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demanding OPS, at Shahid Smarak in Jaipur, Friday.

NSA Doval to his British counterpart

Take public action against extremist elements'

Threatening Indian officers in UK'

New Delhi. Jul 7 (PTI)

Advisor Ajit Doval on Friday urged his British counterpart Sir Tim Barrow to take strong public action such as deportation against extremist elements threatening officers of Indian High Commission in the UK, official sources

Doval raised the issue during his wide-ranging talks with Barrow, who is currently on a visit to

The two NSAs held one-on-one talks that was followed by delegation level dialogue.

Pro-Khalistan groups



National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval and his UK counterpart Tim Barrow during a meeting, in New Delhi,

have issued posters inciting violence against senior Indian diplomats in the UK as well as in the US, Canada and Australia.

India has already asked all these countries to ensure safety and security of Indian diplomats and its missions. "The Indian side raised

the issue of the extremist

elements in the UK threatening individual officers the Indian High Commission and urged the UK government to take strong public action against these elements such as deportation or legal prosecution," said a source. Both the sides agreed to work closely to counter terrorism and terror financing.

My Gorakhpur visit exemplifies both development and heritage: PM

Gorakhpur (UP), Jul 7 (PTI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said his Gorakhpur trip, which includes a visit to Gita Press and the launch of modern trains, exemplified his government's policy of combining development with heritage.

He was addressing a gathering during the closing ceremony of the centenary celebrations of Gita Press.

"The Gorakhpur visit this time is a unique example of 'Virasat bhi, Vikas bhi (heritage and development)' policy," Modi said.

He said the dream of a grand Ram temple in Ayodhya is going to be fulfilled after centuries. He also referred to the redesigned navy insignia based on a flag of Maratha ruler Shivaii.

Highlighting the contributions of Gita Press, the prime minister said Mahatma Gandhi had an association with it and used to write for Kalyan maga-

"He (Gandhiji) had advised Gita Press not to take advertisements for Kalyan magazine



speaks during the closing ceremony of centenary celebrations of Gita Press, in Gorakhpur.

and it is still following that advice," Modi said.

Speaking on Vande Bharat trains, two of which he will flag off from Gorakhpur, the prime minister said, "There is a craze for the train."

"Earlier, leaders used to write about getting trains to halt in their areas. Now, I get letters from every part of the country requesting to run Vande Bharat trains," he said, adding that Vande Bharat has provided both facilities and convenience to middle-class

Ministerial aspirants are sad, it has become 'crowded' now: Gadkari

Rajasthan Old Pension Joint Struggle committee members take part in a protest

In an apparent comment on the current political situation in Maharashtra, Union minister Nitin Gadkari on Friday said those who were aspiring to become ministers are now sad as the field has got "crowded", and they do not know what to do with their "stitched suits".

Speaking at a programme organised by the Nagpur Vidyapeeth Shikshan Manch here, the senior BJP leader referred to the concept of "domestic happy human index' proposed by Bhutan's prime minister, and said that most people are never happy. "If a person accepts that I have received more than what I deserved then that person can be

happy and contented," the Road Transport and Highways minister said. Otherwise, corporators are unhappy that they did not become MLAs, MLAs are unhappy because they did not become ministers and ministers remain discontented because they did not get a good ministry, Gadkari said.

"...and now those who were going to become (ministers) are unhappy, thinking whether their turn would ever come, so much crowded it has become," he said, drawing laughter and applause from the audience.

"They were ready with suits stitched (for swearing-in ceremony). Now the question is what is to be done with that suit, (as) there is a crowd (of aspirants)," he added, continuing in the lighter vein. The capacity of the hall where the program was being held was 2200 and it can accommodate a lot of people, but a ministry's size can not be increased, Gadkari further said.

Since the NCP faction led by Ajit Pawar joined the Maharashtra government on July 2, opposition leaders have been claiming that there is simmering discontent among the MLAs of the Shiv Sena led by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and its ally BJP as their ministerial ambitions have been thwarted.

Pankaja takes break for couple of months

BJP leader jibes BJP colleagues over silence on NCP developments

Mumbai, Jul 7 (PTI)

Maharashtra Bharatiya Janata Party leader Pankaja Munde on Friday said she was planning to take a break for "one or two months" as she was anguished at her integrity being questioned time and again. She said her party would have to answer if she had merit and asserted that only time will tell if

she was treated unfairly.

Munde also panned the media for taking some of her statements out of context or misquoting her, adding that she planned to sue one channel which reported on her meeting Congress leaders Sonia and Rahul

In a swipe, the former Parli MLA also said her party colleagues had worked hard on the campaign to highlight nine years of the Narendra Modi government but not mustering courage to speak on recent

Maharashtra, a reference to the NCP split and a faction joining the Eknath Shinde government.

> The former state minister and daughter of party stalwart late Gopinath Munde said she wanted the BJP's ideology of Deendayal Upadhyaya and Atal Bihari Vajpayee to remain as she had grown up on that sentiment.

Addressing a press conference, Munde said post her defeat in the 2019 Assembly polls from Parli, her name came up for nomination to the Rajya Sabha and two times for Legislative Council but she was asked to not go ahead at the last moment.

"I have never commented on this in public and have obeyed the party directive. i have never worked against the party's interest. Where is politics going...nobody is interested in what people think, I am going to introspect," she said.

Speaking about the split in the Shiv Sena (in June last year) and the NCP (on July 2 this year), Munde said, "I am a BJP worker who believes in the ideology of Deendayal Upadhaya and Atal Bihari Vajpayee. I

want that ideology to remain as I have grown up with that sentiment," she asserted.

Munde claimed portions of her speeches were sometimes take out of context and speculations were made on what she had said, because of which she had decided to take a break "not from my work but from you (media)".

Munde said she would sue the media channel that reported that she met Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi and that a politician from Sangli playing

Govt to launch portal to monitor schemes

McDonald's north and east franchisee puts tomato off the menu as price soars There is also a buzz



Gurugram, Friday.

New Delhi, July 7 (PTI)

Fast food chain McDonald's has stopped using tomato in its food preparations at most of the stores in northern and eastern parts of the country citing the nonavailability of quality products, amid the price of the commodity surging up to Rs 200 per kg.

McDonald's India North and East said it is constrained to "hold tomatoes for the time being" and is trying to resolve this issue by employing sustainable agriculture practices.

"Due to seasonal crop issues arising out of farm fields in a few regions, there are not enough quantities meeting our quality specifications available.

To ensure our customers get the best quality we are known to serve, we are constrained to hold tomatoes for the time being," said a McDonald's India - North and East spokesperson.

going on in the social media over the absence of tomatoes on some of the top-selling products of McDonald's such as burg-

Social media users are sharing pictures of burgers without tomatoes. Some of them also shared the notices put out by some of McDonald's stores informing the walk-in customer about the temporary unavailability of tomatoes.

Assuring the tomers, McDonald's India North and East

spokesperson said: "We reiterate that it is not due to the surge in the prices. It is only due to the nonavailability of tomatoes meeting our quality specifications.

However, he also added restaurants mostly in the Punjab-Chandigarh area where it is able to source the commodity in adequate quantities. McDonald's continues to serve tomatoes in its

The government will soon launch a portal to provide a unified digital platform for various programmes related to children in difficult circumstances, a senior official said on Friday. The National Informatics Centre (NIC) will be integrating the portals of

missing children, 'CAR-INGS' meant for adoption, Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) and Khoya-Paya, a citizen-centric application for missing and sighted children, into a single platform, he said.

'TrackChild' meant for

The Mission Vatsalya portal will also be used to monitor childcare institutions, the official said, adding all such homes are getting geotagged. Registration of all childcare institutions on the portal will be ensured along with all relevant details, including those about children coming in contact with the juvenile

for children in difficult circumstances These vulnerable children need to be mapped with government institutions or services so that their care and development can be ensured, the official said. The Mission Vatsalya portal will facilitate better monitoring, avoid duplication of work at the grassroots level and provide a single platform for all the stake holders, leading to better decision or policy-mak-



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Duleep Trophy

Vyshak takes five as South Zone on course to chase down

Vijaykumar engineered a middle-order with a five-wicket haul, putting South Zone on course towards the victory target of 215 in their Duleep Trophy semi-final against North Zone here on Friday.

From a relatively comfortable 146 for three, Vyshak's (5/76 in 15 overs) burst with the old ball found North Zone slumping to 171 for 8 before they were bowled out for 211 in just 56.4 overs in their second innings on a rain hit day three.

Before heavens opened up in the final session, South Zone openers B Sai Sudharsan (3 batting) and Mayank seasoned Agarwal (15 batting) knocked off 21 off the target and would hope that weather doesn't play spoilsport on the final day.

The South Zone batters



South Zone bowler Vyshak Vijaykumar with teammates celebrates after taking the wicket of North Zone batter Pulkit Narang.

her that they had conceded a slender but a very important three-run lead in the first innings, which could be decisive on the final day in case they don't get time to chase down the target. At the start of the day, another Karnataka pacer Vidwath Kaverappa (2/47 in 17 overs) got Ankit Kalsi (29) to nick one to Ricky Bhui behind the

stumps. But the supremely talented Prabhsimran Singh (63 off 93 balls) and Haryana man Ankit Kumar (29) did make amends with a 85-run stand for the fourth wicket. Just as North stood on the cusp of 150-run overall lead, Vyshak bowled what could potentially be a game-changing spell with the old ball. He had a well-

Pyeongchang, Korea as well as the 19th Asian

Sharath, who in all like-

in Hangzhou,

Asian

by R Sai Kishore and then removed Jayant Yadav and Pulkit Narang in a space of three deliveries.

A few overs later, the dangerous Sindhu was accounted for and there was no way that North could have made a comeback.

Harshit Rana (38 off 36 balls), who also had an impressive cameo in the first innings, did use the long handle to good effect to take the total past 200-run mark. North Zone While

couldn't get a breakthrough on the day, they would feel encouraged by the fact that South, after cruising during better part of the first innings, faltered badly to concede the first innings lead.

A lot will depend on how North skipper Jayant Yadav and his off-spin partner Pulkit Narang fare on the final day and whether they can get some assistance off the surface.

West Zone firmly en route to final

Cheteshwar compiled a hundred full of intent to push West Zone to 292 for 9 in their second innings against Central Zone, and place his side firmly on the path to Duleep Trophy final here on Friday. Riding on Pujara's 133 off 278 balls, West, after starting the day at 149 for 3, swelled their lead to a commanding 384 on a rain-hit third day which forced an early closure. Pujara, overnight 50, fell into his gear early and never really gave any chance to the bowlers. His innings had 14 boundaries and a six and he batted for 366 minutes

The Central, in fact, started the day on a bright note dismissing Sarfaraz Khan in the very first over of the day. The Mumbai youngster edged left-arm spinner Saurabh Kumar to stumper Upendra Yadav, who held onto a rather simple chance. It also



Cheteshwar Pujara hundred places

ended an underwhelming outing for him, making 0 and 6 here. The Central bowlers continued to trouble batsmen at the other end, but Pujara was immovable. The Saurashtra star indicated his intent in the first session itself, playing out 102 balls for 42 runs with three fours.

As is his vaunt, Pujara snipped all the risks from his game at this stage and offered shots only to those balls that thoroughly deserved to put away. Het

Patel, who made 27, did the major scoring during this period and the right-hander was very easy on the eyes as well.

Pujara went into lunch

on 92 and hardly wasted any time to reach the landmark upon his return. hammered Puiara Saurabh for a couple of fours, one through the cover and one behind the point fielder, to complete his hundred. Once he went past the milestone, Pujara transformed into a differwho combined to take seven wickets among them, were put to swords.

Pujara unfurled some attractive shots too, and his six off Saurabh was quite a stunner. The ball drifted on his leg and Pujara sent it soaring over mid-wicket with a simple flick of his

Then there were those archetypal flicks off the pads off both pacers and spinners, who did the bulk of bowling on the day, as West raced ahead of Central's reach.

With wickets tumbling constantly at the other end, Pujara wanted to keep the strike, and his attempt to take a quick single off the last ball of an over resulted in his run out. But by then, he had done enough to seal the fate of the match. If there is no play on the final day, West will enter the final by the virtue of their 92-run

Sharath, Manika to lead India squad at Asian Games



New Delhi, Jul 07 (PTI):

Achanta Sharath Kamal and Manika Batra will lead India's 10-member table tennis squad at the Hangzhou Asian Games in September-October with an aim to match the historic high of the previous edition.

The Indian contingent had ended a 60-year wait

Championships in Korea are scheduled between September 3 and 10, while the Asian Games are between September 23 and

Asian Games in lihood will feature in his Jakarta five years ago. The last continental games, squad exceeded all expecwill spearhead the men's pack with G Sathiyan, tations by winning bronze Harmeet Desai, Manav in men's team and mixed doubles. Thakkar and Manush

October 2

Manika, on the other committee of the Table Tennis Federation of hand, will guide a young India (TTFI) named a 10women's team comprising member squad, compris-Sreeja Akula, Sutirtha ing five men and five Mukherjee, Ayhika and Diya Mukherjee

Sindhu, Sen enter quarterfinals of Canada Open



Calgary, Jul 07 (PTI):

Star Indian shuttlers PV Sindhu and Lakshya Sen progressed to the quarterfinals of the women's and men's singles competitions respectively at the Canada Open Super 500 tournament here. While Sindhu advanced to the last eight after her opponent Natsuki Nidaira of Japan gave a her a walkover, Sen notched up a 21-15 21-11 win over Brazil's Ygor Coelho in 31 minutes. Sindhu will face

Team Championships this year. Sen, who is a Commonwealth Games gold medallist, takes on Belgium's Julien Carraggi. However, Krishna Prasad Garaga and Vishnuvardhan Goud Paniala couldn't cross the pre-quarterfinal stage, going down 9-21 11-21 to Indonesian second seed and world number Mohammad Ahsan and Hendra Setiawan. Sen has been slowly regaining his touch after going through a lean patch early in the season.

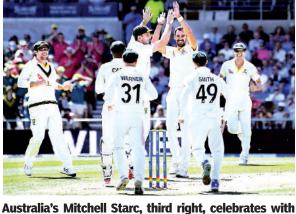
England in trouble at 142-7 in 3rd Ashes test

Leeds, Jul 07 (AP):

England key batter Joe Root was dismissed on the second ball of the day and Jonny Bairstow departed in the opening half-hour as Australia gave the hosts a lesson in slip fielding to take firm control of the third Ashes test on Friday. At lunch on day two

England was 142-7 and still runs Australia's first innings of 263. All-rounders Moeen Ali (21) and Chris Woakes (10) were dismissed before the interval with Ali's attempted pull shot costing him his wicket.

England captain Ben Stokes, who shared a partnership of 44 with Ali for the sixth wicket, is at the crease on 27. Woakes' dismissal saw lunch taken at



teammates the dismissal of England's Jonny Bairstow. Headingley. Root was earli-

er caught by first slip David Warner off the bowling of Australia captain Pat Cummins (4-59) without adding to his overnight score of Bairstow was caught by

second slip Steve Smith for 12 against Mitchell Starc

Both Root in the slips and Bairstow as wicketkeeper dropped chances on the first day in front of

Summer of 42: MS Dhoni turns a year older

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Leading cricketers from across the world, including Indian legends such as Tendulkar, Harbhajan Singh and Virender Sehwag, among others congratulated Mahendra Singh Dhoni as the former India skipper turned 42 on Friday.

Tendulkar shared an image of self with the Chennai Super Kings captain and wrote, "May you always fly high like your helicopter shots. Happy birthday, MS!"

With his trademark helicopter shot, Dhoni has guided India and IPL side CSK to several victories in a career professional career spanning more than two decades.

Tamim Igbal reverses retirement

decision after meeting Bangladesh PM

Sehwag posted a collage of some of the best moments he shared with Dhoni, on and off the field, and wrote, "The Sun God has 7 horses to pull his heavenly chariot. In the Rigveda there are 7 parts of the world, 7 seasons & 7 fortresses; 7 basic musical notes; 7 pheras in a marriage; 7 wonders of the world. And on 7th day of 7th month — Birthday of a top man MS Dhoni.'

Born in Ranchi, Bihar, Dhoni made his Test debut in against Sri Lanka in 2005, while he played his last game in the longest format against Australia in December 2014.

Dhoni led Team India to title triumphs in the 2007 T20 World Cup, the 2011 World Cup at home and

2013 Champions Trophy. Dhoni is the only India captain to guide the country to title wins in every ICC trophy played during his time.

He recently guided Chennai Super Kings to its fifth IPL title, making the Chennai franchise the joint most successful side

in the lucrative domestic tournament with five trophies, the same as the Rohit Sharma-led Mumbai Indians. Former spinner Harbhajan Singh tweeted, "Happy Birthday Bahubali. May you continue to Inspire... Have a great day ahead."

Olympic bronze-medallist wrestler Yogeshwar Dutt termed Dhoni a 'great personality"

"Happy birthday to brother Mahendra Singh Dhoni, former captain of the Indian cricket team and a great personality," wrote Dutt, the 2012 London Olympics bronze medallist.

Dhoni's CSK teammate Ravindra Jadeja called the legendary wicketkeeperbatter as his "go-to man".

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Dhaka, Jul 07: Tamim Iqbal has withdrawn his retirement a day after an-

nouncing it in emotional circumstances Chattogram, following an Prime Bangladesh Minister Sheikh Hasina. Their meeting took place on Friday afternoon at her residence in Dhaka.

Tamim, accompanied by

his wife, met Hasina along-

captain

side former

Mashrafe Mortaza and BCB president Nazmul Hassan. The turnaround ultimately came on Friday ESPNcricinfo learned of

the meeting as early as Thursday evening. It is understood that Mashrafe, a member of parliament, started the process around that time when he spoke to the prime minister to possibly intervene in this situation. Tamim had, until then, refused to discuss his retirement with Hassan. Tamim made the retirement announcement on Thursday afternoon. In a live TV broadcast, he broke down several times while

delivering a 13-minute

monologue about his deci-

Anand has moderate day; **Gukesh shines with twin wins** and ended with a loss to world No.1 Magnus Carlsen

Grand Chess Tour



Zagreb, Jul 07 (PTI): maestro Indian

Viswanathan Anand had a moderate run on day two of the SuperUnited Rapid and Blitz chess tournament, part of the Grand Chess Tour, winning, drawing and losing a game each. Anand began the day well, beating Ivan Saric in round four before settling for a draw against Fabiano Caruana on Thursday. Anand's compatriot - GM D Gukesh, bounced back from a below par start to win two matches and drew one to climb to the joint second spot. Gukesh had a fine run, beating Constantin Lupulescu and Saric after drawing with Richard Rapport in the day's first game. A surging Ian Nepomniachtchi and Caruana were able to catch Anand during the second day. All three now have eight points and share the top spot followed by Gukesh and Jan-Krzysztof Duda (Poland), who are on seven points each.

Jasleen Royal's 'Sang Rahiyo' shoots to Chart-Topping success

R enowned singer and composer, Jasleen Rahiyo' has ascended the mere song, transforming it days. I extend my heartfelt ranks, firmly establishing into an anthem for long-disthanks to each and every Royal, experiences overitself among the top 100 tance relationships. listener." Jasleen Royal has whelming joy as her heartsongs. This soulful composi-Overflowing with gratitude solidified her position as a felt creation 'Sang Rahiyo' tion has emerged as a social and elation, Jasleen took to versatile artist, known for skyrockets to the top of media sensation, particular-Instagram to express her her captivating renditions music charts. Originally ly gaining popularity among emotions. Accompanied by such as 'Din Shagna Da' and released in 2020, the song a video clip, she penned a 'Ranjha,' among many othcreators of romantic reels. has now resurfaced, capti-Its poignant blend of love heartfelt message: "Ranveer ers. Her distinct musical Allahbadia and I are overvating listeners with its and yearning has elevated it style resonates with audimelodious charm. What beyond whelmed to witness ences, and 'Sang Rahiyo' #SangRahiyo unexpectedly makes this achievement exemplifies her unwavering even more remarkable is soar to the top of the ability to create enchanting charts. It was an intimate compositions that leave an that the accompanying music video was shot in the shoot at my home with indelible mark on listeners' cherished friends. No marhearts. As this extraordinary comfort of Jasleen's own home, featuring a close-knit keting, no frills-just pure success story continues to group of friends. In a love. This incredible unfold, Jasleen Royal refreshing departure from achievement, nearly remains a beacon of inspiraconventional promotional three years after its tion for aspiring musicians, tactics, the track relied release, holds proving that genuine talent, immense signifisolely on its artistic merit coupled with genuine conand the power of word-ofcance as I prenections, can propel one's pare to unveil mouth. In a remarkably artistry to unprecedented short span of time. the biggest heights. single of my career

Saif Ali Khan reflects on 'Vikram Vedha': Challenging perspectives

Saif Ali Khan, the popular Bollywood actor, gained immense love and appreciation from audiences for his portrayal of a determined cop in the action drama 'Vikram Vedha'. According to Saif, the film beautifully illustrates the difficulties of altering one's perspective on the concepts of good and evil. To bring authenticity to his character, Saif dedicated himself to rigorous preparation. He engaged in intense training with real guns, meticulously studying the sounds and mechanics of firing a weapon. He even adopted the mannerisms of law enforcement agents, including their grip on firearms and their approach to raiding gangster-infested buildings. The audience was captivated by the powerful performance of Hrithik Roshan as Vedha, while Saif's charismatic portrayal of the cool cop Vikram left a lasting impression.

Expressing his excitement about the television premiere of 'Vikram Vedha', Saif shared, 'The film was adored by the audience for presenting contrasting perspectives of right and wrong. Fueled by moral dilemmas, intense action, and unexpected twists, this movie will now reach viewers worldwide, providing a wide range of perspectives. It demonstrates the challenges one faces when attempting to shift their viewpoint on the concepts of good and evil." Rohan Lavsi, Business Head of the Hindi Movies Cluster at Viacom18, commented, "Vikram Vedha tells the story of a celebrated cop who sees the world in black and white, and a dreaded criminal who compels him to question his own worldview." Produced by Jio Studios, Friday Filmworks, Reliance Entertainment, T-Series Films, and YNOT Studios, the gripping action thriller 'Vikram Vedha' brings together a star-studded cast including Hrithik, Saif, Radhika Apte, and others. Directed by Pushkar-Gayathri, the film delves into the tense confrontation between an upright police officer and a feared gangster, who voluntarily surrenders but possesses a riveting story to share. The movie is set to air on COLORS Cineplex this Sunday, promising viewers a thought-provoking exploration of shifting perspectives and the complexities of morality.





&pictures to premiere 'Karthiyeka 2' today

Apni jaan khatre me daal kar, sabko bachana chahte ho? &pictures premiere of "Karthikeya 2"starring Nikhil Siddhartha and Anupam Kher in pivotal roles that takes viewers on a thrilling adventure that tests the courage and resilience of the protagonist at every turn. Join Dr. Karthikeva. in his pursuit for Lord Krishna's Mysterious Kada, that could help save the world. Come and be a part of this quest this Saturday at 8pm on &pictures. The film takes the audience on a rollercoaster ride, through traitorous treks in uncharted territories to heartpounding chase sequences. Karthikeya 2 delivers an immersive and adrenaline-fueled cinematic experience. The movie is seasoned with larger than life sets, visual effects and brings in the mystical aura of lord Krishna all together, Karthikeva 2 revolves around the intriguing journey of Dr Karthikeva as he discovers the secret of Lord Krishna's lost Kada. On his way he conquers the most enchanting and deep dark secrets of the past. Anupam Kher, a seasoned actor known for his captivating performances, takes on a special role in Karthikeya 2, bringing his talent and charisma to the screen. His character adds depth and gravitas to the narrative, further enhancing the overall impact of the film. Ek Rahasymayi Kada, Ek Ansuni kahaani aur #10on10 epic drama.

Tune in to &pictures this Saturday at 8pm.

Stars shares their fondest memories and moments associated with monsoon

I n celebration of the enchanting season of love, the leading ladies of Star Bharat shows express their profound admiration for the allure and romance that the monsoon season brings. Reflecting on their childhoods and the present, their narratives vividly depict the delight and nostalgia that accompany the arrival of rain-soaked days. From cherished family escapades to savoring local delicacies and personal traditions, actors share the essence of the monsoon experi-

Ayushi Khurana from Algoni reveals, The rainy season holds a special place in my heart; it is one of my favorite times of the year. The weather becomes cozy and enticing. Being in Mumbai during the monsoon enhances its beauty. and one simply cannot resist its allure. I take pleasure in indulging in local treats like Vada Pav, Samosa Pav, and especially relishing Maggie, which I typically avoid. One fascinating ritual I uphold every year is ensuring that, once the season begins, I get drenched in the first rainfall. It has



become a cherished tradition for me.

Deepshikha Nagpal from 'Na Umra Ki Seema Ho' exclaims, "I am enamored with the monsoon; after all, I am a monsoon baby myself, born in August. I am the first to lead my friends in embracing the downpour. For me, the monsoon is a season of romance, although I find myself single. Nonetheless, I cherish my own company and revel in the pleasure of soft music, delectable pakoras, and a comforting cup of chai. I always make it a point to visit Lonavala during the monsoon, where I enjoy the picturesque Tiger Point and savor corn pakoras.

Stay tuned to watch Star Bharat from every Monday-Friday from 7:30pm onwards.

Pooja Bhatt shuns rat race, woman card on Bigg Boss OTT 2

ooja Bhatt, renowned filmmaker and actress, took a stand against the rat race and the notion of playing the woman card during her stint on 'Bigg Boss OTT 2'. During a task in the show. where contestants were required to rank each other. Pooja made it clear that she has never relied on such

Addressing her fellow Pooia emnha sized her belief in direct communication, maintaining eye contact while engaging with others. She asserted, "I have never resorted to playing the woman card, nor do I partake in the rat race. It is my individuality and opinions that led me to be a part of Bigg Boss OTT, even after having a successful career for many years."

Respecting authority and following instructions have always been paramount to Pooja. She expressed, "I don't believe in ranking myself; it's not something I have ever done. When I

entered the Bigg Boss OTT house, I did not consider mvself to be at the top, but viewers positioned me there. I am content with any rank assigned to me by my fellow housemates, and I refuse to let these initial rankings define my entire experience.'

Pooja highlighted that her approach is not about projecting a saintly attitude but rather about not seeking validation through rank ings. She made it clear that she does not have an addiction to the spotlight, camera, or attention. Being born into the industry, she understands that her life does not revolve around Bigg Boss or any competition within it.

Consequently, affirmed her commitment to not engage in activities solely for attention or to disappoint her fans. She reminded everyone that successful careers are not built on chance or talent alone but on the strength of one's character resilience.

Actress-dancer Heli Daruwala attributes her journey to the Madhuri Dixit Nene, particularly inspiration from the iconic dance prowess for this music video. Overflowing with excite ment about showcasing her classical dance skills, Heli expressed, tremendous influence on my path as an actor and dancer. Like countless other girls, I grew up watching her on screen, and it inspiration that I embarked on my journey into dance and drama during my childhood." Heli aimed to capture some of the magic that infusing it with her own artistic expression. By combining her admiration for the iconic actress with her unique style, Heli aspires ance in 'Mere Sanam Ke Khwaab'. The song, sung by Kavita Seth and Kanishk Seth, features Heli Daruwala alongside Nishank Bhatt, delivering a mesmerizing visual and auditory experience for the audience. Heli's dedication to honing her dance skills and incor porating the influence of Madhuri Dixit serves as a testament to the lasting impact of renowned artists on aspiring performers. Through her performance in 'Mere Sanam Ke Khwaab', Heli showcases her talent while paying homage to the legendary Madhuri Dixit, leaving viewers enthralled by her artistic expression and graceful movements.



Kanika Dhillon announces maiden project 'Do Patti'

R enowned without turned producer Kanika Dhillon is all set to make her mark in the world of filmmaking with her maiden production venture under her banner, Kathha Pictures. Titled "Do Patti," the much-anticipated film has secured the talented Bollywood divas Kajol and Kriti Sanon as its leading stars. After taking the world on adventurous trips with her stories in much-loved movies like "Kedarnath", 'Manmarziyaan'' "Haseen Dilruba' "Rashmi Rocket", and "Guilty", amongst others, Kanika Dhillon sharing her excitement says, "I

am absolutely thrilled to

embark on this new jour-

ney as a producer. Do

Patti is a compelling

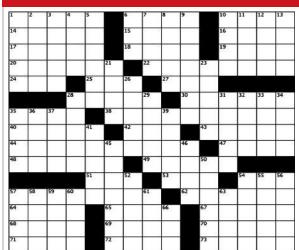


story, very close to my heart as a writer. And am thrilled to start my journey as a producer with Do PAtti. And such tal-

ented actors like kriti and Kajol and of course Netflix. The writer in me feels empowered today that apart from creating

the world on paper, I can curate my vision into reality. I hope to work towards building a production house that truly empowers stories and storytellers!" Known for writing memorable screen characters and strong narratives that connect deeply, Kanika through her production house Kathha - aims to create a platform for writers that empowers them and entertains the audiences with fresh and powerful narratives. The writerturned-producer is also currently gearing for her upcoming releases including Rajkumar Hirani directorial Dunki starring Shah Rukh Khan and Phir Aavi Haseen Dilruba after the success Haseen Dilruba. amongst others.

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55. One more time

56. Narrates

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BRIEF

Finance Commission



Puducherry Chief Minister N Rangasamy on Friday urged the Union government to include the Union Territory in the terms of reference (ToR) of the 16th Finance Commission. which is slated to be formed later this year. In his letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a copy of which was released to the media today, Rangasamy also made out a strong case to include Puducherry under the scheme of "financial assistance to States for capital investment" or to include Puducherry in the grant of special package for building capital infrastructure facilities for which funds worth Rs 2,328

crore had been sought

from the Centre.

Appointment New Delhi: Former METRO Cash & Carry MD and CEO Arvind Mediratta has joined as CEO of Hippo Stores Technology, a Dalmia Bharat firm which focuses on building products, industry sources said. Prior to this, Mediratta, a retail industry veteran, was with Metro Cash and Carry India as CEO till May 2023. On May 11, 2023, billionaire Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries' retail arm had completed quisition of METRO Cash & Carry India. As part of the deal, all METRO Cash & Carry India employees and management were absorbed into Reliance Retail. However, Mediratta did not join Reliance Retail. mental in the deal with Reliance Retail

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Ventures Ltd(RRVL), a

subsidiary of Reliance



■ Bengaluru: Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday slammed the Centre for "failing to control steep price rise", and hit out at the previous BJP government for "deteriorating" the state's economy. "The Central government failed to control steep increase in the prices of essential commodi ties and fuel during 2022-23. The common man is severely distressed by the steep increase in prices," Siddaramaiah said in his Budget speech in the Legislative Assembly. To protect the common man from such an adverse environment has been the primary motivation behind the five 'guarantees' (poll promises of the Congress), he said.

Govt likely to come out with a mandate on usage of green hydrogen: Bhalla

New Delhi, Jul 07:

In order to aggregate demand, the government is likely to come out with a green hydrogen in the country, secretary in the ministry of new and renewable energy (MNRE) Bhupinder Singh Bhalla said on Friday. The senior ministry official was addressing the International Conference on Green Hydrogen (ICGH-2023) in the national capital. The three-day conference concluded on Friday. "We have a provision for that in the (hydrogen) mission. You know the energy conservation act has been amended and now there is a legal provision to enforce the mandate whenever it is decided. These are the kinds of enabling steps towards having a mandate as and when we decide, but we haven't decided yet," Bhalla said in reply to a question on a mandate for



The government is first trying to figure out whether it can collate demand, aggregate and make it more clear for the industry to set up production facilities and in due course of time in consultation with the concerned ministries and the sectors a call will be taken in this regard, he added. Bhalla said that export related topics were also discussed during a round-table at the conference. Singapore, Korea and Japan along with the EU participated in the round-table. Representatives of these

Indian government and industry players attended the session. Out of the planned green hydrogen production by 2030 under the mission, around 70 per cent would be for export, the secretary said.

In January 2023, the Centre approved the National Green Hydrogen Mission with an outlay of Rs 19,744 crore with an aim to make India a global hub for manufacturing green hydrogen. The mission seeks to promote development of a production capacity of at least 5 MMT (Million Metric Tonne) per annum with an associated renewable energy capacity addition of about 125 GW in the country by 2030.

The official also informed that in another round-table, various industry players, senior central government officials along with those of various coastal states partici-

India is not 'extractive economy' and is not pursuing 'narrow economic activities' in Africa: Jaishankar

Dar es Salaam, Jul 07: In a veiled attack on China, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has said that, tries, India is not "an extractive economy" and it was not pursuing "narrow economic activities" in the resource-rich African continent. Jaishankar, who arrived here on Thursday after visiting Zanzibar, made these remarks while addressing the Indian community in Dar-es-Salaam city of Tanzania.

'Had a lively interaction with members of the Indian community in Dar es Salaam. Stressed the importance of Mission IT (India & Tanzania). Highlighted the strong India-Africa connection, especially our deep links with East Africa; Heart of India and Tanzania ties is the solidarity of spirit and mutuality of interests,' Jaishankar tweeted.

"Recognised that the Indian community is an expression, contributor and force of this relationship;

Tanzania's friendship is making a difference in the lives of the average Tanzanian. Our water projects will benefit 8 million; With 750 slots annually," he tweeted. Tanzania is India's largest African partner in training and ca-

economies grow. And our approach to Africa today is to trade more with Africa. invest in Africa, work with Africa, to create capacities in Africa, so that the rise of Africa also takes place as countries like India are rising in Asia." "We are not pacity building. "The here as an extractive econ-Indian community had hisomy. We are not here in the manner in which a lot of strength for the relationother countries are there ship. As our ties expand, so for very narrow economic will their role," he tweeted. objectives. For us, this is a While addressing the combroader, deeper partnermunity, he said, "Today we ship," Jaishankar said, in an apparent reference to want to see Africa grow. We

Africa. China established its first overseas military support base in Djibouti in Africa in 2015, as part of Beijing's plan to project its military power beyond the Asia-Pacific. Chinese companies are also actively engaged in exploiting the region's precious mineral resources. Jaishankar also added that today the "world sees India as a contributor. World sees India, Indian companies, Indian technologies, Indian capacities as helping to create



Union External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar speaks during a visit to the water project in Kibamba built with Indian support, in Dar es Salaam, Friday, July 7.

Forex reserves rise by USD 1.85 billion to USD 595.05 billion

Mumbai, Jul 07:

India's foreign exchange reserves rose by USD 1.853 billion to USD 595.051 billion in the week ended on June 30, the Reserve Bank of India said on Friday. The overall reserve had dropped by USD 2.901 billion to USD 593.198 billion in the previous reporting week.

In October 2021, the country's forex reserve 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 on June 30, the foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves, in-

creased by USD 2.539 billion to USD 527.979 billion, according to the Weekly Statistical Supplement released by the RBI on Friday. Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves.

Gold reserves dropped by USD 472 million to USD 43.832 billion, the RBI said. The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) were down by USD 95 million to USD 18.239 billion, the apex bank said.

