 11.00 hours on 28.06.2023.

For further details/purchase of tender document, eligibility criteria and the complete details for the above work, please contact office of the Sr. Divisional Engineer (C.G.)/South East Central Railway, Raipur or refer/download tender document which is available on our website: www.ireps.gov.in

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e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE eProcurement Portal: https://proc.cgstate.gov.in (Tender Cancellation Notice)

NIT No. 03/SAC/2022-23, Dated: 24.01.2023 System Tender No. 121444 (2nd Call) for work of Cement Concrete lining of Dy. No. 4 from R.D. 0 m. to 6000 m. and Chorbhatti Minor of Mahanadi Main Canal is cancel due non participation of tenderer.

Executive Engineer M.R.P. Dam Division No. 2, Rudri For Chief Engineer, Mahanadi Project Raipur (C.G.) G-01737/3

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

Tender Notice No. 6453/CPC/2023 Bilaspur, dated 26 /05/2023

The High Court of Chhattisgarh, Bilaspur invites on-line bids (Technical and Financial) through GeM (Government eMarket Places) from eligible bidders for purchasing the following articles/work with Supply, Testing, Installation and Maintenance of the same at the High Court of Chhattisgarh, Bilaspur (C.G.).

- A) Up-gradation of Local Area Network (LAN) of existing High Court building in Phase-II. B) Supply, testing, installation and maintenance of Local Area Network (LAN) in the extended Court building of High Court of Chhattisgarh, Bilaspur in Phase-II.

Interested parties may view and download the detailed terms and conditions from the website viz. https://gem.gov.in

- I. Documents download start date: - 25.05.2023 II. Last date for uploading/submission of bids on-line: - 17.06.2023 III. Last date of submission physical documents: - 19.06.2023 (required documents, mentioned in Tender Notice).

(Arvind Kumar Verma) Registrar General G-01785/1



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Reviving Vigilance

Red Corner Notices and Counter-Terrorism Measures

The recent raids conducted by the Special Investigation Unit (SIU) on the residences of terrorists affiliated with organizations like Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), Hizbul Mujahideen, and other militant outfits have shed light on the ongoing efforts to combat terrorism. The intelligence agencies have gathered valuable information about these terrorists, including their addresses in India and likely operational locations in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK). With detailed dossiers submitted to the Union Home Ministry, the next step involves approaching Interpol for the issuance of Red Corner Notices (RCNs) to aid in their arrest and repatriation. The significance of RCNs cannot be overstated. These notices, issued by Interpol, serve as international alerts to law enforcement agencies worldwide, urging them to locate and provisionally arrest individuals wanted for extradition or prosecution by a member country. When RCNs are issued against terrorists or criminals operating in Pakistan, it amplifies the chances of their apprehension. Sadly, Pakistan has displayed a lack of concrete actions in arresting and extraditing wanted terrorists like Masood Azhar, Zakiur Rehman Lakhvi, and others who have been subject to RCNs. This lack of cooperation has raised concerns within the international community. Addressing the issue of non-compliance with RCNs requires diplomatic engagement, discussions, and negotiations between the concerned countries. Collaboration and cooperation between nations are essential for the effective enforcement of RCNs and to ensure that countries fulfill their obligations in combating terrorism. Security agencies have been vigilant, closely monitoring the situation, and proactively countering terrorist activities through raids, operations, and dismantling support networks. Intelligence sharing and proactive measures have been instrumental in taking necessary actions against terrorists. The focus should be on dismantling the support networks, including Over Ground Workers (OGWs) and Underground Workers (UGWs), as they play crucial roles in facilitating and assisting terrorist activities such as recruitment, financing, logistics, and intelligence gathering. OGWs and UGWs form the backbone of terrorist networks, providing invaluable support and resources. Apprehending and interrogating these individuals can yield critical intelligence that leads to the arrest of high-value targets and prevents future attacks. OGWs and UGWs are often involved in criminal activities like extortion, smuggling, and illicit financing to provide financial support to terrorist organizations. Targeting these individuals disrupts the funding and logistics networks that sustain terrorist activities. Additionally, they are actively involved in the recruitment and radicalization of vulnerable youth. Dismantling OGW and UGW networks is crucial for restoring public confidence in the security apparatus and encouraging citizen cooperation. Efforts to revive militancy in districts such as Doda, Kishtwar, Baderwah, and Ramban have been a cause of concern for security forces. Collaborative efforts among security forces, intelligence agencies, and local administration are focused on thwarting attempts to revive militancy and maintaining peace and stability in these affected areas. The collective dedication of these entities deserves appreciation and support. Vigilance against terrorism remains paramount, and the issuance of Red Corner Notices serves as a crucial step in apprehending wanted terrorists. However, the international community must continue to exert pressure on non-compliant countries and emphasize the importance of cooperation in combating terrorism effectively. The relentless pursuit of dismantling support networks, coupled with socio-economic development and community participation, will pave the way for a more secure and peaceful future.

The Deceptive Game of Price Boosting

By Rathin Chanda

Price boosting, a perennial concern in India's economic, political, and social fabric, continues to manipulate the minds of the nation. This demanding phenomenon holds significant sway in economic theory, capable of impacting the livelihoods of many. The price of agricultural products, the ultimate determinant of their value, often experiences dramatic swings. Currently, the focus is on onions, which have become the center of attention due to their skyrocketing prices. The onion price crisis has dominated discussions in tea shops, Parliament, and the media, making it a hot topic of the time. Media outlets eagerly exploit such issues to bolster their business strategies, while opposition political parties capitalize on them for political gains. In a country like India, these scenarios tend to elicit public sympathy, creating an opportune environment for such issues to take center stage. The plight of rising prices strikes a chord with the masses, making it a soft spot that political parties skillfully exploit to win over voters and constituents. The media has learned from these experiences and now strategically exploits such sensitive issues to engage readers, viewers, and citizens. By assuming the role of the fourth pillar of democracy, the media aims to raise awareness, promote civic consciousness, and reflect the society's collective conscience. While price boosting has proven to be a lucrative endeavor for profit-making organizations, it has also become an advantage for political parties since the post-independence era. Back then, even without the influence of social media, opposition parties effectively used fare hikes for buses and trams to criticize the ruling Congress party and prominent Chief Minister Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy. Today, social media plays a significant role in manipulating and propagandizing such issues in favor of the opposition. Price boosting has remained a recurring theme in Indian politics and economy, capturing the attention of customers across all sections of society. It has become a celebrity issue, finding a place in election manifestos and becoming an acid test for the ruling party's capabilities and the opposition's ability to mobilize public sentiment against them. Regrettably, these celebrity issues rarely find resolution. They are perpetually manipulated to serve as stepping stones to power, exploiting the sympathy of voters rather than genuinely addressing the problem at hand. Their significance cannot be undermined, as they continue to shape the political landscape and influence the trajectory of power dynamics. Price boosting operates like an advertisement, intended to stimulate public sentiment and secure votes. Its timing is meticulously calculated to extract maximum advantage in the ever-competitive race between the ruling party and the opposition. It is crucial for the public to be aware of the deceptive game of price boosting, as history has shown how ruling and opposition parties treat this issue. Let us not fall prey to its allure and instead demand genuine solutions and lasting change from our elected representatives. Only then can we break free from this perpetual cycle of price manipulation and work towards a more equitable and stable society.

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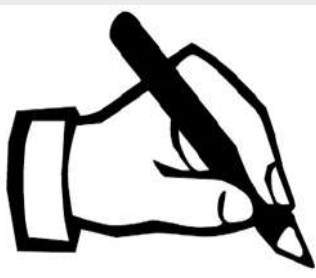


People visit the Mughal Garden during rainfall, in Srinagar, Wednesday, May 31.

Unveiling the Dark Side of Tobacco

Challenging Society's Love Affair with a Silent Killer

PROF. MAN MOHAN PRAKASH



In a world captivated by the allure of tobacco, its deadly consequences continue to cast a shadow over humanity. Globally, tobacco use claims the lives of approximately seven million people each year, and if current trends persist, this grim toll is projected to surpass eight million annually by 2030. However, the devastating impact of tobacco extends beyond mere mortality rates. It infiltrates the very essence of society, impeding family development, jeopardizing human and environmental health, and hindering sustainable progress.

