



BRIEF



A model walks the ramp during the annual fashion show 'Fashionnova 2023' organised by the Institute of Design and Technology, in Surat, Monday.

Convicted

New Delhi: A Delhi court on Monday convicted four Indian Mujahideen (IM) operatives in a 2012 case of hatching a criminal conspiracy to wage war against the government by carrying out terrorist attacks across the country. Special Judge Shailender Malik held the accused - Danish Ansari, Aftab Alam, Imran Khan, and Obaid-Ur-Rehman under various sections of the IPC and the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. The court passed the order noting that the accused had pleaded guilty on July 7.

Called off

Shimla: The Shrikhand Mahadev Yatra in Himachal Pradesh's Kullu has been terminated after the death of six pilgrims during the trek this season, according to a statement issued by the state government on Monday. The announcement comes amid the widespread havoc caused by incessant rains in the state. Earlier, the Kullu district administration had postponed the pilgrimage till July 11.

Stab

Gurugram: A man allegedly stabbed his former fianc to death in broad daylight here on Monday, with the entire incident caught on CCTV, officials said, adding that the accused has been arrested. Family members of the girl had broken off the engagement between the victim Neha (19) and the accused Ram Kumar (23) earlier, police said. Both the accused and the victim were from Uttar Pradesh's Badaun and were staying in Molahera village in rented places.

Seize

Hyderabad: Hyderabad Customs officials on Monday said they have seized smuggled gold weighing 1.93 kg valued at Rs 1.17 crore and over 62,000 smuggled Cigarette sticks in different cases at the international airport here. Based on passenger profiling and surveillance, the officers of Hyderabad Customs seized the smuggled gold and the cigarettes on July 9, a release from the Customs department said.

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MARKET
NIFTY 19,355.90
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BULLION
GOLD 58,640
SILVER 71,096

Rain fury in N India, HP bears the brunt

New Delhi, Jul 10:

As torrential rains wreaked havoc in north India for another day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday spoke with senior ministers and officials to take stock of the situation while Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge sought relief from the PM CARES Fund for the rain-hit states.

Several rivers, including the Yamuna in Delhi, in north India are in spate. In cities and towns across the region, many roads and residential areas were submerged in knee-deep water with the civic system unable to hold on in the face of record rains on Sunday.

The prime minister spoke with senior ministers and officials and took stock of the situation in the wake of excessive rainfall in parts of the country, his office said.

Local administrations, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) teams are working to ensure the well-being of those affected, the Prime Minister's Office said.



Swollen Beas river during incessant monsoon rainfall, in Kullu district, Monday.

'HP not seen such 'widespread heavy rains' in 50 years'

Himachal Pradesh has not witnessed such "widespread heavy rains" in the past 50 years and the state has suffered a loss of about Rs 3,000 crore in this monsoon season so far, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said on Monday. About 17 persons have died in rain-related incidents in the state in the past two days, he said, adding that efforts are afoot to rescue 400 tourists and locals stranded at Chandertal and between Pagal and Teigli nallah in Lahaul and Spiti.

"PM @narendramodi spoke to senior ministers and officials, and took stock of the situation in the wake of excessive rainfall in parts of India. Local administrations, NDRF and SDRF teams are working to ensure the

well-being of those affected," the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said in a tweet. Twenty people stranded in Himachal Pradesh's tourist town of Manali were rescued but about 300 others were stranded across various

parts of the hill state as heavy rain wreaked havoc for the third day on Monday.

The state is bracing for another day of downpours with the meteorological department issuing a "red" alert for "extremely

PM assures help

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has spoken with chief ministers of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand about the situation due to excessive rains and assured them of all help and support from the central government, official sources said Monday. Modi also spoke with senior ministers and officials and took stock of the situation in the wake of excessive rainfall in parts of the country, his office said. Local administrations, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) teams are working to ensure the well-being of those affected, the Prime Minister's Office said.

heavy rain" on Monday, a day after heavy rain pounded the state, triggering landslides, damaging houses and leaving several people dead.

Officials said rail operations on the Shimla-Kalka route, a UNESCO world heritage site, have been suspended till Tuesday as landslides blocked the track at several places while educational institutions across the state were ordered to remain shut on Monday and Tuesday.

ISRO to make another attempt to land on moon

With more fuel, fail-safe measures, Chandrayaan-3 to leap towards moon on Friday

New Delhi, Jul 10 (PTI):

Loaded with more fuel, a slew of fail-safe measures and a bigger landing site, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is set to make yet another attempt to land on the moon with the launch of Chandrayaan-3 on Friday.

Chandrayaan-3, set for lift-off at 2:35 pm on Friday, will be a follow-up mission after the crash-landing of Chandrayaan-2 in September 2019 due to a software glitch.

ISRO Chairman S Somanath on Monday shared minute details about what went wrong

Mumbai-based private firm provides key equipment for Chandrayaan-3

A Mumbai-based private aerospace company has supplied critical components to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for its upcoming Chandrayaan-3 mission. Liquid propulsion engines such as Vikas, CE20, and satellite thrusters for the lunar mission have been manufactured by Godrej Aerospace in its facility at Vikhroli in suburban Mumbai, a senior company official said on Monday.

with the Vikram lander of Chandrayaan-2 as it went hurtling down towards the identified 500m x 500 m landing spot on the lunar surface with the engines designed to reduce its velocity developing higher thrust than expected.

"The primary issues were, one we had five engines which were used to give the reduction of the velocity, which is called the retardation. These engines developed higher thrust than what was expected," he told reporters

here on the sidelines of India Space Congress organised by SIA India.

Somanath said that when such a higher thrust was happening, the errors on account of this differential were accumulated over some period.

"All the errors got accumulated, which was on the higher side than what we had expected. The craft had to make very fast turns. When it started to turn very fast, its ability to turn was limited by the software, because we never expected such high rates to come. This was the second issue," the ISRO chief said.

DELHI ORDINANCE

New Delhi, Jul 10 (PTI):

There will be no freeze on the Centre's executive order controlling the bureaucrats posted in Delhi, the Supreme Court said today in response to a petition by Delhi's Aam Aadmi Party government, which had challenged the constitutional validity of the Centre's order. But the court has issued a notice to the Centre following the Delhi government's petition. "We will issue notice to amend the petition to implead the Lieutenant Governor," said Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud. The next

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WB TEACHER SCAM

SC setback for Abhishek Banerjee

Refuses to halt probe

New Delhi, Jul 10 (PTI): The Supreme Court on Monday refused to interfere with the CBI and Enforcement Directorate probe against TMC leader Abhishek Banerjee in the alleged West Bengal teacher recruitment scam, saying it cannot stultify the investigation in the case. A bench of Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and Justice PS Narasimha allowed Banerjee to avail available remedies under the law but refused to interfere with the May 18 order of the Calcutta High Court. "We are not going to interfere with the im-

pugned order as this would stultify the investigation. Petitioner can avail the available remedies under the law", the bench said. On May 26, the top court had stayed the imposition of Rs 25 lakh cost on Banerjee by the high court which had dismissed his plea for recall of its previous order that CBI and ED could interrogate him in the West Bengal school jobs scam cases. The top court, had however not stayed the part of the high court order which had said the central probe agencies could quiz the Trinamool Congress general secretary in connection with these cases.

SC refuses to pause Centre's Ordinance on control of services

Issues notice to Centre

hearing is on Monday, when the court will also hear the Delhi government's petition on the Lieutenant Governor sacking 400 specialists like fellows, research officers.

A bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices P S Narasimha issued notice to the government and asked senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi, appearing for the AAP government, to amend its plea and add the Lieutenant Governor as party in case. "We'll issue

notice," the bench said while posting the matter for hearing on July 17. In its plea, the AAP government has said it is an "un-constitutional exercise of executive fiat" that attempts to "override" the top court and the basic structure of the Constitution. Besides quashing the ordinance, the Delhi government has also sought an interim stay on it. The Centre had on May 19 promulgated the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Ordinance, 2023, to create an authority for transfer and posting of Group-A officers in Delhi.

AMARNATH PILGRIMS



Stranded pilgrims prepare food after the Amarnath Yatra was temporarily suspended due to bad weather, in Jammu, Monday.

Sharad Pawar faction MLA joins Ajit camp

Pune, July 10 (PTI):

NCP MLA from Wai constituency in Maharashtra's Satara district, Makarand Patil, on Monday, said he has joined the camp led by senior party leader and Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar.

Patil said he decided to join the Ajit Pawar camp to save two sugar factories in his constituency which are in financial crisis and in the hope of bringing development and resolving tourism-related issues in Wai.

Notably, Patil was present during Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) founder Sharad Pawar's visit to Karad city, a day

after Ajit Pawar and eight other MLAs joined the Shiv Sena-BJP government.

The MLA claimed his name had figured in the list of nine ministers of NCP, including Ajit Pawar who took oath last Sunday.

"But I told Ajit Pawar that I would have to consult my supporters and people from the constituency before taking any decision," he told PTI.

Several workers and supporters of Patil from Satara district met Ajit Pawar in Mumbai on Saturday.

In the video of the meeting, an NCP functionary from the Wai constituency is seen demanding a

Cabinet berth for Patil.

The MLA said it was a very difficult call to take as both Sharad Pawar and Ajit Pawar are dear to him.

"It was a tough decision. Recently, I took over two sugar factories that were in a financial crisis. Just because of people's insistence, I contested the elections to these factories. I could handle the last year's (sugarcane crushing) season without any problem," he said.

Patil said they faced various difficulties in the last year when not in power in managing the factories.

"Against this backdrop, we have decided (to join

the Ajit Pawar camp) to save these sugar factories, and to address the issues related to development and tourism in my constituency," he added.

Patil claimed he took this decision on the insistence of NCP workers who flagged issues related to the sugar mills and development in Wai.

After joining the Eknath Shinde-Devendra Fadnis government, the Ajit Pawar camp has staked the claim to the NCP name and symbol.

Ajit Pawar loyalists, including Praful Patel, are insisting that they have the support of "40 plus" out of the 53 MLAs of NCP.

India to buy 26 Rafales, 3 Scorpene subs from France

New Delhi, Jul 10: In a major development, India is planning to buy 26 Rafale fighter aircraft and three Scorpene class conventional submarines from France.

The proposals have been placed before the Defence Ministry by the defence forces and are likely to be announced during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to France this week, government sources told ANI.

As per the proposals, the Indian Navy will get 22 single-seated Rafale Marine aircraft along with four trainer aircraft. The Navy had been press-

ing for acquiring these fighter aircraft and submarines urgently as they have been facing shortages in view of the security challenges around the country.

The aircraft carriers INS Vikramaditya and INS Vikrant have been operating the MiG-29s and need the Rafales for operations on both carriers.

Meanwhile, the three Scorpene class submarines would be acquired under the repeat clause by the Navy as part of Project 75 where they would be built in the Mazagon Dockyards Limited in Mumbai.

Lambani artisans set Guinness World Record

For making highest number of embroidery patches

Hampi (K'taka), Jul 10 (PTI): In a resounding triumph of cultural creativity, women of the nomadic Lambani community of Hampi in Karnataka have set a new Guinness World Record for producing the highest number of embroidery patches.

At the G20 Culture Working Group meeting held here, around 450 Lambani artisans showcased their exceptional skills and craftsmanship by creating an astounding collection of over 1,755 unique patches.



Embroidery patches made by around 450 artisans from the nomadic Lambanis community are all set to enter for a Guinness record, in Hampi.

Lambani embroidery is a vibrant and intricate form of textile embellishment characterised by colourful threads, mirror work, and a rich array of stitch patterns. It is practised in several villages of Karnataka such as Sandur,

Keri Tanda, Mariyamanahalli, Kadirampur, Sitaram Tanda, Bijapur, and Kamalapur. This initiative is congruent with the third priority of the CWG, 'Promotion of Cultural and Creative Industries and Creative Economy', as it spotlights the rich artistic tradition of Lambani embroidery, thereby promoting the creative economy of Karnataka and India. This remarkable achievement has not only brought immense pride to the Lambani artisans, but also given a sense of empowerment and recognition to the community, Lily Pandeya, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture said.

Heavy rains push up retail tomato prices up to Rs 200/kg

Other veggies also get costlier

New Delhi, Jul 10 (PTI): Retail price of tomato has touched up to Rs 200 per kilogramme in some parts of the country including Delhi as incessant rains disrupted supplies, traders said and added that the rates of other vegetables have also firmed up. Heavy rainfall in producing areas has led to waterlogging leading to the damage of tomato crop and other perishable vegetables grown below the soil especially onion, and ginger, they said.

As per the data maintained by the Consumer Affairs Ministry, the all-India average retail price of tomato was ruling at 104.38 per kg on

Monday, with maximum price quoted was Rs 200 per kg in Swai Madhopur and minimum was Rs 31 per kg in Churu in Rajasthan. Among metros, retail price of tomato was quoted highest at Rs 149 per kg in Kolkata, followed by Rs 135 per kg in Mumbai, Rs 123 per kg in Chennai and Rs 100 per kg in Delhi, the data showed.

The retail price of tomato and other vegetables varies depending on the quality and the location where they are sold. "There has been further disruption in the supply of tomato in Delhi because of the heavy rains in the last two days.

Girl killed, brother injured in hit-and-run accident

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Jul 10: A teenage girl was killed and her younger brother was grievously injured in a hit-and-run accident which occurred at Shankar Nagar area of Chhawani Chowk late evening on Sunday. The victims were moving on a bike and were hit by a rashly moving car. The car driver sped from the spot and hit another man after about a kilometer. Tension prevailed in the Chhawani Chowk area as the locals came out on the streets and staged protests. Police have lodged a case and are trying to trace the accused driver and the vehicle.



According to eyewitnesses, the car driver was heavily drunk.

Chhawani Police informed that the incident occurred around 20:00 hrs on Sunday. Sakshi Sao (18) and her brother Chandan Sao (16) were moving on a



bike in Shankar Nagar. A speeding car came from behind and escaped after hitting the bike.

Sakshi and her brother Chandan suffered fatal injuries and were rushed to a nearby hospital. Sakshi succumbed to her injuries

while Chandan is undergoing treatment at the hospital. Their father Pramod Sao is a driver by profession.

The accused car driver hit a cyclist while escaping from the spot. The cyclist has suffered minor injuries and has been discharged from the hospital after first aid. Irked after the mishap, locals came out on the road and staged chakkajam.

Immediately after getting information, police and administrative officials reached the spot and diffused the tension. They assured to nab the accused soon and provide compensation to the victim's family.

Tripartite meeting held for registration of lease deed of BSP quarters

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Jul 10: A tripartite meeting was held between the BSP management, district administration and BMC administration in the presence of Bhilai Nagar MLA and BMC Mayor for resolving the difficulties in the registration of lease deeds of the leased BSP quarters.

MLA Devendra Yadav, Mayor Neeraj Pal, Collector Pushpendra Meena, BMC Commissioner Rohit Vyas and BSP officials were present in the meeting. It needs to be mentioned



here that MLA Devendra Yadav had raised the woes of the lease holders of BSP quarter before the Chief Minister during his bheth mulaqat programme.

Taking the matter into cognizance, CM had directed the District Collector and BSP CEO to look into the matter and provide relief to the lease holders.

Mayor Neeraj Pal has released a video message in this regard in which he informed that there is good news for the lease holders who are waiting for the last 21 years. Pal said that MLA Devendra Yadav has been making efforts in this regard for the last four years.

As per the CM's instructions, a meeting between BSP management, BMC and District Administration was organised to resolve the issue. Mayor said that the issue of the registry of lease deeds has been resolved.

Youth killed, two injured in road mishap

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Jul 10: A youth was killed and two others were injured in a road mishap which occurred late night on Sunday at Dhamdha Naka in Durg. The three victims were moving on a bike and were hit by a speeding Bolero SUV. Durgesh Yadav, who was riding the bike, died on the spot while the pillion riders suffered fatal injuries.



his two friends Manish Yadav and Shitallesh were moving from Durg to Dhamdha on a bike bearing registration number CG07-BZ-4431.

They collided with a

Bolero SUV near Morcha Point at Dhamdha Naka. Durgesh suffered fatal injuries in the mishap and died on the spot. The pillion riders also suffered injuries and have been admitted to the hospital. Their condition is reported to be critical.

On Monday morning, the locals staged chakkajam on Dhamdha Road demanding Rs 50 lakh compensation for Durgesh's family and Rs 25 lakh each for the injured youth. Police team reached the spot and managed to diffuse the tension.

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Jul 10: International Motivational Speaker of Spiritual World Brahmakumari Shivani Didi will deliver a spiritual sermon "God's Power Mere Pass" in a programme being organised by PBIV Bhilai Sewa Kendra Rajyog Bhavan, on July 22, 2023.

The programme will be organised at the ground in BSP Senior Secondary School, Sector -07 from 18:30 hrs, informed BK Asha Didi while interacting with media persons at

the Peace auditorium of Rajyog Bhavan.

A motivational speaker of the Awakening With Brahmakumari, Ambassador of World Psychiatrist Association Brahmakumari Shivani Didi is honoured with Nari Shakti Samman is known for her divine speech on human behaviour and presenting accurate, simple, easy solutions to the problems occurring in the life of every human being.

Director of Bhilai Sewa Kendras, Brahma Kumari Asha Didi informed about

BK Shivani Didi to deliver sermon on 'God's Power Mere Pass' on Jul 22



Shivani Didi's arrival in Bhilai and said that despite her busy schedule, she gave time to Bhilai and the topic of her divine speech is "God's Power Mere Paas" i.e.

God's Powers in each one.

The goal of this program will be that every human being imbibes divine power in his/her daily activities. It is necessary to listen and imbibe it in life after listening to it.

With the divine powers, we can easily get rid of the problems, anxiety, stress, depression etc. that come in life. She urged everyone to take advantage of this program with the goal that the divine powers are working in my life.

Priyanka Kaushal from Raipur and BK Prachi Didi accompanied BK

Asha Didi during the media interaction. Priyanka Kaushal elaborated on the untiring services of the sisters of Brahmakumari. She added that the director of Bhilai Sewa Kendra Brahmakumari Asha Didi also takes care of Seva Kendras in Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan which come under Indore zone. BK Prachi Didi spoke on the benefits of Rajyog meditation and how it helps lower stress and day to day problems of life.

Delegation under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav visits BSP

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Jul 10: A Delegation under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav visited SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant on July 10, 2023. The delegation was led by Subhash Kumar, Deputy Secretary (Ministry of Steel) and Lakshmi Shrirangesh, Under Secretary (Ministry of Steel), as a part of the 10th Scrap Recycling (Ferrous & Non-ferrous) Waste Utilization Drive, an awareness conference and industrial visit being jointly organised by the Ministry of Steel, Ministry of Mines, Material Recycling Association of India (MRAI) and Jawaharlal Nehru Aluminium Research Development



and Design Centre (JNARDDC).

The delegation was welcomed at Bhilai Steel Plant at HRD Centre, Bhilai by Nisha Soni, CGM (HRD&BE), DL Moitra, CGM (Env Mgmt), and Amulya Priyadarshi, GM (HRD). The delegation was briefed about safety precautions to be taken during

the visit to the plant by Shovan Ghosh, AGM (SED) in presence of SK Agarwal, GM 1/c (SED). The visitors used the Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) during the entire Plant Visit.

The delegation took keen interest in operations of various production units of Bhilai Steel Plant

and witnessed Steel Making at the Modex Units, including Blast Furnace 8, Steel Melting Shop-3 & Universal Rail Mill.

Subhash Kumar, Deputy Secretary (Ministry of Steel) joined the delegation at HRD Centre, Bhilai, where K Praveen, GM (Env Mgmt) gave a present-

tation on Scrap & Waste Management, which was well received by the delegation.

The Delegation comprised of cross-section of officers, Professors, students and industrialists from around the country, including members from MRAI, JNARDDC, NIT Raipur, MSTC Raipur, CGSIMA, and Chhattisgarh Mini Steel Plant Association, along with members from various other steel entities of the state including Shiv Real Ispat Pvt Ltd, Sindi Ispat, HSR Rerollers Pvt Ltd, Ashok Ispat Udyog, Sarvapriya Castings Pvt Ltd, Mahendra Sponge & Power, Black Rock Steel & Power and Nath Enterprises.

Mathew Varughese to assume charge as DIG BSF

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Jul 10: Mathew Varughese, currently Commandant, Border Security Force has been promoted to assume charge as DIG, BSF in Agartala. Mathew, a 1993 batch BSF officer trained at BSF Academy Takenpur in Gwalior, will be joining duty in Agartala on July 17, 2023.

In the Border Security Force he has held very important assignments throughout the country from 1993 till date. He has served in the peak of militancy in Jammu & Kashmir, Mizoram and has also served in Kanker District of Chhattisgarh as part of Anti



Mathew Varughese

Naxal Operations. He became the Deputy Commandant in 1998, Second in Command in 2006, Commandant in 2011 and now promoted to the rank of Deputy Inspector General in July 2023. He was the first Commandment to set up the Thrissur BSF unit in Kerala in 2011 followed by another

tenure as Commandant Operations in Sector Trivandrum from 2019 - 2022. Mathew did his schooling in Railway English Medium School, Bilaspur (CG) and graduated from CM Dubey College, Bilaspur. He was an outstanding sportsman having represented Madhya Pradesh in the nationals from 1985-87. He has represented the School Nationals from Madhya Pradesh state team in 1986 and 1987. He was an outstanding Basketball player and represented the state team as well as captain of the School and University team. He had played the All India athletic Championship in 1987-88.

'Swachhta Pakhwada-2023' program organised in Kendriya Vidyalaya Durg

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Jul 10: "Swachhta Pakhwada-2023" is being celebrated from July 1, 2023 to July 15, 2023 under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan by the National Statistical Office (Field Operations Division), Regional Office, Raipur, Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation, Government of India.

Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Government of India is the nodal agency for monitoring country level Swachhta Pakhwada 2023. It is noteworthy that the Swachh Bharat Mission was launched in India on October 02, 2014. This mission was implemented as a nationwide campaign and mass movement. Under the mission, all villages, gram panchayats, districts, states and union territories in India declared themselves "Open Defecation Free" (ODF) by October 2, 2019, the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

On July 08, 2023, the "Swachhta Pakhwada-2023" program was organised in Kendriya Vidyalaya, Durg,

which was inaugurated by Ashutosh Awasthi, Deputy Director of National Statistical Office, Regional Office, Raipur. Gloria Minj, Principal of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Durg was also present as a special guest on this occasion. In the program, a welcome song and group dance was presented by the students of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Durg on the theme of "Cleanliness and Healthiness and Environmental Protection."

Guests were welcomed by the Principal Gloria Minj, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Durg. She addressed the students on the importance of tree plantation, environmental protection and cleanliness campaign to save nature. She said that global warming is increasing due to the green house effect.

Addressing the program, Ashutosh Awasthi, Deputy Director, National Statistical Office, Regional Office, Raipur; highlighted the importance of cleanliness in daily life, highlighted the importance of trees in keeping the world beautiful and also about the cleanliness and tree plantation campaigns being run by the Government of India. He highlighted the impor-



tance and main points of Cleanliness mission in our country since independence and also highlighted the all important points of present "Swachh Bharat Mission" launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 02, 2014. He also highlighted the purpose of cleanliness awareness launched by the Government of India under which different types of programs and campaigns are being conducted in "Swachhta Pakhwada-2023". He explained that various Ministries, Departments and Institutions of the Government of India are participating in this campaign,

for which the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Government of India is the nodal agency for monitoring country level Swachhta Pakhwada 2023 under which each ministry has been allotted a certain time period (calendar) for this campaign, under which the period from July 01, 2023 to July 15, 2023 has been fixed for the National Statistics Office, Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation. Under the campaign, "Swachhta Pakhwada-2023" will be celebrated in all the offices of the Ministry and the National Statistical Office

across the country.

Under Swachhta Pakhwada-2023 program; various activities related to the entire campaign were organized to achieve universal sanitation and also the students and officers were motivated to achieve goals of cleanliness in our life and also in neighbourhood of our residence and office. Under the above program organized in the Kendriya Vidyalaya, Durg, twenty five (25) saplings were planted in the school campus and the campus was also cleaned.

The program was coordinated by SK Tirkey, Senior Teacher, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Durg. PL Sonwani, Assistant Director, Regional Office, Raipur and PR Sahu and Vijay Kumar Rakhonde, Sreemi E, Sushant Chhatrriya, Oliver Kujur, Senior Statistical Officers, employees of Sub Regional Office, Durg, teachers and students of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Durg participated in the program. At the end of the program, vote of thanks was given by Yaseen Ali, Incharge & Senior Statistical Officer, National Statistical Office, Durg.

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State govt has not made any changes in liquor policy of earlier govt: Baghel

● **BJP is raking up such issues, as they are unable to contest elections without help of ED**

Raipur, Jul 10: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel came down heavily against the allegations on the state government related to liquor scam and said that no changes have been made by his government in the rules and policies formed by the earlier government related to liquor. Baghel charged the former CM Raman Singh of formulating a policy to pass on benefit to three distilleries and added that after ED's challan, notices have been issued to three distilleries and to the officers posted there. CM said that if any irregularity is found then each and every single penny will be recovered.

Speaking to media persons here on Monday, CM



Baghel spoke at length about the charges on liquor scam. He informed that it was in 2020 that first raid was conducted by IT and now in 2023 ED is claiming of Rs 2168 cr liquor scam. ED is charging that it is without payment of Excise Duty that liquor was taken out from the distilleries.

CM Baghel said that if the liquor cartons have been taken out without depositing of Excise, then

first the action should be taken against the liquor distilleries, as it was their responsibility and then with the officer posted there. But no action was taken against them and neither their property was attached nor bank accounts were seized. Baghel said that if ED and IT conducts raids, then they informed how much of property has been seized or about disproportionate income. CM questioned as

to whether any amount of property to the tune of liquor scam has been seized or not.

CM Baghel said that this was started in 2017, when ex-CM Dr Raman Singh prepared the new liquor policy and under which the government took over the liquor shops by forming a Corporation. Liquor was purchased through corporation and sold through placement agency. Baghel said that in this policy it has been clearly said that only three distilleries in state will supply country liquor. On this Baghel questioned as to why only 3 distilleries were finalized and what is Raman Singh's connection with them. CM said that the policy formed by Raman Singh is still continuing and we have not made any changes in it. Under this policy in 2018 the then government earned a revenue of Rs 3900 crore and today it has in-

creased to Rs 6500 cr. Even after this they are saying that liquor has been taken out without paying of Excise Duty? CM said that we have taken this into cognizance and issued notices to three distilleries and the officials as well.

CM assertively said that if the complaint is found to be correct, then each and every single penny will be recovered. If it is proved that there is shortfall in state government's revenue, then due action will be taken and entire amount will be recovered, CM added.

Baghel said that with elections in the offing, BJP is doing all this and since they (BJP) are unable to contest the election, they want to contest it through ED. The people are not with them and therefore they are making all sorts of conspiracies and raising all controversies to defame the government, CM added.

HEAP OF GARBAGE



The nooks and corners of city are not being properly cleaned and it is resulting in awful odor and flees posing risk for diseases during rainy season.

Governor Harichandan seeks blessings from Lord Jagannath

Raipur, Jul 10: Governor B i s w a b h u s a n Harichandan visited Lord Jagannath Mandir in Puri during his stay in Odisha. He offered prayers and wished for the happiness and prosperity of the country and the people of the state. The first lady of the state, Suprabha Harichandan, was also



present along with him. He also visited the Sakshi Gopal temple and offered prayers. He paid floral tributes to the

Pancha Sakha. Renowned freedom fighter, teacher, and author Shri Utkalmani Pandit Gopabandhu Das, along with his friends Pandit Nilakantha Das, Pandit Godabarish Mishra, Acharya Harihar Das, and Pandit Krupasindhu Mishra, are known as the Panch Sakha.

Twenty three arrested playing 'satta'



Raipur, Jul 10: Twenty three persons who were playing 'satta' online through 'Reddy Anna app' have been arrested. According to police transaction of money of 'satta' and link of Reddy Online Satta was found in mobile phone of one Madhukar Sinha, aged 28 years, son of Narsingh Sinha, resident of Sarkhi village falling under jurisdiction of Abhanpur Police Station in Raipur, during his interrogation after his arrest under Section 365,

511, 34 IPC of crime number 200/23 registered in Abhanpur Police Station. When the police team members questioned him in connection with 'satta', he named Karan Singh Ghai, resident of New Rajendra Nagar, Naveen Agrawal, resident of Dongargarh, Mukhiya Ramamurthy from Visakhapatnam and other persons. He revealed that satta was being operated online from Odisha and Vishakhapatnam.

Devotees throng temples to offer prayers on first Monday of Sawan

Raipur, Jul 10: Devotees were seen offering prayers at Hatkeshwar Mahadev, Budheshwar Mahadev temples. Shiva temples of other locations in Raipur have been crowded with devotees since morning. In the Hindu calendar, 'Sawan', also known as 'Shravan', is the fifth month of the Hindu lunar calendar and one of the holiest months of the year. This year, the Shravan period stretches for two months instead of the usual one-month period. Previously, an almost two-month-long Shravan period was observed approximately 19 years ago. The Sawan month started on July 4 and will go on till August 31. It would be 59 days long and there would be eight Mondays instead of four.

Today was the first Monday of the month of Shravan. A large number of devotees are reaching the temples for



'Jalabhishek'. The entire temple area was resounding with the chants of 'Har Har Mahadev' and 'Bol Bam'. On the eve of the first Shravan Monday falling on July 10, Shiva temples were decorated with attractive lights. A bamboo cordon has been made at Hatkeshwar Mahadev Temple, Budheshwar Temple so that devotees can queue up and perform 'J a l a b h i s h e k'. 'Rudrabhishek' of Shivling was performed in

the presence of priests in the Brahma Muhurta in the Shiva temples. After this, the devotees were doing 'Jalabhishek' from morning to afternoon. The doors of the temple have been closed and decorated in different forms in different Shiva temples. After which the devotees will be able to see Shringar. According to Pt. Suresh Goswami, the priest of Hatkeshwar Mahadev Temple, after 19 years, due to the coincidence of Purushottam month in the

All BJP leaders lie: Akbar

● **After COVID hiatus**

Raipur, Jul 10: Forest Minister Mohammad Akbar has called the BJP's allegations baseless on the issue of liquor ban in the state. Addressing a press conference here today Minister Akbar charged Bharatiya Janata Party with doing politics of lies. All BJP leaders lie, he alleged. 'The BJP had said that the Congress had talked about banning liquor by taking Gangajal in hand. We had talked about liquor ban, but did not do it with Gangajal in hand', Akbar said.

In a video released by Akbar, Congress leader RPN Singh is seen swearing with Gangajal in his hand that loans of the farmers will be waived off within 10 days. 'Prime Minister and the BJP said that we had talked about banning alcohol by taking Gangajal in hand. In fact we talked about liquor ban, but did not take Gangajal. The thing that was said by taking Gangajal in hand was to



waive off the loans of the farmers in 10 days', Akbar said, adding that committee formed on liquor ban is working. Vijay Baghel, convener of the BJP manifesto committee lied that BJP had never talked about liquor ban, Akbar said. Minister Akbar said, the committee under the chairmanship of MLA Satyanarayan Sharma had been constituted. The names of the MLAs were also sought from the BJP side for the committee, but they have not given it, he said. We have formed Bharat Mata Vahini. To quit intoxication, pamphlets are being distributed along with street plays. There should be a complete ban on all kinds of drugs. Big leaders of BJP are lying. We have to make people aware.

Azad Janata Party to contest in all 90 assembly seats

Raipur, Jul 10: Azad Janata Party's state level meeting and expansion program was held in Raipur on Sunday, in which it was announced that Azad Janata Party will contest elections on all 90 assembly seats and on August 15, 2023, the public manifesto of the party will be issued, for which the has started from today itself. Addressing the scribes here State President Ujjwal Dewan, State Vice President Amandeep Singh Gill, State Spokesperson Sanjeev Mishra said that public manifesto will be prepared keeping in mind all sections of Chhattisgarh and today more than 100 women and men



have taken membership of Azad Janata Party, they added. On the occasion the members of the committee for making the manifesto has been selected which includes Amandeep Singh Gill - President, Advocate Abhishek Amin - Vice President, Sanjeev Mishra - Member, Amanat Ali Khan - Member, Karam Lal Sahu - Member, Advocate Bhagirathi Ratre - Member, Advocate Janu

Khare - Member Advocate Ashish Jethani - Member, Pawan Kumar Tiwari - Member, Saurabh Yadu - Member, Mrs. Vibha Gupta - Member, Praveen Puraina - Member and Dr. Imran Hingora - Member.

The Azad Janata Party raised many questions from this platform to the Central Government and Chief Minister Bhupesh

Baghel, Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu, on inflation, unemployment, education and health. On the occasion Publicity Secretary Karam Lal Sahu, Ashish Awasthi, Yuva Morcha State President Praveen Puraina, Youth Sports Cell President Saurabh Yadu, Durg District President Pawan Tiwari, Balrampur District President Amanat Ali Khan, Legal Advisor, Advocate Abhishek Amin, Advocate BR Ratre Advocate Janu Khare, Ashish Jethani, Akhilesh Ambade, Vibha Gupta, Champa Mehta, Surendra Miri, Kartik Patel and other workers were present.

Three miscreants arrested for Abhanpur kidnapping attempt

Raipur, Jul 10: Police have arrested three miscreants in connection with the incident of kidnapping attempt in Abhanpur near Raipur. All three together tried to kidnap an executive engineer, resident of village Kolar and landlord of Sarkhi about two months ago for a ransom of Rs 10 lakhs but the police thwarted their plan and caught them and subsequently brought them to the police station. In fact, on July 8, Roopal Chandrakar lodged a report at Abhanpur police station that on May 8, he reached Kolar Abhanpur in his car from Raipur residence at around 04:30 am and after routine work, he was

going back home via Abhanpur Old Dhantari road. Meanwhile, at 5:10 am near Sargunda Talab, a white colored Hyundai I-20 car came from behind and stopped beside him. The occupants of the car were masked. When he moved forward, masked miscreants stopped their car in front of him. After getting off the car they moved towards the complainant and tried to catch him. Seeing no other alternative complainant started running towards his house. When he went a little distance and looked back, the number plate of the car was covered with mud. Apart from two masked persons, there was also a driver in the car. Apart from

the number plate, the car was clean and both the masked men fled in the car. Offence (number 200/23) Section 365, 511, 34 IPC was registered against unidentified persons in police station Abhanpur.

Under the direction of senior officers, the joint team of Anti-Crime and Cyber ??Unit and Police Station Abhanpur, inquired the people around the complainant in detail regarding the incident and checked footages of CCTV installed in and around the incident site. Technical analysis was also done in relation to the unidentified miscreants. Apart from collecting information regarding the

car used by the unidentified miscreants, efforts were being made continuously to trace them on the basis of other evidences and facts. Meanwhile, the team members received important information regarding one of them miscreants Madhukar Sinha, a resident of the village, in connection with the incident. On the basis of the evidence obtained by the team members the team members arrested Madhukar Sinha. During interrogation he named his two accomplices Ajay alias Pintu Netam and Tekram Dhivar in connection with the incident. Subsequently the police arrested Pintu Netam and Tekram Dhivar.

Bone marrow transplant done successfully to save patient life: Dr Jaiswal

● **A middle aged man with multiple myeloma successfully underwent bone marrow transplant**

Raipur, Jul 10: A 51-year-old gentleman from Chhattisgarh with multiple myeloma underwent autologous bone marrow transplantation at Ramkrishna CARE Hospital, Raipur, Chhattisgarh. The treatment was done by Dr. Ravi Jaiswal, Consultant- Haemato-oncology and BMT.

