



BRIEF



An injured passenger of Balasore triple train mishap after he arrived at the Howrah Railway Station in a special train, in Howrah, Saturday.

Injured

Kolkata: The engine drivers and guards of two trains were injured in the Odisha triple train accident and are being treated in different hospitals, a railway official said on Saturday. The engine driver and the guard of the goods trains, however, escaped unhurt, the official added. Coromandel Express's loco pilot and his assistant as well as the guard and Bengaluru-Howrah Superfast Express's guard were on the injured list.

Lifer

Jaipur: A court in Rajasthan's Ajmer district on Saturday sentenced a man to life imprisonment for raping a 13-year-old girl three years ago. POCSO court judge B L Jat also slapped a fine of Rs 58,000 on Sanwar Lal Mali, 28, Special Public Prosecutor Rupendra Parihar said. Due to the heinous act committed by Parihar, he cannot be shown any leniency, the court said.

Mishap

Nashik: Three persons including a child were killed and as many injured after their car turned turtle on a recently-inaugurated stretch of the Samruddhi expressway in Maharashtra's Nashik district early Saturday, police said. The accident took place at Dushingpur Shivhar near Vavi in Sinnar taluka.

Commissioned

Gopeshwar: A Bailey bridge has been built by the Border Roads Organisation over river Girthiganga in place of the old bridge which collapsed in April, cutting off nearly half a dozen villages of Niti valley and the border outposts of Niti pass. The portable bridge was operationalised on Friday, restoring direct road connectivity to the villages and the BOPs.

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HORRIFIC TRIPLE TRAIN CRASH

288 Dead, 803 Injured

Balasore, Jun 03:

The death toll in Friday's triple train accident in Odisha's Balasore has climbed to 288, a railway official said on Saturday.

Three trains -- Shalimar-Chennai Central Coromandel Express, Bengaluru-Howrah Superfast Express and a goods train -- were involved in the accident, one of the worst railway tragedies of the country. Citing reports available till 2 pm on Saturday, the official said 288 people were killed in the accident.

The official said 803 people were injured in the accident. Of them, 56 suffered grievous injuries, the official added. The train crash happened near the Bahanaga Bazaar sta-



A rescue and search operation being conducted after the accident involving three trains, in Balasore district, Saturday.

tion in Balasore district, about 250 km south of Kolkata and 170 km north of Bhubaneswar, around 7 pm on Friday, prompting the Railway Ministry to order a probe. The inquiry into the train accident will

be led by A M Chowdhary, Commissioner Railway Safety, South East Circle, the Indian Railways said in a statement. The Commissioner Railway Safety comes under the Ministry of Civil

Aviation. "These derailed coaches collided with the 12841 Shalimar-Chennai Central Coromandel Express and its coaches capsized too," he said.

A goods train was also involved in the accident as

'All in a few minutes'

In a matter of a few minutes, an express train entered a wrong track, hit a stationary goods train, its coaches got scattered all around including on an adjoining track, and another train coming at a high speed rammed into them and derailed. Many wagons of the two passenger trains, together carrying nearly 2,000 on board, turned turtle.

some of the coaches of the Coromandel Express, which was heading to Chennai, hit its wagons after getting derailed, he added. Gas cutters were used to extricate the bodies from under the derailed coaches. "Some of the scenes at the site were too gory to describe," said a passenger.

Prelim report states 'signal was given and taken off'

Investigators were on Saturday looking into any human error, signal failure and other possible causes behind the three-train crash in Odisha's Balasore district as officials submitted a preliminary inquiry report into one of the worst accidents that left at least 288 people dead and over 800 injured. Seventeen coaches were derailed and severely damaged in the accident, trapping hundreds of passengers.

Both passenger trains were at a high speed and it has been cited by experts as one of the main reasons for the high number of casualty. From a vantage point high above the ground, the disaster site looked as if a powerful whirlwind had thrown the coaches like toys on top of each other. Closer to the ground, bloodied, disfigured bodies and dismembered body parts lay enmeshed, creating a grotesque sight. Large cranes were deployed to move the wreckage and gas cutters were used to extricate the bodies from the mangled, toppled coaches.

Humanity trumps tragedy: People line up to donate blood

The Balasore district hospital and Soro hospital, where the injured have been rushed after a triple train accident, are bursting at their seams as the huge flow of patients has crammed up every room, with patients spilling onto corridors. Harried medical staff were seen trying to bring succour to patients, many of whom are from states other than Odisha and had difficulty in communicating. In all till mid-day, some 526 railway accident victims have been admitted to Balasore district hospital. Dr Mrutunjay Mishra, additional district medical officer (ADMO), Balasore district headquarters hospital, said, "I am in the profession for many decades, but have never seen such chaos in my life. All of a sudden 251 accident injured persons rushed into our hospital and we were not at all prepared. Our staff worked all through the night and provided first aid to all." "We were in fact surprised as a large number of youths made a beeline to donate blood here. We collected around 500 units of blood overnight. Thanks all. It is a lifetime experience. Now things are quite normal," he said.

Narrow escape for WB family, says god gave 2nd life

Three members of the same family survived the horrific train accident in Odisha's Balasore and returned to their home in West Bengal. Three members; Subroto Pal, Deboshree Pal and their child are the residents of Malubasan village in Mahisadal, Purba Medinipur in West Bengal. They were taking their son to Chennai to see the doctor before they met a horrific accident in Balasore. One of the survivors, Subroto Pal told ANI that he feels like being getting a new life after the incident. "We left for Chennai for Kharagpur station yesterday. After Balasore station, the train felt a jolt. Then we saw the compartment filling with smoke. I could not see anyone. The local people came to my aid and they pulled me out of the wreckage. It is like the god has given me second life," he said. Deboshree Pal, another survivor said that the scenes she witnessed at the time of accident will never go off her mind. "We were going to Chennai to see a doctor for our child. The accident happened at Balasore. We were not able to understand anything or find anyone."

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PM inspects train accident site, takes stock of situation



PM Modi interacts with injured passengers of the triple train accident, at a hospital in Balasore, Saturday.

Balasore, Jun 03:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday inspected the triple train accident site at Bahanaga in Odisha's Balasore district to take stock of relief and restoration operations.

He was accompanied by Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, and Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and was briefed on the situation by both Vaishnaw as well as officers of the disaster management team which worked overnight to rescue people at the disaster site where at least 261 people have died and 900 more injured.

'Stern action against guilty'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday promised stringent action against any found guilty for the triple train accident which occurred here on Friday night. Modi spoke to the press after inspecting the site of one of the country's worst train disasters at Bahanaga in Odisha's Balasore district and meeting victims at Balasore Hospital. "Stringent action will be taken against those found guilty in the train accident incident. No one will be spared," Modi said. Prime Minister also promised, "We will give the best possible treatment to those injured in this tragedy". He also expressed his gratitude to locals for all the help in rescuing people, many of whom worked through the night.

Four Naxalites injured in police encounter

Dragged away into forest hideout by colleagues

Sukma, Jun 03:

At least four Naxalites were reportedly injured in an encounter with security personnel in Sukma district on Saturday, but their colleagues managed to drag them away into a forest hideout, an official said.

The encounter took place on Saturday morning near Regadgatta village under Earrabor police station limits when a joint team of District Reserve Guard (DRG) of police was out on an anti-naxal operation, Sukma Superintendent of Police Kiran Chavhan said. The operation was

About the incident

The encounter took place on Saturday morning near Regadgatta village under Earrabor police station limits when a joint team of District Reserve Guard (DRG) of police was out on an anti-naxal operation. The Naxalites opened fire on the patrolling team, following which the gunbattle broke out. After a brief exchange of fire, the Naxalites escaped into dense forest. Three-four Naxalites were reported to be injured during the gunfight, but their colleagues managed to drag them inside the forest.

launched based on inputs about the presence of Naxalite commander Mangdu and his team belonging to Konta area committee of Maoists in Maraiguda and

Regadgatta villages, he said.

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Three Naxalites surrender

Three Naxalites have surrendered in Sukma district, a police official said on Saturday. He identified the three as 'jan militia' members Paraski Hidma, Podiam Soma and Vetti Sukka, all residents of Bheji area in the district.

SC intervenes in HC's 'Manglik' order for rape survivor

New Delhi, Jun 03 (PTI):

The Supreme Court Saturday stayed an unusual order of the Allahabad High Court asking the head of the department of astrology of Lucknow University to decide whether a woman, an alleged rape victim, is 'manglik' or not.

The high court had passed the order on May 23 while hearing the bail plea of a man, accused of raping the woman on the false promise of marriage.

Before the high court, the counsel for the man had argued that since she was a 'manglik', marriage between the two could not be solemnised and has been refused.

HC grants interim relief, Sisodia reaches residence to meet ailing wife

New Delhi, Jun 03 (PTI):

Former Delhi deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia arrived at his residence from the Tihar jail on Saturday, after getting interim relief to meet his ailing wife.

The Delhi High Court on Friday allowed the AAP leader, arrested in cases related to alleged irregularities in the city government's excise policy, to meet his ailing wife at his residence. Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma directed the Tihar jail superintendent to take Sisodia to his residence where he has been allowed to meet his wife from 10 am to 5 pm.

A senior jail official said Sisodia was taken to his residence around 9 am under



AAP leader Manish Sisodia arrives at his residence in New Delhi, Saturday.

security cover. He will have to report back at 5 pm. Sisodia was arrested by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on February 26 for his alleged role in the scam and has been in custody since. The high court denied him bail in the CBI case on May 30.

HC seeks report from LNJP on Sisodia's wife

The Delhi High Court on Saturday sought a report from the LNJP hospital on the health condition of AAP leader Manish Sisodia's ailing wife as it reserved its order on his interim bail plea for six weeks in a money laundering case arising from the alleged excise policy scam. Senior advocate Mohit Mathur, appearing for Sisodia, told Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma that pursuant to the court's directions passed on Friday, the former Delhi deputy chief minister was taken in custody to meet his wife earlier in the day but the latter's health condition deteriorated and was taken to be LNJP hospital before he could reach home.

HANUMAN CHALISA RECITAL



Bhajan maestro Dilip Sadangi recited Hanuman Chalisa at 'Rashtriya Ramayan Mahotsav' at Raigarh on Saturday. He was accompanied by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, other ministers in Chhattisgarh government, public representatives and thousands of devotees.

Rajasthan CM throws mike on floor

Jaipur, Jun 03 (PTI)

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot threw a microphone on the floor, apparently enraged after the public address system malfunctioned during a public event in Barmer. A purported video of the incident surfaced on social media. The chief minister, who was sitting on a chair, threw the microphone towards his left where the Barmer district collector was standing. The collector picked up the microphone. Another mike was handed over to the chief minister.

The chief minister's office denied an earlier interpretation of the video clip that the mike was thrown at the district collector. "The mike was not thrown at the district collector," an official said.

Visually-impaired kids from class 9 to study AI

At govt-run NIEPVD this year onwards

Dehradun, Jun 03 (PTI)

Students from class 9 at the country's premier institution for the visually-impaired NIEPVD may start studying Artificial Intelligence from this year in braille.

Along with AI, the National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (NIEPVD) has also opted for information technology (IT) and physical education under the skill development initiative of New Education Policy-2020.

Explaining the thought process, Amit Sharma, principal of the Model School in NIEPVD, said AI is the future and "we need to prepare the children

with visual impairment for it".

"The need to learn AI is already being seen and we do not want our children who are visually impaired to lag behind. Teaching this subject would help them better prepare for the future," he told PTI.

The curriculum of AI subject is being converted into braille and large print format for visually impaired children and may get introduced this year for them, he said.

Sharma said there might be teething issues while introducing the AI syllabus in braille but hoped it to be successful. "We saw very good responses from our children in IT subjects and many students are eager to learn AI too. We are hoping we will get the same results," he said.

59 MPs write to German ambassador for return of baby girl to India

New Delhi, Jun 03 (PTI):

Fifty-nine MPs from 19 parties have written to the German ambassador to India seeking his intervention in ensuring the return of an Indian baby girl who was taken away from her parents by the German authorities in September 2021.

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What MPs wrote.....

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Work for the party instead of following one leader

● **CM Bhupesh's advice to Youth Congress leaders, workers**

Raipur, Jun 03: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has given great advice to party's young leaders and workers in the state executive meeting of Chhattisgarh Youth Congress, held at Rajiv Bhavan under the chairmanship of State President Akash Sharma. 'You are not working for Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and Pradesh Congress Committee President Mohan Markam; you are working for Congress of tomorrow. Following a leader will not help. So work for the party and be well informed about history and



schemes' Baghel told the Youth Congress leaders and workers.

National in-charge Krishna Allavaru and PCC in-charge Kumari Selja and PCC president Mohan Markam were specially present in the meeting. Baghel told the Youth Congress workers to be well informed about the schemes of the government because at the time of elections so as to avoid confusion while going to the

public. Comments on social media have to be answered as well, he said, adding that senior leaders should be consulted before effectively answering the questions on social media. The works of the last 6 months were reviewed. Detailed discussion was held in the meeting about the upcoming works.

"Booth Jodo, Youth Jodo" being run by the Youth Congress for the last 6 months was reviewed.

There are more than 23000 booths in the state and Youth Congress appointed its office bearers by visiting more than 15,000 booths so far. Youth Congress will soon appoint its block presidents. Youth Congress leaders and workers visited 9000 Gouthans (cow-shelters) of Chhattisgarh under "Mera Gouthan, Mera Abhiman" program started last year.

In view of the upcoming assembly elections, all Youth Congress leaders and workers must go to their respective booths to make preparations, Baghel said. He further called upon them to make people aware of the public welfare schemes of the Chhattisgarh government. State in-charge Kumari Selja stressed the need for working with better coordination.

WRD files FIR over opening of Mohara Anicut gates

● **Show-cause notice issued to WRD time-keeper and Municipal Corporation watchman**

Raipur, Jun 03: The Water Resources Department (WRD) has filed an FIR at Basantpur police station regarding the unauthorized opening of five gates of Mohara Anicut in Rajnandgaon district on May 31. The authority has issued a show-cause notice to WRD timekeeper and the watchman of the Municipal Corporation. Currently, the Mohara Anicut is containing 74 percent of the water of total capacity, which is deemed satisfactory for the water supply in Rajnandgaon City.

According to the investigation report, the Executive Engineer of Rajnandgaon's Water Resources

Department revealed that unidentified individuals opened five gates of the Mohara Anicut on May 31. Prior to the incident, the Anicut had water with a capacity of 1.26 million cubic meters. Upon the unauthorized opening of the gates, water gushed out for approximately 4-5 hours, resulting in a decrease of around 15 cm in the water level within the Anicut, with an estimated loss of 90 thousand cubic meters of water. As soon as the Water Resources Department was notified about the gate opening, immediate action was taken to close it.

According to the investigation report, the Executive Engineer revealed that one key of the Anicut's gate is kept by the timekeeper of the Water Resources Department in Rajnandgaon, while the other key is kept by the

watchman of the Rajnandgaon Municipal Corporation. On May 31, the Sub-Divisional Officer of the Water Resources Department filed an FIR with the Basantpur police station in Rajnandgaon regarding the incident. Furthermore, an online FIR was filed on June 1 (FIR No. 0266, dated 01.06.2023) with the Basantpur Police station in-charge, Rajnandgaon.

The Deputy Director of the Mineral Department in Rajnandgaon has released a report concerning the incident. As per the report, an inspection of the affected area revealed that it was waterlogged as per the normal standard, and no illegal mining of sand was discovered in that region. The Mineral Department Officers are actively monitoring the area to ensure compliance and prevent any unauthorized mining activities.

The Commissioner of the Rajnandgaon Municipal Corporation has also released a report regarding the incident. The report revealed that authorities have asked the Mohara Plant in-charge and Shift in-charge to provide an explanation regarding the incident. Furthermore, the authorities have sent a letter to the Office of the City Superintendent of Police in Rajnandgaon, urging them to enhance night police patrolling. The authorities have assigned two employees for each of the three shifts to ensure continuous monitoring at the Anicut. In order to address the issue of darkness around the Anicut, the authority has installed a 250-watt light. The authorities have instructed officers and employees to conduct regular inspections of the Anicut region.

Sri Sathya Sai Sanjivani Hospital a temple dedicated to the service of mankind: Parwani

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Jun 03: State President of Chhattisgarh Chamber of Commerce and Industries Amar Parwani, General Secretary Ajay Bhasin, Treasurer Uttamchand Golcha, Working President Rajendra Jaggi, Vikram Singhdeo, Ram Mandhan, Manmohan Agarwal and State President of CAIT CG Chapter Jitendra Doshi, General Secretary Surinder Singh, Treasurer Ajay Agarwal, Working President Parmanand Jain, Vasu Makhija informed that on June 3, Saturday, Chamber State President Mr. Amar Parwani attended the program organised at Sri Satya Sai Sanjivani Hospital, Nava Raipur, Atal Nagar as the chief guest. Chamber representative team also gave their presence along with them. Chamber President Mr. Amar Parwani said that it is a matter of great pleasure for me that I have attended the program organized at Shri Satya Sai Sanjivani Hospital, dedi-



cated in the field of health and medicine, in Atal Nagar. I consider it my good fortune to have the continuous blessings of Sri Sathya Sai Baba. Sathya Sai Baba who freed spiritualism from rituals and linked it to the welfare of the people. Mr Parwani further said that health services are an important part of human life. Due to this changing lifestyle and pollution, people are in dire need of hospitals and medical services. Medical institutions which can help us to take preventive measures to save us from diseases are most important in today's scenario which Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital has been fulfilling it perfectly. It is not just a hospital but

it is like a temple dedicated to the service of mankind.

Highlighting the contribution being made by Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital in the field of medicine, Mr. Parwani said that this institution started to be built in 2011 was completed in 9 months and from 2012 the operation started in the hospital. In the last 10 years, more than 25000 children born with heart disease have been successfully operated free of cost, which is a big achievement in itself. Also, more than 100 OPD cases come to the hospital daily. The hospital also has a mother-child center where pregnant women are properly taken care of, good treatment is provid-

ed, normal and caesarean deliveries are also conducted. Food facility has also been provided for two attendants accompanying the patient, which is completely free of cost. Praising the Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital, Parwani said that the organization is focused on serving the people and has performed free heart surgeries for thousands of children in its various branches across the country. Children and local residents are majorly benefited from Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital, as well as till now patients from 17 countries have come here and taken health benefits and are leading a healthy life in their own country.

Man arrested for cheating woman of lakhs

● **Both identified each other through matrimonial website**

Raipur, Jun 03: Police have arrested one Param Savalalke from Maharashtra for allegedly committing fraud of lakhs of rupees on the pretext of getting married through a matrimonial website. Victim in her report to Telibandha police station said that a Param Savalalke, a resident of Bhilgaon, Nagpur Maharashtra was contacted through Jeevansathi website. Param claimed himself to be working in NHI Nagpur. After this the conversation started between the two, she said.

Meanwhile, on May 22, 2022, Param Savalalke came to Raipur to meet her. Param Savalalke demanded Rs 5000 from her in case of some need. She gave the money through

phone-pay. Second time he again took Rs 20000 from her. Subsequently she continued to meet Param Savalalke.

Param used to continuously demand money from her by telling different problems including the treatment and death of his grandmother and father. He had also talked of marrying her. On being influenced by his talks the girl started trusting him too much and gave around Rs 8 lakh to him in three months.

After a few days, when she demanded to return her money, he started evading. In the meantime the girl came to know that Param Savalalke is married and he has a son. She also came to know that his grandmother and father are alive. After this, the victim lodged a report in the police station. Police arrested him after investigation.

Speech and poster competition on World Environment Day

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Jun 03: Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board is organizing speech and poster competition on World Environment Day on June 4, 2023. The competition will begin at 10 am at New Convention Hall of New Circuit House, Civil Lines Raipur.

The theme of competition is "Reducing the use of single use plastic by bringing changes in personal habits and behaviours". Speech competition will be held for two age groups- 13 to 17 years and 18 to 21 years while

poster competition will be held for three age groups- up to 12 years and 13-17 years and 18-21 years, in which separate awards will be given.

The participants of the competition will have to bring photocopies of their identity card and age proof along with them. Registration will be done at the venue of the competition. It is mandatory for the participants to be present at 9:30 am for registration. Winners will be awarded on June 5, 2023 on the occasion of World Environment Day in a program organized at New-Circuit House, Civil Lines, Raipur.

Applications invited under Swachh TULIP program

Raipur, Jun 03: According to the guidelines for Swachh TULIP program, applications are invited till June 15, 2023 from B.Tech/BE graduate holders through online portal at https://internship.aicteindia.org/login_new.php in accordance of guidelines issued under Swachh Bharat

Mission in Municipal Corporation Birgaon. Participants for internship should not have completed more than 03 years after completing B.Tech/BE graduation. The duration of internship will be minimum 08 weeks to maximum 10 weeks. Maximum number of participants in Municipal Corporation

Birgaon will be 6. Participants will be selected by June 22, 2023 and offer letters will be sent through the portal and acceptance letters will be received from participants by June 28, 2023. According to the guidelines, the participants who successfully complete the internship will be given an honorari-

um of Rs. 4000.00 and certificate will be provided as well as digital certificate will also be issued through the portal. To get detailed information, the nodal officer of the Swachh Bharat Mission unit Mr. D.L. Dewangan and District Coordinator / P.I.U. Ravi Kumar Dewangan can be contacted.

Lord Ram received guidance from Mata Shabri: Poet Kumar Vishwas

● **Appreciates Chhattisgarh Government's efforts in developing Ram Van Gaman Tourism Circuit**

Expresses desire to visit all those places in Chhattisgarh where Lord Ram's footsteps touched the ground



'National Ramayana Festival'.

Vishwas expressed that Chhattisgarh is blessed with the presence of Lord Ram as the sacred dust of his feet graced this land. He emphasized that Lord Ram embodies the paramount ideals of universal well-being, prosperity, and harmonious governance. In 1932, Mahatma Gandhi penned his thoughts on 'Ram Rajya' and India in the

Navjivan newspaper.

"For many years, I have been traveling to Chhattisgarh frequently. Currently, there are extensive discussions taking place across the nation regarding the development of Lord Ram's exile route in Chhattisgarh", he said. The discussions regarding this matter are ongoing with Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and Minister of Culture Amarjeet Bhagat. "I extend my gratitude to the Chief Minister for his dedication to the development of the Ram Van Gaman Tourism Circuit and for organizing this splendid event on a national level. Remarkable work is being carried out to preserve the holy locations associated with Lord Ram", he said. Vishwas also expressed his desire to visit all those places where the footsteps of Lord Ram touched the ground. Vishwas

mentioned that today he will be presenting the 'Aranya Kand', which depicts Lord Ram's arrival in Chhattisgarh during his exile. At that time, this region must have been covered with dense forests. He had heartfelt conversations with the tribal communities. Shri Rama has shown us how simple the forest dwellers of this place are, how affectionate they are, and how they always stand with the truth. Mentioning his special wish to focus his discourse on Mata Kaushalya and Mata Shabri, he said "Mata Kaushalya sent her son to the forest for the welfare of the people. This requires a big heart. I want to narrate their stories. A beautiful event is taking place in Raigarh, the cultural capital of Chhattisgarh. Remarkable work has been done regarding the Ramayana as well."

Children involved in begging to be rescued



Raipur, Jun 03: Children involved in begging are being rescued jointly by District Legal Services Authority and the Police Department. More than 8 children have been rescued recently. Paralegal Volunteers of the District Legal Services Authority are implementing the schemes of NALSA. Legal literacy camps are also

being organized by the Paralegal Volunteers of the District Legal Services Authority for the schemes of NALSA. The children are being safely handed over to the child helpdesk officials after taking legal action under the "Child Friendly Legal Services Scheme" of NALSA and "Prayas Scheme" of SALSAs.

Abhinav Bindra Foundation launched in Raipur

● **By Ramakrishna Care Hospital, Raipur**

Raipur, Jun 06: The passion of people towards sports in India is unique. The sports industry in India is growing rapidly whether it is a competition in the form of leagues or initiatives by the government like Khelo India which has increased the popularity of sports. It is natural for players to get injured in sports, serious injury can happen to the players anytime, in which the player has to face problems in physical, mental and financial form and the entire career of many players is at stake. Keeping these things in mind, Ramakrishna Care Hospital made a new beginning in Chhattisgarh with Abhinav Bindra Foundation. On this occasion, Dr. Sandeep Dave, Managing and Medical Director of Ramakrishna



Care Hospital and Dr. Pankaj Dhabalia, HD Orthopedic Department, Arthroscopy and Sports Medicine, said that it is a matter of pride for our Chhattisgarh that here in collaboration with Abhinav Bindra Foundation, the sportspersons will get all possible treatment. Addressing the scribes here, Dr. Sandeep Dave, Managing and Medical Director of Ramakrishna Care Hospital said that such sportspersons of the state who get injured during practice or games and are financially helpless, incapacitated, such play-

ers will be treated under the supervision of Dr. Suman Kumar Nag, Consultant of Arthroscopy and Sports Medicine at Ramakrishna Care. Abhinav Bindra Foundation is a not for profit organization dedicated to the cause of excellence in sports, he added. Established by India's first Olympic gold medalist Abhinav Bindra, the foundation's main objective is towards sports science and its implementation in India, which also aims to ensure education and social upliftment through sports. Medical services of the presti-

gious Ramakrishna Care Hospital are being continuously expanded not only in Chhattisgarh but in the whole of Central India for state-of-the-art facilities of world-class medicine and surgery. Successful treatment of patients with complex diseases related to heart disease, kidney, liver, brain is done here by expert doctors and skilled experienced staff. Dr. Sandeep Dave, Medical and Managing Director of Ramakrishna Care Hospital, who is reputed as an experienced and skilled surgeon for more than 35 years, is devotedly engaged in achieving the status of the best hospital for Ramakrishna Care Hospital with his hard work and efforts. Bhagyashree of Abhinav Bindra Foundation informed about her achievements and struggles in her life and contribution of Abhinav Bindra Foundation.

Varsha Jaiswal crowned 3rd runner up in India's Greatest Talent Show: Season 3, 2023



Raipur, Jun 03: Varsha Jaiswal is working at NHMMI Narayana Superspecialty Hospital, Raipur. Along with her daily work of helping the patients, she also made excellent display of her talent. This talented artist from Raipur bagged the coveted title of 3rd Runner Up Singing (Regular

Category) in India's Greatest Talent Show: Season-3 in 2023, organized by Mr. Akash Mittal, Director, Agarwal Production House. This year the talent show was held on May 30th at 'Apno Rajasthan', a prestigious hotel in Jaipur. Varsha Jaiswal enthralled the audience with her unique singing skills during the show. Varsha's dedication, fighting spirit and incomparable talent helped her to achieve the prestigious title. India's Greatest Talent Show is known for fighting promiscuity and recognizing unique abilities and talents in various fields. This year the show was judged by 3 judges, which included the winner of 2018 Indian Idol along with eminent models and acting coaches.

IIIT-NR Conducts DARPAN workshop for Batch 2022

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, June 03: Every year IIIT-Naya Raipur conducts "DARPAN" for its first year students. DARPAN is a Career Guidance Workshop which provides a unique opportunity to the first year students to identify their strengths and interests and pursue opportunities as per their potential.

For the students who joined the institute last year (Batch 2022 students), the workshop was conducted on May 13, 2023 for Computer Science & Engineering students, on May 27, 2023 for Data Science & Artificial Intelligence students, and on June 03, 2023 for Electronics & Communication Engineering students.

During the workshop, the students develop a firm understanding of their long-term and short-term



goals by carrying out their own SWOT analysis. Each student is guided to self-inspect himself/herself and identify and list down his/her Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. Based on this analysis, each student prepares and delivers a presentation before the partici-

pating members.

DARPAN is a unique initiative of IIIT-NR, which enables its B. Tech. students to plan their professional career right in their first year and then work towards their plans for the next three years. The workshop also helps the students in sharpening their

presentation, public speaking and soft skills.

To facilitate the students to subsequently work towards their goals identified through this workshop, IIIT-NR has set up a Center for Professional Development that offers the resources and guidance to the students. Holistic de-



velopment of all its students has been the focus of IIIT-NR right from the very beginning, in addition to providing their state-of-the-art technical knowledge and skills, and this workshop plays an important role in meeting this objective.

Dr. Pradeep K. Sinha,

Director IIIT-NR, firmly believes that the four years spent by the students in professional institutes are the most valuable part of their lives and hence they should be guided in the right direction during their stay in the institute. Hence, he personally mentors the students during

the workshop. The participating students also expressed that they found the workshop very useful and helpful.

Ankitan Kumar said "Darpan workshop was an incredibly insightful experience. It provided a supportive environment for self-reflection, helping me

identify and leverage my strengths while addressing my weaknesses. Exploring opportunities and understanding potential threats, equipped me with the tools to make informed decisions and set meaningful goals.

Overall, the workshop has played a significant role in analyzing my strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, beneficial for my personal and professional growth". Anoushka Koul said "Life is all about becoming a better version of yourself. This workshop helped me in understanding that".

Dr. Sresha Yadav Nee Ghosh, Assistant Professor, Humanities and Social Sciences and in-charge of the Center for Professional Development, was the overall coordinator of this workshop. Tanu Patel, Nidhi Vaishnav and Jaydeep Singh were the student coordinators of the workshop.

ICAR-NIBSM Raipur hosts first academicians-industry meet

Need PPP model research by ICAR-NIBSM

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, June 03: First academicians-industry meet was organized by ICAR-NIBSM Raipur on June 02, 2023. An academicians-industry meet was the platform where academics (professors, researchers, scholars) and industry professionals came together to exchange knowledge, discuss collaboration opportunities, and bridge the gap between academia and industry.

The event had august presence of Dr

PK.Chakraborty Ex Member ASRB and Chief scientific advisor Dhanuka Agritech, Dr S.K. Malhotra Former Agricultural Commissioner and Director DKMA ICAR New Delhi, Dr Jitendra Kumar Former Director IFPT and ADG(NASF) Dr S.N Sushil Director ICAR-NBAII, Dr Shakil Head Agricultural Chemical IARI New Delhi alongwith Director Dr P.K.Ghosh and Joint Directors Dr P. Kaushal, Dr Ambast and Dr Anil Dixit and industry specialists from private repre-



senting the agriculture and allied sectors.

Dr PK.Chakraborty apprised the audience regarding the motive behind the meet and mentioned that the main objective is to provide a valuable platform for academia and industry to inter-

act, share insights, and foster collaboration for mutual benefit. He mentioned that public private partnership is urgent in progress of the country and invite more participation from private players of industries to collaborate with government and

support in innovation of more refined technologies in the field of agriculture.

In introductory remarks, Dr PK.Ghosh Director, ICAR-NIBSM highlighted the importance of this institute which is unique at the national level and first in Chhattisgarh.

He also briefed that some of the ready technology for collaborative and contract research in varietal evaluation, sharing pre-bred material, DSR technologies, end user trait specific varieties development academics can

share their research findings, expertise, and insights with industry professionals.

Dr SK Malhotra Former Agricultural Commissioner and Director DKMA ICAR New Delhi pointed out that Industry academia collaboration is paramount for commercialization of available technologies for translating immediate benefit to farmers.

The active interfaces are important to strategize for resolving unresolved issues in agriculture. Industry representatives made presentation on their product profile and offered to have partnership with NIBSM tech-

nologies for further commercialization.

The skills and competencies required in the job market. Academics could gain a better understanding of industry needs, enabling them to align their curriculum and teaching methods accordingly. CYTOLIFE Agritech Pvt Ltd, Mumbai believes in "Empowering Plants is Empowering Us".

CYTOLIFE has long sight vision "Help to build a food system to feed and nourish Humanity & Environment with parity." There is a continuum amongst Soil- Plant-Human - Environment. Says Dr. Amit Tripathi CEO of the industry

New railway timetable from Oct 01

Bilaspur, Jun 03: For the convenience of passengers, the current time table of the railway "Train at a Glance" and the validity of the Zonal Railway Public Time Table and Working Time Table published for the information of train movement and departure time and railway rules are 30 September. It will remain in force until 2023. The new time table will be implemented and published from October 1, 2023. The movement and departure time of trains will remain in force until September 30, 2023 according to the current railway time table "Train at a Glance" and Zonal Railway Public Time Table and Working Time Table.

Public welfare schemes bringing positive change in people's lives: Rudrakumar

Minister of Public Health Engineering and Village Industries inaugurated and performed Bhumi Pujan of various development works

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, June 03: Public Health Engineering and Village Industries Minister Guru Rudrakumar participated in the inauguration and Bhumi Pujan program of various development works organized at Karanja Bhilai in Durg district.