The country's reserve position with the IMF was down by USD 118 million to USD 5.002 billion in the reporting week, the apex

Plastic industry should focus on manufacturing quality, sustainable products and increasing exports: Goyal

Commerce and Industry minister Piyush Goyal on Friday urged the plastic industry players to focus on manufacturing quality and sustainable products with new technology and innovation to become globally competitive and increase exports. "...we are introducing quality checks and quality control on orders to stop the production or consumption, whether domestic or imported, of sub-standard and low quality, underpriced goods, which tend to hurt the plastic industry, our consumer interests and hamper the overall reputation and image of our country," the minister said at the 2nd 'Technology Conference



for Growth of Plastic Industry' organised by industry body AIPMA. Goyal said, the government is very sensitive to the potential of the industry as well as about the problems of the plastic industry. "We are looking at how we can support the recycling of plastic waste or reuse of plastic raw material, and how we can make plastic disposable more effective and efficient. The

global average rate of recycling is just 9 per cent. Some of the developed economy is as low as 4 per cent. In this India outshines, as 13 per cent of our plastic is being recycled. We would like to see this number grow exponentially in the near future," he added.

The minister further said that the plastic industry should mould itself with emerging times and needs of this world with newer ideas, adoption of latest technology, collaborations with stakeholders for research and development, so that India can become globally competitive. "We should also offer sustainable products to the global supply chains, which are looking for trusted partners.

India has highest tariffs on inputs in electronic segment: ICEA study

New Delhi, Jul 07: India ness to reach the USD 300 has the highest tariffs on billion electronics producinputs in electronic segtion goal by 2025-26, includment among competing ing USD 120 billion of exports. A line-by-line comeconomies Vietnam and Thailand, parison of India's non ICEA said on Thursday zero tariffs shows that citing its latest study as the industry body made a strong pitch for reduction in tariffs. The high tariffs impact competitiveness, ICEA said, adding that the industry is seeking reduction of tariffs, and glide path to match Vietnam and other competing nations. The study revealed that high tariff induced costs accentuates India's cost disability vis--vis the four competing

Electronics Association (ICEA) said the study is critical to eval-uate India's competitiveIndia's tariffs are higher for up to 98 per cent lines compared to Vietnam (for FTA tariffs) and 90 per cent of the lines compared to Thailand. The competing economies have nearly double or more zero-tariff lines than India, according to the study released by ICEA at a conference. ICEA, India's apex electronics industry associa tion, conducted the five

nation study of input tariffs in electronics sector across India, China, Vietnam, Thailand and Mexico, covering 120 key

Sensex tanks 505 points, Nifty closes lower at 19,330 on profit-taking after record rally

Benchmark stock indices Sensex declined by 505 points at close while Nifty settled lower at the 19,330 level due to profit-taking in financial, IT and oil shares after a recordbreaking run and weak global trends. The 30-share BSE Sensex fell sharply by 505.19 points or 0.77 per cent to close at 65,280.45 points as 25 of its constituents ended in red and five in green. The baromemoved between 65,175.74 and 65,898.98 during the day. Ending its eight-day winning streak, the broader Nifty of the National Stock Exchange declined by 165.50 or 0.85 per cent to settle at 19,331.80. As many as 44 Nifty shares declined



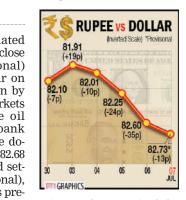
while six gained. Among major Sensex shares, PowerGrid fell the most by 2.76 per cent. IndusInd Bank dropped 2.34 per cent, HUL by 2.23 per cent and NTPC by 2.04 per cent. ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, HDFC, ITC, Infosys, L&T, Bajaj Finance, Kotak Bank, HCL Tech and Tech

losers. On the other hand, Mumbai, Jul 07: Tata Motors rose the most by 2.94 per cent, followed by Titan which gained 1.26 per cent. Mahindra & Mahindra, SBI and TCS were also among gainers. "The domestic market succumbed to profit-booking as heat waves from weak global markets hit the shore. Global equities declined due to a spike in US bond yields, fuelled by expectations of a prolonged high-interest rate environment following a sharp increase in US private pay-roll data," Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services, said. In the broader market, the BSE Midcap declined by 0.76 per cent to 28,999.02 while BSE Small dropped 0.28 per cent to 33,129.41.

Rupee falls 13 paise to close at 82.73 against US dollar

The rupee depreciated further by 13 paise to close at 82.73 (provisional) against the US dollar on Friday, weighed down by losses in domestic markets and a rise in crude oil prices. At the interbank foreign exchange, the domestic unit opened at 82.68 against the dollar and settled at 82.73 (provisional), down 13 paise from its pre-

vious close. During the day, the rupee touched a high of 82.63 and a low of 82.75 against the greenback. On Thursday, the rupee had settled at 82.60 against the dollar. The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies,



witnessed a marginal decline of 0.10 per cent to 103.05. Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, advanced 0.59 per cent to USD 76.97 per barrel. The rupee depreciated on a weak tone in domestic markets and a rise in crude oil prices. The surge in short-term bond yields

a nawkish tone of the cen tral banks also put pressure on the rupee, said Anuj Choudhary Research Analyst at Sharekhan by BNP Paribas. However, the soft US dollar prevented a sharp fall. Most economic data releases from the US were stronger than fore-

cast. "We expect the rupee to trade with a negative bias on risk aversion in global markets and rising bond yields. However, sustained FII inflows may support rupee at lower levels,' Choudhary said. Market participants may remain cautious ahead of US nonfarm payrolls, unemployment rate and hourly

E20 fuel outlets will have pan-India presence by 2025: Hardeep Singh Puri

Mumbai, Jul 07:

Petroleum minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Friday said by 2025, the entire country will have special fuel stations retailing E20 petrol, drawing confidence from the faster rollout of such fuel stations. E20 fuel is a blend of 20 per cent ethanol with petrol. The first E20 outlet was opened on February 8 this year — ahead of the targeted April launch — and as of now their number has crossed 600 and will cover the entire country by 2025, Puri told the AGM of the industry lobby IMC Chamber through a video message. He also said the ministry will be launching a global biofuel alliance



later this month. The minister said ethanol blending in petrol has gone up from 1.53 per cent in 2013-14, to over 11.5 per cent as of March 2023. In volume terms, ethanol blended petrol has increased from 38 crore litres in 2013-14 to 433.6 crore litres in 2021-22. Similarly, he said the number of petrol pumps sell-

ing biofuels has increased three-fold from over 29,890 in 2016-17, to more than 67,640. The government aims to achieve a 20 per cent ethanol blending target by 2025, which has already crossed 11.5 per cent ahead of schedule. In fact, the government has advanced the 20 per cent blending target by five years to 2025 from 2030. The 10 per cent ethanol blending in petrol target was achieved in June 2022, much ahead of its target, Puri said. With the increasing sourcing of crude from Russia and other non-Gulf markets, Puri said the country has diversified the import basket from 27 countries in 2006-07 to 39 in 2023.

New Delhi, Jul 07:

The Indian construction market exhibits a positive outlook with 84 per cent of respondents feeling optimistic about the sector compared to 66 per cent globally, a KPMG sursaid on Friday. Global Construction Survey said there is a sense of enthusiasm regarding the potential government funding, investment and incentives for significant infrastructure projects.

'The survey findings exhibit a strong outlook for our Indian construction industry, driven by the government infrastructure stimulus, manu-

Tech enabling handsome return on investment facturing incentives and Monetisation Pipeline private sector commit-(NMP) with a potential of

Construction market exhibits positive outlook: Survey

ments. This is reflected in a significant proportion of our participants, indicating 20 per cent revenue growth or increase in capital investments in the next 12 months," KPMG in India, Partner, Major Projects Advisory and Industry 4.0, Suneel Vora said. Digital and innovative technologies are generating handsome returns on investment and generating real-time cost reductions, Vora added. The government's announcement of National Infrastructure Pipeline

with a projected invest-

ment of USD 1.4 trillion

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USD 70 billion of asset creation during FY20-25 has provided impetus for stepping up infra investment. The survey said despite

being one of the fastestgrowing sectors that contributes significantly to the economic growth, the Indian construction sector continues to face a number of challenges, like supply chain disruptions, escalating energy costs, material and labour cost and shortage of skilled workers.

However, aftereffects of Covid-19 are evident with 51 per cent of the respondents mentioning that their projects have experienced a schedule delay or cost impact of more than 20 per cent due to Covid "The industry continues to struggle with poor project performance with 39 per cent of respondent reporting that they have missed the budget/schedule performance targets by 20 per cent, over the past year due to lack of effective risk management,' the survey said. Survey respondents in-

clude 119 senior leaders and CXOs representing infrastructure / project owners, engineering & construction firms, and the government, all charged with implementing construction programmes and projects.

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Unwavering Stance

The virtual summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) best 3.1 Organisation (SCO) hosted by India has once again highlighted the principled stance taken by New Delhi regarding China's controversial Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). While fellow SCO members reaffirmed their support for the multi-billion-dollar Chinese project, India refused to endorse it, exposing the collusion between Pakistan and China. This firm position on the BRI stems from India's legitimate concerns regarding the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), which infringes upon India's sovereignty by passing through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). China's double standards and hypocrisy are glaringly evident. Just months ago, Beijing boycotted a G20 meeting in Srinagar, claiming that Jammu and Kashmir is a "disputed territory." Yet, it shamelessly proceeds with business as usual in PoK, a region that rightfully belongs to India. This selective approach not only undermines China's credibility but also reveals its disregard for the principles of international law. During the SCO summit, India skillfully used the platform to expose Pakistan and China's role in cross-border terrorism. Prime Minister Narendra Modi called on member states to condemn countries that shelter terrorists and employ terrorism as a political tool. While Pakistan's Prime Minister, Shehbaz Sharif, acknowledged the need to combat terrorism, he cautioned against using the issue for diplomatic point-scoring. However, it is worth noting that China has consistently shielded Pakistan-based terrorists from international censure, obstructing proposals by India and the United States at the United Nations. By shedding light on this Pakistan-China nexus, India, as the current SCO chair, has effectively exposed their complicity. India's unwavering commitment to combating terrorism is commendable. It is a nation that has borne the brunt of terrorist activities and understands the urgency of a united front against this global menace. By refusing to shy away from discussing this critical issue, India has demonstrated its leadership and determination to address the root causes of terrorism. Furthermore, India's strong stance on the BRI aligns with its unwavering commitment to upholding its territorial integrity and national sovereignty. The CPEC's encroachment into PoK is not only a violation of India's rights but also a disregard for the principles of peaceful coexistence and respect for international borders. New Delhi's refusal to endorse the BRI sends a clear message that it will not compromise on matters of national interest and territorial integrity. As the host of the SCO summit, India has effectively utilized this platform to showcase its diplomatic finesse and articulate its concerns. It has successfully put Pakistan and China on the defensive, forcing them to confront uncomfortable truths. This approach reflects India's proactive and assertive foreign policy, emphasizing its commitment to regional stability and the fight against terrorism. India's principled stand on the BRI and its determination to expose the collusion between Pakistan and China are essential steps in safeguarding its national interests. It sends a strong message to the international community that India will not be swayed by political pressure or disregard for international norms. The SCO summit has provided a crucial opportunity for India to assert its position and galvanize support from likeminded nations in addressing the challenges posed by terrorism and territorial disputes. In the face of geopolitical challenges and changing dynamics, India's principled

Political Quandary

stand at the SCO summit is a testament to its diplomatic

prowess and its role as a responsible global player.

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■ he developments in Maharashtra have brought the Anti-Defection Law to the forefront, testing its effectiveness and highlighting the need for reform. With the Supreme Court's directive, the state assembly speaker is under pressure to deliver a verdict on the disqualification of 16 Shiv Sena MLAs within a specified timeframe. However, the absence of a clear time limit in the law has resulted in cases stretching on for years, making a mockery of our democratic system. One striking example is the pending disqualification petition against Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and 15 other Shiv Sena MLAs, which has been awaiting the speaker's decision for almost a year. Such delays not only erode public trust but also undermine the purpose of the Anti-Defection Law, which was introduced to curb political opportunism and defections. It is essential to shed light on the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution, commonly known as the Anti-Defection Law. Enacted in 1985, it aimed to combat the menace of defections driven by inducements and offers of office. However, the law's implementation has fallen short, as evident in the protracted proceedings and partisan behavior of speakers. The Supreme Court, in its ruling on the Shiv Sena split, clarified that the law applies even when a faction splits within a party. The speaker's role in deciding disqualification matters was emphasized. Given the current scenario, this precedent is likely to apply to the ongoing issue within the NCP as well. Unfortunately, speakers, often aligned with ruling coalitions or political parties, have been criticized for using delay tactics and acting more as party members than impartial arbiters. This compromises the sanctity of defection trials and raises questions about their commitment to upholding the Constitution. The judiciary's intervention, urging the speaker to decide the Shiv Sena case within three months, highlights the urgency for timely resolutions. However, a broader reform mandating time limits for future cases would be a welcome step. Experts increasingly argue that the Anti-Defection Law has failed to achieve its intended objective. Attempting to address a political problem through legal means has proven ineffective. It is time to reassess the law's provisions and ensure that it serves its purpose without compromising the democratic values we hold dear. As the fate of the Maharashtra MLAs hangs in the balance, it is imperative to reform the Anti-Defection Law to restore public confidence, expedite proceedings, and safeguard the principles of our democracy. The time for change is now.

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KANWAR YATRA



Lord Shiva devotees or Kanwariyas during the 'Kanwar Yatra' pilgrimage in the holy month of 'Shravan', in Haridwar, Friday, July 7.

Ending Criminalization: Common Tests for Political Entry



Why not organize an examination for contesting all kinds of elections in the country and their character should be properly verified for entering politics like government jobs? What is the harm in having a common political test on a smaller scale and the Indian Political Service exam for MPs? After all, if there is a government job and politics, then only service to the country? Why should politicians be given special powers? Can a charge-sheeted person become an IAS officer? Can he hold any civil service posts? Then why should politicians be given this undue privilege which is against the very spirit of our democracy? Changes in this matter can only be brought about by the Parliament. Only then the increasing criminalization of politics can stop.

 Γ he criminalization of politics is a situation where criminals have a significant presence in politics itself. Due to the criminalization of politics, a large number of criminals are contesting and contesting elections to Parliament and State Assemblies. When criminals become elected representatives and lawmakers, they pose a serious threat to the functioning of democratic system. According to ADR data, the number of candidates with criminal charges elected to Parliament in India has been increasing since 2004. In 2004, 24% of MPs had pending criminal cases, which increased to 43% in 2019. In the Lok Sabha elections, 159 MPs had declared serious criminal cases against themselves, including rape, murder, attempt to murder, kidnapping, and crimes against women.

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an IAS officer? Can he hold any civil service posts? Then why should politicians be given this undue privilege which is against the very spirit of our democracy? Changes in this matter can only be brought about by the Parliament. The Election Commission has been turned into a toothless institution. Only political will can bring about change." According to a recently published report, nearly 45 percent of candidates of the Congress, BJP, and JD(S) who participated in the recently held Karnataka elections had criminal cases against them. What is worrying is that nearly 30 percent of these candidates were accused of serious crimes, including rape and murder. India is one of the few countries where criminals are allowed to participate freely in elections and emerge as winners.

Let us take the example of the United States of America. If someone has a case of murder or rape, they will never be considered for a political ticket. Such persons will be debarred from contesting elections. However, this is not the case in India. This is a serious threat to our democratic process. A democracy with criminals is not a healthy democracy. It is important to raise awareness among people about the issue of criminalization of politics. They need to understand that if they vote for such persons, they are harming not only the country but also themselves. For example, if you are a person from an economically disadvantaged background and you vote for such candidates, your children's education will be affected as schools will not function properly. Similarly, when you need medical help, the hospitals will not function effectively due to the rampant corruption done by these criminals. You will be deprived of basic facilities and services.

According to Gopal Sankaranarayanan, a senior advocate of the Supreme Court of India, many politicians are well aware of the significant power and influence they have as lawmakers. They believe that their positions give them the ability not only to block laws that could hold them accountable but also to exert influence over government officials, ensuring that cases are not filed against them. go and they are safe. There is a growing nexus between criminals and politicians to intimidate voters using fear and violence. Criminals resort to illicit spending to buy votes and promote a culture of freebies. Criminal politicians use their influence in the posting and transfer of bureaucrats and thus influence the governance of the state. They exploit divisions in society based on caste, class, and religion and portray themselves as protectors of their communities. Thus they harm the social fabric of the nation.

Criminals as politicians are not trained parliamentarians and often resort to unparliamen-

tions in Parliament and State Legislatures that affect the functioning of the representative institution. As politicians with criminal pasts become ministers and lawmakers, it becomes difficult for state agencies to prosecute them, increasing the number of criminal cases in the judiciary. This will curb money and muscle power and help serious candidates contest elections. Now is the time to strengthen the role of the Election Commission in regulating the electoral process and establish a framework for disqualifying candidates with criminal records. Parliament should put in place a strong legal framework that mandates all political parties to cancel the membership of persons against whom charges were framed in heinous and serious crimes and not to field such persons in elections to Parliament and State Assemblies. Voters should be aware of the misuse of money and muscle power in elections. They should refrain from accepting gifts, inducements, and freebies and use the option of NOTA to express their dis-

pleasure against the candidate. Combating the criminalization of politics requires a multipronged strategy, encompassing legal, institutional, and social measures, to protect the integrity of democratic systems and advance ethical and responsible political leadership. Why not organize an examination for contesting all kinds of elections in the country and their character should be properly verified for entering politics like a government job? What is the harm in having a common political test on a smaller scale and the Indian Political Service exam for MPs? After all, if there is a government job and politics, then only service to the country? Only then the increasing criminalization of politics can stop

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LETTERS

Are disabled Aliens?

The decision to exclude disabled individuals from the National Family Health Survey-6 is a regressive step that contradicts the government's professed commitment to the upliftment of persons with disabilities. While the Prime Minister and other government officials commend disabled individuals for their remarkable achievements, it is crucial not to overlook the pressing issues they face daily. Terms like "differently abled" and "divinely abled" should not serve as an excuse to disregard the need for state assistance and policy support for persons with disabilities. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has emphasized that it is the government's responsibility to ensure justice and benefits for all citizens, forming the foundation of "sabka saath, sabka vikas, and sabka vishwas.' However, the exclusion of disabled individuals from NFHS-6 raises questions about the government's commitment to this vision. By neglecting to include disability-related questions in the survey, an opportunity to gather crucial data and address the needs of persons with disabilities has been lost. It is imperative that the government rectifies this omission and takes proactive measures to support and empower disabled individuals, fulfilling its promise of inclusive development.

Yash Pal Ralhan, Jalandhar Party Split

The Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), founded by Sharad Pawar in 1999, suffered a split as his nephew Ajit Pawar joined the Shiv Sena-BJP government as Deputy Chief Minister. Eight other NCP MLAs, including loyalists Chhagan Bhujbal and Dilip Walse Patil, became ministers. Reports reveal that four of the nine NCP MLAs who switched sides to join the BJP-Shiv Sena government in Maharashtra are under investigation by the Enforcement Directorate or the Anti-Corruption Bureau. This raises concerns about the BJP's ideology as it welcomes defectors without regard for its principles. PM Modi's hunger for power seems to prioritize corrupt leaders, undermining the phrase "Mera Bharat Mahan" (My India is Great)

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee, Faridabad

Uniform Civil Code

To ensure a fair and uniform that the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) is first implemented for all constitutionally defined Hindus in India. Once this step is taken, a draft for the proposed UCC can be presented to the public for suggestions through the Law Commission of India. It is impractical to seek suggestions on something that does not yet exist; it is akin to muddying the water when there are no fish to catch or firing shots in the air for mere showmanship and entertainment.

Afazuddin Kazi Qasmi

West Indies: The Rise and Fall of a Cricketing Powerhouse

Kajal Chatterjee

s a 12-year old boy, just in-A troduced to the world of cricket; came to know that under the new captain Kapil Dev, India is going to visit a group of sovereign islands - collectively known as West Indies - - for a 5 Test series and 3 ODI series. Also came to know that Clive Lyod-led West Indies is the most feared team of the world - - be at home or abroad - and excel in both versions of cricket. Defeating this team is almost next to impossible. Indian team, though not exactly demolished in the Test series, vet got defeated by the margin of 2-0. Despite passage of 40 years, vividly do I remember the brilliant batting and centuries of Desmond Haynes, Gordon Greenidge, Vivian Richards, Larry Gomes, Gus Logie, Clive Lyod, Jeoffrey Dujon (wicket keeper) and devastating pace bowling of Malcolm Marshal,

Andy Roberts, Michael Holding

and Joel Garner.

However in the ODI series, India won the second match at Berbice with the series lost by the margin of 2-1. But the Berbice victory was celebrated with much fanfare as beating the mighty Caribbeans even in a single match (that too at their own backyard) was not a matter of joke on those days. After the completion of the Caribbean tour, the 3rd edition of Prudential World Cup was scheduled to start in England. Came to know that both the previous versions of the World Cup(1975 1979) were comprehensively won by the Clive Lyod-led West Indies only by registering victory in all the matches! So no prizes for guessing who would be the Champion in 1983 version too.

However to the utmost surprise of the world, India had beaten the Caribbeans in the first league match itself with Yashpal Sharma leading the show with a majestic innings of

89. However, in the return league match, most unsurprisingly West Indies did take revenge by defeating India. Indians met the West Indians for the third time in the tournament - - now in the final. While the West Indian march to the final was given, India's success in reaching way up to the final was a revelation of sorts.

Hardly anybody gave any chance to the Indians to win the final match, specially after they got all out for a "handsome" total of 183 runs! But "Kapil's Devils" thought otherwise and defeated the numero uno team of the world by as many as 43 runs. Despite that rarest of rare defeat in the World Cup final , West Indies still continued to dominate world cricket. And so at the fag end of 1983 only, West Indies defeated the Indians by a margin of 3-0 and 5-0 in Test and ODI series respectively right at the backyard of the latter; thereby proving their mettle.

But with passage of time and successive retirement of the great cricketers of early 1980s. the graph of West Indies cricket indeed started to dip. Far from winning another version of ODI World Cup, West Indies could never reach even the final of the tournament in successive versions with the sole semi-final appearance coming in 1996 despite presence of illustrious cricketers of next generation like Courtney Walsh Curtley Ambrose Carl Hooper Brian Lara or Shivnarain Chandrapaul. With retirement of this generation, the fortunes of West Indies took further dip in Tests and ODIs with stray success only in T20 (winning two World Cup in the shortest version of the game)! Caribbeans started to lose Tests /ODI matches against newcomers like Ireland Bangladesh

As a matter of fact, West Indies could manage to play the 2019 ODI World Cup by

Afghanistan too.

somehow scraping through the qualifiers! But in the qualifiers for 2023 World Cup, the mightiest team of the world till mid-1980s, simply got booted out by losing against Zimbabwe and even getting defeated by the non-Test playing minnows like Netherlands and Scotland also.

Undoubtedly the cricket of the Caribbean simply lies in tatters today with "old timers" like us being left to express horror on witnessing the downfall of cricket of such a region which was simply synonymous to cricket itself as many people, possessing hardly any idea of Antigua Guyana or Jamaica, knew about the cricketing genius of Richards Lyod or Holding by heart. It is high time the Caribbean cricket authorities indulge in a sincere introspection and revive the glory of West Indies region, cricketers of which had enthralled various generation through decades by virtue of their excellence and skills.

Bhilai, Jul 07: Supela Police arrested the accused of a robbery within 18 hours of the crime. Taking advantage of the darkness in the night, the accused had looted gold or-

naments and a bike from a

person near Chandra

Maurya Talkies Under Bridge. Gold rings, ear-

ring, mobile and motor

cycle total worth Rs 1.50

lakh have been recovered

05. The victim Deepak

Kumar Deshlhare, a resi-

dent of Atal Awas

Jawahar Nagar Bhilai,

was intercepted by the ac-

The incident occurred around midnight on July

from the accused.

Two panels of online betting racket busted

arrest of eight persons and recovery of mobiles and other items, police claimed to have busted two panels of an online betting racket. The accused were operating the panels of Mahadev Book Reddy Anna 512 and FP 104 Book Online. Eight mobiles of various companies used in Mahadev Online Betting were seized.

Durg Police is conducting a special campaign to curb the illegal activity of online cricket betting through Mahadev Book and other platforms. Under the guidance of Superintendent of Police (Durg) Shalabh Kumar Sinha and Additional Superintendent of Police (City) Sanjay Dhruv and City Superintendent of Police (Bhilai Nagar) Nikhil Rakhecha, the team of Bhilai Bhatti Police Station was maintaining

People of scheduled

benefited from govt

Bhilai, Jul 07: Chairman

of Chhattisgarh State

Commission, KP Khande

chaired a meeting of the

district level officers of

various departments in

the Collectorate hall and

reviewed the schemes run

by various departments

for the Scheduled Castes.

He inquired about the ben-

eficiaries of the Scheduled

Castes, Chairman KP

Department Section of

covered under the cam-

paign since July, 2023. Under BSP's Dengue

Prevention Campaign,

rigorous survey, inspec-

tion and distribution of

medicines, sprinkling of

insecticides and fogging is being carried out on a

massive scale to prevent

eases. As many as 16,328

houses of the township

have been surveyed and

more than 16,443 stag-

nant water sources have

been checked under the

Places with stagnant water were cleaned and

medicines were sprayed. As many as 12,120 packs of Temephos medicine

were distributed by the department in the town-

ship. Intensive Spraying

and fogging was carried

out at 1,370 houses of the

township which were found with severe mos-

quito infestation. As

many as 1,373 stagnant

campaign.

mosquito-borne

Castes

castes should be

schemes

Scheduled

Public



Hardware Line, Supela;

Ritik Kumar (23) son of

Vallabh Rao a resident of

Baba Balak Nath Mandir

Ward 38, Khursipar;

Shubham Tiwari (23) son

of Sudarshan Tiwari a res-

ident of Vrinda Nagar

Camp 01; Aman Kumar

(22) son of Dheerai Wasnik

a resident of Khursipar;

Bhupendra Baya (22) son

of Ramesh Bayan a resi-

dent of Rajatalab Adarsh

Chowk, Civil Lines,

Raipur; Gurjant Singh (20)

son of Sukhwinder Singh

a resident of Punjabi

Colony, New Khursipar;

and Lucky Kaushal (20)

they have to work sensi-

tively to prevent injustice

or crime against the people

of this class. He also em-

phasized on making people

aware. Khande asked the

officers to ensure that the

people belonging to the

Scheduled Castes get the

benefits of the schemes

run by the government for

the Scheduled Castes. He

said that the people of

scheduled caste should

also be made aware so that

they can take full advan-

tage of the schemes of the

government. He gave in-

structions for better imple-

mentation of the schemes

run by the government for

Scheduled Castes. He

spoke about providing jus-

tice to the economically,

mentally and physically af-

flicted beneficiaries under

the Scheduled Caste

Atrocities Prevention Act

and benefiting them from

the amount of assistance

they get under the

upliftment

suspects. The network of informers was also activated for the purpose. In this sequel, police received a tip off regarding some per-

sons who were accepting bets for Mahadev Book through mobile phones behind the stadium in Sector-1 Bhilai. Acting on this tip off, police conducted a raid and nabbed eight persons from the spot. The arrested accused were identified as Rajat Kumar (19) son of Pradeep Kumar a resident of Ekta Nagar, Old Bhilai; Aniket Rai (23) son of Late Ram Narayan Rai a resident of Lakshmi Market

formation about the relief

Scheduled Castes and

Atrocities Prevention Act,

1989. At the same time, he

called upon the officers to

make wide publicity of the

schemes and benefits.

State Scheduled Caste

Commission Secretary BL

Collector Arvind Ekka,

Tribal Development I/c

Priyvanda Ramteke and

officers of other depart-

about the purpose, duties

and powers of the

Commission. He said that

Khande also informed

ments were present.

under

the

Tribes

Additional

Dengue Prevention Campaign going on constantly in Bhilai Township

scheme

Scheduled

Banjare,

resident of Zone 03, Khursipar.

During interrogation, they confessed to involvement in online betting. They were using their mobiles to operate Mahadev Book ID, Reddy Book FP 104 and Reddy Anna 512. They were earning money illegally by betting. Eight mobiles worth around Rs 1.5 lakh were seized from them. They have been booked under Section 7, 8 of Chhattisgarh Gambling Prohibition Act 2022.

In the past also, Bhilai Bhatti Police has continuously taken action against the accused involved in Mahadev Book online betting. Inspector Krishna Kumar Kushwaha, Sub-Inspector Rayandas Gendre, Constables Ankit Singh, Vishwajit Singh, Dinesh Sahu, Ajay Singh, Amit Singh, Dekesh Banchor played a vital role in nabbing the accused.

ment. In-charge Assistant

Commissioner

Privamvada Ramteke gave

information about hostel

facility, inter-caste mar-

riage, post matric scholar-

ship and information

about school ashrams and

departmental activities

being conducted in the

district under the

schemes run by Tribal

Welfare Department. The

officers of the District

Antvavasai Cooperative

Development, District

Trade and Industry,

District Employment and

Self-Employment

Education, Police, Social

Welfare, Women and

Agriculture and Urban

Bodies gave information

about the beneficiaries of

Scheduled Caste that have

benefited from the

schemes run by the de-

Development,

Fisheries.

Center.

Guidance

Child

Health

Superintendent of Police, Durg, Shalabh Kumar Sinha and under the guidof Additional Superintendent of Police (City) Sanjay Dhruv and City Superintendent of SC Commission Chairman reviews schemes of various departments schemes of the govern-

rogation, the suspects tried to mislead the police. However, during sustained interrogation, the sus-Inspector

Robbers nabbed within 18 hours

this case, there is a possibility of their involve-

The accused Ravi alias Jaswinder Singh Palle (30) son of Ninder Singh a resident of Camp-1 Pragati Nagar and Shukdeep Singh alias Deva (23) son of Papinder Singh a resident of Camp-1 Subhash

Chowk, Chhawani have been booked under the provisions mentioned in section 394 of IPC.

Durgesh Kumar Sharma (SHO, Police Station Supela), Sub Inspector Tejram Kanwar, ASI Rajesh Constable Vishal Singh, Apil Chaudhary, Ajit Singh and Surendra Giri played a vital role in arresting the accused.

Public Works Department Sector-19, North Block, Naya Raipur (C.G.)

E-Procurement Tender Notice E-mail: tenders-pwd.cg@gov.in

NIT No. 212 /TC/EinC/ PWD/2023-24

The Engineer-in-Chief, Public Works Department on behalf of Governor of Chhattisgarh invites percentage rate bids on electronic tendering system under RCPLWE RRP-III in the district of Kanker for construction of 02 Bridges with estimated cost amounting Rs 587.23 Lacs including their maintenance for five years from the contractors registere with unified registration system (e-registration) in Chhattisgarh. Non registered bidders ma submit bid; however the successful bidder must get registered in appropriate class unde "Unified Registration System (e-Registration) of Chhattisgarh before signing the agreement

The bid document shall be available to bidders online free of cost and should be submitted online e-procurement system of government of Chhattisgarh i https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in. Bids form will be available on the website from 30.06.2023 and may be submitted up to 17:00 Hrs. on 21.07.2023

For participating in bidding process, bidders are required to register in the above web site with nominal fee of Rs 500/- to be paid online to service provider. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from authorized

The bidders are required to submit (a) original bid security in approved form and (b original affidavit duly verified and notarized as per clause 4.4 B (a) (ii) and 4.4 B (c) to Chie Engineer, Tender Cell, First Floor, Nirman Bhawan, PWD, North Block, Sector-19, Naya Raipur (C.G.) 492-002 as per provisions of bid document through Speed/ Registered post ailing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive

Detailed schedule of important dates may be seen on notice board of offices and also vailable on website of Public Works Department http://pwd.cg.nic.in

Chief Engineer (Central Tender Cell) Office of Engineer-In-Chief P.W.D. Nava Raipur Atal Nagar (C.G.)

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियता, लोक निर्माण विभाग, रायपुर मण्डल क्रमांक २ (छत्तीसगढ़)

ई-प्रोक्युरमेंट निविदा सूचना

(द्धितीय आमंत्रण)

निम्नांकित कार्यों हेतु ऑनलाईन निविदा "डी" श्रेणी एवं अधिक श्रेणी के ठेकेदारों हेतु निविद मंत्रित की जाती है। ऑनलाईन निविदा डाउनलोड करने की <u>अंतिम तिथ</u>ि 18.07.2023 है।

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NIT NO. 50 Tender No. 140538	जिला जेल गरियाबंद में 01 नग बंदी बैरक एवं बंदी शौचालय का निर्माण कार्य।	रू. 54.27 लाख
NIT NO. 51 Tender No. 140540	जिला गरियाबंद के देवभोग में उपसंभाग क्रं.—2 (देवभोग) अनुविभागीय अधिकारी लोक निर्माण विभाग कार्यालय भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	रू. 26.91 लाख
NIT NO. 52 Tender No. 140541	जिला गरियाबंद के अनुविभाग राजिम में स्वामी आत्मानंद उत्कृष्ट अंग्रेजी माध्यम विद्यालय राजिम का उन्नयन कार्य।	रू. 73.70 लाख
NIT NO. 53 Tender No. 140543	देवमोग अनुविभाग अंतर्गत न्यायिक अधिकारी के लिये सिंगल यूनिट 01 नग "ई" टाईप एवं कर्मचारियों के लिये 05 नग "एच" टाईप, 03	रू. 140.72 लाख

विस्तृत निविदा विज्ञप्ति, निविदा दस्तावेज व अन्य जानकारी ई–प्रोक्योरमेंट वेब पोर्टर https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in अथवा विभागीय वेबसाइट https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in अउनलोड की जा सकती है। **(राशि रू. 100.00 के नान ज्यूडिशियल स्टाम्प पर निर्धारि**त <u>प्रपत्र में शपथ—पत्र एवं न्यूनतम राशि रू. 10.00 के नान ज्यूडिशियल स्टाम प</u> एनेक्जर—3 का शपथ पत्र (बिडकेपेसीटी उपलब्धता बाबत जानकारी एवं अन्य जानकारी एनआईटी के 2.10 में संलग्न संशोधित प्रपत्रानुसार प्रस्तुत करें।) पृथक से समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशन नहीं किया जावेगा।

निर्माण कार्य।

अधीक्षण अभियंता लो.नि.वि., रायपुर मण्डल क्र. 2 (छ.ग.)

Credible Chhottisgarh आपकी थी चाह, हमने बनाई राह G-03088/8

cused Ravi Palle and Shukdeep near the pects confessed to commit-Chandra Maurya Talkies ting the robbery. Later, the Under Bridge. They beat police seized the looted the applicant and fled after motorcycle, gold ring and mobile phone. Within 18 looting gold ornaments, hours of the robbery inmobile and motorcycle. On the instructions of cident, the Supela Police succeeded in catching the accused. Both the accused are habitual offenders of Supela Police Station area. Apart from

ment in other crimes. Police (Bhilai Nagar) Nikhil Rakhecha, the team of Supela Police Station launched an investigation. They started searching for the accused in different directions. The suspects were traced with the help of informers and taken into custody. During inter-

छत्तीसगढ़ शासन, जल संसाधन विभाग कार्यालय मुख्य अभियंता, महानदी परियोजना, जल संसाधन विभाग, रायपुर (छ.ग.)