Addressing the scribes here Dr Ravi Jaiswal informed that patient was admitted to Ramkrishna Care Hospital in June 2021 with severe low back pain for 2 months. The treatment started with blood tests, bone marrow test and found to be suffering from



multiple myeloma- stage 3. Treatment began with Induction chemotherapy for 4 months followed by maintenance therapy (oral tablets). With the disease in control, Autologous bone marrow transplantation was done at Ramkrishna CARE BMT unit. "The patient was given a high dose of chemotherapy which wiped out his cancerous cells followed by stem cells infusion." Patient was admitted to the Bone Marrow Transplant unit. This consists of special patient rooms, each with a separate Air Handling Unit, HEPA filters and positive air pressure. The entry to the

patient rooms is restricted. This is necessary to ensure that patient does not contract any infection during this period of substantially lowered immunity. Stem cells were mobilized from the bone marrow into peripheral blood by giving twice a day injections into the skin. Stem cells were collected from the peripheral blood stream by the use of apheresis machine. This procedure does not involve anesthesia or surgery. Adequate dose of peripheral blood stem cells were collected. After that, high dose chemotherapy was given. And the hematopoietic stem cells

were transfused back to the patient. Thereafter the progress of the patient was closely monitored. He recovered within 12 days of transplant without usage of a single antibiotic injection. This speaks volumes about the sterile environment in transplant unit and highest infection control policy said Dr Ravi Jaiswal.

"Every time our doctors perform an organ transplant procedure, they give a new lease of life to the patient. We could not be prouder to have successful organ transplant programs helping our patients live healthier lives. I congratulate our doctors for performing successful bone marrow transplant at Ramkrishna CARE Hospital", said Dr Sandeep Dave, Director, Ramkrishna CARE hospitals.

MATS University organises colorful event of Fashion Festival-2023

Raipur, Jul 10: The annual fashion show Fashionotsav-2023 was organised by the Department of School of Fashion Designing and Technology of Mats University at Chokar Dhani. The students won the hearts of all with their spectacular presentation of Indian culture and traditions of Chhattisgarh through fashion. The show depicted the wonderful pastimes of Lord Shri Ram, Shiva and Shri Krishna love - with the theme "Prem". Divyang children also gave their presentation in this event and felt proud of themselves. Parvinder Kaur, Head of Department, School of Fashion Designing and



Technology, Mats University, said that like every year, this year also the annual fashion show 'Fashionotsav-2023' was organized colorfully by the department. The Chief Guest of the function was Mr. Sanjay Shukla (IFS), Chairman of Chhattisgarh Real Estate Regulatory Authority

(RERA) and Mr. Anil Kumar Sahu (IFS), Managing Director of Chhattisgarh Tourism Board, Guest of Honor was Prof. Dr. Col. Umesh Mishra CGPURC, chairman. On this occasion, Chancellor of Mats University Mr. Gajraj Pagaria, Vice Chancellor Prof. K.P. Yadav, Director

General Mr. Priyesh Pagaria, Deputy Vice Chancellor Dr. Deepika Dhand, Registrar Mr. Gokulnanda Panda, heads of various departments, professors, students and eminent citizens were present. The function started with the national anthem and garlanding the statue of Maa Saraswati. The students won a lot of applause by presenting beautiful designs depicting the fashion of the ancient times with innovative ideas and wonderful costumes. The students of Fashion Department also displayed special clothes designed for Divyang. Its objective was to encourage and support specially-abled children.

CM inaugurates Mata Shrimati Bindeshwari Baghel Park

Director (Projects) asks to focus on internal rate of transformation



In village Bharda
Unveils statue of Mata Shrimati Bindeshwari Baghel

Central Chronicle News

Balod, Jul 10: Chief

Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Monday inaugurated the Mata Shrimati Bindeshwari Baghel Park in village Bharda (Tatenga) of Balod district besides unveiling the statue of Mata Shrimati Bindeshwari Baghel.

Chief Minister and other distinguished guests present on the occasion also planted saplings in the park. During his address at the ceremony, Chief Minister Baghel announced a fund allocation of Rs 50 lakhs each

for the park's beautification and the construction of a community building within the premises.

In addition, he approved Rs 65 lakhs for the construction of a 3.50-kilometer road, connecting the Kharkhara River to the Main Road Tatenga. Furthermore, he also announced the upgradation of the Government Higher Secondary School Tatenga.

Women and Child Development Minister Smt. Anila Bhediya, Parliamentary Secretary Shri Kunwar Singh Nishad, MLA Smt. Sangeeta Sinha, along with various public representatives and locals were also present on the occasion.



HOD IT Meet-2023 held

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Jul 10: "In a changing world, internal rate of transformation should be more than the changes of outside world," says Ujjawal Kanti Bhattacharya, Director (Projects), NTPC Limited while delivering keynote

address at two-day HOD IT Meet-2023 held at Raipur on July 10, 2023. The theme for the program is: Transformation through Digitalization, Innovation and Cyber Security.

Held at Raipur, the program was attended by senior officials of IT department from across the company. Chief Guest Bhattacharya further added that the entire busi-



ness model of the company is revolving around the successful implementation of IT process. We must transform ourselves through digitalization while focusing on innovation and keeping vigil on cyber security, he added.

Speaking on the occasion, Maheswara Bishoyee, CGM (IT); Arindam Sinha, ED (OS); C Sivakumar, RED (WR-II, USSC & Ash

NI); HK Dash, ED (CC&M); MK Srivastava, ED (Engg.) spoke on indispensability of IT and adopting new technology which not only helping the company to remain competitive but also keeping it ahead of the time.

During the meet, many presentations pertaining to emerging issues in the area of IT were delivered and discussed.

CU, a pioneer in academic innovation: Dr. Kothari

Absconding 101 warrantees produced before the court

Two-day workshop organized on the 'Implementation of Indian Knowledge Tradition'

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, Jul 10: Inauguration of a two-day workshop (July 10-11, 2023) on the implementation of Indian knowledge tradition in line with the spirit of National Education Policy 2020 took place under the joint auspices of Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (Central University) and Shiksha Sanskriti Utthan Nyas, New Delhi at 10 am on July 10, 2023 with Dr. Atul Kothari, National Secretary of Education Culture Utthan Nyas, New Delhi as the chief guest. Professor Nilambari Dave, ex Vice-Chancellor, Saurashtra University, Gujarat, was also present. In-charge Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Amit Kumar Saxena presided over the program.

At the inauguration of the workshop, Dr. Atul Kothari said that academic innovation and innovative research is the chief func-



tion of a university, in which Guru Ghasidas University is playing a leading role. It is a matter of pleasure to initiate the action plan to implement the Indian knowledge tradition mentioned in the National Education Policy 2020 in this university in a holistic manner.

Dr. Kothari said that we are creating such paths through courses which many universities will follow in the coming times. Highlighting the Indian concept of character building and overall develop-

ment of personality, Dr. Kothari said that character building and overall personality development of the students is possible with the glorious and illustrious concept of Indian Panchkoshi knowledge.

While presiding over the programme, In-charge Vice-Chancellor Prof. Amit Kumar Saxena expressed happiness over the organization of the workshop, said that under the efficient guidance of Honorable Vice-Chancellor, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal, the work of curriculum

preparation will be done at the Central University in accordance with National Education Policy with the assistance of subject experts of the Indian knowledge tradition.

Earlier, the program started with lighting the lamp and garlanding of the oil paintings of Maa Saraswati and Baba Ghasidas. The guests on the stage were welcomed with saplings. Shri. Deshraj Sharma, National Convenor, Character Building and Personality Development, while shar-

ing information about the workshop said that seven sessions will be organized in the two-day workshop. In the workshop, work will be done on the creation of appropriate literature for curriculum development. Those on the stage included Dr. Manohar Bhandari, MBBS MD, Indore M.P. and the Coordinator of the workshop, Prof. P.K. Bajpai. Workshop Co-coordinator, Prof. Praveen Kumar Mishra delivered the welcome address.

The guests on the stage were honored with shawls, shreephal and mementoes. At the end, vote of thanks was given by the Registrar, Prof. Manish Srivastava, and Dr. Garima Tiwari, Assistant Professor conducted the program. Twenty groups have been formed in the workshop who will discuss, deliberate upon, analyze, review and draw conclusions on various topics.



Central Chronicle News

Jagdalpur, Jul 10: Deputy Inspector General of Police and Senior Superintendent of Police Jitendra Singh Meena directed all police station/outpost in-charges of the district to run a special campaign from July 3, 2023, to serve permanent and arrest warrants.

Under this a special campaign was launched in different areas of Bastar district against permanent warrantees who have been absconding for many years. Such criminals of Bastar district who were absconding

for a long time after committing crimes and on whom a permanent or arrest warrant was issued by the court, action has been taken to arrest such absconding permanent or arrest warrantees under a special campaign.

Under this in Bastar police station warrantees were searched and warrants were served to 38, 14 in police station Kotwali, 10 in police station Bodhaat, 12 in police station Parpa, 8 in police station Bakavand, 25 in police station Nagarnar, 3 in police station Bhanpuri, 3 in Chowki Ghotia, 2 in police station AJAK, 2 in Police Station Burgum, 2 in

Police Station Karpavand, 1 each in Police Station Badaji and Kodenar. In this a total of 101 warrantees were searched and warrants were served. The concerned have been produced in the court.

Station in-charge Ravindra Kumar Meena (Trainee IPS), Inspector Leeladhar Rathore, Amit Shukla, Lalji Sinha, Dhananjay Sinha, Kishore Kenwat, Chandrashekar Shrivastava, Sub-Inspector Pramod Thakur, Piyush Baghel, Horilal Navik, Guneshwari Nareti were part of the team in the campaign to arrest the warrantees of Bastar Police.

CM Baghel offers prayers at the Shiva temple in Bharda village

School entrance festival, Guru Purnima celebrated with pomp & gaiety

On the occasion of Saawan Somvar

Central Chronicle News

Balod, Jul 10: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel visited the Lord Shiva temple in Balod district's Bharda village today on the occasion of the first Monday in the sacred Saawan month.

Women and Child Development Minister Anila Bhediya, Parliamentary Secretary Kunwar Singh Nishad, MLA Sangeeta Sinha, and other public representatives were also present on the occasion.



The local public representatives and villagers accorded a warm welcome to the Chief Minister on his arrival in

village Bharda. School students in large numbers had also visited, and the Chief Minister inquired about their studies.

Central Chronicle News

Kareli Badi, Jul 10: On July 3, the 'Shala Pravesh Utsav' (school entrance festival) and Guru Purnima program was celebrated with great pomp in Government Primary and Secondary School Chandana Development Block Magarlod District Dhamtari.

In the hospitality of the chief guest of the programme Tarini Chandrakar, President District Panchayat Dhamtari, the traditional lamp was first lit and prayers were offered to Goddess Saraswati and the welcome programme of



guests concluded. 'Ae Bahare Mehak Ke Nazare Rut Suhani Ho Gayi' was presented in the welcome song. Handshake by the newly admitted students of Class I and Class VI means from today the school is mine too. After this, textbooks, school uniforms were distributed by the

guests along with sweets. Roli Chandan to the children, Raksha Sutra was tied in the hands of the children. In the second session, the felicitation programme was celebrated as Guru Purnima. All the teachers of the school were presented Shawl, Shrifal and a bunch of flowers by

the village heads. All the guests and guardians who came along were also honoured with Shawl and Shrifal. The chief guest Tarini Chandrakar was presented with the symbol plow and quince year.

For all the guests, guardians and villagers who came in the pro-

gramme, arrangements for food and prasadi were made by the management committee.

Tarini Chandrakar in her address said that the parents are the first teacher of the children, along with education, the right values should be met with the family. She asked parents to keep the children away from mobile as much as possible at home and prepare them on time and send them to schools regularly. In school too, along with education and writing, special attention should be paid towards sports, moral education and culture. The programme was conducted by Kanval Ram Sahu.

Agricultural work getting badly affected due to power outage

Decision taken to give dividend to farmers

Central Chronicle News

Jagdalpur, Jul 10: In dozens of villages of Bakavand development block, agricultural work is being adversely affected due to power outages. Day or night the power goes off at any time and then it does not come back for hours. Farmers are in trouble due to frequent power failure.

Even on Sunday, farmers of many villages including Deora, Sargipal, Borigaon, and the surrounding areas say that most of the time there is no electricity in the villages and most of the time the problem of low voltage persists. Due to this the electric motor pump is not able to run and they are not able



to fill water in their fields for transplanting paddy. Planting work is getting affected. The government is providing many facilities to the farmers for farming. But the Electricity Department is determined to sabotage all these facilities and schemes. Apart from this, the villagers of

the area are not even able to get the paddy harvested and the rice and wheat milled. Due to low voltage and power failure, people are not able to sleep peacefully at night due to non-functioning of fans and coolers. Students are not able to study at home.

Ajay Kumar, junior engineer of Bakavand Electricity Distribution Company, says that due to rain, sometimes this type of problem keeps coming due to the ongoing improvement work. We are engaged in streamlining the power system with promptness. Farmers will not be allowed to face any kind of problem, he added.

In meeting of Primary Agri Credit Co-op Samiti

Central Chronicle News

Kareli badi, Jul 10: The annual general meeting of Primary Agricultural Credit Cooperative Society Kareli Badi was organised on Friday. The income and expenditure were accounted for information pertaining to last financial year.

Supervisor Parmeshwar Nirmalkar while sharing information related to Annual General Meeting (AGM) said that 5 percent dividend will be given to the farmers. An appeal was also made to the farmers to make more and more members. He motivated the farm-



ers to take loans by informing them about the Primary Agricultural Credit Cooperative Scheme. Motivating the farmers who sell paddy on support price were asked to take Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana and were informed about its benefits. Farmers were also encouraged to get crop insurance.

On this occasion, Chairman Subhash

Chowdhary, Chief Guest Jeevan Lal Sahu, Chamman Lal Sahu and a large number of farmers including Kanshi Ram Sahu, Shambhu Nishad, Authorized Officer Tameshwar Sonkar, Committee Manager Nathu Sonkar, Clerk cum Operator Tarun Nishad, Salesman Ramesh Sahu, Radhe Nishad Sumit, Ekant, Rahul Sahu were present.

OBITUARY

Puran Lal Sahu



Kareli badi: Puran Lal Sahu, R/o village Parsathi, passed away suddenly on Thursday, July 6, 2023, at his home village. He was the S/o Gayatri Bai Sahu. He was the father of Chandrahah Sahu, Chandradhwaj Sahu, Bhunesh Sahu. The final rites were performed in Grihagram. He left behind a full-fledge family. In his last rites, Bisit, Bhikham, Basant Villagers including Lakkan, Pawan, Dhan Sai, Omkar, Omsharan, Yuvraj, Jageshwar, Premlal, Uttam, Mukesh, Homesh, took part and paid tribute to the deceased.

Health wellness worker being imparted training

● Of yoga for pregnant women

Central Chronicle News

Kondagaon, Jul 10: As a pilot project of Department of Social Welfare and UNICEF, yoga program for pregnant women is running in 45 health wellness centers of the district by Chhattisgarh Yoga Commission Raipur from July 7 to 13 at Yoga Bhavan Raipur.



are participating in the seven-day residential yoga training for the purpose of promoting good health.

Nodal officer for Training Shivcharan Sahu said that under the guidance of Collector Deepak Soni, yoga programmes are being conducted for pregnant women in 45 health and wellness centers of the district, which will bring better results to the people and society of the district in the near future.

In this regard, District

Employees' organisations staged one-day dharna

● In support of their five-point demand

Central Chronicle News

Pithora, Jul 10: It was under the banner of 'Karamchari Sanghatan and Chhattisgarh Karamchari Adhikari Sanyukt Morcha', the government officers and employees of the state government staged one-day dharna on Saturday in support of their five-point demand. Different employees' organisation are staging dharna and protest from time to time in support of their five-point demand, but none has been fulfilled till date.

Raising voice in Janpad premises, the Asst.

Teachers and Samagra Shikshak Federation Block Unit President Tulsi Patel in support of five-point demand raised a demand to make Pingua Committee's report public.

Senior Taxation officer Panchayat department, Sushil Choudhary demanded revision of HRC and O B C Karamchari/Adhikari Sangh Pithora unit President, Asst. BEO Dwarika Patel highlighting on the five-point demand, held the need to pay four-level pay-scale and regularise the irregular, adhoc, contractual and daily wage employees.

Teachers' Association regional convener Sudhir Pradhan

raised the demand of Old Pension Scheme and the benefits of service period be calculated right from the date of first appointment and to avail benefit of full pension, the period of service be made 25 yrs instead of 33 yrs.

President Shikshak Sangh Rohini Kumar Dewangan drawing attention towards all their demand strongly held the need to pay DA to the state government employees and pensioners at par with the central government employees.

The members of all the employee organisations were urged to remain united in support of their demands. Other who expressed their views included

Lekhram Sahu, Ramkumar Nayak, Mahendra Choudhary, Sushil Pradhan, Chandar Sahu, Meena Lal, Bhojraj Sao, Vikas Agrawal, Sudama Bariha, Jaswan Paikra. It was amidst rains, the employees raised slogans in protest and later submitted memorandum in the name of CM to the SDM.

Programme was conducted by Dolamani Sahu and it was attended by Arun Devata, Shyamkumar Patel, Sukhsagar Jagat, Pushpalata Ratre, Yogi Sahu, Aantaryami Pradhan, Durvasa Goswami, Nitesh Sahu, SS Mishra and large number of other employees.

Kondagaon players bagged 8 medals



● In the 2nd State Level Gatka Championship Tournament

Central Chronicle News

Kondagaon, Jul 10: The 2nd State Level Gatka Championship Tournament for Boys and Girls was organized from July 7-9 at Guru Nanak Nagar Bhilai. In which 9 children from Kondagaon of Bastar participated in age group 14. Devansh Sonboir of Navodaya Vidyalaya Kondagaon won bronze medal in single soti and Rohit Nag won silver

single in age group 17 single fur soti. Vishnu Sori in soti team, Lokesh Thakur, Khilendra Baghel got 3rd position and in age group 22 singles, Phalendra Thakur, Dilip Yadav, Nikku Sori performed better and secured 2nd position.

9 athletes have won 8 medals which is the only team of Bastar Division which has been giving Kondagaon a special place by performing for the last two years for which team manager Hiralal Churendra coach Shivcharan Sahu has been awarded a memento by the State Gatka Association and the Sikh Youth Forum.

ABVP submits memorandum to Principal GNM

Demanding start of PG Classes soon

Central Chronicle News

Berla, Jul 10: The Berla unit of Akhil Bhartiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) submitted a memorandum to the Principal Government Naveen Mahavidyalaya (GNM) Berla demanding starting the M.Com and MSc classes from current academic session. Few days back, the Commissioner Higher Education Department has issued an order to start PG classes in the College, but the College has so far not started the same and due to which there is great deal of resentment among the students.

Presently the students interested in doing PG course have to go either to Bemetara or Saja or Durg. District convener ABVP

Kishan Sahu informed that even after orders by the Education Department of the state government, not starting the PG Classes reflects administrative irregularity.

It is keeping all the above things the ABVP workers submitted a memorandum to Principal Govt Naveen College, Durg and urged him to start PG classes in the College at the earliest.

On this occasion, ABVP workers including City secy Shaileendra Sahu, state working committee members Chanchal Choubey, Kamdev, Harsh Verma, Chandan Sahu, Gulab Sahu, Shreya Yadav, Megha Nayak, Khomeshwari Sahu, Samir, Tameshwar, and other students were present.

'Giving gifts of thousands will not cut inflation'

Central Chronicle News

Pingeshwar, Jul 10: Taking a jibe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi's inauguration of the foundation stone worth thousands of crores in Raipur and discussing the inflation as well as the government's negligence on providing facilities, President of Pingeshwar Press Club, Jitendra Sharma said that the common man's stomach is filled with ration and vegetables, milk, which is very expensive, and promising projects worth thousands of crores will not fill their



stomach therefore inflation should be reduced.

He further said that oil companies have earned a profit of more than 58 thousand crores in the purchase of crude oil in the last year, which is actually the money of the general public and the benefit of 40 per cent reduction in the prices of crude oil should go directly to the public.

Sharma expected Prime Minister Narendra Modi to fulfill

the old demand of railway concession to 15 crore senior citizens of the country during his visit to Raipur. He also said that the journey of Vande Bharat train is convenient, but the fare is far beyond the reach of poor and middle class families, consideration should be given in this direction so that the benefit of passenger facilities can reach the common people.

S. No.		Borrower/Branch Name	Description of the movable/immovable Property	Demand Notice Amount	Demand Notice Date
1.		M/s. A.K. Enterprises, Prop.- Mr. Parvez Alam S/o. Mr. Abdul Kadir Khan, Ph No. 14, K.N. No. 6561 (Part), Ward No. 07, Farid Nagar, Murum khadan Road, Bhilai, C.G - 490023. Bounded: On the South= Road 30' On the North = Road 10' On the West= Land of Mohd Abdul Bhilai (C.G.) 490023 and (Guarantor) Mr. Mohd Yusuf Khan S/o. Mr. Abdul Qadir Khan, Ph No. 14, Kh. No. 7357/5, Ward No. 8, Farid Nagar, Murumkhadan Road, Bhilai, (C.G.) 490023, Bhilai, KPS Branch.	1. Residential Land and Building in the Name of Mr. Mohd Yusuf Khan Situated at Ph No.14, Kh No 7357/5 (Part), Ward No. 07, Farid Nagar, Murum khadan Road, Bhilai, C.G -490023. Bounded: On the South= Road 30' On the North = Road 10' On the West= Land of Mohd Abdul Bhilai (C.G.) 490023 and (Guarantor) Mr. Mohd Yusuf Khan S/o. Mr. Abdul Qadir Khan, Ph No. 14, Kh. No. 7357/5, Ward No. 8, Farid Nagar, Murumkhadan Road, Bhilai, (C.G.) 490023, Bhilai, KPS Branch.	₹ 2,49,14,062.33 with interest and applicable charges thereon.	01.05.2023 Possession Notice Date 07.07.2023
2.		M/s. Harishyam Engineering, Prop. Tikaram Chand, S/o. Late Shri Harichand, Bhilai, SME Branch.	Factory land and building 7 plant and Machinery at Plot No. 80, Khasra No. 411/1 & 413/10 (part), PH No. 13, measuring 720.00 square meters, situated at Village- Hathkhaj, Engineering Park, Heavy Industrial Area, Bhilai, District-Durg, C.G-492011. Bounded: East- Plot No. 81, West- Plot No. 79, North- Road, South-Plot No. 89.	₹ 1,74,22,589.98 with interest and applicable charges thereon.	11.04.2023 Possession Notice Date 07.07.2023

Date: 10.07.2023 Place: Bhilai, KPS & Bhilai SME (C.G.) Authorized Officer, Canara Bank

बैंक ऑफ इंडिया Bank of India		SARAIPALI BRANCH : Near Gayatri Shaktipeeth, Main Road, Saraipali, Distt-Mahasamund 493558 (C.G.)
POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Properties) <small>[Under Rule-8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002]</small>		
<p>Whereas, The undersigned being the authorized officer of the Bank of India, Saraipali Branch under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice calling upon the following borrower/s to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being detail as mentioned here under, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules as mentioned below.</p>		
<p>The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Bank of India, Saraipali Branch for an amount detail given as below.</p>		
Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)	Description of the Properties	Demand Notice Amount Due
M/s. Jai Santoshi Maa Rice Industries, Prop. Mr. Budhd Das Kaushik / his legal heirs - Dhajeshwar Kaushik, Uttamprakash Kaushik and Hemprakash Kaushik	1. All that Part and Parcel of the Property Consisting of Freehold Diverted Factory Land and Building Situated at Kh.No. 732 (Old 734/3, 735/2 (Part) renumbered as 734/4 and 735/3), (734/3 (Part) and 735/2 (Part) renumbered as 734/5 and 735/4) P.H. No. 35, Village Sardabhata, R/C in the name of Mr. Budhd Das Kaushik admeasuring 67138 Sq Feet. Boundaries: North-Dharsa Road/Darasram, South-Others/ Hontal/Jagdish, East - Others/Darasram, West-Road/Jagdish/Vishram Das.	Date 21.03.2023 Possession Notice ₹ 100,54,653.59/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty Four Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Three and Fifty Nine Paise Only) and interest + other expenses
<p>67138 Sq Feet. Boundaries: North-Dharsa Road/Darasram, South-Others/ Hontal/Jagdish, East - Others/Darasram, West-Road/Jagdish/Vishram Das.</p>		
<p>2. All that Part and Parcel of the Property Consisting of Freehold Diverted Open Land Situated at Kh. No. 808 and 611/5, P.H.No. 35, Village-Sardabhata, R/C Bhatagaon, Tehsil-Bilgaigarh & District Saranagar (C.G.) in the name of Mr. Budhd Das Kaushik admeasuring 54872 sqft. Boundaries: North-Plot of Ram Bai/Plot of Laxmikant, South-Dharsa / Plot of Horial, East-Plot of Chhedu /Plot of Pilawa, West-Plot of Mandru / Land of Durg.</p>		
<p>3. Plant and Machineries, Electric installations etc.</p>		
Date: 11.07.2023, Place : Saraipali.		Authorized Officer, Bank of India

IDBI Bank Ltd. Branch: Samta Colony, 104-R.B. Towers, Samta Colony, Raipur (C.G.) - 492001	
DEMAND NOTICE NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 (THE SARFAESI ACT)	
Name of Borrower Smt. Kajal Banerjee W/o Late Shri Aroop Banerjee, House No. 119, Anand Nagar, Ward No.32, Teilbandha, Ravigram, Raipur-492006, Chhattisgarh Phone-9617898560 (The legal heir of Late Shri Aroop Banerjee and Late Smt. Aarti Banerjee)	
<p>Public Notice is hereby given to the aforesaid legal heir and any other person claiming to be the legal heirs of Late Shri Aroop Banerjee and Late Smt. Aarti Banerjee, the Borrower(s) / Mortgagee(s)/Guarantors (since both Shri Aroop Banerjee and Smt. Aarti Banerjee in the said home loans and working capital facility are reported deceased) that the aforesaid Borrowers/Mortgages/Guarantors were sanctioned with financial assistance of Rs.15,00,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Only) by IDBI Bank Ltd. (IDBI Bank), by way of Home Loan Construction, Rs.11,00,000/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Only) by IDBI Bank Ltd. (IDBI Bank), by way of Home Loan Top Up and Rs.20,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh Only) by IDBI Bank Ltd. (IDBI Bank), by way of cash credit (WC) for business purpose, aggregating total of Rs.46,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Six Lakh Only). Pursuant to the sanction of the said financial assistance, necessary loan and security documents were executed by Shri Aroop Banerjee (borrower) and Smt. Aarti Banerjee (co-borrower cum mortgagee/guarantor), both are reported deceased. The said financial assistance has been secured, inter alia, by mortgage by deposit of title deeds of the properties mentioned below. As the aforesaid Borrowers/Guarantors have defaulted in repayment of the said financial assistance in terms of the Loan Agreement (s) dated May 15, 2014, October 13, 2014 and November 07, 2012, the accounts of the Borrower have been classified as non-performing assets (NPA) in the books of IDBI Bank in terms of the guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) from time to time. In view of the defaults committed by the aforesaid Borrowers/Guarantor and their reported deceased, IDBI Bank, vide its letter bearing Ref. No. IDBI/LRN/ABGB/2023-24 dated June 06, 2023, has declared the financial assistance together with interest and other monies aggregating Rs.43,99,197.92 (Rupees Forty Three Lakh Ninety Nine Thousand One Hundred Ninety Seven and Ninety Two Paise Only) as on May 31, 2023, to have become immediately due and payable by the legal heir (Smt. Kajal Banerjee) of the deceased Borrower/Guarantor and called upon the said legal heir of Borrower/Guarantor to pay to IDBI Bank the said sums together with further interest thereon with effect from as January 14, 2022 for Cash Credit Loans and December 10, 2022 for Housing Loans till payment or realization, at the contractual rate as stated in the said letter. Necessary notice was issued by IDBI Bank under section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act at the respective addresses of the legal heir of the said deceased Borrower(s)/Mortgagee(s)/Guarantor by "Registered post with Acknowledgement Due" which was returned un-served with postal remark "Addressee Left without Instructions". In view of the aforesaid, this public notice is being issued to the aforesaid legal heir, Smt. Kajal Banerjee and any other person claiming to be the legal heirs of the said deceased Borrower/Mortgagee/Guarantor in compliance with Provision to Rule 3 (1) of the SARFAESI Rules.</p> <p>Please note that you shall not transfer or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business) any of the Secured Assets, without prior written consent of IDBI Bank, failing which you shall be liable for an offence punishable under section 29 of the SARFAESI Act.</p> <p>We invite your attention to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.</p> <p>In the circumstances, the legal heir, Smt. Kajal Banerjee and any other person claiming to be legal heirs of the said deceased Borrower (s)/Mortgagee (s)/Guarantor is/are, once again, requested to pay the aforesaid amount within sixty days from the date hereof failing which IDBI Bank, as a secured creditor has the right to enforce its security interest, under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act as also under any other law as available to IDBI Bank for realising its dues.</p>	
DETAILS OF THE PROPERTY House No-119, Khasra No-305/1, PH No-113, Ward No-32, Anand Nagar, Teilbandha, Tehsil/District-Raipur, Chhattisgarh, Pin-492006.	
Date : 11.07.2023 Place : Raipur Authorized Officer, IDBI Bank Ltd.	

Canara Bank E-Auction Sale Notice For Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rules (8) of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.		E-Auction Date: 28.07.2023		
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES				
<p>Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) & Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the secured creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the authorised officer the Canara Bank (secured creditor) will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS, AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" & "WHAT EVER THERE IS" on 28.07.2023 from 12.30 Noon to 2.30 pm for recovery of bank dues to the Canara Bank (secured creditor).</p>				
Name and address of the Borrower & Guarantors	Description of Properties & Name of Property Owner	Demand Notice Dt. Possession Dt.	Reserve Price EMD Amt. Bid Increment Amt.	Branch Name Account No. & IFSC Code
M/s. Shri Balaji Industries, Plot No. 4/L-1, 4/L, Heavy Industrial Area, Situated At Mouza Gram Hathkhaj Bhilai, Tahasil & District-Durg (C.G.), Through Partners 1. "Shri Jai Kishan Agrawal S/o Late Shri S. B. Agrawal" resident of Plot No. M.J.G. -II-2212, "Housing Board Colony Chawni" G. U. G. H. D. No. 27, Situated At Chawni Near Gurudwara, Mouza Gram Bhilai, Tahasil & District-Durg (C.G.) & 2. Shri Sanchit Agrawal S/o Shri Jai Kishan Agrawal, resident of Plot No. M.J.G. -II-2212, "Housing Board Colony Chawni" G. U. G. H. D. No. 27, Situated At Chawni Near Gurudwara, Mouza Gram Bhilai, Tahasil & District-Durg (C.G.)	All the part and parcel of factory land & building at Plot No. 4 L & 4 L - 1, Heavy Industrial Area, Hathkhaj, Bhilai, Tehsil & District - Durg (C.G.) having area 5000 SqFt & 10000 SqFt respectively in the name of M/s Shri Balaji Industries. Bounded: On the South= Road, On the North= Portion of Plot no. 4, On the West= Plot No. 4 J On the East= Portion of Plot No. 4	18.04.2022 29.06.2022	₹ 1,96,23,750.68 as on 18.04.2022 + future interest & costs, expenses etc.	Mr. Sanjay Kumar (Mo. 8839090565) Bhilai SME Branch A/c No. 209272434 IFSC CODE: CNBR0002548 Email: cb2548@canarabank.com
Terms and Conditions: a. The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the security interest (enforcement) rules 2002 and to the following conditions: a. The property will be sold in "as is where is and as is what is" basis including encumbrances, if any. There is no encumbrance to the knowledge of the bank. b. Auction / bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website www.indianbankseuction.com. Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings. c. The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorized Officer Date on 24.07.2023 at 10.30am. d. The property will not be sold below the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process. e. EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price to be deposited by way of Demand Draft in favour of Authorized Officer of above mentioned branches respectively OR shall be deposited through RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer to credit of account of above mentioned branches respectively on or before 27.07.2023, 4:30 pm. f. Intending bidders shall hold a valid digital signature certificate and e-mail address. For details with regard to digital signature please contact the service provider M/s Canbank Computer Service Ltd., Contact: - 9480691777/8553643144, E-mail ID: - auction@ccsl.co.in. Immediately on the same date of payment of the EMD amount the bidders shall approach the said service provider for obtaining digital signature (if not holding a valid digital signature) g. After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before 27.07.2023, 4:30 PM, to above mentioned branches respectively by hand or by email. (1) Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. (2) Acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No. (2) Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount. (3) Bidders Name, Contact No, Address, E Mail Id. (4) Bidder's A/c details for online refund of EMD. h. The intending bidders should register their names at portal www.banksec_ons.com (mention the website address of service provider) and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service M/s Canbank Computer Service Ltd., Contact: - 9480691777/8553643144, E-mail ID: - auction@ccsl.co.in. EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them within 2 days of finalization of sale. The EMD shall not carry any interest. j. Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiples of Rs. 10,000. The bidder who submits the highest bid (not below the Reserve price) on closure of "Online" auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor. k. The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price within the period stated above, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorized Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again. l. All charges for conveyance, stamp duty and registration charges etc., as applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only. m. Authorized Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the e-auction without assigning any reason thereof. n. In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating in the e-auction, they can approach concerned Circle office or above mentioned branches respectively who as a facilitating centre shall make necessary arrangements. o. For further details contact Branch Manager of respective branches OR Authorized Officer OR the service provider M/s Canbank Computer Service Ltd., Help Line E-mail ID: - auction@ccsl.co.in. p. For further details you may contact Canara Bank above mentioned Branch or M/s Canbank Computer Service Ltd., E-mail ID: - auction@ccsl.co.in			SPECIAL INSTRUCTION/CAUTION Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back-up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.	
Date : 10.07.2023, Place : Raipur (C.G.)		Authorized Officer, Canara Bank		

Crowds of devotees pay obeisance in Shiva Temples

Mungeli, Jul 10: The holy month of Shiva worship has started and crowds of devotees have started appearing in the pagodas of the area.

Toran and decorations have been done in the temple premise and sawan swing has also been organized in Shankar temple. The month of Sawan is considered the holy month of Shiva worship and devotees offer special prayers in Shivalayas throughout the month of Sawan.

Special worship of Lord Shiva will be done throughout the month in the oldest Shankar Temple of Khemgir located in the city of Malhapara and special prayers will be offered at Kharraghat's pagoda, Bada Bazar's Shiva temple, Sonarpada's Shiva temple and other major Shiva temples of the city.

One of the oldest temples of the city, the Shankar temple located at Malhapara has a special place and there is an attractive Shiving on this temple built on the banks of the pond. This temple was built by Baba Khemgir and the Samadhi of Khemgir Baba is also situated next to the main temple and people believe that all the wishes sought here are fulfilled.

Similarly, the temple of Lord Shankar at Kharraghat on the banks of Agar River is crowded with devotees throughout the month, and same way preparations are being made for special prayers and Jalabishek in the Shankar Temple located at Sonar Para and in other temples of the city.

Sawan has been considered as the festival of Shiva, the devotees of Lord Shiva worship with great devotion throughout the month and every day is devotion for the devotees here.

BRIEF



MP CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan after handing over the symbolic key of a house to beneficiaries of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, in Indore, Monday.

Foil

Jammu: Police on Monday stopped a woman from jumping from a bridge into Chenab river in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district, officials said. An alert police team saw a woman attempt suicide by trying to jump into the river from Chhattar bridge in Hasti area, they said. They rushed to spot and rescued her by preventing her from jumping, they added.

Suicide

New Delhi: A 28-year-old medical officer was found hanging inside a hotel room in east Delhi's Mayur Vihar area, police said on Monday. Police received information that a woman was found hanging inside a room in Holiday Inn hotel around 3.30 pm on Sunday. According to police, Ashna Beema Seethy, a resident of Jangpura, Pant Nagar, checked in at the hotel on Friday for a one-day stay. Later, on Saturday, she extended her stay for another day, they said.

Seized

Noida: One person was arrested and nearly 3.50 quintals of cannabis was seized which he and his associate had allegedly smuggled to NCR from Andhra Pradesh, police said on Monday. The seized contraband is estimated to be worth Rs 42 lakh in the black market, they said. Two people were carrying cannabis in two different cars and they were held, but one of them managed to escape, police said.

Committee

New Delhi: A committee of BJP parliamentarians headed by former law minister Ravi Shankar Prasad will visit West Bengal to probe the cases of violence during the panchayat polls in the state and present a report to party president J P Nadda. While Prasad is the "fact-finding" committee's convener, the other members are former Mumbai police commissioner Satyapal Singh, Rajdeep Roy and party vice-president Rekha Verma. Official sources said the delegation will reach the state on Tuesday and has been asked to submit its report at the earliest.