1. Is it not true that tobacco use is harmful to health, as clearly stated on tobacco product packages?
2. Is it not true that doctors and medical researchers attribute tobacco products to numerous diseases, including cancer, cardiovascular disease, lung disease, diabetes type-2, weak immune system, and shortened lifespans?
3. Is it not true that tobacco-related diseases contribute to the wealth of medical professionals?
4. Is it not true that tobacco use leads to yellow stained teeth, diminishing one's beauty?
5. Is it not true that tobacco use

causes bad breath, pushing away loved ones?

6. Is it not true that tobacco products worsen the economic conditions of families who use them?
7. Is it not true that sociologists perceive tobacco as a source of family discord, a status symbol, and an element that erodes family health, wealth, and the environment?
8. Is it not true that agricultural scientists blame tobacco cultivation for reducing land availability for growing essential food crops?
9. Is it not true that tobacco growing, manufacturing, and use pollute our water, soil, beaches, and city streets with toxic waste, cigarette butts, microplastics, and e-cigarette waste?
10. Is it not true that tobacco and its products harm the health of animals through land pollution, as stated by livestock experts and animal lovers?
11. Is it not true that newborn babies, through their silent voice, hold their parents' tobacco use responsible for their underdeveloped bodies, poor health, or premature births?

If the answer to all these questions is "yes," a significant question arises: why do people continue to use tobacco?

Addicted Person's Perspective

1. Is it not true that addicted individuals consider tobacco products a source of energy, even praying for lower prices? Do they believe that tobacco consumption awakens positive emotions, enhances concentration, and provides pleasure, freedom from anxiety, and social status?
2. Is it not true that tobacco use increases the secretion of dopamine, the "good mood hormone"?

If the answer to this question is "yes," then why do addicted individuals refuse to give up tobacco use?

Replacing tobacco use with exercise, yoga, and pranayama to increase dopamine levels

1. Is it not true that regular exercise, yoga, pranayama, meditation, appreciation of nature, entertainment, companionship, consuming loved food, engaging in safe legal sex, caring for animals, and participating in social activities stimulate the secretion of "good mood hormones"? Why not embrace these natural ways to increase dopamine levels, rather than resorting to toxic tobacco and its products?
2. Why hasn't the government banned tobacco products for public use? Is it not true that the government avoids doing so due to significant tax revenue and duties derived from tobacco sales?

Strategies to reduce or eliminate tobacco consumption

1. Consumers bid farewell to tobacco and its products for the sake of their health, families, society, and country.
2. Farmers abandon tobacco crops.
3. The government increases duties on tobacco products and imposes fines on cultivating to-

bacco for non-medical purposes.

4. Public protests against the sale of tobacco products intensify.
5. Society recognizes and awards individuals who have quit tobacco and its products.
6. Families warmly embrace and support their members who choose to quit tobacco and its products.
7. Educational institutions incorporate lessons in textbooks and regular programs that expose the numerous drawbacks of tobacco and its products.

Strategies for consumers to quit tobacco and its products

1. Develop a strong determination and willpower to quit tobacco for good.
2. Seek guidance and advice from healthcare professionals to embark on a tobacco-free journey.
3. Cultivate positive habits such as singing, listening to music, painting, and join clubs focused on nature, yoga, laughter, and other healthy activities.
4. Invest quality time in nurturing relationships with family and close friends.
5. Engage in social services and contribute to the welfare of the community.

By addressing these critical questions, understanding the consequences of tobacco use, and implementing effective measures, we can collectively combat the grip of this deadly habit. It is time for individuals, families, communities, and governments to take a stand against tobacco and pave the way for a healthier, happier future.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Erdogan a tough nut to crack

Tayyip Erdogan's authoritarian rule has entered its third decade with his palm in Turkey's runoff presidential election. The US and its abettors were hoping that the drift would turn in their favour, but now they've no choice but to deal with Erdogan, who has proved to be a tough nut to crack for the West. Amid the Ukraine war, Erdogan's been brazenly engaging with Russia. Erdogan's has indicted Stockholm of being soft on terror groups hostile to Ankara. Political durability in Turkey doesn't help India as well since Erdogan has maintained good relations with China as well as Pakistan. Turkey was among the notable absentees from the G20 Tourism Working Group meeting held lately in Kashmir. Before this time, India had hit out at Turkey for combing up the Kashmir issue at the UN Human Rights Council, weeks after New Delhi commenced Operation Dost to give philanthropic aid to the earthquake hit nation. Both India and Turkey are aspiring global powers that have Russia as their common supporter. They've a lot to gain from each other in profitable and strategic terms. Their participated interests should goad them to reset their ties.

Dr. Vijaykumar H K, Raichur, Karnataka

Unending Corruption

Corruption has plagued India since its independence, with recent revelations of massive funds hidden in Swiss bank accounts equivalent to five years of direct tax collections. From zep to dress, warplanes to guns, corruption permeates every sector in our nation. Despite being the world's second-largest democracy, India still struggles for recognition on par with China, a nation that gained independence years later. Corruption hinders our development, perpetuating poverty and depriving farmers of their basic needs. Whistleblowers pay the ultimate price, while journalists sacrifice their lives for this cause. Corruption remains a recurring issue, capturing media attention and hindering India's progress.

Rathin Kumar Chanda, Chandannagar, Hooghly

Thrilling Finish

Chennai Super Kings (CSK) emerged victorious in a nail-biting last-ball finish to secure their fifth Indian Premier League (IPL) title. In a rain-affected final, CSK chased down the target set by Gujarat Titans (GT) with five wickets in hand. Both teams displayed exceptional cricketing skills, but CSK held their nerve to seal the win. The highlight of the match was when GT's captain, Hardik Pandya, embraced an incredible final over from CSK's Mohit Sharma, despite a couple of marginal errors. While fans anticipated it to be M.S. Dhoni's farewell match, he dismissed retirement rumors, stating his intention to continue playing. CSK's triumph showcased the power of national integration, with players from various states contributing to their success. Congratulations to both teams for a memorable tournament that captivated millions worldwide.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee, Faridabad

What motivate RBI to withdrawal 2000 rupee note!



Vinay Pravin Gual

At the moment of demonetization in 2016, the 2000 Rupee note made its debut. The government acted quickly during the demonetization period but did not make the necessary preparations to meet the demand for cash. - the period in which a sizable number of individuals wait queues for money to pay for their daily expenses, in which many people are struggling to survive, losing their employment, and small businesses start shutting.

People wait in lines in front of ATMs to deposit or exchange their money. Our prime minister's mother was also

in a queue to deposit money. It also demonstrates how true it is that "how difficult that time was for ordinary people to overcome," but yet the people of India managed to do it because our prime minister pledged to abolish corruption. The BJP administration came to power on the pledge to put an end to corruption, which is why every Indian came outside to support government decision, despite the opposition party's attempts to overturn the government's demonetization decision.

However, it was a difficult task for the Indian people to exchange their notes. Every family has a financial provider who sets aside funds for special purposes when difficult times or unexpected medical expenses arise. Usually, this person is the mother or wife of the family. When demonetization occurs, every wife digs a secret location where they store cash for savings and gives it to their spouse.

However the situation has changed recently. After seven years, the RBI withdrawn 2000 rupee notes, despite the fact that just 10.8% of the 6.73 lakhs rupees in circulated in the market. The RBI ceased producing 2000-rupee notes in 2018 - 2019. This withdrawal of 2000 rupees was made according to with "Clean Note Policy".

The Reserve Bank of India stated in a statement that the RBI's Clean Note Policy aims to give citizens high-quality currency notes and coins while removing worn-out notes from circulation.

From 23 May until 30 September 2023, persons could exchange notes. After that, 2000-rupee notes would no longer be accepted as legal money in India. People will swap their 2000 Rupee notes at the nearest bank, whether they have an account there or not. Even if individuals can exchange 2000 rupee notes and provide KYC documentation without having an account with a bank, a person is only allowed to convert 20,000 rupees (2000 x 10) at a time.

Day 1 and Day 2 saw less people come to exchange 2000 rupee notes in banks, but we saw an increase in gold purchases, and on day 3 people arrived to fill up on 1 or 2 liter petrol by paying 2000 rupee currency, which makes it difficult for the pumps to offer change. However, during the middle of the wedding season, RBI decisions might be favorable or adverse, making it necessary for person who has been saving 2000 rupee notes to wait in line to exchange them for buying marriage things. The Congress party commented on the withdrawal of 2000 rupee notes as the beginning of a second "disaster" in refer-

ring to November 28, 2016, of demonetization, where 500 and 1000 rupee notes became no longer legal tender.