> ई-प्रोक्यरमेंट निविदा सचना Main Portal : http://cgeprocurement.gov.in WRD Portal : http://wrd.cgeprocurement.gov.in

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इस कार्यालय का आमंत्रित निविदा क्रमाक 133791, कार्य का नाम बस्तर जिले के विकासखण्ड बकावण्ड की पीठापुर तालाब का शीर्ष बांध मरम्मत कार्य एवं नहर मरम्मत कार्य एवं नहर लाईनिंग कार्य हेतु (द्वितीय आमंत्रण), निविदा सूचना क्रमांक 02 / वलेलि / 2023—24 दिनांक 17.05.2023, जिसका जी नंबर 01412, दिनांक 18 05.2023 है, को निविदा के द्वितीय आमंत्रण में प्रतिभागी निविदाकार की संख्या निरंक होने के कारण निरस्त किया जाता है।

> कार्यपालन अभियंता, टी.डी.पी.पी. जल संसाधन संभाग, जगदलपुर कृते, मुख्य अभियंता महानदी परियोजना.

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GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, WATER RESOURCES DIVISION

जल संसाधन विभाग, रायपुर छ.ग.

BAIKUNTHPUR, DISTT. KORIYA (C.G.) e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

eProcurement Portal: https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to 26.07.2023 (17.30 hours IST).

System Tender No./NIT No./ Dated	Name of Work	Probable amount of Contract
STN. 140401 06/SAC/2023-24 Date:-05.07.2023	C.C LINING FROM R.D. 1500 M., TO 1800 M., C.C LINING FROM R.D. 2250 M. TO 3210 M. & C.C LINING FROM R.D. 4050 M. TO 5910 M., OF MAIN CANAL, AND V.R.B. AT RD. 1560 M. MAIN CANAL, V.R.B. AT RD. 3050 M. MAIN CANAL, REPAIR OF PIPE DRV AT RD. 7300 M., REPAIR OF PIPE V.R.B (2 NOS), REPAIR OF CANAL SYPHON OF MAIN CANAL, C.C. CHANNEL FROM RD. 0.00 TO 1500 M. OF MAIN CANAL, C.C. CHANNEL FROM RD. 3390 TO 3998 M. OF MAIN CANAL, C.C. CHANNEL FROM RD. 6510 TO 7500 M. OF MAIN CANAL C.C. CHANNEL FROM RD. 6510 TO TO 1500 M. OF MAIN CANAL C.C. CHANNEL FROM RD. 6510 TO KHARLA DIVERSION SCHEME	Rs. 414.26 Lakh
STN. 140403 07/SAC/2023-24 Date:-05.07.2023	RENOVATION OF UDANAPUR TANK INCLUDING EARTH WORK & LINING OF MAIN CANAL FROM R.D. 1370 M. TO 3500 M. AND MINOR CANAL FROM R.D. 470 M. TO 700 M. & COLABA FIXING.	Rs. 338.98 Lakh

The details can be viewed & downloaded online directely from the Gov Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement portal (https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in) from Date 12.07.2023 at 17.31 Hours (IST) onwards

NOTE: 1. All eligible/interested contractors /bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the integrated e-Procurement portal (https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in) and get approval on specific vendor class from PWD under Centralized Contractor/ Supplier Registration in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding

2. Probable Amount of Contract (P.A.C.) is as per S.O.R. 01.08.2010. (As Amendmen

Executive Engineer Water Resources Division, Baikunthpur Korea (C.G. For, Chief Engineer, Hasdeo Ganga Basin Ambikapur (C.G.)

SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Services Department, in association with Chhattisgarh Government's Malaria Eradication Department is taking rigorous efforts fogging machines.

Health

for prevention of Dengue and other mosquitoborne diseases like malaria, chikungunya Bhilai etc in the Township. TSD has also been running a door-to-door Prevention Campaign since June 13, 2023 at Sectors I, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10, along with Risali, Maroda and Ruabandha Sectors. Other sectors of the township have been

mediately cleaned and sprayed, along with medicine distribution, on account of discovery of Mosquito Larvae at such spots. Regular fogging operations have also been started in the entire township by vehicle mounted thermal

The Public Health Department has made an appeal to the Bhilai citizens to take sincere measures for prevention of Dengue and other mosquito-borne diseases by emptying coolers and water tanks, atleast once per week, and check accumulation of water in empty utensils, old tyres and other open accumulation stagnant water to pre-

Bhilai, Jul 07: The water sources were im- spots, and put oil on the vent mosquitoes from

कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता मनियारी जल संसाधन संभाग मुंगेली, जिला-मुंगेली (छ.ग.)

//निविदा निरस्तीकरण आदेश//

पत्र क्रमांक.... . / व.ले.लि. / 2023–24

प्रमुख अभियंता, जल संसाधन विभाग, शिवनाथ भवन, सेक्टर-19 नार्थ ब्लॉक, नवा रायपुर, अटल नगर रायपुर (छ.ग.) का पृ. क्र. 4262653 / निविदा प्रकोष्ट / 2022 / 8983(Tc) रायपुर दिनांक 28.06.2023 द्वारा दिये गये निर्देश के परिपालन में इस कार्यालय द्वारा आमंत्रित निविदा सूचना क्रं. 04 / व.ले.लि. / 2023–24 दिनांक 31.05.2023, समूह क्रं. 02, सिस्टम नं. 136081 (पंचम आमंत्रण) की निविदा में प्रतिभागी निविदाकार की संख्या निरंक होने के फलस्वरूप उक्त निविदा को "निरस्त " किया जाता है।

जी.नं. - 01863, दिनांक 01.06.2023

कार्यपालन अभियंता मनियारी जल संसाधन संभाग, मुंगेली, जिला-मुंगेली (छ.ग.) G-03081/1 "जल ही जीवन है।"

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कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता लोक निर्माण विभाग, रायपुर संभाग क.–1, रायपुर

मैनुअल पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रण सचना

विज्ञप्ति क्रमांक ४७४४ / एन.आई.टी.-17 / टी.सी. / 23-24 / रायपुर, दिनांक 04/07/2023

कार्य का विवरण	अनुमानित राशि (लाखों में)
S/R. MOW. Deposit and Other Work of Arang Section Various Roads under Survey Sub Division Raipur	19.95
S/R. MOW. Deposit and Other Work of VIP Guest House PAHUNA & Judges Colony Civil Line under Survewy Sub Division Raipur	19.95
Petty Bazar Supply at Arang and Mandir Hasoud Section Residential Building Raipur	10.00

निविदा प्रपत्र प्राप्त करने की तिथि – 26.07.2023 उपरोक्त निर्माण कार्यों की निविदा की सामान्य शर्ते, धरोहर राशि, विस्तृत निविदा विज्ञाप्ति निविदा दस्तावेज व अन्य जानकारी कार्यालयीन अविध में कार्यालय से प्राप्त की जा सकती है साथ ही यह जानकारी विभागीय वेबसाईट www.cg.nic.in/pwdraipur/ में Live Tender वे अन्तर्गत निविदा प्रपत्र में उपलब्ध। इनका अवलोकन संबंधित संभाग कार्यालय में किया ज

सकता है। शर्ते – सरल क्र.-3 के निविदा में भाग लेने हेतु निविदाकार के पास नगर निगम

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कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता, लोक निर्माण विभाग कोण्डागांव संभाग, कोण्डागांव Email ID - ee.kondagaon@nic.in & eepwdkondagaon@gmail.com Fax No.-07786243942, Phone No. - 07786242242

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प्रथम निविदा संशोधन सचना

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SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER (NIT) FOR EVALUATION STUDY ON RASHTRIYA VAYOSHRI YOJANA (RVY)

DEPARTMENT OF

RVY is a Central Sector Scheme, fully funded by the Central Government. The expenditure for implementation of the scheme is met from the 'Senior Citizens Welfare Fund'. RVY scheme with the objective to provide Senior Citizens, belonging to BPL category and suffering from age related disabilities/infirmities, such physical aids and assisted living devices as walking sticks, elbow crutches, walkers/ crutches, tripods/ quadpods, hearing aids, wheelchairs, artificial dentures and spectacles etc., free of cost which can help them in restoring their lives to near normalcy from such disabilities or infirmities. The Scheme is being implemented through the sole implementing agency- Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (ALIMCO), a PSU under Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

Important information on date and time schedule:

SI. No.	Particulars	Date & Time
1	Publication of NIT	21.06.2023 at 16:00 hrs
2	Pre-Bid Meeting	06.07.2023 at 10:00 hrs Venue: Department of Social Justice & Empowerment, B-2, Ground Floor, Pandit Deendayal Antyodaya Bhavan, CGO Complex, New Delhi-110003
3	Start date and Time of Submission of NIT	22.06.2023 at 10:00 hrs
4	End date and Time of Submission of NIT	05.08.2023 at 17:00 hrs

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'Kotawars' act as bridge between admn-government: SP

'Kotawars' play important role in ensuring peace in villages

'Kotawars Sammelan' held in Basna

Basna, Jul 07: In order to government's words to the villages and to maintain peace in the villages or for declarations related to villagers, the 'Kotawars' play an important role, Dharmendra Chavai in the 'Kotawar Sammelan' of three blocks held at Basna Mandi premises of Mahasamund district, here on Thursday.

Speaking as the Chief Guest of the function he further said 'Kotawars' are like the eves and ears of the government and extend all possible assistance to the police in maintaining law & order in the villages. They act as bridge between the government- administration and villages. As & when any incident takes place in the villages or to pass on any information related to the government schemes or if any information if required by the government from the village of any problem existing there, it is exchanged with the

The 'Kotawars' have all the information about the villages and unless & untill there is peace in the vil-

'Kotawars'



lage, development is not possible. Apart from ensuring peace in the villages, they Kotawars also play an important role in its development.

SP Dharmendra Singh further said that through this Sammelan, he got an opportunity to get face-toface with 'Kotawars' of Basna, Saraipali, Pithora sub-division and came to know about their problems and share information about the villages and provided him chance to understand them in a better manner and it is for which that this Sammelan has been organised.

SP Dharmendra Singh said that earlier it was 'Kotawars' who used to pass on the information about any incident or problems in the villages, but now it is the social media through which one can pass on the information quickly through mobile phones and due to which police is now able to control any sensitive situation or any crime easily and well on time.

SP asked the 'Kotawars' to maintain coordination with the Thana in-charge of their region and help in ensuring peace and harmony in the villages and inform about any illegal activities or arson or any crime to the police on time. During this Presidents of Kotawar samaj and Kotawars hailed the organisation of this sammelan. Sarapiali Thana in-Charge Ashish Vasnik proposed vote of thanks and in his address said that with this Kotawar sammelan, the relations between police and Kotawars will be more cordial and would bring positive results.

Tehsildar Ramesh Mehta, Saraipali Ashish Vasnik, TI Sankara Gopal

Dhurve. Basna Shivanand Tiwari, TI Singhouda Keshav Kosale, TI Patewa Shailendra Nag, Chowki in-charge Bhanwarpur Jitendra Vijaywar, SI Anil Anil Paleshwar and other police officers and employees were present in large num-

Kotwari registration likely to re-start

In the address it was informed that it is for the first time that Police-Kotawar sammelan has been oragnised.

In this during talks of Kotawars with SP, they informed him that the work of Kotwari register for death and birth of a person was done by Kotawars before 2008 and to which the SP assured to take it forward.

Devotees in large number throng 'Aghor Raj'

To seek blessings of 'Pujya Aghoreshwar

Sheorinarayan, Jul 07: On occasion of 'Guru Purnima', the followers of 'Aghorpanthi' spread all over the country right from Odisha, Bihar, UP, MP, WB, Maharashtra, Delhi, Jharkhand, and other state and from local Raigarh, Janjgir, Jashpur, Koriya, Korba, Bilaspur, Mungeli, Sarangarh, Balodabazar, Rajnandgaon, Gourela, Pendra, Marwahi, reached to take blessings of their Guru Aghoreshwar -Sant

Banora Sheorinarayan. As per the scheduled programme, after 'Shaktipujan' at Ganesh Peeth', 'safalyoni paath', 'Guru Paduka Pujan', group Aarti, 'Guru

Shri Priyadarshi Ramji in

Paath', 'Gurudarshan', 'prasad'

distribution in group and

he delivered his preachings. In his address, 'Pujya Aghoreshwar Sant Shri Priyadarshi Ramji' put forth his views on the problems wide-spread in the society and spirituality and gave instructions to be always ready to render help for welfare and development of nation.

On this occasion. 'Aghorpeeth' trust Banora expressed its gratitude towards the police administration, electricity, health department and youths of Banora for their dedicated

Newly admitted students welcomed with flower petals



On occasion of 'Shala Pravesh utsav' in all Schools of **Sankul Ghiwara**

Kharora, Jul 07: The newly appointed students in all 7 Primary, 3 Middle and High School coingi under Sankul Kendra Ghiwara, of Tilda Block. were welcomed amidst showering of flower petals on occasion of 'Shala Pravesh Utsav' here on Thursday. On this occasion public representa-

all teachers and students were found with special enthusiasm and smile on their faces. Sankul in-charge of Sankul Kendra Ghiwara-Deepak Gupta, Sankul co-

Shala Prabandhan Samiti;

ordinator Kailash Baghel expressed gratitude towards all the heads of the Primary and Middle Schools and the teachers for successfully organising the 'Shala pravesh Utsav' with great fanfare and in an organised

As temperature soars agricultural land starts drying torrential and then inter-

Mungeli, Jul 07: The rise in temperature has increased as soon as the rain stopped and it has resulted in drying of agricultural land. Meanwhile due to humidity the need for coolers and ACs has started again. On the other hand, the water filled in the fields is decreasing rapidly, due to which the land of the farm is getting dry continuously, which is cause of worry for the farmers as sowing season is all set to commence in a

The district has record-



ed an average rainfall of 237.3 mm since June 1. Since June 1, an average rainfall of 171.5 mm has been recorded in Mungeli tehsil, 304.3 mm in Patharia tehsil, and 248.5 mm in Lormi tehsil and 225 mm in Lalpur police

station tehsil. If we look at the record of rains of ten vears, this year in the last week of June, maximum rains have been received in the last ten years. Between June 23 and 30, the district recorded 237.3 mm of rain and despite

Stranded Elephant creates chaos

reservoirs of the district did not change. According to officials of the Water Resources Department, three to four days of rain after the scorching heat is nothing special for the dam's water storage unit. Now it is likely to rain from next week, due to which the

mittent rains for three

days, the situation of

water logging in the major

maximum temperature has increased by 9 degrees, in a total of 39 de-

Collector reviews Godhan Nyaya Yojana



Korea, Jul 06: Under the Collector Vinay Kumar Langeh, a weekly timelimit meeting was held which the Collector did an in-depth review of the government's ambitious Godhan Nyaya Yojana.

Instructing the officials of Forest, Agricultural Horticulture and Krishi Vigyan Kendra to send the demand letter for vermicompost fertilizer soon, he asked them to ensure lifting as per the demand. In

the meeting, the Collector chairmanship of District instructed to take action to remove the Gothan Committees which are not active and issue notices to the AREO, SADO and Secretary after identifying those Gothans which have less than 20 percent con-

The Collector also instructed to plant shady trees in all Gothans and took information from the Forest Department officer regarding the availability of saplings and preparation for tree

plantation. The Collector inquired about the progress of the renovation works of the schools Mukhyamantri School

Jatan Yojana and asked to update all the completed works in the portal.

Taking information about the implementation of the announcements made by the Chief Minister during the meeting with the Chief Minister, Collector Mr. Langeh gave instructions to complete the approved construction works within the time limit. District Chief Panchayat's Executive Officer Dr. Ashutosh Chaturvedi, Joint Collector and Deputy District Election Officer Mr. Anil Sidar, Joint Collector Mrs. Akinta Som, Sub-Divisional Officer and other officers-employees

promise even after lapse

The government should fulfill its promise

by regularizing all the

contractual employees of

the state by including

them in the upcoming

supplementary budget,

Secretary Ajay Singh

Kshatriya said that in

District

said.

of 4 years and 6 months.



One nabbed with illicit liquor worth 12,000

police officers, that a per son was nabbed with 25 quarter bottles of country liquor 'Mashal' of 4.5 bulk lts packed in side two white plastic buckets worth Rs 2750 and another 3.06 bulk lts of liquor with 17 quarters of CG Fine English Whiskey worth Rs 2210 and 9 bottles of Beer worth Rs 6940. It was in the presence of witnesses that

Simga, Jul 07: It was on seizure letter was prebooked under section 34 (2) of Excise Act. The accused is Nohar Banjare, S/o Late Lakhan Banjare, (30), R/o Musawadih Thana Simga and sent to jail. In the above action, Head Constable Chandrabhan Pandey. Ramnarayan Verma, constable Birendra Sinham, Lokesh Dadsena played an impor-

phant separated from its herd, created havoc in the region, as it went out looking for its herd. It reached office of the District Police Control Room and Cyber Cell after entering from the Tandur reservoir. The police personnel kept hiding in their respective offices, whereas a video has come to the fore in the same office where all the personnel are waiting for the elephant to come out while pacifying each other. Later it moved towards Jurri Para area, where simultaneously, the forest department's team was also waiting for the elephant to come out, which created a stir in the whole city throughout the night.

As per information, the present location of the elephant is being told as Room No. 288 RF Complex Jatadah Assistant Circle Ganji Circle Lohara



Villages Baihakua, Jatadah, Shivni ,Poplatola ,Sahagaon, Ganii. Bhalukonha ,Kamta, Ureta ,Gurami ,Bharda, Pingal ,Maraitola and Boirdih has been kept on alert while

the Forest Department team is also continuously is patrolling. According to the information received from the forest department, the elephant is traveling fast and it is not staying at one place.

Contract workers protest against non-fulfillment of regularization



Central Chronicle News

Mungeli, Jul 07: The contractual employees working here in the region have gone on an indefinite strike due to nonfulfillment of the promise of regularization in the public manifesto. The work in the government office was affected due to the strike of contract em-

ployees and District convenor of Chhattisgarh All Departmental Contract Employees Federation, Takeshwar Sahu said that the government had promised regularization to us contract employees in point number 11 of the public manifesto for the 2018 elections, but it is undemocratic for the government not to fulfill its District Collectors and Congress Ministers, MLAs and people's representatives, dialogue was not estab-Federation's patron treasurer

Uday Bhanu Banjare and Manish Tamboli told that the crowd of contract workers will decide which party will form the government in Chhattisgarh in the 2024 elections.

years, there is a situation of lack of communica-

tion from the government

and even after giving

memorandum to 33

Kaleshwar Sahu, Avi Sahu, Pawan Nirmalkar, Dhananjay, Parmeshwar Chandrahas, Sandeep participated in this program. Ajay, Manisha Banjare, Bina Dhritalhare, Gayatri, Bhagwati, Nishi Masih, Sumit Jaiswal, all the contract employees of the district including the chief officers were presthese four and a half ent in the strike.

Thousands of Asian Bill Storks arrive in Lachkera Covering thousands of miles for breed-

ing here

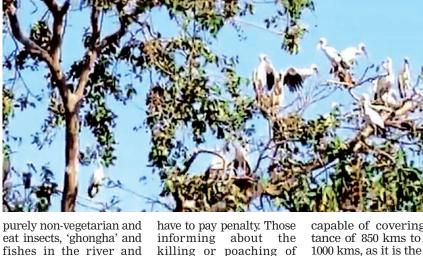
Elders says that they are coming for last many decades

Fingeshwar, Jul 07: The

arrival of Asian Bill Stork

covering thousands of kilometers of journey from other countries to Gram Lachkera under Fingeshwar block has started prior to arrival of monsoon here on Thursday. Many elders of village informed that it is prior to their birth, that flock of these birds viz. Asian Bill Stork arrive here from other countries to Lachkera for breeding season as guests. They informed that these birds are coming prior to their fathers, grand-fathers and fore-fathers as well and even they do not know as to for how many decades back these birds are coming to Lachkera for their nests and breeding.

Farmers informed that these Asian Bill Stork are



ponds as their diet. It is due to their presence, the farming of Khariff crop is safe due to their eating away of all the insects during this season. Set aside this the waste from these birds acts as good source of manure for the farms. Even the villagers are aware of importance of presence of these birds and therefore none have killed any of these birds and had issued a forewarning that anyone killing these birds will

killing or poaching of these birds is even paid prize in the form of cash.

Acting as enemy to insects for the Khariff crop and as friends of the farmers, the surrounding of the Gram Lachkera has started resonation with the chirpiness of these Asian Bill Stork. Th villagers of Gram Lachkera even treat the arrival of these guest birds as auspicious for them.

Can cover upto 1000 kms The Asian Bill Stork are

capable of covering distance of 850 kms to upto 1000 kms, as it is the period of their breeding. Therefore they fly in group and reside in the place where they find the atmosphere comfortable. What is unique about these birds is that the place where they reside for the first time, they continue it for the second time as well always. The guest birds are

treated as centre of love and commitment and finally after breeding, they return to their homeland.

Girl students distributed bi-cycles and text-books

On occasion of Shala Pravesh Utsav in Govt Girl's School I

Central Chronicle News

Masturi, Jul 07: 'Shala Pravesh Utsav' was celebrated at the local Government Girls Higher Secondary School on Wednesday. And under the Saraswati Cycle Yojana, cycles were distributed to girl students. The program was inaugurated by lighting the lamp.

After that the message of Chief Minister and Education Minister was read out to the present guests and students. The newly admitted girl students were admitted by



applying 'tilak' and offeing them sweets. Along with this, free text-books and pens were provided to the girl students by the guests

present in the pro-

The guests said that education can remove igno-

without education. And the parents were requested to send their children to school everyday.

At the same time, a call was given to the public community, teachers that there should be 100% admission in the school so that no student is deprived of the mainstream of edu-

Principal VR Samuel expressed his thoughts regarding the celebration of school entrance festival and also on the percentage by the school management. Outstanding girl students of class X and XII

awarded with shields. After that cycles were distributed to the newly admitted girl stu-

During this, Public Participation Committee President Suresh Dubey, MP Representative Pawan Shriwas, District Panchayat Member Bhardwaj, Chandni District Panchayat Vinita Rajju Member Bhargava, Sarpanch Mayarani Markam, ABO Porte, Bharat Kurre, Sanjay Gupta and Chedi Shriwas and other dignitaries were present.

D.R. Fitness Power Lifting team wins 6 medals

In the state-level **Power Lifting** Championship

Central Chronicle News

Dhamdha, Jul 07: In twoday State-level Power Lifting Championship held at Vivekanand Bhawan Padmanabhpur, in Durg, power lifters of D.R. Fitness Gym won a gold and silver medal through their better performance. In the Open Bench-press- Devanand Yadav and Rahul Yadav won a gold medal and in the Power Lifting - Puja

Yadav won a silver medal; gold in 'Gipan Benchpress; and gold medal in Open Dead Lift. In this way she won the 3 medals Surya Prakash Sonkar won a bronze medal in the Open Bench-Press and in this way Dhamdha team won total of 6 medals.

All these power lifters

do power lifting under gui dance of Director Fitness Gym Devanand Yadav and Rahul Yadav. Dr Prafulla Dheewar, Trilok Dheewar, Vivek Dheewar, Munna Dheewar, and other members of the Gym have extended greetings and wished them all the best in future competitions.

Shala Pavesh Utsav held in 'Diwanbhedhi' School



Students presented with uniforms. text-books

Central Chronicle News

Dongargaon, Jul 07: Shala Pravesh Utsav was observed in Middle and Primary School in Gram Diwanbhedhi

On this occasion, Rohit Sonkar Janpad Sabhapati distributed text-books and uniforms to students free of cost and welcomed the students by applying 'tilak' and offering sweets to

On occasion of 'Pravesh Utsav', Sonkar cited various schemes of the state government and informed

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel for construction of two additional rooms in the School and for which he expressed gratitude towards CM.

He also appealed students to come to school regularly and study hard. so as to carve a better future and wished them all the best in their future endeavours.

On this occasion Neelam Goswami, Lakhanlal Sahu, Hukum Lal Sahu, Ramvilas Sahu, Dev Sahu, Gaindlal Sahu, Praveena Patel, Meen Bai, Narbadiya Sahu, Kesar Nishad, Durgabai Renu Sinha, Usha Bai, Parvati Nishad and others were

Panchayat held under tree in Salkhand Gram Panchayat



Central Chronicle News

Basna, Jul 07: In Gram Panchayat Salkhand, due to dilapidation of the Panchayat building for the last three years, the work of the Panchayat is being done in the platform built under the tree. The problems of the people are heard by organizing Gram Sabha here.

It is notable that Panchayat Bhavan was constructed 32 years ago in 1992-93 in Salkhand, a panchayat with a population of about 2500, 35 km from the block headquarters. But, from the year 2015-20, the panchayat building became completely dilapidated, due to which the villagers have to wander to get the benefits of the schemes run by the Panchayats of the Central and State Government with facilities like various certificates, ration cards. job cards, pensions.

After the Panchayat Elections 2020, people felt

they will not have any problems or complaints and the hope arose that the demand for a building in the Panchayat's government panchayat would be

District member Tarachand Sahu said that not having a panchayat building is a big problem and here a large number of people keep waiting for the rural secretary everyday to get birth and death certificates made.

What officer says

Efforts will be in the interest of the villagers. I will try to work keeping in mind the interest of the general public. Janpad CEO Ashish Karma

Chandan Yadav accorded warm welcome



Central Chronicle News

Gaurela-Pendra-Marwarhi, Jul 07: The Secretary AICC and Secretary in-charge PCC Chandan Yadav was accorded warm welcome at Pendra Road on his return from Surguja by the Congress representatives from Gaurela-Pendra -Marwahi (GPM) here on Thursday.

MLA Marwahi Dr KK

Member Uttam Vasudev. District President Manoj Gupta, District President (Pichada Varg Vibhag) Ramesh Sahu, Alderman Om Prakash Banka, Mahila Congress President- Gajmati Bhanu Shankar Sahu, Manoj Gupta, President Aman Sharma, Mohan Shukla, Maniesh Kesari, Harsh Agrawal, Sukhdev Singh Grewal

Students distributed uniforms, text-books

On occasion of 'Shala Pravesh

Central Chronicle News

Mudhipar, Jul 07: Shala Pravesh Utsav was celebrated with great enthusi-asm in Government Primary School, Sondongari under Sankul Kendra Mudhipar, about 22 kms away from district headquarters. The programme began with lighting of lamp before photo of Goddess Saraswati and

For the academic session 2023-24, head of institute Ladu Ram Sahu got 6 students admitted and gave information about government's schemes.

garlanding it.



The guests were welcomed by applying 'tilal' with 'gulal' and offered sweets and thereafter all students were distributed uniiorm and text-books free of cost.

The children were asked to study with seriousness and interest and wished them all the best in future endeavours and

extend full support to the institution.

The chief guest of the programme was Top Singh Rajput, Janpad member- Muanipar and it was chaired by Savitri Yadav President Shala Prabandhan Samiti and special guests were -Seema Jaleshwar Verma Sarpanch Gram

Panchavat Gumanpur. Sulochana Yadav -V-P; Rukhmani Verma, Laxmi Kanwar, Krishna Ram Educationist; Kamiesh Kanwar, Manesh Verma, teachers of the School viz.

Yugal Kishore Sahu, Lekhchand Kanwar, Vimla Verma, Anganbadi workers, Nirmala Yadav, Assistant; Kamla Yadav, Ravita Kanwar and Got assistance from

WSHGs of village and School's management

The Women Self-Help Groups (WSHGs) formed in the village collected funds from their earnings and provided funds for 'Kheerpuri', educational materials like books, copies, pen, table and others.

On this occasion, the School's management distributed educational materials to students Garima Yadav for coming first in the Class: Vedika Verma coming second and Hema Kanwar Third: Gulshan Kumar Verma coming fourth and Tameshwar Kanwar coming fifth and

SDM holds meeting for caste certificates

Of School children

Central Chronicle News

Gaurela- Pendra- Marwahi. Jul 07: As per instruction by the Collector Priyanka Rishi Mahobia, SDM (Revenue) Pendra Road, Pushpendra Sharma convened a meeting of officers in Project admn office in Gourela in context of caste certificates for the school children.

In the meeting he directed the staff to hold camps in the Schools and prepare cases for caste certificates for eligible school children and thereafter details



for distribution of permanent caste certificates for school children. To remove hindrances at different level and solution as per government's instructions were highlighted.

For scholarship to eligible students, it was asked

work plan was prepared to get their Aadhar number linked with their bank account and time-limit of July 11 was finalised for it The meeting was attended by all the tehsildars, Block Education officers and all the Principals of High Schools and Secondary Schools.

Baghel govt fooling people in the name of ban on liquor: Dabat



Promise with 'Gangajal' is sheer disrespect to 'Maa Ganga'

Central Chronicle News

Rajim, Jul 07: The BJP Mahila Morcha national media in-charge Neetu Dabat speaking to media persons charged that the Bhupesh Baghel government who took an oath with 'Gangajal' in their hand is now busy selling illicit liquor in the lanes, by-lanes of the villages and added that if the BJP government is formed in the state, the first thing it will do is to ban sale of liquor in the state.

Neetu Dabat is on tour Rajim Brindanavagarh Vidhan Sabha and would hold talks with the female workers of BJP about various schemes of the central government. Neetu said that just after the VS poll results, both CM Baghel and Dy. CM Singh Deo have took a pledge with 'Gangajal' in their hand and promised to ban sale of liquor in the state. The people of the state have fallen victim of their false- promises and voted them to power. But after taking over the reins, they not only disrespected 'Gangajal', they even lost the confidence of mothers and sisters in the state.

Neetu said that it is the female members of the family only who know the outcome of the person coming in state of intoxication in their house and misbehaving with them and they have to face lots of problmes and at times it become main issue of quarrel and mental ha-

Neetu Dabat charged that the Congress government has not shown any interest in ban on liquor and they just spent four & half years just on the promise of conducting study in state's declared as 'dry-state' and have now even started saving that it is difficult to ban liquor, as it may lead to chaos and instead are now promoting that addiction should be removed first. Neetu Dabat assertively

said that it is the female voters who have voted BJP to power and this time also wants their maximum participation. She informed that there are 11 female Ministers in the Central Government and added that this time they would not seek vote on caste or religion, but purely in the name

of the candidate.

Women organize anti-liquor front vigilance

Arang, Jul Enthused by the solidarity of the villagers and the support of the villages, nearby women have taken up an anti-liquor front in village Asaunda. It may be noted that

8-10 coaches active in village Asaunda had maintained an atmosphere of undeclared liquor furnace in the village, due to this, not only the common villagers of Asaunda but also the villagers of nearby villages passing through the road were in trouble.

On the request of the village heads of the affected surrounding villages and the villagers of Asaunda and especially the women, a meeting was called by the panchayat and encouraged by the assurance of solidarity and active cooperation of the villagers in the meeting, immediately

after the meeting, the

women along with the village heads took to vigilance against the anti-liquor front. In view of the soli-

darity of the villagers, the atmosphere of the undeclared liquor furnace running in the village seems to be closed at the moment, but according to the information received from the rural sources, even now 1-2 liquor coaches have not desisted from selling liquor secretly.

Here, after 2-3 days of efforts and widespread active public support from the villagers and due to this the women are happy with the peace prevailing in the village, are preparing to intensify this campaign.

Sarpanch Sahu, former sarpanch duo Jitendra Chandrakar and Raju Tandon, along with village heads and women of the village played an important

Rs 2.5 cr building soaks in seepage!

sible officer or employee of the con-

tractor could be seen and the condi-

tion of the new building will be simi-

Central Chronicle News Dongargarh, Jul 07: Seepage can be

seen from all sides in the walls of the new building of the much-Health Center approved by the Government's Health

and Family Welfare Department at a cost of Rs two and a half crores. As per reports the construction was sanctioned in the State Budget-2018-

19: 250, 00 Lakhs for construction agency C.G.M.S. C. Ltd. was given construction period: 12 months the contractor Manoj Agarwal has been shown in the notice board but his mobile number has not been shown. In such a situation, discussions could not be held with the contractor regarding the sub-standard construction work.

lar to the old building of the hospital According to technical experts, looking at the seepage coming around the newly constructed hospital building, it seems that soon the condition of the building will be similar to the old building of the currently operated hospital, where seepage is overall. Also the construction of the new hospital build-

ing and postmortem room is being

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tion both the buildings were to be inaugurated at the same time but the postmortem room was used before

What officer says

Constructions of both the buildings have been done separately and different amounts have been approved for both the buildings, the newly constructed postmortem room is being used as per the requirement, Development Block Medical Officer Dr. BP Ekka

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Ramsuchit Singh resident A-5 Garden Being authorized on behalf of City Mopka District Bilaspur, I am publishing this general notice that in the name of my party Mouza Mopka P.H. No. 19/29 R.N.M. The land/house situated in Bilaspur Khasra no. 993/2D/34 Layout Plot No. 05 Area 1560 Sq.ft. To whom the sale deed from Mr. Harish Kumar Gemnani and Mrs. Naina Devi Gemnani dated 10.08. 2009 Document Gemnani dated 10.08, 2009 Documer no. According to 2107, possession is i possession by purchase and previou: registry dated 19.02.2007 documen no. 7066 which was purchased from Mi Harish Kumar from Inderpal Singl Bhatia, that registry has beer misplaced somewhere from my party on the basis of the true copy of which my party has registered the L.I.C. H.F.L Loan has been sanctioned from Bilaspur. Therefore, any person institution, bank, government, semi-government bank body or interested person, who has received or kept the original copy of the said sale deed, can give his objection along with the documents to the address mentioned below within 15 days from the published period. After the time period, the naid sheet as well as the property of the published period. After the time period. the said objection will not be acceptable and loan action will be taken. We

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Governor Biswabhushan Harichandan and CM Bhupesh Baghel bid warm farewell to PM Narendra Modi at the Science College ground helipad.

Research should be such as to benefit the society and the nation: Vice-Chancellor

Induction prog for PhD researchers organized in Department of Commerce

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, Jul 07: The induction program for the newly admitted Ph.D. researchers of the Commerce Department of Guru Ghasidas University (Central University) was organized on July 06, 2023 at 11 am with Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Alok Kumar Chakrawal as the Chief Guest. The Registrar, Prof. Manish Srivastava was

duction program, Professor Chakrawal, while congratulating the newly admitted Ph.D. scholars, said that the youth should do research which is useful to the society and the nation. He said, "New facts, principles, methods or objects are discovered in research and in such a situation, we must carry out such research work whose references become standard in the whole world. A researcher should choose such subjects which contain the solutions to the problems of the society and the nation".

Vice-Chancellor. Professor Chakrawal gave the researchers the basic



with the nuances of startups, business discipline and of business models through various live examples. He said that apart from being a good researcher, or a good teacher, one should also keep in mind the first priority, that of being a good human being. By being disciplined with dedication, practice, restraint and coor-

dination, researchers can produce better results with limited resources. He called upon the researchers to do such research that the name of the university is established at the national and international level.

Before this, at the beginning of the program, the guests on the stage were welwith saplings. Thereafter, the welcome ad-

Head of the Department of Commerce. The Special Guest, the Registrar, Prof. Manish Srivastava and Dean, School of Commerce and Management expressed their views. The guests on the stage were honored by presenting shawl, shreephal, and mementoes. The program was conducted by Dr Shailesh Dwivedi and the vote of thanks was presented Dr. Buddheshwar Singraul. Heads of departments, teaching staff, and research scholars of the Department of Commerce and Management Studies

Bhuvana Venkataraman,

IIM Raipur achieves exceptional investment education standards

By joining CFA Institute's university affiliation prog to offer CFA program scholarships

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Jul 07: Toward the accomplishment of a new step in completing CFA, three exceptional students from IIM Raipur have successfully passed the CFA Level-1 examination in May'2023. We extend our wholehearted congratulations to these outstanding students for their exceptional accomplishments.