Watery grave

Medinagar: Two school students drowned while taking bath in a waterbody in Jharkhand's Palamu district on Monday, police said. The kids, who studied in two separate middle schools, had reportedly bunked classes to take bath in Gadai Bandh under Pipra police station area, around 200km from capital Ranchi, police said.

'Cong should thank Modi for removing Article 370'

Srinagar, Jul 10 (PTI):

The Congress should thank Prime Minister Narendra Modi for fulfilling their promise by removing Article 370, which was a temporary provision of the Constitution, Union minister Jitendra Singh said on Monday.

He also said the Modi government brought grassroots democracy to Jammu and Kashmir "for the first time". "When Syama Prasad Mookerjee suggested in the Constituent Assembly that there should be a re-think on it (Article 370), the biggest advocates of the provision including Jawahar Lal Nehru responded by saying 'this will erode over time'.



Jitendra Singh

However, Congress could not erode it due to their own political interests. Modiji has done what Congress governments should have done much earlier," Singh told reporters here.

"I think Congress should thank Modiji for fulfilling their promise and removing what was temporary," he added.

The Union minister inaugurated a seven-day exhibition highlighting the achievements of the Modi government in the past nine years.

Responding to a question on Article 370 petitions coming up for hearing in the Supreme Court on Tuesday, he said, "Whether the hearing takes place or not, Article 370 was written in the Constitution and in the same Constitution, it was written that it is a temporary provision."

Asked about opposition parties here claiming lack of democracy in the Union Territory, Singh said Modi had brought grassroots democracy to Jammu and Kashmir for the first time. "The democratic set up

is already there, panch, sarpanches are there. We have BDCs and DDCs also. This credit also goes to Modiji that for the first time, district councils have been set up here. The issue is that there was no democracy earlier. The grassroots democracy has come due to Modiji," he added.

About the poll violence in West Bengal, Singh said it was condemnable and cannot be tolerated in a democracy.

"The unfortunate incidents in Bengal are condemnable on three counts. It exposes the political hypocrisy. Those who said democracy has been murdered in Maharashtra, see how they are murdering it in Bengal.

UDF in Kerala announces series of protests against UCC, Manipur violence

Thiruvananthapuram, Jul 10 (PTI): The Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) on Monday announced a series of protests against the Union government's move to implement the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) and its failure to curb the ethnic violence in Manipur.

Leader of Opposition and UDF chairperson V D Satheesan said the front has observed that the Sangh Parivar's move of initiating a discussion on UCC was an attempt to create a division in society.

Sangh Parivar is an umbrella term used for a col-

lection of right-wing organisations in the country.

The UDF has decided to organise a 'Bahuswartha Sangamam' (roughly translated as a meet to defend pluralism) on July 29 in protest against the implementation of UCC, he said.

Satheesan said no party from the ruling Left Democratic Front (LDF) would be invited to the meeting.

His statement came days after the CPI(M) announced that it will conduct a seminar on UCC on July 15 and that all secular-minded parties would be invited, but not the

Congress, saying it does not have a united stand on the matter.

The CPI(M) had invited the Indian Union Muslim League (IUML), a major ally of the UDF, for the seminar, but the Congress ally rejected the Left party's overtures to take part in its seminars.

The IUML had said that the Left party was trying to create "conflict" and "division" by not inviting the Congress.

Addressing a press conference after the UDF meeting, Satheesan said his party will not "fall" into the trap laid by the BJP.

Rains continue to lash Utt'khand, several roads closed after landslides

Dehradun, Jul 10 (PTI):

The Badrinath National Highway and several other roads in Uttarakhand were blocked due to incessant rains and landslides on Monday, officials said.

The traffic on the highway was restored after a few hours while efforts are on to open other roads that are still closed, they said.

The MeT department has issued an alert for heavy rains in 11 districts of the state. Uttarakhand Police has appealed to the people to avoid travelling to the hills unless neces-

IN SEARCH OF SHELTER



A local carries a cot as he evacuates from a flooded area near the Chenab River following continuous monsoon rains, at Garkhal in Akhnour, Monday.

sary. According to the State Emergency Operation Center, Kotli received a maximum of 155 mm of rain, Bhagwanpur 88 mm, Chakrata 74.3 mm, Vikasnagar 66.5 mm, Mussoorie 60.2 mm, Purola 60 mm, Haridwar 57 mm, Kalsi 55.5 mm, Mori 53 mm, Barkot 51 mm, Dhanaulti 45 mm and Laksar 40 mm in the last 24 hours.

Due to incessant rains, all the major rivers, including Ganga are in spate.

In Haridwar, the water level of Ganga was record-

ed at 292 metres at 8 am, just two metres below the danger level.

According to the officials, the administration is on alert and constantly monitoring the water level of the rivers.

The MeT has forecast heavy rains in Haridwar, Udham Singh Nagar, Nainital, Champawat, Pithoragarh, Bageshwar, Almora, Pauri, Dehradun, Tehri and Chamoli on Monday and Tuesday.

In view of the rain alert, schools in Dehradun, Nainital, Uttarkashi, Pauri, Udham Singh

Nagar and Almora districts were closed on Monday. Meanwhile, the Chamoli district administration declared a holiday for all schools in the district on Tuesday and Wednesday.

State Director General of Police Ashok Kumar, in a tweet, said that there are possibilities of landslides on the hilly roads because of the incessant rains.

He has appealed to travellers to avoid visiting the hilly areas if not very important. "Don't travel unnecessarily, stay in a safe place.

RESCUE OPERATION



Rescue teams shift flood-affected people to a safer place after overflow of the Badi River following incessant rainfall, in Patiala, Monday.

Delhi BJP protests against AAP govt over waterlogging

● Alleges corruption in desilting of drains

New Delhi, Jul 10 (PTI):

The Delhi BJP on Monday protested near the AAP office at DDU Marg here against the inconvenience caused to people due to extensive waterlogging on several roads and stretches across the city.

Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva alleged a "scam" in desilting of drains in the city.

"It is clear that the drains have not been cleaned and the budget for the same has been misappropriated as roads, colonies and markets in the city are submerged," he said. No immediate reac-



Delhi BJP President Virendra Sachdeva being detained during a protest against the AAP government over waterlogging in different parts of the national capital during Monsoon rainfall, in New Delhi, Monday.

tion was available from the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) over the protest and allegations by the saffron party. Sachdeva, addressing the protesters, also attacked

AAP convener and Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal for doing political campaigning while the city was battling massive waterlogging and traffic mess.

Vedanta Aluminium hosts India's largest fleet of electric lithium-ion forklifts

Jharsuguda, Jul 10:

Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest producer of aluminium, now hosts India's largest fleet of electric lithium-ion forklifts, with a total of 44 units now deployed across its operations in Odisha and Chhattisgarh. The company has also recently commissioned India's first 10-ton electric lithium-ion forklift at its mega aluminium smelter in Jharsuguda, Odisha. In addition, it has also inducted 3-ton and 5-ton electric forklifts for the first time ever at its world-class alumina refinery in Lanjigarh, Odisha and also at its subsidiary BALCO, India's iconic aluminium producer based at Korba, Chhattisgarh.

This move greatly bolsters the sustainable nature of Vedanta Aluminium's operations. Undertaken in collaboration with GEAR (Gemini

Equipment and Rentals Private Limited) India and TARON Lift & Move, it comes as a significant step forward by Vedanta Aluminium towards decarbonizing its industrial vehicle fleet. With their faster and safer battery charging capabilities, these forklifts revolutionize operational efficiency while making substantial contributions to reducing carbon emissions and fuel consumption, ultimately contributing to Vedanta Aluminium's goal of achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

The company has also committed to decarbonizing 100% of its Light Motor Vehicle (LMV) fleet by 2030 and 75% of its mining fleet by 2035. In FY23, Vedanta Aluminium emerged as a pioneer for the domestic manufacturing industry by inducting 27 forklifts at its plant in Jharsuguda, among the largest aluminium smelters in the world.

Amarnath Yatra pilgrims optimistic despite suspension due to rains

Jammu, July 10 (PTI):

Despite the third consecutive day of suspension of the Amarnath Yatra, pilgrims remain undeterred and optimistic about visiting the holy cave shrine even if it means waiting for days.

The yatra has been suspended due to extensive damage caused to a section of the Jammu-Srinagar Highway in Ramban, with more than 7,000 stranded pilgrims in Jammu, primarily at the Bhagwati Nagar base camp, and an additional 5,000 stranded at the Chanderkot base camp in Ramban district.

Authorities said incessant rains on Saturday and Sunday caused unprecedented damage to the highway, especially a stretch in Ramban district, forcing its closure.

"Our spirits are high. We are willing to wait for ten more days if needed, but we refuse to return home without performing

darshan of the ice-lingam of Lord Shiva at Amarnath," said Pramodh Gupta, a devotee from Punjab told PTI here.

Gupta added that despite facing challenges with accommodation and other facilities, their group of 29 is eagerly waiting for the administration's approval to resume their journey to Kashmir.

Shobha Devi from Meerut echoed similar sentiments and expressed dissatisfaction with the facilities due to the heavy influx of pilgrims from outside the country.

"We are facing various problems with accommodation. There is water shortage here and the administration should address the issue," she said.

However, Shobha added that she and her group would only return home after completing their pilgrimage.

"We will leave only after completing the yatra to Amarnath. Barfani Baba will help us fulfill our

wish," she affirmed.

"Weather conditions will not deter us from going to Amarnath. We pray to Lord Shiva to improve the weather so that we can start the yatra and have Bholey Baba's darshan," said Meenakshi Verma, a devotee from Punjab.

Sunita Saini from Punjab's Jalandhar, who has been stranded in Jammu for the past five days, said, "We are waiting for the weather to clear up and the highway to re-open. We are optimistic about leaving for Amarnath."

There is a huge rush for accommodation in Jammu as most of 33 lodging places and the base camp is full to its capacity. Even the parking area of Jammu base camp is full with buses carrying pilgrims who are cooking food there.

Around 200 to 300 sadhus are also camping at the base camp's Ram temple for the past one week.

Amit Shah will inaugurate a day-long mega conclave

● On 'Strengthening PACS through FPOs' in New Delhi on Jul 14

New Delhi, Jul 10:

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah will inaugurate a day-long mega conclave "Strengthening PACS through FPOs" in New Delhi on July 14. The conclave is aimed at discussing ways to strengthen Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) through Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs).

The conclave will witness participation of experts from the sector as well as members from the FPOs across the country. The mega conclave is being organized by the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) in collaboration with the Union Ministry of Cooperation. Being collective entities

formed by farmers, enabling them to pool resources and enhance their bargaining power, the FPOs are one of the major vehicles for agricultural transformation. In order to realize the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of "Sahkar se Samridhi" and with the efforts of Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah, recently a decision was taken to form 1100 New FPOs in Cooperative Sector.

With an important initiative of Ministry of Cooperation Ministry, the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has recently allocated additional blocks to NCDC to form and promote 1100 FPOs in Cooperative Sector through strengthening of PACS under the scheme to bolster the cooperative sector and provide comprehensive support to small and marginal farmers.

BRIEF



NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg, left, and Lithuania's President Gitanas Nausėda participate in a media conference ahead of a NATO summit in Vilnius, Lithuania, Monday.

Arson attack

Berlin: A Russian citizen has been charged in Berlin with attempted homicide and attempted arson for placing an explosive or incendiary device last year in a building where Russian intelligence officers lived, prosecutors in the German capital said Monday.

Sikh jailed

London: A 37-year-old British Sikh man has been handed a year's jail term after he reacted badly and used excessive force in a confrontation with another man while driving in the West Midlands region of England.

Snap election

Tallinn (Estonia): Uzbekistan's incumbent president, Shavkat Mirziyoyev, has overwhelmingly won a new seven-year term in a snap election in which he faced three weak opponents.

Rapper jailed

Dubai: Iran has sentenced a popular rapper to six years and three months in prison over his participation in protests that rocked the country last year, his supporters said on Monday.

Volcano eruption

Wellington: A US honeymoon couple who survived severe burns when New Zealand's White Island volcano erupted in 2019 are listed as the first witnesses to testify in a trial of tourism industry operators over the disaster that claimed 22 lives.

Indo-Pacific on agenda for Biden-Sunak talks in UK

London, Jul 10 (PTD)

The Indo-Pacific region and the broader geopolitical context were among the topics on the agenda for talks when British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak hosted US President Joe Biden at 10 Downing Street in London on Monday.

The US leader arrived in the UK ahead of a North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) summit in Lithuania, with the Russia-Ukraine conflict and the West's support for the latter central to the talks.

"Looking ahead to this week's NATO Summit, the Prime Minister and President Biden agreed on the need to strengthen our alliance and maintain our support for Ukraine," a Downing Street spokesperson said in a readout of their discussions.



US President Joe Biden shakes hands with Britain's Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, left, outside 10 Downing Street in London, Monday.

progress of the counter-offensive and emphasised the importance of the country's international partners committing to its long-term defence, providing the support Ukraine needs to win this war and secure a just and lasting peace.

full NATO accession," the spokesperson said. "The Prime Minister and President Biden also discussed the broader geopolitical context, including in the Indo-Pacific and with regard to Iran."

meeting with Sunak since he became Prime Minister in October last year.

The US President was driven in his official vehicle, known as "The Beast", with an accompanying security convoy and posed for the customary photograph at the famous door of 10 Downing Street during a warm greeting by Sunak before the British Indian leader led the visiting dignitary to the garden.

"We stand as two of the firmest allies in that alliance and I know we'll want to do everything we can to strengthen Euro-Atlantic security," said Sunak.

He said it was great to "carry on our conversation" following a series of meetings between the leaders this year, including during his visit to Washington last month.

Putin hosted Russian mercenary leader Prigozhin after abortive mutiny

Moscow, Jul 10 (AP)

Russian President Vladimir Putin hosted mercenary chief Yevgeny Prigozhin at the Kremlin days after the commander led a short-lived rebellion, a senior government spokesman said on Monday.

The three-hour meeting took place on June 29 and also involved commanders from Prigozhin's Wagner Group military contractor, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said.

The confirmation that Putin met face-to-face with Prigozhin, who led troops on a march to

Moscow last month in order to demand a change of defense minister, was extraordinary.

Though Putin branded Prigozhin a traitor as the revolt unfolded, the criminal case against the mercenary chief was later dropped and his ultimate fate remains unclear.

Adding to the unusual nature of the meeting was that until very recently, Putin had denied any link between the state and Prigozhin's forces. Though mercenaries are illegal in Russia, Wagner troops have fought for Russian interests around the globe and played a vital role in the capture of Bakhmut in the war's longest and bloodiest battle.

weakened Putin's authority, even though Prigozhin claimed that the uprising was not aimed at the president but at removing Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu and military chief Gen. Valery Gerasimov.

Russia's Defence Ministry published a video featuring Gerasimov on Monday the first time he has been seen since the rebellion.

The twin updates appeared to be another attempt by the Kremlin to show it's in control after a turbulent period. But many questions remain, including about the deal that ended Prigozhin's revolt.

Days after the revolt, Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko said Prigozhin was in Belarus. But last week the president said the mercenary chief was in Russia while his troops remained in their camps.

Myanmar violence and sea disputes dominate ASEAN talks

Jakarta, Jul 10 (AP)

Myanmar's prolonged civil strife, tensions in the disputed South China Sea and concern over arms buildups in the region are expected to dominate the agenda when Southeast Asia's top diplomats gather for talks this week in Indonesia.

Six persons including three children killed in knife attack at kindergarten school

Beijing, Jul 10 (PTD)

Six people, including three children and a teacher, were killed and another injured in a frightful knife assault at a kindergarten school in a revenge attack by a man in a southern Chinese city on Monday, the latest such incident in the country.

Photos and video footage in Chinese social media showed the man armed with a long dagger prowling in a privately-run school in Lianjiang City of South China's Guangdong province to attack the victims.

According to witness accounts published by the official media outlets, the victims included one teacher, two parents and three children. One person was also injured in the attack.

The 25-year-old suspect, surnamed Wu, is a local resident who apparently carried out the attack to seek revenge against one of the victims for injuring his child in a car accident and declined to pay compensation, state-run

Global Times reported. The assailant was seeking revenge, which could be the cause of the murder, the report said.

Targeted attacks on children have come under the spotlight in recent months as merely two weeks before Monday's tragic incident, an 8-year-old boy was brutally beaten to death by a martial arts coach on June 26, Global Times report said.

The boy had enrolled in the martial arts training institution on June 10 and lost his life eight days later. As knife attacks have become a pattern, China's Ministry of Education advised authorities to "effectively strengthen the safety of primary and secondary school and kindergarten campuses".

It asked all schools in the country to "deeply understand the extreme importance of maintaining school safety and student safety" and ensure police are at school entrances during "important times".

Dutch PM Mark Rutte will leave politics after election

The Hague, Jul 10 (AP): Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte, the Netherlands' longest serving premier, said Monday he will leave politics after an early general election sparked by a dispute over migration that led to his government's resignation.

His decision means the end of nearly 13 years in power for the conservative leader sometimes called "Teflon Mark" because scandals that plagued his four different

administrations did not stick to him.

Rutte, the 56-year-old leader of the People's Party for Freedom and Democracy, or VVD, announced his decision at a hastily arranged parliamentary debate to discuss the fall of his latest governing coalition.

"Yesterday morning I made a decision that I will not be available again as a leader of the VVD. When a new Cabinet takes office after the elections, I will leave politics," he said.

BASTILLE DAY PARADE



Indian soldiers march on the Champs Elysees avenue during a rehearsal for the Bastille Day parade in Paris, France, Monday.

Nepal needs to further strengthen relations with India, China: FM Saud

Kathmandu, Jul 10 (PTD)

Nepal's Foreign Minister N P Saud on Monday underlined the need for further strengthening the Himalayan nation's ties with India and China as he asserted that the relations with one neighbour should not be compared with another.

"Both our neighbours are rising economic powers and their influence is increasing... Nepal en-

joys a traditional friendship with both the neighbours," which needs to be further nurtured, Foreign Minister Saud said while speaking at the International Relations Committee of the House of Representatives. He said the relationship with one neighbour should not be compared with another neighbour, according to his office.

The neighbouring countries are concerned, we should not feel psychological pressure and we need to put our concern in a transparent manner," he added. Nepal's relations with India are historical and special, he said, noting that "owing to our open border, two-third trade links and transit facilities, our relations with the southern neighbour holds significance."

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Transcending Tradition

Political Careers and the Need for Change

The Indian political landscape has witnessed a recent uproar following the public airing of a nephew's plea to his uncle, veteran politician Sharan Pawar, urging him to retire from active politics. This appeal, driven by concern and frustration, has opened up a broader debate on the longevity of political careers and the need for reform. While some view it as a mere display of self-interest, it highlights a genuine concern shared by citizens across the country. In a democratic society, every individual possesses the right to pursue their chosen profession for as long as they are capable and passionate about it. Be it a singer, writer, or entrepreneur, the opportunity to continue working is not constrained by an arbitrary age limit. In this light, it is worth questioning why politicians, particularly those in leadership positions, are not afforded the same privilege. If the public continues to support their efforts through endorsements and votes, should they not have the right to serve indefinitely? On the other hand, we must also consider the importance of a level playing field. Across various sectors, there are clear limitations on the age of retirement. Soldiers, doctors, judges, and many others are subject to this rule. In the interest of fairness, shouldn't politicians be subjected to similar boundaries? This is not to suggest that political careers should be abruptly terminated, but rather that a reasonable framework be established to ensure that public offices are not held indefinitely, especially when taxpayer money and public power are at stake. The recent political maneuverings by Ajit Pawar, using his uncle's refusal to retire as a justification for his own actions, may be unpalatable. However, it brings to the fore a longstanding demand of ordinary citizens - the need to set boundaries on political careers. While politicians should be allowed to work within their parties or engage in social causes, there must be restrictions on holding public office for an extended duration. In this context, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's endorsement of a retirement age limit is a significant step in the right direction. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has embraced the idea, with exceptions being made on a case-by-case basis. This acknowledgment by the ruling party is commendable, but it is crucial that the conversation expands beyond party lines. The nation must engage in a rigorous and inclusive debate to determine the appropriate age limit for political careers. It is imperative that India considers adopting a model akin to that of the United States, where the president is limited to serving a maximum of two terms. Such a restriction ensures fresh perspectives, prevents the consolidation of power, and promotes a healthy democratic environment. Similarly, a discourse on imposing term limits at the state and national levels would be a significant political reform that the country needs. As we seek hope for change, it is not surprising that many turn to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to lead this discussion and steer it towards fruition. The time has come for India to address the issue of political careers and the need for transition. While it is important to respect an individual's freedom to pursue their passion, it is equally crucial to maintain a fair and accountable system. By implementing reasonable retirement age limits and term restrictions, we can ensure a more vibrant and inclusive democracy, fostering new leaders and fresh ideas.

IT Expansion

Empowering Indian Education

The news of Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) venturing beyond national borders has sparked great excitement, and rightfully so. It marks a significant milestone in India's pursuit of global recognition in higher education. IIT-Madras has taken the lead by becoming the first institute to establish an overseas campus. With the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with Tanzania, Zanzibar is set to host an IIT campus starting from October. This progressive step is followed by IIT-Delhi and IIT-Kharagpur, which will establish their campuses in the UAE and Malaysia, respectively. The expansion of IIT's presence worldwide aligns with India's foreign policy and commitment to fostering South-South cooperation. By internationalizing education through collaborative initiatives, India aims to deepen ties with recipient countries, promote technological education, enhance student mobility, and create global research opportunities. However, this development also sheds light on the underlying challenges faced by the broader higher education sector in India. Beyond a handful of esteemed institutions like the IITs and the IISc, many universities and colleges struggle to achieve global recognition and secure favorable positions in international rankings. Limited resources, insufficient funding, and a shortage of qualified faculty hamper their ability to deliver quality education to students. The situation becomes particularly concerning for talented youth residing in rural areas who lack access to institutions of higher learning that can nurture their skills. The consequence is a significant impact on their employability and their potential to innovate, start businesses, or contribute to research and development. Many highly qualified graduates find themselves forced to settle for jobs that do not match their capabilities, or worse, abandon their core fields of expertise altogether. To address these challenges, the government must prioritize empowering India's youth with quality education while concurrently enhancing the country's global presence. Investment in education is a crucial component of national development, and it is imperative that attention is given to revitalizing and strengthening the overall higher education sector. Adequate funding, infrastructure development, and initiatives to attract and retain qualified faculty must be prioritized to create an enabling environment for students to excel and institutions to thrive. Additionally, a comprehensive review of the curriculum and teaching methodologies is necessary to ensure that graduates possess the necessary skills and competencies demanded by the evolving job market. Emphasis should be placed on fostering critical thinking, problem-solving abilities, and innovation, equipping students with the tools to succeed in the digital age. Furthermore, collaborations and partnerships between Indian institutions and foreign universities should be encouraged, enabling knowledge exchange and cross-cultural learning. These initiatives can bolster the global standing of Indian universities while providing students with exposure to diverse perspectives and research opportunities. While the expansion of IITs on the global stage is undoubtedly a noteworthy achievement, it should serve as a catalyst for broader educational reforms. The goal should not only be to enhance the reputation of a few select institutions but to elevate the overall quality of higher education across the country. This necessitates a comprehensive approach that addresses the systemic challenges faced by universities and colleges, ensuring that all students have access to quality education regardless of their geographical location. India's journey towards becoming a global educational powerhouse must be inclusive and transformative, driven by a commitment to equipping the youth with the skills, knowledge, and opportunities they deserve. By prioritizing quality education and investing in the development of institutions, India can build a strong foundation for the next generation, empowering them to contribute meaningfully to the nation's progress while simultaneously securing its position on the global stage.

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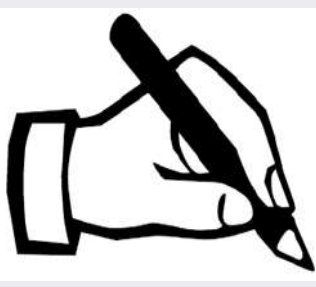


Traffic jam at ITO after heavy monsoon rains, in New Delhi, Monday, July 10.

Modi's US visit boost up higher education sector



PROF. SUNIL GOYAL



Education is the cornerstone of the bond between India and the United States. Students from both countries are learning and growing alongside each other, discovering the people that they want to become and building a better world together. For economies to be robust, India and US must invest in future generations. It must be guaranteed that young people are given the opportunity they deserve. India was never part of the strategy orbit of US or western countries but now the United States is considering India as a partner in cutting-edge technologies such as 5G, 6G, quantum computing, space exploration, and other high-end tech fields. Indian government's substantial investments in infrastructure are driving both investment and consumption, which, in turn, contribute to economic growth. To maintain growth momentum, India and the US need a pipeline of talent. On one hand, the US has top-class educational institutions & advanced technologies. On the other hand, India has the world's biggest youth factory. India-US partnership will prove to be the engine of sustainable and inclusive global growth. India also sug-

gested US for starting an India-US teachers' exchange programme and hackathons on different issues. To increase the engagement of scientists & entrepreneurs across the world with Indian institutions, we started GIAN - Global Initiative of Academic Networks - in 2015. Under this, 750 faculty members from the US have come to India. By working together, both countries can achieve a safer, healthier, and more wealthy future for everybody. Sentiment is positive towards India because there is hardly any country which has as strong macroeconomic foundation as India has today. Education is not only the foundation upon which our civilization has been built, it is also the architect of humanity's future. True knowledge gives humility. From humility comes worthiness. From worthiness one gets wealth. Wealth enables a person to do good deeds. And, this is what brings joy. This is why, in India, the Government has embarked on a holistic and comprehensive journey. Government of India (GoI) believe that Foundational Literacy forms a strong base for our youth. And, that's why Government is combining it with technology. For this, the Government

has started the "National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy", or Nipun Bharat initiative. Foundational literacy and numeracy have been identified as a priority to work on in a time-bound manner by 2030. The Government objective is to provide quality education with better governance. In this, the GoI has adapted and use new e-learning innovatively. The GoI has taken several initiatives of its own. One such programme is the "Study Webs of Active-learning for Young Aspiring Minds", or SWAYAM. This online platform hosts all courses from Class Nine to the post-graduate level. It enables students to learn remotely, and focuses on access, equity and quality. With over 34 million enrolments and more than nine thousand courses, it has become a very effective learning tool. The GoI also has the "Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing" or DIKSHA Portal. This is aimed at students in remote areas and those unable to attend regular classes. Teachers utilize it to deliver school education through distance learning. It supports learning in twenty-nine Indian languages and seven foreign languages. It has witnessed over 137 million course completions. India is now in a position to share these experiences and resources, particularly with those in the Global South. To make our youth future ready, we need to continuously skill, re-skill and up-skill them. We need to align their competencies with evolving work profiles and practices. The GoI is undertaking skill mapping. Our Education, Skill and Labour Ministries are working in tandem on this initiative. G-20 countries can un-

dertake skill mapping at the global level, and find gaps that need to be plugged. Digital Technology serves as an equalizer and promotes inclusivity. It is a force multiplier in increasing access to education and adapting to future needs. Today, Artificial Intelligence offers great potential in the field of learning, skilling and education. With opportunities, technology also poses challenges. We have to strike the right balance. The G-20 can play an important role in this. The GoI has laid emphasis on research and innovation as well. As such, the GoI has set up ten thousand "Atal Tinkering Labs" across the country. These are acting as research and innovation nurseries for Indian school children. More than 7.5 million students are working on more than 1.2 million innovative projects in these labs. G20 countries, with their respective strengths, can play a key role in promoting research & innovation, especially among the Global South. Now it is the duty of Higher Education sector to create a path for increased research collaborations. The GoI has also identified green transition, digital transformations and women's empowerment as accelerators for achieving Sustainable Development Goals. Education is at the root of all these efforts. This would benefit the whole world in the true spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam - One Earth, One Family, One Future. (Author is an Eminent Social Scientist, Columnist, and presently posted as Dean and Registrar at Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University of Social Sciences, Dr. Ambedkar Nagar (MHOW), Madhya Pradesh: Email: gasspub@gmail.com)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bengal violence concerning

Bengal is continuously suffering from poll violence, political parties are busy in blaming and fighting each other. public are losing their lives but it is not a matter for political parties, their main objective is only getting votes. Nothing seems to have changed. Violence still continues and people are still dying. They don't understand that a life is more precious than one vote. they understand that vote is vital not voters. It's their miscommunication that without voters, vote is impossible. Central Govt is also silent, it must break its silence on Bengal Poll violence and resolve the situation soon rather to politicise.

Tauqueer Rahmani, Chennai

Politicians should have retirement age

It's a common practice in an administration and governance that a person have a retirement age for a job role but politicians are exempted from it whether he/she is an octogenarian or a nonagenarian, they will enjoy the office forever. In contrary, soldiers, bureaucrats, and judges have a retirement age. Why should there not be a level playing field for politicians. There is a minimum age for qualification of contesting elections, but there is no outer limit for political career. It's nothing but a avarice and greed of power.

Muzakkr Khan, Mumbai

Dynastic Politics

Unraveling the complex web of political dynamics in Maharashtra is a challenging task. However, one thing remains evident: politicians often prioritize their own interests, as well as those of their families and networks, over the welfare of the state and the nation. Relinquishing a powerful position is a rare occurrence, as leaders prefer to pass the baton to their relatives when stepping down. Politics has transformed into a profitable family enterprise. It is crucial to support and elect politicians who embody integrity, ethical conduct, and a genuine commitment to serving the public good.

MK Nair, Raipur

Democracy at Risk

Recent events in Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra raise concerns about the state of democracy. In Tamil Nadu, corruption allegations led to the temporary dismissal of a minister by the Governor, only to be reversed later. However, in Maharashtra, allegations against the Leader of Opposition did not hinder his appointment as Deputy Chief Minister. The BJP's decision to join hands with the NCP, a party it labeled the 'national corruption party,' undermines both the BJP and the nation. Many politicians prioritize power over public welfare, disregarding the principles of democracy. The current situation in Maharashtra is detrimental to the health of democracy.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee, Faridabad

Emerging Career Paths: Shaping the Future

Decades ago, career professionals were limited to doctors, engineers, lawyers, and those in government jobs, which have expanded to numerous science and commerce options. However, the most exciting part of this 'transformation of careers' is its future. What now? What next? Most sought-after jobs today didn't even exist five years ago, and what might exist 10 years down the line is quite enthralling in itself. However, as we dream of what might be there in our career journey in the future, let's look at careers that are paving the way for the transformation.

New-age career Options

- 1. Ethical Hacking:** Many multinationals employ ethical hackers to protect the organisation's sensitive and confidential information. While business today is going digital with limitless access to anyone who wishes harm, more data guardians need to hold the fort, or, you know, a server.
- 2. E-Retail**
Flipkart and Amazon have changed the way we shop. E-retailers are in high demand to use their knowledge of the market and make an already happy shopping experience even happier.
- 3. Graphic Designing:** Nobody likes to read text these days; everyone likes crisp, straight-forward information that pleases the eye. No wonder graphic designers are the next big thing in communication.
- 4. Creative Writing:** In a sister field to graphic design, creative writers develop content that connects, en-

- gages, and holds the reader's attention.
- 5. App Development:** App developers use programming to create software that matches clients requirements and simplifies the functioning of their businesses.
 - 6. Wedding Photography:** Through photographs, memories last a lifetime. With weddings going larger than life itself, why shouldn't the pictures?
 - 7. Reviewing:** A social media post is all it takes to make or break the situation for a new venture. Reviewers review products and services offered by different ventures, which may range across food, gadgets, travel, and more.
 - 8. Blogging:** A blogger develops blog posts that connect with the audience. They are usually a medium of self-expression, where the bloggers express their opinions, beliefs, and understanding, but some write for organisations as well, where they detail the business and its offerings.
 - 9. Social Media Management:** One of the basic principles of marketing is "jo dikhta hai, wo bikta hai". Social media managers build on this and brand your products in the virtual space, because when the world is online, why shouldn't your business be?
 - 10. Fashion Styling and Personal Shopping:** Fashion stylists and personal shoppers do two things: they assess a client's style and then go on a shopping spree to find clothes and accessories that will look good on them. Let's talk Prada, people!
 - 11. Image Consulting:** It has al-

- ways been a human need to understand what we look like to other people and how we can refine ourselves to be better individuals. Image consultants do just the job. They work with people on confidence building, grooming, body language, and communication on an intrinsic level so that their outer selves are much more confident.
- 12. Dance Therapy:** Dance helps release endorphins, and what do endorphins do? They make you happy! Dance therapists use the combined vibes of music, dance, and exercise to take care of your stressful daily affairs.
 - 13. Marine Science and Oceanography:** Marine scientists and Oceanographers study the complex relationships in the hydrological cycle and also examine the underwater ecosystem. They study climate change and the impact it can have on oceans in detail and suggest measures for prevention and control.
 - 14. Wildlife Conservation:** Wildlife conservationists work in the natural habitat of the wildlife they seek to conserve and often protect, maintain, and enhance it. They also study the causes of the extinction of certain species, design campaigns, and strive to protect those on the verge of extinction.
 - 15. Wine Tasting:** Sommeliers taste wine and get paid for it. (Dream Job Alert!) They advise restaurants on various wine and food combinations and possess deep and comprehensive knowledge of wine. They often curate menus for cafes and

- restaurants and travel far and wide in search of exquisite wines.
- 16. Pet Grooming:** Thought fashion, styling, and manicures and pedicures were just limited to humans? Think otherwise. Pets today, too, are given luxury treatments, and thus groomers. Pet grooming is a big fad in the west and is fast picking up pace in India as well.
 - 17. YouTubing:** YouTubers believe in doing it yourself and create YouTube channels and video blogs to build subscribers over time. They publish unique content that connects with the audience and may range from documentaries, music videos, web series, music covers, cooking, fashion, and more.
 - 18. Stand-Up Comedy:** With the Indian television industry moving on from the typical Saas-Bahu sagas and exploring other genres of entertainment, the demand for stand-up comedians is sure to rise. Moreover, the culture of live comedy shows and online videos is on the rise as well. Who doesn't like a good laugh, eh?
 - 19. Spa Management:** They say a good spa treatment is therapy. Ever wondered how spa companies get so many trained professionals? Let's talk about a relaxing career, shall we?
 - 20. Public Health Entomology:** Entomology is the study of insects and their ecosystems. A career in public health entomology will entail research on its effects on human health. Preventing epidemics, one at a time.
 - 21. Habitat Policy and Practise:** Habitat policymakers and practition-

- ers focus on habitats inhabited by various species and focus on the rights, social composition, and activities of the inhabitants. Their field is one driven by research, foolproof planning, and effective execution.
- 22. Photonics:** A fusion of optical technology and electronics, the field focuses on the properties of light and how it can be best put to use. Owing to the field's highly specialised nature, photonics specialists are in demand internationally. Professionals and researchers in the domain of photonics often apply light to various domains such as medicine, surgery, industry, research, and even agriculture and energy.
 - 23. Flavour Chemistry:** Flavour chemists make good food better. Imagine a dark chocolate hazelnut gelato with strawberry mascarpone cream. Drooling already? They undertake extensive education in food and work with restaurants, pharmaceutical companies, and food manufacturing giants to improve the aesthetics, smell, taste, and shelf life of food.
 - 24. Gerontology:** Gerontologists study the social, physical, mental, and physiological effects of growing old. Gerontologists find their demand in research and in specialised health care. They extensively work in old-age homes, senior citizen facilities, hospitals, and nursing homes to take care of the elderly. Among the huge pool of people in conventional career fields, only some stand out. They are the ones daring to dream, following their hearts, and pursuing new-age careers.

BRIEF

Power projects



Hamirpur: Delays in the completion of power projects result in financial losses for the state and therefore the timely completion of these projects should be ensured, said Chief Minister Sukhvir Singh Sukhu. Reviewing the progress in a meeting at Hamirpur on Saturday late evening, Sukhu emphasized on the need to expedite ongoing power projects in the state and said that the state aims to commission 628 MW of hydroelectric projects by March 2027. In a statement issued here on Sunday, he said that the 628 MW projects include the 450 MW Shongtong Karchham project by July 2025, the 48 MW Chanju-3 Hydro Electric project by March 2027 and the 130 MW Kashang-2 and 3 projects by June 2026.