Addressing the program, Minister Guru Rudrakumar said that positive changes are coming in the lives of the people due to the public welfare schemes of the Chhattisgarh government. Chhattisgarh state is touching new heights of development under the



leadership of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel. He said that more and more people should get the benefit of the ambitious schemes of the state government and every possible effort is being made to take the development works to the last mile.

Asked Minister Guru Rudrakumar to take necessary action on the demand of local residents and also announced various development works including bore mining and shed construction. On this

occasion, Minister Guru Rudrakumar inaugurated and performed Bhumi Pujan of various development works to be done at a cost of Rs 1.16 crore.

Under which works like Kisan Kutir Bhavan, Bazar Chowk, cementation work, platform shed construction, reading room building in high school, cultural building chowk cementation, shed construction in Sheetla Talab, culvert construction, road cementation are included.

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, June 03: Indian Railways is the lifeline of the country through which crores of passengers travel every day to reach their destination. In view of the large number of passengers, Railways is always introducing new trains for the convenience of the passengers.

keeps taking new steps, Railway has set up a helpline number for the convenience of the passengers. Helpline Number) has been issued. Passengers get solution of every problem through this number.

Often people had to stand in long queues to get any information related to rail and different helpline numbers were issued for different types of information. It's not easy to remember all these different numbers.

Keeping this in mind Indian Railways has got rid



of this problem. Actually, Railways has started a special facility for the passengers.

Under this special facility, now any passenger can find out about any information related to the train or Indian Railways by calling just one number. The helpline number is one, but you will get many information from it.

Railways has asked to dial 'Rail Madad' helpline number- 139 for any information or complaint related to Indian Railways. This

number will be available for passengers 24 hours a day.

The 139 helpline number of Indian Railways is based on IVRS i.e. Interactive Voice Response System. In this you can find information in many languages.

Actually, by calling this number you will get facilities like security, medical assistance, accident information, train related complaint, station related complaint, vigilance information, parcel enquiry, general information, complaint action status.

'One Rail : One Number' 139 helpline number working in entire IR including SECR

By calling 139, help of the following services can be obtained

- Press 1 for security information
- press 2 for medical emergency
- Press 3 for train accident information
- Press 4 for any train related complaint
- Press 5 for common complaints
- Press 6 for vigilance related information
- Press 7 for freight , parcel information
- Press 8 for complaint status
- Press 9 for any station, vigilance and corruption complaint
- Press * to speak to a call center executive
- Enquiry: Press 0 for PNR, fare and ticket booking information

One can get information through SMS:
The 139 number is based on IVRS- Interactive Voice Response System. All mobile phone users can call 139. Passengers can also get information on this number by sending an SMS for train related inquiries and reservation related inquiries like PNR status, availability of tickets (regular and tatkal), train arrival, departure.

In tiger reserve; three hurt

Central Chronicle News

Gariaband, June 03: Villagers allegedly attacked a team of forest personnel and injured three of them when they arrived to clear encroachments inside a tiger reserve in Chhattisgarh's Gariaband district on Friday. The incident occurred in Taurenga buffer area of Udanti Sitanadi tiger reserve, where around 200 hectare of forest land has been encroached upon by felling around 20,000 to 30,000 trees, the reserve's deputy director Varun Jain told PTI.

The area is located on the border of Chhattisgarh and Odisha, around 200 km from capital Raipur, and is considered Naxalite-affected. When a forest team reached the village to remove the encroachments and set up water harvesting structures, vil-



lagers held three forest guards hostage and assaulted them with sticks, he said. They also pelted stones on three vehicles of the forest department and one belonging to NGO workers, breaking windshields and window panes, the official said.

The situation was subsequently brought under control and 20 villagers, including women, were detained, he said. While carrying out GPS-tracking in the area a few months ago, forest personnel found

that a large number of trees had been chopped in the area, which was covered with dense forest before 2011-12, the official said. The GPS-track file was evaluated with Google Earth imagery, which clarified that before 2011-12 there was dense forest in the area, he said. For further confirmation, the images were matched with satellite images from the Indian Space Research Centre (ISRO), which clearly showed that trees were chopped off on a large scale after 2011-12 in the

area and forest land was converted into farmland and huts were built, he said.

The investigation revealed that around 65 families from neighbouring Odisha and adjoining districts of Bastar settled there and named the place as Ichradi village and they felled around 20,000 to 30,000 trees, he said. People there also allegedly indulged in the smuggling of teak, he said. The forest department had last month caught a consignment of teak worth Rs 10 lakh from the inter-

state border in the area, which was reportedly supplied from Ichradi, the official said.

Villagers were served notices twice seeking their replies and documents in support of possessing the forest land. When they did not cooperate, they were asked to vacate the land, but they did not do, he said. Following this, the forest personnel launched an exercise to remove encroachments on May 26, he said. Villagers attacked forest staffs, injuring a deputy ranger and forest guard on May 26, he said, adding that six villagers were detained for the incident and later released. At least 69 huts were removed using a JCB at that time, but again 25-30 huts came up in the area, he said. "We have planned to set up 50,000 water harvesting pits on the encroached land to prevent soil erosion and recharge underground water," Jain said. PTI COR TKP.

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Flood control room set up in Collectorate

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, June 03: A flood control room has been set up in room number-6 of District Collectorate Office, Raipur in accordance with the instruction of Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Government of Chhattisgarh for relief and rescue arrangements from any natural calamity in the upcoming monsoon year 2023. The flood control room will operate 24 hours. The telephone number of the cell is 077-2413233. Collector Dr Sarveshwar Narendra Bhure has appointed Mrs Ruchi Sharma Deputy Collector as the nodal officer for flood control room.

SECR installs ATVM for the convenience of passengers

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur/Raipur, Jun 03: South East Central Railway takes utmost care of every minor need and inconvenience of its passengers during their journey. In this context, new automatic ticket vending machines have been installed at railway stations. This is greatly benefiting the passengers traveling daily. With these machines, they will be able to get tickets quickly, due to which the hassle of ticket lines at the stations has also ended.

At 55 major stations of South East Central Railway 88 card based ATVM has been installed. In this, 38 ATVMs have been arranged at 19



stations in Bilaspur division, 19 ATVMs at 13 stations in Raipur division, 30 ATVM machines at 23 stations in Nagpur division. These stations in-

clude Bilaspur, Champa, Raigarh, Shahdol, Korba, Anuppur, Akaltara, Naila, Pendra Road, Kharsia, Umaria, Kotma, Shakti, Budhar,

Baradwar, Ambikapur, Brajrajnagar, Belpahar, Uslapur, Kargi Road, Gondia, Itwari, Rajnandgaon, Chhindwara, Balaghat,

Process of withdrawing ticket from ATVM machine

To buy ticket from ATVM, the station for which ticket is to be bought first can be selected from the map or by writing its name. After selecting the station, the class of the train in which you want to travel has to be selected. After this the ticket fare will have to be paid. For which three options will appear on the screen. Tickets can also be paid through UPI and cash. If the ticket is to be taken from smart card, then by choosing the option of smart card, you have to place your card on the sensor holding the card on the machine. After which the machine will automatically deduct the fare from your card. After deducting the money from the card, the printed ticket will come out from the machine.

The specialty of this machine is that with this the railway passengers will be able to travel by deducting the unreserved ticket by paying online, avoiding the crowd at the ticket counter. Not only this, daily commuters can also renew their MST. With the introduction of the facility, the passengers are getting rid of the crowd and the work load at the unreserved ticket counters at the railway stations is reducing. The new ATVM machine is made passenger friendly. These machines have incorporated interface and simple procedure. So that even a normal person can use it easily. The ATVM will be used to purchase both unreserved and platform tickets. Bonus daily commuters can renew their monthly and quarterly tickets at the ATVM on the use of R-Wallet. Passengers will get the benefit of 3% bonus for using R-Wallet for payment. Passengers can buy tickets using railway smart cards and QR code-UPI based payment facility. Tickets will be printed on thermal paper in the new Automatic Ticket Vending Machine.

Bhandara, Road, Nagbhid, Katangi, Dongargarh, Kamathi, Nainpur, Ghansor, Tumsar Road, Vadsa, Raipur, Durg, Bhilai Power House, Bhatapara, Fort, Arjuni, Brahmपुर, Tilda, Nipania, Varasivni, Birsola, Mul, Hathband, Bilha, Dalli Maroda, Saundar, Rajhara, Bhilai Nagar,

Balod, Maroda are included.

Tickets can be purchased through UPI as well as through cash and smart cards from the ATVM machines in-

stalled by the Railways. This card is recharged like a metro card. After buying ticket from atm machine, its fare will be deducted from atm card only.

Ensure repair of school and construction works on time: Collector



Central Chronicle News

Manendragarh, Jun 03: A review meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Collector Manendragarh Narendra Kumar Dugga at the Collectorate's meeting hall regarding the construction works.

In the meeting the construction works in

School Education Department, 'Samgra Shiksha', Urban bodies, PWD, Women and Child Development Department and Panchayat department were reviewed. Instructions were given to start the works which have not been started and complete the pending works soon.

Collector Dugga said that by forming teams at District and JNpad level, the construction work and quality should be checked on priority basis. He asked to get the tender procedure for Janjiwan Mission released and start the work soon. The Municipal Corporation and PHE should form a joint team and conduct

checking the quality of water and ensure supply of pure drinking water to citizens.

In this review meeting, Municipal Commissioner Lavleena Pandey, Dy. Collector Vijendra Sarthi and other district-level officers from other construction works department were present.

MLA lays stone for power sub-station

In Gram Gangapur

Central Chronicle News

Pandaria, Jun 03: MLA Mamta Chandrakar laid stone for a power sub-station in Gram Gangapur of Pandaria block here on Friday and after this there will not be any problem in power supply.

MLA Mamta Chandrakar addressing the gathering said that their government has sorted out almost all the problems of the villagers and also worked to strengthen the farming community.

She said that on completion of this power sub-station, there will be uninterrupted power supply in the region and the farmers would be able to get power for irrigation on regular basis.

It is notable here that



demand for power sub-station in Gram Gangapur was made by the residents for long and now with the

laying of stone, this will be fulfilled soon. During this Congress party workers and em-

ployees from Electricity department of Pandaria rural and urban were present in large number.

Students, teachers take pledge to protect environment



Central Chronicle News

Kharora, Jun 03: A pledge on protection of environment was organised in a programme organised jointly under the aegis of Government Primary School, Nilja and Govt Middle School Nilja here on Friday. In this President Shala Prabandh Samiti and other office

bearers, staff of the Schools and local citizens and students were present in large number.

On this occasion, President of Gram Panchayat Nilja's Gauthan-Ghanshyam Sharma administered oath to the students and others on conservation of the environment. On this occasion, Sarpanch Gram

Panchayat Nilja-Chandrashekhar Verma, ex-Head Master Govt Primary School Nilja CS Sahu, Head Master Primary School-Santosh Kumar; member Shala Prabandh Samiti Ramesh Sahu and other office bearers, teachers of the School, students and citizens were present in large number.

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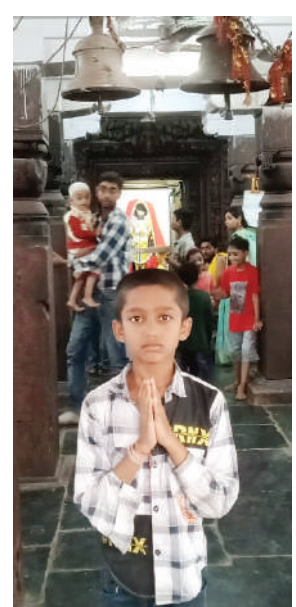
Rajim, Jun 03: On the occasion of 'Bhimseni Ekadashi' of 'Jyestha Shukla Paksha', devotees thronged Lord Vishnu i.e. Rajivlochan temple since morning, and the adornment and attire laden with ornaments and colours with a necklace of Kaustubh gem in neck, jaeu in body marked with Bhrgulata, arm-band, girdle on waist, holding conch, chakra, mace and Padma in all four hands was the epitome of devotion.

It is said that the form of Lord Rajivlochan changes three times, as early in the morning his is the phase of childhood, youth in the afternoon and in mature phase in the evening. The main prasad here is Atika, which is famous all over the world and is made from rice grains and is shaped by mixing different types of ingredients and the shelf life of this prasad is of months to-



gether.

Also in the four corners of the temple, there are Char Dham in which the temple of Vaman Avatar, Badrinarayan Avatar, Narasimha Avatar and Varaha Avatar is built. Lord Vishnu is present in the form of Sakshi Gopal under the main temple



Rajivlochan. Apart from these, the idols of Mahaprabhu Jagannath, Lakshmi Narayan Bhagwan, Dattatreya Bhagwan, Dashavatar of Lord Vishnu in the Vamana Avatar temple and different incarnations of God are established at the main gate of the temple.

Manorath Siddhi from Bhimseni Ekadashi

Rajim: It is said that there are 24 Ekadashis in a year and when Purushottam month comes, their number becomes 26. Those people who have not been able to fast for the whole year and observe Nirjala fast on Bhimseni Ekadashi, they get the result of observing all Ekadashis Lord Vishnu himself has created this fast. Ekadashi fasting is not only similar to Kamdhenu in Kaljug, but also in Dwapar Yug, there are evidences of Ekadashi fasting being successful. It is mentioned in the scriptures that it was difficult for Pandava's son Bhima to observe any fast because his abdomen was too hot and it was not possible for him to remain hungry. He also wanted to observe Ekadashi fast from his heart. In this regard, Bhima took guidance from Ved Vyas and Bhishma Pitamah, here both assured Bhima that if he fasts only on Nirjala Ekadashi in a year, he will get the fruits of 24 Ekadashi. After this, Bhim always fasted on Nirjala Ekadashi, hence the name of this Ekadashi is Bhimseni. Ekadashi fell. In Padmapurana, it has been said that Nirjala Ekadashi fast can be achieved. It is believed that by continuous and uninterrupted chanting of Om Namo Narayanaya or the twelve syllable name of Lord Vishnu, Om Namo Bhagwate Vasudevaya during the fast, the devotee becomes free from all karmic bondages and goes to Vishnudham.

Story worship of Lord Satyanarayan on Ekadashi

On the occasion of Nirjala Ekadashi, Katha Puja of Lord Satyanarayan continued in large numbers, while many people came to the Lord Rajivlochan temple itself to perform Katha Puja, while some people called Priest to their homes and got the Katha Puja done, after which the yagya was performed and donations were also given. Donating on Ekadashi date has been said to be very auspicious.

Overloaded vehicles cause problem for villagers

Central Chronicle News

Magarload, Jun 03: Bharatmala road construction works are being done to directly connect Raipur to Visakhapatnam, which is going through development block Kurud via Magarload. Hundreds of overloaded vehicles engaged in the construction of the Bharat Mala road are also facing problems due to dust and mud.



works are in progress. The road is getting damaged due to the overloaded vehicles engaged in the construction of Bharat Mala road, which have to be compensated and repaired again and again. Villages Megha, Kareli Chhoti, Chhipli, Luge,

Mohandi and other villages situated on the side of the road informed that the road is being constructed by ABD company which is still incomplete due to which mud is lying everywhere, in which Bharatmala road is being built.

Due to the movement of hundreds of heavy vehicles, more dust blows due to which the villagers are troubled and upset. In public interest, the villagers have demanded from the government administration to stop the plying of overloaded heavy vehicles on the road very soon.

Notable is A. D.B. It is also seen to be affecting the road being constructed by it. Due to this the works are getting affected. Due to which the construction work is not progressing.

The villagers had also demanded from the department in the past that a CC road should have been made from Megha to Kurud, which would reduce the maintenance cost of the road.

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3/ अतः आपके द्वारा लिये गये ऋण के एवज में उपरोक्त बंधक रखी गई अचल संपत्ति को वित्तीय अस्तित्वों का प्रतिभूतिकरण और पुनर्गठन और प्रतिभूति हित प्रवर्तन अधिनियम 2002 की धारा 14 में प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुये क्या न आधिपत्य में लेने की कार्यवाही की जावे। आप स्वयं अथवा अपने नियुक्त अधिभाषक के माध्यम से ऋण से संबंधित एवं बंधक रखी गई संपत्ति से संबंधित दस्तावेज लेकर पक्ष प्रस्तुत करने हेतु इस न्यायालय में पेशी दिनांक 19.06.2023 को ठीक 3.00 बजे उपस्थित होने सुनिश्चित करें। नियत तिथि में उपस्थित नहीं होने की दशा में आपके विरुद्ध एक पक्षीय कार्यवाही की जाकर, प्रकरण में निर्णय ले लिया जावेगा। आज दिनांक 25 मई, 2023 को मेरे हस्ताक्षर एवं न्यायालय की मुहर से जारी किया गया।
कलेक्टर एवं जिला दण्डाधिकारी रायपुर

BRIEF



Injured passengers of Balasore triple train mishap arrive at the Howrah Railway Station in a special train, in Howrah, Saturday.

Shot at

New Delhi: Two unidentified persons allegedly shot at a 38-year-old scrap dealer in southeast Delhi's Kalindi Kunj area, police said on Saturday. When the police arrived near the Eco Park in Jaitpur Road after receiving a PCR call on Friday, the victim had already been taken to AIIMS Trauma Centre. One motorcycle and three empty cartridges were found at the spot.

Arrested

Noida: Twenty-three foreign nationals, including eight women from Nigeria, were arrested from Uttar Pradesh's Gautam Buddha Nagar district for allegedly staying illegally in India, police said on Saturday. The arrests were made on Friday night, they said. Station House Officer, Surajpur, Inspector Awadhesh Pratap Singh said, "Last night, the police received information that some foreign nationals are living illegally in a society in the police station limits. Following this, a police team along with officials of the Regional Notification Department raided the society."

Recovered

Chandigarh: Security forces on Saturday recovered more than 5 kilograms of heroin that was airdropped by a Pakistani drone near the International Border in Punjab's Amritsar. The seizure was made by a joint team of the Border Security Force and the Punjab Police, a BSF spokesperson said.

Electrocution

Mumbai: A seven-year-old girl died of electrocution, while her two friends were injured when they came in contact with a live wire while playing outside their house at Vakola in Mumbai, police said on Saturday.

Mishap

Jamnagar: A two-year-old girl slipped into a borewell and was stuck at a depth of 20 feet in an agricultural field in Gujarat's Jamnagar district on Saturday following which fire department personnel launched a rescue operation, an official said.

Injured

Imphal: At least 15 people were injured when suspected Kuki militants armed with sophisticated weapons and bombs attacked two villages in Manipur's Imphal West district, police said on Saturday.

'SPITTING' ROW

Sanjay Raut and NCP leader Ajit Pawar lock horns

Nashik, Jun 03 (PTI)

A war of words erupted on Saturday between Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut and Nationalist Congress Party's Ajit Pawar with both leaders attacking each other indirectly amid a "spitting" row.

The Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena faction, NCP, and Congress are constituents of Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) preparing to contest the 2024 elections in alliance. The trigger was Raut spitting on the ground in front of cameras during a press conference on Friday when reporters sought his reaction to Shiv Sena MP Shrikant Shinde's jibe targeting Uddhav Thackeray.

Under flak, Raut on Saturday claimed spitting was accidental and not in-



tentional as he was having a problem with his teeth.

Earlier in the day, Ajit Pawar said such a "spitting" act is not Maharashtra's culture and one should be careful while speaking.

Hitting back, Raut said, "Spitting is better than urinating", apparently alluding to Ajit Pawar's controversial remarks he had made in 2013 when he was deputy chief minister of Maharashtra.

"Show me where I spit. It's their thinking, their mindset. They think that people spit on them and it's true. I told you yesterday that I had some problem with my teeth and it resulted in the act. My tongue came under my teeth when the name of the person who cheated Maharashtra, Shiv Sena, and Balasaheb Thackeray was mentioned and I spit. I didn't spit when the name of any politician was taken but I did so

when the names of traitors were taken," Raut said in Trimbakeshwar.

He claimed when (late Hindutva ideologue) V D Savarkar was produced in a court regarding a case, "he had spit on seeing the person (traitor) who had spilled beans about him".

Spitting on traitors is the Hindu culture. It is Hindutva, not a crime, he added.

"Spitting is better than urinating. Those who suffer know the pain. We are suffering and despite that, we are standing on the ground. I am still with my party. I do not think of aligning with parties like Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to avoid problems," he added.

Ajit Pawar had stirred up a row in 2013 with his comments ridiculing the acute water scarcity in the state.

Book on Moosewala's death to release on Monday

New Delhi, Jun 03 (PTI):

A new book gives a detailed account of the death and the subsequent investigation into the murder of Punjabi singer-rapper Shubhdeep Singh Sidhu — popularly known as Sidhu Moosewala.

"Who Killed Moosewala?", scheduled to release on Monday, is written by journalist-author Jupinderjit Singh. Published by Westland Books, it looks at the events of May 29, 2022, the day the Punjabi hip-hop star was shot by six armed

assailants while driving to his aunt's house in a village in Punjab.

"While reporting on it (Moosewala's death) I felt that news stories were not going to be enough and I decided to write this book... The weight of responsibility to stick to the facts pressed upon my soul, especially because the investigation is still ongoing. The toll on me is immeasurable, yet through it all, I persisted, driven by a desire to shed light on the murder that reminds us all of the fragility of life," said the author in a statement.

An icon for many, Moosewala had also been a controversial figure. There were allegations that he promoted gun culture and violence, and rumours that he had ties with certain gangs.

With his sudden and violent death, the questions about his life became louder — as also those around his death. "Who had killed Moosewala?" was what everyone wanted to know.

In the gripping and fast-paced book, the author closely follows the investigation into Moosewala's death and also offers us

glimpses into the man he was behind the mask of celebrity.

Besides the story of the slain singer and those behind his murder, this book is also a rumination on the growing unrest in Punjab.

"Singh's understanding of the case is strong and comprehensive. In this riveting book, backed by meticulous research, Jupinderjit offers up a fascinating portrait of the singer and the Punjab he inhabited," said Sanghamitra Biswas, executive editor at Westland Books.

'Pankaja's recent statements painful'

Aurangabad Jun 03 (PTI)

Nationalist Congress Party leader Eknath Khadse on Saturday dubbed as "painful" the recent statements of BJP national secretary and former Maharashtra minister Pankaja Munde, claiming she is being ill-treated in her own party.

Khadse was speaking to reporters at Gopinathgad in the Beed district where he visited the memorial of Pankaja's father Gopinath Munde on his ninth death anniversary.

Gopinath Munde, a former deputy leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the Lok Sabha, was appointed as the Rural Development Minister by Prime Minister Narendra Modi when he assumed office in



2014. He died in a road accident on June 3 of that year.

"I feel uneasy because there is a lot of difference between today's BJP and the party it was earlier. The statements that have recently come from Pankaja Munde are painful," Khadse said.

On Thursday, Pankaja said she belongs to the BJP but the party doesn't belong to her. Over the

past few years, there have been speculations that she has been sidelined by the state BJP.

"A family member of someone (Gopinath Munde) who served lifelong to expand the party (BJP) says that I (Pankaja Munde) will go and cut sugarcane and take sheep to graze is absolutely unfortunate," said Khadse.

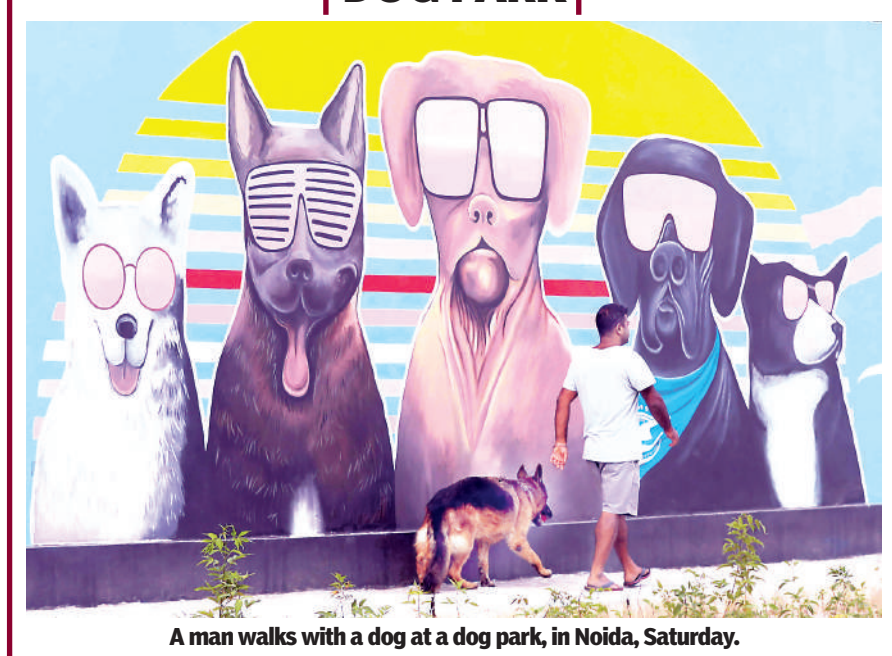
Pankaja served as the minister of rural development, women and child welfare when BJP's Devendra Fadnavis was the chief minister between 2014 and 2019.

In the last assembly elections, she lost to her estranged cousin and Nationalist Congress Party leader Dhananjay Munde on her home turf Parli.

After the first expan-

sion of the Eknath Shinde-Fadnavis cabinet in August 2022, she had said she might not have been "qualified enough" to get a berth.

DOG PARK



A man walks with a dog at a dog park, in Noida, Saturday.

Srinagar to develop 80-km walking space

● Under Smart Cities Mission

Srinagar, Jun 03 (PTI)

Srinagar will develop 80 kilometres of walking space in an "unprecedented" development for any Indian city, besides introducing water transport and electric buses under the Smart Cities Mission, a top official said.

Cycling tracks, a robust sewerage system and an underground electricity network across the city are also being set up, Srinagar Smart City CEO Athar Aamir Khan said.

According to the plan, electricity poles through which power is supplied to domestic consumers will be replaced with smart distribution plugs in Srinagar.

Of the 125 projects under the Smart Cities Mission — one of the Narendra Modi government's flagship programmes — 55, including redevelopment of the city's famous Polo View Market, have been completed and the rest are planned to be executed by the year end.

Projects under the mission aim to transform Srinagar into a modern, sustainable and economically vibrant city with a dedicated focus on improv-

ing infrastructure and services and increasing mobility.

Khan said all the projects under the mission, being implemented by the Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry, will strengthen urban infrastructure, improve city services, public aesthetics and ease of living and provide a clean and sustainable environment.

"We have plans to develop 80 kilometres of walking infrastructure in Srinagar, which is unprecedented for any city in the country. The city should be walkable and pedestrian-friendly and non-motorised infrastructure is of the highest priority," he said.

The Srinagar authorities are also installing 1,500 smart CCTV cameras for multiple purposes. Of these, 500 cameras have already been installed, Khan said. Talking about the redevelopment of the famous Polo View Market, executed at a cost of around Rs 10 crore, he said there was chaos as nothing was in order earlier.

"We recently completed the redevelopment project of the Polo View Market under which it has now become a non-motorised and pedestrian-friendly zone," the officer said.

Mohammad Yaseen, vice-president of the Polo

View Market Association, said there has been a 20 per cent rise in footfall since the redevelopment.

"We are hoping that our business will also grow with the redevelopment of the market. The traders appreciate the Srinagar authorities' efforts to redevelop the market," Yaseen told PTI.

Khan said they are also procuring 100 electric buses and added it will be the first time that electric buses will be part of the public transport system.

"We are looking at how to have better public transport for the city. To begin with, we are procuring 100 electric buses, 25 of which will start operating by the end of July," Khan added.

The Srinagar Smart City Limited aims for a comprehensive overhaul of the city's urban infrastructure, making it resilient, safe, sustainable and significantly improving the quality of life of citizens. Khan said the Srinagar authorities are also working on an integrated public transport system, describing it as the most efficient and equitable solution for urban mobility and climate change. Public transport saves money, facilitates movement and, hence, increases opportunities and increases land value, he added.

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RELIGIOUS GATHERING

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat with Swami Avdheshanand Giri and Swami Chidanand Saraswati at a programme in Rishikesh, Saturday.

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Body tied with scooter recovered from pond

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Bhilai, June 03: A person was killed and his body was thrown in a pond with a scooter. The body packed in a bag was tied with the scooter so that it could sink down. The murder was the outcome of some money dispute.

Some accused are in police custody for interrogation. According to information, this murder is associated with the online betting racket. Both the accused and the deceased had met in jail. Police are taking legal action after recovering the body.

The deceased was identified as Om Prakash. He was earlier imprisoned on charges of NDPS Act. In the jail, he met the accused who was imprisoned in con-



nection with a robbery case.

On May 31 around 19:30 hrs, the deceased Om Prakash was called by his friend to his rented house which is located in Umda Road. Om Prakash reached there on his scooty at around 20:00 hrs. Apart from accused Ashish Tiwari, some other people were



also present in that house.

They consumed alcohol with Om Prakash and after drinking, a dispute occurred between Om Prakash and others regarding money transactions. When the dispute escalated, Ashish Tiwari and his accomplices strangled Om Prakash to death at

around 22:00 hrs.

Around 23:30 hrs, they packed the body in a gunny bag and carried it to Murrum Quarry Pond on the scooty. They threw the scooty and the body in the Murrum Quarry pond so that it could not be traced.

Thereafter the accused returned home. Before throwing the

dead body into the water, the accused had kept Om Prakash's mobile and next morning (June 01), the accused called the wife of the deceased and demanded money.

Om Prakash's wife informed the police about Om Prakash's mobile phone call. Considering the sensitivity of the incident, the Superintendent of Police immediately directed the ACCU and all the officers of the police station to search Om Prakash and the accused.

In the case, Ashish Tiwari (34) a resident of Jamul and a native of Madhya Pradesh Devtalab Rewa, has been taken into custody. The detained accused is being interrogated. Other accused are being traced.

NCC Cadets of St Thomas college give message of environment protection

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Bhilai, June 03: As per the instructions of the 37 CG. Battalion NCC, Durg; a program was conducted by the cadets of NCC Unit from St Thomas College, Bhilai under Puneet Sagar Abhiyan, in which various events like essay writing Competition, Poster making competition and 'Street play' was performed covering topics like 'Plastic Free India', 'Effects of Plastic on Environment' and 'Plastic a bane for Future'.

College Administrator, Dr MG Roymon, Principal of St Thomas College, Bhilai showered their blessings as well as congratulated the whole NCC Unit. On the occasion of World Environment week celebration under Puneet Sagar Abhiyan, NCC Cadets presented a 'Nukkad Natak' on the street of Ruabandha as well as awareness rally was taken out.

Cadets tried to make people aware about why no plastic usage and benefits and drawbacks of having a clean and unclean water

bodies respectively. Puneet Sagar Abhiyan is being praised by civilians.

Dr Debjani Mukherjee (In-charge Principal of St Thomas College) and Dr Sapna Sharma (Head of Commerce Department) also praised the NCC Cadets for their efforts and selfless contribution over Puneet Sagar Abhiyan.

The whole event was successfully conducted under the guidance and support of Capt Dr Surekha Jawade ANO and care taker Santosh Yadav with the presence of all NCC Cadets.

Aadhya bags scholarship for Creative Writing

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Bhilai, June 03: Aadhya Priyadarshini Binoy of twin city has bagged the Centre for Cultural Resources and Training Scholarship under the category of Creative Writing, for the year 2022-23. The scholarship is under the aegis of Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

She is the daughter of Binoy Peranickal John, Senior Software Developer and Sheila Binoy, Features Writer. She published her first Poetry at the age of 7 and is currently writing a book on English Poetry. Aadhya is a student of class 9th DPS Risali.

**Aadhya**

Principal Prashant Vashista, teachers and management of DPS Risali have congratulated her for her future endeavours.

Prembhusan Ji Maharaj explains importance of Puja and Karmakand in life

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Bhilai, June 03: Human life has happiness and sorrows as well. A man should be careful in a situation of extreme happiness because sorrow also stands at the door and is looking for an opportunity. If a man is attached to worship and karmakand, then he gets an umbrella to escape from the heat of sorrows, said Pujya Prembhusan Ji Maharaj while reciting Shri Ram Katha at Shri Shankaracharya Medical College Ground, Junwani, Bhilai.