The senior and former union finance minister P. Chidambaram said, "A few weeks after demonetization, the government again introduces the 500 rupee note as legal tender, and he will not be surprised when the government re-introduces the 1000 rupee note again. Along with that, he said the 2000 rupee note is not a popular medium of exchange, and we said this in November 2016 and proved it correct. The 2000 rupee note was a band-aid to cover the foolish decision of demonetizing the 500 and 1000 rupees, which were popular and widely exchanged currencies," he said on Twitter.

If we think outside the box, we understand that holding 2000 rupees in bulk quantity as black money is easy and can be stored in a smaller area compared to 500 and 1000 rupees. That is why the government should take the decision to withdraw the 2000 rupee note. And when the government implemented demonetization, the scarcity of cash forced the government to fulfill its requirement for cash flow. Suddenly, after the announcement of demonetization, people rush towards banks, and banks are not prepared for that situa-

tion. That time banks had fewer employees and less money and all big money was banned, so the RBI and the Government took the initiative to print 2000 rupees notes to overcome the shortage of cash.

In conclusion, the withdrawal of 2000 rupee notes, which is less than 10% in the market, should be a good decision but very risky. But this time, the government gave plenty of time to the people and also prepared so that nobody could be affected. In the meantime, people also know the process of exchange because they already did this once in 2016, when the government banned 500 and 1000 rupee notes. We know that the BJP government's motive is to put an end to corruption and black money by having big money, which takes less space, so any individual cannot hold a lot of money in a small area. So, that government initiative will help people in the long run because it brings more transparency and efficiency to governance.

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BRIEF

Mandi airport



■ Shimla: Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has urged the Centre to grant Rs 1,000 crore for greenfield airport in Mandi district and Rs 400 crore for the expansion of Kangra airport. The chief minister called on Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in New Delhi on Tuesday late evening and requested her for granting funds for airport projects as per the recommendations of the 15th Finance Commission, according to an official release. He requested the Union Minister to review the decision to impose a limit on new loans under externally aided projects and added that reconsidering this decision would help in development in various sectors, the release said.

Lending app

■ Kochi: Seeking to tap into the growing digital lending sector, Kerala-based Manappuram Finance Ltd has launched Ma-Money, a new digital lending platform. The objective of introducing the app is to provide customers all the financial products offered by Manappuram Finance under one umbrella, a statement said here. A pioneer in digital gold loans, the company hopes that the new app will help it scale up its digital business and reach a wider audience.

DPRs importance



■ New Delhi: Union Minister Nitin Gadkari on Tuesday emphasised the importance of accurate preparation of detailed project report (DPR) to minimise project delays, reduce cost of construction, and implement proper road alignment, according to an official statement. The road transport and highways minister chaired a meeting with NHAI officials in New Delhi and discussed various aspects of National Highway development.

Non-coking prices

■ New Delhi: Coal India Ltd (CIL) on Tuesday said it has increased prices of non-coking coal by 8 per cent. The prices will come into effect from Wednesday, the miner said in a regulatory filing. "The Board has approved a price increase of 8 per cent over the existing notified prices for high-grade coal of grade G2 to G10. This will be applicable to all subsidiaries, including NEC, for regulated and non-regulated sectors," CIL said. The board of directors of the company approved the revision in the prices of non-coking coal with effect from 00:00 hours of May 31, 2023, it said.

Retail inflation for industrial workers eases to 5.09pc in April

New Delhi, May 31:

Retail inflation for industrial workers eased to 5.09 per cent in April from 5.79 per cent in March this year mainly due to lower prices of certain food items. "Year-on-year inflation for the month stood at 5.09 per cent compared to 5.79 per cent for the previous month and 6.33 per cent during the corresponding month a year before," a labour ministry statement said. Similarly, it stated that the food inflation stood at 4.16 per cent against 5.02 per cent of the previous month and 7.05 per cent during the corresponding month a year ago.

The All-India CPI-IW (consumer price index for industrial workers) for April, 2023 increased by 0.9 points and stood at 134.2



points. It was 133.3 points in March 2023. The maximum upward pressure in the current index came from Food & Beverages group contributing 0.39 percentage points to the total change. At the item level, Rice, Arhar Dal, Apple, Banana, Orange, Cauliflower, Brinjal, Cabbage, Ginger, Peas, Dairy Milk, French bean, Lemon, Cumin seed/Jira, Chillies dry, Cooked Meal, Poultry Chicken, Ladies

Suiting, etc. are responsible for the rise in the index. However, this increase was largely checked by Wheat Atta, Tomato, Onion, Drum Stick, Lady's Finger, Mango, Soyabean Oil, Sunflower Oil, Mustard Oil, Egg-Hen, Electricity Domestic, Firewood and Chips, etc. putting downward pressure on the index.

At the centre level, Howrah recorded a maxi-

mum increase of 4.1 points. Among others, four centres recorded an increase between 2 to 2.9 points, 30 centres between 1 to 1.9 points and 37 centres between 0.1 to 0.9 points. On the contrary, Salem recorded a maximum decrease of 1.9 points. Among others, 11 centres recorded decrease between 0.1 to 0.9 points. Rest of the four centres the index remained stationary.

The Labour Bureau has been compiling Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers every month on the basis of retail prices collected from 317 markets spread over 88 industrially important centres in the country. The index is compiled for 88 centres and All-India and is released on the last working day of the succeeding month.

Cabinet approves Rs 1 lakh crore scheme

■ To increase grain storage capacity in cooperative sector

New Delhi, May 31:

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved a Rs 1 lakh crore programme to increase foodgrain storage capacity by 700 lakh tonne in the cooperative sector. Giving details, Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur said presently, the grain storage capacity in the country is about 1,450 lakh tonne. In the next five years, the storage will expand to 2,150 lakh tonne. The storage capacity will be increased in the cooperative sector. Terming the proposed scheme as the "world's largest foodgrain storage programme" in the cooperative sector, Thakur said a 2,000-tonne



capacity godown will be set up in each block. He said the move is aimed to reduce the damage of food grains due to a lack of storage facilities, help in checking distress sales by farmers, reduce import dependence and create employment opportunities in rural India. The minister said more storage capacity will reduce transportation costs for farmers and strengthen food security. India annually produces about 3,100 lakh tonne of foodgrains, but the existing godowns can store only up to 47 per cent of the produce.

Nepal wants to attract Indian investments in energy sector

Kathmandu, May 31:

Nepal wants to attract more Indian investments in its energy sector specifically for the development of hydro-power, Nepal's Foreign Minister NP Saud said on Wednesday, underlining that the Himalayan nation wants a power deal with India so that it can export electricity to Bangladesh as well by utilising the Indian grid.

Foreign Minister Saud, who is accompanying Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' on a four-day official visit, also told PTI that a wide range of issues, including trade, transit, connectivity and border issues will be covered during bilateral talks. 'Prachanda' will hold talks with his Indian coun-



terpart Narendra Modi and other leaders in New Delhi to further strengthen the age-old, multifaceted and cordial ties. Saud also said, "We would also like to have India's line of credit for the construction of transmission lines." Nepal wants to attract more Indian investment in the energy sector. "We want India's investment for the development of

India's GDP expands 6.1 pc in Q4, 7.2 pc in FY23

New Delhi, May 31:

India's economy grew by 6.1 per cent in the January-March quarter of 2022-23, pushing the annual growth rate to 7.2 per cent on account of better performance by agriculture, manufacturing, mining and construction sectors, official data showed on Wednesday. The growth propelled the Indian Economy to USD 3.3 trillion and set the stage for achieving USD five trillion target in the next few years.

In the previous 2021-22 fiscal, the economy grew by 9.1 per cent. China has registered an economic growth of 4.5 per cent in the first three months of 2023. The economic expansion was recorded at 6.1 per cent during the March 2023 quarter, while it was 4.5 per cent in October-December and 6.2 per cent in July-September 2022.

The growth was 13.1 per cent in April-June 2022, as per the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO). The GDP had grown by four per cent in the January-March quarter of 2021-22. The NSO, in its second advance estimate released in February, had projected the GDP growth for 2022-23 at seven per cent. According to the NSO data, the real GDP prices in 2022-23 are estimated to attain a level of Rs 160.06 lakh crore against the first revised estimates of GDP of Rs 149.26 lakh crore for 2021-22.

"The growth in real GDP during 2022-23 is estimated at 7.2 per cent as compared to 9.1 per cent in 2021-22," it stated. Nominal GDP or GDP at Current Prices in the year 2022-23 is estimated to attain a level of Rs 272.41 lakh crore (USD 3.3 trillion), as against Rs 234.71 lakh crore (USD 2.8

trillion) in 2021-22, showing a growth rate of 16.1 per cent, it added.