Conclave inauguration



New Delhi: Union home and cooperation minister Amit Shah will inaugurate a day-long conclave to discuss ways to strengthen Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) through Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) in the national capital on Friday. Currently, there are more than 95,000 PACS, of which only about 63,000 PACS are functional. The PACS have a huge member base of around 13 crore farmers, out of which more than 86 per cent of farmers in the country are small and marginal. There is a need to facilitate these farmers with access to improved technology, credit, better input and markets.

Courtesy call



New Delhi: Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday called on President Droupadi Murmu at the Rashtrapati Bhavan here. The meeting comes amid a buzz over a possible reshuffle of the Union council of ministers. "Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Mrs Nirmala Sitharaman, called on President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan," the President's office tweeted along with a picture of the meeting.

Finmin asks IBA to finalise wage revision of bankers of PSU banks by Dec 1

New Delhi, Jul 10:

The government has asked the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) to initiate the process of negotiations for the 12th Bi-partite settlement in a time-bound manner and to finalise it by December 1, 2023, said a senior official. The wage revision for employees and officers of the public sector banks is due from November 1, 2022. The early wage revision would help improve working conditions and incentivise the banking sector employees, the official said. Further, the official said, the finance ministry has asked IBA to ensure that all future wage negotiations should be finalised before the beginning of the subsequent period so that the wage revision could be implemented from the due date itself. As a part of the settlement, the IBA is expected to engage in dia-

logues with the employees' Unions/ Associations and work out to arrive at a mutually agreeable wage settlement. The government has stressed the importance of fairness and equity in the revision, ensuring that the compensation structure remains competitive with other players in the banking industry, the official said. "Wage settlement for banks has always been a tedious and time-consuming process with bank managements, represented by IBA, and employees' unions engaging in tough negotiations. Historically, delays of 2-3 years in wage settlement have led to a substantial accumulation of arrears, which are eventually disbursed in a lump-sum. "This contrasts with the more sustainable approach of integrating the revised wages into the regular monthly salaries," said the official.

Highlighting that the banking sector is the backbone of the Indian economy, the official said it is incumbent upon the management of banks to ensure that employees are adequately compensated and it is necessary for the health and stability of the entire economy as well. It also comes at a time when the financials of the Public Sector Banks are healthy with the net profits almost tripled to Rs 1.04 lakh crore in FY'23 as compared to Rs 36,270 crore earned in FY'14. At the same time, the Return on Assets (ROA) in PSBs rose from 0.51 per cent in FY'14 to 0.78 per cent, while Net Interest Margin (NIM) has also increased from 2.73 per cent to 3.23 per cent in FY'23. Wage settlement talks normally benefit employees of public sector banks, old generation private banks and some foreign banks.

Inflow in equity mutual fund hit 3-month high at Rs 8,637 cr in June

New Delhi, Jul 10: Driven by buoyant SIP flows, equity mutual funds attracted Rs 8,637 crore in June, making it the highest net inflow in three months, amid a rally in the stock market. This was way higher than Rs 3,240 crore inflow seen in May and Rs 6,480 crore in April. Before that, the net inflow was Rs 20,534 crore in March, data released by the Association of Mutual Funds in India (Amfi) showed on Monday. "June net numbers were a tad higher than May. Some profit booking at higher levels to maintain asset allocation is not ruled out but investors continue to keep investing through SIPs (Systematic Investment Plans) and STPs (Systematic Transfer Plans)," Manish Mehta, National Head and Sales, Marketing & Digital Business at Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company, said. Inflow through SIP was at Rs 14,734 crore last month as compared to Rs 14,749 crore in May.

Hyundai drives in micro SUV Exter with price starting at Rs 5.99 lakh

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New Delhi, Jul 10: Hyundai Motor India on Monday forayed into the entry-level SUV segment in the country with the launch of all-new model Exter, with introductory prices ranging between Rs 5.99 lakh and Rs 9.31 lakh (ex-showroom). The model, which competes directly with Tata Motors Punch, comes powered by a 1.2-litre petrol engine mated with both manual and automatic variants. The five-speed manual trims, which deliver fuel efficiency of 19.4 km per litre are priced between Rs 5.99 lakh and Rs 9.31 lakh. The five-speed automatic variant is tagged at Rs 7.96 lakh with a claimed fuel efficiency of 19.2 km per litre. The CNG trim is priced at Rs 8.23 lakh with an efficiency of 27.1 km per kg. Speaking at the launch, Hyundai Motor India MD and CEO Unsoo Kim said with the launch of Exter, the automaker has now become a full-range SUV manufacturer



MD & CEO, Hyundai Motor India Ltd. Unsoo Kim with COO, Hyundai Motor India Ltd. Tarun Garg at the launch of Hyundai Exter, in Gurugram, Monday, July 10.

in the country. He noted that the company has invested Rs 950 crore on the development of the model. Outlining Hyundai's commitment to the Indian market, Kim said the automaker has recently announced a Rs 20,000-crore investment spread over ten years to enhance production capacity, introduce electric models and set up a battery pack unit in Tamil Nadu. The company is looking to enhance its annual production ca-

capacity to 8.5 lakh units per annum from 8.2 lakh units currently at its Chennai-based plant, he added. Hyundai Motor India COO Tarun Garg noted that the model would help in bringing additional volumes to the company while strengthening its overall SUV portfolio. "Exter is our eighth SUV model in the country. With this, now we are the only company to offer products in the six SUV sub-segments," he added.

Toy industry seeks resolution of GST anomaly, PLI scheme

New Delhi, Jul 10:

Toy manufacturers have urged the government to resolve a GST (Goods and Services Tax) anomaly and immediate roll-out of the production linked incentive scheme to boost the growth of the sector. These issues were raised by the industry during a meeting called by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) on July 8 here. The meeting was attended by representatives of global and domestic toy manufacturers, retailers, associations, and government officials to discuss the opportunities in the domestic toy sector. It was



chaired by DPIIT Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh. Toy Association of India (TAD) Senior Vice-President and Little Genius Toys CEO Naresh Gautam, who attended the meeting, said that besides PLI and GST, the industry has urged for resumption

of Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS). "PLI is the need of the hour as it would help in tapping huge business opportunities," Gautam, who has been making wooden toys for the last 32 years, said. He added that it is a labour intensive sector

and support measures by the government would help in creating jobs and increasing exports. "We train unskilled people for jobs, particularly women workers. We are more competitive than China," Gautam said. Another industry official said that the meeting was a major platform to interact with the government, global players and domestic manufacturers. Sharing similar views, Toy Association of India Chairman Manu Gupta said that a lot of issues were raised such as standard input output norms (SION) for all toys, and resumption of credit linked capital subsidy scheme.

Foxconn junks \$19.5 bn Vedanta chip plan

Vedanta says other investors lined up

New Delhi, Jul 10:

Taiwan's Foxconn has withdrawn from a USD 19.5 billion semiconductor joint venture with mining baron Anil Agarwal's Vedanta Ltd as the venture struggled to get a technology partner to make chips that are used in mobile phones to refrigerators and cars. In a statement, Foxconn, the world's largest contract electronics maker, said it "has determined it will not move forward on the joint venture with Vedanta." Agarwal's metals-to-oil conglomerate responded saying it was "fully committed to its semiconductor fab project

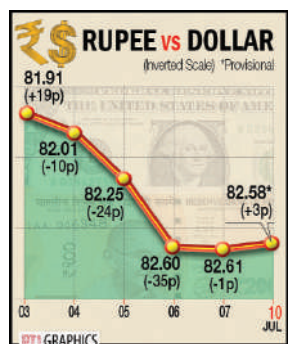
and we have lined up other partners to set up India's first foundry." It however did not give details of the new partners. Foxconn, best known for assembling iPhones and other Apple products, and Vedanta last year signed a pact to set up semiconductor and display production plants in Gujarat. European chipmaker ST Microelectronics was being roped in as a technology partner for the venture but talks were deadlocked. Most of the world's chips are manufactured in a handful of countries and India, which expects its semiconductor market to be

worth USD 63 billion by 2026, is a late entrant. Three applications - one from the Vedanta-Foxconn joint venture, another from a global consortium of ISMC and one from Singapore-based IGSS Ventures - were received in response to the government's incentive scheme for local manufacture of semiconductors. The other two applications too haven't made much progress. Just last week, Vedanta announced that it will acquire the semiconductor and display glass units from group company Twin Star Technologies Ltd.

Rupee rises 3 paise to close at 82.58 against US dollar

New Delhi, Jul 10:

The rupee consolidated in a narrow range and settled for the day higher by 3 paise at 82.58 against the US dollar on Monday, amid a muted trend in domestic equities. Rupee is trading in a narrow range as the softness in the US dollar and sustained FII inflows were negated by risk aversion in global markets, forex traders said. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened at 82.65 against the US dollar and settled at 82.58 (provisional), up 3 paise over its previous close. During the day, the domestic unit witnessed an intra-day high of 82.55 and a low of 82.65. On

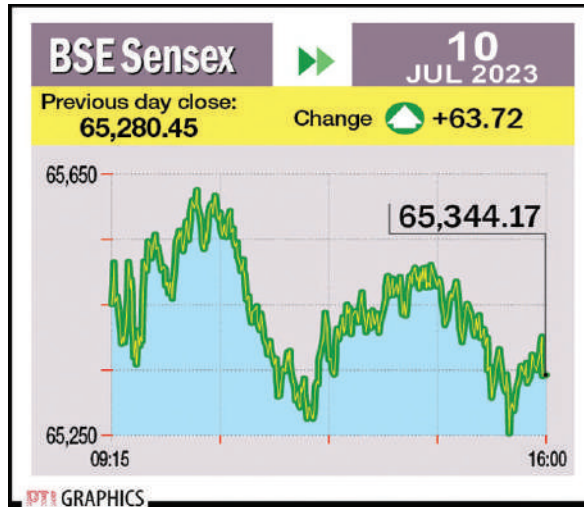


Friday, the rupee had settled at 82.61 against the dollar. The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.11 per cent to 102.38. Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, declined 0.74 per cent to USD 77.89 per barrel. "We expect the rupee to trade with a negative bias on a risk aversion in global markets and rising bond yields in the major global economies and expectations of further rate hikes to tame inflation. However, some softness in the US dollar and sustained FII inflows may support rupee at lower levels," Anuj Choudhary - Research Analyst at Sharekhan by BNP Paribas. Choudhary further noted that market participants may remain cautious ahead of India's inflation and IIP data and US inflation and PPI data this week. "We expect the USDINR spot to trade between 82.20 to 83.20 in the near-term," he said.

Sensex, Nifty edge higher on RIL boost, FII inflows

Mumbai, Jul 10:

Benchmark Sensex and Nifty advanced in a volatile trade on Monday, driven by heavy buying in index major Reliance Industries and unabated foreign fund inflows. Bouncing back from Friday's decline, the 30-share BSE Sensex gained 63.72 points or 0.10 per cent to settle at 65,344.17. During the day, it climbed 353.04 points or 0.54 per cent to 65,633.49. The NSE Nifty advanced 24.10 points or 0.12 per cent to end at 19,355.90. Correction in IT counters ahead of their quarterly earnings announcements restricted the gains. From the Sensex pack, Reliance Industries jumped the most by 3.78



per cent, helping the index close in green. Tata Steel, Bharti Airtel, IndusInd Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, UltraTech Cement, ICICI Bank and Tata

Motors were the other biggest gainers. Titan, HCL Technologies, Power Grid, Tata Consultancy Services, Wipro, Hindustan Unilever, Axis

Bank and Nestle were among the major laggards. "Indian equities faced broad-based weakness, but the benchmark managed to stay marginally positive with the support of strong buying in heavyweight stocks. The weakness was led by IT stocks, as the sector is set to kick off the Q1 result season with expectations of soft earnings. Additionally, cues from the US markets are unfavourable, as concerns about another rate hike persist despite expectations of a fast cooling of future US CPI inflation data, said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services. "Markets oscillated in a narrow range and ended marginally in the green amid mixed cues.

Utkarsh Small Finance Bank IPO to open on Jul 12; sets price band at Rs 23-25/share

New Delhi, Jul 10: Utkarsh Small Finance Bank on Monday said it has fixed a price band of Rs 23-25 a share for its Rs 500-crore initial public offering (IPO). The Varanasi-headquartered small finance bank's (SFB) IPO will open for public subscription during July 12-14. The bidding for anchor investors will open on July 11, the lender announced. Utkarsh is looking to raise Rs 500 crore through its IPO, which is a completely fresh issue of equity shares. Proceeds from the fresh issue will be utilized to augment the lender's tier 1 capital base to meet future capital requirements. Investors can bid for a minimum of 600 equity shares and in multiples of 600 equity shares thereafter. Utkarsh commenced opera-

tions in 2017 and its product suite includes a range of deposit products including saving accounts, salary accounts, current accounts, recurring and fixed deposits, and locker facilities. As of March 2023, the lender's operations were spread across 26 states and Union Territories with 830 banking outlets serving 3.6 million customers majorly located in rural and semi-urban areas primarily in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. The bank's gross loan portfolio has grown to Rs 13,957.11 crore as of March 31, 2023, from Rs 8,415.66 crore as of March 31, 2021. Its disbursements increased to Rs 12,442.89 crore in fiscal 2023 from Rs 5,914.01 crore in fiscal 2021.

Pvt equity inflow in realty sector down 5 pc to USD 1.9 bn in Apr-Jun

New Delhi, Jul 10:

Private equity (PE) investment in real estate declined 5 per cent year-on-year in April-June to USD 1.9 billion because of high interest rates, according to Anarock. PE inflows stood at USD 2 billion in the year-ago period. Real estate consultant Anarock has come out with a report titled 'FLUX Q1 FY24 Market Monitor for Capital Flows in Indian Real Estate'. "PE activity marginally declined by 5 per cent in Q1 FY24 given the elevated interest rates," the report said. PE inflows stood at USD 1.4 billion in the first quarter of 2021-22, USD 0.2 billion in Q1 FY21 and USD 1.7 billion in Q1 FY20. As

Foreign investors share at 94 pc

per the data, foreign investors accounted for 94 per cent of the PE investments, while the share of domestic fund was 6 per cent. PE funding remained dominated in form of equity, which contributed 94 per cent to the total inflow. Anarock noted that the "overall activity remained muted with headline numbers boosted by a large single deal with assets across locations." In May, Brookfield India REIT (BIRET) and Singapore's GIC announced an equal partnership to acquire two commercial properties in India for USD 1.4 billion.

Power consumption grows by 4.4 pc to 139.23 billion units in June

New Delhi, Jul 10:

Power consumption grew by 4.4 per cent to 139.23 billion units in June this year compared to last year. In the year-ago period, power consumption stood at 133.26 billion units (BU), higher than 114.48 BU in June 2021, according to government data. The peak power demand met, which is the highest supply in a day, rose to 223.23 GW in June 2023. The peak power supply stood at 211.72 GW in June 2022 and 191.24 GW in June 2021. The power ministry had estimated the country's electricity demand to touch 229 GW during the summer season. But the demand did not reach the projected level in April-May this year due to unseasonal

rains. Power consumption was affected in March, April and May this year due to widespread rains in the country. Experts said that unseasonal rains in March, April and May affected the power consumption in the country. However, they stated that the power consumption growth was not that bad in June this year. Rains reduced the demand for electricity as people used fewer cooling appliances compared to the previous year, according to experts. Further, experts had expressed hope that power consumption and demand would grow from June onwards, due to further improvement in economic activities as well as a rise in temperature.

COLORS presents the first love story of the Universe 'Shiv Shakti-Tap Tyag Tandav'

India is a land of rich mythology woven into its cultural fabric. The ancient stories passed down through generations serve as timeless guides for life's journey. Depicting the most powerful love saga that transcends all emotions, COLORS' new magnum opus 'Shiv Shakti - Tap Tyag Tandav' revolves around two of the revered deities - Shiv and Shakti. It portrays their journey of duty, sacrifice, and separation that leads to tap, tyag, and tandav. Having curated a show in the mythological genre on an extravagant canvas earlier, COLORS and King of Mythology Siddharth Kumar Tewary have teamed up yet again for a visually stunning saga. Starring Ram Yashvardhan and Subha Rajput in the roles of Shiv and Shakti respectively, the upcoming show captures the journey of two divine entities, who share an inseparable bond spanning across eras. Enriched with the finest VFX and soulful music, 'Shiv Shakti - Tap Tyag Tandav' created and produced by Siddharth Kumar Tewary's Swastik Productions, premieres



on the 19th of June and will air every Monday to Friday at 8 PM only on COLORS.

Talking about the show, Shital Iyer, COLORS, Viacom18, says, "The mythology genre has invariably garnered tremendous popularity and has laid the foundation for television's realm. Over the years, we have witnessed how this genre has been a constant favourite among viewers across all demographics. Shows rooted in mythology foster a sense of cohesive viewing experience,

and we are thrilled to bring back this genre on COLORS, presenting our rendition of the universe's first love story - Shiv Shakti. Partnering with Siddharth Kumar Tewary yet again is wonderful as we reinforce our imaginative forces together to give the audience a magnum opus. With the introduction of this show to our diverse content slate, we aim to fortify our weekday primetime and we are confident that it will make a significant impact in the 8:00 pm slot."

'Shiv Shakti' encapsulates the intense journey of Lord Shiva and Goddess Shakti's love, duty and sacrifice. Their efforts and celebration of transforming one another is an inspiration to every love story in the world. While Shiv signifies the natural state of consciousness, Shakti marks the birth of nature. He is the destroyer, and she is the nurturer. These two supreme energies complete each other. For the first time, Shiv Shakti's love story will be narrated from their point of view in the upcoming saga.

Celebrated set designer Omung Kumar B. has created five ethereal-looking sets (Kailash, Forest, Indra Lok, Asur Lok & Daksh Darbar) that enliven the divine realm of the show and reflect its grandeur. With numerous magnificent aspects woven into its design, the sets showcase a never-before-seen opulence on television.

'Shiv Shakti - Tap Tyag Tandav' will premiere on the 19th of June and air every Monday to Friday at 8PM only on Colors.



such an option was only available when the audience voted him out. Reflecting on Broacha's situation, Singh stated that the 'Big Boss' house can be draining, particularly for individuals unaccustomed to political dynamics or lacking in patience. She acknowledged that contestants may feel trapped and desirous of leaving. However, she emphasized the importance of resilience, saying, "Their strength lies in not giving up. They don't have to prove anything to anyone; it's their own journey. Even I have experienced panic attacks, but one has to be stronger than any given situation. I'm sure he will

Arti Singh opens up about the demanding nature of 'Big Boss' House

Former 'Big Boss 13' contestant Arti Singh recently shared her perspective on the challenges faced by participants in the renowned reality show and the demanding nature of its format. Singh, who experienced the intensity of the show firsthand, emphasized that the 'Big Boss' house is not an easy place to be in. Singh's comments came in response to a recent episode of 'Big Boss OTT 2', where television personality Cyrus Broacha expressed his struggle with the pressures of being inside the house. Broacha appealed to both Big Boss and host Salman Khan, seeking permission to exit the ongoing reality show. However, he was informed by Salman and Big Boss that

fight it." 'Big Boss OTT 2' is currently streaming on JioCinema, captivating viewers with its high drama and unpredictable twists. The show's demanding environment pushes contestants to their limits, testing their emotional and strategic capabilities. As 'Big Boss' continues to captivate audiences with its unique blend of entertainment and intense challenges, the insights shared by former contestants like Arti Singh shed light on the behind-the-scenes struggles faced by participants. With each season, the show remains a compelling platform that pushes contestants to discover their inner strength while navigating the intricate politics of the 'Big Boss' house.



Janhvi Kapoor deeply moved by visit to Auschwitz during 'Bawaal' shoot

Janhvi Kapoor, the talented Bollywood actress, revealed that her visit to the Auschwitz concentration camp during the shooting of the upcoming film 'Bawaal' had a profound and lasting impact on her. Directed by renowned filmmaker Nitesh Tiwari, 'Bawaal' features glimpses of World War II and the haunting history of the concentration camp. While discussing her favorite shooting location, Kapoor expressed her love for Amsterdam but emphasized the significance of their visit to Auschwitz in Poland. She described it as a deeply moving experience that heightened their awareness of the weighty subject matter they were addressing in the film. Kapoor shared that the visit left an indelible impression on her as well as her co-star, Varun Dhawan.

'Bawaal', a collaboration between Sajid Nadiadwala's Nadiadwala Grandson Entertainment, Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari, and Nitesh Tiwari's Earthsky Pictures, showcases various picturesque locations. However, it is the inclusion of Auschwitz that adds a poignant layer to the film, shining a light on the atrocities committed during World War II and the Holocaust.

The eagerly anticipated film will have its global premiere on Prime Video on July 21, captivating audiences with its powerful storytelling and thought-provoking themes. As 'Bawaal' brings history to life on the screen, Kapoor's emotional journey at Auschwitz serves as a reminder of the importance of exploring and acknowledging the past.

From Alia Bhatt to Radhika Madan, leading actresses give impressive performances

One are the days when movies showcased female actors as mere damsels in distress waiting for their knights in shining armours. Over the years, Indian Cinema has witnessed several Sherohs fighting their own battles in true badass styles!

From firing guns to packing a punch, our leading ladies can do it all. Denoting the paradigm shift in the narratives of female representation, actors are taking up strong characters that mirror the empowered women of the society. Here's a look at some of the most impressive performances by female actors that broke the mould to reveal their unapologetic strong sides:



Anushka Sharma:

Having played the quintessential bubbly girl in her previous films, Anushka Sharma broke the mould with a bang in her maiden production NH10. Challenging the gender stereotypes, Anushka Sharma's raw and power-packed action sequences set with the backdrop of the fight against social evils connected with the audience earning her praises and love for her performance.

Rani Mukherjee:

Rani Mukherjee's Shivani Shivaji Roy in Mardaani broke the clutter of the male-dominated cop spectrum. Her fearless and savage attitude impressed everyone rooting for her victory over the racket of flesh trade. Channelling the angry young woman persona,

Rani Mukherjee's Mardaani was a strong message for women to be their own Sherohs.

Deepika Padukone:

Ram-Leela presented Deepika Padukone in an all-new avatar. Being unapologetic in her demeanour, Leela was a total street-smart girl who fought her battles with head held high. Channeling the go-getter attitude mixed with passion, Padukone did everything her character demanded with utmost swag, resonating the modern, independent women of contemporary society.

Radhika Madan:

Picking unconventional roles since the beginning of her career, Radhika Madan has portrayed some of the most unabashed female characters in the recent times. Especially with Saas Bahu Aur Flamingo, Radhika as Shanta presented an easy charm and natural swag along with fierce passion and hard-core action. Living life queen-size, Radhika challenged the norms of the gender stereotypes to play a truly refreshing badass character.

COLORS presents 'Neerja... Ek Nayi Pehchaan'

A househelp's child is not confined to opt for the same profession as their parents, or an artists child limited to being an artist? Then, why should a sex worker's daughter be destined to follow her mother's path? Can a mother's profession become an obstacle to her daughter's promising future? Questioning these strong stigmas, COLORS brings a social drama, 'Neerja... Ek Nayi Pehchaan,' that delves deep into the lives of a mother-daughter duo, Protima and Neerja. These two indomitable spirits are determined to rise above societal prejudices, forge a new identity as they navigate the challenges of life in Asia's biggest red-light area - Sonagachi. The show sheds light on the lengths a mother who is in the business of flesh trading will go to give her daughter a bright future and safeguard her from the maharani of Sonagachi, Didun. Produced by Sunshine Productions, 'Neerja... Ek Nayi Pehchaan' premiered on 10th July



(played by Sneha Wagh), who lives in Sonagachi with her daughter Neerja (Aastha Sharma) and resolves to safeguard her daughter from its evils, but fate has a different plan. The maharani of Sonagachi, Didun (played by Kamyra Punjabi) has her prying eyes on Neerja as the word of her beauty spreads. Living away from it, the scion of the wealthy Bagchi family, Abeer (played by Rajveer Singh) is nursing a wound of his past. Serendipitously, Neerja and Abeer meet and are instantly drawn to each other, but the societal shame of reaching out to the dwellers of a red-light area is a huge hurdle in their relationship. Will Neerja be able to secure a life of dignity for herself and Protima? Will Abeer and Neerja's love be potent enough to defy norms?

2023 and air every Monday to Sunday at 8:30 pm only on COLORS. 'Neerja... Ek Nayi Pehchaan' captures the journey of Protima

'Neerja... Ek Nayi Pehchaan' premiered on the 10th July and air every Monday to Sunday at 8:30 pm only on COLORS.

Amitabh's lyrical narration in the KBC15 promo takes the nation by storm!

The brand-new campaign promo for the 15th season of the audience-adored show, 'Kaun Banega Crorepati' has captivated one and all! 'Badal raha hai desh, badal raha hai Kaun Banega Crorepati' - host Amitabh Bachchan has mesmerized the nation with his lyrical narration in this captivating video.

His poetic rendition of the promo dialogues was set to the upbeat music composed by Rohan - Vinayak, which culminated in Mr Bachchan humming the iconic tune of the reality quiz show. Echoing in the hearts of KBC fans, the effervescent Amitabh Bachchan's voice sets the tone for a fresh avatar of the show, in tune with the changes that the country/its people have embraced. Fans of the legend -



Amitabh Bachchan, Rohan and Vinayak have previously given music to films like 'Pink' and 'Sarkar 3' and '102 Not Out'. And now, they've breathed new life into the iconic theme tune of Kaun Banega Crorepati. But it was the genius addition of using Mr Bachchan's voice to hum the iconic theme that has

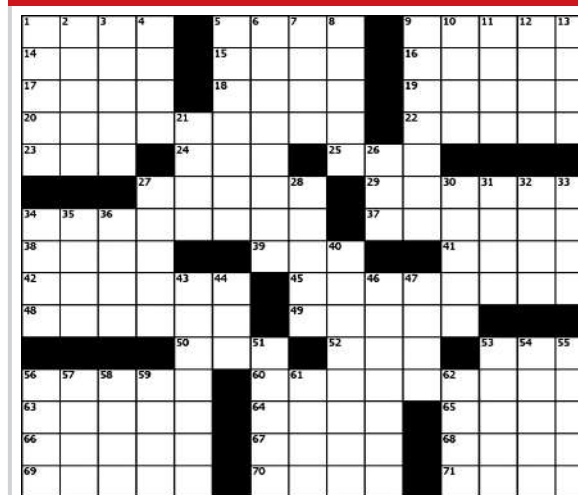
taken the nation by storm. Talking about the ideation and execution of the tune, Rohan said, "The tune of KBC 15 is registered in our hearts and minds and is unique to the show. Our first thought, behind making Mr Bachchan hum the theme tune, was that both the host and tune are the identity

of the show and therefore, it only seemed right for us to bring them both together to invite the viewers to a new season." Vinayak also echoed this sentiment, saying, "We have been fans of the legend since we were kids and having worked with him before, we know that his voice has that power and that allure which brings this country together. Thus, Rohan and I brainstormed, and we struck this chord.

To have the face of the show, also be the voice of this video." The megastar's deep baritone complements his musical delivery through the promo, in which the expression naye armaan, nayi muskaan, naye aasmaan liye sets the stage for Kaun Banega Crorepati Season 15, jald hi ek naye roop mein.

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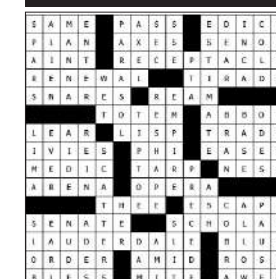
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Archery: Parth Salunkhe becomes first Indian to win Youth World Championship in men's recurve category

Limerick (Ireland), Jul 10 (PTI): Parth Salunkhe became the first Indian male archer to win a gold in the recurve category of the Youth World Championships as the country's contingent finished with its highest-ever tally of 11 medals.

The 19-year-old from Satara in Maharashtra provided the perfect icing on the cake by defeating a Korean in the Under-21 men's recurve individual final here on Sunday.

Salunkhe, who topped the rankings round, bounced back from behind to down seventh seed Song Injun 7-3 (26-26, 25-28, 28-26, 29-26, 28-26) in a hard-fought five-setter.

"I try to live in the present and don't see whom I'm up against. By doing yoga and meditation, it has helped me keep calm, which helped immensely in the final," Salunkhe told PTI from Dublin.

India also clinched a bronze medal in the Under-21 women's recurve individual section when Bhajja Kaur defeated Su



Parth Salunkhe (middle) poses with his gold medal after becoming Under-21 recurve archery world champion at the Youth World Championships in Limerick.

Hsin-Yu of Chinese Taipei 7-1 (28-25, 27-27, 29-25, 30-26). India finished with six gold, one silver and four bronze medals, which was the highest in the standings in terms of total number of medals.

But in overall rankings, they finished second behind Korea who ended with six gold and four silver medals. Salunkhe trailed 1-3 after Injun hit two perfect 10s and three 9s from the first six ar-

rows. Just when it seemed a familiar Korean dominance over India, the former senior national champion Salunkhe fought back clinching the third set by two points, drilling one arrow closer to the centre (X) to make it three-all.

Pressure was writ large on Injun as Salunkhe went on to hit two 10s and one 9 to snatch a 5-3 lead before finishing off in style with two Xs. Son of a secondary school English teacher,

Salunkhe, whose talent was first tapped by coach Pravin Sawant in 2018-19, became the first male archer to become a youth world champion.

After Sawant discovered his talent, Salunkhe trained under Ram Awdhesh at the SAI centre in Sonapat.

"He has been like God to us, he made some technical changes and as a result Parth has improved vastly under him," his father Sushant Salunkhe said.

In women's recurve section, Deepika Kumari had become cadet and youth world champion in 2009 and 2011, a feat that was emulated by her Jharkhand state-mate Komalika Bari in 2019 and 2021.

Overall, Salunkhe is the sixth Indian archer to become world champion in the youth showpiece.

Compound archers Palton Hansda (2006) and the duo of Aditi Swami and Priyansh who won here are the other youth world champions from India.

'We will continue the way we play'

Leeds, Jul 10 (PTI):

England will "play cricket that gets a result, our way", said their inspirational captain Ben Stokes, strengthening the team's commitment to stick to the hotly-debated 'Bazball' approach.

England beat Australia by three wickets to win the third Test at Headingley on Sunday and cut the deficit to 1-2 in the five-match Ashes series, having lost the first two games.

"We've kept the series alive and we just have to park everything from this week, but continue the way we play," Stokes said.

"I said last week we find ourselves in the perfect position with the way we play cricket.

"It doesn't change. After the Lord's game and before this game, before the game in Manchester, we just have to do exactly the same thing: play cricket that gets a result, our way."

Stokes was happy with England's approach here, but insisted his teams needs to improve.

"I still think we can be



better. The thing about cricket is no-one has the perfect answer to everything. Everything will be assessed on the outcome. That will always be the case. No-one ever has the perfect answer for how it should be played.

"We can be better in certain areas, and that's all we can do, keep trying to be better and better and as clear as we possibly can as a team. People always seem to have an answer after the fact. I don't think anyone will ever crack it; that's why it's such a great game." The famous rivalry will resume with the fourth Test at Old Trafford on July 19. After suffering

heartbreaks at Edgbaston and Lord's, Stokes said his team was "over the moon" following the win in another "down-to-the wire game". "If you look at the first two games in terms of how tight they were, getting over the line in another tight game can mentally help... knowing that it's another close game but we've got over the line in this one. "The first two didn't go our way. If you flip it round and we didn't win this one and it's tight again, you would think it's just not meant to be. "We're obviously over the moon that we won this one but it's just the start of what we know we need to

do." The English captain also heaped praise on the fast-bowling duo of Chris Woakes and Mark Wood as well as seasoned spinner Moeen Ali, who were brought into the side for the third Test.

"We brought Woody and Woakes back in and it's great when decisions like that impact the game. That's what we look at, what impact can players have and how can we use them. All three of those guys did that this week."

Woakes, who hadn't played a Test since March 2022, grabbed six wickets in the third Test before making a contribution with the bat in a tense run-chase in the fourth innings, finishing unbeaten on 32.

"I didn't even look at the fact that it's been so long since he (Chris Woakes) had played red-ball," Stokes said. "He's a quality performer. He's Mr Consistent. Having someone who can bat like that at No. 8 is a massive help, and when the ball's doing a bit in the air or off the pitch he's massively in the game."

Sen hails Canada open win as one of 'greatest comebacks'



New Delhi, Jul 10 (PTI):

Describing the Canada Open victory as one of the "greatest comebacks" in his nascent career, star Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen on Monday said the win against the reigning All England Champion gives him confidence and belief in the Olympic qualification year.

Shivam Dube picked in West Zone squad for Deodhar Trophy

Mumbai, Jul 10 (PTI): India and Mumbai all-rounder Shivam Dube was on Monday included in the 15-member West Zone squad while fast bowler Tushar Deshpande was among the standby players for the Deodhar Trophy beginning July 24. The Deodhar Trophy was last organised in the 2019-20 season and was not held in the subsequent seasons owing to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The upcoming edition of the inter-zonal 50-over Deodhar Trophy will be held this year entirely in Puducherry from July 24 to August 3.

The left-handed batter Dube had a terrific season with the bat for the Indian Premier League winners Chennai Super Kings, scoring 418 runs in 16 matches with a strike rate of 158.33.

Sen saved four game points in the second game of the final to outwit China's Li Shi Feng of China 21-18 22-20, snapping a 17-month wait for a BWF world tour title.

"Coming into the Olympic qualification year, it was tough as things didn't go my way," Sen, the reigning Commonwealth Games

champion, told PTI. "So this will be one of the good tournaments for me and playing the finals like that is for me one of the greatest comebacks."

Following the high of 2022, Sen endured a low this season after being bothered by the effects of nose surgery that he underwent to treat a deviated septum following the World Championships last August.

His recovery process extended from three months to over eight months and his struggles were reflected in his performance. He made first-round exits from the last four events of 2022 and found the going tough in the early part of 2023.

His ranking also plunged to world number 25 from six.

Pak to host FIH Olympic qualifiers

Karachi, Jul 10 (PTI):

Pakistan is set to host an international hockey event after nearly 19 years with the International Hockey Federation (FIH) allocating the Olympic qualifying rounds to the country for early next year.

Pakistan, which last hosted an FIH event back in 2004, will host eight teams in Lahore from January 13 to 24 next year.

"Pakistani hockey fans have been deprived of seeing international hockey stars at home for 20 years now and the FIH Olympic qualifiers will no doubt boost the sport in Pakistan again," said Haider Hussain, the Secretary-General of the FIH. He said the Pakistan Hockey Federation had

succeeded in convincing the FIH to allocate the event to Pakistan after much lobbying in the apex body.

"We are happy many countries supported our stance that if international hockey returns to Pakistan it will help boost the game again in the country."

Unfortunately, Pakistan has failed to qualify for the last two Olympic Games in 2016 and 2021 but Hussain said he was hopeful that fans would turn out in big numbers to watch the matches in Lahore.

According to the given format, the top five Asian teams, seven from Europe, two from Pan America, and one each from Africa and Oceania can compete in the qualifying rounds.

Grand Chess Tour: Gukesh finishes 5th, Anand settles for tied 7th in Blitz event

Zagreb (Croatia), Jul 10 (PTI):

Young Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh finished fifth while his illustrious compatriot Viswanathan Anand could only manage a tied seventh place in the third leg of the 2023 SuperUnited Rapid and Blitz chess tournament.

Gukesh, who had a moderate performance on day 1 of the Blitz segment, bounced back well on the second day to pick up 6.5 points which included wins over Anand and top players like Fabiano Caruana (USA) and Jan Krzysztof Duda (Poland).

Gukesh, who beat Anand for the first time ever in tournament play in



the Rapid segment, got the better of the five-time world champion in 34 moves in the blitz on Sunday.

The 17-year old Indian star began the second day of the Blitz section with a win over Richard Rapport (Romania) and then stunned the highly-rated Caruana. After going

down to world No.1 Magnus Carlsen (Norway), Gukesh turned the tables on Anand.

A defeat to Alireza Firouzja was followed by three straight wins - over Constantin Lupulescu (Romania), Duda and Ivan Saric (Croatia).