Their dedication, perseverance, and profound understanding of investment management professionals have been exemplified through their successful completion of the demanding CFA Level 1 exam. This significant milestone propels them to achieve the prestigious Chartered Financial Analyst® (CFA®) designation.



Management Raipur (IIM-R), a premier business school in India renowned for developing competent and ethical business leaders, has partnered with CFA Institute's University Affiliation Program (UAP). This collaboration demonstrates IIM Raipur's unwavering commitment to delivering exceptional education and professional development in investment management, meeting the highest global standards.

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Affiliation Program, IIM Raipur demonstrates its commitment to providing a world-class education that prepares students for exceptional careers in investment management. This collaboration fosters the development of future leaders in the investment profession, equipping them with the highest standards of knowledge, ethics, and skills required to thrive in the dynamic global financial industry. The CFA Program, renowned worldwide for setting the gold



standard in developing investment professionals' skills, competence, and integrity, is the pinnacle of achievement in the finance industry

Completing the program and earning the esteemed Chartered Analyst® (CFA®) charter is a distinction reserved for only the most accomplished candidates.Being an affiliate of the CFA institute, selected students of IIM, Raipur, secured student scholarships for the CFA program.

Two students of Chouksey Group selected on 7.25 LPA package

Central Chronicle News

Jul Intellipaat Online Campus Placement Drivewas conducted in ChoukseyGroup of Colleges, Bilaspur (C.G) in recent days. As the result of several stages of recruitment drive,2 students Shivani Chitturi of Engineering (CSE) and Samriddhi Singh of MBA branch finally got selected and were offered 7.25 Lakh per annum package and soon will be joining the Bangalore Office in com-

Intellipaatis one of the leading IT Sector company working globally with thousands of employees in the field of education sector and research. It had marked its continuous growth in the field of Education, Technology and Research. Dr. Ashish Jaiswal, the Managing

IIT Bhilai holds panel discussion on G20 and Indian Economy



Samriddhi Singh

Director of Chouksey Group wished a very bright future to the selected students. Principal Dr. Sanjay Administrative Officer Dr Nitin Jain, TPO Prof. Vinod S Kharsan, also congratulated the selected students and wished them a successful career. Prof. V. S. Kharsan, TPO, of Chouksey Group informed that this was the 35th Campus Recruitment



Shivani Chitturi

Drive so far for the final year students of 2022-23 session and in near future more Companies are in pipeline for recruitment.

The Company has cho-Chouksey Engineering College seeing the Quality of Education and Work Culture. It is remarkable to note that Chouksey Group of College, Bilaspur (C.G) is the only academic institute which is provid-

tion and engaged in student's future creating activities through T&P cell and other departments. Chouksey Group of college is well known for its campus drives in this zone campus interviews process is conducted allround the year. Chouksey Group of

ing the best quality educa-

Colleges is determined to give the quality education &with overall exposure to his students. College has NSS Wing and NCC Wing for students overall development and to serve the society and nation. Chouksey Group has tie ups with industries, MoUs with professional bodies to give their best to their students. The Alumni are serving in various Govt. and Private sectors in different Companies of National and International repute.

Tata Power to implement smart metering project in CSPDCL

To cost Rs 1744 cr

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Jul 07: Tata Power has received Letter of Award 'LOA' to implement smart metering project in Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company Limited (CSPDCL). The LOA has been issued in conclusion to the tender floated by CSPDCL for three packages for different areas under the Chhattisgarh Discom. Tata Power participated in package 2 and emerged as a winner. The value of Project awarded to TPCL is Rs 1744 Crore and the project will be spanned over a period of 10 years.

Dr. Praveer Sinha, CEO& MD, Tata Power said "We are pleased to announce that we have won a significant order worth Rs. 1744 crore to implement Smart

Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company Limited. It is a testament to our execution expertise in delivering high value and specialized projects which are aimed at transforming the power distribution do-

The Project shall include Design, Supply, Installation, Commissioning followed by Operation and Maintenance of smart meters at conend and at sumer Distribution Transformers level. The project will be executed under Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) and is expected to improve the AT&C losses in the designated area and increase revenue collection for CSPDCL. CSPDCL is a state-owned electricity distribution company responsible for providing electricity to consumers across the state of Chhattisgarh

Raipur, Jul 07: The Ministry of Education, Government of India is observing

India's Presidency of the G20 with an ambitious outreach programme under This pro Bhagidari". gramme aims to make India's G20 Presidency a people's movement, centred on people's participa-

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Academic symposia, sporting events, swachchta campaigns, and students' competitions are being organised in educational institutions and universities across India

in pursuance of this aim. In keeping with the vision of Jan Bhagidari, the Department of Liberal Arts at IIT Bhilai organised a panel discussion on the topic "G20 and Indian Economy" on 4 July 2023. Sitakanta Panda,



Assistant Professor, School of Humanities, Social Sciences Management Bhubaneswar and Dr Shreya Biswas, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Finance, BITS Pilani Hyderabad were discussants for the event, which was moderatby Dr Rekha Assistant Ravindran. Professor, Department of Liberal Arts, IIT Bhilai.

The discussion was presided by Prof Rajiv Prakash, Director, IIT Bhilai, who offered insightful comments on the potential for innovation in agriculture and education sectors respectively towards building a resilient and strong economy.

The panellists discussed that the Indian economy is on an upward growth path, highlighting that the three geopolitical shocks-



the pandemic-induced contraction in global output, a global surge in inflation owing to the Russia-Ukraine conflict, and coordinated policy rate hikes by central banks-have shown signs of dissipating and getting spaced out.

The US Fed rate hike led to a capital inflight into the US which caused an appreciation of the dollar against most currencies. This has led to widening **Current Account Deficits** and increased inflationary pressures in net importing economies, slowing global growth, tightening monetary policy, and persistent inflation in advanced economies pose downside risks to the global economic outlook.

Despite these downside risks, India is poised to be the fastest-growing major economy clocking at 6.5 to 7 per cent in FY23. Figures

for farm production, serv ices sector exports, rural demand, human capital, and employment numbers have seen an impressive rise whereas a narrowing CAD with sufficient import cover, easing commodity prices, good harvest and credit growth picking up across sectors have contributed to very positive medium-term prospects for India. The discussion proved

enlightening for the scholars and faculty who attended the event, allowing them a pertinent opportunity to gain deep insights into the workings of the Indian economy from both macroeconomic and microeconomic perspectives. IIT Bhilai remains committed to upholding the principles of Bhagidari as envisioned by the Government of India in observing and celebrating Presidency of the G20.

- **Bacteria not found** in water test
- **Instructions given** to provide better health services to diarrhea patients

Central Chronicle News

Jagdalpur, Jul 07: Collector Vijay Dayaram visited Sosanpal on Wednesday and met the patients and villagers suffering from diarrheal disease and inquired about their well-being. He took cognizance from the villagers about the cause of diarrhea in the village.

The villagers told that some people of the village who had returned from Allahabad started diarrhea. Due to interruption in power supply in the vil-



arranged from the solar powered pump located in Gauthan, while the villagers were using water from the Gauthan pump even before.

The Collector instructed the Public Health **Engineering Department** officer to give the water quality test report soon,

bacteria were found in the test report. He has given instructions to conduct a complete investigation into the root cause of the increase in diarrhea patients in the village. Along with this, in the

survey work being done

in the village, the person

who is being identified

with diarrheal disease was asked to provide immediate health facilities. Along with giving information about prevention and treatment of seasonal diseases to the common people through awareness camp, asked to provide health education. Before this.

Collector inspected the temporary health center operated Panchayat Bhawan. He instructed to make basic arrangements for the patients and provide better health services through the health center.

On this occasion, Chief Executive Officer of District Panchayat Prakash Sarve, Sub-Divisional Magistrate Tokapal Rituraj Bisen, CMHO Dr RK Chaturvedi and other officers were present.

National Deworming Day to be celebrated in state on August 10 Filaria eradication

program to be organized in seven districts from **August 10-17**

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Jul 07: National Deworming Day will be celebrated in the state on August 10. Mass drug intake program (MDA) will be organized in seven districts of the Durg, Bemetara, Janjgir-Champa, Sakti. Mungeli and Mahasamund from August 10 to August 17 under the Eradication Program. Additional Chief Secretary of Health and Family Welfare Department



Mrs. Renu G. Pillai took a meeting of the State Level Steering Committee at Mantralaya on Wednesday and gave necessary guidelines regarding both the campaigns. She told the officials of Health Department and other departments present in the meeting to achieve 100 percent target in both the campaigns. The outline and effective implementation of both the campaigns were discussed in the district level steering commit-

In the meeting, Director of National Health Mission Mr. Bhoskar Vilas Sandipan. Deputy Director of Health Department Dr. V.R. Bhagat and Dr. Mahendra Singh along with officials from Health Department, School Education Department, Panchayat and Rural Development Department, Women and Development Department, Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)

organizations were present. During the National Deworming Day, on August 10, deworming medicine will be given to all the children and teenagers in the state from one year to 19 years. Children and adolescents who have been left out of taking medicine on

Evidence Action and other

August 10 will be given medicine on the mop-up day on August 17. Children will be given deworming medicine in Anganwadis, government schools, health centers, aided private schools and technical education institutions. Half a tablet of Albendazole will be given to children of one year to two years. Children above two years of age should be given D.E.C. with Albendazole.

Modi inaugurates, lays stone of projects worth around Rs 7,600 cr

In Chhattisgarh

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Jul 07 (PTI): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday inaugurated and laid foundation stones of eight projects worth around Rs 7.600 cr in Chhattisgarh capital Raipur. During an event held at the Science College ground here, PM Modi also virtually flagged off a train between Antagarh in Kanker district of the state and Raipur. He kick-started the distribution of cards of the Centre's Ayushman Bharat scheme to beneficithe state. Assembly elections in Chhattisgarh are due by the end of this year.

Speaking on the occasion, PM Modi said these new projects will open up ample employment opportunities for the people of the state and ease their lives. The projects will start a new journey of facilities and development in tribal-dominated areas,

"In the last 9 years, the



PM Narendra Modi during the inauguration and foundation stone laying ceremony of several developmental projects, in Raipur, Friday. Chhattisgarh Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan and Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel are also seen.

National Highway projects of 3,500 km length in Chhattisgarh, of which projects of 3,000 km length have been completed," he said. "We have been developing infrastructure in the areas which have been lagging in the race of development," the prime minister added. Another benefit of infrastructure which is seldom discussed is that it is related to injustice, he

The Centre has been providing modern facili-

to Uttar Pradesh on June

emony. He had asked to

take care of the house. On

the morning of June 26,

when they reached they

saw main gate locked but

the door of the hall inside

the house open. Moreover

locks of 3 rooms inside the

house were seen broken

and the household items

The cupboard lockers

found broken.

lodged with the

kept inside these rooms

Thieves had stolen jew-

ellery worth about Rs 3

lakh. After this, complaint

Khamtrai police station.

During investigation, the

police suspected two histo-

ry sheeters. When they

were taken into custody

and interrogated, they

confessed to their crime.

were lying scattered.

been facing injustice and lack of facilities for the last several decades," the Prime Minister said. At the event, the PM dedicated to the nation four-laning of the 33-km-long Raipur-Kodebod section of the National Highway 30, the 53-km-long four-lane Bilaspur-Pathrapali

He laid the foundation stone for construction of three sections (Jhanki-Sargi (43 km), Sargi Basanwahi (57 km) and Basanwahi-Marangpuri

stretch of NH-130.

(25 km)) as a part of the Visakhapatnam economic corridor NH-130 CD.

He also dedicated to the nation the doubling of the 103-km-long Khariar Road Rail Line, built at a cost of Rs 750 cr, a 17-km-long new railway line connecting Keoti-Antagarh, and a bottling plant of the Indian Oil Corporation with a capacity of 60,000 metric ton per annum in Korba constructed at a cost of over

Jewellery worth 3 lakh stolen New polling centres approved



Bhilai, Jul 07: Additional Collector Arvind Ekka chaired a meeting of district level representatives of recognized political parties in the Collectorate Friday. Rationalization of polling were discussed in the Stolen ornaments have meeting. 1356 proposed also been recovered from polling stations were approved. In the meeting, the

pealed to the representatives of political parties to cooperate in the work of revision of the voter list. They were asked to inform the District Election Office about the assembly-wise BLA appointment. In the meeting, Deputy Electoral Officer BK Dubey, Joint Collector Gokul Raote and representatives of recognized political parties

HUGE CROWD



There was huge crowd of BJP workers and supporters on the road leading to the venue of huge public meeting addressed by PM Narendra Modi at Science College Ground here on Friday.

Health workers continue strike on 4th day

Take out rally, shout slogans in front of **CMHO** office

Raipur, Jul 07: The indefinite strike of Chhattisgarh Pradesh Swasthya Karmachari Sangh entered 4th day on Friday after talks between Sangh delegation and

health workers failed yesterday. Health Minister's indifferent attitude towards the demands caused resentment among the members of Sangh delegation. The health workers are on indefinite strike from 4th July in support of 24-point demand.

Sangh Meanwhile

Ashwini Gurdekar said that strike would be intensified. Due to Prime Minister's Raipur visit the health workers were not allowed to sit on dharna at Tuta area. The agitating health workers then assembled outside the office of Chief Medical and Health Officer and shout-

tion to halt emergency services was also being considered. The Sangh is demanding steps to sort out pay anomaly of health workers, regularize all NHM contract, daily wage, DMF and JDS workers. run OPD in hospitals only in one shift from 8 am to 2 pm, salary of 13 months to health workers in a year.

from house, two arrested



have arrested two persons in connection with the incident of theft of jewelleries in an empty house in Urkura area falling under jurisdiction of Khamtarai Police Station in Raipur district. They allegedly committed theft in night of 24 June when all the family members of the house had gone to Uttar Pradesh to attend the wedding ceremony.

According to information available, one Prabhat Mishra told police that his brother-in-law Ashok Kumar Pandey had gone

for upcoming election



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district administration ap-

Modi's speech a pack of lies: Congress

termed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's speech in Raipur today as pack of lies. "Modi ji is refraining from saying 'Mata Kaushalya Ki Jai' and he forgot Mata Kaushalya after coming to Lord Ram's maternal home. Modi and BJP neither remembered Ram, nor did they remember Mata Kaushalya and this exposes their fake devotion to Ram", Pradesh Congress Committee President Mohan Markam and in-charge Secretary Dr Chandan Yadav said at a press conference at Rajiv Bhayan here today

The PCC office bearers said that Prime Minister did not answer any of 21 questions raised before him before his arrival. They said that Prime waiver to farmers within 10 Minister did not say any-days and Chief Minister thing on the list of corrup-



government.

They alleged that Modi once again tarnished the dignity of the post of Prime Minister by lying and making false and fabricated allegations against the people-friendly government of the state. All the allegations leveled by him are meaningless, said the PCC office bearers.

The Congress party had taken an oath of Gangajal to give the benefit of loan Bhupesh Baghel made 20

debt free within 2 hours of taking oath, they said, adding that Congress government fulfilled 95 percent of the promises made in the 2018 manifesto. The Congress government has moved forward in the direction of liquor ban and more than 150 liquor shops have been closed, they said, adding that public awareness campaigns are being run for liquor ban so that there is no loss of life.

They also said that Chhattisgarh progressed rapidly after the formation

ment whereas 15 years of BJP government led by Dr Raman Singh was full of embezzlement, corruption and scams. In those 15 years of BJP rule, Chhattisgarh had gone back 30 years, they added. It is unfortunate that the Modi government has failed to tell the achievements of its government and as usual kept on misleading the public, the PCC office bearers said. Like other BJP leaders, the Prime Minister also lied that 80 percent contribution of Chhattisgarh's paddy procurement is from the central government. while the reality is that the central government's contribution in paddy procurement is negligible, they said and added that state government procures

Congress leaders sit on dharna in support of Rahul



All programs of the party cancelled **Baghel, Singhdeo,** Markam join protest

Raipur, Jul 07: Congress

plea seeking a stay on his conviction in a criminal defamation case over his Modi surname remark.

leaders in Chhattisgarh have canceled all the programs and sat on dharna in support of Rahul Gandhi after the Gujarat High Court pronounced its verdict on Friday on his

All Congress leaders in-

Bhupesh Baghel, Deputy CM TS Singhdeo and PCC President Mohan Markam staged a sit-in demonstration at Ambedkar Chowk in Raipur. Attacking the Modi gov-

ernment, Chief Minister Baghel said that the British were only afraid of Mahatma Gandhi but BJP is afraid of Rahul Gandhi.

Both British and BJP are following the policy of divide and rule, he said, adding that people of BJP are scared and they cannot face the truth. Rahul Gandhi talks about truth, talks about honesty, he said. Even

after cancellation of Lok Sabha membership of Rahul Gandhi, BJP people are afraid of him, Baghel said.

Baghel further said, Rahul Gandhi did the work of uniting India and fought with the truth. People were with Rahul Gandhi everywhere from Kanyakumari to Srinagar during 'Bharat Jodo Yatra', he said and added that Rahul Gandhi became the most popular leader across the country and the most loved leader in Kashmir. He said that Rahul Gandhi will not bow down despite being harassed by BJP people.

Kala Sahitya Akademi: Shaktipad elected as president, Vibhash is General Secretary

of the Sahitya Kala Akademi an organization active for the last five months was held the other day at Bhilai Niwas. The organization has as members the heads of various organizations. At the meeting election was held to elect office bearers for the organization where Shaktipad Chakraborty was unanimously elected as the president. Vibhash Upadhyay was elected as the General Secretary. Most active members Suresh Gondale, Manimay Mukherjee and Shravan Kumar were elected for the post of Vice President. Ghulam Haider and Nitesh Kedia were selected for the post of Joint Secretary. Dr Manoj Khanna and director Bablu Biswas were elected as Treasurer. Varun Chakraborty, Vijay

Bhilai, Jul 07: A meeting



Srivastava, Mithun Das and RC Sawant were elected to the Board of Directors. Sonali Sen, Manisha Malhotra, PP Vishwas, Bhanuji Rao and Manisha Malhotra were selected for the executive members. The literature body will be handled by Vijay Varthaman, Mumtaz Bharti and Sharad Kokas. Internationally renowned rhythmist Dipankar Das will take charge of the music field. The work area

of Kala Sahitya Akademi is entire Chhattisgarh. For this, Minhas Asad from Raipur, Munna Babu from Rajnandgaon, Mukesh Patel from Balod, Mukesh Wasnik from Jagdalpur, Bharat Nishad from Raigarh and Yogendra Choubey from Khairagarh have been given the responsibility of the organization. The women's cell will be handled by Anita Upadhyay, Suchita Mukherjee and Sumita

SSTC nukkad team bags first place in competition

Members Swaang-Drama Club, under the banner of Shri Shankaracharya Technical Campus, participated in the Bharat Naya Utsav" program or-

Vidyalaya WRS Colony, Raipur on July 04, 2023. They brought laurels to the college by bagging first position in the competition. They performed a street play on the topic "Online Payment" which featured the concept of easy payment at home. The chief guest of the program MP Sunil Kumar Soni, honoured the students by giving them trophies and certificates. IP Mishra, Chairman SGES, President SGES Jaya Mishra, Dr PB Deshmukh,



integrity for future events. SSTC Cultural Head Namrata Bhargava, appreciated the hard work of the students on their performance. The nukkad team in-

cludes Abhinav, Adrian, Bhumika Sahu, Bhumika Deshmukh, Abhishek, Saurabh, Adwitiya, Dogendra, Vaibhav, Shishir and Rajyavardhan who were highly appreciated for their excellent performance in the play

Tree plantation programme organised in Kailash Nagar

Bhilai, Jul 07: Tree plantation programme was organized in Rudra Vatika Vihar Colony of Kailash Nagar Ward 21, under the guidance of Baluram Verma, the guardian of Paryavaran Mitra Mandal Bhilai. Verma provided free shady and fruitful plants for the said Vatika and



also requested the people home one tree"- one plant to plant under "One in the name of the nation

in every courtyard. In the future too, by calling the nursery in Russian Complex Sector 7 Bhilai Nagar on phone number 9301014365, the plant will be made available for this pious work. Mainly Raja Gill,

Manmad Rao, Rajendra Mishra, Pritam Dewangan, Anshuman

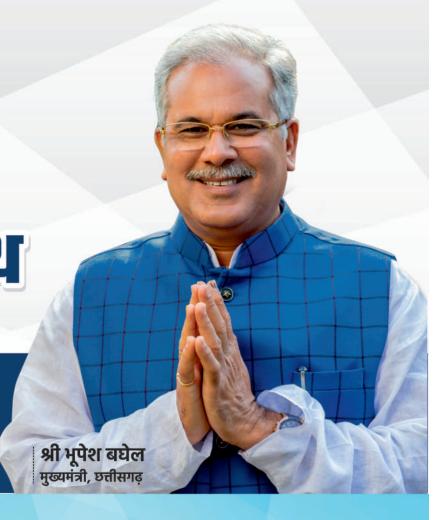
Pillai, Nilkamal Sahu, Sachin Jain, Arun Singh, Prabhakar Panchkhande, Mantu Roy, Sarang Joshi, Aggarwal, Shyam Prakash Lahare, Kumar Gaikwad, Jaya, Tarun Sharma, Poshan Sahu, Rajendra Tandon, RK Sahu etc helped in conducting the drive.

Jaiswal, Jagdish Rao, Ajit



तन-मन-धन की बात बेहतर स्वास्थ्य सेवाओं के साथ

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Three killed as bus on way to Modi's rally in Raipur hits truck

Rukdev (45), both natives

of Surajpur district, and

bus driver Akram Raza

Balrampur district, he

dition of two - Lilu Gupta,

who is BJP's Latori unit

mandal president in

Surajpur and Vishambhar

Yadav, the party's mandal

general secretary in

Surajpur, is said to be crit-

ical and they have been

shifted to a private hospi-

Four other injured were

admitted to Chhattisgarh

Institute of Medical

Sciences (CIMS) Bilspur,

he said. Investigation into

the incident is underway,

The PM's rally is sched-

Minister

uled to be held at Science

College ground in Raipur.

Bhupesh Baghel ex-

pressed grief over the in-

cident and announced an

ex-gratia of Rs 4 lakh to

the kin of each victim, an

Chief

tal in Bilaspur, he said.

Of the injured, the con-

a resident of

Bilaspur, Jul 07 (PTI):

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Three persons were killed and six others injured when a bus ferrying people to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's public rally in Raipur, rammed into a stationary truck in Chhattisgarh's Bilaspur district on Friday, police

The accident occurred near Beltara village when the bus with around 40 people on board was heading to Raipur from Ambikapur, Bilaspur Superintendent of Police Santosh Singh said.

Prima facie, the bus driver could not clearly see the stationary truck parked on the roadside due to heavy rainfall, as a result of which the bus rammed into it from the rear side, he said.

"Three people died in the accident while six others sustained injuries, two of them critically," he said. The deceased were identified as Sajan (30),

Corruption biggest ideology of Congress'

Chhattisgarh is its ATM, alleges PM Modi

Raipur, Jul 07 (PTI): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday launched a scathing attack on the Congress, alleging that corruption was its biggest ideology, and accused the grand old party of stalling development of

Chhattisgarh, where elections are due by the yearend. Chhattisgarh has become an ATM for the Congress, the PM alleged while addressing a rally at Science College ground in Raipur, where he inaugurated and laid foundation stones of eight projects worth around Rs 7,600 crore.

In his first visit to the Congress-ruled Chhattisgarh after being elected as the prime minister for the second term in 2019, Modi said if the Congress was a guarantee for corruption, he himself was a guarantee for action against graft. The scamridden Congress government in Chhattisgarh has become a model of misrule and people have decided to root it out in the upcoming Assembly elections, he said. "...The next 25 years will be crucial for development of Chhattisgarh, but a big 'panja' (Congress's poll symbol) is standing like a tall wall against it. Congress's panja had decided to snatch your rights and it will loot and destroy the state," he said. The PM



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses during the public meeting in Raipur, Friday.

Corruption is not limited

to liquor. No department is

left where corruption is

not being committed in

the Congress government

in Chhattisgarh. They did

not even spare schemes

like Jal Jeevan Mission,

Scheme...This government

has become a model of

"The last four years of

this government proved

that corruption is at the

core of Congress and it

cannot breathe without it.

Corruption is the biggest

ideology of Congress," he

said. "Some people get

angry when I say Congress

is a guarantee for corrup-

tion and start abusing me.

This anger shows that the

Centre is working in the right direction...," Modi

added. Taking a dig at the

opposition parties over

their attempt to forge an

anti-BJP front, Modi said,

"Those who are stained

with corruption, they are

trying to come together

misrule," he said.

Housing

further said in order to expose the ruling party's lies, he would like to remind people of the state about the promises made by the Congress during the 2018 assembly polls.

Liquor ban was among 36 promises made by Congress. They had said they will give prohibition rights to gram sabha in scheduled areas. Instead of fulfilling these promises in the last five years, Congress indulged in crores of rupees of liquor scam. The scam money went into the Congress party's account, he alleged. The Congress government betrayed the women of Chhattisgarh. Now people say due to fights over this money, the party could not implement the two-and-a-half years formula (hinting at the CM seat sharing between Bhupesh Baghel and TS Singh Deo), he said. "Chhattisgarh has become an ATM for Congress.

cursed each other, are trying to find excuses to come together...they think Modi will get afraid of it...' Each corrupt person in this country should pay

heed to this - if Congress is a guarantee for corruption, Modi is a guarantee for action against corruption, he said. Those who indulge in

wrongdoing will not be spared. I dare to say this because whatever I have is given by you (people) and the country. Those who are trying to conspire against me and trying to dig my grave don't know that the one who gets scared cannot be Modi," he said.

Whatever tricks Congress plays, I will not back down from my resolve to take the people of Chhattisgarh forward. I hail from a poor family and understand the pain of the poor, he added.

Hailing his government's strategy against Left Wing Extremism, the PM said the Centre's efforts to free the country from the menace of Naxalism have started showing results.

"In the last few vears. the number of Naxalite-affected districts declined from 126 to around 70," he added. Modi cautioned the people to stay alert against the Congress as it tries to hide its misrule through false promises and guarantees and claimed that BJP makes real guarantees and true promises and fulfils them.



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Baghel hits back at PM Modi for levelling corruption charges

CM accuses him of speaking lies

Raipur, Jul 07 (PTI):

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Friday reacted sharply to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's allegation of corruption against his government and accused him of speaking lies.

Refuting Modi's claims, Baghel tweeted, "Modi ji as you came, waves of lies started flowing. State BJP leaders have been misleading farmers that paddy is procured with the Centre's money. You are the Prime Minister, you know the truth, but you also lied."

It is the biggest lie in the name of farmers that the Centre accepts 80 per cent of the paddy procured in the state, the chief minister said.

"If your government's role is so huge in paddy purchase in

the states, then why are farmers in your Lok Sabha constituency Varanasi forced to sell paddy at Rs 1,000-1,200 a quintal, Modi ji?" he asked.

Baghel further claimed that

the prime minister was given wrong information by the BJP leaders in Chhattisgarh. "Every child in Chhattisgarh knows that we had taken an

oath of Gangajal to fulfil the promise of loan waiver for farmers within 10 days (of the government's formation in 2018) and we did it within two hours," he said. Farmers remember that the

BJP never fulfilled the promise of Rs 2,100 per quintal in paddy procurement and a bonus for them, the chief minister said, adding that no one can mislead the farmers of Chhattisgarh.

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BRIEF



Polling officials carrying ballot boxes and other election materials leave for their respective polling centres, ahead of the West Bengal panchayat elections, in South Dinajpur district of West Bengal, Friday.

Maoists arrested

Ranchi: Five Maoists were arrested with a large number of arms and ammunition in Jharkhand's Lohardaga district, police said on Friday. The Maoists were arrested during a police operation in Serendag police station area, about 75 km from here on Thursday. Two carbines, a revolver, a carbine magazine, 111 live cartridges, five pamphlets of CPI (Maoist) and four android mobile phones were seized, a statement

Madrassas sealed

by the police said.

■ Jammu: Authorities have sealed two madrassas for alleged violation of the **Foreign Contribution** Regulation Act (FCRA) in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district, officials said on Friday. Senior Superintendent of Police, Kishtwar, Khalil Ahmed Poswal said the sealing of the two madrassas was done as part of a broader initiative to investigate illegal financial transactions involving a Jammu-based group.



HC refuses to stay Rahul Gandhi's conviction in defamation case

Ahmedabad, Jul 07 (PTI): The Gujarat High Court on Friday dismissed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's plea seeking a stay on his conviction in a criminal defamation case over his "Modi surname" remark.

While dismissing the plea, Justice Hemant Prachchhak noted that Gandhi was already facing 10 criminal cases across India, adding that the order of the lower court was "just, proper and legal" in handing over a two year jail term to Gandhi for his remarks.

There was no reasonable ground to stay the conviction, the high court said. A stay on Gandhi's conviction in the case would have paved the way for his reinstatement as a Member of Parliament.

"He (Gandhi) was trying to stay the conviction on absolutely non-existent grounds. It is a well-settled principle of law that stayCongress to move SC after HC's refusal

New Delhi: The Congress on Friday said it will move the Supreme Court after the Gujarat High Court refused to stay Rahul Gandhi's conviction in a defamation case, and alleged that the government is finding newer techniques to throttle his voice as it is rattled by him speaking the truth. The party said the verdict redoubles its resolve to pursue the matter further and it will fight the battle both legally and politically. Addressing a press conference at the AICC headquarters here, Congress spokesperson and Gandhi's counsel in the case Abhishek Singhvi said the Gujarat High Court dismissing Rahul Gandhi's plea was "highly disappointing, but not unexpected".

ing of conviction is not a rule, but an exception, resorted only in rare cases. Disqualification is not only limited to MP, MLAs. Moreover, as many as 10 criminal cases are pending against the applicant," the HC said. "After this complaint, another complaint was filed in a court in Pune by the grandson of Savarkar for Gandhi's defamatory utterance against Veer Savarkar at Cambridge. complaint Another against him was filed in

the concerned court of Lucknow," it said. In this backdrop, refusal of stav on conviction would not in any way result in injustice to the applicant, the judge said. "Impugned order passed by the appellate court is just, proper and legal, and does not call for any interference. However, it is hereby requested by the concerned learned district judge to decide the criminal appeal on its own merits and in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible.

BJP appoints Mathur and Mandaviya in-charges for Chh'garh polls

New Delhi. Jul 07 (PTI):

The BJP on Friday appointed Union ministers Pralhad Joshi and Bhupender Yadav its incharge for assembly polls in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh respectively, stepping up the party's campaign for key state polls before the Lok Sabha contest in 2024.

Former Union minister Prakash Javadekar and another senior party leader Om Prakash Mathur was made poll incharge for Telangana and Chhattisgarh respectively, a party statement said.

Former Gujarat deputy chief minister Nitin Patel and Haryana leader Kuldeep Bishnoi will be co-incharges for the Rajasthan polls, and Union minister Mansukh Mandaviya will be the coincharge for Chhattisgarh. Union min-

ister Ashwini Vaishnaw will be the co-incharge for Madhya Pradesh while the party's national general secretary Sunil Bansal has been given the same responsibility Telangana, the statement

All the four states along with Mizoram are expected to go to the polls in October-November.

The BJP's main challenger in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan is the Congress and Telangana the BRS is the party in power and a strong force.

The Congress is also rallying its forces to regain its lost ground following its morale-boosting victory in the neighbouring Karnataka.

The BJP is in power in

Madhya Pradesh and the

Congress in the other two

Hindi-speaking states.

CBI arrests 3 railway staff New Delhi: The CBI on Friday

Balasore accident

took into custody three railway personnel in connection with the June 2 Balasore train accident, making its first arrests in the case, officials said. The agency arrested Senior Section Engineer (signal) Arun Kumar Mahanta, Section Engineer Mohammed Amir Khan and Technician Pappu Kumar, all posted in Balasore district, the officials said. The three have been arrested under IPC sections 304 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) and 201 (destruction of evidence), they said. The accident took place near the Bahanaga Bazar station in the Balasore district of Odisha in which 293 people were killed - 287 on the spot or brought dead to hospital while six succumbed to injuries in hospitals. The accident involved three trains: the Shalimar-Chennai Coromandel Express, Bengaluru-Howrah Superfast Express and a sta-

tionary goods train.

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demanding OPS, at Shahid Smarak in Jaipur, Friday.

NSA Doval to his British counterpart

Take public action against extremist elements'

Threatening Indian officers in UK'

New Delhi. Jul 7 (PTI)

Advisor Ajit Doval on Friday urged his British counterpart Sir Tim Barrow to take strong public action such as deportation against extremist elements threatening officers of Indian High Commission in the UK, official sources

Doval raised the issue during his wide-ranging talks with Barrow, who is currently on a visit to

The two NSAs held one-on-one talks that was followed by delegation level dialogue.

Pro-Khalistan groups



National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval and his UK counterpart Tim Barrow during a meeting, in New Delhi,

have issued posters inciting violence against senior Indian diplomats in the UK as well as in the US, Canada and Australia.

India has already asked all these countries to ensure safety and security of Indian diplomats and its missions.

"The Indian side raised the issue of the extremist

elements in the UK threatening individual officers the Indian High Commission and urged the UK government to take strong public action against these elements such as deportation or legal prosecution," said a source. Both the sides agreed to work closely to counter terrorism and terror financing.

My Gorakhpur visit exemplifies both development and heritage: PM

Gorakhpur (UP), Jul 7 (PTI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said his Gorakhpur trip, which includes a visit to Gita Press and the launch of modern trains, exemplified his government's policy of combining development with heritage.

He was addressing a gathering during the closing ceremony of the centenary celebrations of Gita Press.

"The Gorakhpur visit this time is a unique example of 'Virasat bhi, Vikas bhi (heritage and development)' policy," Modi said.

He said the dream of a grand Ram temple in Ayodhya is going to be fulfilled after centuries. He also referred to the redesigned navy insignia based on a flag of Maratha ruler Shivaii.

Highlighting the contributions of Gita Press, the prime minister said Mahatma Gandhi had an association with it and used to write for Kalyan maga-

"He (Gandhiji) had advised Gita Press not to take advertisements for Kalyan magazine



speaks during the closing ceremony of centenary celebrations of Gita Press, in Gorakhpur.

and it is still following that advice," Modi said.

Speaking on Vande Bharat trains, two of which he will flag off from Gorakhpur, the prime minister said, "There is a craze for the train."

"Earlier, leaders used to write about getting trains to halt in their areas. Now, I get letters from every part of the country requesting to run Vande Bharat trains," he said, adding that Vande Bharat has provided both facilities and convenience to middle-class

Ministerial aspirants are sad, it has become 'crowded' now: Gadkari

Rajasthan Old Pension Joint Struggle committee members take part in a protest

In an apparent comment on the current political situation in Maharashtra, Union minister Nitin Gadkari on Friday said those who were aspiring to become ministers are now sad as the field has got "crowded", and they do not know what to do with their "stitched suits".