The GDP at Constant (2011-12) Prices in Q4 2022-23 is estimated at Rs 43.62 lakh crore against Rs 41.12 lakh crore in Q4 2021-22, showing a growth of 6.1 per cent.

The GDP at Current Prices in Q4 2022-23 is estimated at Rs 71.82 lakh crore compared to Rs 65.05 lakh crore in Q4 2021-22, a growth of 10.4 per cent. Gross value added (GVA) growth during the fiscal ending March 2023 was 7 per cent against an 8.8 per cent growth in the preceding year. The GVA growth in the manufacturing sector accelerated to 4.5 per cent in the March 2023 quarter against 0.6 per cent a year ago. GVA growth in mining was 4.3 per cent in the fourth quarter compared to 2.3 per cent in the same quarter of the previous fiscal.

40-50 FDI proposals from countries sharing land border with India pending for approval

New Delhi, May 31:

About 40-50 foreign direct investment (FDI) proposals from countries sharing land border with India under the provisions of Press Note 3 are pending for approval with the government, official sources said.

Under Press Note 3, the government has made its prior approval mandatory for foreign investments from countries that share land border with India. These countries are China, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Bhutan, Nepal, Myanmar and Afghanistan. As per that decision, FDI proposals from these countries need government approval for investments

in India in any sector. "About 40-50 proposals are pending with the commerce and industry ministry as they require security and political clearances," one of the sources said. Sources added that there is no consideration at present to ease norms under this press note.

"FDI is not totally banned from these countries. It is just that they (investors from these countries) have to follow the government approval route and of course that takes time," a source said. The government has a commitment to clear these proposals in three months time, but it takes about seven months.

Sensex, Nifty trip over profit taking in banking, energy shares

Mumbai, May 31:

Benchmark stock indices Sensex and Nifty cut short their four-day gaining streak and closed lower by half a per cent on Wednesday due to profit-taking in banking, energy and metal stocks amid weak trends in global markets. Snapping its four-day rally, the 30-share BSE Sensex fell 346.89 points or 0.55 per cent to settle at 62,622.24. During the day, it tumbled 568.11 points or 0.90 per cent to 62,401.02. The NSE Nifty declined 99.45 points or 0.53 per cent to end at 18,534.40.

In the four-day rally to Tuesday, Sensex advanced by 1,195 points or 2 per cent while Nifty rose by 348 points or 2.26 per cent.



"Markets witnessed profit-taking and shed over half a per cent, tracking mixed cues.

After the initial downturn, the Nifty index traded with a negative bias for most of the session however a marginal rebound in the final hours trimmed some losses," said Ajit Mishra, SVP - Technical Research, Religare Broking Ltd.

Global headwinds, especially from the US markets, are causing intermediate volatility however the positional up trend is still intact, Mishra said. From the Sensex pack, Axis Bank, State Bank of India, Reliance Industries, HDFC, HDFC Bank, NTPC, Tata Steel and UltraTech Cement were the major laggards on Wednesday. Bharti Airtel, Tech Mahindra, Asian Paints, Sun Pharma, Tata Motors and Kotak Mahindra Bank were among the gainers. "As indicated by multiple economic data points, the Indian economy is presently experiencing a robust recovery, leading to an upward trend in domestic equity markets.

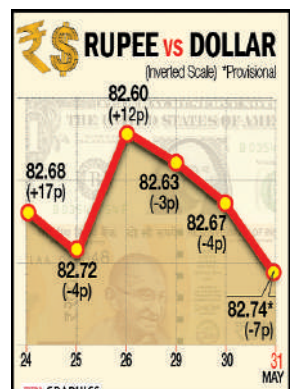
However, the rally is being hindered at times due to negative signals from global peers, as observed today.

"Concerns about a recession and potential interest rate hikes in western markets are impacting the domestic market but it is nevertheless maintaining the outperformance," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

The broader market however gained, with the BSE smallcap gauge jumping 0.68 per cent and midcap index climbing 0.54 per cent. Among the indices, energy fell 1.20 per cent, metal (1.16 per cent), oil & gas (1.04 per cent), utilities (1 per cent) and financial services (0.68 per cent).

Mumbai, May 31:

Falling for the third straight session, the rupee declined by 7 paise to 82.74 (provisional) against the US dollar on Wednesday, as intense selling pressure in domestic equities and a strong greenback overseas dented the sentiment. Forex traders said the continued inflow of foreign capital and a steep decline in crude price, however, restricted the fall in the domestic unit. The dollar was trading at an elevated level of 104 as a positive development on the US debt ceiling bill boosted investors' sentiment. On the domestic front, traders were keeping an eye on the annual GDP data to be released later in the day. At the interbank foreign ex-



change, the domestic unit opened weak at 82.71 against the dollar. The currency touched an intraday low of 82.75 and a high of 82.64. The unit finally settled at 82.74 (provisional) against the dollar, registering a fall of 7 paise over its previous close. On Tuesday, the rupee

closed at 82.67 against the US currency. The currency has been registering a fall for the past three sessions. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.34 per cent to 104.54. Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, fell 1.69 per cent to USD 72.30 per barrel. In the domestic equity market, the 30-share BSE Sensex declined 346.89 points or 0.55 per cent to 62,622.24. The broader NSE Nifty fell 99.45 points or 0.53 per cent to 18,534.40. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) were net buyers in the capital market on Tuesday as they purchased shares worth Rs 2,085.62 crore, according to exchange data.

Myntra's EORS-18 goes live today

Mumbai, May 31:

Myntra, one of India's leading fashion, beauty and lifestyle destinations, said on Monday that it is on track to welcome 15 million new users from non-metros on the app as the 18th edition of Myntra's biannual End of Reason Sale (EORS) is all set to enthrall millions in the country, from June 1, with more than 20 lakh fashion, beauty and lifestyle products from over 6,000 leading international, domestic and D2C brands. The company is geared to handle 9 lakh concurrent users at peak. Myntra's over 17,000 MENSAs network of Kirana partners will play an important role in enabling the seamless deliv-

ery of orders across the country. "Our effort has been to ensure every customer cohort, be it GenZ or millennials, or our customers from T2&3 cities, or beauty enthusiasts get enthralled by unmatched offers and have a delightful shopping experience through the pioneering tech enhancements and features on Myntra," said Nandita Sinha, CEO, Myntra.

"The presence of superstars like Shah Rukh in our EORS films further builds resonance with this shopping extravaganza across age groups and geographies," she added. Categories that are expected to see heightened traction from consumers during EORS 18 include - Men's Casual Wear,

Women's Ethnic, Women's Western wear, Beauty and Personal Care, Watches and Wearables, Home and Furnishing, Summer Essentials, Work wear and Kids wear. The platform has also amped up its categories like sports footwear, home and furnishing, and accessories for customers to explore new selections in the lifestyle space. As a part of 'EORS Specials', Myntra onboarded Converse Footwear ahead of EORS, and scaled up collections from Nike Jordans, Air Force, and Dunks. Customers will also be able to buy unique celebrity lines such as Puma X Anuska, Club Originals, Tapsee X Reebok, and Puma colour-blocked styles.

India witnesses transformation, to emerge as key driver of Asian, global growth: Morgan Stanley

New Delhi, May 31:

India has witnessed a significant transformation in several areas since 2014 and will emerge as a key driver for Asian and global growth, says a Morgan Stanley research report on Wednesday. India of today, the report said, is different from what it was in 2013. "In a short span of 10 years, India has gained positions in the world order with significant positive consequences for the macro and market outlook," it said. India, according to the report, "will emerge as a key driver for Asia and global growth." On the skepticism about India, particularly with

overseas investors, who say India has not delivered its potential - despite it being the second-fastest growing economy and among the top-performing stock markets over the past 25 years - and that equity valuations are too rich, it said, such a view ignores the significant changes that have taken place in India, especially since 2014. The report highlighted the 10 big changes, including supply-side policy reforms, formalisation of the economy, Direct Benefit Transfer, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, focus on FDI and flexible inflation targeting. These changes are because of India's poli-

cy choices, and their implications for its economy and market.