He ended the tournament with a draw against Ian Nepomniachtchi and a score of 19.5 points (Rapid + blitz).

Anand, who had started the tourney in style in the Rapid segment, had to endure a poor run, scoring only three points on day one of the Blitz and then logged 3.5 points on the second day. The veteran Indian ended with 16.5 points.

US beats Canada 3-2 in shootout after 2-2 tie to reach Gold Cup semifinal

Cincinnati, Jul 10 (AP):

Matt Turner stopped two penalty kicks, and the United States beat Canada 3-2 in a shootout after a 2-2 draw for a berth in a CONCACAF Gold Cup semifinal against Panama. In a game that was scoreless until the 88th minute, the U.S.



Canada forward Charles-Andreas Brym (19) hits a header as United States midfielder Gianluca Busio (6) defends in extra time during a CONCACAF Gold Cup semi-final soccer match.

after a hand ball on Miles Robinson. Turner stopped Vitoria's opening penalty kick with his right hand, V

itezquez skied his attempt over the crossbar and Turner dived left to bat away Liam Fraser's at-

tempt. Cade Cowell, Gianluca Busio and Jes s Ferreira all converted for the U.S. while Kamal Miller and Jacen Russell-Rowe made shots for Canada. Charles-Andreas Brym put Canada's final attempt off the crossbar. The winner of the U.S.-Panama game on Wednesday at San Diego advances to the championship match on July 16 against Mexico or Jamaica at Inglewood, California. The U.S. has reached 12 straight Gold Cup semifinals since the Americans were eliminated in a 2000 quarterfinals with a penalty-kicks loss to Colombia, an invited guest.

People are going overboard while criticising Rohit's captaincy: Harbhajan

New Delhi, Jul 10 (PTI):

Rohit Sharma needs all the support from the Indian cricket establishment in the coming times as people are going "overboard" with their criticism of his captaincy, feels spin great Harbhajan Singh.

In recent weeks, the Indian captain has received a lot of flak from fans and former cricketers, including the legendary Sunil Gavaskar, who felt that his leadership in the World Test Championship (WTC) final against Australia was not up to the mark.

However, Harbhajan, who has seen a lot of Rohit in the Indian as well as the Mumbai Indians dressing room, reminded everyone about the kind of respect



he commands from his peers.

"I find that people are going a bit overboard... the way Rohit has been criticised. Cricket is a team sport and one individual cannot take you from one place to other," Harbhajan told PTI in an interview ahead of India's next Test assignment against the West Indies.

"Team India didn't do well in WTC final, and yes,

you talk about that performance and move on from there. But it is unfair to criticise Rohit alone, that he is not scoring runs, putting on weight, not captaining well. I think he is a brilliant leader," the veteran of 103 Tests said.

For Harbhajan, the need of the hour is to show faith in Rohit's leadership ability.

"I have played with him (Rohit) and watched him closely. He commands a lot of respect not only in MI dressing room but also in the Indian dressing room. So I think it's unfair to judge him on basis of recent results.

"He will come good and we need to show faith in him and we need to support him rather than pinpointing that you are not doing this or that."

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Yamuna breaches danger mark in Delhi

New Delhi, Jul 10 (PTI):

The Yamuna crossed the danger mark of 205.33 metres in Delhi on Monday as torrential rains pummeled the upper catchment areas of the river for the third day on the trot. The river breached the danger mark earlier than expected. It was predicted that it would cross the danger mark by Tuesday afternoon.

According to the Central Water Commission's (CWC) flood-monitoring portal, the water level at the Old Railway Bridge had risen to 205.4 metres by 5 pm as Haryana released more water into the river from the Hathnikund barrage in Yamunanagar.

The water level is anticipated to rise to 206.65 me-



The Yamuna River swells up as its water level reaches near danger mark, at the Old Yamuna Bridge (Loha Pul), in New Delhi, Monday.

tres on Tuesday before it starts receding.

Addressing a press conference, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said a flood-like situation is unlikely in Delhi, but the government is prepared to

tackle any eventuality. He said the evacuation of people from low-lying areas will start once the river breaches the 206-metre mark.

The irrigation and flood control department said

the flow rate at the Hathnikund barrage gradually increased to 3,05,768 cusecs at 5 am on Monday. It dropped to 1,90,837 cusecs at 1 pm.

Normally, the flow rate at the barrage is 352 cusecs, but heavy rainfall in the catchment areas increases the discharge. One cusec is equivalent to 28.32 litres per second.

The water from the barrage takes around two to three days to reach Delhi.

The Delhi government issued a flood warning on Sunday and is creating awareness among people living close to the river banks.

Authorities have been instructed to stay vigilant and take necessary action in vulnerable areas. Quick response teams and boats

have also been deployed.

The Delhi government has set up 16 control rooms, including a central control room, to monitor the flood-prone areas and the water level of the Yamuna.

Northwest India has seen incessant rainfall over the last three days, with many areas in Jammu and Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan recording "heavy to extremely heavy" precipitation. This has resulted in overflowing rivers, creeks and drains that have massively damaged infrastructure and disrupted essential services in Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Punjab.

JALABHISHEK PREPARATION



Devotees fetch holy water from the Ganga river at Kedar Ghat to perform Jalabhishek on the occasion of the first Somwar (Monday) of the holy month of 'Shravan', in Varanasi, Monday.

'As Bees In Honey Drown': Satire on contemporary culture to be staged on July 22



New Delhi, Jul 10 (PTI):

"As Bees in Honey Drown", a satirical comedy based on American playwright Douglas Carter Beane's award-winning play, will be staged here at Kamani Auditorium on July 22-23 as part of the 6th edition of Aadyam Theatre.

Adapted by Akarsh Khurana and directed by Anahita Uberoi, the play

"The phrase 'As Bees in Honey Drown' is an expression used to describe a state of complete absorption or surrender to something pleasurable, much like how bees can become so absorbed in honey that they drown in it. Fame, like honey, can give one a rush of sweet pleasure, while it can also drown one with its stickiness.

"This contemporary satire portrays an unquenchable thirst for fame and startling revelations as the play progresses, making it remarkably relevant to today's trends," the organisers said in a statement.

The play features theatre veterans Aditya Rawal, Ashwin Mushran, Chakori Dwivedi, Meher Acharia Dar, Shikha Talsania and Tavish Bhattacharya.

It will be staged on July 22 at 7.30pm and on July 23 at 4pm and 7.30pm.

promises to tickle the funny bone while exploring themes of "deceit, betrayal, artistic ambition and the power of illusion".

The play follows the story of an "almost famous" writer, Dhruv, and popular socialist Alexa.

Claiming to be a music record producer, Alexa wants Dhruv to write the screenplay of her life story.

CBI arrests chairman of Tirupati Infraprojects Pvt Ltd

● In bank-fraud case

New Delhi, Jul 10 (PTI):

The CBI has arrested Jag Mohan Garg, chairman and managing director of Tirupati Infraprojects Private Limited, in a bank fraud case involving an amount of Rs 289.15 crore, officials said on Monday.

Garg was produced before a special CBI court that sent him to the agency's custody till July 13, they said.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) registered an FIR against the company on May 25, 2022 for allegedly causing a loss to the tune of Rs 289.15 crore to a consortium of banks comprising the Bank of India, the Union Bank of India, the Canara Bank, the Bank of Baroda and the UCO Bank by illegally diverting loan funds, the officials said.

The consortium led by the Bank of India had

granted a term loan of Rs 300 crore to the company between 2009 and 2014 for the construction of a hotel at Paschim Vihar, New Delhi, along with commercial spaces.

"It was further alleged that the accused had sold several commercial/retail/office spaces of the said hotel-cum-commercial building to various parties without intimating the lender banks and funds obtained from these buyers were diverted/siphoned off," a CBI spokesperson said in a statement.

After the registration of the FIR, the federal agency conducted searches at the premises of the accused on May 27 last year, leading to the recovery of several incriminating documents.

"During the investigation, the CBI had examined several witnesses, officials of the said borrower company, bank officials etc.," the spokesperson said.

'Sonia to attend meeting of Oppn parties in Bengaluru'

Bengaluru, July 10 (PTI):

Former Congress President Sonia Gandhi is expected to attend the next meeting of opposition parties in Bengaluru on July 17 and 18, Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar said on Monday.

He said the Congress party will hold a silent protest at Freedom Park here on July 12 as a mark of protest against the disqualification of its leader Rahul Gandhi from the Lok Sabha.

"A meeting of leaders of all opposition parties (in the country) will be held on July 17 and 18, as already announced. All the leaders are going to come. (M) Mallikarjun Kharge (AICC President) has requested Sonia Gandhi to participate in this meeting. We have got a message that she will be participating in this meeting," Shivakumar said.

Speaking to reporters



D K Shivakumar

here, he said, "We will welcome all leaders who want to join this great movement for change in this country." The first such meeting of opposition parties, keeping in mind the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, was held in Bihar's Patna on June 23. Earlier, Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar had said the next opposition meet will be held in Bengaluru on July 13-14. As those dates were said to be clashing with Assembly sessions in a few states, it was rescheduled

to July 17 and 18.

Shivakumar, who is also Karnataka Congress President, said the party under the leadership of Kharge has decided to hold silent protests on July 12 at all the state headquarters against the disqualification of Rahul Gandhi from the Lok Sabha.

"I don't want to speak about the Court verdict, but the political conspiracy that is going on against Rahul Gandhi to finish him off politically, we condemn it," he said.

The protest will be held from 10 am to 4 pm at Freedom Park in Bengaluru by "covering our mouth with black cloths", Shivakumar said.

All office-bearers, public representatives and a large number of workers of the party, including Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, will be participating in the protest against the "conspiracy of the BJP government at the Centre", Shivakumar said.

Bais releases books on Coins of Mumbai & NOIDA Mints

Mumbai, Jul 10:

Maharashtra Governor Ramesh Bais released the books 'Coins of Mumbai Mint: 1947 - 2023' and 'Coins of NOIDA Mint: 1988 - 2023' at Raj Bhavan, Mumbai on Mon (10 July). The books have been authored by Numismatist and Coin Collector Dr Dilip Rajgor.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor said coins of various rulers reflect the events and history of the era in which they were minted. He expressed the need to document all the old coins ur-



gently, especially since the world is moving towards a cashless econo-

my. Sexologist and Coin Collector Dr Prakash Kothari, Ashok Singh

Thakur and family members of Dr. Rajgor were present.

IIT Madras' Zanzibar campus to be first ever woman-led IIT

New Delhi, Jul 10 (PTI):

IIT Madras' Zanzibar campus, which is the first offshore campus of the Indian Institute of Technology, has also become the first-ever IIT to have a woman director.

Preeti Aghalayam, an IIT Madras alumni, has been appointed as the director-in-charge of the Zanzibar campus, where the first academic session is set to begin in October.



Preeti Aghalayam

"Aghalayam is the first woman to be an IIT direc-

tor. We will see many more encouraging things. We are following sustainable development goals and one of the important goals suggests that we need to bring in gender balance," IIT Madras director V Kamakoti said at a press conference.

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has become the first IIT in the country to launch an international campus, which is coming up in Tanzania's Zanzibar.

An MoU was recently signed between India and Tanzania, the final procedural step that paves the way for this campus.

Applications for the first academic session are already open with the institute offering two full-time academic programmes.

"I am an alumnus of IIT Madras and doing something of this magnitude for the institute and for the country is such a big honour.

KANWAR YATRA



Lord Shiva devotees or Kamwariyas gather to collect holy water from the Ganga river for 'Kanwar Yatra' pilgrimage during the holy month of 'Shravan', at Har Ki Pauri Ghat in Haridwar, Monday.

SC to hear on July 11 Manipur govt's plea against HC order

● On restoration of internet

New Delhi, Jul 10 (PTI):

The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to hear on July 11 the Manipur government's plea against the high court order on limited restoration of the internet in the state.

A bench of Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and Justice PS Narasimha agreed to hear the plea on Tuesday after Solicitor General Tushar Mehta sought urgent listing of the matter, saying the situation in the state keeps changing very fast.

"This is concerning internet shutdown in Manipur. The situation in the state keeps changing very fast.

The appeal is against the high court order where it has directed restoration of internet

service. Kindly hear it today itself," Mehta said.

The bench said since a batch of pleas on Manipur violence was listed for hearing during the day, it may consider his request then.

During the hearing of the clutch of petitions on ethnic violence in the state, the bench said since it is posting them for hearing on Tuesday, it will also consider the plea of the state government on internet shutdown alongside.

On July 7, the Manipur high court had directed the state government to carry out physical trials to check the feasibility of providing internet service while ensuring security and property of citizens.

The high court, which has asked for a detailed report from the state government,

will hear the case on July 25.

After hearing multiple PILs, a division bench of the high court had said, "In the case of Fibre To The Home (FTTH) connections, internet service can be provided by the home department on a case to case basis" after ensuring compliance of the safeguards

suggested by the committee.

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BRIEF



A model walks the ramp during the annual fashion show 'Fashionnova 2023' organised by the Institute of Design and Technology, in Surat, Monday.

Convicted

New Delhi: A Delhi court on Monday convicted four Indian Mujahideen (IM) operatives in a 2012 case of hatching a criminal conspiracy to wage war against the government by carrying out terrorist attacks across the country. Special Judge Shailender Malik held the accused - Danish Ansari, Aftab Alam, Imran Khan, and Obaid-Ur-Rehman under various sections of the IPC and the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. The court passed the order noting that the accused had pleaded guilty on July 7.

Called off

Shimla: The Shrikhand Mahadev Yatra in Himachal Pradesh's Kullu has been terminated after the death of six pilgrims during the trek this season, according to a statement issued by the state government on Monday. The announcement comes amid the widespread havoc caused by incessant rains in the state. Earlier, the Kullu district administration had postponed the pilgrimage till July 11.

Stab

Gurugram: A man allegedly stabbed his former fianc to death in broad daylight here on Monday, with the entire incident caught on CCTV, officials said, adding that the accused has been arrested. Family members of the girl had broken off the engagement between the victim Neha (19) and the accused Ram Kumar (23) earlier, police said. Both the accused and the victim were from Uttar Pradesh's Badaun and were staying in Molahera village in rented places.

Seize

Hyderabad: Hyderabad Customs officials on Monday said they have seized smuggled gold weighing 1.93 kg valued at Rs 1.17 crore and over 62,000 smuggled Cigarette sticks in different cases at the international airport here. Based on passenger profiling and surveillance, the officers of Hyderabad Customs seized the smuggled gold and the cigarettes on July 9, a release from the Customs department said.

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Rain fury in N India, HP bears the brunt

New Delhi, Jul 10:

As torrential rains wreaked havoc in north India for another day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday spoke with senior ministers and officials to take stock of the situation while Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge sought relief from the PM CARES Fund for the rain-hit states.

Several rivers, including the Yamuna in Delhi, in north India are in spate. In cities and towns across the region, many roads and residential areas were submerged in knee-deep water with the civic system unable to hold on in the face of record rains on Sunday.

The prime minister spoke with senior ministers and officials and took stock of the situation in the wake of excessive rainfall in parts of the country, his office said.

Local administrations, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) teams are working to ensure the well-being of those affected, the Prime Minister's Office said.



Swollen Beas river during incessant monsoon rainfall, in Kullu district, Monday.

'HP not seen such 'widespread heavy rains' in 50 years'

Himachal Pradesh has not witnessed such "widespread heavy rains" in the past 50 years and the state has suffered a loss of about Rs 3,000 crore in this monsoon season so far, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said on Monday. About 17 persons have died in rain-related incidents in the state in the past two days, he said, adding that efforts are afoot to rescue 400 tourists and locals stranded at Chandertal and between Pagal and Teigli nallah in Lahaul and Spiti.

"PM @narendramodi spoke to senior ministers and officials, and took stock of the situation in the wake of excessive rainfall in parts of India. Local administrations, NDRF and SDRF teams are working to ensure the

well-being of those affected," the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said in a tweet. Twenty people stranded in Himachal Pradesh's tourist town of Manali were rescued but about 300 others were stranded across various

parts of the hill state as heavy rain wreaked havoc for the third day on Monday.

The state is bracing for another day of downpours with the meteorological department issuing a "red" alert for "extremely

PM assures help

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has spoken with chief ministers of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand about the situation due to excessive rains and assured them of all help and support from the central government, official sources said Monday. Modi also spoke with senior ministers and officials and took stock of the situation in the wake of excessive rainfall in parts of the country, his office said. Local administrations, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) teams are working to ensure the well-being of those affected, the Prime Minister's Office said.

heavy rain" on Monday, a day after heavy rain pounded the state, triggering landslides, damaging houses and leaving several people dead.

Officials said rail operations on the Shimla-Kalka route, a UNESCO world heritage site, have been suspended till Tuesday as landslides blocked the track at several places while educational institutions across the state were ordered to remain shut on Monday and Tuesday.

ISRO to make another attempt to land on moon

With more fuel, fail-safe measures, Chandrayaan-3 to leap towards moon on Friday

New Delhi, Jul 10 (PTI):

Loaded with more fuel, a slew of fail-safe measures and a bigger landing site, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is set to make yet another attempt to land on the moon with the launch of Chandrayaan-3 on Friday.

Chandrayaan-3, set for lift-off at 2:35 pm on Friday, will be a follow-up mission after the crash-landing of Chandrayaan-2 in September 2019 due to a software glitch.

ISRO Chairman Somanath on Monday shared minute details about what went wrong

Mumbai-based private firm provides key equipment for Chandrayaan-3

A Mumbai-based private aerospace company has supplied critical components to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for its upcoming Chandrayaan-3 mission. Liquid propulsion engines such as Vikas, CE20, and satellite thrusters for the lunar mission have been manufactured by Godrej Aerospace in its facility at Vikhroli in suburban Mumbai, a senior company official said on Monday.

with the Vikram lander of Chandrayaan-2 as it went hurtling down towards the identified 500m x 500m landing spot on the lunar surface with the engines designed to reduce its velocity developing higher thrust than expected.

"The primary issues were, one we had five engines which were used to give the reduction of the velocity, which is called the retardation. These engines developed higher thrust than what was expected," he told reporters

here on the sidelines of India Space Congress organised by SIA India.

Somanath said that when such a higher thrust was happening, the errors on account of this differential were accumulated over some period.

"All the errors got accumulated, which was on the higher side than what we had expected. The craft had to make very fast turns. When it started to turn very fast, its ability to turn was limited by the software, because we never expected such high rates to come. This was the second issue," the ISRO chief said.

DELHI ORDINANCE

New Delhi, Jul 10 (PTI):

There will be no freeze on the Centre's executive order controlling the bureaucrats posted in Delhi, the Supreme Court said today in response to a petition by Delhi's Aam Aadmi Party government, which had challenged the constitutional validity of the Centre's order. But the court has issued a notice to the Centre following the Delhi government's petition. "We will issue notice to amend the petition to implead the Lieutenant Governor," said Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud. The next

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WB TEACHER SCAM

SC setback for Abhishek Banerjee

Refuses to halt probe

New Delhi, Jul 10 (PTI): The Supreme Court on Monday refused to interfere with the CBI and Enforcement Directorate probe against TMC leader Abhishek Banerjee in the alleged West Bengal teacher recruitment scam, saying it cannot stultify the investigation in the case. A bench of Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and Justice PS Narasimha allowed Banerjee to avail available remedies under the law but refused to interfere with the May 18 order of the Calcutta High Court. "We are not going to interfere with the im-

pugned order as this would stultify the investigation. Petitioner can avail the available remedies under the law", the bench said. On May 26, the top court had stayed the imposition of Rs 25 lakh cost on Banerjee by the high court which had dismissed his plea for recall of its previous order that CBI and ED could interrogate him in the West Bengal school jobs scam cases. The top court, had however not stayed the part of the high court order which had said the central probe agencies could quiz the Trinamool Congress general secretary in connection with these cases.

SC refuses to pause Centre's Ordinance on control of services

Issues notice to Centre

hearing is on Monday, when the court will also hear the Delhi government's petition on the Lieutenant Governor sacking 400 specialists like fellows, research officers. A bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices P S Narasimha issued notice to the government and asked senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi, appearing for the AAP government, to amend its plea and add the Lieutenant Governor as party in case. "We'll issue

notice," the bench said while posting the matter for hearing on July 17. In its plea, the AAP government has said it is an "unconstitutional exercise of executive fiat" that attempts to "override" the top court and the basic structure of the Constitution. Besides quashing the ordinance, the Delhi government has also sought an interim stay on it. The Centre had on May 19 promulgated the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Ordinance, 2023, to create an authority for transfer and posting of Group-A officers in Delhi.

AMARNATH PILGRIMS



Stranded pilgrims prepare food after the Amarnath Yatra was temporarily suspended due to bad weather, in Jammu, Monday.

Sharad Pawar faction MLA joins Ajit camp

Pune, July 10 (PTI):

NCP MLA from Wai constituency in Maharashtra's Satara district, Makarand Patil, on Monday, said he has joined the camp led by senior party leader and Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar.

Patil said he decided to join the Ajit Pawar camp to save two sugar factories in his constituency which are in financial crisis and in the hope of bringing development and resolving tourism-related issues in Wai.

Notably, Patil was present during Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) founder Sharad Pawar's visit to Karad city, a day

after Ajit Pawar and eight other MLAs joined the Shiv Sena-BJP government.

The MLA claimed his name had figured in the list of nine ministers of NCP, including Ajit Pawar who took oath last Sunday.

"But I told Ajit Pawar that I would have to consult my supporters and people from the constituency before taking any decision," he told PTI.

Several workers and supporters of Patil from Satara district met Ajit Pawar in Mumbai on Saturday.

In the video of the meeting, an NCP functionary from the Wai constituency is seen demanding a

Cabinet berth for Patil.

The MLA said it was a very difficult call to take as both Sharad Pawar and Ajit Pawar are dear to him.

"It was a tough decision. Recently, I took over two sugar factories that were in a financial crisis. Just because of people's insistence, I contested the elections to these factories. I could handle the last year's (sugarcane crushing) season without any problem," he said.

Patil said they faced various difficulties in the last year when not in power in managing the factories.

"Against this backdrop, we have decided (to join

the Ajit Pawar camp) to save these sugar factories, and to address the issues related to development and tourism in my constituency," he added.

Patil claimed he took this decision on the insistence of NCP workers who flagged issues related to the sugar mills and development in Wai.

After joining the Eknath Shinde-Devendra Fadnavis government, the Ajit Pawar camp has staked the claim to the NCP name and symbol.

Ajit Pawar loyalists, including Praful Patel, are insisting that they have the support of "40 plus" out of the 53 MLAs of NCP.

India to buy 26 Rafales, 3 Scorpene subs from France

New Delhi, Jul 10: In a major development, India is planning to buy 26 Rafale fighter aircraft and three Scorpene class conventional submarines from France.

The proposals have been placed before the Defence Ministry by the defence forces and are likely to be announced during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to France this week, government sources told ANI.

As per the proposals, the Indian Navy will get 22 single-seated Rafale Marine aircraft along with four trainer aircraft. The Navy had been press-

ing for acquiring these fighter aircraft and submarines urgently as they have been facing shortages in view of the security challenges around the country.

The aircraft carriers INS Vikramaditya and INS Vikrant have been operating the MiG-29s and need the Rafales for operations on both carriers.

Meanwhile, the three Scorpene class submarines would be acquired under the repeat clause by the Navy as part of Project 75 where they would be built in the Mazagon Dockyards Limited in Mumbai.

Lambani artisans set Guinness World Record

For making highest number of embroidery patches

Hampi (K'taka), Jul 10 (PTI): In a resounding triumph of cultural creativity, women of the nomadic Lambani community of Hampi in Karnataka have set a new Guinness World Record for producing the highest number of embroidery patches.

At the G20 Culture Working Group meeting held here, around 450 Lambani artisans showcased their exceptional skills and craftsmanship by creating an astounding collection of over 1,755 unique patches.



Embroidery patches made by around 450 artisans from the nomadic Lambanis community are all set to enter for a Guinness record, in Hampi.

Lambani embroidery is a vibrant and intricate form of textile embellishment characterised by colourful threads, mirror work, and a rich array of stitch patterns. It is practised in several villages of Karnataka such as Sandur,

Keri Tanda, Mariyamanahalli, Kadirampur, Sitaram Tanda, Bijapur, and Kamalapur. This initiative is congruent with the third priority of the CWG, 'Promotion of Cultural and Creative Industries and Creative Economy', as it spotlights the rich artistic tradition of Lambani embroidery, thereby promoting the creative economy of Karnataka and India. This remarkable achievement has not only brought immense pride to the Lambani artisans, but also given a sense of empowerment and recognition to the community, Lily Pandeya, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture said.

Heavy rains push up retail tomato prices up to Rs 200/kg

Other veggies also get costlier

New Delhi, Jul 10 (PTI): Retail price of tomato has touched up to Rs 200 per kilogramme in some parts of the country including Delhi as incessant rains disrupted supplies, traders said and added that the rates of other vegetables have also firmed up. Heavy rainfall in producing areas has led to waterlogging leading to the damage of tomato crop and other perishable vegetables grown below the soil especially onion, and ginger, they said.

As per the data maintained by the Consumer Affairs Ministry, the all-India average retail price of tomato was ruling at 104.38 per kg on

Monday, with maximum price quoted was Rs 200 per kg in Swai Madhopur and minimum was Rs 31 per kg in Churu in Rajasthan. Among metros, retail price of tomato was quoted highest at Rs 149 per kg in Kolkata, followed by Rs 135 per kg in Mumbai, Rs 123 per kg in Chennai and Rs 100 per kg in Delhi, the data showed.

The retail price of tomato and other vegetables varies depending on the quality and the location where they are sold. "There has been further disruption in the supply of tomato in Delhi because of the heavy rains in the last two days.

Girl killed, brother injured in hit-and-run accident

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Jul 10: A teenage girl was killed and her younger brother was grievously injured in a hit-and-run accident which occurred at Shankar Nagar area of Chhawani Chowk late evening on Sunday. The victims were moving on a bike and were hit by a rashly moving car. The car driver sped from the spot and hit another man after about a kilometer. Tension prevailed in the Chhawani Chowk area as the locals came out on the streets and staged protests. Police have lodged a case and are trying to trace the accused driver and the vehicle.



According to eyewitnesses, the car driver was heavily drunk.

Chhawani Police informed that the incident occurred around 20:00 hrs on Sunday. Sakshi Sao (18) and her brother Chandan Sao (16) were moving on a



bike in Shankar Nagar. A speeding car came from behind and escaped after hitting the bike.

Sakshi and her brother Chandan suffered fatal injuries and were rushed to a nearby hospital. Sakshi succumbed to her injuries

while Chandan is undergoing treatment at the hospital. Their father Pramod Sao is a driver by profession.

The accused car driver hit a cyclist while escaping from the spot. The cyclist has suffered minor injuries and has been discharged from the hospital after first aid. Irked after the mishap, locals came out on the road and staged chakkajam.

Immediately after getting information, police and administrative officials reached the spot and diffused the tension. They assured to nab the accused soon and provide compensation to the victim's family.

Tripartite meeting held for registration of lease deed of BSP quarters

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Jul 10: A tripartite meeting was held between the BSP management, district administration and BMC administration in the presence of Bhilai Nagar MLA and BMC Mayor for resolving the difficulties in the registration of lease deeds of the leased BSP quarters.

MLA Devendra Yadav, Mayor Neeraj Pal, Collector Pushpendra Meena, BMC Commissioner Rohit Vyas and BSP officials were present in the meeting. It needs to be mentioned



here that MLA Devendra Yadav had raised the woes of the lease holders of BSP quarter before the Chief Minister during his bhet mulaqat programme.

Taking the matter into cognizance, CM had directed the District Collector and BSP CEO to look into the matter and provide relief to the lease holders.

Mayor Neeraj Pal has released a video message in this regard in which he informed that there is good news for the lease holders who are waiting for the last 21 years. Pal said that MLA Devendra Yadav has been making efforts in this regard for the last four years.

As per the CM's instructions, a meeting between BSP management, BMC and District Administration was organised to resolve the issue. Mayor said that the issue of the registry of lease deeds has been resolved.

Youth killed, two injured in road mishap

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Jul 10: A youth was killed and two others were injured in a road mishap which occurred late night on Sunday at Dhamdha Naka in Durg. The three victims were moving on a bike and were hit by a speeding Bolero SUV. Durgesh Yadav, who was riding the bike, died on the spot while the pillion riders suffered fatal injuries.



his two friends Manish Yadav and Shitalesh were moving from Durg to Dhamdha on a bike bearing registration number CG07-BZ-4431.

They collided with a

Bolero SUV near Morcha Point at Dhamdha Naka. Durgesh suffered fatal injuries in the mishap and died on the spot. The pillion riders also suffered injuries and have been admitted to the hospital. Their condition is reported to be critical.

On Monday morning, the locals staged chakkajam on Dhamdha Road demanding Rs 50 lakh compensation for Durgesh's family and Rs 25 lakh each for the injured youth. Police team reached the spot and managed to diffuse the tension.

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Jul 10: International Motivational Speaker of Spiritual World Brahmakumari Shivani Didi will deliver a spiritual sermon "God's Power Mere Pass" in a programme being organised by PBIV Bhilai Sewa Kendra Rajyog Bhavan, on July 22, 2023.

The programme will be organised at the ground in BSP Senior Secondary School, Sector -07 from 18:30 hrs, informed BK Asha Didi while interacting with media persons at

the Peace auditorium of Rajyog Bhavan.

A motivational speaker of the Awakening With Brahmakumari's, Ambassador of World Psychiatrist Association Brahmakumari Shivani Didi is honoured with Nari Shakti Samman is known for her divine speech on human behaviour and presenting accurate, simple, easy solutions to the problems occurring in the life of every human being.

Director of Bhilai Sewa Kendras, Brahma Kumari Asha Didi informed about

BK Shivani Didi to deliver sermon on 'God's Power Mere Pass' on Jul 22



Shivani Didi's arrival in Bhilai and said that despite her busy schedule, she gave time to Bhilai and the topic of her divine speech is "God's Power Mere Paas" i.e.

God's Powers in each one.

The goal of this program will be that every human being imbibes divine power in his/her daily activities. It is necessary to listen and imbibe it in life after listening to it.

With the divine powers, we can easily get rid of the problems, anxiety, stress, depression etc. that come in life. She urged everyone to take advantage of this program with the goal that the divine powers are working in my life.

Priyanka Kaushal from Raipur and BK Prachi Didi accompanied BK

Asha Didi during the media interaction. Priyanka Kaushal elaborated on the untiring services of the sisters of Brahmakumari. She added that the director of Bhilai Sewa Kendra Brahmakumari Asha Didi also takes care of Seva Kendras in Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan which come under Indore zone. BK Prachi Didi spoke on the benefits of Rajyog meditation and how it helps lower stress and day to day problems of life.

Delegation under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav visits BSP

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Jul 10: A Delegation under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav visited SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant on July 10, 2023. The delegation was led by Subhash Kumar, Deputy Secretary (Ministry of Steel) and Lakshmi Shrirangesh, Under Secretary (Ministry of Steel), as a part of the 10th Scrap Recycling (Ferrous & Non-ferrous) Waste Utilization Drive, an awareness conference and industrial visit being jointly organised by the Ministry of Steel, Ministry of Mines, Material Recycling Association of India (MRAI) and Jawaharlal Nehru Aluminium Research Development



and Design Centre (JNARDDC).

The delegation was welcomed at Bhilai Steel Plant at HRD Centre, Bhilai by Nisha Soni, CGM (HRD&BE), DL Moitra, CGM (Env Mgmt), and Amulya Priyadarshi, GM (HRD). The delegation was briefed about safety precautions to be taken during

the visit to the plant by Shovan Ghosh, AGM (SED) in presence of SK Agarwal, GM 1/c (SED). The visitors used the Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) during the entire Plant Visit.

The delegation took keen interest in operations of various production units of Bhilai Steel Plant

and witnessed Steel Making at the Modex Units, including Blast Furnace 8, Steel Melting Shop-3 & Universal Rail Mill.

Subhash Kumar, Deputy Secretary (Ministry of Steel) joined the delegation at HRD Centre, Bhilai, where K Praveen, GM (Env Mgmt) gave a present-

tation on Scrap & Waste Management, which was well received by the delegation.

The Delegation comprised of cross-section of officers, Professors, students and industrialists from around the country, including members from MRAI, JNARDDC, NIT Raipur, MSTC Raipur, CGSIMA, and Chhattisgarh Mini Steel Plant Association, along with members from various other steel entities of the state including Shiv Real Ispat Pvt Ltd, Sindi Ispat, HSR Rerollers Pvt Ltd, Ashok Ispat Udyog, Sarvapriya Castings Pvt Ltd, Mahendra Sponge & Power, Black Rock Steel & Power and Nath Enterprises.

Mathew Varughese to assume charge as DIG BSF

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Jul 10: Mathew Varughese, currently Commandant, Border Security Force has been promoted to assume charge as DIG, BSF in Agartala. Mathew, a 1993 batch BSF officer trained at BSF Academy Takenpur in Gwalior, will be joining duty in Agartala on July 17, 2023.

In the Border Security Force he has held very important assignments throughout the country from 1993 till date. He has served in the peak of militancy in Jammu & Kashmir, Mizoram and has also served in Kanker District of Chhattisgarh as part of Anti



Mathew Varughese

Naxal Operations. He became the Deputy Commandant in 1998, Second in Command in 2006, Commandant in 2011 and now promoted to the rank of Deputy Inspector General in July 2023. He was the first Commandment to set up the Thrissur BSF unit in Kerala in 2011 followed by another

tenure as Commandant Operations in Sector Trivandrum from 2019 - 2022. Mathew did his schooling in Railway English Medium School, Bilaspur (CG) and graduated from CM Dubey College, Bilaspur. He was an outstanding sportsman having represented Madhya Pradesh in the nationals from 1985-87. He has represented the School Nationals from Madhya Pradesh state team in 1986 and 1987. He was an outstanding Basketball player and represented the state team as well as captain of the School and University team. He had played the All India athletic Championship in 1987-88.

'Swachhta Pakhwada-2023' program organised in Kendriya Vidyalaya Durg

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Jul 10: "Swachhta Pakhwada-2023" is being celebrated from July 1, 2023 to July 15, 2023 under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan by the National Statistical Office (Field Operations Division), Regional Office, Raipur, Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation, Government of India.

Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Government of India is the nodal agency for monitoring country level Swachhta Pakhwada 2023. It is noteworthy that the Swachh Bharat Mission was launched in India on October 02, 2014. This mission was implemented as a nationwide campaign and mass movement. Under the mission, all villages, gram panchayats, districts, states and union territories in India declared themselves "Open Defecation Free" (ODF) by October 2, 2019, the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

On July 08, 2023, the "Swachhta Pakhwada-2023" program was organised in Kendriya Vidyalaya, Durg,

which was inaugurated by Ashutosh Awasthi, Deputy Director of National Statistical Office, Regional Office, Raipur. Gloria Minj, Principal of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Durg was also present as a special guest on this occasion. In the program, a welcome song and group dance was presented by the students of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Durg on the theme of "Cleanliness and Healthiness and Environmental Protection."

Guests were welcomed by the Principal Gloria Minj, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Durg. She addressed the students on the importance of tree plantation, environmental protection and cleanliness campaign to save nature. She said that global warming is increasing due to the green house effect.

Addressing the program, Ashutosh Awasthi, Deputy Director, National Statistical Office, Regional Office, Raipur, highlighted the importance of cleanliness in daily life, highlighted the importance of trees in keeping the world beautiful and also about the cleanliness and tree plantation campaigns being run by the Government of India. He highlighted the impor-



tance and main points of Cleanliness mission in our country since independence and also highlighted the all important points of present "Swachh Bharat Mission" launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 02, 2014. He also highlighted the purpose of cleanliness awareness launched by the Government of India under which different types of programs and campaigns are being conducted in "Swachhta Pakhwada-2023". He explained that various Ministries, Departments and Institutions of the Government of India are participating in this campaign,

for which the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Government of India is the nodal agency for monitoring country level Swachhta Pakhwada 2023 under which each ministry has been allotted a certain time period (calendar) for this campaign, under which the period from July 01, 2023 to July 15, 2023 has been fixed for the National Statistics Office, Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation. Under the campaign, "Swachhta Pakhwada-2023" will be celebrated in all the offices of the Ministry and the National Statistical Office

across the country.