He said that the scriptures of Sanatan Dharma state that suffering cannot make much impact on the life of the devotee of Lord Bholenath. Pujya Shri said that Shri Ramcharitmanas has two aspects. In the story

of Ram ji, one side is of Leela and in the other side the character of Ram ji is visible. He said that the land of India is the land of God, the land of religion. Here only those who follow Dharma are always happy and those who follow the wrong path have to suffer.

He further said that God has never, anywhere talked about promoting caste discrimination. Maharaj Shri said he too supports establishment of Ram Rajya in India but Ramraj should be first established in our homes. When the people will start practicing Dharma, then Ram Rajya will be established within ourselves and in our family and ultimately in the society as well.

The kind of work a person does in the world, his life is also spent in that type of era. Kalyug never comes into the life of a person who is con-



stantly doing good deeds, he always lives in Satyug, he said. When Dashrath sent his son Ram to protect the yagya, this pious work paid off in the form of auspicious marriage of all the sons. Dashrath was also blessed with four sons by performing Yagya. Maharaj Ji said that there is no existence of darkness, absence of light is the name of darkness and as soon as light arrives, darkness automatically goes away.

In the same way, due to the advent of religion in the life of a man, all the dark sides of his life get illuminated automatically. Because of its religion and culture, India was the best country in the world and even today, there is no better country in the world than India. A large number of distinguished people were present to listen to Shri Ram Katha. Mukhya Yajman IP Mishra and his family offered prayers to the Vyaspeeth.

Create atmosphere at home to imbibe values among children

While interacting with media persons on Saturday morning at the residence of IP Mishra in Nehru Nagar, Prem Bhushan Ji Maharaj said that to make the children well cultured (sanskarvaan), there is a need to make the environment of that at home. There is no recipe for sanskar which can be mixed and fed to the children. Our children behave and learn by watching the life we live in our house.

Replying to another question, Pujya Shri said that many types of wrong incidents are reported with the girls of the society, for which the parents

are also to blame. Why didn't parents teach their daughters whom they should hang out with? Where should I go and where should I not go?

Be it a son or a daughter, if we do not give them proper education, if we do not inculcate values in them, we cannot expect good behaviour from them. The incidents of injustice and atrocities against daughters are absolutely condemnable, but the parents cannot escape from their responsibility. We may be able to prevent such incidents after the re-establishment of values in the new generation, Maharaj Ji said.

22 Nursing & 5 Pharmacy students from Rawatpura Institute selected

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Bhilai, June 03: The prestigious educational institution of Chhattisgarh Shri Rawatpura Sarkar Group of Institutions is carving out a bright future for the students in the field of Nursing and Pharmacy, the example of which was seen in the campus on Saturday, where 22 students of B Sc Nursing and 5 students of Pharmacy got selected in the placement.

The selection has been done in Raipur's renowned hospital Shree Medishine Hospital. Giving information, Mother Teresa College of Nursing Principal D Chennamma Bhaskar and Principal Dr



Alankar Srivastava said that on Saturday, placement was organised in the campus for B Sc Nursing and Pharmacy students by Shri Medishine Hospital.

The placement was headed by Placement Coordinator Pharmacy, Aastha Verma; Placement Coordinator Nursing, Kumhari Devika,

Placement Coordinator Nursing, Bilaspur, Jeris Amon Don and Placement Coordinator Nursing, Naya Raipur, Chandni Morley.

In the placement process, first registration process was organised, in which 22 students from nursing and 20 students from pharmacy successful-

ly registered. During the interview, Shree Medicine Hospital team selected 22 children from Nursing and 5 children from Pharmacy.

Here it needs a mention that Shri Rawatpura Sarkar Group of Institutions is the first such educational institution in Chhattisgarh, where 90 percent of the stu-

dents are getting placements from the campus itself. B Sc Nursing pass out students are doing well paying jobs in reputed private and government hospitals of Central India, who were provided campus placement by the institute itself.

Dr JK Upadhyay, Vice Chairman of the Institute said that 90 percent of the students of Shri Rawatpura Sarkar Group of Nursing College are currently enrolled in Sri Shankaracharya Medical Science and Hospital, Sri Narayana Hospital, Bal Gopal Children Hospital, Shri Medishine Hospital, Ram Krishna Hospital, Apollo Hospital, working in Bilasa Blood Bank.

Chhattisgarh MSME Facilitation Council's meeting held, 29 cases heard

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Bhilai, June 03: Chhattisgarh MSME Facilitation Council meeting was held in the last week of May at Directorate of Industries, Udyog Bhawan, Telibandha, Ring Road, Raipur. A total of 29 cases were heard in this meeting.

On the basis of arguments by the lawyers and mutual reconciliation and understanding between the two parties, a total of 7 cases were decided which came in favour of the victims. The aggrieved parties are very happy with these decisions and hope has arisen in them. Hearing of the remaining cases will be held in the next meetings on June 14 and July 14. Facilitation Council



member KK Jha told that after the hearing of cases and the speed with which the disposal is being done, there is an increasing interest among the aggrieved parties regarding this meeting. The aggrieved entrepreneurs are heaving a sigh of relief. In future too, if any MSME entrepreneur of the state is suffering and faces any problem regarding the payment, then he can ap-

peal in this forum and keep his point. The meeting of MSME Facilitation Council was attended by Arvind Garg and KK Jha, Chief Manager of SBI Zonal Office, Vijay Kavarkar as members. On the other hand, DS Dhurva, Rakesh Chaurasia and Prerna Aggarwal, Joint Director of the Industries Department, participated on behalf of the government.

HYU: 3600 online applications received for admission to various courses

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Bhilai, June 03: In Hemchand Yadav University, Durg (HYU) for the session 2023-24, the online portal of the university for admission in the first year classes of various faculties like BA, B Com, B Sc, BCA, B Lib, BBA, DCA etc started from June 01, 2023.

Giving this information, the registrar of the university, Bhupendra Kuldeep and Dean, Student Welfare, Dr Prashant Srivastava jointly said that within the first two hours of the portal launch, 500 students applied online.

According to the information received, a total of

3600 applicants applied online by the end of second day. Out of the total applications obtained 2400 applicants are girls and 1200 boys.

Meanwhile, the students of ICSC and CBSE and Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education who have passed class 12 in the 2023 annual examination have started receiving their mark sheets, transfer certificates and migration certificates.

According to the Registrar, Bhupendra Kuldeep, the academic calendar for the session 2023-24 has been released on Thursday by the Department of Higher Education, Government of

Chhattisgarh. According to this, the date from June 16 to July 31 has been fixed in the colleges for admission in the first year of graduation.

While for other classes it will be mandatory to take admission from June 16 to July 15 or within 10 days from the date of declaration of result. With the permission of the Vice-Chancellor, the last date for admission will be August 14. Regular classes will start in all the colleges from July 01.

The sports and cultural activities will start from July 18 and end on December 23. The time of January-February 2024 has been fixed for the con-

vocation of the university. Dean Student Welfare, Dr Prashant Srivastava said that the admission portal of Government Vishwanath Yadav Tamaskar Autonomous College, Durg has been opened from June 01.

Students desirous of admission in this college can apply directly on the portal of Science College, Durg. Dr Srivastava said that the guidelines for admission for the session 2023-24 have also been made available to all universities and colleges by the Higher Education Department. According to this guide, the admission process will be done in all the colleges.

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Bhilai, June 03: Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha held an interaction session with the youth at the Costa Resort of village Nankatti. Durg Lok Sabha MP Vijay Baghel, Sanjay Baghel, BJYM State General Secretary Upkar Chandrakar, State Vice President and Durg Divisional Incharge Bhupendra Nag were present. The programme began with lighting of lamps at the portrait of Bharat Mata. Shubham Sharma delivered the welcome address and invited the youth to share their social, political and other types of problems that they are facing while working in their areas.

In his address, Sanjay Baghel said that small things lead to big victory. In the previous elections,

the youths had formed a team which used to visit villages and campaigned as common students. Sanjay Baghel said that the Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh is an insensitive person. He had opened a liquor shop in Patan and set up a market where a crowd of 15,000 people gathers daily. Considering the problems of the locals, MP Vijay Baghel had launched an agitation but the peaceful agitators were arrested on charges of stealing liquor. Later MP Vijay Baghel had to stage fast unto death to get the innocent party workers released from the jail.

Divisional in-charge Bhupendra Nag said that BJP is the only party which has been formed with the idea of nationalism. Our goal is to rebuild the nation. Our vision is to build

Akhand Bharat and we are not talking about building a country but re-building the nation. We should be constantly engaged in the work of the organization and all the youth should take the guidance of the seniors on the subject of the organization and establish dialogue.

State General Secretary Upkar Chandrakar said that in the coming 2023, we all will work together to make the party win. In the program, 20-25 youths shared their views with MP Vijay Baghel. BJYM State General Secretary administered a pledge to all youths for making sustained efforts to uproot the Congress government in 2023 and in 2024 to fulfill the goal of making India a Vishwaguru by making Narendra Modi the Prime Minister again.

Durg MP Vijay Baghel said that it is a privilege for him to sit with the youth of Durg Lok Sabha. He said that in the 2019 Lok Sabha election, the youth wrote a new history in Chhattisgarh by winning the seat which was lost in 2014. Today, all the programs being organized by the BJP are being organized from the point of view of elections.

Farmers, laborers and youth have shared their views. If we all work on the suggestions given by all of you, then definitely our government will be formed. We all have only one resolution in mind, the resolution of victory and with this resolution, BJP has to form the government in 2023. Durg district general secretary Manoj Sharma compeered the program.



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Deadly Triple Collision

Urgent Need for Railway Safety Reforms

The tragic train accident in Odisha's Balasore district, claiming the lives of over 288 people and injuring 900 others, has once again exposed the vulnerabilities of India's railway system. This deadly triple collision involving two passenger trains, the Bengaluru-Howrah Superfast Express and the Shalimar-Chennai Central Coromandel Express, along with a goods train, has left the nation in shock and mourning. The incident was triggered by a derailment of the Coromandel Shalimar Express, which then collided with a goods train, causing multiple coaches to overturn. Subsequently, the Yesvantpur-Howrah Superfast Express collided with the derailed coaches. The high-speed nature of these collisions only exacerbated the magnitude of the disaster. This tragedy ranks among the deadliest train accidents in recent Indian history, reminiscent of other major train disasters that have plagued our nation. The memories of past incidents, such as the Gaisal train accident in 1999, the Khanna rail fire in 2005, and the Kanpur train derailment in 2016, still haunt us. Each time such a catastrophe occurs, questions arise about the effectiveness of safety measures and the urgent need for reforms in the railway system. It is disheartening to witness the loss of innocent lives due to failures within our rail infrastructure. The fact that a mere signalling failure can result in the collision of three trains is shocking and raises serious concerns. The responsibility lies not only with the railway authorities but also with the government, which must prioritize railway safety as a matter of national importance. In the wake of this tragedy, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called for a high-level meeting to review the situation and address the pressing issues surrounding train safety. However, mere meetings and discussions are not enough. Concrete actions need to be taken to prevent such accidents from recurring. The involvement of the Army, along with the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Odisha Disaster Rapid Action Force (ODRAF), and other rescue teams, highlights the severity of the situation and the need for collective efforts. However, the deployment of rescue teams after an accident should not be the norm; it should be a proactive approach towards preventive measures that saves lives. Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw's order for a high-level probe into the derailment is a step in the right direction. It is crucial to investigate the root causes of this tragedy and hold accountable those responsible for any negligence or lapses. Additionally, providing financial compensation to the affected families is a gesture of support, but it cannot bring back the lives lost. More importantly, it should be accompanied by tangible reforms and investments in railway infrastructure to ensure the safety of passengers. The cancellation and delay of numerous trains following the accident only magnify the widespread impact and disruption caused by such incidents. It is imperative to address the underlying issues in our rail network to prevent further inconvenience and tragedies. India's railway system, known as the lifeline of the nation, must undergo comprehensive reforms to prioritize safety. This includes regular maintenance and inspection of tracks, effective signalling systems, improved training and accountability of railway staff, and better disaster management protocols. Additionally, the introduction of advanced technologies and international best practices can play a significant role in upgrading the safety standards of our railways. The tragic triple collision in Odisha serves as a grim reminder that the safety of passengers should always be paramount. The nation mourns the lives lost in this horrific incident, and it is our collective responsibility to demand immediate action and reforms to prevent such disasters in the future. The time for real change in the Indian railway system is long overdue.

Uniting Against Injustice

Opposition's Battlecry Against BJP

Yash Pal Ralhan

The year 1974 serves as a stark reminder of a powerful opposition enclaving rallying against the Congress party. Today, however, the tides have turned, and the opposition has set its sights on the BJP. It is an undeniable truth that political parties in India lack steadfast ideologies, with their primary objective being the acquisition of power. Past instances, such as the communist and Jan Sangh (now BJP) coalition government in 1967 and the presence of both communists and BJP in the VP Singh government, exemplify this fact. Consider the case of Shiv Sena in Maharashtra and JDU, who once contested elections in alliance with the BJP but are now staunchly against it. Similarly, while a solitary Congress MLA emerged victorious in a recent by-election in West Bengal, reports suggest an alliance with the TMC party. These examples conclusively demonstrate the absence of rigid political ideologies, as seen in the alignment between BJP and Mehbooba Mufti's PDP. The purpose of highlighting these examples lies in the present political landscape, where the AAP party has left no stone unturned in leveling allegations against various political leaders. Now, the same party is reaching out to all opposition parties, seeking their support regarding the ordinance issued by the central government, which aims to curtail the powers of the Delhi government. As the ruling party in Delhi, AAP has the backing of the Supreme Court, which ruled that diminishing the powers of the Delhi government undermines the essence of federalism. Nonetheless, the central government maintains that the ordinance does not contravene federalism, given Delhi's unique distinction as the capital. The Modi government must not underestimate the significance of the political enclave on June 12th in the capital of Bihar, as the nation has witnessed the repercussions of similar gatherings in the past. Rajiv Gandhi's dismissal of the Bofors case ultimately led to his downfall, allowing VP Singh to seize power. Similarly, the Manmohan Singh government overlooked the implications of the 2G spectrum issue and lost their hold on power. While neither case involved any corruption, the perception created was one of rampant corruption. Even if the government comfortably manages to pass the ordinance in the Rajya Sabha, the opposition parties will seize the opportunity to unite around a common issue. This could prove costly for the BJP in the upcoming assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and Telangana, where the media reports suggest Congress has the upper hand. Additionally, Rajasthan is witnessing a close fight between the BJP and Congress. If this scenario materializes in the assembly elections, it will pose a significant challenge for the BJP in the forthcoming parliamentary elections. The protection of the federal structure of the Constitution provides the opposition with a significant platform to rally against the ruling party at the Centre. A notable example is the AAP's campaign to defeat the bill in the Rajya Sabha, which aimed to replace the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Ordinance, thus nullifying the Supreme Court's order to grant legislative and executive powers over administrative services in the national capital to the elected Delhi government. This campaign could very well become the litmus test for opposition unity nationwide, as the ordinance directly undermines the fundamental values enshrined in the Constitution. Although the ordinance may be passed, the issue of safeguarding the federal structure of the Constitution offers the opposition a vital platform for unity. Additionally, the pursuit of social justice advocated by the DMK stands as a collective cause to ensure elected representatives possess the power to fulfill their responsibilities. The nation watches these activities attentively, recognizing that the future of the country hangs in the balance.

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YOGA DAY PREPARATION



School students practice yoga ahead of the International Day of Yoga, in Jammu, Saturday, June 3.

Revamping Grain Storage: An Essential Step to Curb Post-Harvest Losses

MANOJ KUMAR K P



Addressing Post-Harvest Losses

It is distressing to note that post-harvest losses in India range from 4-6% for cereals to 5-8% for pulses, according to the government's report to the Lok Sabha. Such losses not only result in a criminal waste of grains but also perpetuate the hunger crisis faced by millions of Indians. By enhancing storage facilities, these losses can be minimized, thereby preserving foodgrains for consumption and improving farmers' livelihoods.

The Role of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS)

The government's plan aims to establish modern storage facilities at the block level through Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS). This approach is commendable as it ensures that farmers have access to improved storage options in their localities. Additionally, these PACS can serve as procurement centers for state agencies or the Food Corporation of India, allowing farmers to sell their produce at fair prices. However, it is essential to re-activate the inactive PACS across the country to maximize the potential of these societies, which have millions of farmers as their members.

Climate Change and Storage Challenges

Climate change poses a significant challenge to agricultural production, making it even more crucial to improve grain storage facilities. Heatwaves, extreme weather events, and variations in crop production and productivity are likely to increase in intensity and frequency in the coming years. This neces-

The recent approval of a Rs 1 lakh crore plan by the Union Cabinet to create the world's largest grain storage capacity in the cooperative sector is a significant step towards addressing the alarming post-harvest losses in India. With the country's storage capacity falling short of its foodgrain production, it is crucial to improve storage facilities quantitatively and qualitatively. Inadequate storage not only leads to damage and waste of foodgrains but also forces farmers into distress sales. By prioritizing food protection alongside production, the government aims to provide farmers with fair prices for their produce and ensure the nation's food security.

itates robust storage infrastructure that can withstand adverse climatic conditions and preserve foodgrains effectively. By adopting climate-resilient storage practices, the government can mitigate the impact of climate change on post-harvest losses and ensure food security.

Quantitative and Qualitative Improvements

The Rs 1 lakh crore plan must prioritize both quantitative and qualitative improvements in grain storage. Increasing storage capacity is crucial to accommodate the surplus production and prevent overflow in granaries. However, it is equally important to ensure that these storage facilities are scientifically designed, incorporating modern techniques to protect foodgrains from pests, insect weather, and spoilage. The utilization of advanced technologies, such as temperature and moisture control systems, can enhance storage conditions and prolong the shelf life of stored grains.

Investment for the Future

The allocation of significant funds towards improving grain storage facilities demonstrates the government's commitment to addressing post-harvest losses. However, it is crucial to ensure that these investments translate into tangible improvements on the ground. Adequate oversight and monitoring mechanisms should be put in place to track the progress of storage projects and ensure their timely completion. Additionally, robust training programs should be implemented to equip farmers and storage facility operators with the necessary knowledge and skills to manage the storage infrastructure effectively.

Collaboration and Private Sector Participation

To expedite the creation of modern storage facilities, the government should explore partnerships with the private sector. The expertise and resources of private companies can contribute significantly to the development of state-of-the-art storage infrastructure. Public-private collaborations can leverage technological advancements, innovative storage solutions, and efficient management practices to optimize grain storage and minimize losses. This approach can bring together the strengths of both sectors and drive transformative changes in the storage landscape to benefit farmers and the nation as a whole.

Awareness and Support for Farmers

Improving grain storage facilities requires a comprehensive approach that goes beyond infrastructure development. It is crucial to raise awareness among farmers about the importance of proper post-harvest management and the benefits of utilizing modern storage techniques. Training programs and workshops can be organized to educate farmers on best practices, including proper cleaning, drying, and packaging of harvested crops. By equipping farmers with knowledge and skills in post-harvest management, the government can empower them to reduce losses and enhance the value of their produce.

Monitoring and Evaluation

To ensure the effectiveness of the grain storage initiatives, a ro-

bust monitoring and evaluation system should be established. Regular assessments of storage facilities should be conducted to identify areas for improvement and address any issues promptly. Quality control measures should be implemented to monitor the condition of stored grains and prevent spoilage or contamination. By continuously monitoring the storage process, the government can make data-driven decisions, implement corrective measures, and optimize the storage capacity and efficiency.

Conclusion

Addressing post-harvest losses and improving grain storage facilities is a crucial step towards achieving food security, reducing waste, and supporting the livelihoods of farmers. The government's plan to create the world's largest grain storage capacity in the cooperative sector is a commendable initiative. However, it is vital to ensure that the allocated funds are utilized effectively, with a focus on both quantitative expansion and qualitative improvement of storage infrastructure. By engaging farmers, incentivizing adoption of modern storage practices, and collaborating with international expertise, India can make significant progress in curbing post-harvest losses and securing its food supply chain. With concerted efforts and sustained investments, the vision of saving every grain and ensuring a prosperous agricultural sector can be realized.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Economy moving forward

The report that India's GDP grew at 6.1 per cent during the January- March quarter of the financial time 2022- 23 is yet another index that the country's frugality is healthy and headed in the right direction. This will push the overall growth rate to 7.2 per cent for the full time, April 2022 to March 2023. But this growth index isn't a megalith; several factors also show we are doing many a thing right. During the quarter in discussion, husbandry growth accelerated to 5.4 per cent from 4 percent. Electricity, gas, water force and other mileage services member also grew 6.7 per cent during the fourth quarter from per cent in a time ago period. The GVA growth in the services sector, comprising trade, hostel, transport, communication and services related to broadcasting, was 9 per cent in the fourth quarter, against a growth of only 5 per cent a time ago, according to data from the ministry of statistics and programme implementation. This robust performance, along with overall sanguinity and compelling macroeconomic pointers, illustrate the promising line of the Indian frugality and the tenacity of its people.

Dr. Vijaykumar H K, Raichur, Karnataka

Delayed Justice

Despite compelling evidence, including CCTV footage capturing the brutal murder of a 16-year-old girl in Delhi by Sahil, progress in the police investigation has been sluggish. The footage clearly shows Sahil repeatedly stabbing and kicking the victim, while passersby turned a blind eye. Shockingly, even with the accused's confession, the Delhi court has extended his police remand. The presence of undeniable video evidence emphasizes the urgency for a swift and thorough investigation. Delaying justice not only undermines public trust but also perpetuates a sense of insecurity within society. The investigation must be expedited without further delay.

Reshma Nair, Kannur, Kerala

Critical Healthcare Crisis

The dismal doctor-patient ratio in India is further exacerbated by the recent clampdown on medical colleges by the National Medical Commission (NMC). While the shortage of doctors is a pressing issue, compromising quality for quantity is not the solution. Shockingly, even government colleges suffer from insufficient staff, operating at nearly half their required strength. Although the derecognition of colleges will undoubtedly disrupt students and their families, it is essential to recognize that graduating from a derecognized institution holds no value. The government must step in, providing financial assistance to safeguard the careers of thousands of students, thereby addressing this healthcare crisis.

Ramkumar Nair, Kollam, Kerala

Transforming Financial Services through Technological Innovation



Dr. Krishna Kumar Vepakomma

It is widely known that UPI, the Unified Payments Interface, has emerged as a transformative force in India's digital payments ecosystem, revolutionizing transaction processes and paving the way for a cashless economy. Its remarkable success has not only

reshaped domestic payments but has also garnered international recognition.

UPI has undergone remarkable growth since its establishment, revolutionizing the digital payments landscape in India. According to the NPCI, in April 2021, UPI facilitated an astounding 6.9 billion transactions amounting to INR 15.4 trillion. The remarkable surge in usage can be attributed to various factors, including UPI's user-friendly interface, convenience, and interoperability. Additionally, the widespread penetration of smartphones and the growing accessibility of affordable mobile data have significantly contributed to the widespread adoption of UPI throughout the nation.

The influence of UPI ex-

tends beyond the realm of digital payments and has left a profound imprint on India's economy and society. Primarily, UPI has played a significant role in fostering the expansion of digital transactions, diminishing the dependence on cash-based transactions. This transition has resulted in improved transparency, efficiency, and has been instrumental in combating illicit funds, all while promoting greater financial inclusivity. UPI's user-friendly nature has empowered individuals and small businesses in even the most remote regions to actively participate in the formal economy.

Moreover, UPI has stimulated innovation and entrepreneurship within the fintech industry. Its open architecture

has provided developers with the opportunity to create a diverse array of applications and services that leverage the platform's capabilities. This has led to the emergence of numerous fintech startups that have introduced groundbreaking solutions, including digital wallets, payment applications, and value-added services. These innovative offerings cater to the evolving needs of both consumers and businesses, further enriching the digital payments ecosystem in India.

In conclusion, UPI's remarkable growth and impact on India's digital payments have been possible because it is easy to use, convenient, and works well with different platforms. The widespread use of smartphones and af-

fordable mobile data has also helped make UPI popular. Apart from digital payments, UPI has helped the economy grow, made financial services available to more people, encouraged new ideas in the fintech sector, and given opportunities to individuals and small businesses. As UPI continues to grow and more people use it, it will bring further changes to India's financial system and help the country move towards a digital economy.

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BRIEF

Appointment



Kolkata: Ashwani Kumar has been appointed as the new MD and CEO of city-based public sector UCO Bank with effect from June one. Prior to this, he was the executive director of the state-owned Indian Bank and is a qualified chartered accountant, a statement by the bank said on Saturday. Kumar, an experienced banker, succeeds S S Prasad as the MD and CEO of UCO Bank.

Air India

New Delhi: Air India Express will start operating Haj flights from Kannur and Kozhikode on June 4. In a release on Friday, the airline said the Haj charters will be carried out in two phases. In the first phase, it will operate 44 flights from Kozhikode and 13 flights from Kannur to Jeddah and plans to carry 8,236 Haj pilgrims. In the second phase, the carrier will operate 44 flights from Medina to Kozhikode and 13 flights from Medina to Kannur. "This is the first time the airline is operating Haj services after winning the government-released bid for the two cities in Kerala," the release said.

Barmer refinery



Jaipur: Describing the Pachpadra (Barmer) refinery as an ambitious project for the entire country, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot stressed on starting commercial production from it by the end of next year. Gehlot said that this project will make Rajasthan a hub of petroleum based industries. The CM on Friday held a review meeting of the HPCL-Rajasthan Refinery Limited (HRRLL) project at Pachpadra in Barmer. "Pachpadra Refinery is an ambitious project not only for Rajasthan but for the whole country."

Indian American Ajay Banga takes over as World Bank President

Washington, Jun 03:

Indian American Ajay Banga on Friday took over as the President of the World Bank, making him the first person of colour to head either of the two global financial institutions, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. On May 3, the Executive Directors of the World Bank selected Banga, 63, as the 14th President of the World Bank for a five-year term.

In February, President Joe Biden announced that the US would nominate Banga to lead the World Bank. "Join us in welcoming Ajay Banga as the new President of the World



Bank Group. We are committed to creating a world free from poverty on a livable planet," the World Bank said in a tweet with a picture of Banga entering the bank headquarters here on Friday. "I wish Ajay Banga all the best as he takes up his new role as President of the World Bank today. I look forward

to continuing the deep partnership between our institutions to do good and help those most in need," IMF managing director Kristalina Georgieva said in a tweet. Banga has become the first-ever Indian-American to head the World Bank. He replaces David Malpass, who announced his decision to step down in February.

Banga most recently served as Vice Chairman at General Atlantic. Previously, he was President and CEO of Mastercard, a global organization with nearly 24,000 employees. Under his leadership, MasterCard launched the Center for Inclusive

Growth, which advances equitable and sustainable economic growth and financial inclusion around the world. He was the Honorary Chairman of the International Chamber of Commerce, serving as Chairman from 2020-2022. He became an advisor to General Atlantic's climate-focused fund, BeyondNetZero, at its inception in 2021. Banga served as Co-Chair of the Partnership for Central America, a coalition of private organizations that works to advance economic opportunity across underserved populations in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.

Not a merger but only transfer of policyholder related assets, liabilities of Sahara Life: SBI Life

New Delhi, Jun 03:

SBI Life, a subsidiary of country's biggest lender State Bank of India (SBI), has said it is not a merger between the two companies but only a transfer of the policyholder related assets and liabilities of Sahara Life Insurance. On Friday regulator Irdai directed SBI Life Insurance to takeover the policy liabilities of around two lakh policies along with assets of stressed Sahara India Life Insurance Co Ltd (SILIC). The decision was taken at the meeting of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai) in view of deteriorating financial health of the SILIC.

Following the Irdai order, SBI Life assured two lakh policyholders of

"high levels" of service and commitment as is accorded to our customers. "We have started and we are expeditiously working on the process of integrating all these policyholders in our systems. While the full integration may take some time, we request these policyholders to reach out to us on our helpline number 1800 267 9090 or email us at saharalife@sbilife.co.in," it said. SBI Life will shortly reach out to these policyholders and intimate them about various touch points and manner of servicing for a smooth transition, it said. Sahara Life Insurance was also not allowed to underwrite new business. Thereafter, further directions were issued to the insurer to meet the regulatory requirements.

Invest India to set up desks in all states to promote trade, investment, says Goyal

Panaji, Jun 03:

Officials of the Directorate General of Foreign Trade will be shifted to 'Invest India', which will set up trade and investment desks in each state of the country, Union Minister Piyush Goyal said here on Friday. These desks will promote investments and exports, he said, adding that work of the DGFT will be moved online so that no one will need to visit offices.

Interacting with industry captains in Panaji in presence of Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant, the Union Minister for Commerce and Industry said Invest India, which was helping foreign investors, will now also help domestic investors. "They (Invest India) will encour-



age more investment and also partnerships between the industries. They will also do match making," Goyal said.

Goyal said his ministry would be inviting 20-30 top pharma players to create four to five hubs of the sector in different states, including Goa. Efforts will be taken to expand pharma industries in states like Goa, Gujarat, Hyderabad (Telangana), Himachal, Uttarakhand, the minister said. He asked industry captains

IMAGINE STORE



Customers at the newly inaugurated Imagine store, a leading retailer of Apple products, in Bengaluru.

Efforts to increase availability of better veterinary health services to minimise economic losses: Union Min



Srinagar, Jun 03:

Efforts to increase the availability and accessibility of better veterinary health services have to be made to minimise economic losses due to animal diseases, Union Minister Parshottam Rupala said. The Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying chaired the inter-session meeting of the Consultative Committee attached to his Ministry here. Ministers of State for

Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Sanjeev Kumar Balyan and L Murugan, and members of the committee also attended the meeting. The committee deliberated on various aspects of "strengthening of veterinary services through mobile units and implementation of vaccination programme in the country". While chairing the meeting, Rupala said India has a vast resource of livestock and poultry, which play a vital role in improving the socio-economic conditions of rural masses. Therefore, the department has to make deliberate efforts to increase the availability and accessibility of better veterinary health services to minimise economic losses due to animal diseases, he said.

RACING EXPERIENCE



TVS launches a racing experience center, at KidZania in Noida.

Forex kitty drops USD 4.34 billion to USD 589.14 billion

Mumbai, Jun 03:

Falling for the second consecutive week, India's forex reserves dropped by USD 4.339 billion to USD 589.138 billion for the week ended May 26, the Reserve Bank said on Friday. In the previous reporting week, the reserves had declined by USD 6.052 billion to USD 593.477 billion. It can be noted that in October 2021, the country's forex kitty had reached an all-time high of USD 645 billion. The reserves have been declining as the central bank deploys the kitty to defend the rupee amid pressures caused majorly by global developments. For the week ended May 26, the foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves, declined by USD 4.014 billion to USD 520.931 billion, according to the Weekly Statistical Supplement released by the RBI on Friday.

India has huge potential for recycling of electronic wastes, says NITI Aayog CEO

New Delhi, Jun 03:

NITI Aayog CEO B V R Subrahmanyam said that India has been trying to give a push to circular economy as there is a huge potential for recycling of electronic waste. Subrahmanyam while addressing an event organised by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) also noted that India is extremely dependent on import of lithium and rare earth, key components in many electronic devices and various industrial applications, including medical technology, aerospace and defence.

He pointed out that if electronic wastes are not recycled then it can damage and pollute the envi-



ronment. "There is a huge potential for recycling of electronic waste," Subrahmanyam said. The NITI Aayog CEO said India is currently 5th largest economy and by 2030 it will become the third largest economy. Meanwhile, MeitY on Friday transferred cost effective Li-ion battery recycling technology to nine recycling industries and startups as part of the Mission LIFE under 'Promote circularity cam-

paign'. MeitY has developed this technology under the Centre of Excellence on E-waste management set up at the Centre for Material for Electronics Technology (C-MET), Hyderabad in collaboration with the government of Telangana along with industry partner Greenko Energies Pvt Ltd.

Also, speaking at the event, MeitY secretary Alkesh Kumar Sharma lauded the effort of the C-MET for developing a low-cost technology for local recycling industries and startups. He also appreciated C-MET scientists for venturing into niche technology development like hafnium metal sponge from effluents, which is available with a handful of countries.

Singapore among largest investors in India despite challenges: Indian businessman Khattar

Singapore, Jun 03:

Singapore has been one of the largest investors in India through government-linked corporations despite multiple challenges, a leading Indian businessman in the city-state has said. Speaking at a seminar following the launch of his memoir "Changing Destiny" at the Institute of South Asian Studies, a think-tank of the National University of Singapore, businessman Sat Pal Khattar also said that Singapore businesses in India have worked only with those government corporations that can take a medium-to-longer term view. "Singapore has for many years been one of the largest investors in India through government-linked corporations which have deep pockets and can take a medium-to longer-term view.