As a result, the report expects a new cycle in manufacturing and capex, as the share of both will rise in GDP. It also estimates that India's export market share will rise to 4.5 per cent by 2031, nearly 2 times from 2021 levels, with broadbased gains across goods and services exports and there would be a major shift in consumption basket. "As India's per capita income increases from USD 2,200 currently to about USD 5,200 by F2032, this will have major implications for change in the consumption basket, with an impetus to discre-

tionary consumption," it said. As per the report, inflation would remain benign and less volatile, which would imply shallower rate cycles and benign trend in current account deficit. The share of profits in GDP has doubled from all-time lows in 2020 and are set to rise further maybe even double from here leading to strong absolute and relative earnings, it said, adding, this explains India's apparently rich headline equity valuations. As India's reliance on global capital market flows has reduced, the market's sensitivity to a US recession and US Fed rate changes also seems to be fading, it added.

Rani Mukerji: I made it a point to choose films where the girl is also pivotal to the plot

Actress Rani Mukerji has shared her vision to represent women correctly in Hindi cinema. She said that women are the backbone of a family and the society and that she has a responsibility to show this to people across the world.

Rani says, "As an actor, your vision for cinema and roles will constantly evolve but one thing that's constantly stayed for me is the way I wanted to portray and represent women on screen. Women are the backbone of a family and the society, and I think, as an actor, I have a responsibility to show this to as many people as possible across my country and the world."

She added: "Cinema can have a lasting impression on the minds of people. It is a very powerful tool to trigger a national conversation and I became conscious very early on in my career that I could make a real change in the way women are projected on-screen, that could be positive."

Rani wanted to show girls as fiercely independent and self-reliant in films.

She says, "I made it a point to choose films where the girl is also pivotal to the plot, where the girl is projected with dignity and power." "For me,

women have always been agents of change. They have been independent, courageous, caring, pursuers of dreams and the best multitasker you can ever find. I wanted to highlight these facets of a woman by choosing characters that echo this belief system of mine."

Rani adds, "So, if you see films like 'Black', 'Veer Zaara', 'Mardaani' series, 'Yuva', 'No One Killed Jessica', 'Hichki' or even my latest film 'Mrs. Chatterjee vs Norway', to name a few, the girls I play are central to the plot, the heroes that people have adored and accepted for being who they are."

In her last release, 'Mrs Chatterjee vs Norway (MCVN)', Rani again played a fiery woman who took on a country to win back her children. The film was a re-sounding hit at the box-office and it brought back belief that content cinema could pull in people to the theatres in this post pandemic world. Rani says, "The fact that MCVN is a hit today is because people want to see strong woman protagonists like this on the big screen. There is constant chatter whether women-centric films are box office draws? That concerns me, of course they are box office draws."

"A film is a hit when producers make money from it and it is not just about how much it collects at the box-office because one should also factor in the cost of the film."

When Parineeti blushed at the paparazzi's question about her wedding



Bollywood actress Parineeti Chopra was asked about her wedding date by paparazzi as she stepped out of a building.

A video shared by celebrity paparazzi Viral Bhayani showed Parineeti dressed in an all white ensemble as she left a building when she was asked about her wedding date by the photographers. They asked her: "Shaadi ki tareek kya hai? Kuch toh batao, chupao mat. (When is the wedding? Say something, don't be silent.)"

Parineeti then pointed at her team member and said: "She knows."

When the photographers asked Parineeti to invite them to the wedding, she was seen blushing. Before leaving in her car, the actor smiled and said "bye." Earlier this month, Parineeti and Raghav Chadha exchanged rings in New Delhi. The ceremony was attended by family members and politicians.

Dimple Kapadia: You can't do a decent performance if you're not given the meat

Veteran actress Dimple Kapadia has been in the industry for five decades and has given unforgettable power-packed performances. Be it her maiden film 'Bobby', which released in 1973 or her latest series 'Saas Bahu Aur Flamingo', her on screen game is top-notch.

However, the 65-year-old actress says one cannot have a decent performance if not given the meat.

Her latest release 'Saas Bahu Aur Flamingo' has redefined the relationship between the women of the family, where often it is shown that "aurat hi aurat ki dushman hoti hai".

Asked how she feels the show and the relationship of the women in the show has changed the perspective, Dimple told IANS: "I haven't broken the barrier. It was the character that's broken the barrier. And that's important. At the end of the day, it's the written material, it's the role, it's the character, that really works and people often mistake by saying - Oh, what a great performance."

"You can't do a decent performance if you're not given the meat. If the character is not good enough, if the lines are not good enough - it's an effort by the entire team."

The actress firmly believes that "each one



plays such an important part".

Dimple added: "It's unbelievable where it can

get you. In the sense that even a hug or a dress person or your makeup artist, even that matters and it translates, so it's a complete team effort. You can't stand there alone and do anything."

In 'Saas Bahu Aur Flamingo', Dimple plays a strong-headed matriarch and a drug lord. It is the women in her family who take care of the business. The crime drama streaming television series also stars Radhika Madan, Isha Talwar, Angira Dhar, Deepak Dobriyal, Monica Dogra and Naseeruddin Shah.

Talking about how much of herself did she see in her character of Rani Baa, Dimple said: "It would be a lie to say that in every character that you do, there has to be 30 per cent of yourself, otherwise, where do you dig from? Where do you get your experiences from? Where do you get your emotions from? So yes, 30 per cent of it is you."

She added: "And the other thing is that I'm silly, but I don't think I have done any work - I have this thing where some part of my jewellery has to be on me, I don't know why, it's been like that always from the beginning, so that there is always some part of me and I take it from there."

Directed by Homi Adajania, 'Saas Bahu Aur Flamingo' is available on Disney+ Hotstar.

Tavleen plots to destroy the Brar household

Sony SAB's Dil Diyaan Gallaan is a family drama that sheds light on a family separated by both physical and emotional disparities. The show talks about the impact of misunderstandings, lack of communication, and unexpressed emotions, which contribute to conflicts among three generations. Since, Tavleen's (Jayati Bhatia) entry on the show, the Brar family has witnessed some high voltage drama with Rana (Ravi Gossain) committing a murder and being hunted down by the police for it.

The next few episodes will see the whole Brar family in turmoil after Rana is found guilty of killing Khushwant's goon. Veer (Paras Arora) and Maan (Sandeep Baswana) do their level best to hide him from the police and succeed in doing so. Rana is in no position to face the punishment and leaves the family divided yet again



with Dilpreet and Maan at loggerheads over the way they try to save Rana. With Maan and Dilpreet locking horns once again, will the misunderstandings fuelled by Tavleen (Jayati Bhatia) start growing again in the Brar family?

Vidya Balan leads crusade against Plastic Pollution

Vidya Balan, the acclaimed Indian actress, has always been more than just a performer on the silver screen. With her unwavering commitment to social causes and environmental issues, she has become a beacon of change and a vocal advocate for a cleaner, more sustainable future. Balan's passion for making a difference extends beyond the realms of entertainment, as she consistently uses her platform to raise awareness about the pressing challenges facing our society.

What sets Vidya Balan apart is her genuine commitment to everything she stands for. She does not shy away from discussing the challenges we face as a society and the changes we need to make. Her unwavering dedication to the causes she supports makes her a true champion of change. She is a proud advocate of child nutrition, women



empowerment, education and sustainability.

Recognizing the urgency of the situation, renowned actress Vidya Balan has joined forces with Bhamla Foundation to support their anti-single use plastic initiative. The Bhamla Foundation, in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, has been dedicated to raising awareness about environmental issues for many years.

"We must eliminate unnecessary plastic items like water bottles, bags, trays, cutlery, plates, cups, and food packaging from our lives this World Environment Day," emphasizes Vidya Balan. Her words resonate with the urgent need to address the crisis of climate change, pollution, waste, and biodiversity loss caused by plastic pollution.

'My character will be the catalyst in bringing Ram and Priya together'

The third season of Sony Entertainment Television's much adored show, 'Bade Acche Lagte Hain' has brought back the fan-favourite jodi of Nakuul Mehta and Disha Parmar, who are reprising their iconic roles as Ram Kapoor and Priya. The engaging storyline, coupled with the talented ensemble cast who bring the characters to life with their exceptional performances, has struck a chord with viewers. One such actor to make her mark is Supriya Shukla, who essays the role of Ram Kapoor's mother Supriya, who has showcased her talent across different mediums of entertainment, is currently seen playing an important role in the third instalment of the Bade Acche Lagte Hain franchise, which fills her with overwhelming joy.



Elaborating on her role, Supriya shares, "Whenever I take on a new project, I ensure that my presence in the show makes a difference and stands out from my previous work. My character, Shalini Kapoor, is a positive personality with the purest heart. Her one wish is to see her son settled, where he is loved for who he is and not just for his wealth."