Speaking at a programme organised by the Nagpur Vidyapeeth Shikshan Manch here, the senior BJP leader referred to the concept of "domestic happy human index' proposed by Bhutan's prime minister, and said that most people are never happy. "If a person accepts that I have received more than what I deserved then that person can be

happy and contented," the Road Transport and Highways minister said. Otherwise, corporators are unhappy that they did not become MLAs, MLAs are unhappy because they did not become ministers and ministers remain discontented because they did not get a good ministry, Gadkari said.

"...and now those who were going to become (ministers) are unhappy, thinking whether their turn would ever come, so much crowded it has become," he said, drawing laughter and applause from the audience.

"They were ready with suits stitched (for swearing-in ceremony). Now the question is what is to be done with that suit, (as) there is a crowd (of aspirants)," he added, continuing in the lighter vein. The capacity of the hall where the program was being held was 2200 and it can accommodate a lot of people, but a ministry's size can not be increased, Gadkari further said.

Since the NCP faction led by Ajit Pawar joined the Maharashtra government on July 2, opposition leaders have been claiming that there is simmering discontent among the MLAs of the Shiv Sena led by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and its ally BJP as their ministerial ambitions have been thwarted.

Pankaja takes break for couple of months

BJP leader jibes BJP colleagues over silence on NCP developments

Mumbai, Jul 7 (PTI)

Maharashtra Bharatiya Janata Party leader Pankaja Munde on Friday said she was planning to take a break for "one or two months" as she was anguished at her integrity being questioned time and again. She said her party would have to answer if she had merit and asserted that only time will tell if

she was treated unfairly.

Munde also panned the media for taking some of her statements out of context or misquoting her, adding that she planned to sue one channel which reported on her meeting Congress leaders Sonia and Rahul

In a swipe, the former Parli MLA also said her party colleagues had worked hard on the campaign to highlight nine years of the Narendra Modi government but not mustering courage to speak on recent

Maharashtra, a reference to the NCP split and a faction joining the Eknath Shinde government.

The former state minister and daughter of party stalwart late Gopinath Munde said she wanted the BJP's ideology of Deendayal Upadhyaya and Atal Bihari Vajpayee to remain as she had grown up on that sentiment.

Addressing a press conference, Munde said post her defeat in the 2019 Assembly polls from Parli, her name came up for nomination to the Rajya Sabha and two times for Legislative Council but she was asked to not go ahead at the last moment.

"I have never commented on this in public and have obeyed the party directive. i have never worked against the party's interest. Where is politics going...nobody is interested in what people think, I am going to introspect," she said.

Speaking about the split in the Shiv Sena (in June last year) and the NCP (on July 2 this year), Munde said, "I am a BJP worker who believes in the ideology of Deendayal Upadhaya and Atal Bihari Vajpayee. I

want that ideology to remain as I have grown up with that sentiment," she asserted.

Munde claimed portions of her speeches were sometimes take out of context and speculations were made on what she had said, because of which she had decided to take a break "not from my work but from you (media)".

Munde said she would sue the media channel that reported that she met Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi and that a politician from Sangli playing

Govt to launch portal to monitor schemes

for children in difficult circumstances

McDonald's north and east franchisee puts tomato off the menu as price soars There is also a buzz



Gurugram, Friday.

New Delhi, July 7 (PTI)

Fast food chain McDonald's has stopped using tomato in its food preparations at most of the stores in northern and eastern parts of the country citing the nonavailability of quality products, amid the price of the commodity surging up to Rs 200 per kg.

McDonald's India North and East said it is constrained to "hold tomatoes for the time being" and is trying to resolve this issue by employing sustainable agriculture practices.

"Due to seasonal crop issues arising out of farm fields in a few regions, there are not enough quantities meeting our quality specifications available.

To ensure our customers get the best quality we are known to serve, we are constrained to hold tomatoes for the time being," said a McDonald's India - North and East spokesperson.

going on in the social media over the absence of tomatoes on some of the top-selling products of McDonald's such as burg-

Social media users are sharing pictures of burgers without tomatoes. Some of them also shared the notices put out by some of McDonald's stores informing the walk-in customer about the temporary unavailability of tomatoes.

Assuring the tomers, McDonald's India North and East

spokesperson said: "We reiterate that it is not due to the surge in the prices. It is only due to the nonavailability of tomatoes meeting our quality specifications.

However, he also added restaurants mostly in the Punjab-Chandigarh area where it is able to source the commodity in adequate quantities. McDonald's continues to serve tomatoes in its

The government will soon launch a portal to provide a unified digital platform for various programmes related to children in difficult circumstances, a senior official said on Friday. The National Informatics Centre (NIC) will be integrating the portals of 'TrackChild' meant for

missing children, 'CAR-INGS' meant for adoption, Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) and Khoya-Paya, a citizen-centric application for missing and sighted children, into a single platform, he said.

The Mission Vatsalya portal will also be used to monitor childcare institutions, the official said, adding all such homes are getting geotagged. Registration of all childcare institutions on the portal will be ensured along with all relevant details, including those about children coming in contact with the juvenile

These vulnerable children need to be mapped with government institutions or services so that their care and development can be ensured, the official said. The Mission Vatsalya portal will facilitate better monitoring, avoid duplication of work at the grassroots level and provide a single platform for all the stake

holders, leading to better

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Vyshak takes five as South Zone on course to chase down

Vijaykumar engineered a middle-order with a five-wicket haul, putting South Zone on course towards the victory target of 215 in their Duleep Trophy semi-final against North Zone here on Friday.

From a relatively comfortable 146 for three, Vyshak's (5/76 in 15 overs) burst with the old ball found North Zone slumping to 171 for 8 before they were bowled out for 211 in just 56.4 overs in their second innings on a rain hit day three.

Before heavens opened up in the final session, South Zone openers B Sai Sudharsan (3 batting) and Mayank seasoned Agarwal (15 batting) knocked off 21 off the target and would hope that weather doesn't play spoilsport on the final day.

The South Zone batters



South Zone bowler Vyshak Vijaykumar with teammates celebrates after taking the wicket of North Zone batter Pulkit Narang.

her that they had conceded a slender but a very important three-run lead in the first innings, which could be decisive on the final day in case they don't get time to chase down the target. At the start of the day, another Karnataka pacer Vidwath Kaverappa (2/47 in 17 overs) got Ankit Kalsi (29) to nick one to Ricky Bhui behind the

stumps. But the supremely talented Prabhsimran Singh (63 off 93 balls) and Haryana man Ankit Kumar (29) did make amends with a 85-run stand for the fourth wicket. Just as North stood on the cusp of 150-run overall lead, Vyshak bowled what could potentially be a game-changing spell with the old ball. He had a well-

by R Sai Kishore and then removed Jayant Yadav and Pulkit Narang in a space of three deliveries.

A few overs later, the dangerous Sindhu was accounted for and there was no way that North could have made a comeback.

Harshit Rana (38 off 36 balls), who also had an impressive cameo in the first innings, did use the long handle to good effect to take the total past 200-run mark.

North Zone While couldn't get a breakthrough on the day, they would feel encouraged by the fact that South, after cruising during better part of the first innings, faltered badly to concede the first innings lead.

A lot will depend on how North skipper Jayant Yadav and his off-spin partner Pulkit Narang fare on the final day and whether they can get some assistance off the surface.

West Zone firmly en route to final

Cheteshwar compiled a hundred full of intent to push West Zone to 292 for 9 in their second innings against Central Zone, and place his side firmly on the path to Duleep Trophy final here on Friday. Riding on Pujara's 133 off 278 balls, West, after starting the day at 149 for 3, swelled their lead to a commanding 384 on a rain-hit third day which forced an early closure. Pujara, overnight 50, fell into his gear early and never really gave any chance to the bowlers. His innings had 14 boundaries and a six and he batted for 366 minutes

The Central, in fact, started the day on a bright note dismissing Sarfaraz Khan in the very first over of the day. The Mumbai youngster edged left-arm spinner Saurabh Kumar to stumper Upendra Yadav, who held onto a rather simple chance. It also

ended an underwhelming outing for him, making 0 and 6 here. The Central bowlers continued to troueyes as well. ble batsmen at the other end, but Pujara was im-Pujara went into lunch

Cheteshwar Pujara hundred places

runs with three fours. As is his vaunt, Pujara snipped all the risks from his game at this stage and offered shots only to those balls that thoroughly deserved to put away. Het

movable. The Saurashtra

star indicated his intent in

the first session itself,

playing out 102 balls for 42

Patel, who made 27, did the major scoring during this period and the right-hander was very easy on the

on 92 and hardly wasted any time to reach the landmark upon his return. hammered Puiara Saurabh for a couple of fours, one through the cover and one behind the point fielder, to complete his hundred. Once he went past the milestone, Pujara transformed into a differwho combined to take seven wickets among them, were put to swords.

Pujara unfurled some attractive shots too, and his six off Saurabh was quite a stunner. The ball drifted on his leg and Pujara sent it soaring over mid-wicket with a simple flick of his

Then there were those archetypal flicks off the pads off both pacers and spinners, who did the bulk of bowling on the day, as West raced ahead of Central's reach.

With wickets tumbling constantly at the other end, Pujara wanted to keep the strike, and his attempt to take a quick single off the last ball of an over resulted in his run out. But by then, he had done enough to seal the fate of the match. If there is no play on the final day, West will enter the final by the virtue of their 92-run

Sharath, Manika to lead India squad at Asian Games



New Delhi, Jul 07 (PTI):

Achanta Sharath Kamal and Manika Batra will lead India's 10-member table tennis squad at the Hangzhou Asian Games in September-October with an aim to match the historic high of the previous edition.

The Indian contingent had ended a 60-year wait

Asian Games in Jakarta five years ago. The squad exceeded all expectations by winning bronze in men's team and mixed

doubles. committee of the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) named a 10member squad, comprising five men and five Pyeongchang, Korea as well as the 19th Asian in Hangzhou,

Asian Championships in Korea are scheduled between September 3 and 10, while the Asian Games are between September 23 and October 2 Sharath, who in all like-

lihood will feature in his last continental games, will spearhead the men's pack with G Sathiyan, Harmeet Desai, Manav Thakkar and Manush Manika, on the other

hand, will guide a young women's team comprising Sreeja Akula, Sutirtha Mukherjee, Ayhika and Diya Mukherjee

Sindhu, Sen enter quarterfinals of Canada Open



Calgary, Jul 07 (PTI):

Star Indian shuttlers PV Sindhu and Lakshya Sen progressed to the quarterfinals of the women's and men's singles competitions respectively at the Canada Open Super 500 tournament here. While Sindhu advanced to the last eight after her opponent Natsuki Nidaira of Japan gave a her a walkover, Sen notched up a 21-15 21-11 win over Brazil's Ygor Coelho in 31 minutes. Sindhu will face

Team Championships this year. Sen, who is a Commonwealth Games gold medallist, takes on Belgium's Julien Carraggi. However, Krishna Prasad Garaga and Vishnuvardhan Goud Paniala couldn't cross the pre-quarterfinal stage, going down 9-21 11-21 to Indonesian second seed and world number Mohammad Ahsan and Hendra Setiawan. Sen has been slowly regaining his touch after going through a lean patch early in the season.

England in trouble at 142-7 in 3rd Ashes test

Leeds, Jul 07 (AP):

England key batter Joe Root was dismissed on the second ball of the day and Jonny Bairstow departed in the opening half-hour as Australia gave the hosts a lesson in slip fielding to take firm control of the third Ashes test on Friday. At lunch on day two

England was 142-7 and still runs Australia's first innings of 263. All-rounders Moeen Ali (21) and Chris Woakes (10) were dismissed before the interval with Ali's attempted pull shot costing him his wicket.

England captain Ben Stokes, who shared a partnership of 44 with Ali for the sixth wicket, is at the crease on 27. Woakes' dismissal saw lunch taken at



Australia's Mitchell Starc, third right, celebrates with teammates the dismissal of England's Jonny Bairstow.

Headingley. Root was earlier caught by first slip David Warner off the bowling of Australia captain Pat Cummins (4-59) without adding to his overnight score of Bairstow was caught by

second slip Steve Smith for 12 against Mitchell Starc

Both Root in the slips and Bairstow as wicketkeeper dropped chances on the first day in front of

Summer of 42: MS Dhoni turns a year older

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Leading cricketers from across the world, including Indian legends such as Tendulkar, Harbhajan Singh and Virender Sehwag, among others congratulated Mahendra Singh Dhoni as the former India skipper turned 42 on Friday. Tendulkar shared an

image of self with the Chennai Super Kings captain and wrote, "May you always fly high like your helicopter shots. Happy birthday, MS!" With his trademark heli-

copter shot, Dhoni has guided India and IPL side CSK to several victories in a career professional career spanning more than two decades.

Sehwag posted a collage of some of the best moments he shared with Dhoni, on and off the field, and wrote, "The Sun God has 7 horses to pull his heavenly chariot. In the Rigveda there are 7 parts of the world, 7 seasons & 7 fortresses; 7 basic musical notes; 7 pheras in a marriage; 7 wonders of the world. And on 7th day of 7th month — Birthday of a top man MS Dhoni.'

Born in Ranchi, Bihar, Dhoni made his Test debut in against Sri Lanka in 2005, while he played his last game in the longest format against Australia in December 2014.

Dhoni led Team India to title triumphs in the 2007 T20 World Cup, the 2011 World Cup at home and

2013 Champions Trophy. Dhoni is the only India captain to guide the country to title wins in every ICC trophy played during his time.

He recently guided Chennai Super Kings to its fifth IPL title, making the Chennai franchise the joint most successful side

in the lucrative domestic tournament with five trophies, the same as the Rohit Sharma-led Mumbai Indians. Former spinner Harbhajan Singh tweeted, "Happy Birthday Bahubali. May you continue to Inspire... Have a great day ahead."

Olympic bronze-medallist wrestler Yogeshwar Dutt termed Dhoni a 'great personality"

"Happy birthday to brother Mahendra Singh Dhoni, former captain of the Indian cricket team and a great personality," wrote Dutt, the 2012 London Olympics bronze medallist.

Dhoni's CSK teammate Ravindra Jadeja called the legendary wicketkeeperbatter as his "go-to man".

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Tamim Igbal reverses retirement decision after meeting Bangladesh PM Mashrafe Mortaza and



Dhaka, Jul 07: Tamim Iqbal has withdrawn his retirement a day after announcing it in emotional circumstances Chattogram, following an Prime Bangladesh Minister Sheikh Hasina. Their meeting took place

on Friday afternoon at her

residence in Dhaka.

Tamim, accompanied by

his wife, met Hasina along-

captain

side former

BCB president Nazmul Hassan. The turnaround ultimately came on Friday ESPNcricinfo learned of

the meeting as early as Thursday evening. It is understood that Mashrafe, a member of parliament, started the process around that time when he spoke to the prime minister to possibly intervene in this situation. Tamim had, until then, refused to discuss his retirement with Hassan. Tamim made the retirement announcement on Thursday afternoon. In a live TV broadcast, he broke down several times while

delivering a 13-minute

monologue about his deci-

Anand has moderate day; **Gukesh shines with twin wins** and ended with a loss to

Grand Chess Tour

Zagreb, Jul 07 (PTI): maestro Indian

Viswanathan Anand had a moderate run on day two of the SuperUnited Rapid and Blitz chess tournament, part of the Grand Chess Tour, winning, drawing and losing a game each. Anand began the day well, beating Ivan Saric in round four before settling for a draw against Fabiano Caruana

world No.1 Magnus Carlsen on Thursday. Anand's compatriot - GM D Gukesh, bounced back from a below par start to win two matches and drew one to climb to the joint second spot. Gukesh had a fine run, beating Constantin Lupulescu and Saric after drawing with Richard Rapport in the day's first game. A surging Ian Nepomniachtchi and Caruana were able to catch Anand during the second day. All three now have eight points and share the top spot followed by Gukesh and Jan-Krzysztof Duda (Poland), who are on seven points each.

Jasleen Royal's 'Sang Rahiyo' shoots to Chart-Topping success

R enowned singer and composer, Jasleen Rahiyo' has ascended the mere song, transforming it days. I extend my heartfelt ranks, firmly establishing into an anthem for long-disthanks to each and every Royal, experiences overitself among the top 100 tance relationships. listener." Jasleen Royal has whelming joy as her heartsongs. This soulful composi-Overflowing with gratitude solidified her position as a felt creation 'Sang Rahiyo' tion has emerged as a social and elation, Jasleen took to versatile artist, known for skyrockets to the top of media sensation, particular-Instagram to express her her captivating renditions music charts. Originally ly gaining popularity among emotions. Accompanied by such as 'Din Shagna Da' and released in 2020, the song a video clip, she penned a 'Ranjha,' among many othcreators of romantic reels. has now resurfaced, capti-Its poignant blend of love heartfelt message: "Ranveer ers. Her distinct musical Allahbadia and I are overvating listeners with its and yearning has elevated it style resonates with audimelodious charm. What beyond whelmed to witness ences, and 'Sang Rahiyo' #SangRahiyo unexpectedly makes this achievement exemplifies her unwavering even more remarkable is soar to the top of the ability to create enchanting charts. It was an intimate compositions that leave an that the accompanying music video was shot in the shoot at my home with indelible mark on listeners' cherished friends. No marhearts. As this extraordinary comfort of Jasleen's own home, featuring a close-knit keting, no frills-just pure success story continues to group of friends. In a love. This incredible unfold, Jasleen Royal refreshing departure from achievement, nearly remains a beacon of inspiraconventional promotional three years after its tion for aspiring musicians, tactics, the track relied release, holds proving that genuine talent, immense signifisolely on its artistic merit coupled with genuine conand the power of word-ofcance as I prenections, can propel one's pare to unveil mouth. In a remarkably artistry to unprecedented short span of time. the biggest heights. single of my career

Saif Ali Khan reflects on 'Vikram Vedha': Challenging perspectives

Saif Ali Khan, the popular Bollywood actor, gained immense love and appreciation from audiences for his portrayal of a determined cop in the action drama 'Vikram Vedha'. According to Saif, the film beautifully illustrates the difficulties of altering one's perspective on the concepts of good and evil. To bring authenticity to his character, Saif dedicated himself to rigorous preparation. He engaged in intense training with real guns, meticulously studying the sounds and mechanics of firing a weapon. He even adopted the mannerisms of law enforcement agents, including their grip on firearms and their approach to raiding gangster-infested buildings. The audience was captivated by the powerful performance of Hrithik Roshan as Vedha, while Saif's charismatic portrayal of the cool cop Vikram left a lasting impression.

Expressing his excitement about the television premiere of 'Vikram Vedha', Saif shared, 'The film was adored by the audience for presenting contrasting perspectives of right and wrong. Fueled by moral dilemmas, intense action, and unexpected twists, this movie will now reach viewers worldwide, providing a wide range of perspectives. It demonstrates the challenges one faces when attempting to shift their viewpoint on the concepts of good and evil." Rohan Lavsi, Business Head of the Hindi Movies Cluster at Viacom18, commented, "Vikram Vedha tells the story of a celebrated cop who sees the world in black and white, and a dreaded criminal who compels him to question his own worldview." Produced by Jio Studios, Friday Filmworks, Reliance Entertainment, T-Series Films, and YNOT Studios, the gripping action thriller 'Vikram Vedha' brings together a star-studded cast including Hrithik, Saif, Radhika Apte, and others. Directed by Pushkar-Gayathri, the film delves into the tense confrontation between an upright police officer and a feared gangster, who voluntarily surrenders but possesses a riveting story to share. The movie is set to air on COLORS Cineplex this Sunday, promising viewers a thought-provoking exploration of shifting perspectives and the complexities of morality.





&pictures to premiere 'Karthiyeka 2' today

Apni jaan khatre me daal kar, sabko bachana chahte ho? &pictures premiere of "Karthikeya 2"starring Nikhil Siddhartha and Anupam Kher in pivotal roles that takes viewers on a thrilling adventure that tests the courage and resilience of the protagonist at every turn. Join Dr. Karthikeva. in his pursuit for Lord Krishna's Mysterious Kada, that could help save the world. Come and be a part of this quest this Saturday at 8pm on &pictures. The film takes the audience on a rollercoaster ride, through traitorous treks in uncharted territories to heartpounding chase sequences. Karthikeya 2 delivers an immersive and adrenaline-fueled cinematic experience. The movie is seasoned with larger than life sets, visual effects and brings in the mystical aura of lord Krishna all together, Karthikeva 2 revolves around the intriguing journey of Dr Karthikeva as he discovers the secret of Lord Krishna's lost Kada. On his way he conquers the most enchanting and deep dark secrets of the past. Anupam Kher, a seasoned actor known for his captivating performances, takes on a special role in Karthikeya 2, bringing his talent and charisma to the screen. His character adds depth and gravitas to the narrative, further enhancing the overall impact of the film. Ek Rahasymayi Kada, Ek Ansuni kahaani aur #10on10 epic drama.

Tune in to &pictures this Saturday at 8pm.

Stars shares their fondest memories and moments associated with monsoon

I n celebration of the enchanting season of love, the leading ladies of Star Bharat shows express their profound admiration for the allure and romance that the monsoon season brings. Reflecting on their childhoods and the present, their narratives vividly depict the delight and nostalgia that accompany the arrival of rain-soaked days. From cherished family escapades to savoring local delicacies and personal traditions, actors share the essence of the monsoon experi-

Ayushi Khurana from Algoni reveals, The rainy season holds a special place in my heart; it is one of my favorite times of the year. The weather becomes cozy and enticing. Being in Mumbai during the monsoon enhances its beauty. and one simply cannot resist its allure. I take pleasure in indulging in local treats like Vada Pav, Samosa Pay, and especially relishing Maggie, which I typically avoid. One fascinating ritual I uphold every year is ensuring that, once the season begins, I get drenched in the first rainfall. It has



become a cherished tradition for me.

Deepshikha Nagpal from 'Na Umra Ki Seema Ho' exclaims, "I am enamored with the monsoon; after all, I am a monsoon baby myself, born in August. I am the first to lead my friends in embracing the downpour. For me, the monsoon is a season of romance, although I find myself single. Nonetheless, I cher-

ish my own company and revel in the pleasure of soft music, delectable pakoras, and a comforting cup of chai. I always make it a point to visit Lonavala during the monsoon, where I enjoy the picturesque Tiger Point and savor corn pakoras.

Stay tuned to watch Star Bharat from every Monday-Friday from 7:30pm onwards.

Pooja Bhatt shuns rat race, woman card on Bigg Boss OTT 2

ooja Bhatt, renowned filmmaker and actress, took a stand against the rat race and the notion of playing the woman card during her stint on 'Bigg Boss OTT 2'. During a task in the show. where contestants were required to rank each other. Pooja made it clear that she has never relied on such

Addressing her fellow Pooia emnha sized her belief in direct communication, maintaining eye contact while engaging with others. She asserted, "I have never resorted to playing the woman card, nor do I partake in the rat race. It is my individuality and opinions that led me to be a part of Bigg Boss OTT, even after having a successful career for many years."

Respecting authority and following instructions have always been paramount to Pooja. She expressed, "I don't believe in ranking myself; it's not something I have ever done. When I

entered the Bigg Boss OTT house, I did not consider mvself to be at the top, but viewers positioned me there. I am content with any rank assigned to me by my fellow housemates, and I refuse to let these initial rankings define my entire experience.'

Pooja highlighted that her approach is not about projecting a saintly attitude but rather about not seeking validation through rank ings. She made it clear that she does not have an addiction to the spotlight, camera, or attention. Being born into the industry, she understands that her life does not revolve around Bigg Boss or any competition within it.

Consequently, affirmed her commitment to not engage in activities solely for attention or to disappoint her fans. She reminded everyone that successful careers are not built on chance or talent alone but on the strength of one's character resilience.

Actress-dancer Heli Daruwala attributes her journey to the Madhuri Dixit Nene, particularly inspiration from the iconic dance prowess for this music video. Overflowing with excite ment about showcasing her classical dance skills, Heli expressed, tremendous influence on my path as an actor and dancer. Like countless other girls, I grew up watching her on screen, and it inspiration that I embarked on my journey into dance and drama during my childhood." Heli aimed to capture some of the magic that infusing it with her own artistic expression. By combining her admiration for the iconic actress with her unique style, Heli aspires ance in 'Mere Sanam Ke Khwaah' The song, sung by Kavita Seth and Kanishk Seth, features Heli Daruwala alongside Nishank Bhatt, delivering a mesmerizing visual and auditory experience for the audience. Heli's dedication to honing her dance skills and incor porating the influence of Madhuri Dixit serves as a testament to the lasting impact of renowned artists on aspiring performers. Through her performance in 'Mere Sanam Ke Khwaab', Heli showcases her talent while paying homage to the legendary Madhuri Dixit, leaving viewers enthralled by her artistic expression and graceful movements.



finds inspiration in Madhuri Dixit's magic

Kanika Dhillon announces maiden project 'Do Patti'

R enowned without turned producer Kanika Dhillon is all set to make her mark in the world of filmmaking with her maiden production venture under her banner, Kathha Pictures. Titled "Do Patti," the much-anticipated film has secured the talented Bollywood divas Kajol and Kriti Sanon as its leading stars. After taking the world on adventurous trips with her stories in much-loved movies like "Kedarnath", 'Manmarziyaan'' "Haseen Dilruba' "Rashmi Rocket", and "Guilty", amongst others, Kanika Dhillon sharing her excitement says, "I am absolutely thrilled to

embark on this new jour-

ney as a producer. Do

Patti is a compelling

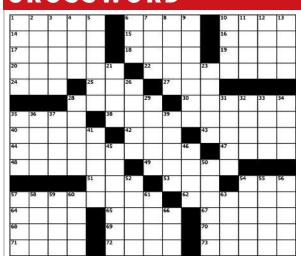


story, very close to my heart as a writer. And am thrilled to start my journey as a producer with Do PAtti. And such tal-

ented actors like kriti and Kajol and of course Netflix. The writer in me feels empowered today that apart from creating

the world on paper, I can curate my vision into reality. I hope to work towards building a production house that truly empowers stories and storytellers!" Known for writing memorable screen characters and strong narratives that connect deeply, Kanika through her production house Kathha - aims to create a platform for writers that empowers them and entertains the audiences with fresh and powerful narratives. The writerturned-producer is also currently gearing for her upcoming releases including Rajkumar Hirani directorial Dunki starring Shah Rukh Khan and Phir Aavi Haseen Dilruba after the success Haseen Dilruba. amongst others.

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Finance



Puducherry Chief Minister N Rangasamy on Friday urged the Union government to include the Union Territory in the terms of reference (ToR) of the 16th Finance Commission. which is slated to be formed later this year. In his letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a copy of which was released to the media today, Rangasamy also made out a strong case to include Puducherry under the scheme of "financial assistance to States for capital investment" or to include Puducherry in the grant of special package for building capital infrastructure facilities for which

funds worth Rs 2,328 crore had been sought

from the Centre.

Appointment New Delhi: Former METRO Cash & Carry MD and CEO Arvind Mediratta has joined as CEO of Hippo Stores Technology, a Dalmia Bharat firm which focuses on building products, industry sources said. Prior to this, Mediratta, a retail industry veteran, was with Metro Cash and Carry India as CEO till May 2023. On May 11, 2023, billionaire Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries' retail arm had completed quisition of METRO Cash & Carry India. As part of the deal, all METRO Cash & Carry India employees and management were absorbed into Reliance Retail. However, Mediratta did not join Reliance Retail. mental in the deal with Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd(RRVL), a

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Industries.

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■ Bengaluru: Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday slammed the Centre for "failing to control steep price rise", and hit out at the previous BJP government for "deteriorating" the state's economy. "The Central government failed to control steep increase in the prices of essential commodi ties and fuel during 2022-23. The common man is severely distressed by the steep increase in prices," Siddaramaiah said in his Budget speech in the Legislative Assembly. To protect the common man from such an adverse environment has been the primary motivation behind the five 'guarantees' (poll promises of the Congress), he said.

Govt likely to come out with a mandate on usage of green hydrogen: Bhalla

New Delhi, Jul 07:

In order to aggregate demand, the government is likely to come out with a green hydrogen in the country, secretary in the ministry of new and renewable energy (MNRE) Bhupinder Singh Bhalla said on Friday. The senior ministry official was addressing the International Conference on Green Hydrogen (ICGH-2023) in the national capital. The three-day conference concluded on Friday. "We have a provision for that in the (hydrogen) mission. You know the energy conservation act has been amended and now there is a legal provision to enforce the mandate whenever it is decided. These are the kinds of enabling steps towards having a mandate as and when we decide, but we haven't decided yet," Bhalla said in reply to a question on a mandate for



The government is first trying to figure out whether it can collate demand, aggregate and make it more clear for the industry to set up production facilities and in due course of time in consultation with the concerned ministries and the sectors a call will be taken in this regard, he added. Bhalla said that export related topics were also discussed during a round-table at the conference. Singapore, Korea and Japan along with the EU participated in the round-table. Representatives of these

Indian government and industry players attended the session. Out of the planned green hydrogen production by 2030 under the mission, around 70 per cent would be for export, the secretary said. In January 2023, the

Centre approved the National Green Hydrogen Mission with an outlay of Rs 19,744 crore with an aim to make India a global hub for manufacturing green hydrogen. The mission seeks to promote development of a production capacity of at least 5 MMT (Million Metric Tonne) per annum with an associated renewable energy capacity addition of about 125 GW in the country by 2030.

The official also informed that in another round-table, various industry players, senior central government officials along with those of various coastal states partici-

India is not 'extractive economy' and is not pursuing 'narrow economic activities' in Africa: Jaishankar

Dar es Salaam, Jul 07: In a veiled attack on China, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has said that, tries, India is not "an extractive economy" and it was not pursuing "narrow economic activities" in the resource-rich African continent. Jaishankar, who arrived here on Thursday after visiting Zanzibar, made these remarks while addressing the Indian community in Dar-es-Salaam city of Tanzania.

'Had a lively interaction with members of the Indian community in Dar es Salaam. Stressed the importance of Mission IT (India & Tanzania). Highlighted the strong India-Africa connection, especially our deep links with East Africa; Heart of India and Tanzania ties is the solidarity of spirit and mutuality of interests,' Jaishankar tweeted.

"Recognised that the Indian community is an expression, contributor and force of this relationship;

Union External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar speaks during a visit to the water

project in Kibamba built with Indian support, in Dar es Salaam, Friday, July 7.

Tanzania's friendship is making a difference in the lives of the average Tanzanian. Our water projects will benefit 8 million; With 750 slots annually," he tweeted. Tanzania is India's largest African partner in training and capacity building. "The Indian community had hisstrength for the relationship. As our ties expand, so will their role," he tweeted. While addressing the community, he said, "Today we want to see Africa grow. We

economies grow. And our approach to Africa today is to trade more with Africa. invest in Africa, work with Africa, to create capacities in Africa, so that the rise of Africa also takes place as countries like India are rising in Asia." "We are not here as an extractive economy. We are not here in the manner in which a lot of other countries are there for very narrow economic objectives. For us, this is a broader, deeper partnership," Jaishankar said, in an apparent reference to

Africa. China established its first overseas military support base in Djibouti in Africa in 2015, as part of Beijing's plan to project its military power beyond the Asia-Pacific. Chinese companies are also actively engaged in exploiting the region's precious mineral resources. Jaishankar also added that today the "world sees India as a contributor. World sees India, Indian companies, Indian technologies, Indian capacities as helping to create

Forex reserves rise by USD 1.85 billion to USD 595.05 billion

Mumbai, Jul 07:

India's foreign exchange reserves rose by USD 1.853 billion to USD 595.051 billion in the week ended on June 30, the Reserve Bank of India said on Friday. The overall reserve had dropped by USD 2.901 billion to USD 593.198 billion in the previous reporting week.

In October 2021, the country's forex reserve 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 on June 30, the foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves, in-

creased by USD 2.539 billion to USD 527.979 billion, according to the Weekly Statistical Supplement released by the RBI on Friday. Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves.

Gold reserves dropped by USD 472 million to USD 43.832 billion, the RBI said. The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) were down by USD 95 million to USD 18.239 billion, the apex bank said.

The country's reserve position with the IMF was down by USD 118 million to USD 5.002 billion in the reporting week, the apex

Plastic industry should focus on manufacturing quality, sustainable products and increasing exports: Goyal

Commerce and Industry minister Piyush Goyal on Friday urged the plastic industry players to focus on manufacturing quality and sustainable products with new technology and innovation to become globally competitive and increase exports. "...we are introducing quality checks and quality control on orders to stop the production or consumption, whether domestic or imported, of sub-standard and low quality, underpriced goods, which tend to hurt the plastic industry, our consumer interests and hamper the overall reputation and image of our country," the minister said at the 2nd 'Technology Conference



for Growth of Plastic Industry' organised by industry body AIPMA. Goyal said, the government is very sensitive to the potential of the industry as well as about the problems of the plastic industry. "We are looking at how we can support the recycling of plastic waste or reuse of plastic raw material, and how we can make plastic disposable more effective and efficient. The

global average rate of recycling is just 9 per cent. Some of the developed economy is as low as 4 per cent. In this India outshines, as 13 per cent of our plastic is being recycled. We would like to see this number grow exponentially in the near future," he added.

The minister further said that the plastic industry should mould itself with emerging times and needs of this world with newer ideas, adoption of latest technology, collaborations with stakeholders for research and development, so that India can become globally competitive. "We should also offer sustainable products to the global supply chains, which are looking for trusted partners.

India has highest tariffs on inputs in electronic segment: ICEA study

New Delhi, Jul 07: India has the highest tariffs on inputs in electronic segment among competing economies Vietnam and Thailand, ICEA said on Thursday citing its latest study as the industry body made a strong pitch for reduction in tariffs. The high tariffs impact competitiveness, ICEA said, adding that the industry is seeking reduction of tariffs, and glide path to match Vietnam and other competing na-ICEA at a conference. tions. The study revealed that high tariff induced ICEA, India's apex eleccosts accentuates India's cost disability vis--vis the four competing

Electronics Association (ICEA) said the study is critical to eval-uate India's competitiveness to reach the USD 300 billion electronics production goal by 2025-26, including USD 120 billion of exports. A line-by-line comparison of India's non zero tariffs shows that India's tariffs are higher for up to 98 per cent lines compared to Vietnam (for FTA tariffs) and 90 per cent of the lines compared to Thailand. The competing economies have nearly double or more zero-tariff lines than India, according to the study released by

tronics industry associa tion, conducted the five nation study of input tariffs in electronics sector across India, China, Vietnam, Thailand and Mexico, covering 120 key

Sensex tanks 505 points, Nifty closes lower at 19,330 on profit-taking after record rally

Benchmark stock indices Sensex declined by 505 points at close while Nifty settled lower at the 19,330 level due to profit-taking in financial, IT and oil shares after a recordbreaking run and weak global trends. The 30-share BSE Sensex fell sharply by 505.19 points or 0.77 per cent to close at 65,280.45 points as 25 of its constituents ended in red and five in green. The baromemoved between 65,175.74 and 65,898.98 during the day. Ending its eight-day winning streak, the broader Nifty of the National Stock Exchange declined by 165.50 or 0.85 per cent to settle at 19,331.80. As many as 44 Nifty shares declined



while six gained. Among major Sensex shares, PowerGrid fell the most by 2.76 per cent. IndusInd Bank dropped 2.34 per cent, HUL by 2.23 per cent and NTPC by 2.04 per cent. ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, HDFC, ITC, Infosys, L&T, Bajaj Finance, Kotak Bank, HCL Tech and Tech

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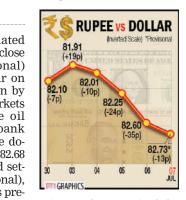
losers. On the other hand, Mumbai, Jul 07: Tata Motors rose the most by 2.94 per cent, followed by Titan which gained 1.26 per cent. Mahindra & Mahindra, SBI and TCS were also among gainers. "The domestic market succumbed to profit-booking as heat waves from weak global markets hit the shore. Global equities declined due to a spike in US bond yields, fuelled by expectations of a prolonged high-interest rate environment following a sharp increase in US private pay-roll data," Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services, said. In the broader market, the BSE Midcap declined by 0.76 per cent to 28,999.02 while BSE Small dropped 0.28 per cent to 33,129.41.