However, investing in India has always been challenging and continues to remain challenging," the 81-year-old entrepreneur said. Singapore is among India's largest trade and investment partners in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and accounted for 27.3 per cent of India's overall trade with ASEAN in 2021-22.

The city-state is the leading source of Foreign Direct Investment into India and over the last 20 years, the total investment into India from Singapore is almost USD 136.653 billion and accounts for nearly 23 per cent of the total FDI inflows. In his book, Khattar mentioned that the majority of Singapore's Chinese businesses feel more comfortable doing business in China.

HDFC Bank launches Mega Car Loan Mela

Mumbai, Jun 03:

HDFC Bank, India's leading private sector bank, announced the launch of a mega 'Car loan Mela' in Central India and Maharashtra. Over 650 bank branches across Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Northern Maharashtra and Vidarbha, will host the car loan drive on June 2 and 3, in partnership with leading automobile brands and car dealerships. Car dealers will be present at the branches to showcase their automobile models and will allow customers to take test drives of the vehicles. The Bank would provide on-the-spot loan sanctions to eligible customers. HDFC Bank provides a host of loans to all customers at affordable interest rates. The 'Car-loan Mela' is envisioned to provide customers easy access to automobile finance, especially in the SURU (semi-urban and rural) locations.

Auto sales on growth track riding on demand for SUVs

New Delhi, Jun 03:

Automakers led by Maruti Suzuki India, Hyundai, Mahindra & Mahindra, Toyota Kirloskar Motor on Thursday reported robust wholesales of passenger vehicles in the domestic market in May riding on strong demand for SUVs. Other manufacturers such as Tata Motors, Kia and MG Motor India also reported increase in their dispatches to dealers during the month.

Market leader Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) reported a 15 per cent rise in total domestic passenger vehicle sales at 1,43,708 units as compared with 1,24,474 units in the same month last year. The company's sales of mini cars, compris-



ing Alto and S-Presso, fell 30 per cent to 12,236 units as compared with 17,408 units in the year-ago period, while compact cars sales, including models such as Swift, Celerio, Ignis, Baleno and Dzire, increased 5 per cent to 71,419 units as against 67,947 units in May 2022. On the other hand, utility vehicle sales, including those of

Brezza, Grand Vitara and Ertiga, rose 65 per cent to 46,243 units as against 28,051 vehicles in the year-ago month, MSI said. Sales of mid-sized sedan Ciaz last month increased to 992 units from 586 units in the year-ago period, it added.

In a virtual interaction, Maruti Suzuki India Senior Executive Officer (Sales and Marketing)

Shashank Srivastava said the overall passenger vehicle dispatches grew by 13.5 per cent year on year in May at 3.34 lakh units.

He noted that it was the best monthly dispatches ever for the month of May. The previous best was May 2018-19 with wholesales of 3.10 lakh units. Srivastava noted that the SUV segment continues to grow and accounted for 47 per cent of the overall passenger vehicle sales in May. Commenting on MSI's performance last month, he noted that the company's sales growth last month was better than the industry's growth of 13.5 per cent. "Our market share in the SUV segment stood at 21 per cent in May as compared with around 12 per cent in same month last year.

Govt imposes stock limits on tur, urad dal till October to check hoarding

New Delhi, Jun 02:

The government imposed stock limits on tur and urad dals held by wholesalers, retailers, importers and millers till October to prevent hoarding and check price rise.

An order in this regard was issued with immediate effect by the Union Food and Consumer Affairs Ministry. All India average retail price of tur has increased by 19 per cent to 122.68 per kg on June 2, from 103.25 per kg a year ago. Similarly, the average retail price of urad has increased by 5.26 per cent to Rs 105.05 in the said period, as per the data maintained by the ministry.

Rakulpreet Singh-starrer 'I Love You' teaser twists love story into a thriller



The teaser of the upcoming thriller film 'I Love You' was unveiled on Thursday. The teaser initially talks about the warm fuzzy feeling of falling for someone, and soon twists into a thriller leaving the audience with a thousand questions.

The film stars Rakulpreet Singh, Pavail Gulati and Akshay Oberoi in the lead and has been directed by acclaimed filmmaker Nikhil Mahajan of 'Godavari' fame. Talking about the film, Nikhil said: "I Love You is a special film for me for many reasons. I collaborated with the wonderful Rakul and Pavail who have over the

making of this film become close friends of mine." He further mentioned: "It is also produced by Sunir Kheterpal and Gaurav Bose who ensured that we get to make exactly the film that we set out to make. And lastly, it has found its home at Jio Studios with whom I share a very special relation, as I also did Godavari with them and it's a place very close to home for me."

Presented by Jio Studios, 'I Love You' is a Athena Production, produced by Jyoti Deshpande, Sunir Kheterpal and Gaurav Bose. The film will soon drop on Jio Cinema.

Bret Lee reveals his superstition about cricket



Sony Entertainment Television's most adored comedy show, 'The Kapil Sharma Show', is all set to let the ball of laughter rolling as it welcomes ace cricketers - Brett Lee and Chris Gayle. Leaving everybody clean bowled with their charm in Kapil's Mohalla, the special guests will swing hilarious anecdotes about their lives on and off the cricket field, making everyone laugh out loud, literally! And, adding a musical twist to the cricket 'masti', will be singer and music composer, Arko Pravo Mukherjee.

During the lively conversation, host Kapil Sharma, will ask Brett Lee about his opinion on superstition and whether he believes in it. In response, Brett Lee will be seen sharing, "Sometimes, I have the tendency to put my left shoe on first, which has become a routine for me. It all started when I happened to score a few wickets after doing so, and I didn't want to risk displeasing any higher powers or gods. Rather than being overly superstitious, it has become a habitual part of my pre-game routine. I remember one match where I faced a player named Neil Mackenzie from South Africa, who was extremely superstitious. On one occasion, he went to bat in a test match and scored a century, but what made it peculiar was that all the toilet seats were lifted up. As a result, every time we had to bat afterwards, all the toilet seats had to remain up. It was a silly superstition."

Tune in to watch 'The Kapil Sharma Show' every Saturday and Sunday at 9:30 p.m. only on Sony Entertainment Television.

Ayushi makes a green impact by quitting the usage of plastic

Actor Ayushmann Khurrana, who has been appointed as the Goodwill Ambassador for Special Olympics Bharat, said that the first step towards nation-building starts with being inclusive as a society. Ayushmann said: "It has been a matter of personal responsibility for me as an artiste to create and foster a spirit of inclusivity in my country. I have tried to do that through my films and my work off camera because I feel the first step towards nation-building starts from being inclusive as a society." He added: "I'm proud to be appointed as the Goodwill Ambassador for Special Olympics Bharat and urge my fellow countrymen to participate in cheering our talented team that is headed to the World Summer Games in Berlin this year."

The Special Olympics Bharat have scaled up the preparation of the athletes ahead of the Special Olympics World Summer Games which are set to take place in Berlin, Germany between June 17- 25. India will be sending a 280-strong contingent comprising of 198 athletes and partners along with 57 coaches who will be competing across 16 sports disciplines at the prestigious event.

The crew of Star Bharat's popular show 'Ajooni' has taken a significant step towards creating a positive impact on the environment by completely eliminating the use of plastic on set. In a collective effort to contribute to society and the planet, the team has adopted sustainable alternatives, replacing plastic items with eco-friendly alternatives.

Ayushi Khurana, who plays the lead role of 'Ajooni' in the show, expressed her appreciation for this initiative, stating, "It's a small step towards change, and I truly commend this endeavor. I believe that each one of us should contribute to



society and our planet in some way or another. While it may not be easy to bring about a

drastic change overnight, even a small step can make a significant difference. That's why we

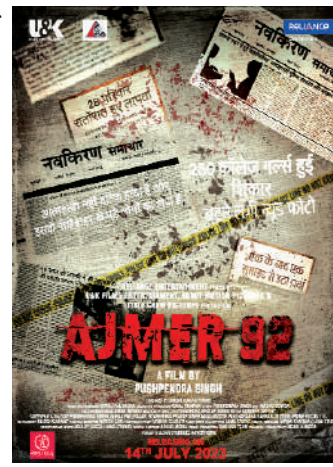
have collectively decided to quit the use of plastic on the sets of 'Ajooni'. We have transitioned to using glass cups, flasks for water, and steel plates and utensils."

The crew of 'Ajooni' sets a shining example for the entertainment industry by prioritizing environmental consciousness and adopting sustainable practices. By taking these small yet significant steps, they are not only reducing their ecological footprint but also inspiring viewers to make eco-friendly choices in their own lives.

Stay tuned to watch 'Ajooni' every Monday-Friday at 8:30 PM only Star Bharat.

The makers of 'Ajmer-92', release the first poster

Ajmer 92 tells the story of the grim plight of girls from the city of Ajmer in the year 1992. A gut wrenching tale of families that were torn apart in the wake of unspeakable crimes against women. Umesh Kumar Tiwari, producer of the film, added, "I believe it is essential to tell such stories to empower our youth. Through 'Ajmer-92,' we want our young girls, in fact, the entire youth, to etch the fact in their minds that good shall always triumph over evil." The poster of the film looks strikingly intriguing with newspaper cutouts smeared with blood. While we await further details about the film, 'Ajmer-92' is slated to release on 14th July 2023. Pushpendra Singh, director of the film, further stated, "I am grateful for being a part of such an important project. This project, this film is important because societies need to timely re-affirm their unwavering support towards women and 'Ajmer-92' exactly does that."



Supriya Shukla: I ensure that my presence in the show makes a difference

Actress Supriya Shukla, who will be seen in the third season of 'Bade Acche Lagte Hain', said that she ensures her presence in the show makes a difference.

The show has brought back the fan-favourite jodi of Nakuul Mehta and Disha Parmar, who are reprising their iconic roles of Ram Kapoor and Priya. One such actor to make her mark is Supriya Shukla, who essays the role of Ram Kapoor's mother.

Supriya shared: "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."

Ayushmann: Nation-building starts from being inclusive as a society

Shruti Haasan breaks into an impromptu performance at a restaurant in London

After her visit to Cannes, Shruti Haasan flew to the UK to resume shooting for her international film, 'The Eye'. During a visit to a restaurant in London, the actress wowed everyone there with an impromptu gig.

Shruti and her friends along with her partner Santanu Hazarika, decided to let down their hair and visited a popular restaurant Louie's for a night out. Whilst listening to their in house band perform foot tapping music, Shruti decided to enthrall the patrons with an impromptu performance.

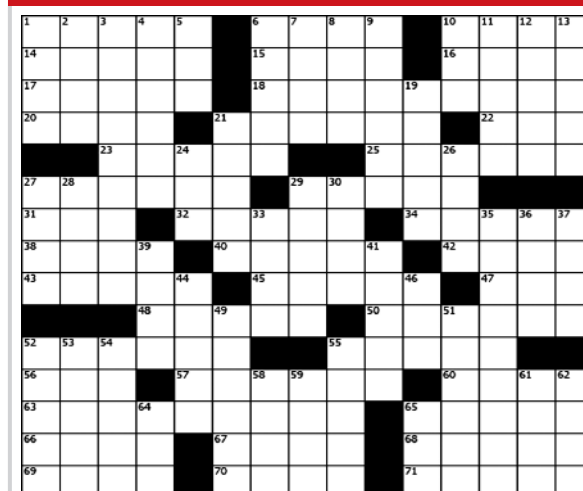
It was absolutely spontaneous and the restaurant's in house band played along making it one memorable evening.

Talking about her impromptu singing, Shruti said, "It was a lovely evening and when they asked me to sing, I was glad to. I loved it and everyone had a fantastic time."



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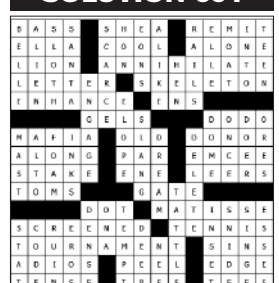
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India's fielding drills

Multi-coloured rubber 'reaction balls' to adjust to wicked deviation

Portsmouth, Jun 03 (PTI):

The Indian team's training sessions over the years have had their share of innovations and it is now using multi-coloured rubber balls for catching practice in order to adjust to last-minute deviations which could cost the side dear.

One of the Indian team's fielding drills at the Arundel ground here saw rising star Shubman Gill taking catches with the colour of the ball being green.

There were also yellow coloured balls but not the lawn tennis balls one usually gets to see when keepers and close-in fielders take powerfully hit reflex catches.

"These are specially made rubber balls, not the ones we are used to seeing in gully cricket. This is made for fielding drills. These balls are named 'reaction balls' and it is used for fielding drills only in



(L-R) Yashvi Jaiswal, Ishan Kishan and Rohit Sharma of India walk on the field during India training.

some specific countries, mainly England or New Zealand where breeze and colder conditions become a factor," a renowned fielding coach, who has worked at NCA and at national camps, told PTI. Asked if

there was any significance for the green coloured balls that was used to give catching practice to Gill, he said: "I don't think there is any specific scientific or cricketering reason for any specific colour. But cer-

tainly there is a reason for using that kind of rubber balls for catching practice - especially for slip fielders and keepers."

"In England, due to underlying moisture and the lush green outer area (be-

yond 22 yards) means that the ball will wobble a lot more than usual.

"England is the only country and to some extent in New Zealand, you will find that deliveries that beat the batter's outside edge is deviating wickedly, making it difficult to gather or catch the ball. The Dukes in England in fact wobbles even more," the coach added. He then explained why these rubber "reaction balls" are being used for training. "These balls are lighter in weight and hence it would wobble and also swing or deviate more. The idea is to get adjusted to this changing trajectory or line of the ball.

"Now coming to the colour the various colours are used because it is a human tendency to lose the sight of ball at last second. Various colours help you to judge the line of deviation till the last moment while catching the ball," he added.

India maul Uzbekistan 22-0 in opener

Women's Junior Asia Cup

Kakamighara, Jun 03 (PTI):

Annu slammed a double hat-trick as India started their campaign in the women's Junior Asia Cup on an emphatic note with a 22-0 thrashing of a lowly Uzbekistan, here on Saturday.

Annu (13th, 29th, 30th, 38th, 43th, 51st) was the star performer for India, while Vaishnavi Vitthal Phalke (3rd, 56th); Mumtaz Khan (6th, 44th, 47th, 60th); Sunelita Toppo (17th, 17th); Manju Chorsiya (26th), Deepika Soreng (18th, 25th), Deepika (32nd, 44th, 46th, 57th), and Neelam (47th) were the others on target.

India began attacking the Uzbekistan citadel from the onset and took an early lead when as Vaishnavi (3rd) converted a penalty corner.

Mumtaz doubled India's lead three minutes later with a field strike. Annu



added to the team's tally by netting a goal as the opening quarter ended with India enjoying a 3-0 lead.

The second quarter was no different as India continued to dominate the proceedings and scored goals at will through Sunelita, Manju, Deepika and Annu, thus enjoying a commanding 10-0 lead at the half-time.

The script was the same after the change of ends as

Deepika netted one through penalty corner while Annu struck two more to help India take 13-0 lead.

Mumtaz and Deepika scored in dying moments of third quarter to make it 15-0.

It was one-way traffic as India pumped in seven more goals in the final quarter. India will next play Malaysia in their second pool game on June 5.

Junior World Cup: Indian shooter Sainyam wins gold



Suhl (Germany), Jun 03 (PTI):

India's Sainyam on Saturday claimed the gold medal in the women's 10m air pistol competition to start the country's campaign in the ISSF Junior World here on a rousing note. Sainyam shot 238 in

the eight-women final to finish on top of the podium, even as the other Indian in fray, Suruchi Inder Singh settled for the sixth place with 154.1.

Korea's Kim Minseo claimed the silver medal with a total score of 236, while the bronze went to

Liu Heng Yu of Taipei, who shot 216.9.

Sainyam was placed third in the qualification with 571, while Suruchi was in fifth place. Sainyam clinched bronze in women's 10m air pistol event at the Khelo India Youth Games in February.

French Open

Paris, Jun 03 (AP):

Last year's finalist Casper Ruud rallied to beat Zhang Zhizhen in the third round of the French Open on Saturday, ending a strong run by the Chinese player.

The fourth-seeded Ruud, who lost to Rafael Nadal in last year's final, won 4-6, 6-4, 6-1, 6-4.

Zhang was the first Chinese man to reach the third round at Roland Garros since Kho Sin-Khie in 1937. Kho also reached the fourth round in 1936 but that proved a step too far for Zhang, despite a lightning start on Court Suzanne Lenglen.

Zhang broke Ruud in the opening game and went on to take the set as the Norwegian player grew more and more frustrated. Matters grew worse for Ruud as he



found himself 0-40 down on his serve early in the second set but he collected his emotions and after a topsy-turvy set went on to level the match at his first opportunity.

Ruud then improved in the last two sets and sealed the match with a forehand down the line on the first of two match points. The match will be fol-

lowed by an intriguing third-round encounter involving two teenagers: American Coco Gauff, who is 19, and Russian Mirra Andreeva, who is 16. However, reigning Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina pulled out of the French Open before her third-round match on Saturday because she is sick.

Elena Rybakina pulls out

Paris, Jun 03 (AP):

Reigning Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina pulled out of the French Open before her third-round match on Saturday because she is sick. "I just wanted to give 100%, and obviously I'm far from being 100%," Rybakina said. "If I cannot breathe, there is no chance I can even run and try to compete." The No. 4-seeded Rybakina was supposed to face 132nd-ranked Sara Sorribes Tormo in the day's opening contest on Court Philippe Chatrier. They were scheduled to begin playing at 11:45 a.m. local time, but instead, at that very moment, Rybakina sat down behind the microphone at a news conference to explain why she was withdrawing from the year's second Grand Slam tournament.



Sounding stuffed up, Rybakina explained that she has been running a fever, didn't sleep well the past two nights and had difficulty breathing during a warmup session Saturday ahead of her match. She said a doctor told her there is a virus going around "here in Paris." power-built game based in part on one of the best serves on the WTA Tour, which she leads in aces this season.

I want to bat with same intent that I showed in IPL and Ranji Trophy: Rahane

Arundel, Jun 03 (PTI):

Back in India colours after nearly 18 months, senior batter Ajinkya Rahane doesn't want to have any "regrets" for the time lost and would like to bat in the upcoming World Test Championship final against Australia with the same "intent" like he did in the just-concluded IPL.

"Coming back after 18-19 months, whatever has happened, good or bad, I don't want to think about my past. I just want to start afresh and keep doing whatever I have been doing," Rahane told BCCI TV on the sidelines of India's training session. "Personally enjoyed playing for CSK as I have been batting well throughout the season, even before IPL. I had a very good domestic season and I felt good. So this comeback was a bit emotional for me."

Rahane, who was a part of CSK's fifth IPL title-winning side, has already received a lot of praise for his attacking batting and improved strike-rate in T20 cricket, and especially the 27-ball 61 against Mumbai Indians showed a shift in his intent.

"I want to bat with the same mindset and show same intent that I showed before coming here in IPL and Ranji Trophy. I would not like to think about for-



mat whether it is T20 or Tests. The way I am batting now, I don't want to complicate things and the more I keep it simple, better it is for me," the veteran of 82 Tests and 4,931 runs said.

The man, who led India to the most talked-about series triumph in Australia, back in 2021, also praised Rohit Sharma for leading the team admirably for the better part of this WTC cycle.

"I thought culture in team now is really good. Rohit is handling the team really well and I am sure Rahul bhai is also handling the team really well. That helps as well and atmosphere is really good. Whatever I am seeing right now is that everyone is enjoying each other's company," he said.

India beat Great Britain 4-2 in shoot-out of FIH Pro League

London, Jun 03 (PTI):

India defeated Great Britain 4-2 in a penalty shoot-out to earn a bonus point after both sides were locked at 4-4 at the end of the regulation time in a high-scoring second leg FIH Pro League match here on Saturday.

Skipper Harmanpreet Singh (7th minute), Mandeep Singh (19th), Sukhjeet Singh (28th) and Abhishek (50th) were the goal scorers for India.

Sam Ward (8th, 40th, 47th, 53rd) was the star for the home team firing all the four goals.

The win ensured a bonus point for India but they are still lying second in the standings below Great Britain with 24 points from 12 games.

Great Britain are atop the table with 26 points



from 11 matches. India had earlier lost 4-2 to Great Britain here in the first leg before thrashing Belgium 5-1.

India will next travel to Eindhoven, Netherlands to play the hosts on June 7 in the Europe leg of their FIH Pro League campaign.

Lakshya goes down fighting

Bangkok, Jun 03 (PTI):

The Indian challenge at the Thailand Open ended after star shuttler Lakshya Sen lost a tough three-game men's singles semifinal against Thailand's second seed Kunlavut Vitidsarn here on Saturday.

The 21-year-old from Almora looked in control in the first game against his seeded opponent but lost his way as the match progressed to eventually go down 21-13 17-21 13-21 in a contest that lasted one hour and 15 minutes. Kunlavut will next play

the winner of the other semifinal between Hong Kong's eighth seed Cheuk Yiu Lee and Toma Junior Popov of France.

Lakshya had entered the semifinal for the first time this season, having come close in Indonesia Masters, where he exited in the quarterfinals.

His ranking has dropped down to 23 from a career-high sixth due to a string of below-par performances this year.

It was neck-and-neck between the two shuttlers initially in the first game before Lakshya surged to 11-6 lead at the break.

Rafael Nadal has arthroscopic surgery for the hip injury

Paris, Jun 03 (AP):

Rafael Nadal had arthroscopic surgery on Friday night for the injured left hip flexor that forced him to sit out the French Open for the first time since he won the first of his record 14 titles there in his 2005 tournament debut.

Nadal's spokesman, Benito Perez-Barbadillo, said three doctors were involved in the procedure, which was taking place in Barcelona.

Perez-Barbadillo said he expected to be able to pass along information about the operation on Saturday, which is Nadal's 37th birthday. The Spaniard hasn't competed anywhere since he lost to



Warner hopes to end Test career with swansong at SCG next year

Beckenham (UK), Jun 03 (PTI):

Star Australian opener David Warner on Saturday revealed his desire to end his red-ball career with a swansong Test at his home ground at the SCG against Pakistan in January.

Talking ahead of Australia's training session here, Warner, who is preparing for next week's World Test Championship (WTC) final against India, said he hopes the Sydney Test against Pakistan would be his last.

However, given his recent struggle in the longest format of the game, the southpaw isn't guaranteed a spot in the Australian Test side.

"You've got to score runs. I've always said the (2024) T20 World Cup



would probably be my final game," Warner said.

"I probably owe it to myself and my family - if I can score runs here and continue to play back in Australia - I can definitely say I won't be playing that West Indies series.

Mackenzie McDonald in the second round of the Australian Open on Jan. 18. Nadal's movement clearly was restricted for much of that match and he ended up with his earliest exit at any Grand Slam tournament since 2016.

An MRI exam the next day revealed the extent of the injury, and Perez-Barbadillo said at the time that Nadal was expected to need up to two months to fully recover. He initially aimed to enter the Monte Carlo Masters in March on his beloved red clay, but he wasn't able to play there, then subsequently sat out tournament after tournament, decreasing the likelihood that he would be ready for the French Open.

Govt bans 14 fixed dose combination drugs

● Cites they may involve risk to people

New Delhi, Jun 03 (PTI)

The government has banned 14 fixed dose combination drugs including Nimesulide and Paracetamol dispersible tablets and Chlorpheniramine Maleate and Codeine syrup citing there is "no therapeutic justification" for these medicines and that they may involve "risk" to people.

The Union Health Ministry issued a notification on Friday in this regard.

The banned drugs included those used for treating common infections, cough and fever — combinations such as Nimesulide + Paracetamol dispersible tablets, Chlorpheniramine Maleate + Codeine Syrup, Pholcodine

+Promethazine, Amoxicillin + Bromhexine and Bromhexine + Dextromethorphan + Ammonium Chloride + Menthol, Paracetamol + Bromhexine + Phenylephrine + Chlorpheniramine + Guaiphenesin and Salbutamol + Bromhexine.

The move comes following recommendations by an expert committee. The expert committee said that there is "no therapeutic justification for this FDC (fixed dose combination) and the FDC may involve risk to human beings. Hence, in the larger public interest, it is necessary to prohibit the manufacture, sale or distribution of this FDC under section 26 A of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940. In view of the above, any kind of regulation or restriction to allow for any use in patients is not justifiable."

"And whereas, on the basis of the recommendations of the Expert Committee and the Drugs Technical

Advisory Board, the Central Government is satisfied that it is necessary and expedient in public interest to regulate by way of prohibition the manufacture for sale, sale and distribution for human use of the said drug in the country," the notification stated.

FDC drugs are those which contain a combination of two or more active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) in a fixed ratio.

In 2016, the government had announced the ban on the manufacture, sale and distribution of 344 drug combinations after an expert panel, set up at the behest of the Supreme Court had stated they were being sold to patients without scientific data and the order was challenged by the manufacturers in court.

The currently banned 14 FDCs are part of those 344 drug combinations.

RESCUE OPERATIONS



NDRF personnel conduct a rescue and search operation after the accident involving three trains that claimed at least 261 people and left 900 others injured, in Balasore district, Saturday.

'He was going to Chennai': 23-year-old migrant worker from Malda leaves behind distraught family

English Bazar (WB), Jun 03 (PTI)

Mashrekul of West Bengal's Malda district was heading to Chennai in search of work when the train tragedy in Odisha took away his life, officials said on Saturday.

Mashrekul, 23, was travelling on the Shalimar-Chennai Central Coromandel Express, which was involved in the crash that killed 261 people,

they said.

His family was in anxiety ever since they received the news of the accident on Friday night. "We got to know around 9 pm that the train on which Mashrekul was travelling has derailed. We started calling people travelling with him. We got to know about his death around dawn," his mother said, crying inconsolably.

"He left home on

Thursday. He told us that he is going to Chennai for work," she said sitting outside her modest house in Dhangara village in Chanchal block.

Mashrekul, the sole bread-earner of the family, is survived by his parents, wife and two children.

Malatipur MLA Abdur Rahim Boxi of the TMC visited Mashrekul's house and assured the family of all possible support.

Nityam Ray, a resident of Bhowra village in Bamangola police station area of the district, was also killed in the accident. He too was travelling on the Coromandel Express when the accident happened, his family said.

Ray, 30, spoke to his wife moments after he boarded the train from the Shalimar station in Howrah district. "That was the last time I spoke to him," she said. He was going to Kerala along with a relative, Chandan Ray of Tapan police station area in Dakshin Dinajpur district, in search of work.

Balasore district hospital a 'war-zone' with rooms bursting with patients

Balasore, Jun 03 (PTI)

The Balasore district hospital and Soro hospital where the injured have been rushed after three trains derailed one on top of another in a horrific accident, killing at least 261 people and injuring over 650 in Odisha, looked like war zone with the injured lying on stretchers in the corridor and rooms bursting at its seams with extra beds propped up to take care of the unending stream of injured passengers.

Harried medical staff were seen trying to bring succour to patients many of whom are from states other than Odisha and had difficulties in communicating. In all till mid-day

some 526 railway accident victims have been admitted to Balasore district hospital.

Dr Mrunujay Mishra, Additional District Medical Officer (ADMO), Balasore district headquarters hospital said, "I am in the profession for many decades, but have never seen such a chaos in my life. All of a sudden 251 accident injured persons rushed into our hospital and we were not at all prepared. Our staff worked all through the night and provided first aid to all."

Sixty-four patients were referred to SCB Medical College Hospital in Cuttack. Now we have 60 patients in beds. Others were discharged after minor surgery. "We were

in fact surprised as a large number of youths made beeline to donate blood here. We collected around 500 units of blood overnight. Thanks all. It is a lifetime experience. Now things are quite normal," he said. Policemen and locals have been volunteering to donate blood at Balasore district hospital and other hospitals through the night, said officials. More than 2,000 people gathered at the Balasore Medical College and Hospital in the night to help the injured, and many also donated blood, officials said. The morgue at the hospital was a pile of white shrouded bodies, many of them yet to be identified as relatives are yet to make their way to

the town with many train services cancelled or delayed due to the accident on a major railway trunk route. Jagdeb Patra who is admitted to Balasore hospital with fracture in both hands said he was travelling to Chennai.

A large number of people including many from West Bengal were frantically visiting the Balasore hospital and Soro in search of their missing relatives and friends.

The injured have been rushed to Balasore, Soro, Bhadrak, Jajpur hospital and SCB Medical College in Cuttack. Mukesh Pandit an injured passenger from Jharkhand, who was going to Chennai in the Coromandel Express told PTI that he "never realised

when the accident occurred only regained consciousness to realise he was in extreme pain."

Doctors from AIIMS-Bhubaneswar have been dispatched to Balasore and Cuttack in Odisha to assist in the relief operations at site of the train accident, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said on Saturday. "Two teams of doctors from AIIMS-Bhubaneswar have been dispatched for Balasore and Cuttack to assist in relief operations at the rail accident site in Odisha," Mandaviya said on Twitter. "We are providing all required help and medical assistance to the victims of the tragic train accident to save precious lives," he added.

Jalpaiguri man who went to work at Bengaluru hotel dies

Sagar Kheria of Jalpaiguri district in West Bengal went to Bengaluru three months ago to work at a hotel, and was returning home when the train tragedy in Odisha took away his life.

Kheria, 30, even spoke to his parents around 6.45 pm on Friday, minutes before the triple train crash in Balasore district, a family member said on Saturday. He was among 14 people from Nagarakata block in the district who went together to Bengaluru in search of work, officials said. While Kheria died in the

tragedy, two people of the group were injured and the rest missing, they said.

All of them were travelling on the Bengaluru-Howrah Superfast Express. They were returning home for the first time, and were visibly happy, their distraught families said. The two injured persons were identified as Dharmanath Singh, 19, and Aman Onrao, 24. Aman is undergoing treatment at a hospital in Kolkata, while Dharmanath is admitted at a hospital in Balasore, officials said.

No one from reserved coaches of Bengaluru-Howrah train injured or dead

● Few in GS coach wounded: Officials on Odisha train crash

Bengaluru, Jun 03 (PTI)

Following the horrific train crash in Odisha involving the Bengaluru-Howrah Superfast Express, Railway officials here on Saturday said as per the latest information available, no one from the reserved coaches got injured or died, while few passengers from the General Seating (GS) coach had some injuries.

The overturned GS and SLRD (Brake Van) coaches are still being restored and rescue works are on, they said.

At least 238 people have been killed and over 900 injured in the crash in Balasore district of Odisha on Friday involving the Bengaluru-Howrah Superfast Express, the Shalimar-Chennai Central Coromandel Express and a goods train.

Officials of the South

Western Railways (SWR) here said 994 reserved and around 300 unreserved passengers are estimated to have boarded the Bengaluru-Howrah Superfast Express from Sir M Visvesvaraya Terminal

(SMVB) in the city. It is learnt that 2 GS coaches and Brake Van of the express train that left from SMVB derailed, they said, "As they were unreserved coaches, it will take some time to ascertain iden-

tity of passengers. In reserved coaches, details of passengers including contact number are available in the database as they are registered during reservation of ticket." Upon receipt of more updates, more details

would be shared with the public, they added. According to an update available from Balasore, officials said the unaffected portion of the train with passengers has left towards its destination — Howrah.

ODISHA TRAIN CRASH

Passenger on Coromandel Express narrates sequence of events

New Delhi, Jun 03 (PTI)

Anubhav Das, a passenger on the Coromandel Express that was involved in a horrific triple train crash on Friday, has posted an eyewitness account of the tragedy on Twitter.

In a series of tweets, Das has described how the accident unfolded.

"As a passenger on the Coromandel Express from Howrah to Chennai, I am extremely thankful to have escaped unscathed. It probably is the biggest train accident related incident.

"Three trains were involved in the accident — Coromandel Express 12841, Yesvantpur-Howrah SF and a goods train. Initial impressions are that the Coromandel Express derailed and collided with the goods train (parked on the loop track on the side)," he said.

Das said subsequently, the derailed coaches were hit by the oncoming Yesvantpur express on a nearby track.

In one of the tweets, he said: "3 general coaches of Yesvantpur Express are completely damaged and

derailed. Almost 13 coaches of Coromandel Express including general, sleeper, AC 3 tier and AC 2 tier are completely damaged.

"Not to exaggerate but I have myself witnessed more than 200-250 deaths. Families crushed away, limbless bodies and a bloodbath on the train tracks. It was a sight that I will never forget. God help the families. My condolences."