Nimrat Kaur says parents need to be careful about how they conduct themselves around kids

Actress Nimrat Kaur, who essays the role of a student counsellor in the upcoming streaming series 'School of Lies', feels that parents need to be extremely careful with how they conduct themselves around their kids as kids today are fast learners and the behaviour of parents leaves a fine imprint on the kids in their formative years.

Wrapped in the intense mystery of a missing child, 'School of Lies' showcases the journey of teenagers in a boarding school.

Talking about how the dynamics between parents and their child are changing, Nimrat told IANS, "Young kids nowadays have a mind of their own, they want to make their own choices and are so ahead of everything all the time. Parents have to be very careful with how they conduct themselves around their kids. I think growing up,



things were much simpler for us, especially the fact that the internet

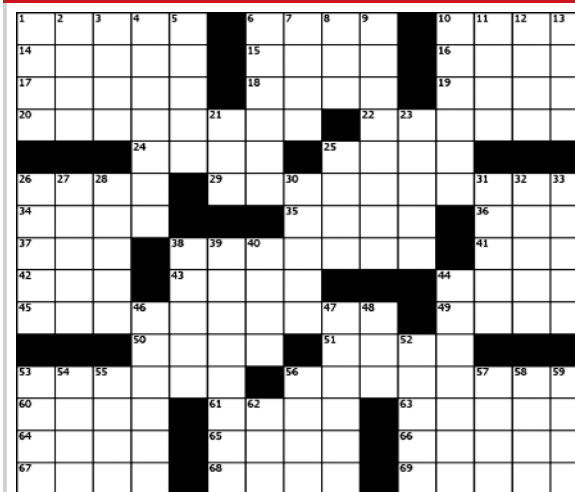
hadn't happened to the world - we didn't have smartphones or access to anything other than our own minds. So, growing up, there was a bigger distance between us and our parents."

Children today are very different from how it used to be two to three decades back. Today's children are in some ways, adults themselves with them being connected to the world with the advancement of technology and the growing culture across the world. Even their relationships with their parents are constantly evolving.

She further mentioned, "It was almost like they were adults and we were not supposed to have an opinion about things that didn't concern us. The one difference I see very majorly today is that children and their opinions are sought for absolutely everything. They have a take and a say in everything."

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- Palm fruit
- Beer ingredient
- Main artery
- Malicious
- Space
- Chairs
- Queue
- Distort
- Appraised
- Sacred songs

- Pork or beef
- Bangkok native
- Cinch
- Like a robot, e.g.
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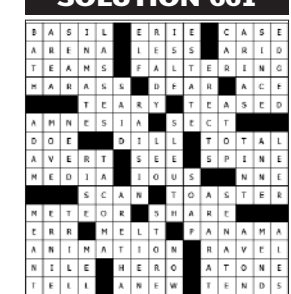
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- Legal paper
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- Endeavor
- Old hat
- Remove
- Ardent
- Soft metal
- Tusked animal
- Alloha State
- _____ hygiene
- Salon treatment
- Exhausts
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- Smooths wood
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- Roaming tribesman
- Frighten

- Spicy dish
- Punctuation mark
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- Toddlers
- Georgia city
- Pressed
- Commands
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- Actor's desire
- Lotion ingredient
- Partiality
- Unescorted
- Finale
- Female pig

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Indian bowlers' workload management in focus

Portsmouth, May 31 (PTI):

The Indian cricket team is focussing on building workload for the bowlers, who had an extensive run in the IPL, ahead of the World Test Championship final against Australia starting on June 7 at The Oval.

In the bowling department, while the likes of Mohammed Siraj, Shardul Thakur, Axar Patel, Jaydev Unadkat and Umesh Yadav were part of the first batch to travel to England, pace spearhead Mohammed Shami's departure was delayed as the IPL final in Ahmedabad last Sunday was moved to the reserve day after incessant rain.

The middle-order mainstay Virat Kohli was also among the players who left in the first batch along with the Rahul Dravid-led coaching staff. Kohli joined the camp on Monday along with Cheteshwar Pujara, who linked up with the squad in England as he was busy playing County Championship for Sussex.

The Indian team is expected to have a few practice sessions at the Arundel Castle Cricket Club in Sussex ahead of the big final. "The preparation has been good so far.



Virat Kohli (R) with bowlers Umesh Yadav (L) and Mohammed Siraj at a practice session ahead of the World Test Championship final cricket match between India and Australia, in UK.

The initial bit was to ease into the practice session but the last two sessions have been pretty happy I think we pushed them a little bit. Just adding a little bit of workload for the bowlers, just kind of preparing them for the

Test match," said India's bowling coach Paras Mhambrey in a video released by the BCCI.

"(We are) happy with the conditions, I think it is a lovely ground, (it is) kind of what you can expect. The weather is holding up,

it has been sunny, a little windy, a little chill but something that we have to get used to (when) playing in England," he said. India's fielding coach T Dilip said the focus will be on close-in catching since the running part of the fit-

ness drill was covered in the IPL. "The players have been coming from an IPL so a key thing for us to take care of was the workload, how much they have run, how much they have taken care.

"What we understood and got out of that is things (like) ground fielding have been covered in the IPL, so the focus here was more on the volume of catching, especially when you are talking about close-in catching, the slip catching and the flat catches. These are the catches that we tend to increase the volume of," he said.

Mhambrey said while the bowlers will get some rest in days leading up to the WTC final, the group is determined to extract the maximum benefits from the training sessions.

"We have two more sessions now, we want to build up especially with the bowlers in a couple of sessions. One day before the Test match, all of us have an easier option, the bowlers' option is they take an off and maybe one or two sessions before that.

"If you look at it, we have three quality sessions in which we can push them in and try to get the best out of every session we have," he said.

Love to be able to execute Ashwin-style: Murphy

Melbourne, May 31 (PTI):

Having studied Ravichandran Ashwin from close quarters during his maiden tour of India, young Australia off-spinner Todd Murphy wants to add the Indian tweaker's carrom ball to his bag of tricks ahead of next week's World Test Championships final and the Ashes.

The 22-year-old claimed 14 wickets at an average of 25.51 during the four-Test series in India earlier this year.

Murphy, who is a part of the Australian squad which will take on India in the WTC final at The Oval from June 7 to 11 and the Ashes series, is currently in England honing his skills ahead of the marquee events. "I am still working on that (carrom ball) but I am still a long way off being able to do it the way Ravi Ashwin can," Murphy was quoted as saying by 'cricket.com.au'.

"It is simple in a way, and yet so difficult. It is just



about being confident that you can execute it. I'd love to be able to add that myself one day. "If you have a delivery that goes the other way it just poses different challenges for the batsmen," he added.

Murphy, however, said his prime focus will be to get his stock ball right.

"You are always looking at ways to tinker and add things to your kitbag but in Test cricket you have to

make sure your fundamentals are really good and your stock ball is in as good a position as you can."

As part of his analysis of Ashwin's bowling action, Murphy would freeze-frame the point of delivery to understand the subtle variations that the Indian brought to his bowling.

"That is the best part of analysis now that you have access to that the whole time," Murphy said.

Pujara's inputs will be invaluable for Indian batters: Gavaskar

Portsmouth, May 31 (PTI):

Former captain Sunil Gavaskar on Wednesday reckoned Cheteshwar Pujara could provide valuable insights to his Indian teammates ahead of the World Test Championship final against Australia, having played extensively in the English County Championship.

With Pujara's knowledge and captaincy experience (at Sussex), his inputs could prove invaluable, especially against Australian batter Steve Smith, who is also a part of his county side.

The WTC final is scheduled to be held at the Oval in London from June 7-11.

"The fact that he is been around will mean that he will have also seen how the pitch has been behaving at The Oval. "He might not have played at The Oval, he might be in Sussex not too far away from London but he will have kept an eye on what is happening and his inputs will be invaluable as far as the batting unit is concerned or even as far as the captaincy is concerned,"



Gavaskar told Star Sports. "He will have the captains here as far as the Oval pitch is concerned and don't forget he has also been captaining the team, so he definitely will have worked out quite a few strategies seeing that Steve Smith, the Australian is his teammate at the moment." Gavaskar also said the Indian batters, coming off the IPL, will have to adjust their bat speed ahead of the WTC final, and advised them to play as late as possible. "I think they are going to look at their bat speed. Coming from T20 where the bat speed is very fast to Test cricket where the bat speeds got to be a lot more control, that is something they'll need to do," Gavaskar told Star Sports.