Under Swachhta Pakhwada-2023 program; various activities related to the entire campaign were organized to achieve universal sanitation and also the students and officers were motivated to achieve goals of cleanliness in our life and also in neighbourhood of our residence and office. Under the above program organized in the Kendriya Vidyalaya, Durg, twenty five (25) saplings were planted in the school campus and the campus was also cleaned.

The program was coordinated by SK Tirkey, Senior Teacher, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Durg. PL Sonwani, Assistant Director, Regional Office, Raipur and PR Sahu and Vijay Kumar Rakhonde, Sreemi E, Sushant Chhatrariya, Oliver Kujur, Senior Statistical Officers, employees of Sub Regional Office, Durg, teachers and students of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Durg participated in the program. At the end of the program, vote of thanks was given by Yaseen Ali, Incharge & Senior Statistical Officer, National Statistical Office, Durg.

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State govt has not made any changes in liquor policy of earlier govt: Baghel

● **BJP is raking up such issues, as they are unable to contest elections without help of ED**

Raipur, Jul 10: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel came down heavily against the allegations on the state government related to liquor scam and said that no changes have been made by his government in the rules and policies formed by the earlier government related to liquor. Baghel charged the former CM Raman Singh of formulating a policy to pass on benefit to three distilleries and added that after ED's challan, notices have been issued to three distilleries and to the officers posted there. CM said that if any irregularity is found then each and every single penny will be recovered.

Speaking to media persons here on Monday, CM



Baghel spoke at length about the charges on liquor scam. He informed that it was in 2020 that first raid was conducted by IT and now in 2023 ED is claiming of Rs 2168 cr liquor scam. ED is charging that it is without payment of Excise Duty that liquor was taken out from the distilleries.

CM Baghel said that if the liquor cartons have been taken out without depositing of Excise, then

first the action should be taken against the liquor distilleries, as it was their responsibility and then with the officer posted there. But no action was taken against them and neither their property was attached nor bank accounts were seized. Baghel said that if ED and IT conducts raids, then they informed how much of property has been seized or about disproportionate income. CM questioned as

to whether any amount of property to the tune of liquor scam has been seized or not.

CM Baghel said that this was started in 2017, when ex-CM Dr Raman Singh prepared the new liquor policy and under which the government took over the liquor shops by forming a Corporation. Liquor was purchased through corporation and sold through placement agency. Baghel said that in this policy it has been clearly said that only three distilleries in state will supply country liquor. On this Baghel questioned as to why only 3 distilleries were finalized and what is Raman Singh's connection with them. CM said that the policy formed by Raman Singh is still continuing and we have not made any changes in it. Under this policy in 2018 the then government earned a revenue of Rs 3900 crore and today it has in-

creased to Rs 6500 cr. Even after this they are saying that liquor has been taken out without paying of Excise Duty? CM said that we have taken this into cognizance and issued notices to three distilleries and the officials as well.

CM assertively said that if the complaint is found to be correct, then each and every single penny will be recovered. If it is proved that there is shortfall in state government's revenue, then due action will be taken and entire amount will be recovered, CM added.

Baghel said that with elections in the offing, BJP is doing all this and since they (BJP) are unable to contest the election, they want to contest it through ED. The people are not with them and therefore they are making all sorts of conspiracies and raising all controversies to defame the government, CM added.

HEAP OF GARBAGE



The nooks and corners of city are not being properly cleaned and it is resulting in awful odor and flees posing risk for diseases during rainy season.

Governor Harichandan seeks blessings from Lord Jagannath

Raipur, Jul 10: Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan visited Lord Jagannath Mandir in Puri during his stay in Odisha. He offered prayers and wished for the happiness and prosperity of the country and the people of the state. The first lady of the state, Suprabha Harichandan, was also



present along with him.

He also visited the Sakshi Gopal temple and offered prayers. He paid floral tributes to the

Pancha Sakha. Renowned freedom fighter, teacher, and author Shri Utkalmani Pandit Gopabandhu Das, along with his friends Pandit Nilakantha Das, Pandit Godabarish Mishra, Acharya Harihar Das, and Pandit Krupasindhu Mishra, are known as the Panch Sakha.

Twenty three arrested playing 'satta'



Raipur, Jul 10: Twenty three persons who were playing 'satta' online through 'Reddy Anna app' have been arrested. According to police transaction of money of 'satta' and link of Reddy Online Satta was found in mobile phone of one Madhukar Sinha, aged 28 years, son of Narsingh Sinha, resident of Sarkhi village falling under jurisdiction of Abhanpur Police Station in Raipur; during his interrogation after his arrest under Section 365,

511, 34 IPC of crime number 200/23 registered in Abhanpur Police Station. When the police team members questioned him in connection with 'satta', he named Karan Singh Ghai, resident of New Rajendra Nagar, Naveen Agrawal, resident of Dongargarh, Mukhiya Ramamurthy from Visakhapatnam and other persons. He revealed that satta was being operated online from Odisha and Vishakhapatnam.

Devotees throng temples to offer prayers on first Monday of Sawan

Raipur, Jul 10: Devotees were seen offering prayers at Hatkeshwar Mahadev, Budheshwar Mahadev temples. Shiva temples of other locations in Raipur have been crowded with devotees since morning. In the Hindu calendar, 'Sawan', also known as 'Shravan', is the fifth month of the Hindu lunar calendar and one of the holiest months of the year. This year, the Shravan period stretches for two months instead of the usual one-month period. Previously, an almost two-month-long Shravan period was observed approximately 19 years ago. The Sawan month started on July 4 and will go on till August 31. It would be 59 days long and there would be eight Mondays instead of four.

Today was the first Monday of the month of Shravan. A large number of devotees are reaching the temples for



'Jalabhishek'. The entire temple area was resounding with the chants of 'Har Har Mahadev' and 'Bol Bam'. On the eve of the first Shravan Monday falling on July 10, Shiva temples were decorated with attractive lights. A bamboo cordon has been made at Hatkeshwar Mahadev Temple, Budheshwar Temple so that devotees can queue up and perform 'Jalabhishek'. 'Rudrabhishek' of Shivling was performed in

the presence of priests in the Brahma Muhurta in the Shiva temples. After this, the devotees were doing 'Jalabhishek' from morning to afternoon. The doors of the temple have been closed and decorated in different forms in different Shiva temples. After which the devotees will be able to see Shringar. According to Pt. Suresh Goswami, the priest of Hatkeshwar Mahadev Temple, after 19 years, due to the coincidence of Purushottam month in the

All BJP leaders lie: Akbar

● **After COVID hiatus**

Raipur, Jul 10: Forest Minister Mohammad Akbar has called the BJP's allegations baseless on the issue of liquor ban in the state. Addressing a press conference here today Minister Akbar charged Bharatiya Janata Party with doing politics of lies. All BJP leaders lie, he alleged. 'The BJP had said that the Congress had talked about banning liquor by taking Gangajal in hand. We had talked about liquor ban, but did not do it with Gangajal in hand', Akbar said.

In a video released by Akbar, Congress leader RPN Singh is seen swearing with Gangajal in his hand that loans of the farmers will be waived off within 10 days. 'Prime Minister and the BJP said that we had talked about banning alcohol by taking Gangajal in hand. In fact we talked about liquor ban, but did not take Gangajal. The thing that was said by taking Gangajal in hand was to



waive off the loans of the farmers in 10 days', Akbar said, adding that committee formed on liquor ban is working. Vijay Baghel, convener of the BJP manifesto committee lied that BJP had never talked about liquor ban, Akbar said. Minister Akbar said, the committee under the chairmanship of MLA Satyanarayan Sharma had been constituted. The names of the MLAs were also sought from the BJP side for the committee, but they have not given it, he said. We have formed Bharat Mata Vahini. To quit intoxication, pamphlets are being distributed along with street plays. There should be a complete ban on all kinds of drugs. Big leaders of BJP are lying. We have to make people aware.

Azad Janata Party to contest in all 90 assembly seats

Raipur, Jul 10: Azad Janata Party's state level meeting and expansion program was held in Raipur on Sunday, in which it was announced that Azad Janata Party will contest elections on all 90 assembly seats and on August 15, 2023, the public manifesto of the party will be issued, for which the has started from today itself. Addressing the scribes here State President Ujjwal Dewan, State Vice President Amandeep Singh Gill, State Spokesperson Sanjeev Mishra said that public manifesto will be prepared keeping in mind all sections of Chhattisgarh and today more than 100 women and men



have taken membership of Azad Janata Party, they added. On the occasion the members of the committee for making the manifesto has been selected which includes Amandeep Singh Gill - President, Advocate Abhishek Amin - Vice President, Sanjeev Mishra - Member, Amanat Ali Khan - Member, Karam Lal Sahu - Member, Advocate Bhagirathi Ratre - Member, Advocate Janu

Khare - Member Advocate Ashish Jethani - Member, Pawan Kumar Tiwari - Member, Saurabh Yadu - Member, Mrs. Vibha Gupta - Member, Praveen Puraina - Member and Dr. Imran Hingora - Member.

The Azad Janata Party raised many questions from this platform to the Central Government and Chief Minister Bhupesh

Baghel, Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu, on inflation, unemployment, education and health. On the occasion Publicity Secretary Karam Lal Sahu, Ashish Awasthi, Yuva Morcha State President Praveen Puraina, Youth Sports Cell President Saurabh Yadu, Durg District President Pawan Tiwari, Balrampur District President Amanat Ali Khan, Legal Advisor, Advocate Abhishek Amin, Advocate BR Ratre Advocate Janu Khare, Ashish Jethani, Akhilesh Ambade, Vibha Gupta, Champa Mehta, Surendra Miri, Kartik Patel and other workers were present.

Three miscreants arrested for Abhanpur kidnapping attempt

Raipur, Jul 10: Police have arrested three miscreants in connection with the incident of kidnapping attempt in Abhanpur near Raipur. All three together tried to kidnap an executive engineer, resident of village Kolar and landlord of Sarkhi about two months ago for a ransom of Rs 10 lakhs but the police thwarted their plan and caught them and subsequently brought them to the police station. In fact, on July 8, Roopal Chandrakar lodged a report at Abhanpur police station that on May 8, he reached Kolar Abhanpur in his car from Raipur residence at around 04:30 am and after routine work, he was

going back home via Abhanpur Old Dhamtari road. Meanwhile, at 5:10 am near Sargunda Talab, a white colored Hyundai I-20 car came from behind and stopped beside him. The occupants of the car were masked. When he moved forward, masked miscreants stopped their car in front of him. After getting off the car they moved towards the complainant and tried to catch him. Seeing no other alternative complainant started running towards his house. When he went a little distance and looked back, the number plate of the car was covered with mud. Apart from two masked persons, there was also a driver in the car. Apart from

the number plate, the car was clean and both the masked men fled in the car. Offence (number 200/23) Section 365, 511, 34 IPC was registered against unidentified persons in police station Abhanpur.

Under the direction of senior officers, the joint team of Anti-Crime and Cyber ??Unit and Police Station Abhanpur, inquired the people around the complainant in detail regarding the incident and checked footages of CCTV installed in and around the incident site. Technical analysis was also done in relation to the unidentified miscreants. Apart from collecting information regarding the

car used by the unidentified miscreants, efforts were being made continuously to trace them on the basis of other evidences and facts. Meanwhile, the team members received important information regarding one of them miscreants Madhukar Sinha, a resident of the village, in connection with the incident. On the basis of the evidence obtained by the team members the team members arrested Madhukar Sinha. During interrogation he named his two accomplices Ajay alias Pintu Netam and Tekram Dhiwar in connection with the incident. Subsequently the police arrested Pintu Netam and Tekram Dhiwar.

Bone marrow transplant done successfully to save patient life: Dr Jaiswal

● **A middle aged man with multiple myeloma successfully underwent bone marrow transplant**

Raipur, Jul 10: A 51-year-old gentleman from Chhattisgarh with multiple myeloma underwent autologous bone marrow transplantation at Ramkrishna CARE Hospital, Raipur, Chhattisgarh. The treatment was done by Dr. Ravi Jaiswal, Consultant- Haemato-oncology and BMT.

Addressing the scribes here Dr Ravi Jaiswal informed that patient was admitted to Ramkrishna Care Hospital in June 2021 with severe low back pain for 2 months. The treatment started with blood tests, bone marrow test and found to be suffering from



multiple myeloma - stage 3. Treatment began with Induction chemotherapy for 4 months followed by maintenance therapy (oral tablets). With the disease in control, Autologous bone marrow transplantation was done at Ramkrishna CARE BMT unit. "The patient was given a high dose of chemotherapy which wiped out his cancerous cells followed by stem cells infusion." Patient was admitted to the Bone Marrow Transplant unit. This consists of special patient rooms, each with a separate Air Handling Unit, HEPA filters and positive air pressure. The entry to the

patient rooms is restricted. This is necessary to ensure that patient does not contract any infection during this period of substantially lowered immunity. Stem cells were mobilized from the bone marrow into peripheral blood by giving twice a day injections into the skin. Stem cells were collected from the peripheral blood stream by the use of apheresis machine. This procedure does not involve anesthesia or surgery. Adequate dose of peripheral blood stem cells were collected. After that, high dose chemotherapy was given. And the hematopoietic stem cells

were transfused back to the patient. Thereafter the progress of the patient was closely monitored. He recovered within 12 days of transplant without usage of a single antibiotic injection. This speaks volumes about the sterile environment in transplant unit and highest infection control policy said Dr Ravi Jaiswal.

"Every time our doctors perform an organ transplant procedure, they give a new lease of life to the patient. We could not be prouder to have successful organ transplant programs helping our patients live healthier lives. I congratulate our doctors for performing successful bone marrow transplant at Ramkrishna CARE Hospital", said Dr Sandeep Dave, Director, Ramkrishna CARE hospitals.

MATS University organises colorful event of Fashion Festival-2023

Raipur, Jul 10: The annual fashion show Fashionotsav-2023 was organised by the Department of School of Fashion Designing and Technology of Mats University at Chokar Dhani. The students won the hearts of all with their spectacular presentation of Indian culture and traditions of Chhattisgarh through fashion. The show depicted the wonderful pastimes of Lord Shri Ram, Shiva and Shri Krishna love - with the theme "Prem". Divyang children also gave their presentation in this event and felt proud of themselves. Parvinder Kaur, Head of Department, School of Fashion Designing and



Technology, Mats University, said that like every year, this year also the annual fashion show 'Fashionotsav-2023' was organized colorfully by the department. The Chief Guest of the function was Mr. Sanjay Shukla (IFS), Chairman of Chhattisgarh Real Estate Regulatory Authority

(RERA) and Mr. Anil Kumar Sahu (IFS), Managing Director of Chhattisgarh Tourism Board, Guest of Honor was Prof. Dr. Col. Umesh Mishra CGPURC, chairman. On this occasion, Chancellor of Mats University Mr. Gajraj Pagaria, Vice Chancellor Prof. K.P. Yadav, Director

General Mr. Priyesh Pagaria, Deputy Vice Chancellor Dr. Deepika Dhand, Registrar Mr. Gokulnanda Panda, heads of various departments, professors, students and eminent citizens were present. The function started with the national anthem and garlanding the statue of Maa Saraswati. The students won a lot of applause by presenting beautiful designs depicting the fashion of the ancient times with innovative ideas and wonderful costumes. The students of Fashion Department also displayed special clothes designed for Divyang. Its objective was to encourage and support specially-abled children.

CM inaugurates Mata Shrimati Bindeshwari Baghel Park

Director (Projects) asks to focus on internal rate of transformation



In village Bharda
Unveils statue of Mata Shrimati Bindeshwari Baghel

Central Chronicle News
Balod, Jul 10: Chief

Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Monday inaugurated the Mata Shrimati Bindeshwari Baghel Park in village Bharda (Tatenga) of Balod district besides unveiling the statue of Mata Shrimati Bindeshwari Baghel.

Chief Minister and other distinguished guests present on the occasion also planted saplings in the park. During his address at the ceremony, Chief Minister Baghel announced a fund allocation of Rs 50 lakhs each

for the park's beautification and the construction of a community building within the premises.

In addition, he approved Rs 65 lakhs for the construction of a 3.50-kilometer road, connecting the Kharkhara River to the Main Road Tatenga. Furthermore, he also announced the upgradation of the Government Higher Secondary School Tatenga.

Women and Child Development Minister Smt. Anila Bhediya, Parliamentary Secretary Shri Kunwar Singh Nishad, MLA Smt. Sangeeta Sinha, along with various public representatives and locals were also present on the occasion.



HOD IT Meet-2023 held
Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Jul 10: "In a changing world, internal rate of transformation should be more than the changes of outside world," says Ujjawal Kanti Bhattacharya, Director (Projects), NTPC Limited while delivering keynote

address at two-day HOD IT Meet-2023 held at Raipur on July 10, 2023. The theme for the program is: Transformation through Digitalization, Innovation and Cyber Security.

Held at Raipur, the program was attended by senior officials of IT department from across the company. Chief Guest Bhattacharya further added that the entire busi-



ness model of the company is revolving around the successful implementation of IT process. We must transform ourselves through digitalization while focusing on innovation and keeping vigil on cyber security, he added.

Speaking on the occasion, Maheswara Bishoyee, CGM (IT); Arindam Sinha, ED (OS); C Sivakumar, RED (WR-II, USSC & Ash

NI); HK Dash, ED (CC&M); MK Srivastava, ED (Engg.) spoke on indispensability of IT and adopting new technology which not only helping the company to remain competitive but also keeping it ahead of the time.

During the meet, many presentations pertaining to emerging issues in the area of IT were delivered and discussed.

CU, a pioneer in academic innovation: Dr. Kothari

Absconding 101 warrantees produced before the court

Two-day workshop organized on the 'Implementation of Indian Knowledge Tradition'

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, Jul 10: Inauguration of a two-day workshop (July 10-11, 2023) on the implementation of Indian knowledge tradition in line with the spirit of National Education Policy 2020 took place under the joint auspices of Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (Central University) and Shiksha Sanskriti Utthan Nyas, New Delhi at 10 am on July 10, 2023 with Dr. Atul Kothari, National Secretary of Education Culture Utthan Nyas, New Delhi as the chief guest. Professor Nilambari Dave, ex Vice-Chancellor, Saurashtra University, Gujarat, was also present. In-charge Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Amit Kumar Saxena presided over the program.

At the inauguration of the workshop, Dr. Atul Kothari said that academic innovation and innovative research is the chief func-



tion of a university, in which Guru Ghasidas University is playing a leading role. It is a matter of pleasure to initiate the action plan to implement the Indian knowledge tradition mentioned in the National Education Policy 2020 in this university in a holistic manner.

Dr. Kothari said that we are creating such paths through courses which many universities will follow in the coming times. Highlighting the Indian concept of character building and overall develop-

ment of personality, Dr. Kothari said that character building and overall personality development of the students is possible with the glorious and illustrious concept of Indian Panchkoshi knowledge.

While presiding over the programme, In-charge Vice-Chancellor Prof. Amit Kumar Saxena expressed happiness over the organization of the workshop, said that under the efficient guidance of Honorable Vice-Chancellor, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal, the work of curriculum

preparation will be done at the Central University in accordance with National Education Policy with the assistance of subject experts of the Indian knowledge tradition.

Earlier, the program started with lighting the lamp and garlanding of the oil paintings of Maa Saraswati and Baba Ghasidas. The guests on the stage were welcomed with saplings. Shri. Deshraj Sharma, National Convenor, Character Building and Personality Development, while shar-

ing information about the workshop said that seven sessions will be organized in the two-day workshop. In the workshop, work will be done on the creation of appropriate literature for curriculum development. Those on the stage included Dr. Manohar Bhandari, MBBS MD, Indore M.P. and the Coordinator of the workshop, Prof. P.K. Bajpai. Workshop Co-coordinator, Prof. Praveen Kumar Mishra delivered the welcome address.

The guests on the stage were honored with shawls, shreephal and mementoes. At the end, vote of thanks was given by the Registrar, Prof. Manish Srivastava, and Dr. Garima Tiwari, Assistant Professor conducted the program. Twenty groups have been formed in the workshop who will discuss, deliberate upon, analyze, review and draw conclusions on various topics.



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Jagdalpur, Jul 10: Deputy Inspector General of Police and Senior Superintendent of Police Jitendra Singh Meena directed all police station/outpost in-charges of the district to run a special campaign from July 3, 2023, to serve permanent and arrest warrants.

Under this a special campaign was launched in different areas of Bastar district against permanent warrantees who have been absconding for many years. Such criminals of Bastar district who were absconding

for a long time after committing crimes and on whom a permanent or arrest warrant was issued by the court, action has been taken to arrest such absconding permanent or arrest warrantees under a special campaign.

Under this in Bastar police station warrantees were searched and warrants were served to 38, 14 in police station Kotwali, 10 in police station Bodhaat, 12 in police station Parpa, 8 in police station Bakavand, 25 in police station Nagarnar, 3 in police station Bhanpuri, 3 in Chowki Ghotia, 2 in police station AJAK, 2 in Police Station Burgum, 2 in

Police Station Karpavand, 1 each in Police Station Badaji and Kodenar. In this a total of 101 warrantees were searched and warrants were served. The concerned have been produced in the court.

Station in-charge Ravindra Kumar Meena (Trainee IPS), Inspector Leeladhar Rathore, Amit Shukla, Lalji Sinha, Dhananjay Sinha, Kishore Kenwat, Chandrashekar Shrivastava, Sub-Inspector Pramod Thakur, Piyush Baghel, Horilal Navik, Guneshwari Nareti were part of the team in the campaign to arrest the warrantees of Bastar Police.

CM Baghel offers prayers at the Shiva temple in Bharda village

School entrance festival, Guru Purnima celebrated with pomp & gaiety

On the occasion of Saawan Somvar

Central Chronicle News

Balod, Jul 10: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel visited the Lord Shiva temple in Balod district's Bharda village today on the occasion of the first Monday in the sacred Saawan month.

Women and Child Development Minister Anila Bhediya, Parliamentary Secretary Kunwar Singh Nishad, MLA Sangeeta Sinha, and other public representatives were also present on the occasion.



The local public representatives and villagers accorded a warm welcome to the Chief Minister on his arrival in

village Bharda. School students in large numbers had also visited, and the Chief Minister inquired about their studies.

Central Chronicle News

Kareli Badi, Jul 10: On July 3, the 'Shala Pravesh Utsav' (school entrance festival) and Guru Purnima program was celebrated with great pomp in Government Primary and Secondary School Chandana Development Block Magarlod District Dhamtari.

In the hospitality of the chief guest of the programme Tarini Chandrakar, President District Panchayat Dhamtari, the traditional lamp was first lit and prayers were offered to Goddess Saraswati and the welcome programme of



guests concluded. 'Ae Bahare Mehak Ke Nazare Rut Suhani Ho Gayi' was presented in the welcome song. Handshake by the newly admitted students of Class I and Class VI means from today the school is mine too. After this, textbooks, school uniforms were distributed by the

guests along with sweets. Roli Chandan to the children, Raksha Sutra was tied in the hands of the children. In the second session, the felicitation programme was celebrated as Guru Purnima. All the teachers of the school were presented Shawl, Shrifal and a bunch of flowers by

the village heads. All the guests and guardians who came along were also honoured with Shawl and Shrifal. The chief guest Tarini Chandrakar was presented with the symbol plow and quince year.

For all the guests, guardians and villagers who came in the pro-

gramme, arrangements for food and prasadi were made by the management committee.

Tarini Chandrakar in her address said that the parents are the first teacher of the children, along with education, the right values should be met with the family. She asked parents to keep the children away from mobile as much as possible at home and prepare them on time and send them to schools regularly. In school too, along with education and writing, special attention should be paid towards sports, moral education and culture. The programme was conducted by Kanval Ram Sahu.

Agricultural work getting badly affected due to power outage

Decision taken to give dividend to farmers

Central Chronicle News

Jagdalpur, Jul 10: In dozens of villages of Bakavand development block, agricultural work is being adversely affected due to power outages. Day or night the power goes off at any time and then it does not come back for hours. Farmers are in trouble due to frequent power failure.

Even on Sunday, farmers of many villages including Deora, Sargipal, Borigaon, and the surrounding areas say that most of the time there is no electricity in the villages and most of the time the problem of low voltage persists. Due to this the electric motor pump is not able to run and they are not able



The farmers of Deora, Bajawand, Sargipal, Borigaon and the surrounding areas say that most of the time there is no electricity in the villages and most of the time the problem of low voltage persists. Due to this the electric motor pump is not able to run and they are not able

to fill water in their fields for transplanting paddy. Planting work is getting affected. The government is providing many facilities to the farmers for farming. But the Electricity Department is determined to sabotage all these facilities and schemes. Apart from this, the villagers of

the area are not even able to get the paddy harvested and the rice and wheat milled. Due to low voltage and power failure, people are not able to sleep peacefully at night due to non-functioning of fans and coolers. Students are not able to study at home.

Ajay Kumar, junior engineer of Bakavand Electricity Distribution Company, says that due to rain, sometimes this type of problem keeps coming due to the ongoing improvement work. We are engaged in streamlining the power system with promptness. Farmers will not be allowed to face any kind of problem, he added.

In meeting of Primary Agri Credit Co-op Samiti

Central Chronicle News

Kareli badi, Jul 10: The annual general meeting of Primary Agricultural Credit Cooperative Society Kareli Badi was organised on Friday. The income and expenditure were accounted for information pertaining to last financial year.

Supervisor Parmeshwar Nirmalkar while sharing information related to Annual General Meeting (AGM) said that 5 percent dividend will be given to the farmers. An appeal was also made to the farmers to make more and more members. He motivated the farm-



ers to take loans by informing them about the Primary Agricultural Credit Cooperative Scheme. Motivating the farmers who sell paddy on support price were asked to take Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana and were informed about its benefits. Farmers were also encouraged to get crop insurance.

On this occasion, Chairman Subhash

Chowdhary, Chief Guest Jeevan Lal Sahu, Chamman Lal Sahu and a large number of farmers including Kanshi Ram Sahu, Shambhu Nishad, Authorized Officer Tameshwar Sonkar, Committee Manager Nathu Sonkar, Clerk cum Operator Tarun Nishad, Salesman Ramesh Sahu, Radhe Nishad Sumit, Ekant, Rahul Sahu were present.

OBITUARY

Puran Lal Sahu



Kareli badi: Puran Lal Sahu, R/o village Parsathi, passed away suddenly on Thursday, July 6, 2023, at his home village. He was the S/o Gayatri Bai Sahu. He was the father of Chandrahah Sahu, Chandradhwaj Sahu, Bhunesh Sahu. The final rites were performed in Grihagram. He left behind a full-fledge family. In his last rites, Bisit, Bhikham, Basant Villagers including Lakhna, Pawan, Dhan Sai, Omkar, Omsharan, Yuvraj, Jageshwar, Premlal, Uttam, Mukesh, Homesh, took part and paid tribute to the deceased.

Health wellness worker being imparted training

● Of yoga for pregnant women

Central Chronicle News

Kondagaon, Jul 10: As a pilot project of Department of Social Welfare and UNICEF, yoga program for pregnant women is running in 45 health wellness centers of the district by Chhattisgarh Yoga Commission Raipur from July 7 to 13 at Yoga Bhavan Raipur.

43 'Yoga Mitra' of the district and three non-governmental and government employees from five development blocks



are participating in the seven-day residential yoga training for the purpose of promoting good health.

In this regard, District

Nodal officer for Training Shivcharan Sahu said that under the guidance of Collector Deepak Soni, yoga programmes are being conducted for pregnant women in 45 health and wellness centers of the district, which will bring better results to the people and society of the district in the near future.

Raising voice in Janpad premises, the Asst. Teachers and 'Samagra Shikshak Federation Block Unit President Tulsi Patel in support of five-point de-

Employees' organisations staged dharna

● In support of their five-point demand

Central Chronicle News

Pithora, Jul 10: It was under the banner of 'Karamchari Sanghatan and Chhattisgarh Karamchari Adhikari Sanyukt Morcha', the government officers and employees of the state government staged one-day dharna on Saturday in support of their five-point demand. Different employees' organisation are staging dharna and protest from time to time in support of their five-point demand, but none has been fulfilled till date.

Raising voice in Janpad premises, the Asst. Teachers and 'Samagra Shikshak Federation Block Unit President Tulsi Patel in support of five-point de-



mand raised a demand to make Pingua Committee's report public.

Senior Taxation officer Panchayat department, Sushil Choudhary demanded revision of HRC and OBC Karamchari/Adhikari Sangh Pithora unit President, Asst. BEO Dwarika Patel highlighting on the five-point demand, held the need to pay four-level pay-scale and regularise the irregular; adhoc, contractual and daily wage employees.

CG Teachers' Association regional convener Sudhir

Pradhan raised the demand of Old Pension Scheme and the benefits of service period be calculated right from the date of first appointment and to avail benefit of full pension, the period of service be made 25 yrs instead of 33 yrs.

President Shikshak Sangh Rohini Kumar Dewangan drawing attention towards all their demand strongly held the need to pay DA to the state government employees and pensioners at par with the central government employees.

The members of all the employee organisations were urged to remain united in support of their demands. Other who expressed their views included Lekhram Sahu, Ramkumar Nayak, Mahendra Choudhary, Sushil Pradhan, Chandar Sahu, Meena Lal, Bhojraj Sao, Vikas Agrawal, Sudama Bariha, Jaswan Paikra. It was amidst rains, the employees raised slogans in protest and later submitted memorandum in the name of CM to the SDM.

Programme was conducted by Dolamani Sahu and it was attended by Arun Devata, Shyamkumar Patel, Sukhsagar Jagat, Pushpalata Ratre, Yogi Sahu, Aantaryami Pradhan, Durvasa Goswami, Nitesh Sahu, SS Mishra and large number of other employees.

Kondagaon players bagged 8 medals

● In the 2nd State Level Gatka Championship Tournament

Central Chronicle News

Kondagaon, Jul 10: The 2nd State Level Gatka Championship Tournament for Boys and Girls was organized from July 7-9 at Guru Nanak Nagar Bhillai. In which 9 children from Kondagaon of Bastar participated in age group 14.

Devansh Sonboir of Navodaya Vidyalyaya Kondagaon won bronze medal in single soti and Rohit Nag won silver single in age group 17 single fur



soti, Vishnu Sori in soti team, Lokesh Thakur, Khilendra Baghel got 3rd position and in age group 22 singles, Palendra Thakur, Dilip Yadav, Nikku Sori performed better and secured 2nd position.

9 athletes have won 8 medals which is the only team of Bastar Division

which has been giving Kondagaon a special place by performing for the last two years for which team manager Hiralal Churendra coach Shivcharan Sahu has been awarded a memento by the State Gatka Association and the Sikh Youth Forum.

ABVP submits memorandum to Principal GNM

● Demanding start of PG Classes soon

Central Chronicle News

Berla, Jul 10: The Berla unit of Akhil Bhartiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) submitted a memorandum to the Principal Government Naveen Mahavidyalaya (GNM) Berla demanding starting the M.Com and MSc classes from current academic session.

Few days back, the Commissioner Higher Education Department has issued an order to start PG classes in the College, but the College has so far not started the



same and due to which there is great deal of resentment among the students. Presently the stu-

dents interested in doing PG course have to get either to Bemetara or Saja or Durg. District convener

ABVP Kishan Sahu informed that even after orders by the Education Department of the state

government, not starting the PG Classes reflects administrative irregularity.

It is keeping all the above things the ABVP workers submitted a memorandum to Principal Govt Naveen College, Berla and urged him to start PG classes in the College at the earliest.

On this occasion, ABVP workers including City secretary Shaileendra Sahu, state working committee members Chanchal Choubey, Kamdev, Harsh Verma, Chandan Sahu, Gulab Sahu, Shreya Yadav, Megha Nayak, Khomeshwari Sahu, Samir, Tameshwar, and other students were present.

Crowds of devotees pay obeisance in Shiva Temples

Mungeli, Jul 10: The holy month of Shiva worship has started and crowds of devotees have started appearing in the pagodas of the area. Toran and decorations have been done in the temple premise and sawan swing has also been organized in Shankar temple. The month of Sawan is considered the holy month of Shiva worship and devotees offer special prayers in Shivalayas throughout the month of Sawan.

Special worship of Lord Shiva will be done throughout the month in the oldest Shankar Temple of Khemgir located in the city of Malhapara and special prayers will be offered at Kharraghat's pagoda, Bada Bazar's Shiva temple, Sonarpara's Shiva temple and other major Shiva temples of the city.

One of the oldest temples of the city, the Shankar temple located at Malhapara has a special place and there is an attractive Shivaling on this temple built on the banks of the pond. This temple was built by Baba Khemgir and the Samadhi of Khemgir Baba is also situated next to the main temple and people believe that all the wishes sought here are fulfilled.

Similarly, the temple of Lord Shankar at Kharraghat on the banks of Agar River is crowded with devotees throughout the month, and same way preparations are being made for special prayers and Jalabhishek in the Shankar Temple located at Sonar Para and in other temples of the city.

Sawan has been considered as the festival of Shiva, the devotees of Lord Shiva worship with great devotion throughout the month and every day is devotion for the devotees here.

Scene at Kuleswarnath Mandir turns religious

● With resonating of bells in temple and raising of slogans by devotees

Central Chronicle News

Rajim, Jul 10: With start of 'Sawam maas', the atmosphere and beauty of 'Devo-ke-Dev' 'Vishwanath Kuleswarnath Mahadev' mandir is at its pristine and is liked by the devotees and tourists visiting the temple. The water-level of Mahandir has gone up with intermittent rains for last two days and with rise in water-level of Sonidhur, Pairi river each day, the 'Panchmukhi Kuleswar Nath Mahadev's temple' on the confluence of three rivers has been surrounded by water and the devotees are unable to reach there from river.



It is through Laxman Jhula that hundreds of devotees are visiting the temple daily and offering 'Jalabhishek' to Lord Shiva. The rush of devotees start right since morning hours and during 'puja' hours, entire area keeps resonating with sounds of bells all over the place.

On Saturday, the every

scene in the temple kept attracting others and were seen saying 'what a scene' and termed it as blessings of Lord Shiva.

On the other hand, in the religious city there are many temples viz. 'Bhuteshwar Nath Mahadev', 'Panchwar Nath Mahadev', 'Daan Mahadev', 'Rajeshwar

Nath Mahadev', 'Baba Garib Nath Mahadev', 'Someshwar Nath Mahadev', 'Pipleshwar Nath Mahadev', 'Padneshwar Nath Mahadev' and others which have been built here, where the Bholenath's Shivling is placed in the 'Grihgrih'. 'Maa Parvati' is present in the form of 'Jal Hari'.

In view of the 'Sawan Maas', the enthusiasm and thrill among the devotees are visible and the devotees are thronging the temples of Lord Shiva with slogans 'Har Har Mahadev', 'Om Nama Shivoy Panchakshari'. Since it happened to be Saturday, Mahadev's Shivling was beautifully decorated and prayers were performed in the morning and evening with resonating sound of chimes in the temple.

'Giving gifts of thousands will not cut inflation'

Central Chronicle News

Fingeshwar, Jul 10: Taking a jibe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi's inauguration of the foundation stone worth thousands of crores in Raipur and discussing the inflation as well as the government's negligence on providing facilities, President of Fingeshwar Press Club, Jitendra Sharma said that the common man's stomach is filled with ration and vegetables, milk, which is very expensive, and promising projects worth thousands of crores will not fill their stomach therefore in-



flation should be reduced.

He further said that oil companies have earned a profit of more than 58 thousand crores in the purchase of crude oil in the last year, which is actually the money of the gen-

eral public and the benefit of 40 per cent reduction in the prices of crude oil should go directly to the public.

Sharma expected Prime Minister Narendra Modi to fulfill the old demand of railway concession to 15 crore senior citizens of the country during his visit to Raipur. He also said that the journey of Vande Bharat train is convenient, but the fare is far beyond the reach of poor and middle class families, consideration should be given in this direction so that the benefit of passenger facilities can reach the common people.

C-Mart: Bridging the gap between rural and urban markets

● And strengthening rural economy
● Rajnandgaon district's C-Marts achieve remarkable sales worth Rs 2.14 crore

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Jul 10: C-Mart scheme has emerged as a successful initiative in bridging the gap between rural and urban markets, fostering the development of the rural economy by facilitating the sale of locally-made products. Notably, C-Marts have been established in the cities of Rajnandgaon and Dongargarh, contributing significantly to this endeavour.