At least 238 people have been killed and more than 900 injured in the train crash, according to officials.

'Was under 'pressure' not to deliver Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid case verdict'



Justice (retired) Sudhir Agarwal

Justice (retired) Sudhir Agarwal, who was part of an Allahabad High Court bench which delivered a key judgment in the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid title suit in 2010, said he was under "pressure" not to give the ruling and added that had they not done so, there would not have been any verdict in the matter for

the next 200 years. Justice Agarwal retired from the high court on April 23, 2020.

Talking to reporters after an event in Meerut in Uttar Pradesh, he said, "After delivering the judgment..., I felt blessed.... There was pressure on me to postpone the judgment in the case. There was pressure from within home and also from outside."

"Family members and relatives used to suggest to somehow pass time and not deliver the judgment," he added.

"Had the judgment not been delivered on September 30, 2010 in the Ram Janmabhoomi-

Babri Masjid case, there would not have been any judgement in this matter for the next 200 years," he said.

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BRIEF



An injured passenger of Balasore triple train mishap after he arrived at the Howrah Railway Station in a special train, in Howrah, Saturday.

Injured

Kolkata: The engine drivers and guards of two trains were injured in the Odisha triple train accident and are being treated in different hospitals, a railway official said on Saturday. The engine driver and the guard of the goods trains, however, escaped unhurt, the official added. Coromandel Express's loco pilot and his assistant as well as the guard and Bengaluru-Howrah Superfast Express's guard were on the injured list.

Lifer

Jaipur: A court in Rajasthan's Ajmer district on Saturday sentenced a man to life imprisonment for raping a 13-year-old girl three years ago. POCSO court judge B L Jat also slapped a fine of Rs 58,000 on Sanwar Lal Mali, 28, Special Public Prosecutor Rupendra Parihar said. Due to the heinous act committed by Parihar, he cannot be shown any leniency, the court said.

Mishap

Nashik: Three persons including a child were killed and as many injured after their car turned turtle on a recently-inaugurated stretch of the Samruddhi expressway in Maharashtra's Nashik district early Saturday, police said. The accident took place at Dushingpur Shivhar near Vavi in Sinnar taluka.

Commissioned

Gopeshwar: A Bailey bridge has been built by the Border Roads Organisation over river Girihiganga in place of the old bridge which collapsed in April, cutting off nearly half a dozen villages of Niti valley and the border outposts of Niti pass. The portable bridge was operationalised on Friday, restoring direct road connectivity to the villages and the BOPs.

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HORRIFIC TRIPLE TRAIN CRASH

288 Dead, 803 Injured

Balasore, Jun 03:

The death toll in Friday's triple train accident in Odisha's Balasore has climbed to 288, a railway official said on Saturday.

Three trains -- Shalimar-Chennai Central Coromandel Express, Bengaluru-Howrah Superfast Express and a goods train -- were involved in the accident, one of the worst railway tragedies of the country. Citing reports available till 2 pm on Saturday, the official said 288 people were killed in the accident.

The official said 803 people were injured in the accident. Of them, 56 suffered grievous injuries, the official added. The train crash happened near the Bahanaga Bazaar sta-



A rescue and search operation being conducted after the accident involving three trains, in Balasore district, Saturday.

tion in Balasore district, about 250 km south of Kolkata and 170 km north of Bhubaneswar, around 7 pm on Friday, prompting the Railway Ministry to order a probe. The inquiry into the train accident will

be led by A M Chowdhary, Commissioner Railway Safety, South East Circle, the Indian Railways said in a statement. The Commissioner Railway Safety comes under the Ministry of Civil

Aviation. "These derailed coaches collided with the 12841 Shalimar-Chennai Central Coromandel Express and its coaches capsized too," he said.

A goods train was also involved in the accident as

'All in a few minutes'

In a matter of a few minutes, an express train entered a wrong track, hit a stationary goods train, its coaches got scattered all around including on an adjoining track, and another train coming at a high speed rammed into them and derailed. Many wagons of the two passenger trains, together carrying nearly 2,000 on board, turned turtle.

some of the coaches of the Coromandel Express, which was heading to Chennai, hit its wagons after getting derailed, he added. Gas cutters were used to extricate the bodies from under the derailed coaches. "Some of the scenes at the site were too gory to describe," said a passenger.

Prelim report states 'signal was given and taken off'

Investigators were on Saturday looking into any human error, signal failure and other possible causes behind the three-train crash in Odisha's Balasore district as officials submitted a preliminary inquiry report into one of the worst accidents that left at least 288 people dead and over 800 injured. Seventeen coaches were derailed and severely damaged in the accident, trapping hundreds of passengers.

Both passenger trains were at a high speed and it has been cited by experts as one of the main reasons for the high number of casualty. From a vantage point high above the ground, the disaster site looked as if a powerful whirlwind had thrown the coaches like toys on top of each other. Closer to the ground, bloodied, disfigured bodies and dismembered body parts lay enmeshed, creating a grotesque sight. Large cranes were deployed to move the wreckage and gas cutters were used to extricate the bodies from the mangled, toppled coaches.

Humanity trumps tragedy: People line up to donate blood

The Balasore district hospital and Soro hospital, where the injured have been rushed after a triple train accident, are bursting at their seams as the huge flow of patients has crammed up every room, with patients spilling onto corridors. Harried medical staff were seen trying to bring succour to patients, many of whom are from states other than Odisha and had difficulty in communicating. In all till mid-day, some 526 railway accident victims have been admitted to Balasore district hospital. Dr Mrutunjay Mishra, additional district medical officer (ADMO), Balasore district headquarters hospital, said, "I am in the profession for many decades, but have never seen such chaos in my life. All of a sudden 251 accident injured persons rushed into our hospital and we were not at all prepared. Our staff worked all through the night and provided first aid to all." "We were in fact surprised as a large number of youths made a beeline to donate blood here. We collected around 500 units of blood overnight. Thanks all. It is a lifetime experience. Now things are quite normal," he said.

Narrow escape for WB family, says god gave 2nd life

Three members of the same family survived the horrific train accident in Odisha's Balasore and returned to their home in West Bengal. Three members; Subroto Pal, Deboshree Pal and their child are the residents of Malubasan village in Mahisadal, Purba Medinipur in West Bengal. They were taking their son to Chennai to see the doctor before they met a horrific accident in Balasore. One of the survivors, Subroto Pal told ANI that he feels like being getting a new life after the incident. "We left for Chennai for Kharagpur station yesterday. After Balasore station, the train felt a jolt. Then we saw the compartment filling with smoke. I could not see anyone. The local people came to my aid and they pulled me out of the wreckage. It is like the god has given me second life," he said. Deboshree Pal, another survivor said that the scenes she witnessed at the time of accident will never go off her mind. "We were going to Chennai to see a doctor for our child. The accident happened at Balasore. We were not able to understand anything or find anyone.

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PM inspects train accident site, takes stock of situation



PM Modi interacts with injured passengers of the triple train accident, at a hospital in Balasore, Saturday.

Balasore, Jun 03:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday inspected the triple train accident site at Bahanaga in Odisha's Balasore district to take stock of relief and restoration operations.

He was accompanied by Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, and Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and was briefed on the situation by both Vaishnaw as well as officers of the disaster management team which worked overnight to rescue people at the disaster site where at least 261 people have died and 900 more injured.

'Stern action against guilty'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday promised stringent action against any found guilty for the triple train accident which occurred here on Friday night. Modi spoke to the press after inspecting the site of one of the country's worst train disasters at Bahanaga in Odisha's Balasore district and meeting victims at Balasore Hospital. "Stringent action will be taken against those found guilty in the train accident incident. No one will be spared," Modi said. Prime Minister also promised, "We will give the best possible treatment to those injured in this tragedy". He also expressed his gratitude to locals for all the help in rescuing people, many of whom worked through the night.

Four Naxalites injured in police encounter

■ Dragged away into forest hideout by colleagues

Sukma, Jun 03:

At least four Naxalites were reportedly injured in an encounter with security personnel in Sukma district on Saturday, but their colleagues managed to drag them away into a forest hideout, an official said.

The encounter took place on Saturday morning near Regadgatta village under Earrabor police station limits when a joint team of District Reserve Guard (DRG) of police was out on an anti-naxal operation, Sukma Superintendent of Police Kiran Chavhan said. The operation was

About the incident

The encounter took place on Saturday morning near Regadgatta village under Earrabor police station limits when a joint team of District Reserve Guard (DRG) of police was out on an anti-naxal operation. The Naxalites opened fire on the patrolling team, following which the gunbattle broke out. After a brief exchange of fire, the Naxalites escaped into dense forest. Three-four Naxalites were reported to be injured during the gunfight, but their colleagues managed to drag them inside the forest.

launched based on inputs about the presence of Naxalite commander Mangdu and his team belonging to Konta area committee of Maoists in Maraiguda and

Regadgatta villages, he said.

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Three Naxalites surrender

Three Naxalites have surrendered in Sukma district, a police official said on Saturday. He identified the three as 'jan militia' members Paraski Hidma, Podiam Soma and Vetti Sukka, all residents of Bheji area in the district.

SC intervenes in HC's 'Manglik' order for rape survivor

New Delhi, Jun 03 (PTI):

The Supreme Court Saturday stayed an unusual order of the Allahabad High Court asking the head of the department of astrology of Lucknow University to decide whether a woman, an alleged rape victim, is 'manglik' or not.

The high court had passed the order on May 23 while hearing the bail plea of a man, accused of raping the woman on the false promise of marriage.

Before the high court, the counsel for the man had argued that since she was a 'manglik', marriage between the two could not be solemnised and has been refused.

HC grants interim relief, Sisodia reaches residence to meet ailing wife

New Delhi, Jun 03 (PTI):

Former Delhi deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia arrived at his residence from the Tihar jail on Saturday, after getting interim relief to meet his ailing wife.

The Delhi High Court on Friday allowed the AAP leader, arrested in cases related to alleged irregularities in the city government's excise policy, to meet his ailing wife at his residence. Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma directed the Tihar jail superintendent to take Sisodia to his residence where he has been allowed to meet his wife from 10 am to 5 pm.

A senior jail official said Sisodia was taken to his residence around 9 am under



AAP leader Manish Sisodia arrives at his residence in New Delhi, Saturday.

security cover. He will have to report back at 5 pm. Sisodia was arrested by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on February 26 for his alleged role in the scam and has been in custody since. The high court denied him bail in the CBI case on May 30.

HC seeks report from LNJP on Sisodia's wife

The Delhi High Court on Saturday sought a report from the LNJP hospital on the health condition of AAP leader Manish Sisodia's ailing wife as it reserved its order on his interim bail plea for six weeks in a money laundering case arising from the alleged excise policy scam. Senior advocate Mohit Mathur, appearing for Sisodia, told Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma that pursuant to the court's directions passed on Friday, the former Delhi deputy chief minister was taken in custody to meet his wife earlier in the day but the latter's health condition deteriorated and was taken to be LNJP hospital before he could reach home.

HANUMAN CHALISA RECITAL



Bhajan maestro Dilip Sadangi recited Hanuman Chalisa at 'Rashtriya Ramayan Mahotsav' at Raigarh on Saturday. He was accompanied by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, other ministers in Chhattisgarh government, public representatives and thousands of devotees.

Rajasthan CM throws mike on floor

Jaipur, Jun 03 (PTI)

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot threw a microphone on the floor, apparently enraged after the public address system malfunctioned during a public event in Barmer. A purported video of the incident surfaced on social media. The chief minister, who was sitting on a chair, threw the microphone towards his left where the Barmer district collector was standing. The collector picked up the microphone. Another mike was handed over to the chief minister.

The chief minister's office denied an earlier interpretation of the video clip that the mike was thrown at the district collector. "The mike was not thrown at the district collector," an official said.

Visually-impaired kids from class 9 to study AI

■ At govt-run NIEPVD this year onwards

Dehradun, Jun 03 (PTI)

Students from class 9 at the country's premier institution for the visually-impaired NIEPVD may start studying Artificial Intelligence from this year in braille.

Along with AI, the National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (NIEPVD) has also opted for information technology (IT) and physical education under the skill development initiative of New Education Policy-2020.

Explaining the thought process, Amit Sharma, principal of the Model School in NIEPVD, said AI is the future and "we need to prepare the children

with visual impairment for it".

"The need to learn AI is already being seen and we do not want our children who are visually impaired to lag behind. Teaching this subject would help them better prepare for the future," he told PTI.

The curriculum of AI subject is being converted into braille and large print format for visually impaired children and may get introduced this year for them, he said.

Sharma said there might be teething issues while introducing the AI syllabus in braille but hoped it to be successful. "We saw very good responses from our children in IT subjects and many students are eager to learn AI too. We are hoping we will get the same results," he said.

59 MPs write to German ambassador for return of baby girl to India

New Delhi, Jun 03 (PTI):

Fifty-nine MPs from 19 parties have written to the German ambassador to India seeking his intervention in ensuring the return of an Indian baby girl who was taken away from her parents by the German authorities in September 2021.

The German child welfare agency Jugendamt took custody of Ariha Shah, when she was seven months old, alleging that the parents harassed her.

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What MPs wrote.....

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Work for the party instead of following one leader

● **CM Bhupesh's advice to Youth Congress leaders, workers**

Raipur, Jun 03: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has given great advice to party's young leaders and workers in the state executive meeting of Chhattisgarh Youth Congress, held at Rajiv Bhavan under the chairmanship of State President Akash Sharma. 'You are not working for Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and Pradesh Congress Committee President Mohan Markam; you are working for Congress of tomorrow. Following a leader will not help. So work for the party and be well informed about history and



schemes' Baghel told the Youth Congress leaders and workers.

National in-charge Krishna Allavaru and PCC in-charge Kumari Selja and PCC president Mohan Markam were specially present in the meeting. Baghel told the Youth Congress workers to be well informed about the schemes of the government because at the time of elections so as to avoid confusion while going to the

public. Comments on social media have to be answered as well, he said, adding that senior leaders should be consulted before effectively answering the questions on social media. The works of the last 6 months were reviewed. Detailed discussion was held in the meeting about the upcoming works.

"Booth Jodo, Youth Jodo" being run by the Youth Congress for the last 6 months was reviewed.

There are more than 23000 booths in the state and Youth Congress appointed its office bearers by visiting more than 15,000 booths so far. Youth Congress will soon appoint its block presidents. Youth Congress leaders and workers visited 9000 Gouthans (cow-shelters) of Chhattisgarh under "Mera Gouthan, Mera Abhiman" program started last year.

In view of the upcoming assembly elections, all Youth Congress leaders and workers must go to their respective booths to make preparations, Baghel said. He further called upon them to make people aware of the public welfare schemes of the Chhattisgarh government. State in-charge Kumari Selja stressed the need for working with better coordination.

WRD files FIR over opening of Mohara Anicut gates

● **Show-cause notice issued to WRD time-keeper and Municipal Corporation watchman**

Raipur, Jun 03: The Water Resources Department (WRD) has filed an FIR at Basantpur police station regarding the unauthorized opening of five gates of Mohara Anicut in Rajnandgaon district on May 31. The authority has issued a show-cause notice to WRD timekeeper and the watchman of the Municipal Corporation. Currently, the Mohara Anicut is containing 74 percent of the water of total capacity, which is deemed satisfactory for the water supply in Rajnandgaon City.

According to the investigation report, the Executive Engineer of Rajnandgaon's Water Resources

Department revealed that unidentified individuals opened five gates of the Mohara Anicut on May 31. Prior to the incident, the Anicut had water with a capacity of 1.26 million cubic meters. Upon the unauthorized opening of the gates, water gushed out for approximately 4-5 hours, resulting in a decrease of around 15 cm in the water level within the Anicut, with an estimated loss of 90 thousand cubic meters of water. As soon as the Water Resources Department was notified about the gate opening, immediate action was taken to close it.

According to the investigation report, the Executive Engineer revealed that one key of the Anicut's gate is kept by the timekeeper of the Water Resources Department in Rajnandgaon, while the other key is kept by the

watchman of the Rajnandgaon Municipal Corporation. On May 31, the Sub-Divisional Officer of the Water Resources Department filed an FIR with the Basantpur police station in Rajnandgaon regarding the incident. Furthermore, an online FIR was filed on June 1 (FIR No. 0266, dated 01.06.2023) with the Basantpur Police station in-charge, Rajnandgaon.

The Deputy Director of the Mineral Department in Rajnandgaon has released a report concerning the incident. As per the report, an inspection of the affected area revealed that it was waterlogged as per the normal standard, and no illegal mining of sand was discovered in that region. The Mineral Department Officers are actively monitoring the area to ensure compliance and prevent any unauthorized mining activities.

The Commissioner of the Rajnandgaon Municipal Corporation has also released a report regarding the incident. The report revealed that authorities have asked the Mohara Plant in-charge and Shift in-charge to provide an explanation regarding the incident. Furthermore, the authorities have sent a letter to the Office of the City Superintendent of Police in Rajnandgaon, urging them to enhance night police patrolling. The authorities have assigned two employees for each of the three shifts to ensure continuous monitoring at the Anicut. In order to address the issue of darkness around the Anicut, the authority has installed a 250-watt light. The authorities have instructed officers and employees to conduct regular inspections of the Anicut region.

Sri Sathya Sai Sanjivani Hospital a temple dedicated to the service of mankind: Parwani

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Raipur, Jun 03: State President of Chhattisgarh Chamber of Commerce and Industries Amar Parwani, General Secretary Ajay Bhasin, Treasurer Uttamchand Golcha, Working President Rajendra Jaggi, Vikram Singhdeo, Ram Mandhan, Manmohan Agarwal and State President of CAIT CG Chapter Jitendra Doshi, General Secretary Surinder Singh, Treasurer Ajay Agarwal, Working President Parmanand Jain, Vasu Makhija informed that on June 3, Saturday, Chamber State President Mr. Amar Parwani attended the program organised at Sri Satya Sai Sanjivani Hospital, Nava Raipur, Atal Nagar as the chief guest. Chamber representative team also gave their presence along with them. Chamber President Mr. Amar Parwani said that it is a matter of great pleasure for me that I have attended the program organized at Shri Satya Sai Sanjivani Hospital, dedi-



cated in the field of health and medicine, in Atal Nagar. I consider it my good fortune to have the continuous blessings of Sri Sathya Sai Baba. Sathya Sai Baba who freed spiritualism from rituals and linked it to the welfare of the people. Mr Parwani further said that health services are an important part of human life. Due to this changing lifestyle and pollution, people are in dire need of hospitals and medical services. Medical institutions which can help us to take preventive measures to save us from diseases are most important in today's scenario which Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital has been fulfilling it perfectly. It is not just a hospital but

it is like a temple dedicated to the service of mankind.

Highlighting the contribution being made by Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital in the field of medicine, Mr. Parwani said that this institution started to be built in 2011 was completed in 9 months and from 2012 the operation started in the hospital. In the last 10 years, more than 25000 children born with heart disease have been successfully operated free of cost, which is a big achievement in itself. Also, more than 100 OPD cases come to the hospital daily. The hospital also has a mother-child center where pregnant women are properly taken care of, good treatment is provid-

ed, normal and caesarean deliveries are also conducted. Food facility has also been provided for two attendants accompanying the patient, which is completely free of cost. Praising the Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital, Parwani said that the organization is focused on serving the people and has performed free heart surgeries for thousands of children in its various branches across the country. Children and local residents are majorly benefited from Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital, as well as till now patients from 17 countries have come here and taken health benefits and are leading a healthy life in their own country.

Man arrested for cheating woman of lakhs

● **Both identified each other through matrimonial website**

Raipur, Jun 03: Police have arrested one Param Savalalke from Maharashtra for allegedly committing fraud of lakhs of rupees on the pretext of getting married through a matrimonial website. Victim in her report to Telibandha police station said that a Param Savalalke, a resident of Bhilgaon, Nagpur Maharashtra was contacted through Jeevansathi website. Param claimed himself to be working in NHI Nagpur. After this the conversation started between the two, she said.

Meanwhile, on May 22, 2022, Param Savalalke came to Raipur to meet her. Param Savalalke demanded Rs 5000 from her in case of some need. She gave the money through

phone-pay. Second time he again took Rs 20000 from her. Subsequently she continued to meet Param Savalalke.

Param used to continuously demand money from her by telling different problems including the treatment and death of his grandmother and father. He had also talked of marrying her. On being influenced by his talks the girl started trusting him too much and gave around Rs 8 lakh to him in three months.

After a few days, when she demanded to return her money, he started evading. In the meantime the girl came to know that Param Savalalke is married and he has a son. She also came to know that his grandmother and father are alive. After this, the victim lodged a report in the police station. Police arrested him after investigation.

Speech and poster competition on World Environment Day

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Raipur, Jun 03: Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board is organizing speech and poster competition on World Environment Day on June 4, 2023. The competition will begin at 10 am at New Convention Hall of New Circuit House, Civil Lines Raipur.

The theme of competition is "Reducing the use of single use plastic by bringing changes in personal habits and behaviours". Speech competition will be held for two age groups- 13 to 17 years and 18 to 21 years while

poster competition will be held for three age groups- up to 12 years and 13-17 years and 18-21 years, in which separate awards will be given.

The participants of the competition will have to bring photocopies of their identity card and age proof along with them. Registration will be done at the venue of the competition. It is mandatory for the participants to be present at 9:30 am for registration. Winners will be awarded on June 5, 2023 on the occasion of World Environment Day in a program organized at New-Circuit House, Civil Lines, Raipur.

Applications invited under Swachh TULIP program

Raipur, Jun 03: According to the guidelines for Swachh TULIP program, applications are invited till June 15, 2023 from B.Tech/BE graduate holders through online portal at https://internship.aicteindia.org/login_new.php in sequence of guidelines issued under Swachh Bharat

Mission in Municipal Corporation Birgaon. Participants for internship should not have completed more than 03 years after completing B.Tech/BE graduation. The duration of internship will be minimum 08 weeks to maximum 10 weeks. Maximum number of participants in Municipal Corporation

Birgaon will be 6. Participants will be selected by June 22, 2023 and offer letters will be sent through the portal and acceptance letters will be received from participants by June 28, 2023. According to the guidelines, the participants who successfully complete the internship will be given an honorari-

um of Rs. 4000.00 and certificate will be provided as well as digital certificate will also be issued through the portal. To get detailed information, the nodal officer of the Swachh Bharat Mission unit Mr. D.L. Dewangan and District Coordinator / P.I.U. Ravi Kumar Dewangan can be contacted.

Lord Ram received guidance from Mata Shabri: Poet Kumar Vishwas

● **Appreciates Chhattisgarh Government's efforts in developing Ram Van Gaman Tourism Circuit**

Expresses desire to visit all those places in Chhattisgarh where Lord Ram's footsteps touched the ground



'National Ramayana Festival'.

Raipur, Jun 03: "Lord Ram showed the path of knowledge for the entire world. It was Mata Shabri, a forest dweller of Chhattisgarh, who guided him on this path. She advised him to visit the Pampa Sarovar and meet Sugriva", said poet Kumar Vishwas who is on a visit to Raigarh to perform at the

Navjivan newspaper. "For many years, I have been traveling to Chhattisgarh frequently. Currently, there are extensive discussions taking place across the nation regarding the development of Lord Ram's exile route in Chhattisgarh", he said. The discussions regarding this matter are ongoing with Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and Minister of Culture Amarjeet Bhagat. "I extend my gratitude to the Chief Minister for his dedication to the development of the Ram Van Gaman Tourism Circuit and for organizing this splendid event on a national level. Remarkable work is being carried out to preserve the holy locations associated with Lord Ram", he said. Vishwas also expressed his desire to visit all those places where the footsteps of Lord Ram touched the ground. Vishwas

mentioned that today he will be presenting the 'Aranya Kand', which depicts Lord Ram's arrival in Chhattisgarh during his exile. At that time, this region must have been covered with dense forests. He had heartfelt conversations with the tribal communities. Shri Rama has shown us how simple the forest dwellers of this place are, how affectionate they are, and how they always stand with the truth. Mentioning his special wish to focus his discourse on Mata Kaushalya and Mata Shabri, he said "Mata Kaushalya sent her son to the forest for the welfare of the people. This requires a big heart. I want to narrate their stories. A beautiful event is taking place in Raigarh, the cultural capital of Chhattisgarh. Remarkable work has been done regarding the Ramayana as well."

Children involved in begging to be rescued



Raipur, Jun 03: Children involved in begging are being rescued jointly by District Legal Services Authority and the Police Department. More than 8 children have been rescued recently. Paralegal Volunteers of the District Legal Services Authority are implementing the schemes of NALSA. Legal literacy camps are also

being organized by the Paralegal Volunteers of the District Legal Services Authority for the schemes of NALSA. The children are being safely handed over to the child helpdesk officer after taking legal action under the "Child Friendly Legal Services Scheme" of NALSA and "Prayas Scheme" of SALSAs.

Abhinav Bindra Foundation launched in Raipur

● **By Ramakrishna Care Hospital, Raipur**

Raipur, Jun 06: The passion of people towards sports in India is unique. The sports industry in India is growing rapidly whether it is a competition in the form of leagues or initiatives by the government like Khelo India which has increased the popularity of sports. It is natural for players to get injured in sports, serious injury can happen to the players anytime, in which the player has to face problems in physical, mental and financial form and the entire career of many players is at stake. Keeping these things in mind, Ramakrishna Care Hospital made a new beginning in Chhattisgarh with Abhinav Bindra Foundation. On this occasion, Dr. Sandeep Dave, Managing and Medical Director of Ramakrishna



Care Hospital and Dr. Pankaj Dhabalia, HD Orthopedic Department, Arthroscopy and Sports Medicine, said that it is a matter of pride for our Chhattisgarh that here in collaboration with Abhinav Bindra Foundation, the sportspersons will get all possible treatment. Addressing the scribes here, Dr. Sandeep Dave, Managing and Medical Director of Ramakrishna Care Hospital said that such sportspersons of the state who get injured during practice or games and are financially helpless, incapacitated, such play-

ers will be treated under the supervision of Dr. Suman Kumar Nag, Consultant of Arthroscopy and Sports Medicine at Ramakrishna Care. Abhinav Bindra Foundation is a not for profit organization dedicated to the cause of excellence in sports, he added. Established by India's first Olympic gold medalist Abhinav Bindra, the foundation's main objective is towards sports science and its implementation in India, which also aims to ensure education and social upliftment through sports. Medical services of the presti-

gious Ramakrishna Care Hospital are being continuously expanded not only in Chhattisgarh but in the whole of Central India for state-of-the-art facilities of world-class medicine and surgery. Successful treatment of patients with complex to complex diseases related to heart disease, kidney, liver, brain is done here by expert doctors and skilled experienced staff. Dr. Sandeep Dave, Medical and Managing Director of Ramakrishna Care Hospital, who is reputed as an experienced and skilled surgeon for more than 35 years, is devotedly engaged in achieving the status of the best hospital for Ramakrishna Care Hospital with his hard work and efforts. Bhagyashree of Abhinav Bindra Foundation informed about her achievements and struggles in her life and contribution of Abhinav Bindra Foundation.

Varsha Jaiswal crowned 3rd runner up in India's Greatest Talent Show: Season 3, 2023



Raipur, Jun 03: Varsha Jaiswal is working at NHMMI Narayana Superspecialty Hospital, Raipur. Along with her daily work of helping the patients, she also made excellent display of her talent. This talented artist from Raipur bagged the coveted title of 3rd Runner Up Singing (Regular

Category) in India's Greatest Talent Show: Season-3 in 2023, organized by Mr. Akash Mittal, Director, Agarwal Production House. This year the talent show was held on May 30th at 'Apno Rajasthan', a prestigious hotel in Jaipur. Varsha Jaiswal enthralled the audience with her unique singing skills during the show. Varsha's dedication, fighting spirit and incomparable talent helped her to achieve the prestigious title. India's Greatest Talent Show is known for fighting promiscuity and recognizing unique abilities and talents in various fields. This year the show was judged by 3 judges, which included the winner of 2018 Indian Idol along with eminent models and acting coaches.

IIIT-NR Conducts DARPAN workshop for Batch 2022

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Raipur, June 03: Every year IIIT-Naya Raipur conducts "DARPAN" for its first year students. DARPAN is a Career Guidance Workshop which provides a unique opportunity to the first year students to identify their strengths and interests and pursue opportunities as per their potential.

For the students who joined the institute last year (Batch 2022 students), the workshop was conducted on May 13, 2023 for Computer Science & Engineering students, on May 27, 2023 for Data Science & Artificial Intelligence students, and on June 03, 2023 for Electronics & Communication Engineering students.

During the workshop, the students develop a firm understanding of their long-term and short-term



goals by carrying out their own SWOT analysis. Each student is guided to self-inspect himself/herself and identify and list down his/her Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. Based on this analysis, each student prepares and delivers a presentation before the partici-

pating members.

DARPAN is a unique initiative of IIIT-NR, which enables its B. Tech. students to plan their professional career right in their first year and then work towards their plans for the next three years. The workshop also helps the students in sharpening their

presentation, public speaking and soft skills.

To facilitate the students to subsequently work towards their goals identified through this workshop, IIIT-NR has set up a Center for Professional Development that offers the resources and guidance to the students. Holistic de-



velopment of all its students has been the focus of IIIT-NR right from the very beginning, in addition to providing their state-of-the-art technical knowledge and skills, and this workshop plays an important role in meeting this objective.

Dr. Pradeep K. Sinha,

Director IIIT-NR, firmly believes that the four years spent by the students in professional institutes are the most valuable part of their lives and hence they should be guided in the right direction during their stay in the institute. Hence, he personally mentors the students during

the workshop. The participating students also expressed that they found the workshop very useful and helpful.

Ankitan Kumar said "Darpan workshop was an incredibly insightful experience. It provided a supportive environment for self-reflection, helping me

identify and leverage my strengths while addressing my weaknesses. Exploring opportunities and understanding potential threats, equipped me with the tools to make informed decisions and set meaningful goals.

Overall, the workshop has played a significant role in analyzing my strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, beneficial for my personal and professional growth". Anoushka Koul said "Life is all about becoming a better version of yourself. This workshop helped me in understanding that".

Dr. Sresha Yadav Nee Ghosh, Assistant Professor, Humanities and Social Sciences and in-charge of the Center for Professional Development, was the overall coordinator of this workshop. Tanu Patel, Nidhi Vaishnav and Jaydeep Singh were the student coordinators of the workshop.

ICAR-NIBSM Raipur hosts first academicians-industry meet

Need PPP model research by ICAR-NIBSM

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, June 03: First academicians-industry meet was organized by ICAR-NIBSM Raipur on June 02, 2023. An academicians-industry meet was the platform where academics (professors, researchers, scholars) and industry professionals came together to exchange knowledge, discuss collaboration opportunities, and bridge the gap between academia and industry.

The event had august presence of Dr

PK.Chakraborty Ex Member ASRB and Chief scientific advisor Dhanuka Agritech, Dr S.K. Malhotra Former Agricultural Commissioner and Director DKMA ICAR New Delhi, Dr Jitendra Kumar Former Director IFPT and ADG(NASF) Dr S.N Sushil Director ICAR-NBAII, Dr Shakil Head Agricultural Chemical IARI New Delhi alongwith Director Dr P.K.Ghosh and Joint Directors Dr P. Kaushal, Dr Ambast and Dr Anil Dixit and industry specialists from private repre-



senting the agriculture and allied sectors.

Dr PK.Chakraborty apprised the audience regarding the motive behind the meet and mentioned that the main objective is to provide a valuable platform for academia and industry to inter-

act, share insights, and foster collaboration for mutual benefit. He mentioned that public private partnership is urgent in progress of the country and invite more participation from private players of industries to collaborate with government and

support in innovation of more refined technologies in the field of agriculture.

In introductory remarks, Dr PK.Ghosh Director, ICAR-NIBSM highlighted the importance of this institute which is unique at the national level and first in Chhattisgarh.

He also briefed that some of the ready technology for collaborative and contract research in varietal evaluation, sharing pre-bred material, DSR technologies, end user trait specific varieties development academics can

share their research findings, expertise, and insights with industry professionals.

Dr SK Malhotra Former Agricultural Commissioner and Director DKMA ICAR New Delhi pointed out that Industry academia collaboration is paramount for commercialization of available technologies for translating immediate benefit to farmers.

The active interfaces are important to strategize for resolving unresolved issues in agriculture. Industry representatives made presentation on their product profile and offered to have partnership with NIBSM tech-

nologies for further commercialization.