Rupee falls 13 paise to close at 82.73 against US dollar

The rupee depreciated further by 13 paise to close at 82.73 (provisional) against the US dollar on Friday, weighed down by losses in domestic markets and a rise in crude oil prices. At the interbank foreign exchange, the domestic unit opened at 82.68 against the dollar and settled at 82.73 (provisional), down 13 paise from its pre-

vious close. During the day, the rupee touched a high of 82.63 and a low of 82.75 against the greenback. On Thursday, the rupee had settled at 82.60 against the dollar. The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies,

facturing incentives and



witnessed a marginal decline of 0.10 per cent to 103.05. Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, advanced 0.59 per cent to USD 76.97 per barrel. The rupee depreciated on a weak tone in domestic markets and a rise in crude oil prices. The surge in short-term bond yields

a nawkish tone of the cen tral banks also put pressure on the rupee, said Anuj Choudhary Research Analyst at Sharekhan by BNP Paribas. However, the soft US dollar prevented a sharp fall. Most economic data releases from the US were stronger than forecast.

"We expect the rupee to trade with a negative bias on risk aversion in global markets and rising bond yields. However, sustained FII inflows may support rupee at lower levels,' Choudhary said. Market participants may remain cautious ahead of US nonfarm payrolls, unemployment rate and hourly

E20 fuel outlets will have pan-India presence by 2025: Hardeep Singh Puri

Mumbai, Jul 07:

Petroleum minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Friday said by 2025, the entire country will have special fuel stations retailing E20 petrol, drawing confidence from the faster rollout of such fuel stations. E20 fuel is a blend of 20 per cent ethanol with petrol. The first E20 outlet was opened on February 8 this year — ahead of the targeted April launch — and as of now their number has crossed 600 and will cover the entire country by 2025, Puri told the AGM of the industry lobby IMC Chamber through a video message. He also said the ministry will be launching a global biofuel alliance



later this month. The minister said ethanol blending in petrol has gone up from 1.53 per cent in 2013-14, to over 11.5 per cent as of March 2023. In volume terms, ethanol blended petrol has increased from 38 crore litres in 2013-14 to 433.6 crore litres in 2021-22. Similarly, he said the number of petrol pumps sell-

three-fold from over 29,890 in 2016-17, to more than 67,640. The government aims to achieve a 20 per cent ethanol blending target by 2025, which has already crossed 11.5 per cent ahead of schedule. In fact, the government has advanced the 20 per cent blending target by five years to 2025 from 2030. The 10 per cent ethanol blending in petrol target was achieved in June 2022, much ahead of its target, Puri said. With the increasing sourcing of crude from Russia and other non-Gulf markets, Puri said the country has diversified the import basket from 27 countries in 2006-07 to 39 in 2023.

New Delhi, Jul 07:

The Indian construction market exhibits a positive outlook with 84 per cent of respondents feeling optimistic about the sector compared to 66 per cent globally, a KPMG sursaid on Friday. Global Construction Survey said there is a sense of enthusi-

asm regarding the potential government funding, investment and incentives for significant infrastructure projects. 'The survey findings

exhibit a strong outlook for our Indian construction industry, driven by the government infrastructure stimulus, manu-

private sector commitments. This is reflected in a significant proportion of our participants, indicating 20 per cent revenue growth or increase in capital investments in the next 12 months," KPMG in

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Construction market exhibits positive outlook: Survey

Tech enabling handsome return on investment

India, Partner, Major Projects Advisory and Industry 4.0, Suneel Vora said. Digital and innovative technologies are generating handsome returns on investment and generating real-time cost reductions, Vora added. The government's announcement of National Infrastructure Pipeline with a projected investment of USD 1.4 trillion Monetisation Pipeline (NMP) with a potential of USD 70 billion of asset creation during FY20-25 has provided impetus for stepping up infra investment.

The survey said despite being one of the fastestgrowing sectors that contributes significantly to the economic growth, the Indian construction sector continues to face a number of challenges, like supply chain disruptions, escalating energy costs, material and labour cost and shortage of skilled workers.

However, aftereffects of Covid-19 are evident with 51 per cent of the respondents mentioning that their projects have experienced a schedule delay or cost impact of more than 20 per cent due to Covid "The industry continues to struggle with poor project performance with 39 per cent of respondent reporting that they have missed the budget/schedule performance targets by 20 per cent, over the past year due to lack of effective risk management,' the survey said. Survey respondents in-

clude 119 senior leaders and CXOs representing infrastructure / project owners, engineering & construction firms, and the government, all charged with implementing construction programmes and projects.

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Unwavering Stance

The virtual summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) best 3.1 Organisation (SCO) hosted by India has once again highlighted the principled stance taken by New Delhi regarding China's controversial Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). While fellow SCO members reaffirmed their support for the multi-billion-dollar Chinese project, India refused to endorse it, exposing the collusion between Pakistan and China. This firm position on the BRI stems from India's legitimate concerns regarding the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), which infringes upon India's sovereignty by passing through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). China's double standards and hypocrisy are glaringly evident. Just months ago, Beijing boycotted a G20 meeting in Srinagar, claiming that Jammu and Kashmir is a "disputed territory." Yet, it shamelessly proceeds with business as usual in PoK, a region that rightfully belongs to India. This selective approach not only undermines China's credibility but also reveals its disregard for the principles of international law. During the SCO summit, India skillfully used the platform to expose Pakistan and China's role in cross-border terrorism. Prime Minister Narendra Modi called on member states to condemn countries that shelter terrorists and employ terrorism as a political tool. While Pakistan's Prime Minister, Shehbaz Sharif, acknowledged the need to combat terrorism, he cautioned against using the issue for diplomatic point-scoring. However, it is worth noting that China has consistently shielded Pakistan-based terrorists from international censure, obstructing proposals by India and the United States at the United Nations. By shedding light on this Pakistan-China nexus, India, as the current SCO chair, has effectively exposed their complicity. India's unwavering commitment to combating terrorism is commendable. It is a nation that has borne the brunt of terrorist activities and understands the urgency of a united front against this global menace. By refusing to shy away from discussing this critical issue, India has demonstrated its leadership and determination to address the root causes of terrorism. Furthermore, India's strong stance on the BRI aligns with its unwavering commitment to upholding its territorial integrity and national sovereignty. The CPEC's encroachment into PoK is not only a violation of India's rights but also a disregard for the principles of peaceful coexistence and respect for international borders. New Delhi's refusal to endorse the BRI sends a clear message that it will not compromise on matters of national interest and territorial integrity. As the host of the SCO summit, India has effectively utilized this platform to showcase its diplomatic finesse and articulate its concerns. It has successfully put Pakistan and China on the defensive, forcing them to confront uncomfortable truths. This approach reflects India's proactive and assertive foreign policy, emphasizing its commitment to regional stability and the fight against terrorism. India's principled stand on the BRI and its determination to expose the collusion between Pakistan and China are essential steps in safeguarding its national interests. It sends a strong message to the international community that India will not be swayed by political pressure or disregard for international norms. The SCO summit has provided a crucial opportunity for India to assert its position and galvanize support from likeminded nations in addressing the challenges posed by terrorism and territorial disputes. In the face of geopolitical challenges and changing dynamics, India's principled stand at the SCO summit is a testament to its diplomatic

Political Quandary

prowess and its role as a responsible global player.

Yash Pal Ralhai

■ he developments in Maharashtra have brought the Anti-Defection Law to the forefront, testing its effectiveness and highlighting the need for reform. With the Supreme Court's directive, the state assembly speaker is under pressure to deliver a verdict on the disqualification of 16 Shiv Sena MLAs within a specified timeframe. However, the absence of a clear time limit in the law has resulted in cases stretching on for years, making a mockery of our democratic system. One striking example is the pending disqualification petition against Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and 15 other Shiv Sena MLAs, which has been awaiting the speaker's decision for almost a year. Such delays not only erode public trust but also undermine the purpose of the Anti-Defection Law, which was introduced to curb political opportunism and defections. It is essential to shed light on the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution, commonly known as the Anti-Defection Law. Enacted in 1985, it aimed to combat the menace of defections driven by inducements and offers of office. However, the law's implementation has fallen short, as evident in the protracted proceedings and partisan behavior of speakers. The Supreme Court, in its ruling on the Shiv Sena split, clarified that the law applies even when a faction splits within a party. The speaker's role in deciding disqualification matters was emphasized. Given the current scenario, this precedent is likely to apply to the ongoing issue within the NCP as well. Unfortunately, speakers, often aligned with ruling coalitions or political parties, have been criticized for using delay tactics and acting more as party members than impartial arbiters. This compromises the sanctity of defection trials and raises questions about their commitment to upholding the Constitution. The judiciary's intervention, urging the speaker to decide the Shiv Sena case within three months, highlights the urgency for timely resolutions. However, a broader reform mandating time limits for future cases would be a welcome step. Experts increasingly argue that the Anti-Defection Law has failed to achieve its intended objective. Attempting to address a political problem through legal means has proven ineffective. It is time to reassess the law's provisions and ensure that it serves its purpose without compromising the democratic values we hold dear. As the fate of the Maharashtra MLAs hangs in the balance, it is imperative to reform the Anti-Defection Law to restore public confidence, expedite proceedings, and safeguard the principles of our democracy. The time for change is now.

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KANWAR YATRA



Lord Shiva devotees or Kanwariyas during the 'Kanwar Yatra' pilgrimage in the holy month of 'Shravan', in Haridwar, Friday, July 7.

Ending Criminalization: Common Tests for Political Entry



Why not organize an examination for contesting all kinds of elections in the country and their character should be properly verified for entering politics like government jobs? What is the harm in having a common political test on a smaller scale and the Indian Political Service exam for MPs? After all, if there is a government job and politics, then only service to the country? Why should politicians be given special powers? Can a charge-sheeted person become an IAS officer? Can he hold any civil service posts? Then why should politicians be given this undue privilege which is against the very spirit of our democracy? Changes in this matter can only be brought about by the Parliament. Only then the increasing criminalization of politics can stop.

 Γ he criminalization of politics is a situation where criminals have a significant presence in politics itself. Due to the criminalization of politics, a large number of criminals are contesting and contesting elections to Parliament and State Assemblies. When criminals become elected representatives and lawmakers, they pose a serious threat to the functioning of democratic system. According to ADR data, the number of candidates with criminal charges elected to Parliament in India has been increasing since 2004. In 2004, 24% of MPs had pending criminal cases, which increased to 43% in 2019. In the Lok Sabha elections, 159 MPs had declared serious criminal cases against themselves, including rape, murder, attempt to murder, kidnapping, and crimes against women.

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an IAS officer? Can he hold any civil service posts? Then why should politicians be given this undue privilege which is against the very spirit of our democracy? Changes in this matter can only be brought about by the Parliament. The Election Commission has been turned into a toothless institution. Only political will can bring about change." According to a recently published report, nearly 45 percent of candidates of the Congress, BJP, and JD(S) who participated in the recently held Karnataka elections had criminal cases against them. What is worrying is that nearly 30 percent of these candidates were accused of serious crimes, including rape and murder. India is one of the few countries where criminals are allowed to participate freely in elections and emerge as winners.

Let us take the example of the United States of America. If someone has a case of murder or rape, they will never be considered for a political ticket. Such persons will be debarred from contesting elections. However, this is not the case in India. This is a serious threat to our democratic process. A democracy with criminals is not a healthy democracy. It is important to raise awareness among people about the issue of criminalization of politics. They need to understand that if they vote for such persons, they are harming not only the country but also themselves. For example, if you are a person from an economically disadvantaged background and you vote for such candidates, your children's education will be affected as schools will not function properly. Similarly, when you need medical help, the hospitals will not function effectively due to the rampant corruption done by these criminals. You will be deprived of basic facilities and services.

According to Gopal Sankaranarayanan, a senior advocate of the Supreme Court of India, many politicians are well aware of the significant power and influence they have as lawmakers. They believe that their positions give them the ability not only to block laws that could hold them accountable but also to exert influence over government officials, ensuring that cases are not filed against them. go and they are safe. There is a growing nexus between criminals and politicians to intimidate voters using fear and violence. Criminals resort to illicit spending to buy votes and promote a culture of freebies. Criminal politicians use their influence in the posting and transfer of bureaucrats and thus influence the governance of the state. They exploit divisions in society based on caste, class, and religion and portray themselves as protectors of their communities. Thus they harm the social fabric of the nation.

Criminals as politicians are not trained parliamentarians and often resort to unparliamen-

tions in Parliament and State Legislatures that affect the functioning of the representative institution. As politicians with criminal pasts become ministers and lawmakers, it becomes difficult for state agencies to prosecute them, increasing the number of criminal cases in the judiciary. This will curb money and muscle power and help serious candidates contest elections. Now is the time to strengthen the role of the Election Commission in regulating the electoral process and establish a framework for disqualifying candidates with criminal records. Parliament should put in place a strong legal framework that mandates all political parties to cancel the membership of persons against whom charges were framed in heinous and serious crimes and not to field such persons in elections to Parliament and State Assemblies. Voters should be aware of the misuse of money and muscle power in elections. They should refrain from accepting gifts, inducements, and freebies and use the option of NOTA to express their dis-

pleasure against the candidate. Combating the criminalization of politics requires a multipronged strategy, encompassing legal, institutional, and social measures, to protect the integrity of democratic systems and advance ethical and responsible political leadership. Why not organize an examination for contesting all kinds of elections in the country and their character should be properly verified for entering politics like a government job? What is the harm in having a common political test on a smaller scale and the Indian Political Service exam for MPs? After all, if there is a government job and politics, then only service to the country? Only then the increasing criminalization of politics can stop

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LETTERS

Are disabled Aliens?

The decision to exclude disabled individuals from the National Family Health Survey-6 is a regressive step that contradicts the government's professed commitment to the upliftment of persons with disabilities. While the Prime Minister and other government officials commend disabled individuals for their remarkable achievements, it is crucial not to overlook the pressing issues they face daily. Terms like "differently abled" and "divinely abled" should not serve as an excuse to disregard the need for state assistance and policy support for persons with disabilities. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has emphasized that it is the government's responsibility to ensure justice and benefits for all citizens, forming the foundation of "sabka saath, sabka vikas, and sabka vishwas.' However, the exclusion of disabled individuals from NFHS-6 raises questions about the government's commitment to this vision. By neglecting to include disability-related questions in the survey, an opportunity to gather crucial data and address the needs of persons with disabilities has been lost. It is imperative that the government rectifies this omission and takes proactive measures to support and empower disabled individuals, fulfilling its promise of inclusive development.

Yash Pal Ralhan, Jalandhar Party Split

The Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), founded by Sharad Pawar in 1999, suffered a split as his nephew Ajit Pawar joined the Shiv Sena-BJP government as Deputy Chief Minister. Eight other NCP MLAs, including loyalists Chhagan Bhujbal and Dilip Walse Patil, became ministers. Reports reveal that four of the nine NCP MLAs who switched sides to join the BJP-Shiv Sena government in Maharashtra are under investigation by the Enforcement Directorate or the Anti-Corruption Bureau. This raises concerns about the BJP's ideology as it welcomes defectors without regard for its principles. PM Modi's hunger for power seems to prioritize corrupt leaders, undermining the phrase "Mera Bharat Mahan" (My India is Great)

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee, Faridabad

Uniform Civil Code

To ensure a fair and uniform legal framework, it is crucial that the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) is first implemented for all constitutionally defined Hindus in India. Once this step is taken, a draft for the proposed UCC can be presented to the public for suggestions through the Law Commission of India. It is impractical to seek suggestions on something that does not yet exist; it is akin to muddying the water when there are no fish to catch or firing shots in the air for mere showmanship

Afazuddin Kazi Qasmi

West Indies: The Rise and Fall of a Cricketing Powerhouse

Kajal Chatterjee

s a 12-year old boy, just in-A troduced to the world of cricket; came to know that under the new captain Kapil Dev, India is going to visit a group of sovereign islands - collectively known as West Indies - - for a 5 Test series and 3 ODI series. Also came to know that Clive Lyod-led West Indies is the most feared team of the world - - be at home or abroad - and excel in both versions of cricket. Defeating this team is almost next to impossible. Indian team, though not exactly demolished in the Test series, vet got defeated by the margin of 2-0. Despite passage of 40 years, vividly do I remember the brilliant batting and centuries of Desmond Haynes, Gordon Greenidge, Vivian Richards, Larry Gomes, Gus Logie, Clive Lyod, Jeoffrey Dujon (wicket keeper) and devastating pace bowling of Malcolm Marshal,

Andy Roberts, Michael Holding

and Joel Garner.

However in the ODI series, India won the second match at Berbice with the series lost by the margin of 2-1. But the Berbice victory was celebrated with much fanfare as beating the mighty Caribbeans even in a single match (that too at their own backyard) was not a matter of joke on those days. After the completion of the Caribbean tour, the 3rd edition of Prudential World Cup was scheduled to start in England. Came to know that both the previous versions of the World Cup(1975 1979) were comprehensively won by the Clive Lyod-led West Indies only by registering victory in all the matches! So no prizes for guessing who would be the Champion in 1983 version too.

However to the utmost surprise of the world, India had beaten the Caribbeans in the first league match itself with Yashpal Sharma leading the show with a majestic innings of

89. However, in the return league match, most unsurprisingly West Indies did take revenge by defeating India. Indians met the West Indians for the third time in the tournament - - now in the final. While the West Indian march to the final was given, India's success in reaching way up to the final was a revelation of sorts.

Hardly anybody gave any chance to the Indians to win the final match, specially after they got all out for a "handsome" total of 183 runs! But "Kapil's Devils" thought otherwise and defeated the numero uno team of the world by as many as 43 runs. Despite that rarest of rare defeat in the World Cup final , West Indies still continued to dominate world cricket. And so at the fag end of 1983 only, West Indies defeated the Indians by a margin of 3-0 and 5-0 in Test and ODI series respectively right at the backyard of the latter; thereby proving their mettle.

But with passage of time and successive retirement of the great cricketers of early 1980s. the graph of West Indies cricket indeed started to dip. Far from winning another version of ODI World Cup, West Indies could never reach even the final of the tournament in successive versions with the sole semi-final appearance coming in 1996 despite presence of illustrious cricketers of next generation like Courtney Walsh Curtley Ambrose Carl Hooper Brian Lara or Shivnarain Chandrapaul. With retirement of this generation, the fortunes of West Indies took further dip in Tests and ODIs with stray success only in T20 (winning two World Cup in the shortest version of the game)! Caribbeans started to lose Tests /ODI matches against newcomers like Ireland Bangladesh

As a matter of fact, West Indies could manage to play the 2019 ODI World Cup by

Afghanistan too.

somehow scraping through the qualifiers! But in the qualifiers for 2023 World Cup, the mightiest team of the world till mid-1980s, simply got booted out by losing against Zimbabwe and even getting defeated by the non-Test playing minnows like Netherlands and Scotland also.

and entertainment.

Undoubtedly the cricket of the Caribbean simply lies in tatters today with "old timers" like us being left to express horror on witnessing the downfall of cricket of such a region which was simply synonymous to cricket itself as many people, possessing hardly any idea of Antigua Guyana or Jamaica, knew about the cricketing genius of Richards Lyod or Holding by heart. It is high time the Caribbean cricket authorities indulge in a sincere introspection and revive the glory of West Indies region, cricketers of which had enthralled various generation through decades by virtue of their excellence and skills.

Two panels of online betting racket busted

arrest of eight persons and recovery of mobiles and other items, police claimed to have busted two panels of an online betting racket. The accused were operating the panels of Mahadev Book Reddy Anna 512 and FP 104 Book Online. Eight mobiles of various companies used in Mahadev Online Betting were seized.

Durg Police is conducting a special campaign to curb the illegal activity of online cricket betting through Mahadev Book and other platforms. Under the guidance of Superintendent of Police (Durg) Shalabh Kumar Sinha and Additional Superintendent of Police (City) Sanjay Dhruv and City Superintendent of Police (Bhilai Nagar) Nikhil Rakhecha, the team of Bhilai Bhatti Police Station was maintaining



suspects. The network of informers was also activated for the purpose. In this sequel, police received a tip off regarding some persons who were accepting bets for Mahadev Book through mobile phones behind the stadium in Sector-1 Bhilai. Acting on this tip off, police conducted a raid and nabbed eight persons from the spot. The arrested accused were identified as

Rajat Kumar (19) son of

Pradeep Kumar a resident

Hardware Line, Supela; Ritik Kumar (23) son of Vallabh Rao a resident of Baba Balak Nath Mandir Ward 38, Khursipar; Shubham Tiwari (23) son of Sudarshan Tiwari a resident of Vrinda Nagar Camp 01; Aman Kumar (22) son of Dheeraj Wasnik a resident of Khursipar; Bhupendra Baya (22) son of Ramesh Bayan a resident of Rajatalab Adarsh Chowk, Civil Lines, Raipur; Gurjant Singh (20) son of Sukhwinder Singh

resident of Zone 03, Khursipar.

CENTRAL CHRONICLE, RAIPUR, SATURDAY, JULY 08, 2023

Bhilai, Jul 07: Supela Police arrested the accused of a robbery within 18 hours of the crime. Taking advantage of the darkness in the night, the accused had looted gold or-

naments and a bike from a person near Chandra

Maurya Talkies Under

Bridge. Gold rings, ear-

ring, mobile and motor

cycle total worth Rs 1.50

lakh have been recovered

The incident occurred

around midnight on July

05. The victim Deepak

Kumar Deshlhare, a resi-

dent of Atal Awas Jawahar Nagar Bhilai,

was intercepted by the ac-

cused Ravi Palle and

Shukdeep near the

Chandra Maurya Talkies

Under Bridge. They beat

the applicant and fled after

looting gold ornaments,

On the instructions of

Superintendent of Police,

Durg, Shalabh Kumar

Sinha and under the guid-

of Additional

mobile and motorcycle.

from the accused.

During interrogation, they confessed to involvement in online betting. They were using their mobiles to operate Mahadev Book ID, Reddy Book FP 104 and Reddy Anna 512. They were earning money illegally by betting. Eight mobiles worth around Rs 1.5 lakh were seized from them. They have been booked under Section 7, 8 of Chhattisgarh Gambling Prohibition Act 2022.

Bhatti Police has continuously taken action against the accused involved in Mahadev Book online betting. Inspector Krishna Kumar Kushwaha, Sub-Inspector Rayandas Gendre, Constables Ankit Singh, Vishwajit Singh, Dinesh Sahu, Ajay Singh,

In the past also, Bhilai

Superintendent of Police (City) Sanjay Dhruv and City Superintendent of Police (Bhilai Nagar) Nikhil Rakhecha, the team of Supela Police Station launched an investigation. They started searching for the accused in different directions. The suspects were traced with the help of informers and taken

into custody. During inter-

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के विकासखण्ड बकावण्ड की पीठापुर तालाब का शीर्ष बांध मरम्मत कार्य एवं नहर

मरम्मत कार्य एवं नहर लाईनिंग कार्य हेतु (द्वितीय आमंत्रण), निविदा सूचना क्रमांक

02 / वलेलि / 2023—24 दिनांक 17.05.2023, जिसका जी नंबर 01412, दिनांक 18

05.2023 है, को निविदा के द्वितीय आमंत्रण में प्रतिभागी निविदाकार की संख्या निरंक

GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, WATER RESOURCES DIVISION

BAIKUNTHPUR, DISTT. KORIYA (C.G.)

e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

eProcurement Portal: https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in

Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to 26.07.2023 (17.30 hours IST).

C.C LINING FROM R.D. 1500 M., TO 1800 M., C.C LINING FROM 06/SAC/2023-24 R.D. 2250 M. TO 3210 M. & C.C LINING FROM R.D. 4050 M. TO 5910

M., OF MAIN CANAL, AND V.R.B. AT RD. 1560 M. MAIN CANAL

V.R.B. AT RD. 3050 M. MAIN CANAL, REPAIR OF PIPE DRV AT RD

7300 M., REPAIR OF PIPE V.R.B (2 NOS), REPAIR OF CANAL

SYPHON OF MAIN CANAL (6 NOS)M C.C. CHANNEL FROM RD

0.00 TO 1500 M. OF MAIN CANAL, C.C. CHANNEL FROM RD. 3390

TO 3998 M. OF MAIN CANAL C.C. CHANNEL FROM RD. 6510 TO

7500 M. OF MAIN CANAL OF RENOVATION OF CANALS OF

RENOVATION OF UDANAPUR TANK INCLUDING EARTH WORK 8

LINING OF MAIN CANAL FROM R.D. 1370 M. TO 3500 M. AND

MINOR CANAL FROM R.D. 470 M. TO 700 M. & COLABA FIXING.

The details can be viewed & downloaded online directely from the Gov

Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement portal (https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in) from Date

NOTE: 1. All eligible/interested contractors /bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the

integrated e-Procurement portal (https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in) and get approval on

specific vendor class from PWD under Centralized Contractor/ Supplier Registration

in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding

Executive Engineer

Water Resources Division, Baikunthpur Korea (C.G.

For, Chief Engineer, Hasdeo Ganga Basin Ambikapur (C.G.)

2. Probable Amount of Contract (P.A.C.) is as per S.O.R. 01.08.2010. (As Amendment

KHARLA DIVERSION SCHEME

कार्यपालन अभियंता,

टी.डी.पी.पी. जल संसाधन संभाग, जगदलपुर कृते, मुख्य अभियंता महानदी परियोजना.

जल संसाधन विभाग, रायपुर छ.ग.

इस कार्यालय का आमंत्रित निविदा क्रमाक 133791, कार्य का नाम बस्तर जिले

Robbers nabbed within 18 hours

rogation, the suspects tried to mislead the police. However, during sustained interrogation, the suspects confessed to committing the robbery. Later, the police seized the looted motorcycle, gold ring and mobile phone. Within 18 hours of the robbery incident, the Supela Police succeeded in catching the accused. Both the accused are habitual offenders of Supela Police Station area. Apart from this case, there is a possibility of their involvement in other crimes.

The accused Ravi alias Jaswinder Singh Palle (30) son of Ninder Singh a resident of Camp-1 Pragati Nagar and Shukdeep Singh alias Deva (23) son of Papinder Singh a resident of Camp-1 Subhash

Chowk, Chhawani have been booked under the provisions mentioned in section 394 of IPC

Inspector Kumar Sharma (SHO, Inspector Tejram Kanwar, Rajesh ASI Constable Vishal Singh, Apil Chaudhary, Ajit Singh and Surendra Giri played a vital role in ar-

Public Works Department Sector-19, North Block, Naya Raipur (C.G.)

E-Procurement Tender Notice E-mail: tenders-pwd.cg@gov.in

NIT No. 212 /TC/EinC/ PWD/2023-24

The Engineer-in-Chief, Public Works Department on behalf of Governor of Chhattisgarh invites percentage rate bids on electronic tendering system under RCPLWE RRP-III in the district of Kanker for construction of 02 Bridges with estimated cost amounting Rs 587.23 Lacs including their maintenance for five years from the contractors registere with unified registration system (e-registration) in Chhattisgarh. Non registered bidders ma submit bid; however the successful bidder must get registered in appropriate class unde "Unified Registration System (e-Registration) of Chhattisgarh before signing the agreement

The bid document shall be available to bidders online free of cost and should be submitted online e-procurement system of government of Chhattisgarh i https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in. Bids form will be available on the website from 30.06.2023 and may be submitted up to 17:00 Hrs. on 21.07.2023

For participating in bidding process, bidders are required to register in the above web site with nominal fee of Rs 500/- to be paid online to service provider. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from authorized

The bidders are required to submit (a) original bid security in approved form and (b original affidavit duly verified and notarized as per clause 4.4 B (a) (ii) and 4.4 B (c) to Chie Engineer, Tender Cell, First Floor, Nirman Bhawan, PWD, North Block, Sector-19, Naya Raipur (C.G.) 492-002 as per provisions of bid document through Speed/ Registered post ailing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive

Detailed schedule of important dates may be seen on notice board of offices and also vailable on website of Public Works Department http://pwd.cg.nic.in

Chief Engineer (Central Tender Cell) Office of Engineer-In-Chief P.W.D. Nava Raipur Atal Nagar (C.G.)

Contract

338.98

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियता, लोक निर्माण विभाग, रायपुर मण्डल क्रमांक २ (छत्तीसगढ़)

ई-प्रोक्युरमेंट निविदा सूचना

(द्धितीय आमंत्रण)

दिनांक 04.07.2023

ामंत्रित की जाती है। ऑनलाईन निविदा डाउनलोड करने की <u>अंतिम तिथ</u>ि 18.07.2023 है।

क्र. / निविदा क्र.	कार्य का नाम	लागत (लाख में)
1	2	3
NIT NO. 50 Tender No. 140538	जिला जेल गरियाबंद में 01 नग बंदी बैरक एवं बंदी शौचालय का निर्माण कार्य।	रू. 54.27 लाख
NIT NO. 51 Tender No. 140540	जिला गरियाबंद के देवमोग में उपसंभाग क्रं.—2 (देवभोग) अनुविभागीय अधिकारी लोक निर्माण विभाग कार्यालय भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	रू. 26.91 लाख
NIT NO. 52 Tender No. 140541	जिला गरियाबंद के अनुविभाग राजिम में स्वामी आत्मानंद उत्कृष्ट अंग्रेजी माध्यम विद्यालय राजिम का उन्नयन कार्य।	रू. 73.70 लाख
NIT NO. 53 Tender No. 140543	देवमोग अनुविभाग अंतर्गत न्यायिक अधिकारी के लिये सिंगल यूनिट 01 नग "ई" टाईप एवं कर्मचारियों के लिये 05 नग "एच" टाईप, 03 नग "आई" टाईप शासकीय आवास गृह का निर्माण कार्य।	ক. 140.72 লাম্ভ

विस्तृत निविदा विज्ञप्ति, निविदा दस्तावेज व अन्य जानकारी ई–प्रोक्योरमेंट वेब पोर्टर https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in अथवा विभागीय वेबसाइट https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in ाउनलोड की जा सकती है। **(राशि रू. 100.00 के नान ज्यूडिशियल स्टाम्प पर निर्धारि**त <u>प्रपत्र में शपथ—पत्र एवं न्यूनतम राशि रू. 10.00 के नान ज्यूडिशियल स्टाम प</u> एनेक्जर—3 का शपथ पत्र (बिडकेपेसीटी उपलब्धता बाबत जानकारी एवं अन्य जानकारी एनआईटी के 2.10 में संलग्न संशोधित प्रपत्रानुसार प्रस्तुत करें।) पृथक से समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशन नहीं किया जावेगा।

अधीक्षण अभियंता

लो.नि.वि., रायपुर मण्डल क्र. 2 (छ.ग.)

Credible Chhattisgarh आपकी थी चाह, हमने बनाई राह G-03088/8



of Ekta Nagar, Old Bhilai; Aniket Rai (23) son of Late Amit Singh, Dekesh a resident of Punjabi Ram Narayan Rai a resi-Colony, New Khursipar; Banchor played a vital role and Lucky Kaushal (20) in nabbing the accused.



People of scheduled castes should be benefited from govt schemes

Bhilai, Jul 07: Chairman of Chhattisgarh State Scheduled Castes Commission, KP Khande chaired a meeting of the district level officers of various departments in the Collectorate hall and reviewed the schemes run by various departments for the Scheduled Castes. He inquired about the beneficiaries of the Scheduled Castes. Chairman KP

Department Section of

SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's

Department, in associa-

tion with Chhattisgarh

Government's Malaria

Eradication Department

is taking rigorous efforts

for prevention of Dengue

and other mosquito-

borne diseases like

malaria, chikungunya

the

TSD has also been run-

ning a door-to-door

Campaign since June 13,

2023 at Sectors I, 2, 3, 4, 5,

and 10, along with Risali,

Maroda and Ruabandha

Sectors. Other sectors of

the township have been

covered under the cam-

paign since July, 2023. Under BSP's Dengue

Prevention Campaign,

rigorous survey, inspec-

tion and distribution of

medicines, sprinkling of

insecticides and fogging

is being carried out on a

massive scale to prevent

eases. As many as 16,328

houses of the township

have been surveyed and

more than 16,443 stag-

nant water sources have

been checked under the

Places with stagnant water were cleaned and

medicines were sprayed. As many as 12,120 packs of Temephos medicine

were distributed by the department in the town-

ship. Intensive Spraying

and fogging was carried

out at 1,370 houses of the

township which were

found with severe mos-

quito infestation. As

many as 1,373 stagnant

campaign.

mosquito-borne

Health

Services

Bhilai

Prevention

Public

etc in

Township.

formation about the relief scheme under Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Atrocities Prevention Act, 1989. At the same time, he called upon the officers to make wide publicity of the schemes and benefits. State Scheduled Caste Commission Secretary BL Banjare, Collector Arvind Ekka, Tribal Development I/c Priyvanda Ramteke and officers of other departments were present.

about the purpose, duties and powers of the

mediately cleaned and

sprayed, along with

medicine distribution,

on account of discovery

of Mosquito Larvae at

such spots. Regular fog-

ging operations have

also been started in the

entire township by vehi-

cle mounted thermal

The Public Health

Department has made

an appeal to the Bhilai

citizens to take sincere

measures for prevention

of Dengue and other

mosquito-borne dis-

eases by emptying cool-

ers and water tanks, at-

least once per week, and

check accumulation of

water in empty utensils,

old tyres and other open

water

accumulation

fogging machines.

of this class. He also emphasized on making people aware. Khande asked the officers to ensure that the people belonging to the Scheduled Castes get the benefits of the schemes run by the government for the the Scheduled Castes. He said that the people of scheduled caste should also be made aware so that they can take full advantage of the schemes of the government. He gave instructions for better implementation of the schemes run by the government for Additional upliftment Scheduled Castes. He spoke about providing justice to the economically, mentally and physically afflicted beneficiaries under Khande also informed the Scheduled Caste Atrocities Prevention Act and benefiting them from the amount of assistance

they have to work sensischemes of the governtively to prevent injustice ment. In-charge Assistant or crime against the people Commissioner Privamvada Ramteke gave Guidance Child

information about hostel facility, inter-caste marriage, post matric scholarship and information about school ashrams and departmental activities being conducted in the district under the schemes run by Tribal Welfare Department. The officers of the District Antyavasai Cooperative Development, District Trade and Industry, District Employment and Self-Employment Center. Education, Police, Social Welfare, Women and Development, Agriculture and Urban Bodies gave information about the beneficiaries of Scheduled Caste that have benefited from the schemes run by the de-

Dengue Prevention Campaign going on constantly in Bhilai Township

कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता मनियारी जल संसाधन संभाग मुंगेली, जिला-मुंगेली (छ.ग.)