C-Marts in Rajnandgaon district has achieved remarkable sales, amounting to a total of Rs 2 crore 14 lakh 95 thousand 764, ranking itself as the second-highest performer district in the state. This commendable feat can be attributed to the diverse range of 2,617



products available at the store, all of which are meticulously crafted by women's groups and traditional cottage industries, thereby bolstering the rural economy. The general public also benefits from the availability of locally produced goods at the C-Mart, encompassing organic products, a wide range of spices, and various food items. C-Mart showcases an extensive array of products, including organic scented rice, organic Kodo (millet), Ragi flour, turmeric, black rice, organic honey, Himalayan black salt, Adori Badi, Garam Masala, Moong Papad, Amla pickle, Poha, Mahua Chikki,

Mart plays a pivotal role in supporting women's groups and traditional and cottage industries, thereby bolstering the rural economy.

This remarkable initiative by the state government, aimed at promoting rural economic development and establishing a strong connection between rural and urban markets, has yielded substantial positive outcomes. In line with this success, C-Marts, resembling modern showrooms, are being established in cities to provide women self-help groups, artisans, weavers, potters, and other traditional and cottage industries with market access and improved prices.

Mahua Laddu, Mushroom Pickle, Mushroom Papad, Vedic beverage, neem toothpaste, sanitary pads, pure mango wood, patta, spices, rice papad, pasta, coriander powder, chilli powder, soap, phenyl, bags, as well as handcrafted bed sheets, towels, handkerchiefs, and other products. Additionally, the C-Mart will also feature products manufactured in state-run Rural Industrial Parks, further diversifying its offerings.

Date and time of E-auction- 16.08.2023 Time-11.00 AM to 4.00 PM		Outstanding Amount		Reserve Price		EMD Bid incremental amount		Property ID No.	
SI No.	Name & Address of the Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s) & Branch	Detailed description of the Properties & Encumbrances on property	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1.	Branch: Main Branch Bilaspur Borrowers- Shri Amritansh Shukla S/o Shri Chandras Shukla & Shri Chandras Shukla S/o Late Bhagwan Din Shukla, Both of their Address: Sai sadan, near Shitla Mandir, Rajendra Nagar, Bilaspur	Flat no 2B, 2nd Floor, Padmavati Apartment Phase no 1, Mouza Chatapara, Ward no. 03 (Nehru Nagar), Tehsil and District Bilaspur-49500/Boundries: North: Open Space, way and Lift. South: Open to Sky, East: Flat no 2A, West: Open to Sky. Encumbrances on property- Not Known	36,30,478.30/- as on 01.03.2023	37.60 Lakhs	3.76 Lakhs	10,000.00	63196510	1018503	63196510
2.	Branch: Kodri, Borrower- Mr. Amol Pathak, Proprietor of M/s Swayam Prabha Tractors, Ward No. 6, Agrasen Chowk, Pendra Road, GPM, Guarantors- Mr. Amit Pathak, Ward No. 6, Agrasen Chowk, Pendra Road, GPM & Shri Mukesh Kumar Dubey, Ward No. 8, Amarkantak Road, Pendra Road, GPM (C.G.) 495117	All that Part and Parcel of Diverted land situated at Kh No 1051/4, Tikarkala, PH No. 19, Tehsil Pendra Road, Area of land 13504 sqft-GPM (C.G.) in the name of Mr. Amol Pathak and Mr. Amit Pathak. Boundaries: East-Land Of Mangal, West-Land Of Gutti, North-Land Of Chaitu, South-Land Of Gurudayal and Raasta. Encumbrances on property- Not Known	26,88,504.63/- as on 01.03.2023	29.00 Lakhs	2.90 Lakhs	10,000.00	71884626	1018301	71884626
3.	Branch: Kodri Borrower- Mrs Meenu Mittal (Proprietor cum Borrower of M/s Mittal Motors) Near Rest House Road, Pendra Road, GPM-495117 & Guarantor- Mr. Sushil Mittal, Near Rest House Road, Pendra Road, GPM-495117	All that Part and Parcel of Diverted land situated at Kh No 219/2, Mouza Kumhari, PC No. 08, RIC Marwahi, Tehsil Marwahi, Area of land 5227 sqft- GPM (C.G.) in the name of Mr. Sushil Mittal. Boundaries: East- Land Of Mangal Rai, West- Main Road, North-Land Of Dharam Lal Rai, South-Land Of Prakash Jaiswal. Encumbrances on property- Not Known	20,69,294/- as on 07.01.2023	23.00 Lakhs	2.30 Lakhs	10,000.00	81113887	1018301	81113887

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Date : 11.07.2023, Place : Bilaspur & Kodri Authorized Officer, Indian Bank

BRIEF



MP CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan after handing over the symbolic key of a house to beneficiaries of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, in Indore, Monday.

Foil

Jammu: Police on Monday stopped a woman from jumping from a bridge into Chenab river in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district, officials said. An alert police team saw a woman attempt suicide by trying to jump into the river from Chhattar bridge in Hasti area, they said. They rushed to spot and rescued her by preventing her from jumping, they added.

Suicide

New Delhi: A 28-year-old medical officer was found hanging inside a hotel room in east Delhi's Mayur Vihar area, police said on Monday. Police received information that a woman was found hanging inside a room in Holiday Inn hotel around 3.30 pm on Sunday. According to police, Ashna Beema Seethy, a resident of Jangpura, Pant Nagar, checked in at the hotel on Friday for a one-day stay. Later, on Saturday, she extended her stay for another day, they said.

Seized

Noida: One person was arrested and nearly 3.50 quintals of cannabis was seized which he and his associate had allegedly smuggled to NCR from Andhra Pradesh, police said on Monday. The seized contraband is estimated to be worth Rs 42 lakh in the black market, they said. Two people were carrying cannabis in two different cars and they were held, but one of them managed to escape, police said.

Committee

New Delhi: A committee of BJP parliamentarians headed by former law minister Ravi Shankar Prasad will visit West Bengal to probe the cases of violence during the panchayat polls in the state and present a report to party president J P Nadda. While Prasad is the "fact-finding" committee's convener, the other members are former Mumbai police commissioner Satyapal Singh, Rajdeep Roy and party vice-president Rekha Verma. Official sources said the delegation will reach the state on Tuesday and has been asked to submit its report at the earliest.

Watery grave

Medininagar: Two school students drowned while taking bath in a waterbody in Jharkhand's Palamu district on Monday, police said. The kids, who studied in two separate middle schools, had reportedly bunked classes to take bath in Gadai Bandh under Pipra police station area, around 200km from capital Ranchi, police said.

'Cong should thank Modi for removing Article 370'

Srinagar, Jul 10 (PTI):

The Congress should thank Prime Minister Narendra Modi for fulfilling their promise by removing Article 370, which was a temporary provision of the Constitution, Union minister Jitendra Singh said on Monday.

He also said the Modi government brought grassroots democracy to Jammu and Kashmir "for the first time". "When Syama Prasad Mookerjee suggested in the Constituent Assembly that there should be a re-think on it (Article 370), the biggest advocates of the provision including Jawahar Lal Nehru responded by saying 'this will erode over time'.



Jitendra Singh

However, Congress could not erode it due to their own political interests. Modi has done what Congress governments should have done much earlier," Singh told reporters here.

"I think Congress should thank Modi for fulfilling their promise and removing what was temporary," he added.

The Union minister inaugurated a seven-day exhibition highlighting the achievements of the Modi government in the past nine years.

Responding to a question on Article 370 petitions coming up for hearing in the Supreme Court on Tuesday, he said, "Whether the hearing takes place or not, Article 370 was written in the Constitution and in the same Constitution, it was written that it is a temporary provision."

Asked about opposition parties here claiming lack of democracy in the Union Territory, Singh said Modi had brought grassroots democracy to Jammu and Kashmir for the first time. "The democratic set up

is already there, panch, sarpanches are there. We have BDCs and DDCs also. This credit also goes to Modi for the first time, district councils have been set up here. The issue is that there was no democracy earlier. The grassroots democracy has come due to Modi," he added.

About the poll violence in West Bengal, Singh said it was condemnable and cannot be tolerated in a democracy.

"The unfortunate incidents in Bengal are condemnable on three counts. It exposes the political hypocrisy. Those who said democracy has been murdered in Maharashtra, see how they are murdering it in Bengal.

UDF in Kerala announces series of protests against UCC, Manipur violence

Thiruvananthapuram, Jul 10 (PTI): The Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) on Monday announced a series of protests against the Union government's move to implement the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) and its failure to curb the ethnic violence in Manipur.

Leader of Opposition and UDF chairperson V D Satheesan said the front has observed that the Sangh Parivar's move of initiating a discussion on UCC was an attempt to create a division in society.

Sangh Parivar is an umbrella term used for a col-

lection of right-wing organisations in the country.

The UDF has decided to organise a 'Bahuswartha Sangamam' (roughly translated as a meet to defend pluralism) on July 29 in protest against the implementation of UCC, he said.

Satheesan said no party from the ruling Left Democratic Front (LDF) would be invited to the meeting.

His statement came days after the CPI(M) announced that it will conduct a seminar on UCC on July 15 and that all secular-minded parties would be invited, but not the

Congress, saying it does not have a united stand on the matter.

The CPI(M) had invited the Indian Union Muslim League (IUML), a major ally of the UDF, for the seminar, but the Congress ally rejected the Left party's overtures to take part in its seminars.

The IUML had said that the Left party was trying to create "conflict" and "division" by not inviting the Congress.

Addressing a press conference after the UDF meeting, Satheesan said his party will not "fall" into the trap laid by the BJP.

Rains continue to lash Utt'khand, several roads closed after landslides

Dehradun, Jul 10 (PTI):

The Badrinath National Highway and several other roads in Uttarakhand were blocked due to incessant rains and landslides on Monday, officials said.

The traffic on the highway was restored after a few hours while efforts are on to open other roads that are still closed, they said.

The MeT department has issued an alert for heavy rains in 11 districts of the state. Uttarakhand Police has appealed to the people to avoid travelling to the hills unless neces-

IN SEARCH OF SHELTER



A local carries a cot as he evacuates from a flooded area near the Chenab River following continuous monsoon rains, at Garkhal in Akhnour, Monday.

sary. According to the State Emergency Operation Center, Kotli received a maximum of 155 mm of rain, Bhagwanpur 88 mm, Chakrata 74.3 mm, Vikasnagar 66.5 mm, Mussoorie 60.2 mm, Purola 60 mm, Haridwar 57 mm, Kalsi 55.5 mm, Mori 53 mm, Barkot 51 mm, Dhanaulti 45 mm and Laksar 40 mm in the last 24 hours.

Due to incessant rains, all the major rivers, including Ganga are in spate.

In Haridwar, the water level of Ganga was record-

ed at 292 metres at 8 am, just two metres below the danger level.

According to the officials, the administration is on alert and constantly monitoring the water level of the rivers.

The MeT has forecast heavy rains in Haridwar, Udham Singh Nagar, Nainital, Champawat, Pithoragarh, Bageshwar, Almora, Pauri, Dehradun, Tehri and Chamoli on Monday and Tuesday.

In view of the rain alert, schools in Dehradun, Nainital, Uttarkashi, Pauri, Udham Singh

Nagar and Almora districts were closed on Monday. Meanwhile, the Chamoli district administration declared a holiday for all schools in the district on Tuesday and Wednesday.

State Director General of Police Ashok Kumar, in a tweet, said that there are possibilities of landslides on the hilly roads because of the incessant rains.

He has appealed to travellers to avoid visiting the hilly areas if not very important. "Don't travel unnecessarily, stay in a safe place.

RESCUE OPERATION



Rescue teams shift flood-affected people to a safer place after overflow of the Badi River following incessant rainfall, in Patiala, Monday.

Delhi BJP protests against AAP govt over waterlogging

● Alleges corruption in desilting of drains

New Delhi, Jul 10 (PTI):

The Delhi BJP on Monday protested near the AAP office at DDU Marg here against the inconvenience caused to people due to extensive waterlogging on several roads and stretches across the city.

Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva alleged a "scam" in desilting of drains in the city.

"It is clear that the drains have not been cleaned and the budget for the same has been misappropriated as roads, colonies and markets in the city are submerged," he said. No immediate reac-



Delhi BJP President Virendra Sachdeva being detained during a protest against the AAP government over waterlogging in different parts of the national capital during Monsoon rainfall, in New Delhi, Monday.

tion was available from the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) over the protest and allegations by the saffron party. Sachdeva, addressing the protesters, also attacked

AAP convener and Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal for doing political campaigning while the city was battling massive waterlogging and traffic mess.

Vedanta Aluminium hosts India's largest fleet of electric lithium-ion forklifts

Jharsuguda, Jul 10:

Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest producer of aluminium, now hosts India's largest fleet of electric lithium-ion forklifts, with a total of 44 units now deployed across its operations in Odisha and Chhattisgarh. The company has also recently commissioned India's first 10-ton electric lithium-ion forklift at its mega aluminium smelter in Jharsuguda, Odisha. In addition, it has also inducted 3-ton and 5-ton electric forklifts for the first time ever at its world-class alumina refinery in Lanjigarh, Odisha and also at its subsidiary BALCO, India's iconic aluminium producer based at Korba, Chhattisgarh.

This move greatly bolsters the sustainable nature of Vedanta Aluminium's operations. Undertaken in collaboration with GEAR (Gemini

Equipment and Rentals Private Limited) India and TARON Lift & Move, it comes as a significant step forward by Vedanta Aluminium towards decarbonizing its industrial vehicle fleet. With their faster and safer battery charging capabilities, these forklifts revolutionize operational efficiency while making substantial contributions to reducing carbon emissions and fuel consumption, ultimately contributing to Vedanta Aluminium's goal of achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

The company has also committed to decarbonizing 100% of its Light Motor Vehicle (LMV) fleet by 2030 and 75% of its mining fleet by 2035. In FY23, Vedanta Aluminium emerged as a pioneer for the domestic manufacturing industry by inducting 27 forklifts at its plant in Jharsuguda, among the largest aluminium smelters in the world.

Amarnath Yatra pilgrims optimistic despite suspension due to rains

Jammu, July 10 (PTI):

Despite the third consecutive day of suspension of the Amarnath Yatra, pilgrims remain undeterred and optimistic about visiting the holy cave shrine even if it means waiting for days.

The yatra has been suspended due to extensive damage caused to a section of the Jammu-Srinagar Highway in Ramban, with more than 7,000 stranded pilgrims in Jammu, primarily at the Bhagwati Nagar base camp, and an additional 5,000 stranded at the Chanderkot base camp in Ramban district.

Authorities said incessant rains on Saturday and Sunday caused unprecedented damage to the highway, especially a stretch in Ramban district, forcing its closure.

"Our spirits are high. We are willing to wait for ten more days if needed, but we refuse to return home without performing

darshan of the ice-lingam of Lord Shiva at Amarnath," said Pramodh Gupta, a devotee from Punjab told PTI here.

Gupta added that despite facing challenges with accommodation and other facilities, their group of 29 is eagerly waiting for the administration's approval to resume their journey to Kashmir.

Shobha Devi from Meerut echoed similar sentiments and expressed dissatisfaction with the facilities due to the heavy influx of pilgrims from outside the country.

"We are facing various problems with accommodation. There is water shortage here and the administration should address the issue," she said.

However, Shobha added that she and her group would only return home after completing their pilgrimage.

"We will leave only after completing the yatra to Amarnath. Barfani Baba will help us fulfill our

wish," she affirmed.

"Weather conditions will not deter us from going to Amarnath. We pray to Lord Shiva to improve the weather so that we can start the yatra and have Bholey Baba's darshan," said Meenakshi Verma, a devotee from Punjab.

Sunita Saini from Punjab's Jalandhar, who has been stranded in Jammu for the past five days, said, "We are waiting for the weather to clear up and the highway to re-open. We are optimistic about leaving for Amarnath."

There is a huge rush for accommodation in Jammu as most of 33 lodging places and the base camp is full to its capacity. Even the parking area of Jammu base camp is full with buses carrying pilgrims who are cooking food there.

Around 200 to 300 sadhus are also camping at the base camp's Ram temple for the past one week.

Amit Shah will inaugurate a day-long mega conclave

● On 'Strengthening PACS through FPOs' in New Delhi on Jul 14

New Delhi, Jul 10:

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah will inaugurate a day-long mega conclave "Strengthening PACS through FPOs" in New Delhi on July 14. The conclave is aimed at discussing ways to strengthen Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) through Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs).

The conclave will witness participation of experts from the sector as well as members from the FPOs across the country. The mega conclave is being organized by the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) in collaboration with the Union Ministry of Cooperation. Being collective entities

formed by farmers, enabling them to pool resources and enhance their bargaining power, the FPOs are one of the major vehicles for agricultural transformation. In order to realize the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of "Sahkar se Samridhi" and with the efforts of Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah, recently a decision was taken to form 1100 New FPOs in Cooperative Sector.

With an important initiative of Ministry of Cooperation Ministry, the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has recently allocated additional blocks to NCDC to form and promote 1100 FPOs in Cooperative Sector through strengthening of PACS under the scheme to bolster the cooperative sector and provide comprehensive support to small and marginal farmers.

BRIEF

NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg, left, and Lithuania's President Gitanas Nausėda participate in a media conference ahead of a NATO summit in Vilnius, Lithuania, Monday.

Arson attack

Berlin: A Russian citizen has been charged in Berlin with attempted homicide and attempted arson for placing an explosive or incendiary device last year in a building where Russian intelligence officers lived, prosecutors in the German capital said Monday. The 55-year-old, whose name was not released, is accused of placing the device in an opening at the building's basement in late April 2022. It failed to ignite for reasons that are unclear and was discovered and defused only days later.

Sikh jailed

London: A 37-year-old British Sikh man has been handed a year's jail term after he reacted badly and used excessive force in a confrontation with another man while driving in the West Midlands region of England. Tirminder Singh Lallie got out of his car believing he had been racially abused by the other person and was also hit by a pole by him.

Snap election

Tallinn (Estonia): Uzbekistan's incumbent president, Shavkat Mirziyoyev, has overwhelmingly won a new seven-year term in a snap election in which he faced three weak opponents, preliminary results showed Monday. Mirziyoyev received more than 87% of the vote and each of the challengers about 4%, the country's national elections commission said. Sunday's vote followed a constitutional referendum that extended presidential terms from five to seven years.

Rapper jailed

Dubai: Iran has sentenced a popular rapper to six years and three months in prison over his participation in protests that rocked the country last year, his supporters said on Monday. A social media account run by supporters of Toomaj Salehi announced the sentence, as did Ye-One Rhie, a member of the German parliament who has campaigned on his behalf. There was no immediate word from Iranian authorities.

Volcano eruption

Wellington: A US honeymoon couple who survived severe burns when New Zealand's White Island volcano erupted in 2019 are listed as the first witnesses to testify in a trial of tourism industry operators over the disaster that claimed 22 lives. Prosecutors open their case in the Auckland District Court on Tuesday on health and safety charges against six companies and directors in the Dec 9, 2019, volcanic eruption at the popular tourist attraction.

Indo-Pacific on agenda for Biden-Sunak talks in UK

London, Jul 10 (PT)

The Indo-Pacific region and the broader geopolitical context were among the topics on the agenda for talks when British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak hosted US President Joe Biden at 10 Downing Street in London on Monday.

The US leader arrived in the UK ahead of a North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) summit in Lithuania, with the Russia-Ukraine conflict and the West's support for the latter central to the talks. Biden, who was received by King Charles III at Windsor Castle later, hailed the UK-US relationship as "rock solid" ahead of his discussions with Sunak.

"Looking ahead to this week's NATO Summit, the Prime Minister and President Biden agreed on the need to strengthen our alliance and maintain our support for Ukraine," a Downing Street spokesperson said in a readout of their discussions. "They discussed the



US President Joe Biden shakes hands with Britain's Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, left, outside 10 Downing Street in London, Monday.

progress of the counter-offensive and emphasised the importance of the country's international partners committing to its long-term defence, providing the support Ukraine needs to win this war and secure a just and lasting peace. On broader NATO issues, they agreed on the need to ensure that Sweden has a swift path to

full NATO accession," the spokesperson said.

"The Prime Minister and President Biden also discussed the broader geopolitical context, including in the Indo-Pacific and with regard to Iran," the spokesperson noted.

It marked the first time Biden has visited Downing Street as the US President and his sixth

meeting with Sunak since he became Prime Minister in October last year.

The US President was driven in his official vehicle, known as "The Beast", with an accompanying security convoy and posed for the customary photograph at the famous door of 10 Downing Street during a warm greeting by Sunak before the British Indian leader led the visiting dignitary to the garden.

"We stand as two of the firmest allies in that alliance and I know we'll want to do everything we can to strengthen Euro-Atlantic security," said Sunak.

He said it was great to "carry on our conversation" following a series of meetings between the leaders this year, including during his visit to Washington last month. Sunak, who will be joining Biden at the NATO summit this week, said they would consider how to strengthen cooperation and joint economic security to the benefit of citizens of both countries.

Putin hosted Russian mercenary leader Prigozhin after abortive mutiny

Moscow, Jul 10 (AP)

Russian President Vladimir Putin hosted mercenary chief Yevgeny Prigozhin at the Kremlin days after the commander led a short-lived rebellion, a senior government spokesman said on Monday, the latest twist in a baffling episode that has raised questions about the power and influence held by both men.

The three-hour meeting took place on June 29 and also involved commanders from Prigozhin's Wagner Group military contractor, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said. Putin gave an assessment of Wagner's actions on the battlefield in Ukraine where the mercenaries have fought alongside Russian troops and of the revolt itself. The Wagner forces pledged loyalty to Putin, according to Peskov.

The confirmation that Putin met face-to-face with Prigozhin, who led troops on a march to

Moscow last month in order to demand a change of defense minister, was extraordinary.

Though Putin branded Prigozhin a traitor as the revolt unfolded, the criminal case against the mercenary chief was later dropped and his ultimate fate remains unclear.

Adding to the unusual nature of the meeting was that until very recently, Putin had denied any link between the state and Prigozhin's forces. Though mercenaries are illegal in Russia, Wagner troops have fought for Russian interests around the globe and played a vital role in the capture of Bakhmut in the war's longest and bloodiest battle. But throughout the war, Prigozhin has criticized decisions made by Russia's top military brass, leading to tensions with the Kremlin that culminated on June 24 in an armed mutiny in which he led his fighters into Russia. The rebellion severely

weakened Putin's authority, even though Prigozhin claimed that the uprising was not aimed at the president but at removing Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu and military chief Gen. Valery Gerasimov. Prigozhin ended his mutiny after a deal was brokered for him to go to Belarus.

Russia's Defence Ministry published a video featuring Gerasimov on Monday the first time he has been seen since the rebellion.

The twin updates appeared to be another attempt by the Kremlin to show it's in control after a turbulent period. But many questions remain, including about the deal that ended Prigozhin's revolt.

Days after the revolt, Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko said Prigozhin was in Belarus. But last week the president said the mercenary chief was in Russia while his troops remained in their camps.

Six persons including three children killed in knife attack at kindergarten school

Beijing, Jul 10 (PT)

Six people, including three children and a teacher, were killed and another injured in a frightful knife assault at a kindergarten school in a revenge attack by a man in a southern Chinese city on Monday, the latest such incident in the country.

Photos and video footage in Chinese social media showed the man armed with a long dagger prowling in a privately-run school in Lianjiang City of South China's Guangdong province to attack the victims.

According to witness accounts published by the official media outlets, the victims included one teacher, two parents and three children. One person was also injured in the attack.

The 25-year-old suspect, surnamed Wu, is a local resident who apparently carried out the attack to seek revenge against one of the victims for injuring his child in a car accident and declined to pay compensation, state-run

Global Times reported. The assailant was seeking revenge, which could be the cause of the murder, the report said.

Targeted attacks on children have come under the spotlight in recent months as merely two weeks before Monday's tragic incident, an 8-year-old boy was brutally beaten to death by a martial arts coach on June 26, Global Times report said.

The boy had enrolled in the martial arts training institution on June 10 and lost his life eight days later.

As knife attacks have become a pattern, China's Ministry of Education advised authorities to "effectively strengthen the safety of primary and secondary school and kindergarten campuses".

It asked all schools in the country to "deeply understand the extreme importance of maintaining school safety and student safety" and ensure police are at school entrances during "important times".

PM asks authorities to make arrangements to face flood-like situation

Islamabad, Jul 10 (PT)

Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif asked authorities to make foolproof arrangements for handling a flood-like situation in the Ravi, Chenab, and Sutlej rivers, directing officials to prepare for timely and safe evacuations.

Pakistan faced catastrophic floods in 2022 which inundated a third of the country with the southern province of Sindh and the southwestern region of Balochistan being the worst hit.

The deadly floods killed over 1,200 people and rendered millions of others without food and shelter.

Myanmar violence and sea disputes to dominate ASEAN talks

Jakarta, Jul 10 (AP) Myanmar's prolonged civil strife, tensions in the disputed South China Sea and concern over arms buildups in the region are expected to dominate the agenda when Southeast Asia's top diplomats gather for talks this week in Indonesia. Russia's year-old invasion of Ukraine and the US-China rivalry will also be under the spotlight as US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Russian

Kuala Lumpur, Jul 10 (PT)

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday met Malaysia's top leadership, including Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim, and held talks on a wide range of issues to further deepen bilateral defence and strategic ties.

Singh began his official engagements with a ceremonial Guard of Honour at the defence ministry in Malaysia. It was followed by bilateral talks with his Malaysian counterpart Mohamad Hasan.

"Called on the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Mr @anwaribrahim in Kuala Lumpur. Deeply appreciate his positive approach and interest towards further deepening India-Malaysia bilateral relations," he tweeted.

The defence minister conveyed warm greetings of Prime Minister Modi to the prime minister of Malaysia, who appreciated the strong cultural bonds between the two nations.

BASTILLE DAY PARADE



Indian soldiers march on the Champs Elysees avenue during a rehearsal for the Bastille Day parade in Paris, France, Monday.

Nepal needs to further strengthen relations with India, China: FM Saud

Kathmandu, Jul 10 (PT)

Nepal's Foreign Minister N P Saud on Monday underlined the need for further strengthening the Himalayan nation's ties with India and China as he asserted that the relations with one neighbour should not be compared with another. "Both our neighbours

are rising economic powers and their influence is increasing... Nepal enjoys a traditional friendship with both the neighbours," which needs to be further nurtured, Foreign Minister Saud said while speaking at the International Relations Committee of the House of Representatives. He said

the relationship with one neighbour should not be compared with another neighbour, according to his office. "So far as Nepal's relations with the neighbouring countries are concerned, we should not feel psychological pressure and we need to put our concern in a transparent manner," he added.

Rajnath discusses strengthening of bilateral ties with Malaysia's top leadership



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh greets Prime Minister of Malaysia Anwar Ibrahim during a meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Monday.

Singh briefed the Malaysian prime minister about the "fruitful and productive" defence dialogue held earlier in the day. The meeting focused on measures to realise the full potential of the Enhanced Strategic Partnership, according to

an official statement. "Had an excellent meeting with the Defence Minister of Malaysia, Mr. Mohamad Hasan in Kuala Lumpur today. We reviewed the diverse pillars of the extensive bilateral defence engagement and discussed the roadmap for

the 4th Decade of India-Malaysia Defence Cooperation," Singh tweeted.

Both sides discussed initiatives to further expand bilateral defence ties, with a particular focus on identifying ways to strengthen industrial cooperation. They reaffirmed their commitment to fully implement the Enhanced Strategic Partnership based on mutual trust and understanding, common interests and shared values of democracy and the rule of law, the statement said. The two ministers agreed to the next Malaysia-India Defence Cooperation Committee (MIDCOM) meeting which is being planned in India later this year.

Singh highlighted the potential of the Indian defence industry with the capacity and capability to cooperate with the Malaysian Armed Forces in its inventory modernisation and maintenance plans.

Dutch PM Mark Rutte will leave politics after election

The Hague, Jul 10 (AP): Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte, the Netherlands' longest serving premier, said Monday he will leave politics after an early general election sparked by a dispute over migration that led to his government's resignation.

His decision means the end of nearly 13 years in power for the conservative leader sometimes called "Teflon Mark" because scandals that plagued his four different

administrations did not stick to him.

Rutte, the 56-year-old leader of the People's Party for Freedom and Democracy, or VVD, announced his decision at a hastily arranged parliamentary debate to discuss the fall of his latest governing coalition.

"Yesterday morning I made a decision that I will not be available again as a leader of the VVD. When a new Cabinet takes office after the elections, I will leave politics," he said.

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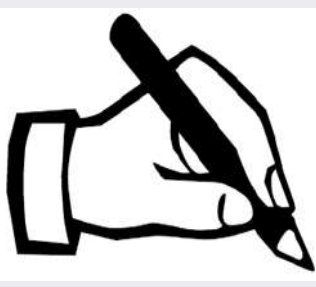


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Education is the cornerstone of the bond between India and the United States. Students from both countries are learning and growing alongside each other, discovering the people that they want to become and building a better world together. For economies to be robust, India and US must invest in future generations. It must be guaranteed that young people are given the opportunity they deserve. India was never part of the strategy orbit of US or western countries but now the United States is considering India as a partner in cutting-edge technologies such as 5G, 6G, quantum computing, space exploration, and other high-end tech fields. Indian government's substantial investments in infrastructure are driving both investment and consumption, which, in turn, contribute to economic growth. To maintain growth momentum, India and the US need a pipeline of talent. On one hand, the US has top-class educational institutions & advanced technologies. On the other hand, India has the world's biggest youth factory. India-US partnership will prove to be the engine of sustainable and inclusive global growth. India also sug-

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has started the "National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy", or Nipun Bharat initiative. Foundational literacy and numeracy have been identified as a priority to work on in a time-bound manner by 2030. The Government objective is to provide quality education with better governance. In this, the GoI has adapted and use new e-learning innovatively. The GoI has taken several initiatives of its own. One such programme is the "Study Webs of Active-learning for Young Aspiring Minds", or SWAYAM. This online platform hosts all courses from Class Nine to the post-graduate level. It enables students to learn remotely, and focuses on access, equity and quality. With over 34 million enrolments and more than nine thousand courses, it has become a very effective learning tool. The GoI also has the "Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing" or DIKSHA Portal. This is aimed at students in remote areas and those unable to attend regular classes. Teachers utilize it to deliver school education through distance learning. It supports learning in twenty-nine Indian languages and seven foreign languages. It has witnessed over 137 million course completions. India is now in a position to share these experiences and resources, particularly with those in the Global South. To make our youth future ready, we need to continuously skill, re-skill and up-skill them. We need to align their competencies with evolving work profiles and practices. The GoI is undertaking skill mapping. Our Education, Skill and Labour Ministries are working in tandem on this initiative. G-20 countries can un-

dertake skill mapping at the global level, and find gaps that need to be plugged. Digital Technology serves as an equalizer and promotes inclusivity. It is a force multiplier in increasing access to education and adapting to future needs. Today, Artificial Intelligence offers great potential in the field of learning, skilling and education. With opportunities, technology also poses challenges. We have to strike the right balance. The G-20 can play an important role in this. The GoI has laid emphasis on research and innovation as well. As such, the GoI has set up ten thousand "Atal Tinkering Labs" across the country. These are acting as research and innovation nurseries for Indian school children. More than 7.5 million students are working on more than 1.2 million innovative projects in these labs. G20 countries, with their respective strengths, can play a key role in promoting research & innovation, especially among the Global South. Now it is the duty of Higher Education sector to create a path for increased research collaborations. The GoI has also identified green transition, digital transformations and women's empowerment as accelerators for achieving Sustainable Development Goals. Education is at the root of all these efforts. This would benefit the whole world in the true spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam - One Earth, One Family, One Future. (Author is an Eminent Social Scientist, Columnist, and presently posted as Dean and Registrar at Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University of Social Sciences, Dr. Ambedkar Nagar (MHOW), Madhya Pradesh: Email: gasspub@gmail.com)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bengal violence concerning

Bengal is continuously suffering from poll violence, political parties are busy in blaming and fighting each other. public are losing their lives but it is not a matter for political parties, their main objective is only getting votes. Nothing seems to have changed. Violence still continues and people are still dying. They don't understand that a life is more precious than one vote. they understand that vote is vital not voters. It's their miscommunication that without voters, vote is impossible. Central Govt is also silent, it must break its silence on Bengal Poll violence and resolve the situation soon rather to politicise.

Tauqueer Rahmani, Chennai

Politicians should have retirement age

It's a common practice in an administration and governance that a person have a retirement age for a job role but politicians are exempted from it whether he/she is an octogenarian or a nonagenarian, they will enjoy the office forever. In contrary, soldiers, bureaucrats, and judges have a retirement age. Why should there not be a level playing field for politicians. There is a minimum age for qualification of contesting elections, but there is no outer limit for political career. It's nothing but a avarice and greed of power.

Muzakkr Khan, Mumbai

Dynastic Politics

Unraveling the complex web of political dynamics in Maharashtra is a challenging task. However, one thing remains evident: politicians often prioritize their own interests, as well as those of their families and networks, over the welfare of the state and the nation. Relinquishing a powerful position is a rare occurrence, as leaders prefer to pass the baton to their relatives when stepping down. Politics has transformed into a profitable family enterprise. It is crucial to support and elect politicians who embody integrity, ethical conduct, and a genuine commitment to serving the public good.

MK Nair, Raipur

Democracy at Risk

Recent events in Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra raise concerns about the state of democracy. In Tamil Nadu, corruption allegations led to the temporary dismissal of a minister by the Governor, only to be reversed later. However, in Maharashtra, allegations against the Leader of Opposition did not hinder his appointment as Deputy Chief Minister. The BJP's decision to join hands with the NCP, a party it labeled the 'national corruption party,' undermines both the BJP and the nation. Many politicians prioritize power over public welfare, disregarding the principles of democracy. The current situation in Maharashtra is detrimental to the health of democracy.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee, Faridabad

Emerging Career Paths: Shaping the Future

Decades ago, career professionals were limited to doctors, engineers, lawyers, and those in government jobs, which have expanded to numerous science and commerce options. However, the most exciting part of this 'transformation of careers' is its future. What now? What next? Most sought-after jobs today didn't even exist five years ago, and what might exist 10 years down the line is quite enthralling in itself. However, as we dream of what might be there in our career journey in the future, let's look at careers that are paving the way for the transformation.