The skills and competencies required in the job market. Academics could gain a better understanding of industry needs, enabling them to align their curriculum and teaching methods accordingly. CYTOLIFE Agritech Pvt Ltd, Mumbai believes in "Empowering Plants is Empowering Us".

CYTOLIFE has long sight vision "Help to build a food system to feed and nourish Humanity & Environment with parity." There is a continuum amongst Soil- Plant-Human - Environment. Says Dr. Amit Tripathi CEO of the industry

New railway timetable from Oct 01

Bilaspur, Jun 03: For the convenience of passengers, the current time table of the railway "Train at a Glance" and the validity of the Zonal Railway Public Time Table and Working Time Table published for the information of train movement and departure time and railway rules are 30 September. It will remain in force until 2023. The new time table will be implemented and published from October 1, 2023. The movement and departure time of trains will remain in force until September 30, 2023 according to the current railway time table "Train at a Glance" and Zonal Railway Public Time Table and Working Time Table.

Public welfare schemes bringing positive change in people's lives: Rudrakumar

Minister of Public Health Engineering and Village Industries inaugurated and performed Bhumi Pujan of various development works

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, June 03: Public Health Engineering and Village Industries Minister Guru Rudrakumar participated in the inauguration and Bhumi Pujan program of various development works organized at Karanja Bhalai in Durg district.

Addressing the program, Minister Guru Rudrakumar said that positive changes are coming in the lives of the people due to the public welfare schemes of the Chhattisgarh government. Chhattisgarh state is touching new heights of development under the



leadership of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel. He said that more and more people should get the benefit of the ambitious schemes of the state government and every possible effort is being made to take the development works to the last mile.

Asked Minister Guru Rudrakumar to take necessary action on the demand of local residents and also announced various development works including bore mining and shed construction. On this

occasion, Minister Guru Rudrakumar inaugurated and performed Bhumi Pujan of various development works to be done at a cost of Rs 1.16 crore.

Under which works like Kisan Kutir Bhavan, Bazar Chowk, cementation work, platform shed construction, reading room building in high school, cultural building chowk cementation, shed construction in Sheetla Talab, culvert construction, road cementation are included.

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Bilaspur, June 03: Indian Railways is the lifeline of the country through which crores of passengers travel every day to reach their destination. In view of the large number of passengers, Railways is always introducing new trains for the convenience of the passengers.

keeps taking new steps, Railway has set up a helpline number for the convenience of the passengers. Helpline Number) has been issued. Passengers get solution of every problem through this number.

Often people had to stand in long queues to get any information related to rail and different helpline numbers were issued for different types of information. It's not easy to remember all these different numbers.

Keeping this in mind Indian Railways has got rid



of this problem. Actually, Railways has started a special facility for the passengers.

Under this special facility, now any passenger can find out about any information related to the train or Indian Railways by calling just one number. The helpline number is one, but you will get many information from it.

Railways has asked to dial 'Rail Madad' helpline number- 139 for any information or complaint related to Indian Railways. This

number will be available for passengers 24 hours a day.

The 139 helpline number of Indian Railways is based on IVRS i.e. Interactive Voice Response System. In this you can find information in many languages.

Actually, by calling this number you will get facilities like security, medical assistance, accident information, train related complaint, station related complaint, vigilance information, parcel enquiry, general information, complaint action status.

'One Rail : One Number' 139 helpline number working in entire IR including SECR

By calling 139, help of the following services can be obtained

- Press 1 for security information
- press 2 for medical emergency
- Press 3 for train accident information
- Press 4 for any train related complaint
- Press 5 for common complaints
- Press 6 for vigilance related information
- Press 7 for freight , parcel information
- Press 8 for complaint status
- Press 9 for any station, vigilance and corruption complaint
- Press * to speak to a call center executive
- Enquiry: Press 0 for PNR, fare and ticket booking information

One can get information through SMS:
The 139 number is based on IVRS- Interactive Voice Response System. All mobile phone users can call 139. Passengers can also get information on this number by sending an SMS for train related inquiries and reservation related inquiries like PNR status, availability of tickets (regular and tatkal), train arrival, departure.

Villagers attack forest staffers clearing encroachments

In tiger reserve; three hurt

Central Chronicle News

Gariaband, June 03: Villagers allegedly attacked a team of forest personnel and injured three of them when they arrived to clear encroachments inside a tiger reserve in Chhattisgarh's Gariaband district on Friday. The incident occurred in Taurenga buffer area of Udanti Sitanadi tiger reserve, where around 200 hectare of forest land has been encroached upon by felling around 20,000 to 30,000 trees, the reserve's deputy director Varun Jain told PTI.

The area is located on the border of Chhattisgarh and Odisha, around 200 km from capital Raipur, and is considered Naxalite-affected. When a forest team reached the village to remove the encroachments and set up water harvesting structures, vil-



lagers held three forest guards hostage and assaulted them with sticks, he said. They also pelted stones on three vehicles of the forest department and one belonging to NGO workers, breaking windshields and window panes, the official said.

The situation was subsequently brought under control and 20 villagers, including women, were detained, he said. While carrying out GPS-tracking in the area a few months ago, forest personnel found

that a large number of trees had been chopped in the area, which was covered with dense forest before 2011-12, the official said. The GPS-track file was evaluated with Google Earth imagery, which clarified that before 2011-12 there was dense forest in the area, he said. For further confirmation, the images were matched with satellite images from the Indian Space Research Centre (ISRO), which clearly showed that trees were chopped off on a large scale after 2011-12 in the

area and forest land was converted into farmland and huts were built, he said.

The investigation revealed that around 65 families from neighbouring Odisha and adjoining districts of Bastar settled there and named the place as Ichradi village and they felled around 20,000 to 30,000 trees, he said. People there also allegedly indulged in the smuggling of teak, he said. The forest department had last month caught a consignment of teak worth Rs 10 lakh from the inter-

state border in the area, which was reportedly supplied from Ichradi, the official said.

Villagers were served notices twice seeking their replies and documents in support of possessing the forest land. When they did not cooperate, they were asked to vacate the land, but they did not do, he said. Following this, the forest personnel launched an exercise to remove encroachments on May 26, he said. Villagers attacked forest staffers, injuring a deputy ranger and forest guard on May 26, he said, adding that six villagers were detained for the incident and later released. At least 69 huts were removed using a JCB at that time, but again 25-30 huts came up in the area, he said. "We have planned to set up 50,000 water harvesting pits on the encroached land to prevent soil erosion and recharge underground water," Jain said. PTI COR TKP.

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Flood control room set up in Collectorate

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Raipur, June 03: A flood control room has been set up in room number-6 of District Collectorate Office, Raipur in accordance with the instruction of Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Government of Chhattisgarh for relief and rescue arrangements from any natural calamity in the upcoming monsoon year 2023. The flood control room will operate 24 hours. The telephone number of the cell is 077-2413233.

Collector Dr Sarveshwar Narendra Bhure has appointed Mrs Ruchi Sharma Deputy Collector as the nodal officer for flood control room.

SECR installs ATVM for the convenience of passengers

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur/Raipur, Jun 03: South East Central Railway takes utmost care of every minor need and inconvenience of its passengers during their journey. In this context, new automatic ticket vending machines have been installed at railway stations. This is greatly benefiting the passengers traveling daily. With these machines, they will be able to get tickets quickly, due to which the hassle of ticket lines at the stations has also ended.

At 55 major stations of South East Central Railway 88 card based ATVM has been installed. In this, 38 ATVMs have been arranged at 19



stations in Bilaspur division, 19 ATVMs at 13 stations in Raipur division, 30 ATVM machines at 23 stations in Nagpur division. These stations in-

clude Bilaspur, Champa, Raigarh, Shahdol, Korba, Anuppur, Akaltara, Naila, Pendra Road, Kharsia, Umaria, Kotma, Shakti, Budhar,

Baradwar, Ambikapur, Brajrajnagar, Belpahar, Uslapur, Kargi Road, Gondia, Itwari, Rajnandgaon, Chhindwara, Balaghat,

Process of withdrawing ticket from ATVM machine

To buy ticket from ATVM, the station for which ticket is to be bought first can be selected from the map or by writing its name. After selecting the station, the class of the train in which you want to travel has to be selected. After this the ticket fare will have to be paid. For which three options will appear on the screen. Tickets can also be paid through UPI and cash. If the ticket is to be taken from smart card, then by choosing the option of smart card, you have to place your card on the sensor holding the card on the machine. After which the machine will automatically deduct the fare from your card. After deducting the money from the card, the printed ticket will come out from the machine.

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Ensure repair of school and construction works on time: Collector



Central Chronicle News

Manendragarh, Jun 03: A review meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Collector Manendragarh Narendra Kumar Dugga at the Collectorate's meeting hall regarding the construction works. In the meeting the construction works in

School Education Department, 'Samgra Shiksha', Urban bodies, PWD, Women and Child Development Department and Panchayat department were reviewed. Instructions were given to start the works which have not been started and complete the pending works soon.

Collector Dugga said that by forming teams at District and JNpad level, the construction work and quality should be checked on priority basis. He asked to get the tender procedure for Janjiwan Mission released and start the work soon. The Municipal Corporation and PHE should form a joint team and conduct

checking the quality of water and ensure supply of pure drinking water to citizens. In this review meeting, Municipal Commissioner Lavleena Pandey, Dy. Collector Vijendra Sarthi and other district-level officers from other construction works department were present.

MLA lays stone for power sub-station

In Gram Gangapur

Central Chronicle News

Pandaria, Jun 03: MLA Mamta Chandrakar laid stone for a power sub-station in Gram Gangapur of Pandaria block here on Friday and after this there will not be any problem in power supply.

MLA Mamta Chandrakar addressing the gathering said that their government has sorted out almost all the problems of the villagers and also worked to strengthen the farming community.

She said that on completion of this power sub-station, there will be uninterrupted power supply in the region and the farmers would be able to get power for irrigation on regular basis.

It is notable here that



demand for power sub-station in Gram Gangapur was made by the residents for long and now with the

laying of stone, this will be fulfilled soon. During this Congress party workers and em-

ployees from Electricity department of Pandaria rural and urban were present in large number.

Students, teachers take pledge to protect environment



Central Chronicle News

Kharora, Jun 03: A pledge on protection of environment was organised in a programme organised jointly under the aegis of Government Primary School, Nilja and Govt Middle School Nilja here on Friday. In this President Shala Prabandh Samiti and other office

bearers, staff of the Schools and local citizens and students were present in large number. On this occasion, President of Gram Panchayat Nilja's Gauthan-Ghanshyam Sharma administered oath to the students and others on conservation of the environment. On this occasion, Sarpanch Gram

Panchayat Nilja-Chandrashekhar Verma, ex-Head Master Govt Primary School Nilja CS Sahu, Head Master Primary School-Santosh Kumar; member Shala Prabandh Samiti Ramesh Sahu and other office bearers, teachers of the School, students and citizens were present in large number.

Devotees visit Rajivlochan Temple on Nirjala Ekadashi fast

Central Chronicle News

Rajim, Jun 03: On the occasion of 'Bhimseni Ekadashi' of 'Jyestha Shukla Paksha', devotees thronged Lord Vishnu i.e. Rajivlochan temple since morning, and the adornment and attire laden with ornaments and colours with a necklace of Kaustubh gem in neck, janeu in body marked with Bhrigulata, armband, girdle on waist, holding conch, chakra, mace and Padma in all four hands was the epitome of devotion.

It is said that the form of Lord Rajivlochan changes three times, as early in the morning his is the phase of childhood, youth in the afternoon and in mature phase in the evening. The main prasad here is Atika, which is famous all over the world and is made from rice grains and is shaped by mixing different types of ingredients and the shelf life of this prasad is of months to-



gether. Also in the four corners of the temple, there are Char Dham in which the temple of Vaman Avatar, Badrinarayan Avatar, Narasimha Avatar and Varaha Avatar is built. Lord Vishnu is present in the form of Sakshi Gopal under the main temple



Rajivlochan. Apart from these, the idols of Mahaprabhu Jagannath, Lakshmi Narayan Bhagwan, Dattatreya Bhagwan, Dashavatar of Lord Vishnu in the Vamana Avatar temple and different incarnations of God are established at the main gate of the temple.

Manorath Siddhi from Bhimseni Ekadashi

Rajim: It is said that there are 24 Ekadashis in a year and when Purushottam month comes, their number becomes 26. Those people who have not been able to fast for the whole year and observe Nirjala fast on Bhimseni Ekadashi, they get the result of observing all Ekadashis as Lord Vishnu himself has created this fast. Ekadashi fasting is not only similar to Kamdhenu in Kaljug, but also in Dwapar Yug, there are evidences of Ekadashi fasting being successful. It is mentioned in the scriptures that it was difficult for Pandava's son Bhima to observe any fast because his abdomen was too hot and it was not possible for him to remain hungry. He also wanted to observe Ekadashi fast from his heart. In this regard, Bhima took guidance from Ved Vyas and Bhishma Pitamah, here both assured Bhima that if he fasts only on Nirjala Ekadashi in a year, he will get the fruits of 24 Ekadashi. After this, Bhim always fasted on Nirjala Ekadashi, hence the name of this Ekadashi is Bhimseni. Ekadashi fell. In Padmapurana, it has been said that Nirjala Ekadashi fast can be achieved. It is believed that by continuous and uninterrupted chanting of Om Namo Narayanaya or the twelve syllable name of Lord Vishnu, Om Namo Bhagwate Vasudevaya during the fast, the devotee becomes free from all karmic bondages and goes to Vishnudham.

Story worship of Lord Satyanarayan on Ekadashi

On the occasion of Nirjala Ekadashi, Katha Puja of Lord Satyanarayan continued in large numbers, while many people came to the Lord Rajivlochan temple itself to perform Katha Puja, while some people called Priest to their homes and got the Katha Puja done, after which the yagya was performed and donations were also given. Donating on Ekadashi date has been said to be very auspicious.

Overloaded vehicles cause problem for villagers

Central Chronicle News

Magarload, Jun 03: Bharatmala road construction works are being done to directly connect Raipur to Visakhapatnam, which is going through development block Kurud via Magarload. Hundreds of overloaded vehicles engaged in the construction of the Bharat Mala road are also facing problems due to dust and mud.



which drain construction and road construction works are in progress. The road is getting damaged due to the overloaded vehicles engaged in the construction of Bharat Mala road, which have to

be compensated and repaired again and again. Villages Megha, Kareli Chhoti, Chhipli, Luge, Mohandi and other villages situated on the side of the road informed that the road is being con-

structed by ABD company which is still incomplete due to which mud is lying everywhere, in which Bharatmala road is being built. Due to the movement of hundreds of heavy vehi-

cles, more dust blows due to which we villagers are troubled and upset. In public interest, the villagers have demanded from the government administration to stop the plying of overloaded heavy vehicles on the road very soon.

Notable is A. D.B. It is also seen to be affecting the road being constructed by it. Due to this the works are getting affected. Due to which the construction work is not progressing.

The villagers had also demanded from the department in the past that a CC road should have been made from Megha to Kurud, which would reduce the maintenance cost of the road.

Nursing homes not fulfilling gov't criteria

Mungeli, Jun 03: Eleven years since the formation of the district, there has been a flood of nursing homes in Mungeli, without fulfilling the government criteria. These hospitals, after inauguration, charge hefty amount for small ailments, while not complying with the criteria and guidelines of Nursing Act.

Under the Nursing Home Act, permission to open a nursing home is given only after fulfilling the prescribed criteria, but these doctors start their business indiscriminately and there is no formal arrangement available nor is the medical waste managed by them.

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BRIEF



Injured passengers of Balasore triple train mishap arrive at the Howrah Railway Station in a special train, in Howrah, Saturday.

Shot at

New Delhi: Two unidentified persons allegedly shot at a 38-year-old scrap dealer in southeast Delhi's Kalindi Kunj area, police said on Saturday. When the police arrived near the Eco Park in Jaitpur Road after receiving a PCR call on Friday, the victim had already been taken to AIIMS Trauma Centre. One motorcycle and three empty cartridges were found at the spot.

Arrested

Noida: Twenty-three foreign nationals, including eight women from Nigeria, were arrested from Uttar Pradesh's Gautam Buddha Nagar district for allegedly staying illegally in India, police said on Saturday. The arrests were made on Friday night, they said. Station House Officer, Surajpur, Inspector Awadhesh Pratap Singh said, "Last night, the police received information that some foreign nationals are living illegally in a society in the police station limits. Following this, a police team along with officials of the Regional Notification Department raided the society."

Recovered

Chandigarh: Security forces on Saturday recovered more than 5 kilograms of heroin that was airdropped by a Pakistani drone near the International Border in Punjab's Amritsar. The seizure was made by a joint team of the Border Security Force and the Punjab Police, a BSF spokesperson said.

Electrocution

Mumbai: A seven-year-old girl died of electrocution, while her two friends were injured when they came in contact with a live wire while playing outside their house at Vakola in Mumbai, police said on Saturday.

Mishap

Jamnagar: A two-year-old girl slipped into a borewell and was stuck at a depth of 20 feet in an agricultural field in Gujarat's Jamnagar district on Saturday following which fire department personnel launched a rescue operation, an official said.

Injured

Imphal: At least 15 people were injured when suspected Kuki militants armed with sophisticated weapons and bombs attacked two villages in Manipur's Imphal West district, police said on Saturday.

'SPITTING' ROW

Sanjay Raut and NCP leader Ajit Pawar lock horns

Nashik, Jun 03 (PTI)

A war of words erupted on Saturday between Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut and Nationalist Congress Party's Ajit Pawar with both leaders attacking each other indirectly amid a "spitting" row.

The Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena faction, NCP, and Congress are constituents of Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) preparing to contest the 2024 elections in alliance. The trigger was Raut spitting on the ground in front of cameras during a press conference on Friday when reporters sought his reaction to Shiv Sena MP Shrikant Shinde's jibe targeting Uddhav Thackeray.

Under flak, Raut on Saturday claimed spitting was accidental and not intentional as he was having a problem with his teeth.

Earlier in the day, Ajit Pawar said such a "spitting" act is not Maharashtra's culture and one should be careful while speaking.

Hitting back, Raut said, "Spitting is better than urinating", apparently alluding to Ajit Pawar's controversial remarks he had made in 2013 when he was deputy chief minister of Maharashtra.



"Show me where I spit. It's their thinking, their mindset. They think that people spit on them and it's true. I told you yesterday that I had some problem with my teeth and it resulted in the act. My tongue came under my teeth when the name of the person who cheated Maharashtra, Shiv Sena, and Balasaheb Thackeray was mentioned and I spit. I didn't spit when the name of any politician was taken but I did so

when the names of traitors were taken," Raut said in Trimbakeshwar. He claimed when (late Hindutva ideologue) V D Savarkar was produced in a court regarding a case, "he had spit on seeing the person (traitor) who had spilled beans about him". Spitting on traitors is the Hindu culture. It is Hindutva, not a crime, he added.

"Spitting is better than urinating. Those who suffer know the pain. We are suffering and despite that, we are standing on the ground. I am still with my party. I do not think of aligning with parties like Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to avoid problems," he added.

Ajit Pawar had stirred up a row in 2013 with his comments ridiculing the acute water scarcity in the state.

Book on Moosewala's death to release on Monday

New Delhi, Jun 03 (PTI):

A new book gives a detailed account of the death and the subsequent investigation into the murder of Punjabi singer-rapper Shubhdeep Singh Sidhu — popularly known as Sidhu Moosewala.

"Who Killed Moosewala?", scheduled to release on Monday, is written by journalist-author Jupinderjit Singh. Published by Westland Books, it looks at the events of May 29, 2022, the day the Punjabi hip-hop star was shot by six armed

assailants while driving to his aunt's house in a village in Punjab.

"While reporting on it (Moosewala's death) I felt that news stories were not going to be enough and I decided to write this book... The weight of responsibility to stick to the facts pressed upon my soul, especially because the investigation is still ongoing. The toll on me is immeasurable, yet through it all, I persisted, driven by a desire to shed light on the murder that reminds us all of the fragility of life," said the author in a statement.

An icon for many, Moosewala had also been a controversial figure. There were allegations that he promoted gun culture and violence, and rumours that he had ties with certain gangs.

With his sudden and violent death, the questions about his life became louder — as also those around his death. "Who had killed Moosewala?" was what everyone wanted to know.

In the gripping and fast-paced book, the author closely follows the investigation into Moosewala's death and also offers us

glimpses into the man he was behind the mask of celebrity.

Besides the story of the slain singer and those behind his murder, this book is also a rumination on the growing unrest in Punjab.

"Singh's understanding of the case is strong and comprehensive. In this riveting book, backed by meticulous research, Jupinderjit offers up a fascinating portrait of the singer and the Punjab he inhabited," said Sanghamitra Biswas, executive editor at Westland Books.

'Pankaja's recent statements painful'

Aurangabad Jun 03 (PTI)

Nationalist Congress Party leader Eknath Khadse on Saturday dubbed as "painful" the recent statements of BJP national secretary and former Maharashtra minister Pankaja Munde, claiming she is being ill-treated in her own party.

Khadse was speaking to reporters at Gopinathgad in the Beed district where he visited the memorial of Pankaja's father Gopinath Munde on his ninth death anniversary.

Gopinath Munde, a former deputy leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the Lok Sabha, was appointed as the Rural Development Minister by Prime Minister Narendra Modi when he assumed office in



2014. He died in a road accident on June 3 of that year.

"I feel uneasy because there is a lot of difference between today's BJP and the party it was earlier. The statements that have recently come from Pankaja Munde are painful," Khadse said.

On Thursday, Pankaja said she belongs to the BJP but the party doesn't belong to her. Over the

past few years, there have been speculations that she has been sidelined by the state BJP.

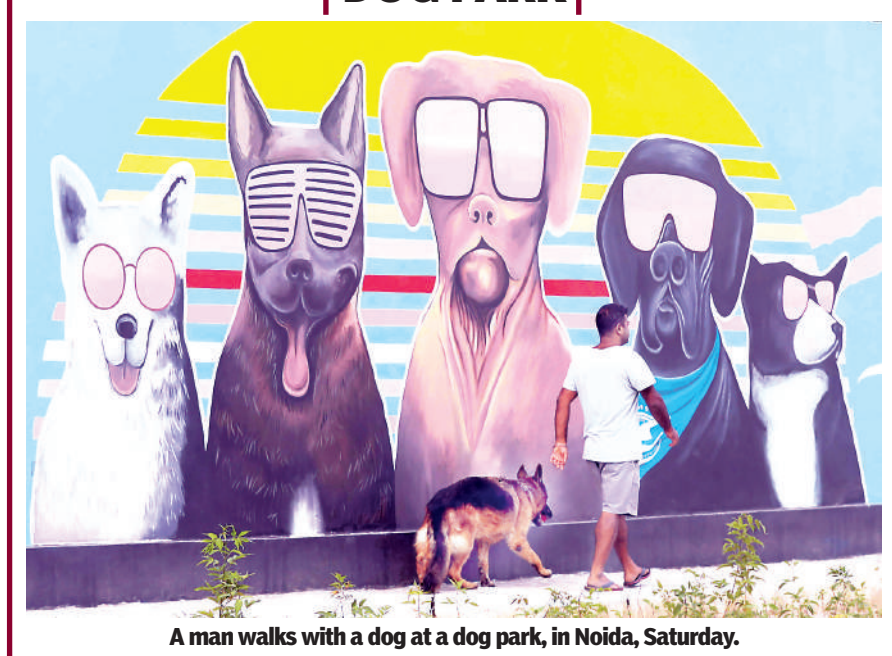
"A family member of someone (Gopinath Munde) who served lifelong to expand the party (BJP) says that I (Pankaja Munde) will go and cut sugarcane and take sheep to graze is absolutely unfortunate," said Khadse.

Pankaja served as the minister of rural development, women and child welfare when BJP's Devendra Fadnavis was the chief minister between 2014 and 2019.

In the last assembly elections, she lost to her estranged cousin and Nationalist Congress Party leader Dhananjay Munde on her home turf Parli.

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

DOG PARK



A man walks with a dog at a dog park, in Noida, Saturday.

Srinagar to develop 80-km walking space

Under Smart Cities Mission

Srinagar, Jun 03 (PTI)

Srinagar will develop 80 kilometres of walking space in an "unprecedented" development for any Indian city, besides introducing water transport and electric buses under the Smart Cities Mission, a top official said.

Cycling tracks, a robust sewerage system and an underground electricity network across the city are also being set up, Srinagar Smart City CEO Athar Aamir Khan said.

According to the plan, electricity poles through which power is supplied to domestic consumers will be replaced with smart distribution plugs in Srinagar.

Of the 125 projects under the Smart Cities Mission — one of the Narendra Modi government's flagship programmes — 55, including redevelopment of the city's famous Polo View Market, have been completed and the rest are planned to be executed by the year end.

Projects under the mission aim to transform Srinagar into a modern, sustainable and economically vibrant city with a dedicated focus on improv-

ing infrastructure and services and increasing mobility.

Khan said all the projects under the mission, being implemented by the Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry, will strengthen urban infrastructure, improve city services, public aesthetics and ease of living and provide a clean and sustainable environment.

"We have plans to develop 80 kilometres of walking infrastructure in Srinagar, which is unprecedented for any city in the country. The city should be walkable and pedestrian-friendly and non-motorised infrastructure is of the highest priority," he said.

The Srinagar authorities are also installing 1,500 smart CCTV cameras for multiple purposes. Of these, 500 cameras have already been installed, Khan said. Talking about the redevelopment of the famous Polo View Market, executed at a cost of around Rs 10 crore, he said there was chaos as nothing was in order earlier.

"We recently completed the redevelopment project of the Polo View Market under which it has now become a non-motorised and pedestrian-friendly zone," the officer said.

Mohammad Yaseen, vice-president of the Polo

View Market Association, said there has been a 20 per cent rise in footfall since the redevelopment.

"We are hoping that our business will also grow with the redevelopment of the market. The traders appreciate the Srinagar authorities' efforts to redevelop the market," Yaseen told PTI.

Khan said they are also procuring 100 electric buses and added it will be the first time that electric buses will be part of the public transport system.

"We are looking at how to have better public transport for the city. To begin with, we are procuring 100 electric buses, 25 of which will start operating by the end of July," Khan added.

The Srinagar Smart City Limited aims for a comprehensive overhaul of the city's urban infrastructure, making it resilient, safe, sustainable and significantly improving the quality of life of citizens. Khan said the Srinagar authorities are also working on an integrated public transport system, describing it as the most efficient and equitable solution for urban mobility and climate change. Public transport saves money, facilitates movement and, hence, increases opportunities and increases land value, he added.

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RELIGIOUS GATHERING



RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat with Swami Avdhesanand Giri and Swami Chidanand Saraswati at a programme in Rishikesh, Saturday.

Odisha train tragedy

World leaders extend support to India, condole loss of lives

London/Moscow, Jun 03 (PTI):

World leaders, including Russian President Vladimir Putin, British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, expressed their condolences to the families and the Government of India on Saturday over one of the country's worst train accidents that killed at least 261 people.

The accident, involving three trains, is one of the worst in the country and took place in Odisha's Balasore district on Friday night. The accident also injured more than 900 people.

Russian President Putin expressed his condolences in a telegram to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"Please accept our deep condolences over the tragic aftermath of the train collision in Odisha. We share the grief of those who lost their relatives and close ones in this catastrophe and we hope for a speedy recovery to everyone injured," says the telegram, published on the Kremlin's website.

UK Prime Minister Sunak extended his heartfelt support and admiration to the survivors and those working tirelessly in the rescue operations.

"My thoughts and prayers are with @narendramodi and with all affected by the tragic events in Odisha. My deepest condolences to the family and friends of those killed, and

my heartfelt support and admiration to the survivors and those working tirelessly to respond," Sunak tweeted.

Japan's Prime Minister Kishida sent a condolence message to Prime Minister Modi following the train accident.

"I am deeply saddened by the news of the loss of many precious lives and the injuries in the train accident in the State of Odisha. On behalf of the Government of Japan and its people, I would like to express our heartfelt condolences to those who lost their lives and their bereaved families. I also pray for the speedy recovery of those who were injured," Kishida said in a statement.

Japanese Foreign Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi also sent a condolence message to Foreign Minister S Jaishankar.

"I am deeply saddened by the news of the loss of many precious lives in the train accident in the State of Odisha. I pray for the souls of the victims and extend my deepest condolences to the bereaved families. I also sincerely hope that those who were injured will recover swiftly," Hayashi said.

Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau said at this difficult time, Canadians are standing with the people of India.

"The images and reports of the train crash in Odisha, India break my heart. I'm sending my

deepest condolences to those who lost loved ones, and I'm keeping the injured in my thoughts. At this difficult time, Canadians are standing with the people of India," Trudeau tweeted.

Nepal Prime Minister Prachanda, who is on a four-day visit to India, tweeted, "I'm saddened by the loss of dozens of lives in a train accident in Odisha, India today. I extend deep condolences to Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi Ji, Government, and the bereaved families in this hour of grief."

Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif extended condolences to the families of the victims and wished speedy recovery to those injured in the accident.

"Deeply saddened by the loss of hundreds of lives in a train accident in India. I extend my heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families who lost their loved ones in this tragedy. Prayers for a speedy recovery of the injured," Sharif tweeted.

"Saddened to the high death toll in the tragic train accident in Odisha, India. Our condolences for the families of the victims. Wish speedy recovery to the injured," Pakistan foreign minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari tweeted.

Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Ali Sabry said that he is "deeply saddened" to learn about the

train accident in Odisha. He wished for a speedy recovery for all those affected in the accident.

"Deeply saddened to learn of the tragic train accident in Odisha. My thoughts & prayers are with the families of the victims & those injured. I hope for a speedy recovery for all those affected. Sri Lanka stands with India in this time of grief," Ali Sabry tweeted.

Bhutan's Prime Minister Lotay Tshering tweeted, "Sending prayers to @narendramodi and the people of India as we hear developments of the tragic train crash in Odisha. May the loved ones find strength, as they come to terms with the loss and horror. We share your pain and pray for quick healing."

The Deputy Prime Minister of Italy and Minister of Foreign Affairs Antonio Tajani also expressed condolences on the train tragedy.

"The Italian Government expresses deep condolences to #India for the tragic train accident that occurred today in Balasore. A prayer for the victims and the injured. I hope that those still trapped will be rescued," Tajani tweeted.

UN General Assembly president Csaba Korosi too expressed his deepest condolence to the families over the tragic train accident.

PRIDE RALLY



People march following a Pride rally at the Utah State Capitol Friday, June 2, 2023, in Salt Lake City.

US, allies clash with Russia, China over North Korea's failed military spy satellite launch

United Nations, Jun 03 (AP):

The United States and its allies clashed with Russia and China on Friday over North Korea's failed launch of a military spy satellite this week in violation of multiple UN Security Council resolutions, which Moscow and Beijing refused to condemn.

The confrontation was the latest over the North's escalating nuclear, ballistic missile and military programs, which US deputy ambassador Robert Wood warned are threatening

international peace and security.

The failed launch "not only disrupted maritime and air traffic in the region, but it also caused alarm for its neighbours in Japan and the Republic of Korea," he said. Pyongyang is threatening another launch soon.

The Security Council imposed sanctions after North Korea's first nuclear test explosion in 2006 and tightened them over the years in a total of 10 resolutions seeking so far unsuccessfully to rein in its nuclear and ballistic missile programs and

cut off funding.

In the last sanctions resolution adopted by the council in December 2017, members committed to further restricting petroleum exports to North Korea if it conducted a ballistic missile launch capable of reaching intercontinental ranges.

China and Russia vetoed a US-sponsored resolution in May 2022 that would have imposed new sanctions, including on petroleum exports, over a spate of intercontinental ballistic missile launches. Since then, they have blocked any council ac-

tion including press statements.

UN political chief Rosemary DiCarlo told the council the last time North Korea conducted a similar satellite launch to Wednesday's failed attempt was on Feb. 7, 2016 and it was condemned by the Security Council.

"The lack of unity and action in the Security Council does little to slow the negative trajectory on the Korean Peninsula," she said, and North Korea "is unconstrained, and other parties are compelled to focus on military deterrence."

Stop giving coverage to ex-PM Imran Khan: Pak govt tells media houses

Lahore, Jun 03 (PTI):

The Pakistan government on Friday urged the country's media houses to refrain from publishing or broadcasting speeches, statements, tweets or pictures of former prime minister Imran Khan.

The government said it was making sure that the 70-year-old Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief's social media activities are also blocked.

According to a government official, both print and electronic media have been directed not to publish or broadcast Khan's speeches, statements, tweets or display his pictures. "We will make sure

that media blackout of Imran Khan is completely enforced," the official said.