//निविदा निरस्तीकरण आदेश//

. / व.ले.लि. / 2023–24 पत्र क्रमांक....

Bhilai, Jul 07: The water sources were imspots, and put oil on the vent mosquitoes from System Tender No./NIT No./

प्रमुख अभियंता, जल संसाधन विभाग, शिवनाथ भवन, सेक्टर-19 नार्थ ब्लॉक, नवा रायपुर, अटल नगर रायपुर (छ.ग.) का पु. क्र. 4262653 / निविदा प्रकोष्ट / 2022 / 8983(Tc) रायपुर दिनांक 28.06.2023 द्वारा दिये गये निर्देश के परिपालन में इस कार्यालय द्वारा आमंत्रित निविदा सूचना क्रं. 04 / व.ले.लि. / 2023-24 दिनांक 31.05.2023, समूह क्रं. 02, सिस्टम नं. 136081 (पंचम आमंत्रण) की निविदा में प्रतिभागी निविदाकार की संख्या निरंक होने के फलस्वरूप उक्त निविदा को "निरस्त " किया जाता है।

जी.नं. - 01863, दिनांक 01.06.2023

कार्यपालन अभियंता मनियारी जल संसाधन संभाग, मुंगेली, जिला-मुंगेली (छ.ग.) G-03081/1 "जल ही जीवन है।"

कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता लोक निर्माण विभाग, रायपुर संभाग क.–1, रायपुर

मैनुअल पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रण सचना

रायपुर, दिनांक 04/07/2023 विज्ञप्ति क्रमांक ४७४४ / एन.आई.टी.-17 / टी.सी. / 23-24 /

कार्य का विवरण	अनुमानित राशि (लाखों में)
S/R. MOW. Deposit and Other Work of Arang Section Various Roads under Survey Sub Division Raipur	19.95
S/R. MOW. Deposit and Other Work of VIP Guest House PAHUNA & Judges Colony Civil Line under Survewy Sub Division Raipur	19.95
Petty Bazar Supply at Arang and Mandir Hasoud Section Residential Building Raipur	10.00

निविदा प्रपत्र प्राप्त करने की तिथि – 26.07.2023

 उपरोक्त निर्माण कार्यों की निविदा की सामान्य शर्ते, धरोहर राशि, विस्तृत निविदा विज्ञाप्ति निविदा दस्तावेज व अन्य जानकारी कार्यालयीन अविध में कार्यालय से प्राप्त की जा सकती है साथ ही यह जानकारी विभागीय वेबसाईट www.cg.nic.in/pwdraipur/ में Live Tender वे अन्तर्गत निविदा प्रपत्र में उपलब्ध। इनका अवलोकन संबंधित संभाग कार्यालय में किया ज सकता है।

शर्तें – सरल क्र.-3 के निविदा में भाग लेने हेतु निविदाकार के पास नगर निगम

कार्यपालन अभियंता लोक निर्माण विभाग संभाग क्र.-1, रायपुर G-03078/2

कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता, लोक निर्माण विभाग कोण्डागांव संभाग, कोण्डागांव Email ID - ee.kondagaon@nic.in & eepwdkondagaon@gmail.com Fax No.-07786243942, Phone No. - 07786242242

G-03069/2

ज्ञा. क्र.

प्रथम निविदा संशोधन सचना

इस कार्यालय द्वारा जारी निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना क्रमांक 06/व.ले.लि. / 2023–24 दिनांक 27.06.2023 में सरल क्रमांक 10 टेण्डर क्रमांक 06/T0049 मे दर्शित कार्य में एतद् द्वारा निम्नानुसार आंशिक संशोधन किया जाता है। जीआई नंबर 02839

क्र.	कार्य का नाम	संशोधित कार्य का नाम	पूर्व में अनुमानित लागत	संशोधित अनुमानित लागत
1	2	3	4	5
06 0049	माकडी अमरावती किमी 1 से 09 एवं 22 से 52 एवं अन्तागढ़ बेडमा मार्ग	के शकाल बांसको ट माकडी अमरावती किमी 22 से 52 एवं अन्तागढ़ बेडमा मार्ग के किमी 36 से 65/8 में डब्ल्यू एमएम पेंच मरम्मत कार्य।	7500.00 150000.00	5 5.00 3750.00 75000.00

निविदा की अन्य शर्तें एवं नियम यथावत रहें में। शहपत्रः– शुन्य।

कार्य ।

कार्यपालन अभियंता लो.नि.वि. कोण्डागांव संभाग, कोण्डागांव G-03041/2





SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER (NIT) FOR EVALUATION STUDY ON RASHTRIYA VAYOSHRI YOJANA (RVY)

RVY is a Central Sector Scheme, fully funded by the Central Government. The expenditure for implementation of the scheme is met from the 'Senior Citizens Welfare Fund'. RVY scheme with the objective to provide Senior Citizens, belonging to BPL category and suffering from age related disabilities/infirmities, such physical aids and assisted living devices as walking sticks, elbow crutches, walkers/ crutches, tripods/ quadpods, hearing aids, wheelchairs, artificial dentures and spectacles etc., free of cost which can help them in restoring their lives to near normalcy from such disabilities or infirmities. The Scheme is being implemented through the sole implementing agency- Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (ALIMCO), a PSU under Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

Important information on date and time schedule:

SI. No.	Particulars	Date & Time
1	Publication of NIT	21.06.2023 at 16:00 hrs
2	Pre-Bid Meeting	06.07.2023 at 10:00 hrs Venue: Department of Social Justice & Empowerment, B-2, Ground Floor, Pandit Deendayal Antyodaya Bhavan, CGO Complex, New Delhi-110003
3	Start date and Time of Submission of NIT	22.06.2023 at 10:00 hrs
4	End date and Time of Submission of NIT	05.08.2023 at 17:00 hrs

For more details and Notice Inviting e-Tender (NIT), please visit

https://socialjustice.gov.in/

'Kotawars' act as bridge between admn-government: SP

'Kotawars' play important role in ensuring peace in villages

'Kotawars Sammelan' held in Basna

Basna, Jul 07: In order to government's words to the villages and to maintain peace in the villages or for declarations related to villagers, the 'Kotawars' play an important role, Dharmendra Chavai in the 'Kotawar Sammelan' of three blocks held at Basna Mandi premises of Mahasamund district, here on Thursday.

Speaking as the Chief Guest of the function he further said 'Kotawars' are like the eves and ears of the government and extend all possible assistance to the police in maintaining law & order in the villages. They act as bridge between the government- administration and villages. As & when any incident takes place in the villages or to pass on any information related to the government schemes or if any information if required by the government from the village of any problem existing there, it is exchanged with the

The 'Kotawars' have all the information about the villages and unless & untill there is peace in the vil-

'Kotawars'.



lage, development is not possible. Apart from ensuring peace in the villages, they Kotawars also play an important role in its development.

SP Dharmendra Singh further said that through this Sammelan, he got an opportunity to get face-toface with 'Kotawars' of Basna, Saraipali, Pithora sub-division and came to know about their problems and share information about the villages and provided him chance to understand them in a better manner and it is for which that this Sammelan has been organised.

SP Dharmendra Singh said that earlier it was 'Kotawars' who used to pass on the information about any incident or problems in the villages, but now it is the social media through which one can pass on the information quickly through mobile phones and due to which police is now able to control any sensitive situation or any crime easily and well on time.

SP asked the 'Kotawars' to maintain coordination with the Thana in-charge of their region and help in ensuring peace and harmony in the villages and inform about any illegal activities or arson or any crime to the police on During this Presidents of Kotawar samaj and Kotawars hailed the organisation of this sammelan. Sarapiali Thana in-Charge Ashish Vasnik proposed vote of thanks and in his address said that with this Kotawar sammelan, the relations between police and Kotawars will be more cordial and would bring positive results.

During this

To seek blessings of 'Pujya Aghoreshwar Sheorinarayan, Jul 07: On occasion of 'Guru Purnima', the followers of 'Aghorpanthi' spread all

Devotees in large number

over the country right from Odisha, Biȟar, ŬP, MP, WB, Maharashtra, Delhi, Jharkhand, and other state and from local Raigarh, Janjgir, Jashpur, Koriya, Korba, Bilaspur, Mungeli, Sarangarh, Balodabazar, Rajnandgaon, Gourela, Pendra, Marwahi, reached to take blessings of their Guru Aghoreshwar -Sant Shri Priyadarshi Ramji in Banora

As per the scheduled programme, after 'Shaktipujan' at Ganesh Peeth', 'safalyoni paath', 'Guru Paduka Pujan', group Aarti, 'Guru Paath', 'Gurudarshan', 'prasad' distribution in group and

Sheorinarayan.

Tehsildar Ramesh Mehta.

Vasnik, TI Sankara Gopal

Shivanand Tiwari, TI

Singhouda Keshav Kosale,

TI Patewa Shailendra Nag,

Bhanwarpur Jitendra Vijaywar, SI Anil

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Chowki

Saraipali Ashish

in-charge

throng 'Aghor Raj'

he delivered his preachings. In his address, 'Pujya Aghoreshwar Sant Shri Priyadarshi Ramji' put forth his views on the problems wide-spread in the society and spirituality and gave instructions to be always ready to render help for welfare and development of nation.

On this occasion, 'Aghorpeeth' trust Banora expressed its gratitude towards the police administration, electricity, health department and youths of Banora for their dedicated

Newly admitted students welcomed with flower petals



On occasion of 'Shala Pravesh utsav' in all Schools of **Sankul Ghiwara**

Kharora, Jul 07: The newly appointed students in all 7 Primary, 3 Middle and High School coingi under Sankul Kendra Ghiwara, of Tilda Block. were welcomed amidst showering of flower petals on occasion of 'Shala Pravesh Utsav' here on Thursday. On this occasion public representa-

all teachers and students were found with special enthusiasm and smile on their faces. Sankul in-charge of Sankul Kendra Ghiwara-Deepak Gupta, Sankul co-

Shala Prabandhan Samiti;

ordinator Kailash Baghel expressed gratitude towards all the heads of the Primary and Middle Schools and the teachers for successfully organising the 'Shala pravesh Utsav' with great fanfare and in an organised

As temperature soars agricultural land starts drying torrential and then inter-

Mungeli, Jul 07: The rise in temperature has increased as soon as the rain stopped and it has resulted in drying of agricultural land. Meanwhile due to humidity the need for coolers and ACs has started again. On the other hand, the water filled in the fields is decreasing rapidly, due to which the land of the farm is getting dry continuously, which is cause of worry for the farmers as sowing season is all set to commence in a

The district has record-



ed an average rainfall of 237.3 mm since June 1. Since June 1, an average rainfall of 171.5 mm has been recorded in Mungeli tehsil, 304.3 mm in Patharia tehsil, and 248.5 mm in Lormi tehsil and 225 mm in Lalpur police

station tehsil. If we look at the record of rains of ten years, this year in the last week of June, maximum rains have been received in the last ten years. Between June 23 and 30, the district recorded 237.3 mm of rain and despite

did not change. According to officials of the Water Resources Department, three to four days of rain after the scorching heat is nothing special for the dam's water storage unit. Now it is likely to rain from next week, due to which the maximum temperature has increased by 9 degrees, in a total of 39 de-

mittent rains for three

days, the situation of

water logging in the major

reservoirs of the district

Collector reviews Godhan Nyaya Yojana



Korea, Jul 06: Under the Collector Vinay Kumar remove the Langeh, a weekly timelimit meeting was held which the Collector did an in-depth review of the government's ambitious Godhan Nyaya Yojana.

Instructing the officials of Forest, Agricultural Horticulture and Krishi Vigyan Kendra to send the demand letter for vermicompost fertilizer soon, he asked them to ensure lifting as per the demand. In

the meeting, the Collector chairmanship of District instructed to take action to Gothan Committees which are not active and issue notices to the AREO, SADO and Secretary after identifying those Gothans which have less than 20 percent con-

The Collector also instructed to plant shady trees in all Gothans and took information from the Forest Department officer regarding the availability of saplings and preparation for tree

inquired about the progress of the renovation works of the schools

Mukhyamantri School Jatan Yojana and asked to update all the completed works in the portal.
Taking information

about the implementation of the announcements made by the Chief Minister during the meeting with the Chief Minister, Collector Mr. Langeh gave instructions to complete the approved construction works within the time limit. District Chief Panchayat's Executive Officer Dr. Ashutosh Chaturvedi, Joint Collector and Deputy District Election Officer Mr. Anil Sidar, Joint Collector Mrs. Akinta Som, Sub-Divisional Officer and other officers-employees

promise even after lapse

The government should fulfill its promise

by regularizing all the

contractual employees of

the state by including

them in the upcoming

supplementary budget,

Secretary Ajay Singh

Kshatriya said that in

District

said.

of 4 years and 6 months.



One nabbed with illicit liquor worth 12,000

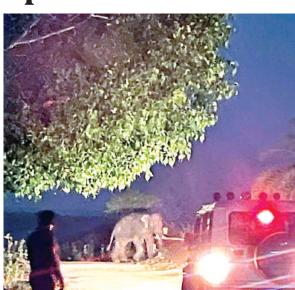
police officers, that a per son was nabbed with 25 quarter bottles of country liquor 'Mashal' of 4.5 bulk lts packed in side two white plastic buckets worth Rs 2750 and another 3.06 bulk lts of liquor with 17 quarters of CG Fine English Whiskey worth Rs 2210 and 9 bottles of Beer worth Rs 6940. It was in the presence of witnesses that

Simga, Jul 07: It was on seizure letter was prebooked under section 34 (2) of Excise Act. The accused is Nohar Banjare, S/o Late Lakhan Banjare, (30), R/o Musawadih Thana Simga and sent to jail. In the above action, Head Constable Chandrabhan Pandey. Ramnarayan Verma, constable Birendra Sinham, Lokesh Dadsena played an impor-

Stranded Elephant creates chaos

phant separated from its herd, created havoc in the region, as it went out looking for its herd. It reached office of the District Police Control Room and Cyber Cell after entering from the Tandur reservoir. The police personnel kept hiding in their respective offices, whereas a video has come to the fore in the same office where all the personnel are waiting for the elephant to come out while pacifying each other. Later it moved towards Jurri Para area, where simultaneously, the forest department's team was also waiting for the elephant to come out, which created a stir in the whole city throughout the night.

As per information, the present location of the elephant is being told as Room No. 288 RF Complex Jatadah Assistant Circle Ganji Circle Lohara



Villages Baihakua, Jatadah, Shivni ,Poplatola ,Sahagaon, Ganji, Bhalukonha ,Kamta, Ureta ,Gurami ,Bharda, Pingal ,Maraitola and Boirdih has been kept on alert while

the Forest Department team is also continuously is patrolling. According to the information received from the forest department, the elephant is traveling fast and it is not staying at one place.

Contract workers protest against non-fulfillment of regularization



Central Chronicle News

Mungeli, Jul 07: The contractual employees working here in the region have gone on an indefinite strike due to nonfulfillment of the promise of regularization in the public manifesto. The work in the government office was affected due to the strike of contract em-

ployees and District convenor of Chhattisgarh All Departmental Contract Employees Federation, Takeshwar Sahu said that the government had promised regularization to us contract employees in point number 11 of the public manifesto for the 2018 elections, but it is undemocratic for the government not to fulfill its memorandum to 33 District Collectors and Congress Ministers, MLAs and people's representatives, dialogue was not estab-Federation's patron

Uday Bhanu Banjare and Manish Tamboli told that the crowd of contract workers will decide which party will form the government in Chhattisgarh in the 2024 elections.

years, there is a situation of lack of communica-

tion from the government

and even after giving

Kaleshwar Sahu, Avi Sahu, Pawan Nirmalkar, Dhananjay, Parmeshwar Chandrahas, Yadav, Sandeep participated in this program. Ajay, Manisha Banjare, Bina Dhritalhare, Gayatri, Bhagwati, Nishi Masih, Sumit Jaiswal, all the contract employees of the district including the chief officers were presthese four and a half ent in the strike.

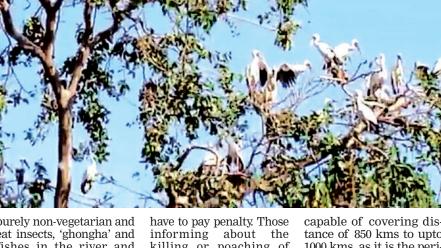
Thousands of Asian Bill Storks arrive in Lachkera Covering thousands of miles for breeding here

Elders says that they are coming for last many decades

Fingeshwar, Jul 07: The

arrival of Asian Bill Stork covering thousands of kilometers of journey from other countries to Gram Lachkera under Fingeshwar block has started prior to arrival of monsoon here on Thursday. Many elders of village informed that it is prior to their birth, that flock of these birds viz. Asian Bill Stork arrive here from other countries to Lachkera for breeding season as guests. They informed that these birds are coming prior to their fathers, grand-fathers and fore-fathers as well and even they do not know as to for how many decades back these birds are coming to Lachkera for their nests and breeding.

Farmers informed that these Asian Bill Stork are



purely non-vegetarian and eat insects, 'ghongha' and fishes in the river and ponds as their diet. It is due to their presence, the farming of Khariff crop is safe due to their eating away of all the insects during this season. Set aside this the waste from these birds acts as good source of manure for the farms. Even the villagers are aware of importance of presence of these birds and therefore none have killed any of these birds and had issued a forewarning that anyone killing these birds will

killing or poaching of these birds is even paid prize in the form of cash.

Acting as enemy to insects for the Khariff crop and as friends of the farmers, the surrounding of the Gram Lachkera has started resonation with the chirpiness of these Asian Bill Stork. Th villagers of Gram Lachkera even treat the arrival of these guest birds as auspicious for them.

Can cover upto 1000 kms The Asian Bill Stork are tance of 850 kms to upto 1000 kms, as it is the period of their breeding. Therefore they fly in group and reside in the place where they find the atmosphere comfortable. What is unique about these birds is that the place where they reside for the first time, they continue it for the second time as well always. The guest birds are

treated as centre of love and commitment and finally after breeding, they return to their homeOn occasion of Shala Pravesh Utsav in Govt Girl's School Mastui

Central Chronicle News

Masturi, Jul 07: 'Shala Pravesh Utsav' was celebrated at the local Government Girls Higher Secondary School on Wednesday. And under the Saraswati Cycle Yojana, cycles were distributed to girl students. The program was inaugurated by lighting the lamp.

After that the message of Chief Minister and Education Minister was read out to the present guests and students. The newly admitted girl students were admitted by

Central Chronicle News

Gaurela-Pendra- Marwarhi,

Jul 07: The Secretary AICC

and Secretary in-charge

PCC Chandan Yaday was

accorded warm welcome

at Pendra Road on his re-

turn from Surguja by the

Congress representatives



applying 'tilak' and offeing them sweets. Along with this, free text-books and pens were provided to the girl students by the guests

Member Uttam Vasudev,

District President Manoj

Gupta, District President

(Pichada Varg Vibhag)-

Ramesh Sahu, Alderman

President- Gajmati Bhanu

Shankar Sahu, Manoj

Prakash Banka, ila Congress

Bablu,

present in the pro-

The guests said that education can remove igno-

without education. And awarded the parents were requested to send their children to school everyday.

At the same time, a call was given to the public community, teachers that there should be 100% admission in the school so that no student is deprived of the mainstream of edu-

Principal VR Samuel expressed his thoughts regarding the celebration of school entrance festival and also on the percentage by the school management. Outstanding girl students of class X and XII

shields. After that cycles were distributed to the newly admitted girl stu-

During this, Public Participation Committee President Suresh Dubey, MP Representative Pawan Shriwas, District Panchayat Member Bhardwaj, Chandni District Panchayat Vinita Rajju Member Bhargava, Sarpanch Mayarani Markam, ABO Porte, Bharat Kurre, Sanjay Gupta and Chedi Shriwas and other digni-

Panchayat held under tree in Salkhand Gram Panchayat



Central Chronicle News

Basna, Jul 07: In Gram Panchayat Salkhand, due to dilapidation of the Panchayat building for the last three years, the work of the Panchayat is being done in the platform built under the tree. The problems of the people are heard by organizing Gram Sabha here.

It is notable that Panchayat Bhavan was constructed 32 years ago in 1992-93 in Salkhand, a

Name of the Borrower / Guarantor &

No.02, Junwani Road, Bhilai, Dist- Durg

panchavat with a population of about 2500, 35 km from the block headquarters. But, from the year 2015-20, the panchayat building became completely dilapidated, due to which the villagers have to wander to get the benefits of the schemes run by the

job cards, pensions. After the Panchayat Elections 2020, people felt

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of the Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act)

A notice is hereby given that the following Borrower/s (Borrower), and guarantor have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non Performing Assets (NPA).

The notices were issued to them under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforceme of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses, now they are hereby informed by way of this public notice.

Address

M/s.Total Care Enterprises, Prop. Mr. Sanjay

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Hypothecation of stocks Like LED Street Light, Solar Street

Sharan S/o Late Nishikant Sharan, Chouhan | Light, Water Cooler, Commercial RO, Domestic RO, CCTV

Housing (Chouhan Green Valley), Phase-1,1st
Floor, Flat No. 01, Block No. -A-15, Ward

March Physiol Pack British District

31.05.2023

Mr. Sanjay Sharan S/o Late Nishikant Equitable Mortgage of immovable free hold property is Sharan Chouhan Housing (Chouhan Green situated at Mouza Junwani, Ward No. 02, flat no 01, Block No. Valley), Phase-1,1st Floor, Flat No. 01, Block No. 02, Junwani Road, Bhilai, Dist-Durg (C.G.)

Securitization and Reconstrction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002.

Details of Properties/ Address of Secured Assets to

be Enforced

Bhilai, Teh. & Dist. Durg (C.G.), Area 595 sqft in the name o

Mr. Sanjay Sharan S/o Late Nishikant Sharan.

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrower(s) and /or their Guarantor(s) (whenever applicable) are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of

Panchayats of the Central

and State Government

with facilities like various

certificates, ration cards,

they will not have any problems or complaints and the hope arose that the demand for a building in the Panchayat's government panchayat would be

District member Tarachand Sahu said that not having a panchayat building is a big problem and here a large number of people keep waiting for the rural secretary everyday to get birth and death certificates made.

What officer says

Efforts will be in the interest of the villagers. I will try to work keeping in mind the interest of the general public. Janpad CEO Ashish Karma

Date of NPA

22.06.2023

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Expenses w.e.f. 01.06.2023

Women organize anti-liquor front vigilance

Arang, Jul 07: Enthused by the solidarity of the villagers and the support of the nearby villages, women have taken up an anti-liquor front in village Asaunda. It may be noted that 8-10 coaches active in village Asaunda had maintained an atmosphere of undeclared liquor furnace in the village, due to this, not only the common villagers of Asaunda but also the villagers of nearby villages passing through the road were in trouble. On the request of the village heads of the affected surrounding villages and the villagers of Asaunda and especially the women, a meeting was called by the panchayat and encouraged by the assurance of solidarity and active cooperation of the villagers in the meeting, immediately after the meeting, the women along with the village heads took to vigilance against the anti-liquor front.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank 🖈

Branch: Devendra Nagar, Raipur (CG)

Note- M/s Creative Enterprises- Regarding removal of movable property from the security attached to you account number- 3705285000008. Due to your above account becoming a non-performing asset, the security attached to your account has been taken physical possession by the bank under the SARFAESI Act, and has been put up for sale to recover the outstanding amount, the auction of which has been fixed or 31.07.2023. Through this information/notice, you are informed that within 07 days, you should secure the movable property from the security in your possession, otherwise there will be no responsibility of the bank. Details of Property given under bellow.

Borrower & Guarantor Name: M/s Creative Enterprises, Proprietor: Mr Akbar Haidary S/o Ahsanul Haque, H No A4, Shri Ram Vihar, Behind Mining Office, Ring Road, Raipur 492001. Guarantor: Mr Safdar H No A4, Shri Ram Vihar, Behind Mining Office, Ring Road, Raipur 492001.

Detail of Possessed Property: All that part and parcel of the diverted residential land Kh No 139/15, part plot no A-04, Purena, Shriram Vihar Rani Durgawati ward No 45, PH No 113, RIC, RAIPUR. Area: 1250 sqft BOUNDARIES:-North: Plot No A-03, South: Plot No A-05, East: Road, West: Other's plot.

Date: 07.07.2023 Place: Raipur (CG)

STATE BANK OF INDIA RACPC BHILAI, SBI Premises, Sector-1, Bhilai, Distt. Durg (C.G.) Pin-490001, Ph.:0788-222690

Notice is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, a demand notice was issued on the dates mentioned against each account and stated herein after calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notice. The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Act on the dates mentioned against each account. The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby calitoned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the STATE BANK OF INDIA for an amount and interest thereon.

The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets. Publication of Notice Regarding Possession of Property u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI Act 2002

No.		Demand Notice Dt. Possession Notice Dt.	Outstanding Amount	Properties Details	
1.	Borrower:- Mr. Bhikari Vishwakarma S/o Mr. Shivaji Vishwakarma	(1) 27.04.2023 (2) 03.07.2023	Interest & Other Charges	Kohka (Shanti Nagar) Inner side, Kh No. 6919/5, Ward No. 11, Admeasuring Area 1650 soft. Situated at mouia Kohka (Shanti	
	Nagar) Inner side, Tah & Dist-Durg land is held by Mr Bhikari Vishwakarma S/o Mr. Shivaji Vishwakarma. Boundaries: North- 20' Wide Road, South- Bangali's House, East- Gupta's Khatal, West- Soni's House				

IDBI BANK LTD. Regional Office- Bhilai (C.G.)

APPENDIX IV [RULE 8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Properties)

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of IDBI BANK LIMITED under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a Demand Notice(s) dates as below mentioned dates calling upon the Borrower(s)/ Mortgagor(s) as mentioned below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice and Interes thereon within 60 days from date of the receipt of the said notice. The Borrower(s)/ Mortgagor(s) having failed to repay the amount notice is hereby given to the borrower(s)/ Mortgagor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 said rules on this the date mentioned below. The Borrower(s)/ Mortgagor(s) in particular and the Public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of IDBI BANK LIMITED, for amount mentioned below and interest thereon.

The Borrower(s)/ Mortgagor(s) attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

	Mortagagors	2) Possession Notice	demand notice		
	Borrower- M/s Inspro Enterprises, Partners- Shri Shrinivas Acharya & Smt.	(2) 04.07.2023	Other Charges thereon	Property No. 1) Assets owned and mortgaged b Shri A. Prakash Rao S/o Venkat Rao, All that part parcel of the property consisting of Plot No. 6/18	
	Shri A. Prakash Rao and Shri	Street No.10,Kh No. 317/38,PH No15,Rajalaxmi Grih Nirman Sahkari Samiti, Anand Naga Behind Maharshi Vidhya Mandir,Junwani Ward No1,Bhilai within the Registration Sub-Distric Durg,District-Durg,State-Chhattisgarh.Bounded: North by: Plot No.17, South by: Plot No.19			
	East by: Plot No. 27, West by:	Road. together with	all buildings and struct	tures thereon and all plant and machinery attached t	

the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth Property No. 2) Assets owned and mortgaged by Shri Shrinivas Acharya and Smt. Beena Acharya, All that part and parcel of the property consisting of House MIG-744, Padmnabhpur, CGHB Durg, Ward No. 459 (West) within the Registration Sub-District Durg, District-Durg, State-Chhattisgarh. Bounded: North by: House No. MIG - 745, South by: House No. MIG 743, East by: Boundary Wall, West by: Road, together with all buildings and structures thereon and all plant and machinery attached to the

Borrower- Shri Ripu Daman (1) 28.02.2023 Assets owned and mortgaged by Shri Pawan Sing Rs. 33.04.085/-+ Further Interest & Other Charges thereon Bhadouriya, All that part and parcel of the propert consisting of Khasra No.520/1,Patwari Halka No. Bhadouriya & Mortgagor cum Guarantor Shri Pawan Singh Bhadouriya. Branch-Jagdalpur 09,Rakba-1.88 hectre, out of which after mutation and diversion Khasra No.520/3,Rakba 0.2 hectare or 21780 sq ft or 2024.163 sq mtr is diverted for commercial purpose and situated at village- Bade Marenga, RNN Keshloor, Tehsil Tokapal, Dist-Bastar, Chhattisgarh. Bounded: North by: Road & Land Khasra No. 366, 506 & 509, South by Land Khasra no.521, 522, East by: Land Khasra No.519, 536, West by: Road & Land Khasra No.360 & 520/2. together with all buildings and structures thereon and all plant and machinery attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anythin

Date: 08.07.2023, Place: Bhilai

earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth.

Name & Address of the

from Gaurela- Pendra -President Aman Sharma, Marwahi (GPM) here on Mohan Shukla, Maniesh Thursday. Kesari, Harsh Agrawal, MLA Marwahi Dr KK Sukhdev Singh Grewal and others were present.

Shala Pavesh Utsav held

in 'Diwanbhedhi' School

Chandan Yadav accorded

warm welcome



FORM NO. 14
[See Regulation 33(2)]
By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which by Publication
OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL JABALPUR
797/2, SHANTIKUNJ, SOUTH CIVIL LINES, JABALPUR - 482001

Demand Notice

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY

ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.

CANARA BANK

PRIME FOOD WORKS (CD1) PRIME FOOD WORKS, 81, Commercial Complex, Nehru Nagar (East), Bhilai

(CD 2) RAMAYA BHAT, 81, Commercial Complex, Nehru Nagar (East), Bhilai, DURG

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders par

by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL JABALPUR in 0A/426/2017 ar amount of Rs. 3165164.76 (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Sixty Five Thousands One Hundre Sixty Four And Paise Seventy Six Only) along with pendentellite and future interest @ 12 %

Simple Interest Yearly w.e.f. 15.05.2017 till realization and costs of Rs. 34000 (Rupee

Thirty Four Thousands Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally/Fully

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of th

notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts

3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on o

4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 22/08/2023 at 10:30 a.m.

(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice an varrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:

notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.

Students presented with uniforms, text-books

Central Chronicle News

Dongargaon, Jul 07: Shala Pravesh Utsav was observed in Middle and Primary School in Gram Diwanbhedhi Dongargaon Janpad area. On this occasion, Rohit Sonkar Janpad Sabhapati

distributed text-books and uniforms to students free of cost and welcomed the students by applying 'tilak' and offering sweets to them.

On occasion of 'Pravesh Utsav', Sonkar cited various schemes of the state government and informed

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Durg, CHATTISGARH-

nefore the next date of hearing.

or further proceedings.

RC/210/2019

that a sanction of Rs 16.20 lakh has been granted by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel for construction of two additional rooms in the School and tor which he expressed

gratitude towards CM. He also appealed students to come to school regularly and study hard, so as to carve a better future and wished them all the best in their future endeavours. On this occasion Neelam Goswami. Lakhanlal Sahu, Hukum Lal Sahu, Ramvilas Sahu, Dev Sahu, Gaindlal Sahu, Praveena Patel, Meen Bai, Narbadiya Sahu, Kesar Nishad, Durgabai Renu Sinha, Usha Bai, Parvati Nishad and others were present.

It is informed to the general public that I Chhotu Ram Miree,

NAME CHANGE

S/o Koduram Miree have changed my old Name Chhotu Ram, S/o Koduram so in future/should be recognized by my new name that is Chhotu Ram Miree, S/o Koduram Miree, Vill. Kodawa, P.O.-Madhi, Distt. Raipur (C.G.) 493116 in all government and other Documents.

Chhotu Ram Miree, √ill. Kodawa, P.O.-Madhi, Distt. Raipur (C.G.) Pin-493116

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A scheduled commercial bank) (A scheduled com mercial bank)

SUPELA BRANCH, TULSI COMPLEX, KOHKA ROAD,

SUPELA, BHILAI, DIST-DURG, C.G. Phone: 0788-2297155

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur oramangla Inner Ring Road Office: Krishna Complex, Opp. Aurobindo Netralaya, Main Road, Sadar Bazar, Raipur-492001.

Earnest Money

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (SARFAESI ACT) 2002, READ WITH PROVISO RULE 8(6) & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.

The undersigned as authorised officer of Jana Small Finance Bank Limited has taken possession of the following property in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT The Borrower in particular and public at large are informed that online auction (e-auction) of the mortgage property in the below mentioned account for realisation of dues of the Bank will be held or "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" on the date as prescribed as here under. Present Outstanding | Date & Time of

No. Number	Name of Original Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of 13-2 Notice	Date of Possession	balance as on 03.07.2023	Inspection of the property	in INR	Deposit (EMD) in INR	of E-Auction	& Place for Submission of Bid
45118640000279	1) M/s. Shree Gurukripa Merchant, Represented by its Proprietor Mr. Sandeep Kumar Gowani, S/o. Raj Kumar Gowani, 2) Mr. Sandeep Kumar Gowani, S/o. Raj Kumar Gowani, 3) Mr. Sunil Gowani, S/o. Raj Kumar Gowani, 4) Mrs. Kanak Gowani, W/o. Sandeep Gowani, 5) Mr. Kashish Gowani, W/o. Sunil Gowani		10.04.2023	Rs.1,08,02,012.29 (Rupees One Crore Eight Lakh Two Thousand Twelve and Twenty Nine Paise Only)	20.07.2023 09.00 AM to 05.30 PM	Rs.92,25,000/- (Rupees Ninety Two Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Only)	Rs.9,22,500/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Five Hundred Only)	10.08.2023 @ 11.00 AM to 02.00 PM	09.08.2023 before 05.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Limited, Krishna Complex, Opp. Aurobindo Netralaya, Main Road, Sadar Bazar, Raipur-492001

Khasra No.147/9, Situated at "Aishwarva Empire", Mauza Labhandi, Maharshi Valmiki Ward, Ward No.28, P.H. No.113/44, New No.65, R.N.M. Raipur-02, Tehsil & District Raipur (C.G.), Bounded by: East by: Road West by: Plot No.55, North by: Road and South by: Plot No.83.

The properties are being held on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" & "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and the E-Auction will be conducted 'On Line'. All payments relating to purchase of above said property to be made in favour of Jana Small Finance Bank. The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider M/s. 4 Closure at the web portal https://bankauctions.in & www.foreclosureindia.com. For more information and For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact M/s. 4 Closure; Contact Mr. Bhaskar Naidu, Contact Number: 8142000809/ 81 subbarao@bankauctions.in For further details on terms and conditions to take part in e-auction proceedings and any for any query relating to property please contact Jana Small Finance Bank officers Mr. Ajay Naik (Mob No.9960948687) & Mr. Prashant Yadav (Mob No.9200010006) To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there are no encumbrances on the properties. However the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property put on prior to submitting their bid. No conditional bid will be accepted. This is also a notice to the above named Borrowers/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors about e-auction scheduled for the mortgaged properties. The Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date: 08.07.2023, Place: Raipur

Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited



Regional Office: Netaji Marg, Nr. Mithakhali Six Roads, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad-6. Phone: +91-79-26421671-75

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in the exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorized Officer issued demand notice to the borrower(s) on the date mentioned against the account stated hereinafter calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notice. The borrower(s), having failed to repay the amount notice is hereby given to the public in general and particular to the borrower(s) that the undersigned has taken physical possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the date mentioned against the loan account. The borrower(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank for the amounts, interest, costs and charges thereon. The borrowers'/mortgagors' attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset.