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Cricketers Rishabh Pant and Shikhar Dhawan at the National Cricket Academy, in Bengaluru, Wednesday, May 31.

Only matter of time before India becomes leading chess nation in world: Carlsen

New Delhi, May 31 (PTI):

Five-time world champion Magnus Carlsen feels it is only a matter of time before India becomes a leading chess nation, saying the country is "doing a lot of right things".

Carlsen who is the current world rapid chess champion, is widely regarded as the best player of the current generation.

While Indian chess players have done extremely well in global circuit in recent years, the country also successfully hosted the Chess Olympiad last year.

"I think India is doing a lot of right things so far, and it is a matter of time before it is clearly the leading chess nation in the world," Carlsen was quoted as saying in a press release.

The Norwegian Grandmaster is one of the icon players for the inaugural Global Chess League, which is the world's first and largest official franchise league of its kind, with chess players from all over the world competing in



a unique joint team format. The GCL is a joint venture between Tech Mahindra and the international chess federation (FIDE), which will witness six teams competing in a minimum of 10 matches each in a double round-robin, rapid format from June 21 to July 2 in Dubai.

"It is an exciting prospect for me to be a part of. This will be something new. Something that has not been done this way in over-the-board chess. I am looking forward to exploring this format for future."

The league will see each

of the six franchises play a total of 10 matches in a double round-robin format, with the winner of each match being decided in a best-of-six board scoring system played simultaneously. The top two teams will qualify for the final on July 2 and the winner will be crowned the world champion.

Carlsen, who is known for his experimental views on chess, said he prefers playing in team events. The 32-year-old from Norway is also looking forward to rubbing shoulders with the young Indian players.

We could face sort of similarities at Oval to what we had in India: Smith



London, May 31 (PTI):

Australia's batting mainstay Steve Smith is expecting batting friendly conditions at The Oval for the World Test Championship final but feels they could face India like conditions as the game goes on.

The venue offers one of the best batting conditions in the UK with true pace and bounce. India are expected to play their front-line spinners R Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja in their bid to make the most of the conditions. "The Oval can pres-

ent itself with some spin occasionally particularly as the game wears on so we could face some sort of similarities to what we had in India at certain stages of the game.

"But The Oval is a wonderful place to play cricket in. Lightening fast outfield, the square goes whole way across the ground so it is a nice place to bat when you get in and has some decent pace and bounce for an English surface. Should be an absolute cracker," Smith told cricket.com.au ahead of the final beginning June 7.

He is first one to turn up for training and leaves last: Hazlewood praises Kohli

London, May 31 (PTI):

Australia pacer Josh Hazlewood has spoken highly of Royal Challengers Bangalore teammates Virat Kohli and Mohammed Siraj ahead of the World Test Championship final against India at The Oval starting June 7.

Hazlewood, who has been battling with multiple injuries over the last six months, had to cut short his IPL stint with a side issue. However, he feels he is not far from bowling full tilt as Australia gear up for the big final.

Talking about Kohli, whose wicket he will be targeting at The Oval, Hazlewood said the Indian superstar's work ethic makes him the player that he is.

"I think it's probably how hard he works (that



stands out). His fitness first of all - and then his skill work and batting and fielding in particu-

lar. "He is always out there (training) first and leaves last and the intensity he trains at all the time is at such a high level it drags everyone else along for the ride. That can lean on to the other players and improve them as well," Hazlewood told the ICC.

On RCB's leading wicket taker Siraj, who is expected to play a big part in the WTC final, Hazlewood said: "I was a bit late getting there (to RCB this year), but before then he was on fire."

"He is up there at the top of the wickets every time, and the economy rate was probably the thing as bowling at Chinnaswamy (RCB's home ground) is impossible sometimes and he was going at six or six-and-a-half an over. His control was great and he is bowling well."

Thailand Open badminton

Kiran stuns Shi Yuqi; Saina, Lakshya, Satwik-Chirag too win

■ Sindhu makes early exit

Bangkok, May 31 (PTI):

India's Kiran George scripted a stunning straight-game win over world number 9 Shi Yuqi of China but double Olympic medallist PV Sindhu made an opening round exit from the Thailand Open Super 500 tournament here on Wednesday.

Ashmita Chaliha and Saina Nehwal also made winning starts to their campaign in women's singles, while Lakshya Sen and world number 4 pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty also progressed to the pre-quarterfinals.

On a day when Kidambi Srikanth and B Sai Praneeth also failed to cross the opening hur-



dle, 2022 Odisha Open winner Kiran, a product of the Prakash Padukone academy, notched up a 21-18 22-20 win over third seed Shi Yu Qi, who is a 2018 world championships silver medallist. Kiran will take on China's Weng Hong Yang next.

His academy mate Lakshya also dug deep to eke out a hard-fought 21-23 21-15 21-15 win over Chinese Taipei's Wang Tzu Wei. He is likely to square off against All England champion Li Shi Feng of China.

Under pressure to implement poll guarantees: Kharge

Bengaluru, May 31:

With pressure mounting on the Congress government in Karnataka to implement the five 'guarantees' as promised to the people ahead of assembly polls, State's Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister Priyank Kharge on Wednesday said criteria and frameworks are being decided for its implementation.



Priyank Kharge

He said the criterion has to be fixed to implement the guarantees, as tax-payers money is involved.

In view of the implementation of five guarantee schemes, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is today holding a meeting with all the ministers of his cabinet and senior officials of the concerned departments at Vidhana Soudha, the seat of state secretariat and legislature,

in Bengaluru. The decision on implementation of guarantees is likely to be taken at the cabinet meeting on Thursday.

"Every scheme is based on a criterion, it is your (public) money, tax payers money is involved. We will have to put criteria. Tell me which scheme of the central-Modi government is free?" Kharge asked.

Speaking to reporters, he said, "there will be criteria and we will ensure that everyone is benefited.

Is it wrong to give priority to BPL (below poverty line), the government is for the poor."

"How to implement Gruha Jyoti, Gruha Lakshmi, YuvaNidhi — the criterion and framework will be decided by today and tomorrow, there is no need to worry," he added. The Congress had promised to implement the guarantees' "200 units of free power to all households (Gruha Jyoti), Rs 2,000 monthly assistance to the woman head of every family (Gruha Lakshmi), 10 kg of rice free to every member of a BPL household (Anna Bhagya), Rs 3,000 every month for unemployed graduate youth and Rs 1,500 for unemployed diploma holders (both in the age group of 18-25) (YuvaNidhi), and free travel for women in public transport buses (Shakti),

on the very first day of assuming power in the state. There is mounting pressure on the new government from opposition parties and various sections of people from across the state, to fulfill its five guarantees as promised ahead of polls. Opposition Bharatiya Janata Party and Janata Dal-Secular have accused the Congress of trying to "cheat" voters after coming to power by trying to attach conditions or criterion to the guarantees for their implementation, which were not mentioned ahead of polls. Asked how the government will mobilise resources, the minister said, "we will do it. First of all — it is because of the central government and the double engine (BJP at both centre and state) government that was there — our financial situation has worsened."

RELIGIOUS GATHERING



Devotees gather to offer prayers to Lord Dwarkadheesh on the occasion of 'Nirjala Ekadashi', at Dwarkadheesh temple in Mathura, Wednesday.

Science, Arts most popular streams over last 10 years: MoE

Commerce has stagnated

New Delhi, May 31 (PTI):

Science and Arts have been the most popular streams among students over the last 10 years while commerce has stagnated with only 14 per cent students opting for it, according to a study conducted by the Ministry of Education.

The study, which is an assessment of Class 10 and 12 board exam results, noted that there are huge variations in choice of streams across states.

"Only 2 per cent students in Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Telangana opt for Arts stream but in states like Tripura and Gujarat over 82 per cent students choose the stream while in states like Punjab and Rajasthan the percentage of such students is above 70," it said.

Similarly, the popularity of science stream is extremely low in Punjab,

Haryana and Assam where just about 17 per cent students opt for it, whereas in states such as Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Tamil Nadu, more than 60 per cent students choose science to study after class 12.

"In Goa and Karnataka, distribution of students is almost similar in major streams," the report said.

A large difference in performance of students from various boards, significant variation in pass percentages and no level playing field for students in terms of standard are among the challenges identified by the ministry in the assessment.

According to School Education Secretary, Sanjay Kumar, this difference between pass percentages of various states has led the education ministry to now look at standardising the assessment pattern for all 60 school boards across states in the country.