An informed source told PTI that the Pakistani media houses have been categorically told by the powerful circles to give no coverage to Khan.

He said Khan's media blackout was enforced from Friday. The government order comes a day after the Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) directed all satellite TV channels not to promote the perpetrators of the May 9 violence.

It also directed them to ensure that coherence and national harmony are promoted and "hate mongers,

rioters, their facilitators and perpetrators" are completely blacked out from the media. Without naming Khan, PEMRA said: "Refrain from providing airtime to those who propagate hate speech and provoke public sentiments against the federation and state institutions".

It said the hate mongers, representing political outfits, are abusing their power against Pakistan and state institutions by instigating the public. "All such anti-state activities were orchestrated by the political charged-up zealots of a political party behaving largely as hate mongers to instigate political activists," it said.

BRICS expansion still work in progress: EAM Jaishankar

Johannesburg, Jun 03 (PTI):

Expansion of the BRICS bloc is still a work in progress and members of the five-nation grouping are approaching the idea with a positive intent and an open mind, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said.

Speaking after a meeting of the foreign ministers of BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) nations in Cape Town on Thursday evening, Jaishankar said the leaders of the countries had asked them last year to formulate the guiding principles, standards, criteria and the procedures for such admissions.

"This is still a work in progress. We are approaching this with posi-



External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar along with other BRICS ministers meets President of South Africa Cyril Ramaphosa, in South Africa, Saturday, June 3.

tive intent with an open mind," he said.

There are many aspects to it. One part of it is to consolidate how the existing BRICS members are working with each other. The second part of it is how the BRICS engages

non-BRICS countries, he said.

"And the third part is how we look at possible BRICS expansion - what will be the appropriate format for that is also something we need to work on," Jaishankar said.

"Bottom line is we are still working on it; the Sherpas (representing the BRICS members) have been tasked with it and we will have to see what they come up with," he added.

Brazilian Foreign Minister Mauro Vieira said he concurred with Jaishankar's view.

"BRICS is a brand and an asset, so we have to take care of it because it means and represents a lot," Vieira said. He said BRICS represented 40 per cent of the world's population which makes it an important asset. "We are working and maybe (it is) because of this big success that it has attracted the attention of many other countries in the 15 years (since BRIC's inception)," Vieira added. China's Vice

Minister Ma Zhaoxu said the model of BRICS+ which China proposed when it was the chair of the bloc in 2022 was developing "very fast". "That was very well recognised by BRICS countries as well as the international community and actually provided one platform for the solidarity and cooperation between the developing countries and the emerging market economies," Ma said. He said China was "very happy" to see this model developing with more and more countries expressing their willingness to join the BRICS family. "For China, we welcome the intention of those countries to join the BRICS, and we expect more countries to join our BRICS family," he said.

UN calls for immediate cease-fire in Sudan

United Nations, Jun 03 (AP):

The UN Security Council called Friday for an immediate cease-fire in Sudan to be followed by a permanent halt to hostilities and fresh efforts to reach a lasting democratic political settlement in the conflict-racked country.

The UN's most powerful body strongly con-

demned all attacks on civilians since fighting between rival generals vying for power broke out in mid-April and called for "rapid, safe and unhindered access throughout Sudan" to help millions in need.

The fighting has killed at least 866 civilians and wounded thousands more, according to the Sudanese

Doctors' Syndicate which tracks civilian casualties. And more than 1.3 million people have fled their homes to try to escape the violence, with over a million still in the country

and 320,000 in neighbouring Egypt, South Sudan, Chad, Ethiopia and the Central African Republic, according to the UN's International Organization for Migration.

UK PM Rishi Sunak planning global AI watchdog



London, Jun 03 (PTI): British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak is considering a London-based global artificial intelligence (AI) watchdog to oversee any threats posed by the fast-growing technology, according to a UK media report on Saturday.

Sunak will discuss ways to cooperate on monitoring AI when he meets US President Joe Biden at the White House next week, according to The Times.

Among the ideas under consideration in Downing Street is setting up a global AI authority in London, modelled on the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

The IAEA, founded in 1957 with 176 countries including India as members, monitors the use of nuclear energy, promotes safe standards, and checks that it is not used for military purposes.

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

Tender Notice (1st Call)

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

NIT No./ System Tender No.	Name of Work	Probable amount of contract
1	2	3
79/136398	CEMENT CONCRETE ROAD OF FCI'S FOOD STORAGE DEPOT AT GUDIYARI, RAIPUR (C.G.)	Rs. 33.21 Lakh

Last date of tender Download Date up to 21.06.2023 Time 17:30 PM

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

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POLICE HEADQUARTERS, CHHATTISGARH, SECTOR 19, ATAL NAGAR, NAWA RAIPUR

Notice Inviting Tender (3rd Call)

No. PHQ/Telecom/Purchase/Tender-III/823-A/2023 Raipur, Dated : 01/06/2023

Sealed tenders are being invited by the Director General of Police, Chhattisgarh on behalf of Governor of Chhattisgarh from Tender are being invited from Original equipment manufacturer (OEM) or Authorized by manufacturer (Only One) for the following item.

Sl.	Tender Enquiry Number	Name of Item	Qty	EMD in Rs.
1	PHQ/TC/TENDER/Purchase/Tender-III/834/DATE 01-06-2023	Battery Li-ion 3.7 Volt 2200 mAh for Inmarsat Isatphone Pro	100	10,000=00
2	PHQ/TC/TENDER/Purchase/Tender-III/833/DATE 01-06-2023	Battery Li-ion 3.7 Volt 3180 mAh for Inmarsat Isatphone 2	50	6,000=00

The Cost of each tender document State Govt of Chhalla of Rs/- 1000/- (Rs. One Thousand Only) amount to be deposited in the Head of A/C-2055-Police-800-other receipt OR it shall be in the form of D.D. of State Bank of India/Scheduled Bank payable at Raipur in favour of A.I.G. Telecom, Police Headquarters, Atal Nagar, Nawa Raipur. Tender Fee is nonrefundable and cannot be exempted in any condition. The tender document may be obtained from the following address:

A.D.G.P. of Police (Telecom) Police Headquarters, Nawa Raipur, Chhattisgarh, Pin: 492002 Contact Person-Aig (Telecom) Mob. No: 9424223625

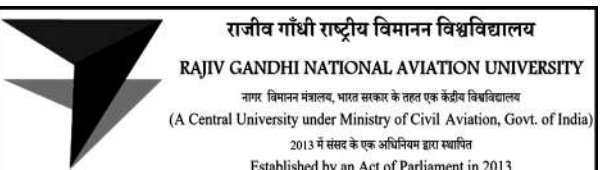
The tender offer in the prescribed tender form along with all the relevant documents sealed and completed in all the respect must be submitted as per the schedule below.

SCHEDULE FOR TENDER	
a) Address for submission of tender document :-	AIG of Police(Telecom) Block no 01, Room No. 106 Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Sector-19, Nawa Raipur
b) Last date & time of submission on Bids	19/06/2023 till 03.00 pm Block no 01, Room No. 106 Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Sector-19, Nawa Raipur
c) Place, Time and Date of Opening Technical Bid:-	Block no 01, Room No. 106 Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Sector-19, Nawa Raipur 19/06/2023 till 04.00 pm
d) Date of opening Financial Bid :-	Shall be intimated later
e) Date till which the Bid to remain valid	180 days from the schedules date of submission of the Bid.

Note:- 1. In case of tender opening date being declared as holiday, tenders will be opened on next working day. 2. The following tender downloaded from our website www.cgpolice.gov.in and at the time of submission of each item document tender fee 1000/- will be paid in the form of DD on the account of Assistant Inspector General of Police (Telecom), Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Atal Nagar Nawa Raipur. 3. Modification/Amendment/corrigendum, if any shall not be advertised in the newspaper but shall be published in the aforesaid web site only.

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Last Date for submission of on-line applications: 09 Jun 2023.

ii. Post Graduate Diploma in Airport Operation (PGDAO) (Industry partner GMRAA) Eligibility: Any Graduation. Duration: 18 months (01 years at University, 06 months' internship in GMR airports). Preference will be given to CUET(PG) 2023 qualified candidates.

Last Date for submission of on-line applications: 30 Jun 2023.

2. Interested candidates should apply through the RGNAU admission portal (<https://rgnaudm.samarth.edu.in>).

3. Other details are available at the website of RGNAU i.e. <https://www.rgnau.ac.in>. Any corrigendum, in this regard, will be published only in the official website of RGNAU.

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Deadly Triple Collision

Urgent Need for Railway Safety Reforms

The tragic train accident in Odisha's Balasore district, claiming the lives of over 288 people and injuring 900 others, has once again exposed the vulnerabilities of India's railway system. This deadly triple collision involving two passenger trains, the Bengaluru-Howrah Superfast Express and the Shalimar-Chennai Central Coromandel Express, along with a goods train, has left the nation in shock and mourning. The incident was triggered by a derailment of the Coromandel Shalimar Express, which then collided with a goods train, causing multiple coaches to overturn. Subsequently, the Yesvantpur-Howrah Superfast Express collided with the derailed coaches. The high-speed nature of these collisions only exacerbated the magnitude of the disaster. This tragedy ranks among the deadliest train accidents in recent Indian history, reminiscent of other major train disasters that have plagued our nation. The memories of past incidents, such as the Gaisal train accident in 1999, the Khanna rail fire in 2005, and the Kanpur train derailment in 2016, still haunt us. Each time such a catastrophe occurs, questions arise about the effectiveness of safety measures and the urgent need for reforms in the railway system. It is disheartening to witness the loss of innocent lives due to failures within our rail infrastructure. The fact that a mere signalling failure can result in the collision of three trains is shocking and raises serious concerns. The responsibility lies not only with the railway authorities but also with the government, which must prioritize railway safety as a matter of national importance. In the wake of this tragedy, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called for a high-level meeting to review the situation and address the pressing issues surrounding train safety. However, mere meetings and discussions are not enough. Concrete actions need to be taken to prevent such accidents from recurring. The involvement of the Army, along with the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Odisha Disaster Rapid Action Force (ODRAF), and other rescue teams, highlights the severity of the situation and the need for collective efforts. However, the deployment of rescue teams after an accident should not be the norm; it should be a proactive approach towards preventive measures that saves lives. Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw's order for a high-level probe into the derailment is a step in the right direction. It is crucial to investigate the root causes of this tragedy and hold accountable those responsible for any negligence or lapses. Additionally, providing financial compensation to the affected families is a gesture of support, but it cannot bring back the lives lost. More importantly, it should be accompanied by tangible reforms and investments in railway infrastructure to ensure the safety of passengers. The cancellation and delay of numerous trains following the accident only magnify the widespread impact and disruption caused by such incidents. It is imperative to address the underlying issues in our rail network to prevent further inconvenience and tragedies. India's railway system, known as the lifeline of the nation, must undergo comprehensive reforms to prioritize safety. This includes regular maintenance and inspection of tracks, effective signalling systems, improved training and accountability of railway staff, and better disaster management protocols. Additionally, the introduction of advanced technologies and international best practices can play a significant role in upgrading the safety standards of our railways. The tragic triple collision in Odisha serves as a grim reminder that the safety of passengers should always be paramount. The nation mourns the lives lost in this horrific incident, and it is our collective responsibility to demand immediate action and reforms to prevent such disasters in the future. The time for real change in the Indian railway system is long overdue.

Uniting Against Injustice

Opposition's Battlecry Against BJP

Yash Pal Raihan

The year 1974 serves as a stark reminder of a powerful opposition enclaving rallying against the Congress party. Today, however, the tides have turned, and the opposition has set its sights on the BJP. It is an undeniable truth that political parties in India lack steadfast ideologies, with their primary objective being the acquisition of power. Past instances, such as the communist and Jan Sangh (now BJP) coalition government in 1967 and the presence of both communists and BJP in the VP Singh government, exemplify this fact. Consider the case of Shiv Sena in Maharashtra and JDU, who once contested elections in alliance with the BJP but are now staunchly against it. Similarly, while a solitary Congress MLA emerged victorious in a recent by-election in West Bengal, reports suggest an alliance with the TMC party. These examples conclusively demonstrate the absence of rigid political ideologies, as seen in the alignment between BJP and Mehbooba Mufti's PDP. The purpose of highlighting these examples lies in the present political landscape, where the AAP party has left no stone unturned in leveling allegations against various political leaders. Now, the same party is reaching out to all opposition parties, seeking their support regarding the ordinance issued by the central government, which aims to curtail the powers of the Delhi government. As the ruling party in Delhi, AAP has the backing of the Supreme Court, which ruled that diminishing the powers of the Delhi government undermines the essence of federalism. Nonetheless, the central government maintains that the ordinance does not contravene federalism, given Delhi's unique distinction as the capital. The Modi government must not underestimate the significance of the political enclave on June 12th in the capital of Bihar, as the nation has witnessed the repercussions of similar gatherings in the past. Rajiv Gandhi's dismissal of the Bofors case ultimately led to his downfall, allowing VP Singh to seize power. Similarly, the Manmohan Singh government overlooked the implications of the 2G spectrum issue and lost their hold on power. While neither case involved any corruption, the perception created was one of rampant corruption. Even if the government comfortably manages to pass the ordinance in the Rajya Sabha, the opposition parties will seize the opportunity to unite around a common issue. This could prove costly for the BJP in the upcoming assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and Telangana, where the media reports suggest Congress has the upper hand. Additionally, Rajasthan is witnessing a close fight between the BJP and Congress. If this scenario materializes in the assembly elections, it will pose a significant challenge for the BJP in the forthcoming parliamentary elections. The protection of the federal structure of the Constitution provides the opposition with a significant platform to rally against the ruling party at the Centre. A notable example is the AAP's campaign to defeat the bill in the Rajya Sabha, which aimed to replace the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Ordinance, thus nullifying the Supreme Court's order to grant legislative and executive powers over administrative services in the national capital to the elected Delhi government. This campaign could very well become the litmus test for opposition unity nationwide, as the ordinance directly undermines the fundamental values enshrined in the Constitution. Although the ordinance may be passed, the issue of safeguarding the federal structure of the Constitution offers the opposition a vital platform for unity. Additionally, the pursuit of social justice advocated by the DMK stands as a collective cause to ensure elected representatives possess the power to fulfill their responsibilities. The nation watches these activities attentively, recognizing that the future of the country hangs in the balance.

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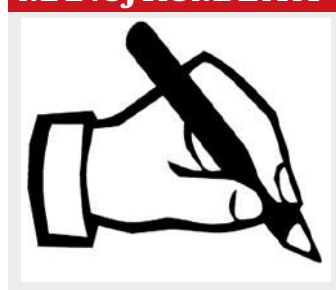
YOGA DAY PREPARATION



School students practice yoga ahead of the International Day of Yoga, in Jammu, Saturday, June 3.

Revamping Grain Storage: An Essential Step to Curb Post-Harvest Losses

MANOJ KUMAR K P



Addressing Post-Harvest Losses

It is distressing to note that post-harvest losses in India range from 4-6% for cereals to 5-8% for pulses, according to the government's report to the Lok Sabha. Such losses not only result in a criminal waste of grains but also perpetuate the hunger crisis faced by millions of Indians. By enhancing storage facilities, these losses can be minimized, thereby preserving foodgrains for consumption and improving farmers' livelihoods.

The Role of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS)

The government's plan aims to establish modern storage facilities at the block level through Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS). This approach is commendable as it ensures that farmers have access to improved storage options in their localities. Additionally, these PACS can serve as procurement centers for state agencies or the Food Corporation of India, allowing farmers to sell their produce at fair prices. However, it is essential to re-activate the inactive PACS across the country to maximize the potential of these societies, which have millions of farmers as their members.

Climate Change and Storage Challenges

Climate change poses a significant challenge to agricultural production, making it even more crucial to improve grain storage facilities. Heatwaves, extreme weather events, and variations in crop production and productivity are likely to increase in intensity and frequency in the coming years. This neces-

The recent approval of a Rs 1 lakh crore plan by the Union Cabinet to create the world's largest grain storage capacity in the cooperative sector is a significant step towards addressing the alarming post-harvest losses in India. With the country's storage capacity falling short of its foodgrain production, it is crucial to improve storage facilities quantitatively and qualitatively. Inadequate storage not only leads to damage and waste of foodgrains but also forces farmers into distress sales. By prioritizing food protection alongside production, the government aims to provide farmers with fair prices for their produce and ensure the nation's food security.

sitates robust storage infrastructure that can withstand adverse climatic conditions and preserve foodgrains effectively. By adopting climate-resilient storage practices, the government can mitigate the impact of climate change on post-harvest losses and ensure food security.

Quantitative and Qualitative Improvements

The Rs 1 lakh crore plan must prioritize both quantitative and qualitative improvements in grain storage. Increasing storage capacity is crucial to accommodate the surplus production and prevent overflow in granaries. However, it is equally important to ensure that these storage facilities are scientifically designed, incorporating modern techniques to protect foodgrains from pests, insect weather, and spoilage. The utilization of advanced technologies, such as temperature and moisture control systems, can enhance storage conditions and prolong the shelf life of stored grains.

Investment for the Future

The allocation of significant funds towards improving grain storage facilities demonstrates the government's commitment to addressing post-harvest losses. However, it is crucial to ensure that these investments translate into tangible improvements on the ground. Adequate oversight and monitoring mechanisms should be put in place to track the progress of storage projects and ensure their timely completion. Additionally, robust training programs should be implemented to equip farmers and storage facility operators with the necessary knowledge and skills to manage the storage infrastructure effectively.

Collaboration and Private Sector Participation

To expedite the creation of modern storage facilities, the government should explore partnerships with the private sector. The expertise and resources of private companies can contribute significantly to the development of state-of-the-art storage infrastructure. Public-private collaborations can leverage technological advancements, innovative storage solutions, and efficient management practices to optimize grain storage and minimize losses. This approach can bring together the strengths of both sectors and drive transformative changes in the storage landscape to benefit farmers and the nation as a whole.

Awareness and Support for Farmers

Improving grain storage facilities requires a comprehensive approach that goes beyond infrastructure development. It is crucial to raise awareness among farmers about the importance of proper post-harvest management and the benefits of utilizing modern storage techniques. Training programs and workshops can be organized to educate farmers on best practices, including proper cleaning, drying, and packaging of harvested crops. By equipping farmers with knowledge and skills in post-harvest management, the government can empower them to reduce losses and enhance the value of their produce.

Monitoring and Evaluation

To ensure the effectiveness of the grain storage initiatives, a ro-

bust monitoring and evaluation system should be established. Regular assessments of storage facilities should be conducted to identify areas for improvement and address any issues promptly. Quality control measures should be implemented to monitor the condition of stored grains and prevent spoilage or contamination. By continuously monitoring the storage process, the government can make data-driven decisions, implement corrective measures, and optimize the storage capacity and efficiency.

Conclusion

Addressing post-harvest losses and improving grain storage facilities is a crucial step towards achieving food security, reducing waste, and supporting the livelihoods of farmers. The government's plan to create the world's largest grain storage capacity in the cooperative sector is a commendable initiative. However, it is vital to ensure that the allocated funds are utilized effectively, with a focus on both quantitative expansion and qualitative improvement of storage infrastructure. By engaging farmers, incentivizing adoption of modern storage practices, and collaborating with international expertise, India can make significant progress in curbing post-harvest losses and securing its food supply chain. With concerted efforts and sustained investments, the vision of saving every grain and ensuring a prosperous agricultural sector can be realized.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Economy moving forward

The report that India's GDP grew at 6.1 per cent during the January- March quarter of the financial time 2022- 23 is yet another index that the country's frugality is healthy and headed in the right direction. This will push the overall growth rate to 7.2 per cent for the full time, April 2022 to March 2023. But this growth index isn't a megalith; several factors also show we are doing many a thing right. During the quarter in discussion, husbandry growth accelerated to 5.4 per cent from 4 percent. Electricity, gas, water force and other mileage services member also grew 6.7 per cent during the fourth quarter from per cent in a time ago period. The GVA growth in the services sector, comprising trade, hostel, transport, communication and services related to broadcasting, was 9 per cent in the fourth quarter, against a growth of only 5 per cent a time ago, according to data from the ministry of statistics and programme implementation. This robust performance, along with overall sanguinity and compelling macroeconomic pointers, illustrate the promising line of the Indian frugality and the tenacity of its people.

Dr. Vijaykumar H K, Raichur, Karnataka

Delayed Justice

Despite compelling evidence, including CCTV footage capturing the brutal murder of a 16-year-old girl in Delhi by Sahil, progress in the police investigation has been sluggish. The footage clearly shows Sahil repeatedly stabbing and kicking the victim, while passersby turned a blind eye. Shockingly, even with the accused's confession, the Delhi court has extended his police remand. The presence of undeniable video evidence emphasizes the urgency for a swift and thorough investigation. Delaying justice not only undermines public trust but also perpetuates a sense of insecurity within society. The investigation must be expedited without further delay.

Reshma Nair, Kannur, Kerala

Critical Healthcare Crisis

The dismal doctor-patient ratio in India is further exacerbated by the recent clampdown on medical colleges by the National Medical Commission (NMC). While the shortage of doctors is a pressing issue, compromising quality for quantity is not the solution. Shockingly, even government colleges suffer from insufficient staff, operating at nearly half their required strength. Although the derecognition of colleges will undoubtedly disrupt students and their families, it is essential to recognize that graduating from a derecognized institution holds no value. The government must step in, providing financial assistance to safeguard the careers of thousands of students, thereby addressing this healthcare crisis.

Ramkumar Nair, Kollam, Kerala

Transforming Financial Services through Technological Innovation



Dr. Krishna Kumar Vepakomma

It is widely known that UPI, the Unified Payments Interface, has emerged as a transformative force in India's digital payments ecosystem, revolutionizing transaction processes and paving the way for a cashless economy. Its remarkable success has not only

reshaped domestic payments but has also garnered international recognition.

UPI has undergone remarkable growth since its establishment, revolutionizing the digital payments landscape in India. According to the NPCI, in April 2021, UPI facilitated an astounding 6.9 billion transactions amounting to INR 15.4 trillion. The remarkable surge in usage can be attributed to various factors, including UPI's user-friendly interface, convenience, and interoperability. Additionally, the widespread penetration of smartphones and the growing accessibility of affordable mobile data have significantly contributed to the widespread adoption of UPI throughout the nation.

The influence of UPI ex-

tends beyond the realm of digital payments and has left a profound imprint on India's economy and society. Primarily, UPI has played a significant role in fostering the expansion of digital transactions, diminishing the dependence on cash-based transactions. This transition has resulted in improved transparency, efficiency, and has been instrumental in combating illicit funds, all while promoting greater financial inclusivity. UPI's user-friendly nature has empowered individuals and small businesses in even the most remote regions to actively participate in the formal economy.

Moreover, UPI has stimulated innovation and entrepreneurship within the fintech industry. Its open architecture

has provided developers with the opportunity to create a diverse array of applications and services that leverage the platform's capabilities. This has led to the emergence of numerous fintech startups that have introduced groundbreaking solutions, including digital wallets, payment applications, and value-added services. These innovative offerings cater to the evolving needs of both consumers and businesses, further enriching the digital payments ecosystem in India.

In conclusion, UPI's remarkable growth and impact on India's digital payments have been possible because it is easy to use, convenient, and works well with different platforms. The widespread use of smartphones and af-

fordable mobile data has also helped make UPI popular. Apart from digital payments, UPI has helped the economy grow, made financial services available to more people, encouraged new ideas in the fintech sector, and given opportunities to individuals and small businesses. As UPI continues to grow and more people use it, it will bring further changes to India's financial system and help the country move towards a digital economy.

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BRIEF

Appointment



Kolkata: Ashwani Kumar has been appointed as the new MD and CEO of city-based public sector UCO Bank with effect from June one. Prior to this, he was the executive director of the state-owned Indian Bank and is a qualified chartered accountant, a statement by the bank said on Saturday. Kumar, an experienced banker, succeeds S S Prasad as the MD and CEO of UCO Bank.

Air India

New Delhi: Air India Express will start operating Haj flights from Kannur and Kozhikode on June 4. In a release on Friday, the airline said the Haj charters will be carried out in two phases. In the first phase, it will operate 44 flights from Kozhikode and 13 flights from Kannur to Jeddah and plans to carry 8,236 Haj pilgrims. In the second phase, the carrier will operate 44 flights from Medina to Kozhikode and 13 flights from Medina to Kannur. "This is the first time the airline is operating Haj services after winning the government-released bid for the two cities in Kerala," the release said.

Barmer refinery



Jaipur: Describing the Pachpadra (Barmer) refinery as an ambitious project for the entire country, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot stressed on starting commercial production from it by the end of next year. Gehlot said that this project will make Rajasthan a hub of petroleum based industries. The CM on Friday held a review meeting of the HPCL-Rajasthan Refinery Limited (HRRLL) project at Pachpadra in Barmer. "Pachpadra Refinery is an ambitious project not only for Rajasthan but for the whole country."

Indian American Ajay Banga takes over as World Bank President

Washington, Jun 03:



Indian American Ajay Banga on Friday took over as the President of the World Bank, making him the first person of colour to head either of the two global financial institutions, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. On May 3, the Executive Directors of the World Bank selected Banga, 63, as the 14th President of the World Bank for a five-year term.

In February, President Joe Biden announced that the US would nominate Banga to lead the World Bank. "Join us in welcoming Ajay Banga as the new President of the World

Bank Group. We are committed to creating a world free from poverty on a livable planet," the World Bank said in a tweet with a picture of Banga entering the bank headquarters here on Friday. "I wish Ajay Banga all the best as he takes up his new role as President of the World Bank today. I look forward

to continuing the deep partnership between our institutions to do good and help those most in need," IMF managing director Kristalina Georgieva said in a tweet. Banga has become the first-ever Indian-American to head the World Bank. He replaces David Malpass, who announced his decision to step down in February.

Banga most recently served as Vice Chairman at General Atlantic. Previously, he was President and CEO of Mastercard, a global organization with nearly 24,000 employees. Under his leadership, MasterCard launched the Center for Inclusive

Growth, which advances equitable and sustainable economic growth and financial inclusion around the world. He was the Honorary Chairman of the International Chamber of Commerce, serving as Chairman from 2020-2022. He became an advisor to General Atlantic's climate-focused fund, BeyondNetZero, at its inception in 2021. Banga served as Co-Chair of the Partnership for Central America, a coalition of private organizations that works to advance economic opportunity across underserved populations in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.

Not a merger but only transfer of policyholder related assets, liabilities of Sahara Life: SBI Life

New Delhi, Jun 03:

SBI Life, a subsidiary of country's biggest lender State Bank of India (SBI), has said it is not a merger between the two companies but only a transfer of the policyholder related assets and liabilities of Sahara Life Insurance. On Friday regulator Irdai directed SBI Life Insurance to takeover the policy liabilities of around two lakh policies along with assets of stressed Sahara India Life Insurance Co Ltd (SILIC). The decision was taken at the meeting of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai) in view of deteriorating financial health of the SILIC.

Following the Irdai order, SBI Life assured two lakh policyholders of

"high levels" of service and commitment as is accorded to our customers. "We have started and we are expeditiously working on the process of integrating all these policyholders in our systems. While the full integration may take some time, we request these policyholders to reach out to us on our helpline number 1800 267 9090 or email us at saharalife@sbilife.co.in," it said. SBI Life will shortly reach out to these policyholders and intimate them about various touch points and manner of servicing for a smooth transition, it said. Sahara Life Insurance was also not allowed to underwrite new business. Thereafter, further directions were issued to the insurer to meet the regulatory requirements.

Invest India to set up desks in all states to promote trade, investment, says Goyal

Panaji, Jun 03:



Officials of the Directorate General of Foreign Trade will be shifted to 'Invest India', which will set up trade and investment desks in each state of the country, Union Minister Piyush Goyal said here on Friday. These desks will promote investments and exports, he said, adding that work of the DGFT will be moved online so that no one will need to visit offices.

Interacting with industry captains in Panaji in presence of Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant, the Union Minister for Commerce and Industry said Invest India, which was helping foreign investors, will now also help domestic investors. "They (Invest India) will encour-

age more investment and also partnerships between the industries. They will also do match making," Goyal said.

Goyal said his ministry would be inviting 20-30 top pharma players to create four to five hubs of the sector in different states, including Goa. Efforts will be taken to expand pharma industries in states like Goa, Gujarat, Hyderabad (Telangana), Himachal, Uttarakhand, the minister said. He asked industry captains

IMAGINE STORE



Customers at the newly inaugurated Imagine store, a leading retailer of Apple products, in Bengaluru.

Efforts to increase availability of better veterinary health services to minimise economic losses: Union Min

Srinagar, Jun 03:



Efforts to increase the availability and accessibility of better veterinary health services have to be made to minimise economic losses due to animal diseases, Union Minister Parshottam Rupala said. The Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying chaired the inter-session meeting of the Consultative Committee attached to his Ministry here. Ministers of State for

Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Sanjeev Kumar Balyan and L Murugan, and members of the committee also attended the meeting. The committee deliberated on various aspects of "strengthening of veterinary services through mobile units and implementation of vaccination programme in the country". While chairing the meeting, Rupala said India has a vast resource of livestock and poultry, which play a vital role in improving the socio-economic conditions of rural masses. Therefore, the department has to make deliberate efforts to increase the availability and accessibility of better veterinary health services to minimise economic losses due to animal diseases, he said.

RACING EXPERIENCE



TVS launches a racing experience center, at KidZania in Noida.

Forex kitty drops USD 4.34 billion to USD 589.14 billion

Mumbai, Jun 03:

Falling for the second consecutive week, India's forex reserves dropped by USD 4.339 billion to USD 589.138 billion for the week ended May 26, the Reserve Bank said on Friday. In the previous reporting week, the reserves had declined by USD 6.052 billion to USD 593.477 billion. It can be noted that in October 2021, the country's forex kitty had reached an all-time high of USD 645 billion. The reserves have been declining as the central bank deploys the kitty to defend the rupee amid pressures caused majorly by global developments. For the week ended May 26, the foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves, declined by USD 4.014 billion to USD 520.931 billion, according to the Weekly Statistical Supplement released by the RBI on Friday.

India has huge potential for recycling of electronic wastes, says NITI Aayog CEO

New Delhi, Jun 03:



NITI Aayog CEO B V R Subrahmanyam said that India has been trying to give a push to circular economy as there is a huge potential for recycling of electronic waste. Subrahmanyam while addressing an event organised by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) also noted that India is extremely dependent on import of lithium and rare earth, key components in many electronic devices and various industrial applications, including medical technology, aerospace and defence.

He pointed out that if electronic wastes are not recycled then it can damage and pollute the envi-

ronment. "There is a huge potential for recycling of electronic waste," Subrahmanyam said. The NITI Aayog CEO said India is currently 5th largest economy and by 2030 it will become the third largest economy. Meanwhile, MeitY on Friday transferred cost effective Li-ion battery recycling technology to nine recycling industries and startups as part of the Mission LIFE under 'Promote circularity cam-

paign'. MeitY has developed this technology under the Centre of Excellence on E-waste management set up at the Centre for Material for Electronics Technology (C-MET), Hyderabad in collaboration with the government of Telangana along with industry partner Greenko Energies Pvt Ltd. Also, speaking at the event, MeitY secretary Alkesh Kumar Sharma lauded the effort of the C-MET for developing a low-cost technology for local recycling industries and startups. He also appreciated C-MET scientists for venturing into niche technology development like hafnium metal sponge from effluents, which is available with a handful of countries.

Singapore among largest investors in India despite challenges: Indian businessman Khattar

Singapore, Jun 03:

Singapore has been one of the largest investors in India through government-linked corporations despite multiple challenges, a leading Indian businessman in the city-state has said. Speaking at a seminar following the launch of his memoir "Changing Destiny" at the Institute of South Asian Studies, a think-tank of the National University of Singapore, businessman Sat Pal Khattar also said that Singapore businesses in India have worked only with those government corporations that can take a medium-to-longer term view. "Singapore has for many years been one of the largest investors in India through government-linked corporations which have deep pockets and can take a medium-to longer-term view.

However, investing in India has always been challenging and continues to remain challenging," the 81-year-old entrepreneur said. Singapore is among India's largest trade and investment partners in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and accounted for 27.3 per cent of India's overall trade with ASEAN in 2021-22.

The city-state is the leading source of Foreign Direct Investment into India and over the last 20 years, the total investment into India from Singapore is almost USD 136.653 billion and accounts for nearly 23 per cent of the total FDI inflows. In his book, Khattar mentioned that the majority of Singapore's Chinese businesses feel more comfortable doing business in China.