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Ш	Name of borrower(s) & Loan	Description of the property mortgaged (Secured Asset)	Date of	Date of Physical	Outstanding Amt. as on
П	Account No.		Demand Notice	Possession Notice	Date of Demand Notice
	Mr. Girwar Sahu	All that part and parcel of the immovable property situated at Khasara No.354, New	12.10.2021	03.07.2023	Rs.15,88,462.91
	Mrs. Geeta Sahu	Khasara No.354/1 PHN 26, Village Loharsi, RNM Bhothali, Gandhi Chowk (Khartuli			
	20008540001606	Road), Tahsil & District Dhamtari- 493773 and bounded by:			
		North: Road, East: House of Nagendra, West: House of Bhagwati, South: Gali			

Vaatsalya Kumar, Recovery Officer

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 27/06/2023.

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, JABALPUR

27.06.2023

Place: Dhamtari Date: 08/07/2023

Authorised Officer Bandhan Bank Limited

WARM FAREWELL



Governor Biswabhushan Harichandan and CM Bhupesh Baghel bid warm farewell to PM Narendra Modi at the Science College ground helipad.

Research should be such as to benefit the society and the nation: Vice-Chancellor

Induction prog for PhD researchers organized in Department of Commerce

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, Jul 07: The induction program for the newly admitted Ph.D. researchers of the Commerce Department of Guru Ghasidas University (Central University) was organized on July 06, 2023 at 11 am with Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Alok Kumar Chakrawal as the Chief Guest. The Registrar, Prof. Manish Srivastava was

duction program, Professor Chakrawal, while congratulating the newly admitted Ph.D. scholars, said that the youth should do research which is useful to the society and the nation. He said, "New facts, principles, methods or objects are discovered in research and in such a situation, we must carry out such research work whose references become standard in the whole world. A researcher should choose such subjects which contain the solutions to the problems of the society and the nation".

Vice-Chancellor. Professor Chakrawal gave the researchers the basic



ups, business discipline and of business models through various live examples. He said that apart from being a good researcher, or a good teacher, one should also keep in mind the first priority, that of being a good human being. By being disciplined with dedication,

practice, restraint and coor-

dination, researchers can produce better results with limited resources. He called upon the researchers to do such research that the name of the university is established at the national and international level.

Before this, at the beginning of the program, the guests on the stage were welwith saplings. Thereafter, the welcome ad-

Bhuvana Venkataraman, Head of the Department of Commerce. The Special Guest, the Registrar, Prof. Manish Srivastava and Dean, School of Commerce and Management expressed their views. The guests on the stage were honored by presenting shawl, shreephal, and mementoes. The program was conducted by Dr Shailesh Dwivedi and the vote of thanks was presented Dr. Buddheshwar Singraul. Heads of departments, teaching staff, and research scholars of the Department of Commerce and Management Studies

IIM Raipur achieves exceptional investment education standards

By joining CFA Institute's university affiliation prog to offer CFA program scholarships

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Jul 07: Toward the accomplishment of a new step in completing CFA, three exceptional students from IIM Raipur have successfully passed the CFA Level-1 examination in May'2023. We extend our wholehearted congratulations to these outstanding students for their exceptional accomplishments.

Their dedication, perseverance, and profound understanding of investment management professionals have been exemplified through their successful completion of the demanding CFA Level 1 exam. This significant milestone propels them to achieve the prestigious Chartered Financial Analyst® (CFA®) designation.



Management Raipur (IIM-R), a premier business school in India renowned for developing competent and ethical business leaders, has partnered with CFA Institute's University Affiliation Program (UAP). This collaboration demonstrates IIM Raipur's unwavering commitment to delivering exceptional education and professional development in investment management, meeting the highest global standards.

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Affiliation Program, IIM Raipur demonstrates its commitment to providing a world-class education that prepares students for exceptional careers in investment management. This collaboration fosters the development of future leaders in the investment profession, equipping them with the highest standards of knowledge, ethics, and skills required to thrive in the dynamic global financial industry. The CFA Program, renowned worldwide for setting the gold



standard in developing investment professionals' skills, competence, and integrity, is the pinnacle of achievement in the finance industry

Completing the program and earning the esteemed Chartered Analyst® (CFA®) charter is a distinction reserved for only the most accomplished candidates.Being an affiliate of the CFA institute, selected students of IIM, Raipur, secured student scholarships for the CFA program.

Two students of Chouksey Group selected on 7.25 LPA package ing the best quality educa-

Central Chronicle News

Intellipaat Online Campus Placement Drivewas conducted in ChoukseyGroup of Colleges, Bilaspur (C.G) in recent days. As the result of several stages of recruitment drive,2 students Shivani Chitturi of Engineering (CSE) and Samriddhi Singh of MBA branch finally got selected and were offered 7.25 Lakh per annum package and soon will be joining the Bangalore Office in com-

Intellipaatis one of the leading IT Sector company working globally with thousands of employees in the field of education sector and research. It had marked its continuous growth in the field of Education, Technology and Research. Dr. Ashish Jaiswal, the Managing

IIT Bhilai holds panel discussion on G20 and Indian Economy



Samriddhi Singh

Director of Chouksey Group wished a very bright future to the selected students. Principal Dr. Sanjay Administrative Officer Dr Nitin Jain, TPO Prof. Vinod S Kharsan, also congratulated the selected students and wished them a successful career. Prof. V. S. Kharsan, TPO, of Chouksey Group informed that this was the 35th Campus Recruitment



Shivani Chitturi

Drive so far for the final year students of 2022-23 session and in near future more Companies are in pipeline for recruitment.

The Company has cho-Chouksey Engineering College seeing the Quality of Education and Work Culture. It is remarkable to note that Chouksey Group of College, Bilaspur (C.G) is the only academic institute which is provid-

tion and engaged in student's future creating activities through T&P cell and other departments. Chouksey Group of college is well known for its campus drives in this zone campus interviews process is conducted allround the year. Chouksey Group of Colleges is determined to

give the quality education &with overall exposure to his students. College has NSS Wing and NCC Wing for students overall development and to serve the society and nation. Chouksey Group has tie ups with industries, MoUs with professional bodies to give their best to their students. The Alumni are serving in various Govt. and Private sectors in different Companies of National and International repute.

Tata Power to implement smart metering project in CSPDCL

To cost Rs 1744 cr

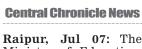
Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Jul 07: Tata Power has received Letter of Award 'LOA' to implement smart metering project in Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company Limited (CSPDCL). The LOA has been issued in conclusion to the tender floated by CSPDCL for three packages for different areas under the Chhattisgarh Discom. Tata Power participated in package 2 and emerged as a winner. The value of Project awarded to TPCL is Rs 1744 Crore and the project will be spanned over a period of 10 years.

Dr. Praveer Sinha, CEO& MD, Tata Power said "We are pleased to announce that we have won a significant order worth Rs. 1744 crore to implement Smart

Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company Limited. It is a testament to our execution expertise in delivering high value and specialized projects which are aimed at transforming the power distribution do-

The Project shall include Design, Supply, Installation, Commissioning followed by Operation and Maintenance of smart meters at conend and at sumer Distribution Transformers level. The project will be executed under Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) and is expected to improve the AT&C losses in the designated area and increase revenue collection for CSPDCL. CSPDCL is a state-owned electricity distribution company responsible for providing electricity to consumers across the state of Chhattisgarh



Ministry of Education, Government of India is observing India's Presidency of the G20 with an ambitious outreach programme under This pro Bhagidari". gramme aims to make India's G20 Presidency a people's movement, centred on people's participa-

Academic symposia, sporting events, swachchta campaigns, and students' competitions are being organised in educational institutions and universities across India

in pursuance of this aim. In keeping with the vision of Jan Bhagidari, the Department of Liberal Arts at IIT Bhilai organised a panel discussion on the topic "G20 and Indian Economy" on 4 July 2023. Sitakanta Panda,



Assistant Professor, School of Humanities, Social Sciences Management Bhubaneswar and Dr Shreya Biswas, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Finance, BITS Pilani Hyderabad were discussants for the event, which was moderatby Dr Rekha Assistant Ravindran. Professor, Department of Liberal Arts, IIT Bhilai.

The discussion was presided by Prof Rajiv Prakash, Director, IIT Bhilai, who offered insightful comments on the potential for innovation in agriculture and education sectors respectively towards building a resilient and strong economy.

The panellists discussed that the Indian economy is on an upward growth path, highlighting that the three geopolitical shocks-



the pandemic-induced contraction in global output, a global surge in inflation owing to the Russia-Ukraine conflict, and coordinated policy rate hikes by central banks-have shown signs of dissipating and getting spaced out.

The US Fed rate hike led to a capital inflight into the US which caused an appreciation of the dollar against most currencies. This has led to widening **Current Account Deficits** and increased inflationary pressures in net importing economies, slowing global growth, tightening monetary policy, and persistent inflation in advanced economies pose downside risks to the global economic outlook.

Despite these downside risks, India is poised to be the fastest-growing major economy clocking at 6.5 to 7 per cent in FY23. Figures

for farm production, serv ices sector exports, rural demand, human capital, and employment numbers have seen an impressive rise whereas a narrowing CAD with sufficient import cover, easing commodity prices, good harvest and credit growth picking up across sectors have contributed to very positive medium-term prospects for India. The discussion proved

enlightening for the scholars and faculty who attended the event, allowing them a pertinent opportunity to gain deep insights into the workings of the Indian economy from both macroeconomic and microeconomic perspectives. IIT Bhilai remains committed to upholding the principles of Bhagidari as envisioned by the Government of India in observing and celebrating Presidency of the G20.

- **Bacteria not found** in water test
- **Instructions given** to provide better health services to diarrhea patients

Central Chronicle News

Jagdalpur, Jul 07: Collector Vijay Dayaram visited Sosanpal on Wednesday and met the patients and villagers suffering from diarrheal disease and inquired about their well-being. He took cognizance from the villagers about the cause of diarrhea in the village.

The villagers told that some people of the village who had returned from Allahabad started diarrhea. Due to interruption in power supply in the vil-



arranged from the solar powered pump located in Gauthan, while the villagers were using water from the Gauthan pump even before.

The Collector instructed the Public Health **Engineering Department** officer to give the water quality test report soon,

bacteria were found in the test report. He has given instructions to conduct a complete investigation into the root cause of the increase in diarrhea patients in the village.

District Along with this, in the survey work being done in the village, the person who is being identified present.

with diarrheal disease was asked to provide immediate health facilities. Along with giving information about prevention and treatment of seasonal diseases to the common people through awareness camp, asked to provide health education.

Before this. Collector inspected the temporary health center operated Panchayat Bhawan. He instructed to make basic arrangements for the patients and provide better health services through the health center.

On this occasion, Chief Executive Officer of Panchayat Prakash Sarve, Sub-Divisional Magistrate Tokapal Rituraj Bisen, CMHO Dr RK Chaturvedi and other officers were

National Deworming Day to be celebrated in state on August 10

Filaria eradication program to be organized in seven districts from **August 10-17**

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Jul 07: National Deworming Day will be celebrated in the state on August 10. Mass drug intake program (MDA) will be organized in seven districts of the Durg, Bemetara, Janjgir-Champa, Sakti. Mungeli and Mahasamund from August 10 to August 17 under the Eradication Program. Additional Chief Secretary of Health and Family Welfare Department



Mrs. Renu G. Pillai took a meeting of the State Level Steering Committee at Mantralaya on Wednesday and gave necessary guidelines regarding both the campaigns. She told the officials of Health Department and other departments present in the meeting to achieve 100 percent target in both the campaigns. The outline and effective implementation of both the campaigns were discussed in the district level steering commit-

In the meeting, Director of National Health Mission Mr. Bhoskar Vilas Sandipan. Deputy Director of Health Department Dr. V.R. Bhagat and Dr. Mahendra Singh along with officials from Health Department, School Education Department, Panchayat and Rural Development Department, Women and Development Department, Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)

Evidence Action and other organizations were present. During the National Deworming Day, on August 10, deworming medicine will be given to all the children and teenagers in the state from one year to 19 years. Children and adolescents who have been left out of taking medicine on

August 10 will be given medicine on the mop-up day on August 17. Children will be given deworming medicine in Anganwadis, government schools, health centers, aided private schools and technical education institutions. Half a tablet of Albendazole will be given to children of one year to two years. Children above two years of age should be given D.E.C. with Albendazole.

Modi inaugurates, lays stone of projects worth around Rs 7,600 cr

In Chhattisgarh

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Jul 07 (PTI): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday inaugurated and laid foundation stones of eight projects worth around Rs 7,600 cr in Chhattisgarh capital Raipur. During an event held at the Science College ground here, PM Modi also virtually flagged off a train between Antagarh in Kanker district of the state and Raipur. He kick-started the distribution of cards of the Centre's Ayushman Bharat scheme to beneficithe state. Assembly elections in Chhattisgarh are due by the end of this year.

Speaking on the occasion, PM Modi said these new projects will open up ample employment opportunities for the people of the state and ease their lives. The projects will start a new journey of facilities and development in tribal-dominated areas,

"In the last 9 years, the



PM Narendra Modi during the inauguration and foundation stone laying ceremony of several developmental projects, in Raipur, Friday. Chhattisgarh Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan and Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel are also seen.

National Highway projects of 3,500 km length in Chhattisgarh, of which projects of 3,000 km length have been completed." he said. "We have been developing infrastructure in the areas which have been lagging in the race of development," the prime minister added. Another benefit of infrastructure which is seldom discussed is that it is related to injustice, he

The Centre has been providing modern facili-

take care of the house. On

the morning of June 26,

when they reached they

saw main gate locked but

the door of the hall inside

the house open. Moreover

locks of 3 rooms inside the

house were seen broken

and the household items

The cupboard lockers

kept inside these rooms were found broken.

Thieves had stolen jew-

ellery worth about Rs 3

lakh. After this, complaint

Khamtrai police station.

During investigation, the

police suspected two histo-

ry sheeters. When they

were taken into custody

and interrogated, they

confessed to their crime.

lodged with the

were lying scattered.

been facing injustice and lack of facilities for the last several decades," the Prime Minister said. At the event, the PM dedicated to the nation four-laning of the 33-km-long Raipur-Kodebod section of the National Highway 30, the 53-km-long four-lane Bilaspur-Pathrapali

He laid the foundation stone for construction of three sections (Jhanki-Sargi (43 km), Sargi Basanwahi (57 km) and Basanwahi-Marangpuri

stretch of NH-130.

(25 km)) as a part of the six-lane Visakhapatnam economic corridor NH-130 CD.

He also dedicated to the nation the doubling of the 103-km-long Khariar Road Rail Line, built at a cost of Rs 750 cr, a 17-km-long new railway line connecting Keoti-Antagarh, and a bottling plant of the Indian Oil Corporation with a capacity of 60,000 metric ton per annum in Korba constructed at a cost of over



Bhilai, Jul 07: Additional Collector Arvind Ekka chaired a meeting of district level representatives of recognized political parties in the Collectorate on Friday. Rationalization of polling stations, name change etc were discussed in the Mishra told police that his Stolen ornaments have meeting. 1356 proposed brother-in-law Ashok also been recovered from polling stations were approved. In the meeting, the

HUGE CROWD



There was huge crowd of BJP workers and supporters on the road leading to the venue of huge public meeting addressed by PM Narendra Modi at Science College Ground here on Friday.

Health workers continue strike on 4th day

Take out rally, shout slogans in front of **CMHO** office

Raipur, Jul 07: The indefinite strike of Chhattisgarh Pradesh Swasthya Karmachari Sangh entered 4th day on Friday after talks between Sangh delegation and

health workers failed yesterday. Health Minister's indifferent attitude towards the demands caused resentment among the members of Sangh delegation. The health workers are on indefinite strike from 4th July in support of 24-point demand.

Sangh Meanwhile

Ashwini Gurdekar said that strike would be intensified. Due to Prime Minister's Raipur visit the health workers were not allowed to sit on dharna at Tuta area. The agitating health workers then assembled outside the office of Chief Medical and Health Officer and shout-

tion to halt emergency services was also being considered. The Sangh is demanding steps to sort out pay anomaly of health workers, regularize all NHM contract, daily wage, DMF and JDS workers. run OPD in hospitals only in one shift from 8 am to 2 pm, salary of 13 months to

from house, two arrested



Raipur, Jul 07: Police have arrested two persons in connection with the incident of theft of jewelleries in an empty house in Urkura area falling under jurisdiction of Khamtarai Police Station in Raipur district. They allegedly committed theft in an empty house on the night of 24 June when all the family members of the house had gone to Uttar Pradesh to attend the wedding ceremony.

According to information available, one Prabhat Kumar Pandey had gone

Jewellery worth 3 lakh stolen New polling centres approved for upcoming election to Uttar Pradesh on June 24 to attend a wedding ceremony. He had asked to



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district administration appealed to the representatives of political parties to cooperate in the work of revision of the voter list. They were asked to inform the District Election Office about the assembly-wise BLA appointment. In the meeting, Deputy Electoral Officer BK Dubey, Joint Collector Gokul Raote and representatives of recognized political parties

Modi's speech a pack of lies: Congress

termed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's speech in Raipur today as pack of lies. "Modi ji is refraining from saying 'Mata Kaushalya Ki Jai' and he forgot Mata Kaushalya after coming to Lord Ram's maternal home. Modi and BJP neither remembered Ram, nor did they remember Mata Kaushalya and this exposes their fake devotion to Ram", Pradesh Congress Committee President Mohan Markam and in-charge Secretary Dr Chandan Yadav said at a press conference at Rajiv Bhavan here today The PCC office bearers

said that Prime Minister did not answer any of 21 questions raised before him before his arrival. They said that Prime waiver to farmers within 10 Minister did not say any-days and Chief Minister thing on the list of corrup-



government.

They alleged that Modi once again tarnished the dignity of the post of Prime Minister by lying and making false and fabricated allegations against the people-friendly government of the state. All the allegations leveled by him are meaningless, said the PCC office bearers.

The Congress party had taken an oath of Gangajal to give the benefit of loan Bhupesh Baghel made 20

lakh farmers of the state debt free within 2 hours of taking oath, they said, adding that Congress government fulfilled 95 percent of the promises made in the 2018 manifesto. The Congress government has moved forward in the direction of liquor ban and more than 150 liquor shops have been closed, they said, adding that public awareness campaigns are being run for liquor ban so that there is no loss of life.

They also said that Chhattisgarh progressed rapidly after the formation

ment whereas 15 years of BJP government led by Dr Raman Singh was full of embezzlement, corruption and scams. In those 15 Chhattisgarh had gone back 30 years, they added. It is unfortunate that the Modi government has failed to tell the achievements of its government and as usual kept on misleading the public, the PCC office bearers said. Like other BJP leaders, the Prime Minister also lied that 80 percent contribution of Chhattisgarh's paddy procurement is from the central government, while the reality is that the central government's contribution in paddy procurement is negligible, they said and added that state government procures

Congress leaders sit on dharna in support of Rahul

the accused.



All programs of the party cancelled Baghel, Singhdeo, Markam join protest

Raipur, Jul 07: Congress leaders in Chhattisgarh have canceled all the programs and sat on dharna

plea seeking a stay on his conviction in a criminal defamation case over his Modi surname remark.

in support of Rahul Gandhi after the Gujarat High Court pronounced its verdict on Friday on his

All Congress leaders in-

cluding Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, Deputy CM TS Singhdeo and PCC President Mohan Markam staged a sit-in demonstration at Ambedkar Chowk in Raipur.

Attacking the Modi government, Chief Minister Baghel said that the British were only afraid of Mahatma Gandhi but BJP is afraid of Rahul Gandhi.

Both British and BJP are following the policy of divide and rule, he said, adding that people of BJP are scared and they cannot face the truth. Rahul Gandhi talks about truth, talks about honesty, he said. Even

after cancellation of Lok Sabha membership of Rahul Gandhi, BJP people are afraid of him, Baghel said.

Baghel further said, Rahul Gandhi did the work of uniting India and fought with the truth. People were with Rahul Gandhi everywhere from Kanyakumari to Srinagar during 'Bharat Jodo Yatra', he said and added that Rahul Gandhi became the most popular leader across the country and the most loved leader in Kashmir. He said that Rahul Gandhi will not bow down despite being harassed by BJP people.

Kala Sahitya Akademi: Shaktipad elected as president, Vibhash is General Secretary

of the Sahitya Kala Akademi an organization active for the last five months was held the other day at Bhilai Niwas. The organization has as members the heads of various organizations. At the meeting election was held to elect office bearers for the organization where Shaktipad Chakraborty was unanimously elected as the president. Vibhash Upadhyay was elected as the General Secretary. Most active members Suresh Gondale, Manimay Mukherjee and Shravan Kumar were elected for the post of Vice President. Ghulam Haider and Nitesh Kedia were selected for the post of Joint Secretary. Dr Manoj Khanna and director Bablu Biswas were elected as Treasurer. Varun Chakraborty, Vijay

Bhilai, Jul 07: A meeting



Srivastava, Mithun Das and RC Sawant were elected to the Board of Directors. Sonali Sen, Manisha Malhotra, PP Vishwas, Bhanuji Rao and Manisha Malhotra were selected for the executive members. The literature body will be handled by Vijay Varthaman, Mumtaz Bharti and Sharad Kokas. Internationally renowned rhythmist Dipankar Das will take charge of the music field. The work area

of Kala Sahitya Akademi is entire Chhattisgarh. For this. Minhas Asad from Raipur, Munna Babu from Rajnandgaon, Mukesh Patel from Balod, Mukesh Wasnik from Jagdalpur, Bharat Nishad from Raigarh and Yogendra Choubey from Khairagarh have been given the responsibility of the organization. The women's cell will be handled by Anita Upadhyay, Suchita Mukherjee and Sumita

SSTC nukkad team bags first place in competition

Members Swaang-Drama Club, under the banner of Shri Shankaracharya Technical Campus, participated in the Bharat Naya Utsav" program or-

ganized at Kendriya Vidyalaya WRS Colony, Raipur on July 04, 2023. They brought laurels to the college by bagging first position in the competition. They performed a street play on the topic "Online Payment" which featured the concept of easy payment at home. The chief guest of the program MP Sunil Kumar Soni, honoured the students by giving them trophies and certificates. IP Mishra, Chairman SGES, President SGES Jaya

Mishra, Dr PB Deshmukh,



integrity for future events. SSTC Cultural Head Namrata Bhargava, appreciated the hard work of the students on their performance. The nukkad team in-

cludes Abhinav, Adrian, Bhumika Sahu, Bhumika Deshmukh, Abhishek, Saurabh, Adwitiya, Dogendra, Shishir and Rajyavardhan who were highly appreciated for their excellent performance in the play.

Tree plantation programme organised in Kailash Nagar

Bhilai, Jul 07: Tree plantation programme was organized in Rudra Vatika Vihar Colony of Kailash Nagar Ward 21, under the guidance of Baluram Verma, the guardian of Paryavaran Mitra Mandal Bhilai. Verma provided free shady and fruitful plants for the said Vatika and



also requested the people home one tree"- one plant to plant under "One in the name of the nation

in every courtyard. In the future too, by calling the nursery in Russian Complex Sector 7 Bhilai Nagar on phone number 9301014365, the plant will be made available for this pious work. Mainly Raja Gill,

Manmad Rao, Rajendra Mishra, Pritam Dewangan, Anshuman

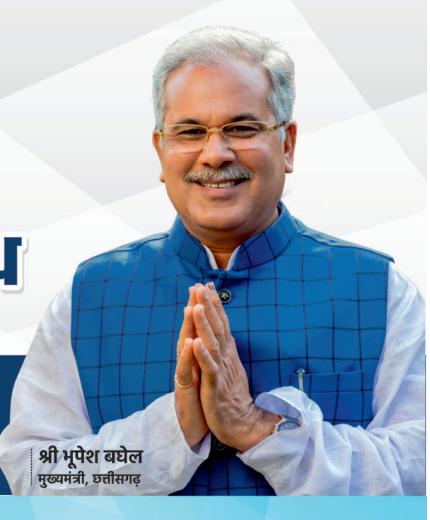
Pillai, Nilkamal Sahu, Sachin Jain, Arun Singh, Prabhakar Panchkhande, Mantu Roy, Sarang Joshi, Aggarwal, Shyam Prakash Lahare, Kumar Gaikwad, Jaya, Tarun Sharma, Poshan Sahu, Rajendra Tandon, RK Sahu etc helped in conducting the drive.

Jaiswal, Jagdish Rao, Ajit



तन-मन-धन की बात बेहतर स्वास्थ्य सेवाओं के साथ

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Three killed as bus on way to Modi's rally in Raipur hits truck

Rukdev (45), both natives

of Surajpur district, and

bus driver Akram Raza

Balrampur district, he

dition of two - Lilu Gupta,

who is BJP's Latori unit

mandal president in

Surajpur and Vishambhar

Yadav, the party's mandal

general secretary in

Surajpur, is said to be crit-

ical and they have been

shifted to a private hospi-

Four other injured were

admitted to Chhattisgarh

Institute of Medical

Sciences (CIMS) Bilspur,

he said. Investigation into

the incident is underway,

The PM's rally is sched-

Minister

uled to be held at Science

College ground in Raipur.

Bhupesh Baghel ex-

pressed grief over the in-

cident and announced an

ex-gratia of Rs 4 lakh to

the kin of each victim, an

Chief

tal in Bilaspur, he said.

Of the injured, the con-

a resident of

Bilaspur, Jul 07 (PTI):

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Three persons were killed and six others injured when a bus ferrying people to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's public rally in Raipur, rammed into a stationary truck in Chhattisgarh's Bilaspur district on Friday, police

The accident occurred near Beltara village when the bus with around 40 people on board was heading to Raipur from Ambikapur, Bilaspur Superintendent of Police Santosh Singh said.

Prima facie, the bus driver could not clearly see the stationary truck parked on the roadside due to heavy rainfall, as a result of which the bus rammed into it from the rear side, he said.

"Three people died in the accident while six others sustained injuries, two of them critically," he said. The deceased were identified as Sajan (30),

Corruption biggest ideology of Congress' Chhattisgarh is its ATM, alleges PM Modi

Raipur, Jul 07 (PTI): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday launched a scathing attack on the Congress, alleging that corruption was its biggest ideology, and accused the

grand old party of stalling

development of Chhattisgarh, where elections are due by the yearend. Chhattisgarh has become an ATM for the Congress, the PM alleged while addressing a rally at Science College ground in Raipur, where he inaugurated and laid foundation stones of eight projects worth around Rs 7,600 crore.

In his first visit to the Congress-ruled Chhattisgarh after being elected as the prime minister for the second term in 2019, Modi said if the Congress was a guarantee for corruption, he himself was a guarantee for action against graft. The scamridden Congress government in Chhattisgarh has become a model of misrule and people have decided to root it out in the upcoming Assembly elections, he said. "...The next 25 years will be crucial for development of Chhattisgarh, but a big 'panja' (Congress's poll symbol) is standing like a tall wall against it. Congress's panja had decided to snatch your rights and it will loot and destroy the state," he said. The PM



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses during the public meeting in Raipur, Friday.

Corruption is not limited

to liquor. No department is

left where corruption is

not being committed in

the Congress government

in Chhattisgarh. They did

not even spare schemes

like Jal Jeevan Mission,

Scheme...This government

has become a model of

"The last four years of

this government proved

that corruption is at the

core of Congress and it

cannot breathe without it.

Corruption is the biggest

ideology of Congress," he

said. "Some people get

angry when I say Congress

is a guarantee for corrup-

tion and start abusing me.

This anger shows that the

Centre is working in the right direction...," Modi

added. Taking a dig at the

opposition parties over

their attempt to forge an

anti-BJP front, Modi said,

"Those who are stained

with corruption, they are

trying to come together

misrule," he said.

Housing

further said in order to expose the ruling party's lies, he would like to remind people of the state about the promises made by the Congress during the 2018 assembly polls.

Liquor ban was among 36 promises made by Congress. They had said they will give prohibition rights to gram sabha in scheduled areas. Instead of fulfilling these promises in the last five years, Congress indulged in crores of rupees of liquor scam. The scam money went into the Congress party's account, he alleged. The Congress government betrayed the women of Chhattisgarh. Now people say due to fights over this money, the party could not implement the two-and-a-half years formula (hinting at the CM seat sharing between Bhupesh Baghel and TS Singh Deo), he said. "Chhattisgarh has become an ATM for Congress.

today. Those who once cursed each other, are trying to find excuses to come together...they think Modi will get afraid of it...' Each corrupt person in

this country should pay heed to this - if Congress is a guarantee for corruption, Modi is a guarantee for action against corruption, he said.

Those who indulge in wrongdoing will not be spared. I dare to say this because whatever I have is given by you (people) and the country. Those who are trying to conspire against me and trying to dig my grave don't know that the one who gets scared cannot be Modi," he said.

Whatever tricks Congress plays, I will not back down from my resolve to take the people of Chhattisgarh forward. I hail from a poor family and understand the pain of the poor, he added.

Hailing his government's strategy against Left Wing Extremism, the PM said the Centre's efforts to free the country from the menace of Naxalism have started showing results.

"In the last few vears. the number of Naxalite-affected districts declined from 126 to around 70," he added. Modi cautioned the people to stay alert against the Congress as it tries to hide its misrule through false promises and guarantees and claimed that BJP makes real guarantees and true promises and fulfils them.



Baghel hits back at PM Modi for levelling corruption charges

CM accuses him of speaking lies

Raipur, Jul 07 (PTI):

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Friday reacted sharply to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's allegation of corruption against his government and accused him of speaking lies.

Refuting Modi's claims, Baghel tweeted, "Modi ji as you came, waves of lies started flowing. State BJP leaders have been misleading farmers that paddy is procured with the Centre's money. You are the Prime Minister, you know the truth, but you also lied."

It is the biggest lie in the name of farmers that the Centre accepts 80 per cent of the paddy procured in the state, the chief minister said.

"If your government's role is so huge in paddy purchase in

the states, then why are farmers in your Lok Sabha constituency Varanasi forced to sell paddy at Rs 1,000-1,200 a quintal, Modi ji?" he asked.

Baghel further claimed that

the prime minister was given wrong information by the BJP leaders in Chhattisgarh. "Every child in Chhattisgarh knows that we had taken an

oath of Gangajal to fulfil the promise of loan waiver for farmers within 10 days (of the government's formation in 2018) and we did it within two hours," he said.

Farmers remember that the BJP never fulfilled the promise of Rs 2,100 per quintal in paddy procurement and a bonus for them, the chief minister said, adding that no one can mislead the farmers of Chhattisgarh.

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Polling officials carrying ballot boxes and other election materials leave for their respective polling centres, ahead of the West Bengal panchayat elections, in South Dinajpur district of West Bengal, Friday.

Maoists arrested

Ranchi: Five Maoists were arrested with a large number of arms and ammunition in Jharkhand's Lohardaga district, police said on Friday. The Maoists were arrested during a police operation in Serendag police station area, about 75 km from here on Thursday. Two carbines, a revolver, a carbine magazine, 111 live cartridges, five pamphlets of CPI (Maoist) and four android mobile phones were seized, a statement by the police said.

Madrassas sealed

■ Jammu: Authorities have sealed two madrassas for alleged violation of the **Foreign Contribution** Regulation Act (FCRA) in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district, officials said on Friday. Senior Superintendent of Police, Kishtwar, Khalil Ahmed Poswal said the sealing of the two madrassas was done as part of a broader initiative to investigate illegal financial transactions involving a Jammu-based group.



HC refuses to stay Rahul Gandhi's conviction in defamation case

Ahmedabad, Jul 07 (PTI): The Gujarat High Court on Friday dismissed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's plea seeking a stay on his conviction in a criminal defamation case over his "Modi surname" remark.

While dismissing the plea, Justice Hemant Prachchhak noted that Gandhi was already facing 10 criminal cases across India, adding that the order of the lower court was "just, proper and legal" in handing over a two year jail term to Gandhi for his remarks.

There was no reasonable ground to stay the conviction, the high court said. A stay on Gandhi's conviction in the case would have paved the way for his reinstatement as a Member of Parliament.

"He (Gandhi) was trying to stay the conviction on absolutely non-existent grounds. It is a well-settled principle of law that stayCongress to move SC after HC's refusal

New Delhi: The Congress on Friday said it will move the Supreme Court after the Gujarat High Court refused to stay Rahul Gandhi's conviction in a defamation case, and alleged that the government is finding newer techniques to throttle his voice as it is rattled by him speaking the truth. The party said the verdict redoubles its resolve to pursue the matter further and it will fight the battle both legally and politically. Addressing a press conference at the AICC headquarters here, Congress spokesperson and Gandhi's counsel in the case Abhishek Singhvi said the Gujarat High Court dismissing Rahul Gandhi's plea was "highly disappointing, but not unexpected".

ing of conviction is not a rule, but an exception, resorted only in rare cases. Disqualification is not only limited to MP, MLAs. Moreover, as many as 10 criminal cases are pending against the applicant," the HC said. "After this complaint, another complaint was filed in a court in Pune by the grandson of Savarkar for Gandhi's defamatory utterance against Veer Savarkar at Cambridge. complaint Another against him was filed in

the concerned court of Lucknow," it said. In this backdrop, refusal of stav on conviction would not in any way result in injustice to the applicant, the judge said. "Impugned order passed by the appellate court is just, proper and legal, and does not call for any interference. However, it is hereby requested by the concerned learned district judge to decide the criminal appeal on its own merits and in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible.

BJP appoints Mathur and Mandaviya in-charges for Chh'garh polls

New Delhi. Jul 07 (PTI):

The BJP on Friday appointed Union ministers Pralhad Joshi and Bhupender Yadav its incharge for assembly polls in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh respectively, stepping up the party's campaign for key state polls before the Lok Sabha contest in 2024.

Former Union minister Prakash Javadekar and another senior party leader Om Prakash Mathur was made poll incharge for Telangana and Chhattisgarh respectively, a party statement said.

Former Gujarat deputy chief minister Nitin Patel and Haryana leader Kuldeep Bishnoi will be co-incharges for the Rajasthan polls, and Union minister Mansukh Mandaviya will be the coincharge for Chhattisgarh. Union min-

ister Ashwini Vaishnaw will be the co-incharge for Madhya Pradesh while the party's national general secretary Sunil Bansal has been given the same responsibility Telangana, the statement

All the four states along with Mizoram are expected to go to the polls in October-November.

The BJP's main challenger in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan is the Congress and Telangana the BRS is the party in power and a strong force.

The Congress is also rallying its forces to regain its lost ground following its morale-boosting victory in the neighbouring Karnataka. The BJP is in power in

Madhya Pradesh and the

Congress in the other two

Hindi-speaking states.

Balasore accident CBI arrests 3 railway staff

New Delhi: The CBI on Friday took into custody three railway personnel in connection with the June 2 Balasore train accident, making its first arrests in the case, officials said. The agency arrested Senior Section Engineer (signal) Arun Kumar Mahanta, Section Engineer Mohammed Amir Khan and Technician Pappu Kumar, all posted in Balasore district, the officials said. The three have been arrested under IPC sections 304 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) and 201 (destruction of evidence), they said. The accident took place near the Bahanaga Bazar station in the Balasore district of Odisha in which 293 people were killed - 287 on the spot or brought dead to hospital while six succumbed to injuries in hospitals. The accident involved three trains: the Shalimar-Chennai Coromandel Express, Bengaluru-Howrah Superfast Express and a sta-

tionary goods train.



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