Currently, there are

three central boards in India Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) and the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS). Apart from these, various states have their own state boards, taking the total number of school boards to 60.

The study analysed the Class 10 and 12 results for state boards of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Karnataka, Kerala, Manipur, Odisha, West Bengal and Telangana to understand the variation in results for different state boards.

Based on the report, all states have been asked to work on the standardisation process of assessment.

"A meeting in this regard was held earlier this month wherein the presentation was shared with the states and concerns about developing a common assessment system was discussed," Kumar added.

NEW STUDY

'Climate changing driving away marine fish towards poles'

New Delhi, May 31 (PTI):

Global warming is causing the majority of fish populations in the sea to relocate towards colder waters nearer the north and south poles, according to a study on the impact of climate change on oceans. The researchers from the University of Glasgow in the UK found that, in response to ocean warming, many marine fish populations are shifting towards the Earth's poles or are moving to deeper waters all in a bid to stay cool. For marine life such as fish, the temperature of the surrounding water affects critical functions such as metabolism, growth and reproduction. Marine species also often have a very narrow livable temperature range making even small differences in the water impossible to cope with. As a result, marine life changes caused by global warming have been up to seven-fold faster than animal responses on land, the researchers said. The study, published in

the journal Global Change Biology, examined data on 115 species spanning all major oceanic regions, totalling 595 marine fish population responses to rising sea temperatures.

"We observed a striking trend (where) species living in areas that are warming faster are also showing the most rapid shifts in their geographical distributions," said Carolin Dahms, lead author of the study.

"It's possible that rate of warming in some regions may be too fast for fish to adapt, and so relocating may be their best coping strategy. At the same time we see that their ability to do so is also impacted by other factors such as fishing, with commercially exploited species moving more slowly," Dahms said.

While relocation to cooler water may allow these species to persist in the short-term, it remains to be seen how food-webs and ecosystems will be affected by these changes, the researchers added.

'Amend laws to punish rape of dead bodies'

HC TELLS CENTRE

Bengaluru, May 31 (PTI):

The High Court of Karnataka has asked the Centre to amend the relevant provisions of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) or bring in new ones criminalizing and providing for punishment for carnal intercourse with corpses.

The High Court made the recommendations after acquitting a person under Section 376 of the IPC as the rape provision does not have clause for convicting a person accused of having intercourse with a dead body.

The accused had murdered a woman and then had sexual intercourse with her body. The court, however, confirmed the rigorous life imprisonment and a fine of Rs 50,000 for the accused under Section 302 (murder) of the IPC.

"Admittedly, the accused had sexual intercourse on the dead body. Whether it amounts to an offence under Section 375 or Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code? A careful

reading of the provisions of Section 375 and 377 of the Indian Penal Code make it clear that the dead body cannot be called as human or person. Thereby, the provisions of sections 375 or 377 of the Indian Penal Code would not attract. Therefore, there is no offence committed punishable under Section 376 of the Indian Penal Code," the Division Bench of Justices B Veerappa and Venkatesh Naik T said in their judgment on May 30.

Citing the examples of several countries, including UK and Canada, where Necrophilia and crime against dead bodies are punishable criminal offences, the HC recommended that such provisions be introduced in India.

"It is high time the central government amended the provisions of Section 377 of IPC and included murder of a dead body of men, woman or animal as contemplated under the said provision," the HC said in its judgment.

"The central government shall amend the new provision in the IPC with

regard to sadism or necrophilia against the person whoever voluntarily has carnal intercourse against the natural including the dead body of the woman, punishable with imprisonment of life or with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to 10 years and also shall be liable for fine," it suggested.

The HC also directed the state government to ensure that CCTV cameras are installed in mortuaries in all government and private hospitals to prevent offence against dead bodies within six months. It also recommended maintaining mortuary services properly and sensitization of the staff.

The murder and rape incident dates back to June 25, 2015 and both the accused and victim are from a village in Tumakuru district.

The brother of the 21-year-old victim filed a complaint after his sister was found murdered. She had not returned from her computer class and her body was found with the throat slit on the way home.

JOY OF SUCCESS



Students of class 12 celebrate after Gujarat Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board (GSEB) declared results, in Ahmedabad, Wednesday.

'Large difference in performance of students from various boards a challenge'

New Delhi, May 31 (PTI):

EDUCATION MINISTRY STUDY

Large difference in performance of students from various boards, significant variation in pass percentages and no level playing field for students in terms of standard are among the challenges identified by the Ministry of Education in an assessment of classes 10 and 12 exam results.

The assessment has also pointed out that top five boards (Uttar Pradesh, CBSE, Maharashtra, Bihar and West Bengal) cover about 50 per cent of students and the rest 50

per cent students are enrolled in 55 boards across the country.

The study noted that the deviation in performance might be due to different patterns followed by boards and convergence of secondary and higher secondary boards into a single board in a state can help students.

The assessment also found that different syllabi followed by boards have created barriers for national level entrance tests.

According to School Education Secretary, Sanjay Kumar, the difference between pass percentages of various states has led the education ministry to now look at standardising the assessment pattern for all 60 school boards across various states in the country.

Currently, there are three central boards in India — the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Council for the Indian School Certificate

Examinations (CISCE) and the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS). Apart from these, various states have their own state boards, taking the total number of school boards to 60. Noting that the pass percentages vary significantly among boards, the study report points out that in senior secondary exams, while Meghalaya has a pass percentage of 57 per cent, Kerala has a pass percentage of 99.85 per cent. The report also noted that 11 states contribute to 85 per cent of school dropouts. These

states are Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Assam, West Bengal, Haryana and Chhattisgarh.

Among possible causes for higher failure rate in state boards pointed out in the report include less number of trained teachers and teachers per school.

'Nation First': Book brings to fore bravery of Indian Army wives

New Delhi, May 31 (PTI):

A new book, written by Shikha Saxena, wife of 1999 Kargil War hero Captain Akhilesh Saxena describes the largely overlooked turmoil endured by the families of military officers in the face of conflict. The detailed memoir, titled "Nation First", shows the boundless bravery of the Indian troops as well as the emotional tumult experienced by their kin both during and after war. It is the story of a young couple, Shikha and Akhilesh, who unexpectedly found themselves in the midst of war,

where the author depicts her personal experiences as well as those of her husband — badly wounded in missions at Tololing, the Hump and Three Pimples.

"The book contains firsthand and as-yet-undocumented information that reflects the mental status, emotions, and interactions of not just the Indian troops but also their families. This story showcases the value system of armed forces, and their courage to fight and defeat challenges on the battlefield and in life," the author said in a statement.

Akhilesh is currently

vice-president at Tata Communications, while Shikha is the founder and CEO of Inspiring Mantras, which conducts leadership programmes.

The book's foreword is written by General VP Malik and Ranjana Malik, the Chief of Army Staff (COAS) and the President of the Army Wife Welfare Association (AWWA) during the Kargil War, respectively. "This is truly a first-of-its-kind book. Never have I seen such an inspirational military life story covered in such detail. It is not just a narration of firsthand experience but also

an interesting insight into military traditions which build camaraderie, family support, an environment of strong patriotism and our military psychology," wrote the former COAS in the book.

Touted to be a story of "grit, determination and heroic patriotism" by Hachette India, the book is endorsed by the likes of Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari, veteran actor Anupam Kher and bestselling author Anand Neelakantan. While Gadkari called "Nation First" a "remarkable book"

on the human cost of war and the sacrifices it entails, Kher said the book brings to life the "bloodiest battles without losing sight of the tenderness of humanity". "I have read many books on war, but the way Shikha has narrated this electrifying story left me spellbound... This story can only be told by a person who has lived this reality and Shikha does it with great heart. This powerful memoir reminds us that courageous men in uniform are supported by the grace and poise shown by their families," wrote Gadkari in his praise for the book.

Tikait announces 'mahapanchayat' in Muzaffarnagar today

Muzaffarnagar (UP), May 31 (PTI): BKU leader Naresh Tikait said a 'mahapanchayat' will be held in Muzaffarnagar's Soram village on Thursday to discuss the ongoing protest by wrestlers against WFI chief Brij Bhushan Singh over sexual harassment charges. Tikait, the head of Balyan Khap, on Tuesday night said the matter will be discussed in detail in the mahapanchayat. On a drama-filled Tuesday, some of India's best wrestlers accompanied by hundreds of supporters gathered on the banks of the Ganga in Haridwar, threatening to immerse their World and Olympic medals in the holy river, but refrained after being convinced by Khap and farmer lead-

ers who sought five days to address their grievances.

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