HDFC Bank launches Mega Car Loan Mela

Mumbai, Jun 03:

HDFC Bank, India's leading private sector bank, announced the launch of a mega 'Car loan Mela' in Central India and Maharashtra. Over 650 bank branches across Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Northern Maharashtra and Vidarbha, will host the car loan drive on June 2 and 3, in partnership with leading automobile brands and car dealerships. Car dealers will be present at the branches to showcase their automobile models and will allow customers to take test drives of the vehicles. The Bank would provide on-the-spot loan sanctions to eligible customers. HDFC Bank provides a host of loans to all customers at affordable interest rates. The 'Car-loan Mela' is envisioned to provide customers easy access to automobile finance, especially in the SURU (semi-urban and rural) locations.

Auto sales on growth track riding on demand for SUVs

New Delhi, Jun 03:

Automakers led by Maruti Suzuki India, Hyundai, Mahindra & Mahindra, Toyota Kirloskar Motor on Thursday reported robust wholesales of passenger vehicles in the domestic market in May riding on strong demand for SUVs. Other manufacturers such as Tata Motors, Kia and MG Motor India also reported increase in their dispatches to dealers during the month.

Market leader Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) reported a 15 per cent rise in total domestic passenger vehicle sales at 1,43,708 units as compared with 1,24,474 units in the same month last year. The company's sales of mini cars, compris-



ing Alto and S-Presso, fell 30 per cent to 12,236 units as compared with 17,408 units in the year-ago period, while compact cars sales, including models such as Swift, Celerio, Ignis, Baleno and Dzire, increased 5 per cent to 71,419 units as against 67,947 units in May 2022. On the other hand, utility vehicle sales, including those of

Brezza, Grand Vitara and Ertiga, rose 65 per cent to 46,243 units as against 28,051 vehicles in the year-ago month, MSI said. Sales of mid-sized sedan Ciaz last month increased to 992 units from 586 units in the year-ago period, it added. In a virtual interaction, Maruti Suzuki India Senior Executive Officer (Sales and Marketing)

Shashank Srivastava said the overall passenger vehicle dispatches grew by 13.5 per cent year on year in May at 3.34 lakh units.

He noted that it was the best monthly dispatches ever for the month of May. The previous best was May 2018-19 with wholesales of 3.10 lakh units. Srivastava noted that the SUV segment continues to grow and accounted for 47 per cent of the overall passenger vehicle sales in May. Commenting on MSI's performance last month, he noted that the company's sales growth last month was better than the industry's growth of 13.5 per cent. "Our market share in the SUV segment stood at 21 per cent in May as compared with around 12 per cent in same month last year.

Govt imposes stock limits on tur, urad dal till October to check hoarding

New Delhi, Jun 02:

The government imposed stock limits on tur and urad dals held by wholesalers, retailers, importers and millers till October to prevent hoarding and check price rise.

An order in this regard was issued with immediate effect by the Union Food and Consumer Affairs Ministry. All India average retail price of tur has increased by 19 per cent to 122.68 per kg on June 2, from 103.25 per kg a year ago. Similarly, the average retail price of urad has increased by 5.26 per cent to Rs 105.05 in the said period, as per the data maintained by the ministry.

Rakulpreet Singh-starrer 'I Love You' teaser twists love story into a thriller



The teaser of the upcoming thriller film 'I Love You' was unveiled on Thursday. The teaser initially talks about the warm fuzzy feeling of falling for someone, and soon twists into a thriller leaving the audience with a thousand questions. The film stars Rakulpreet Singh, Pavail Gulati and Akshay Oberoi in the lead and has been directed by acclaimed filmmaker Nikhil Mahajan of 'Godavari' fame. Talking about the film, Nikhil said: "I Love You is a special film for me for many reasons. I collaborated with the wonderful Rakul and Pavail who have over the

making of this film become close friends of mine." He further mentioned: "It is also produced by Sunir Kheterpal and Gaurav Bose who ensured that we get to make exactly the film that we set out to make. And lastly, it has found its home at Jio Studios with whom I share a very special relation, as I also did Godavari with them and it's a place very close to home for me." Presented by Jio Studios, 'I Love You' is a Athena Production, produced by Jyoti Deshpande, Sunir Kheterpal and Gaurav Bose. The film will soon drop on Jio Cinema.

Bret Lee reveals his superstition about cricket



Sony Entertainment Television's most adored comedy show, 'The Kapil Sharma Show', is all set to let the ball of laughter rolling as it welcomes ace cricketers - Brett Lee and Chris Gayle. Leaving everybody clean bowled with their charm in Kapil's Mohalla, the special guests will swing hilarious anecdotes about their lives on and off the cricket field, making everyone laugh out loud, literally! And, adding a musical twist to the cricket 'masti', will be singer and music composer, Arko Pravo Mukherjee. During the lively conversation, host Kapil Sharma, will ask Brett Lee about his opinion on superstition and whether he believes in it. In response, Brett Lee will be seen sharing, "Sometimes, I have the tendency to put my left shoe on first, which has become a routine for me. It all started when I happened to score a few wickets after doing so, and I didn't want to risk displeasing any higher powers or gods. Rather than being overly superstitious, it has become a habitual part of my pre-game routine. I remember one match where I faced a player named Neil Mackenzie from South Africa, who was extremely superstitious. On one occasion, he went to bat in a test match and scored a century, but what made it peculiar was that all the toilet seats were lifted up. As a result, every time we had to bat afterwards, all the toilet seats had to remain up. It was a silly superstition." Tune in to watch 'The Kapil Sharma Show' every Saturday and Sunday at 9:30 p.m. only on Sony Entertainment Television.

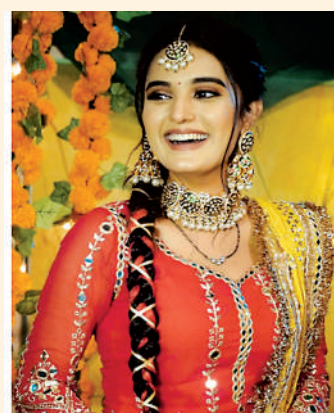


Actor Ayushmann Khurrana, who has been appointed as the Goodwill Ambassador for Special Olympics Bharat, said that the first step towards nation-building starts with being inclusive as a society. Ayushmann said: "It has been a matter of personal responsibility for me as an artiste to create and foster a spirit of inclusivity in my country. I have tried to do that through my films and my work off camera because I feel the first step towards nation-building starts from being inclusive as a society." He added: "I'm proud to be appointed as the Goodwill Ambassador for Special Olympics Bharat and urge my fellow countrymen to participate in cheering our talented team that is headed to the World Summer Games in Berlin this year." The Special Olympics Bharat have scaled up the preparation of the athletes ahead of the Special Olympics World Summer Games which are set to take place in Berlin, Germany between June 17- 25. India will be sending a 280-strong contingent comprising of 198 athletes and partners along with 57 coaches who will be competing across 16 sports disciplines at the prestigious event.

Ayushmann: Nation-building starts from being inclusive as a society

Ayushi makes a green impact by quitting the usage of plastic

The crew of Star Bharat's popular show 'Ajooni' has taken a significant step towards creating a positive impact on the environment by completely eliminating the use of plastic on set. In a collective effort to contribute to society and the planet, the team has adopted sustainable alternatives, replacing plastic items with eco-friendly alternatives. Ayushi Khurana, who plays the lead role of 'Ajooni' in the show, expressed her appreciation for this initiative, stating, "It's a small step towards change, and I truly commend this endeavor. I believe that each one of us should contribute to

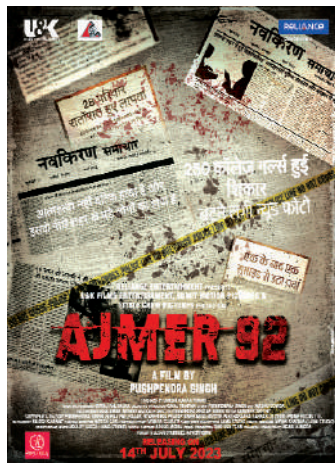


society and our planet in some way or another. While it may not be easy to bring about a drastic change overnight, even a small step can make a significant difference. That's why we

have collectively decided to quit the use of plastic on the sets of 'Ajooni.' We have transitioned to using glass cups, flasks for water, and steel plates and utensils." The crew of 'Ajooni' sets a shining example for the entertainment industry by prioritizing environmental consciousness and adopting sustainable practices. By taking these small yet significant steps, they are not only reducing their ecological footprint but also inspiring viewers to make eco-friendly choices in their own lives. Stay tuned to watch 'Ajooni' every Monday-Friday at 8:30 PM only Star Bharat.

The makers of 'Ajmer-92', release the first poster

Ajmer 92 tells the story of the grim plight of girls from the city of Ajmer in the year 1992. A gut wrenching tale of families that were torn apart in the wake of unspeakable crimes against women. Umesh Kumar Tiwari, producer of the film, added, "I believe it is essential to tell such stories to empower our youth. Through 'Ajmer-92,' we want our young girls, in fact, the entire youth, to etch the fact in their minds that good shall always triumph over evil." The poster of the film looks strikingly intriguing with newspaper cutouts smeared with blood. While we await further details about the film, 'Ajmer-92' is slated to release on 14th July 2023. Pushpendra Singh, director of the film, further stated, "I am grateful for being a part of such an important project. This project, this film is important because societies need to timely re-affirm their unwavering support towards women and 'Ajmer-92' exactly does that."



Supriya Shukla: I ensure that my presence in the show makes a difference

Actress Supriya Shukla, who will be seen in the third season of 'Bade Acche Lagte Hain', said that she ensures her presence in the show makes a difference. The show has brought back the fan-favourite jodi of Nakuul Mehta and Disha Parmar, who are reprising their iconic roles of Ram Kapoor and Priya. One such actor to make her mark is Supriya Shukla, who essays the role of Ram Kapoor's mother. Supriya shared: "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."

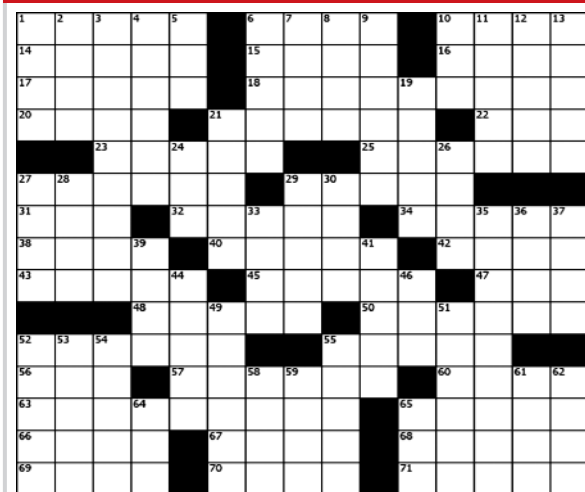
Shruti Haasan breaks into an impromptu performance at a restaurant in London



After her visit to Cannes, Shruti Haasan flew to the UK to resume shooting for her international film, 'The Eye'. During a visit to a restaurant in London, the actress wowed everyone there with an impromptu gig. Shruti and her friends along with her partner Santanu Hazarika, decided to let down their hair and visited a popular restaurant Louie's for a night out. Whilst listening to their in house band perform foot tapping music, Shruti decided to enthrall the patrons with an impromptu performance. It was absolutely spontaneous and the restaurant's in house band played along making it one memorable evening. Talking about her impromptu singing, Shruti said, "It was a lovely evening and when they asked me to sing, I was glad to. I loved it and everyone had a fantastic time."

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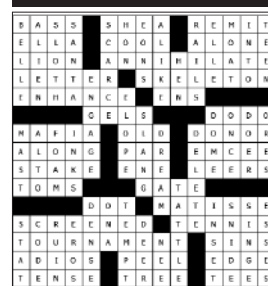
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 25. Fall flowers
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India maul Uzbekistan 22-0 in opener

Women's Junior Asia Cup

Kakamighara, Jun 03 (PTI):

Annu slammed a double hat-trick as India started their campaign in the women's Junior Asia Cup on an emphatic note with a 22-0 thrashing of a lowly Uzbekistan, here on Saturday.

Annu (13th, 29th, 30th, 38th, 43th, 51st) was the star performer for India, while Vaishnavi Vitthal Phalke (3rd, 56th); Mumtaz Khan (6th, 44th, 47th, 60th); Sunelita Toppo (17th, 17th); Manju Chorsiya (26th), Deepika Soreng (18th, 25th), Deepika (32nd, 44th, 46th, 57th), and Neelam (47th) were the others on target.

India began attacking the Uzbekistan citadel from the onset and took an early lead when as Vaishnavi (3rd) converted a penalty corner.

Mumtaz doubled India's lead three minutes later with a field strike. Annu



added to the team's tally by netting a goal as the opening quarter ended with India enjoying a 3-0 lead.

The second quarter was no different as India continued to dominate the proceedings and scored goals at will through Sunelita, Manju, Deepika and Annu, thus enjoying a commanding 10-0 lead at the half-time.

The script was the same after the change of ends as

Deepika netted one through penalty corner while Annu struck two more to help India take 13-0 lead.

Mumtaz and Deepika scored in dying moments of third quarter to make it 15-0.

It was one-way traffic as India pumped in seven more goals in the final quarter. India will next play Malaysia in their second pool game on June 5.

Portsmouth, Jun 03 (PTI):

The Indian team's training sessions over the years have had their share of innovations and it is now using multi-coloured rubber balls for catching practice in order to adjust to last-minute deviations which could cost the side dear.

One of the Indian team's fielding drills at the Arundel ground here saw rising star Shubman Gill taking catches with the colour of the ball being green.

There were also yellow coloured balls but not the lawn tennis balls one usually gets to see when keepers and close-in fielders take powerfully hit reflex catches.

"These are specially made rubber balls, not the ones we are used to seeing in gully cricket. This is made for fielding drills. These balls are named 'reaction balls' and it is used for fielding drills only in



(L-R) Yashvi Jaiswal, Ishan Kishan and Rohit Sharma of India walk on the field during India training.

some specific countries, mainly England or New Zealand where breeze and colder conditions become a factor," a renowned fielding coach, who has worked at NCA and at national camps, told PTI. Asked if

there was any significance for the green coloured balls that was used to give catching practice to Gill, he said: "I don't think there is any specific scientific or cricketering reason for any specific colour. But cer-

tainly there is a reason for using that kind of rubber balls for catching practice - especially for slip fielders and keepers."

"In England, due to underlying moisture and the lush green outer area (be-

yond 22 yards) means that the ball will wobble a lot more than usual.

"England is the only country and to some extent in New Zealand, you will find that deliveries that beat the batter's outside edge is deviating wickedly, making it difficult to gather or catch the ball. The Dukes in England in fact wobbles even more," the coach added. He then explained why these rubber "reaction balls" are being used for training. "These balls are lighter in weight and hence it would wobble and also swing or deviate more. The idea is to get adjusted to this changing trajectory or line of the ball."

"Now coming to the colour the various colours are used because it is a human tendency to lose the sight of ball at last second. Various colours help you to judge the line of deviation till the last moment while catching the ball," he added.

Junior World Cup: Indian shooter Sainyam wins gold



Suhl (Germany), Jun 03 (PTI):

India's Sainyam on Saturday claimed the gold medal in the women's 10m air pistol competition to start the country's campaign in the ISSF Junior World here on a rousing note. Sainyam shot 238 in

the eight-women final to finish on top of the podium, even as the other Indian in fray, Suruchi Inder Singh settled for the sixth place with 154.1.

Korea's Kim Minseo claimed the silver medal with a total score of 236, while the bronze went to

Liu Heng Yu of Taipei, who shot 216.9.

Sainyam was placed third in the qualification with 571, while Suruchi was in fifth place. Sainyam clinched bronze in women's 10m air pistol event at the Khelo India Youth Games in February.

French Open

Paris, Jun 03 (AP):

Last year's finalist Casper Ruud rallied to beat Zhang Zhizhen in the third round of the French Open on Saturday, ending a strong run by the Chinese player.

The fourth-seeded Ruud, who lost to Rafael Nadal in last year's final, won 4-6, 6-4, 6-1, 6-4.

Zhang was the first Chinese man to reach the third round at Roland Garros since Kho Sin-Khie in 1937. Kho also reached the fourth round in 1936 but that proved a step too far for Zhang, despite a lightning start on Court Suzanne Lenglen.

Zhang broke Ruud in the opening game and went on to take the set as the Norwegian player grew more and more frustrated. Matters grew worse for Ruud as he



found himself 0-40 down on his serve early in the second set but he collected his emotions and after a topsy-turvy set went on to level the match at his first opportunity.

Ruud then improved in the last two sets and sealed the match with a forehand down the line on the first of two match points.

The match will be fol-

lowed by an intriguing third-round encounter involving two teenagers: American Coco Gauff, who is 19, and Russian Mirra Andreeva, who is 16. However, reigning Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina pulled out of the French Open before her third-round match on Saturday because she is sick.

Elena Rybakina pulls out

Paris, Jun 03 (AP):

Reigning Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina pulled out of the French Open before her third-round match on Saturday because she is sick. "I just wanted to give 100%, and obviously I'm far from being 100%," Rybakina said. "If I cannot breathe, there is no chance I can even run and try to compete." The No. 4-seeded Rybakina was supposed to face 132nd-ranked Sara Sorribes Tormo in the day's opening contest on Court Philippe Chatrier. They were scheduled to begin playing at 11:45 a.m. local time, but instead, at that very moment, Rybakina sat down behind the microphone at a news conference to explain why she was withdrawing from the year's second Grand Slam tournament.



Elena Rybakina

Sounding stuffed up, Rybakina explained that she has been running a fever, didn't sleep well the past two nights and had difficulty breathing during a warmup session Saturday ahead of her match. She said a doctor told her there is a virus going around "here in Paris." power-built game based in part on one of the best serves on the WTA Tour, which she leads in aces this season.

I want to bat with same intent that I showed in IPL and Ranji Trophy: Rahane

Arundel, Jun 03 (PTI):

Back in India colours after nearly 18 months, senior batter Ajinkya Rahane doesn't want to have any "regrets" for the time lost and would like to bat in the upcoming World Test Championship final against Australia with the same "intent" like he did in the just-concluded IPL.

"Coming back after 18-19 months, whatever has happened, good or bad, I don't want to think about my past. I just want to start afresh and keep doing whatever I have been doing," Rahane told BCCI TV on the sidelines of India's training session. "Personally enjoyed playing for CSK as I have been batting well throughout the season, even before IPL. I had a very good domestic season and I felt good. So this comeback was a bit emotional for me."

Rahane, who was a part of CSK's fifth IPL title-winning side, has already received a lot of praise for his attacking batting and improved strike-rate in T20 cricket, and especially the 27-ball 61 against Mumbai Indians showed a shift in his intent.

"I want to bat with the same mindset and show same intent that I showed before coming here in IPL and Ranji Trophy. I would not like to think about for-



mat whether it is T20 or Tests. The way I am batting now, I don't want to complicate things and the more I keep it simple, better it is for me," the veteran of 82 Tests and 4,931 runs said.

The man, who led India to the most talked-about series triumph in Australia, back in 2021, also praised Rohit Sharma for leading the team admirably for the better part of this WTC cycle.

"I thought culture in team now is really good. Rohit is handling the team really well and I am sure Rahul bhai is also handling the team really well. That helps as well and atmosphere is really good. Whatever I am seeing right now is that everyone is enjoying each other's company," he said.

India beat Great Britain 4-2 in shoot-out of FIH Pro League

London, Jun 03 (PTI):

India defeated Great Britain 4-2 in a penalty shoot-out to earn a bonus point after both sides were locked at 4-4 at the end of the regulation time in a high-scoring second leg FIH Pro League match here on Saturday.

Skipper Harmanpreet Singh (7th minute), Mandeep Singh (19th), Sukhjeet Singh (28th) and Abhishek (50th) were the goal scorers for India.

Sam Ward (8th, 40th, 47th, 53rd) was the star for the home team firing all the four goals.

The win ensured a bonus point for India but they are still lying second in the standings below Great Britain with 24 points from 12 games.

Great Britain are atop the table with 26 points



from 11 matches. India had earlier lost 4-2 to Great Britain here in the first leg before thrashing Belgium 5-1.

India will next travel to Eindhoven, Netherlands to play the hosts on June 7 in the Europe leg of their FIH Pro League campaign.

Lakshya goes down fighting

Bangkok, Jun 03 (PTI):

The Indian challenge at the Thailand Open ended after star shuttler Lakshya Sen lost a tough three-game men's singles semifinal against Thailand's second seed Kunlavut Vitidsarn here on Saturday.

The 21-year-old from Almora looked in control in the first game against his seeded opponent but lost his way as the match progressed to eventually go down 21-13 17-21 13-21 in a contest that lasted one hour and 15 minutes. Kunlavut will next play

the winner of the other semifinal between Hong Kong's eighth seed Cheuk Yiu Lee and Toma Junior Popov of France.

Lakshya had entered the semifinal for the first time this season, having come close in Indonesia Masters, where he exited in the quarterfinals.

His ranking has dropped down to 23 from a career-high sixth due to a string of below-par performances this year.

It was neck-and-neck between the two shuttlers initially in the first game before Lakshya surged to 11-6 lead at the break.

Rafael Nadal has arthroscopic surgery for the hip injury

Paris, Jun 03 (AP):

Rafael Nadal had arthroscopic surgery on Friday night for the injured left hip flexor that forced him to sit out the French Open for the first time since he won the first of his record 14 titles there in his 2005 tournament debut.

Nadal's spokesman, Benito Perez-Barbadillo, said three doctors were involved in the procedure, which was taking place in Barcelona.

Perez-Barbadillo said he expected to be able to pass along information about the operation on Saturday, which is Nadal's 37th birthday. The Spaniard hasn't competed anywhere since he lost to



Mackenzie McDonald in the second round of the Australian Open on Jan. 18. Nadal's movement clearly was restricted for much of that match and he ended up with his earliest exit at any Grand Slam tournament since 2016.

An MRI exam the next day revealed the extent of the injury, and Perez-Barbadillo said at the time that Nadal was expected to need up to two months to fully recover. He initially aimed to enter the Monte Carlo Masters in March on his beloved red clay, but he wasn't able to play there, then subsequently sat out tournament after tournament, decreasing the likelihood that he would be ready for the French Open.

Warner hopes to end Test career with swansong at SCG next year

Beckenham (UK), Jun 03 (PTI):

Star Australian opener David Warner on Saturday revealed his desire to end his red-ball career with a swansong Test at his home ground at the SCG against Pakistan in January.

Talking ahead of Australia's training session here, Warner, who is preparing for next week's World Test Championship (WTC) final against India, said he hopes the Sydney Test against Pakistan would be his last.

However, given his recent struggle in the longest format of the game, the southpaw isn't guaranteed a spot in the Australian Test side.

"You've got to score runs. I've always said the (2024) T20 World Cup



would probably be my final game," Warner said.

"I probably owe it to myself and my family - if I can score runs here and continue to play back in Australia - I can definitely say I won't be playing that West Indies series.

Govt bans 14 fixed dose combination drugs

• Cites they may involve risk to people

New Delhi, Jun 03 (PTI)

The government has banned 14 fixed dose combination drugs including Nimesulide and Paracetamol dispersible tablets and Chlorpheniramine Maleate and Codeine syrup citing there is "no therapeutic justification" for these medicines and that they may involve "risk" to people.

The Union Health Ministry issued a notification on Friday in this regard.

The banned drugs included those used for treating common infections, cough and fever — combinations such as Nimesulide + Paracetamol dispersible tablets, Chlorpheniramine Maleate + Codeine Syrup, Pholcodine

+Promethazine, Amoxicillin + Bromhexine and Bromhexine + Dextromethorphan + Ammonium Chloride + Menthol, Paracetamol + Bromhexine + Phenylephrine + Chlorpheniramine + Guaiphenesin and Salbutamol + Bromhexine.

The move comes following recommendations by an expert committee. The expert committee said that there is "no therapeutic justification for this FDC (fixed dose combination) and the FDC may involve risk to human beings. Hence, in the larger public interest, it is necessary to prohibit the manufacture, sale or distribution of this FDC under section 26 A of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940. In view of the above, any kind of regulation or restriction to allow for any use in patients is not justifiable."

"And whereas, on the basis of the recommendations of the Expert Committee and the Drugs Technical

Advisory Board, the Central Government is satisfied that it is necessary and expedient in public interest to regulate by way of prohibition the manufacture for sale, sale and distribution for human use of the said drug in the country," the notification stated.

FDC drugs are those which contain a combination of two or more active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) in a fixed ratio.

In 2016, the government had announced the ban on the manufacture, sale and distribution of 344 drug combinations after an expert panel, set up at the behest of the Supreme Court had stated they were being sold to patients without scientific data and the order was challenged by the manufacturers in court.

The currently banned 14 FDCs are part of those 344 drug combinations.

RESCUE OPERATIONS



NDRF personnel conduct a rescue and search operation after the accident involving three trains that claimed at least 261 people and left 900 others injured, in Balasore district, Saturday.

'He was going to Chennai': 23-year-old migrant worker from Malda leaves behind distraught family

English Bazar (WB), Jun 03 (PTI)

Mashrekul of West Bengal's Malda district was heading to Chennai in search of work when the train tragedy in Odisha took away his life, officials said on Saturday.

Mashrekul, 23, was travelling on the Shalimar-Chennai Central Coromandel Express, which was involved in the crash that killed 261 people,

they said.

His family was in anxiety ever since they received the news of the accident on Friday night. "We got to know around 9 pm that the train on which Mashrekul was travelling has derailed. We started calling people travelling with him. We got to know about his death around dawn," his mother said, crying inconsolably.

"He left home on

Thursday. He told us that he is going to Chennai for work," she said sitting outside her modest house in Dhangara village in Chanchal block.

Mashrekul, the sole bread-earner of the family, is survived by his parents, wife and two children.

Malatipur MLA Abdur Rahim Boxi of the TMC visited Mashrekul's house and assured the family of all possible support.

Nityam Ray, a resident of Bhomraill village in Bamangola police station area of the district, was also killed in the accident. He too was travelling on the Coromandel Express when the accident happened, his family said.

Ray, 30, spoke to his wife moments after he boarded the train from the Shalimar station in Howrah district. "That was the last time I spoke to him," she said. He was going to Kerala along with a relative, Chandan Ray of Tapan police station area in Dakshin Dinajpur district, in search of work.

Balasore district hospital a 'war-zone' with rooms bursting with patients

Balasore, Jun 03 (PTI)

The Balasore district hospital and Soro hospital where the injured have been rushed after three trains derailed one on top of another in a horrific accident, killing at least 261 people and injuring over 650 in Odisha, looked like war zone with the injured lying on stretchers in the corridor and rooms bursting at its seams with extra beds propped up to take care of the unending stream of injured passengers.

Harried medical staff were seen trying to bring succour to patients many of whom are from states other than Odisha and had difficulties in communicating. In all till mid-day

some 526 railway accident victims have been admitted to Balasore district hospital.

Dr Mrutunjay Mishra, Additional District Medical Officer (ADMO), Balasore district headquarters hospital said, "I am in the profession for many decades, but have never seen such a chaos in my life. All of a sudden 251 accident injured persons rushed into our hospital and we were not at all prepared. Our staff worked all through the night and provided first aid to all."

Sixty-four patients were referred to SCB Medical College Hospital in Cuttack. Now we have 60 patients in beds. Others were discharged after minor surgery. "We were

in fact surprised as a large number of youths made beeline to donate blood here. We collected around 500 units of blood overnight. Thanks all. It is a lifetime experience. Now things are quite normal," he said. Policemen and locals have been volunteering to donate blood at Balasore district hospital and other hospitals through the night, said officials. More than 2,000 people gathered at the Balasore Medical College and Hospital in the night to help the injured, and many also donated blood, officials said. The morgue at the hospital was a pile of white shrouded bodies, many of them yet to be identified as relatives are yet to make their way to

the town with many train services cancelled or delayed due to the accident on a major railway trunk route. Jagdeb Patra who is admitted to Balasore hospital with fracture in both hands said he was travelling to Chennai.

A large number of people including many from West Bengal were frantically visiting the Balasore hospital and Soro in search of their missing relatives and friends.

The injured have been rushed to Balasore, Soro, Bhadrak, Jajpur hospital and SCB Medical College in Cuttack. Mukesh Pandit an injured passenger from Jharkhand, who was going to Chennai in the Coromandel Express told PTI that he "never realised

when the accident occurred only regained consciousness to realise he was in extreme pain."

Doctors from AIIMS-Bhubaneswar have been dispatched to Balasore and Cuttack in Odisha to assist in the relief operations at site of the train accident, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said on Saturday. "Two teams of doctors from AIIMS-Bhubaneswar have been dispatched for Balasore and Cuttack to assist in relief operations at the rail accident site in Odisha," Mandaviya said on Twitter. "We are providing all required help and medical assistance to the victims of the tragic train accident to save precious lives," he added.

Jalpaiguri man who went to work at Bengaluru hotel dies

Sagar Kheria of Jalpaiguri district in West Bengal went to Bengaluru three months ago to work at a hotel, and was returning home when the train tragedy in Odisha took away his life.

Kheria, 30, even spoke to his parents around 6.45 pm on Friday, minutes before the triple train crash in Balasore district, a family member said on Saturday. He was among 14 people from Nagarakata block in the district who went together to Bengaluru in search of work, officials said.

While Kheria died in the

tragedy, two people of the group were injured and the rest missing, they said.

All of them were travelling on the Bengaluru-Howrah Superfast Express. They were returning home for the first time, and were visibly happy, their distraught families said. The two injured persons were identified as Dharmanath Singh, 19, and Aman Onrao, 24. Aman is undergoing treatment at a hospital in Kolkata, while Dharmanath is admitted at a hospital in Balasore, officials said.

ODISHA TRAIN CRASH

Passenger on Coromandel Express narrates sequence of events

New Delhi, Jun 03 (PTI)

Anubhav Das, a passenger on the Coromandel Express that was involved in a horrific triple train crash on Friday, has posted an eyewitness account of the tragedy on Twitter.

In a series of tweets, Das has described how the accident unfolded.

"As a passenger on the Coromandel Express from Howrah to Chennai, I am extremely thankful to have escaped unscathed. It probably is the biggest train accident related incident.

"Three trains were involved in the accident — Coromandel Express 12841, Yesvantpur-Howrah SF and a goods train. Initial impressions are that the Coromandel Express derailed and collided with the goods train (parked on the loop track on the side)," he said.

Das said subsequently, the derailed coaches were hit by the oncoming Yesvantpur express on a nearby track.

In one of the tweets, he said: "3 general coaches of Yesvantpur Express are completely damaged and

derailed. Almost 13 coaches of Coromandel Express including general, sleeper, AC 3 tier and AC 2 tier are completely damaged.

"Not to exaggerate but I have myself witnessed more than 200-250 deaths. Families crushed away, limbless bodies and a bloodbath on the train tracks. It was a sight that I will never forget. God help the families. My condolences."

At least 238 people have been killed and more than 900 injured in the train crash, according to officials.

Following the horrific train crash in Odisha involving the Bengaluru-Howrah Superfast Express, Railway officials here on Saturday said as per the latest information available, no one from the reserved coaches got injured or died, while few passengers from the General Seating (GS) coach had some injuries.

The overturned GS and SLRD (Brake Van) coaches are still being restored and rescue works are on, they said.

At least 238 people have been killed and over 900 injured in the crash in Balasore district of Odisha on Friday involving the Bengaluru-Howrah Superfast Express, the Shalimar-Chennai Central Coromandel Express and a goods train.

Officials of the South

'Was under 'pressure' not to deliver Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid case verdict'



Justice (retired) Sudhir Agarwal

Justice (retired) Sudhir Agarwal, who was part of an Allahabad High Court bench which delivered a key judgment in the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid title suit in 2010, said he was under "pressure" not to give the ruling and added that had they not done so, there would not have been any verdict in the matter for

the next 200 years. Justice Agarwal retired from the high court on April 23, 2020.

Talking to reporters after an event in Meerut in Uttar Pradesh, he said, "After delivering the judgment..., I felt blessed.... There was pressure on me to postpone the judgment in the case. There was pressure from within home and also from outside."

"Family members and relatives used to suggest to somehow pass time and not deliver the judgment," he added.

"Had the judgment not been delivered on September 30, 2010 in the Ram Janmabhoomi-

Babri Masjid case, there would not have been any judgement in this matter for the next 200 years," he said.

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