New-age career Options

- 1. Ethical Hacking:** Many multinationals employ ethical hackers to protect the organisation's sensitive and confidential information. While business today is going digital with limitless access to anyone who wishes harm, more data guardians need to hold the fort, or, you know, a server.
- 2. E-Retail**
Flipkart and Amazon have changed the way we shop. E-retailers are in high demand to use their knowledge of the market and make an already happy shopping experience even happier.
- 3. Graphic Designing:** Nobody likes to read text these days; everyone likes crisp, straight-forward information that pleases the eye. No wonder graphic designers are the next big thing in communication.
- 4. Creative Writing:** In a sister field to graphic design, creative writers develop content that connects, en-

- gages, and holds the reader's attention.
- 5. App Development:** App developers use programming to create software that matches clients requirements and simplifies the functioning of their businesses.
 - 6. Wedding Photography:** Through photographs, memories last a lifetime. With weddings going larger than life itself, why shouldn't the pictures?
 - 7. Reviewing:** A social media post is all it takes to make or break the situation for a new venture. Reviewers review products and services offered by different ventures, which may range across food, gadgets, travel, and more.
 - 8. Blogging:** A blogger develops blog posts that connect with the audience. They are usually a medium of self-expression, where the bloggers express their opinions, beliefs, and understanding, but some write for organisations as well, where they detail the business and its offerings.
 - 9. Social Media Management:** One of the basic principles of marketing is "jo dikhta hai, wo bikta hai". Social media managers build on this and brand your products in the virtual space, because when the world is online, why shouldn't your business be?
 - 10. Fashion Styling and Personal Shopping:** Fashion stylists and personal shoppers do two things: they assess a client's style and then go on a shopping spree to find clothes and accessories that will look good on them. Let's talk Prada, people!
 - 11. Image Consulting:** It has al-

- ways been a human need to understand what we look like to other people and how we can refine ourselves to be better individuals. Image consultants do just the job. They work with people on confidence building, grooming, body language, and communication on an intrinsic level so that their outer selves are much more confident.
- 12. Dance Therapy:** Dance helps release endorphins, and what do endorphins do? They make you happy! Dance therapists use the combined vibes of music, dance, and exercise to take care of your stressful daily affairs.
 - 13. Marine Science and Oceanography:** Marine scientists and Oceanographers study the complex relationships in the hydrological cycle and also examine the underwater ecosystem. They study climate change and the impact it can have on oceans in detail and suggest measures for prevention and control.
 - 14. Wildlife Conservation:** Wildlife conservationists work in the natural habitat of the wildlife they seek to conserve and often protect, maintain, and enhance it. They also study the causes of the extinction of certain species, design campaigns, and strive to protect those on the verge of extinction.
 - 15. Wine Tasting:** Sommeliers taste wine and get paid for it. (Dream Job Alert!) They advise restaurants on various wine and food combinations and possess deep and comprehensive knowledge of wine. They often curate menus for cafes and

- restaurants and travel far and wide in search of exquisite wines.
- 16. Pet Grooming:** Thought fashion, styling, and manicures and pedicures were just limited to humans? Think otherwise. Pets today, too, are given luxury treatments, and thus groomers. Pet grooming is a big fad in the west and is fast picking up pace in India as well.
 - 17. YouTubing:** YouTubers believe in doing it yourself and create YouTube channels and video blogs to build subscribers over time. They publish unique content that connects with the audience and may range from documentaries, music videos, web series, music covers, cooking, fashion, and more.
 - 18. Stand-Up Comedy:** With the Indian television industry moving on from the typical Saas-Bahu sagas and exploring other genres of entertainment, the demand for stand-up comedians is sure to rise. Moreover, the culture of live comedy shows and online videos is on the rise as well. Who doesn't like a good laugh, eh?
 - 19. Spa Management:** They say a good spa treatment is therapy. Ever wondered how spa companies get so many trained professionals? Let's talk about a relaxing career, shall we?
 - 20. Public Health Entomology:** Entomology is the study of insects and their ecosystems. A career in public health entomology will entail research on its effects on human health. Preventing epidemics, one at a time.
 - 21. Habitat Policy and Practise:** Habitat policymakers and practition-

- ers focus on habitats inhabited by various species and focus on the rights, social composition, and activities of the inhabitants. Their field is one driven by research, foolproof planning, and effective execution.
- 22. Photonics:** A fusion of optical technology and electronics, the field focuses on the properties of light and how it can be best put to use. Owing to the field's highly specialised nature, photonics specialists are in demand internationally. Professionals and researchers in the domain of photonics often apply light to various domains such as medicine, surgery, industry, research, and even agriculture and energy.
 - 23. Flavour Chemistry:** Flavour chemists make good food better. Imagine a dark chocolate hazelnut gelato with strawberry mascarpone cream. Drooling already? They undertake extensive education in food and work with restaurants, pharmaceutical companies, and food manufacturing giants to improve the aesthetics, smell, taste, and shelf life of food.
 - 24. Gerontology:** Gerontologists study the social, physical, mental, and physiological effects of growing old. Gerontologists find their demand in research and in specialised health care. They extensively work in old-age homes, senior citizen facilities, hospitals, and nursing homes to take care of the elderly. Among the huge pool of people in conventional career fields, only some stand out. They are the ones daring to dream, following their hearts, and pursuing new-age careers.



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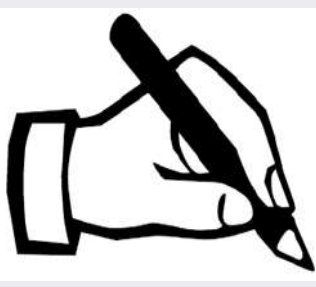


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Education is the cornerstone of the bond between India and the United States. Students from both countries are learning and growing alongside each other, discovering the people that they want to become and building a better world together. For economies to be robust, India and US must invest in future generations. It must be guaranteed that young people are given the opportunity they deserve. India was never part of the strategy orbit of US or western countries but now the United States is considering India as a partner in cutting-edge technologies such as 5G, 6G, quantum computing, space exploration, and other high-end tech fields. Indian government's substantial investments in infrastructure are driving both investment and consumption, which, in turn, contribute to economic growth. To maintain growth momentum, India and the US need a pipeline of talent. On one hand, the US has top-class educational institutions & advanced technologies. On the other hand, India has the world's biggest youth factory. India-US partnership will prove to be the engine of sustainable and inclusive global growth. India also sug-

gested US for starting an India-US teachers' exchange programme and hackathons on different issues. To increase the engagement of scientists & entrepreneurs across the world with Indian institutions, we started GIAN - Global Initiative of Academic Networks - in 2015. Under this, 750 faculty members from the US have come to India. By working together, both countries can achieve a safer, healthier, and more wealthy future for everybody. Sentiment is positive towards India because there is hardly any country which has as strong macroeconomic foundation as India has today. Education is not only the foundation upon which our civilization has been built, it is also the architect of humanity's future. True knowledge gives humility. From humility comes worthiness. From worthiness one gets wealth. Wealth enables a person to do good deeds. And, this is what brings joy. This is why, in India, the Government has embarked on a holistic and comprehensive journey. Government of India (GoI) believe that Foundational Literacy forms a strong base for our youth. And, that's why Government is combining it with technology. For this, the Government

has started the "National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy", or Nipun Bharat initiative. Foundational literacy and numeracy have been identified as a priority to work on in a time-bound manner by 2030. The Government objective is to provide quality education with better governance. In this, the GoI has adapted and use new e-learning innovatively. The GoI has taken several initiatives of its own. One such programme is the "Study Webs of Active-learning for Young Aspiring Minds", or SWAYAM. This online platform hosts all courses from Class Nine to the post-graduate level. It enables students to learn remotely, and focuses on access, equity and quality. With over 34 million enrolments and more than nine thousand courses, it has become a very effective learning tool. The GoI also has the "Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing" or DIKSHA Portal. This is aimed at students in remote areas and those unable to attend regular classes. Teachers utilize it to deliver school education through distance learning. It supports learning in twenty-nine Indian languages and seven foreign languages. It has witnessed over 137 million course completions. India is now in a position to share these experiences and resources, particularly with those in the Global South. To make our youth future ready, we need to continuously skill, re-skill and up-skill them. We need to align their competencies with evolving work profiles and practices. The GoI is undertaking skill mapping. Our Education, Skill and Labour Ministries are working in tandem on this initiative. G-20 countries can un-

dertake skill mapping at the global level, and find gaps that need to be plugged. Digital Technology serves as an equalizer and promotes inclusivity. It is a force multiplier in increasing access to education and adapting to future needs. Today, Artificial Intelligence offers great potential in the field of learning, skilling and education. With opportunities, technology also poses challenges. We have to strike the right balance. The G-20 can play an important role in this. The GoI has laid emphasis on research and innovation as well. As such, the GoI has set up ten thousand "Atal Tinkering Labs" across the country. These are acting as research and innovation nurseries for Indian school children. More than 7.5 million students are working on more than 1.2 million innovative projects in these labs. G20 countries, with their respective strengths, can play a key role in promoting research & innovation, especially among the Global South. Now it is the duty of Higher Education sector to create a path for increased research collaborations. The GoI has also identified green transition, digital transformations and women's empowerment as accelerators for achieving Sustainable Development Goals. Education is at the root of all these efforts. This would benefit the whole world in the true spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam - One Earth, One Family, One Future. (Author is an Eminent Social Scientist, Columnist, and presently posted as Dean and Registrar at Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University of Social Sciences, Dr. Ambedkar Nagar (MHOW), Madhya Pradesh: Email: gasspub@gmail.com)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bengal violence concerning

Bengal is continuously suffering from poll violence, political parties are busy in blaming and fighting each other. public are losing their lives but it is not a matter for political parties, their main objective is only getting votes. Nothing seems to have changed. Violence still continues and people are still dying. They don't understand that a life is more precious than one vote. they understand that vote is vital not voters. It's their miscommunication that without voters, vote is impossible. Central Govt is also silent, it must break its silence on Bengal Poll violence and resolve the situation soon rather to politicise.

Tauqueer Rahmani, Chennai

Politicians should have retirement age

It's a common practice in an administration and governance that a person have a retirement age for a job role but politicians are exempted from it whether he/she is an octogenarian or a nonagenarian, they will enjoy the office forever. In contrary, soldiers, bureaucrats, and judges have a retirement age. Why should there not be a level playing field for politicians. There is a minimum age for qualification of contesting elections, but there is no outer limit for political career. It's nothing but a avarice and greed of power.

Muzakkr Khan, Mumbai

Dynastic Politics

Unraveling the complex web of political dynamics in Maharashtra is a challenging task. However, one thing remains evident: politicians often prioritize their own interests, as well as those of their families and networks, over the welfare of the state and the nation. Relinquishing a powerful position is a rare occurrence, as leaders prefer to pass the baton to their relatives when stepping down. Politics has transformed into a profitable family enterprise. It is crucial to support and elect politicians who embody integrity, ethical conduct, and a genuine commitment to serving the public good.

MK Nair, Raipur

Democracy at Risk

Recent events in Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra raise concerns about the state of democracy. In Tamil Nadu, corruption allegations led to the temporary dismissal of a minister by the Governor, only to be reversed later. However, in Maharashtra, allegations against the Leader of Opposition did not hinder his appointment as Deputy Chief Minister. The BJP's decision to join hands with the NCP, a party it labeled the 'national corruption party,' undermines both the BJP and the nation. Many politicians prioritize power over public welfare, disregarding the principles of democracy. The current situation in Maharashtra is detrimental to the health of democracy.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee, Faridabad

Emerging Career Paths: Shaping the Future

Decades ago, career professionals were limited to doctors, engineers, lawyers, and those in government jobs, which have expanded to numerous science and commerce options. However, the most exciting part of this 'transformation of careers' is its future. What now? What next? Most sought-after jobs today didn't even exist five years ago, and what might exist 10 years down the line is quite enthralling in itself. However, as we dream of what might be there in our career journey in the future, let's look at careers that are paving the way for the transformation.

New-age career Options

- 1. Ethical Hacking:** Many multinationals employ ethical hackers to protect the organisation's sensitive and confidential information. While business today is going digital with limitless access to anyone who wishes harm, more data guardians need to hold the fort, or, you know, a server.
- 2. E-Retail**
Flipkart and Amazon have changed the way we shop. E-retailers are in high demand to use their knowledge of the market and make an already happy shopping experience even happier.
- 3. Graphic Designing:** Nobody likes to read text these days; everyone likes crisp, straight-forward information that pleases the eye. No wonder graphic designers are the next big thing in communication.
- 4. Creative Writing:** In a sister field to graphic design, creative writers develop content that connects, en-

gages, and holds the reader's attention.

- 5. App Development:** App developers use programming to create software that matches clients requirements and simplifies the functioning of their businesses.
- 6. Wedding Photography:** Through photographs, memories last a lifetime. With weddings going larger than life itself, why shouldn't the pictures?
- 7. Reviewing:** A social media post is all it takes to make or break the situation for a new venture. Reviewers review products and services offered by different ventures, which may range across food, gadgets, travel, and more.
- 8. Blogging:** A blogger develops blog posts that connect with the audience. They are usually a medium of self-expression, where the bloggers express their opinions, beliefs, and understanding, but some write for organisations as well, where they detail the business and its offerings.
- 9. Social Media Management:** One of the basic principles of marketing is "jo dikhta hai, wo bikta hai". Social media managers build on this and brand your products in the virtual space, because when the world is online, why shouldn't your business be?
- 10. Fashion Styling and Personal Shopping:** Fashion stylists and personal shoppers do two things: they assess a client's style and then go on a shopping spree to find clothes and accessories that will look good on them. Let's talk Prada, people!
- 11. Image Consulting:** It has al-

ways been a human need to understand what we look like to other people and how we can refine ourselves to be better individuals. Image consultants do just the job. They work with people on confidence building, grooming, body language, and communication on an intrinsic level so that their outer selves are much more confident.

- 12. Dance Therapy:** Dance helps release endorphins, and what do endorphins do? They make you happy! Dance therapists use the combined vibes of music, dance, and exercise to take care of your stressful daily affairs.
- 13. Marine Science and Oceanography:** Marine scientists and Oceanographers study the complex relationships in the hydrological cycle and also examine the underwater ecosystem. They study climate change and the impact it can have on oceans in detail and suggest measures for prevention and control.
- 14. Wildlife Conservation:** Wildlife conservationists work in the natural habitat of the wildlife they seek to conserve and often protect, maintain, and enhance it. They also study the causes of the extinction of certain species, design campaigns, and strive to protect those on the verge of extinction.
- 15. Wine Tasting:** Sommeliers taste wine and get paid for it. (Dream Job Alert!) They advise restaurants on various wine and food combinations and possess deep and comprehensive knowledge of wine. They often curate menus for cafes and

restaurants and travel far and wide in search of exquisite wines.

- 16. Pet Grooming:** Thought fashion, styling, and manicures and pedicures were just limited to humans? Think otherwise. Pets today, too, are given luxury treatments, and thus groomers. Pet grooming is a big fad in the west and is fast picking up pace in India as well.
- 17. YouTubing:** YouTubers believe in doing it yourself and create YouTube channels and video blogs to build subscribers over time. They publish unique content that connects with the audience and may range from documentaries, music videos, web series, music covers, cooking, fashion, and more.
- 18. Stand-Up Comedy:** With the Indian television industry moving on from the typical Saas-Bahu sagas and exploring other genres of entertainment, the demand for stand-up comedians is sure to rise. Moreover, the culture of live comedy shows and online videos is on the rise as well. Who doesn't like a good laugh, eh?
- 19. Spa Management:** They say a good spa treatment is therapy. Ever wondered how spa companies get so many trained professionals? Let's talk about a relaxing career, shall we?
- 20. Public Health Entomology:** Entomology is the study of insects and their ecosystems. A career in public health entomology will entail research on its effects on human health. Preventing epidemics, one at a time.
- 21. Habitat Policy and Practise:** Habitat policymakers and practition-

ers focus on habitats inhabited by various species and focus on the rights, social composition, and activities of the inhabitants. Their field is one driven by research, foolproof planning, and effective execution.

- 22. Photonics:** A fusion of optical technology and electronics, the field focuses on the properties of light and how it can be best put to use. Owing to the field's highly specialised nature, photonics specialists are in demand internationally. Professionals and researchers in the domain of photonics often apply light to various domains such as medicine, surgery, industry, research, and even agriculture and energy.
- 23. Flavour Chemistry:** Flavour chemists make good food better. Imagine a dark chocolate hazelnut gelato with strawberry mascarpone cream. Drooling already? They undertake extensive education in food and work with restaurants, pharmaceutical companies, and food manufacturing giants to improve the aesthetics, smell, taste, and shelf life of food.
- 24. Gerontology:** Gerontologists study the social, physical, mental, and physiological effects of growing old. Gerontologists find their demand in research and in specialised health care. They extensively work in old-age homes, senior citizen facilities, hospitals, and nursing homes to take care of the elderly. Among the huge pool of people in conventional career fields, only some stand out. They are the ones daring to dream, following their hearts, and pursuing new-age careers.

BRIEF

Power projects



■ Hamirpur: Delays in the completion of power projects result in financial losses for the state and therefore the timely completion of these projects should be ensured, said Chief Minister Sukhvir Singh Sukhu. Reviewing the progress in a meeting at Hamirpur on Saturday late evening, Sukhu emphasized on the need to expedite ongoing power projects in the state and said that the state aims to commission 628 MW of hydroelectric projects by March 2027. In a statement issued here on Sunday, he said that the 628 MW projects include the 450 MW Shongtong Karchham project by July 2025, the 48 MW Chanju-3 Hydro Electric project by March 2027 and the 130 MW Kashang-2 and 3 projects by June 2026.

Conclave inauguration



■ New Delhi: Union home and cooperation minister Amit Shah will inaugurate a day-long conclave to discuss ways to strengthen Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) through Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) in the national capital on Friday. Currently, there are more than 95,000 PACS, of which only about 63,000 PACS are functional. The PACS have a huge member base of around 13 crore farmers, out of which more than 86 per cent of farmers in the country are small and marginal. There is a need to facilitate these farmers with access to improved technology, credit, better input and markets.

Courtesy call



■ New Delhi: Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday called on President Droupadi Murmu at the Rashtrapati Bhavan here. The meeting comes amid a buzz over a possible reshuffle of the Union council of ministers. "Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Mrs Nirmala Sitharaman, called on President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan," the President's office tweeted along with a picture of the meeting.

Finmin asks IBA to finalise wage revision of bankers of PSU banks by Dec 1

New Delhi, Jul 10:

The government has asked the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) to initiate the process of negotiations for the 12th Bi-partite settlement in a time-bound manner and to finalise it by December 1, 2023, said a senior official. The wage revision for employees and officers of the public sector banks is due from November 1, 2022. The early wage revision would help improve working conditions and incentivise the banking sector employees, the official said. Further, the official said, the finance ministry has asked IBA to ensure that all future wage negotiations should be finalised before the beginning of the subsequent period so that the wage revision could be implemented from the due date itself. As a part of the settlement, the IBA is expected to engage in dia-

logues with the employees' Unions/ Associations and work out to arrive at a mutually agreeable wage settlement. The government has stressed the importance of fairness and equity in the revision, ensuring that the compensation structure remains competitive with other players in the banking industry, the official said. "Wage settlement for banks has always been a tedious and time-consuming process with bank managements, represented by IBA, and employees' unions engaging in tough negotiations. Historically, delays of 2-3 years in wage settlement have led to a substantial accumulation of arrears, which are eventually disbursed in a lump-sum. "This contrasts with the more sustainable approach of integrating the revised wages into the regular monthly salaries," said the official.

Highlighting that the banking sector is the backbone of the Indian economy, the official said it is incumbent upon the management of banks to ensure that employees are adequately compensated and it is necessary for the health and stability of the entire economy as well. It also comes at a time when the financials of the Public Sector Banks are healthy with the net profits almost tripled to Rs 1.04 lakh crore in FY'23 as compared to Rs 36,270 crore earned in FY'14. At the same time, the Return on Assets (ROA) in PSBs rose from 0.51 per cent in FY'14 to 0.78 per cent, while Net Interest Margin (NIM) has also increased from 2.73 per cent to 3.23 per cent in FY'23. Wage settlement talks normally benefit employees of public sector banks, old generation private banks and some foreign banks.

Inflow in equity mutual fund hit 3-month high at Rs 8,637 cr in June

New Delhi, Jul 10: Driven by buoyant SIP flows, equity mutual funds attracted Rs 8,637 crore in June, making it the highest net inflow in three months, amid a rally in the stock market. This was way higher than Rs 3,240 crore inflow seen in May and Rs 6,480 crore in April. Before that, the net inflow was Rs 20,534 crore in March, data released by the Association of Mutual Funds in India (Amfi) showed on Monday. "June net numbers were a tad higher than May. Some profit booking at higher levels to maintain asset allocation is not ruled out but investors continue to keep investing through SIPs (Systematic Investment Plans) and STPs (Systematic Transfer Plans)," Manish Mehta, National Head and Sales, Marketing & Digital Business at Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company, said. Inflow through SIP was at Rs 14,734 crore last month as compared to Rs 14,749 crore in May.

Hyundai drives in micro SUV Exter with price starting at Rs 5.99 lakh

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New Delhi, Jul 10: Hyundai Motor India on Monday forayed into the entry-level SUV segment in the country with the launch of all-new model Exter, with introductory prices ranging between Rs 5.99 lakh and Rs 9.31 lakh (ex-showroom). The model, which competes directly with Tata Motors Punch, comes powered by a 1.2-litre petrol engine mated with both manual and automatic variants. The five-speed manual trims, which deliver fuel efficiency of 19.4 km per litre are priced between Rs 5.99 lakh and Rs 9.31 lakh. The five-speed automatic variant is tagged at Rs 7.96 lakh with a claimed fuel efficiency of 19.2 km per litre. The CNG trim is priced at Rs 8.23 lakh with an efficiency of 27.1 km per kg. Speaking at the launch, Hyundai Motor India MD and CEO Unsoo Kim said with the launch of Exter, the automaker has now become a full-range SUV manufacturer



MD & CEO, Hyundai Motor India Ltd. Unsoo Kim with COO, Hyundai Motor India Ltd. Tarun Garg at the launch of Hyundai Exter, in Gurugram, Monday, July 10.

in the country. He noted that the company has invested Rs 950 crore on the development of the model. Outlining Hyundai's commitment to the Indian market, Kim said the automaker has recently announced a Rs 20,000-crore investment spread over ten years to enhance production capacity, introduce electric models and set up a battery pack unit in Tamil Nadu. The company is looking to enhance its annual production ca-

capacity to 8.5 lakh units per annum from 8.2 lakh units currently at its Chennai-based plant, he added. Hyundai Motor India COO Tarun Garg noted that the model would help in bringing additional volumes to the company while strengthening its overall SUV portfolio. "Exter is our eighth SUV model in the country. With this, now we are the only company to offer products in the six SUV sub-segments," he added.

Toy industry seeks resolution of GST anomaly, PLI scheme

New Delhi, Jul 10:

Toy manufacturers have urged the government to resolve a GST (Goods and Services Tax) anomaly and immediate roll-out of the production linked incentive scheme to boost the growth of the sector. These issues were raised by the industry during a meeting called by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) on July 8 here. The meeting was attended by representatives of global and domestic toy manufacturers, retailers, associations, and government officials to discuss the opportunities in the domestic toy sector. It was



chaired by DPIIT Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh. Toy Association of India (TAD) Senior Vice-President and Little Genius Toys CEO Naresh Gautam, who attended the meeting, said that besides PLI and GST, the industry has urged for resumption

of Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS). "PLI is the need of the hour as it would help in tapping huge business opportunities," Gautam, who has been making wooden toys for the last 32 years, said. He added that it is a labour intensive sector

and support measures by the government would help in creating jobs and increasing exports. "We train unskilled people for jobs, particularly women workers. We are more competitive than China," Gautam said. Another industry official said that the meeting was a major platform to interact with the government, global players and domestic manufacturers. Sharing similar views, Toy Association of India Chairman Manu Gupta said that a lot of issues were raised such as standard input output norms (SION) for all toys, and resumption of credit linked capital subsidy scheme.

Foxconn junks \$19.5 bn Vedanta chip plan

Vedanta says other investors lined up

New Delhi, Jul 10:

Taiwan's Foxconn has withdrawn from a USD 19.5 billion semiconductor joint venture with mining baron Anil Agarwal's Vedanta Ltd as the venture struggled to get a technology partner to make chips that are used in mobile phones to refrigerators and cars. In a statement, Foxconn, the world's largest contract electronics maker, said it "has determined it will not move forward on the joint venture with Vedanta." Agarwal's metals-to-oil conglomerate responded saying it was "fully committed to its semiconductor fab project

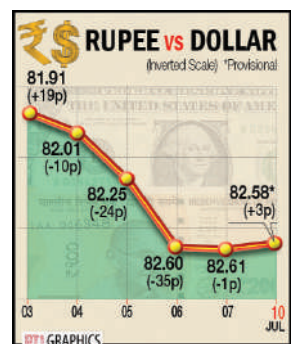
and we have lined up other partners to set up India's first foundry." It however did not give details of the new partners. Foxconn, best known for assembling iPhones and other Apple products, and Vedanta last year signed a pact to set up semiconductor and display production plants in Gujarat. European chipmaker ST Microelectronics was being roped in as a technology partner for the venture but talks were deadlocked. Most of the world's chips are manufactured in a handful of countries and India, which expects its semiconductor market to be

worth USD 63 billion by 2026, is a late entrant. Three applications - one from the Vedanta-Foxconn joint venture, another from a global consortium of ISMC and one from Singapore-based IGSS Ventures - were received in response to the government's incentive scheme for local manufacture of semiconductors. The other two applications too haven't made much progress. Just last week, Vedanta announced that it will acquire the semiconductor and display glass units from group company Twin Star Technologies Ltd.

Rupee rises 3 paise to close at 82.58 against US dollar

New Delhi, Jul 10:

The rupee consolidated in a narrow range and settled for the day higher by 3 paise at 82.58 against the US dollar on Monday, amid a muted trend in domestic equities. Rupee is trading in a narrow range as the softness in the US dollar and sustained FII inflows were negated by risk aversion in global markets, forex traders said. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened at 82.65 against the US dollar and settled at 82.58 (provisional), up 3 paise over its previous close. During the day, the domestic unit witnessed an intra-day high of 82.55 and a low of 82.65. On

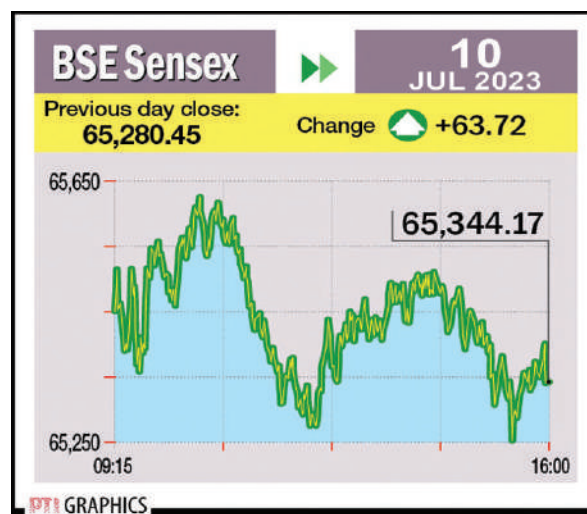


Friday, the rupee had settled at 82.61 against the dollar. The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.11 per cent to 102.38. Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, declined 0.74 per cent to USD 77.89 per barrel. "We expect the rupee to trade with a negative bias on a risk aversion in global markets and rising bond yields in the major global economies and expectations of further rate hikes to tame inflation. However, some softness in the US dollar and sustained FII inflows may support rupee at lower levels," Anuj Choudhary - Research Analyst at Sharekhan by BNP Paribas. Choudhary further noted that market participants may remain cautious ahead of India's inflation and IIP data and US inflation and PPI data this week. "We expect the USDINR spot to trade between 82.20 to 83.20 in the near-term," he said.

Sensex, Nifty edge higher on RIL boost, FII inflows

Mumbai, Jul 10:

Benchmark Sensex and Nifty advanced in a volatile trade on Monday, driven by heavy buying in index major Reliance Industries and unabated foreign fund inflows. Bouncing back from Friday's decline, the 30-share BSE Sensex gained 63.72 points or 0.10 per cent to settle at 65,344.17. During the day, it climbed 353.04 points or 0.54 per cent to 65,633.49. The NSE Nifty advanced 24.10 points or 0.12 per cent to end at 19,355.90. Correction in IT counters ahead of their quarterly earnings announcements restricted the gains. From the Sensex pack, Reliance Industries jumped the most by 3.78



per cent, helping the index close in green. Tata Steel, Bharti Airtel, IndusInd Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, UltraTech Cement, ICICI Bank and Tata

Motors were the other biggest gainers. Titan, HCL Technologies, Power Grid, Tata Consultancy Services, Wipro, Hindustan Unilever, Axis

Bank and Nestle were among the major laggards. "Indian equities faced broad-based weakness, but the benchmark managed to stay marginally positive with the support of strong buying in heavyweight stocks. The weakness was led by IT stocks, as the sector is set to kick off the Q1 result season with expectations of soft earnings. Additionally, cues from the US markets are unfavourable, as concerns about another rate hike persist despite expectations of a fast cooling of future US CPI inflation data, said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services. "Markets oscillated in a narrow range and ended marginally in the green amid mixed cues.

Utkarsh Small Finance Bank IPO to open on Jul 12; sets price band at Rs 23-25/share

New Delhi, Jul 10: Utkarsh Small Finance Bank on Monday said it has fixed a price band of Rs 23-25 a share for its Rs 500-crore initial public offering (IPO). The Varanasi-headquartered small finance bank's (SFB) IPO will open for public subscription during July 12-14. The bidding for anchor investors will open on July 11, the lender announced. Utkarsh is looking to raise Rs 500 crore through its IPO, which is a completely fresh issue of equity shares. Proceeds from the fresh issue will be utilized to augment the lender's tier 1 capital base to meet future capital requirements. Investors can bid for a minimum of 600 equity shares and in multiples of 600 equity shares thereafter. Utkarsh commenced opera-

tions in 2017 and its product suite includes a range of deposit products including saving accounts, salary accounts, current accounts, recurring and fixed deposits, and locker facilities. As of March 2023, the lender's operations were spread across 26 states and Union Territories with 830 banking outlets serving 3.6 million customers majorly located in rural and semi-urban areas primarily in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. The bank's gross loan portfolio has grown to Rs 13,957.11 crore as of March 31, 2023, from Rs 8,415.66 crore as of March 31, 2021. Its disbursements increased to Rs 12,442.89 crore in fiscal 2023 from Rs 5,914.01 crore in fiscal 2021.

Pvt equity inflow in realty sector down 5 pc to USD 1.9 bn in Apr-Jun

New Delhi, Jul 10:

Private equity (PE) investment in real estate declined 5 per cent year-on-year in April-June to USD 1.9 billion because of high interest rates, according to Anarock. PE inflows stood at USD 2 billion in the year-ago period. Real estate consultant Anarock has come out with a report titled 'FLUX Q1 FY24 Market Monitor for Capital Flows in Indian Real Estate'. "PE activity marginally declined by 5 per cent in Q1 FY24 given the elevated interest rates," the report said. PE inflows stood at USD 1.4 billion in the first quarter of 2021-22, USD 0.2 billion in Q1 FY21 and USD 1.7 billion in Q1 FY20. As

Foreign investors share at 94 pc

per the data, foreign investors accounted for 94 per cent of the PE investments, while the share of domestic fund was 6 per cent. PE funding remained dominated in form of equity, which contributed 94 per cent to the total inflow. Anarock noted that the "overall activity remained muted with headline numbers boosted by a large single deal with assets across locations." In May, Brookfield India REIT (BIRET) and Singapore's GIC announced an equal partnership to acquire two commercial properties in India for USD 1.4 billion.

Power consumption grows by 4.4 pc to 139.23 billion units in June

New Delhi, Jul 10:

Power consumption grew by 4.4 per cent to 139.23 billion units in June this year compared to last year. In the year-ago period, power consumption stood at 133.26 billion units (BU), higher than 114.48 BU in June 2021, according to government data. The peak power demand met, which is the highest supply in a day, rose to 223.23 GW in June 2023. The peak power supply stood at 211.72 GW in June 2022 and 191.24 GW in June 2021. The power ministry had estimated the country's electricity demand to touch 229 GW during the summer season. But the demand did not reach the projected level in April-May this year due to unseasonal

rains. Power consumption was affected in March, April and May this year due to widespread rains in the country. Experts said that unseasonal rains in March, April and May affected the power consumption in the country. However, they stated that the power consumption growth was not that bad in June this year. Rains reduced the demand for electricity as people used fewer cooling appliances compared to the previous year, according to experts. Further, experts had expressed hope that power consumption and demand would grow from June onwards, due to further improvement in economic activities as well as a rise in temperature.

Archery: Parth Salunkhe becomes first Indian to win Youth World Championship in men's recurve category

Limerick (Ireland), Jul 10 (PTI): Parth Salunkhe became the first Indian male archer to win a gold in the recurve category of the Youth World Championships as the country's contingent finished with its highest-ever tally of 11 medals.

The 19-year-old from Satara in Maharashtra provided the perfect icing on the cake by defeating a Korean in the Under-21 men's recurve individual final here on Sunday.

Salunkhe, who topped the rankings round, bounced back from behind to down seventh seed Song Injun 7-3 (26-26, 25-28, 28-26, 29-26, 28-26) in a hard-fought five-setter.

"I try to live in the present and don't see whom I'm up against. By doing yoga and meditation, it has helped me keep calm, which helped immensely in the final," Salunkhe told PTI from Dublin.

India also clinched a bronze medal in the Under-21 women's recurve individual section when Bhajda Kaur defeated Su



Parth Salunkhe (middle) poses with his gold medal after becoming Under-21 recurve archery world champion at the Youth World Championships in Limerick.

Hsin-Yu of Chinese Taipei 7-1 (28-25, 27-27, 29-25, 30-26). India finished with six gold, one silver and four bronze medals, which was the highest in the standings in terms of total number of medals.

But in overall rankings, they finished second behind Korea who ended with six gold and four silver medals. Salunkhe trailed 1-3 after Injun hit two perfect 10s and three 9s from the first six ar-

rows. Just when it seemed a familiar Korean dominance over India, the former senior national champion Salunkhe fought back clinching the third set by two points, drilling one arrow closer to the centre (X) to make it three-all.

Pressure was writ large on Injun as Salunkhe went on to hit two 10s and one 9 to snatch a 5-3 lead before finishing off in style with two Xs. Son of a secondary school English teacher,

Salunkhe, whose talent was first tapped by coach Pravin Sawant in 2018-19, became the first male archer to become a youth world champion.

After Sawant discovered his talent, Salunkhe trained under Ram Awdhesh at the SAI centre in Sonapat.

"He has been like God to us, he made some technical changes and as a result Parth has improved vastly under him," his father Sushant Salunkhe said.

In women's recurve section, Deepika Kumari had become cadet and youth world champion in 2009 and 2011, a feat that was emulated by her Jharkhand statemate Komalika Bari in 2019 and 2021.

Overall, Salunkhe is the sixth Indian archer to become world champion in the youth showpiece.

Compound archers Palton Hansda (2006) and the duo of Aditi Swami and Priyansh who won here are the other youth world champions from India.

'We will continue the way we play'

Leeds, Jul 10 (PTI):

England will "play cricket that gets a result, our way", said their inspirational captain Ben Stokes, strengthening the team's commitment to stick to the hotly-debated 'Bazball' approach.

England beat Australia by three wickets to win the third Test at Headingley on Sunday and cut the deficit to 1-2 in the five-match Ashes series, having lost the first two games.

"We've kept the series alive and we just have to park everything from this week, but continue the way we play," Stokes said.

"I said last week we find ourselves in the perfect position with the way we play cricket.

"It doesn't change. After the Lord's game and before this game, before the game in Manchester, we just have to do exactly the same thing: play cricket that gets a result, our way."

Stokes was happy with England's approach here, but insisted his teams needs to improve.

"I still think we can be



better. The thing about cricket is no-one has the perfect answer to everything. Everything will be assessed on the outcome. That will always be the case. No-one ever has the perfect answer for how it should be played.

"We can be better in certain areas, and that's all we can do, keep trying to be better and better and as clear as we possibly can as a team. People always seem to have an answer after the fact. I don't think anyone will ever crack it; that's why it's such a great game." The famous rivalry will resume with the fourth Test at Old Trafford on July 19. After suffering

heartbreaks at Edgbaston and Lord's, Stokes said his team was "over the moon" following the win in another "down-to-the wire game". "If you look at the first two games in terms of how tight they were, getting over the line in another tight game can mentally help... knowing that it's another close game but we've got over the line in this one. "The first two didn't go our way. If you flip it round and we didn't win this one and it's tight again, you would think it's just not meant to be. "We're obviously over the moon that we won this one but it's just the start of what we know we need to

do." The English captain also heaped praise on the fast-bowling duo of Chris Woakes and Mark Wood as well as seasoned spinner Moeen Ali, who were brought into the side for the third Test.

"We brought Woody and Woakes back in and it's great when decisions like that impact the game. That's what we look at, what impact can players have and how can we use them. All three of those guys did that this week."

Woakes, who hadn't played a Test since March 2022, grabbed six wickets in the third Test before making a contribution with the bat in a tense run-chase in the fourth innings, finishing unbeaten on 32.

"I didn't even look at the fact that it's been so long since he (Chris Woakes) had played red-ball," Stokes said. "He's a quality performer. He's Mr Consistent. Having someone who can bat like that at No. 8 is a massive help, and when the ball's doing a bit in the air or off the pitch he's massively in the game."

Sen hails Canada open win as one of 'greatest comebacks'



New Delhi, Jul 10 (PTI):

Describing the Canada Open victory as one of the "greatest comebacks" in his nascent career, star Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen on Monday said the win against the reigning All England Champion gives him confidence and belief in the Olympic qualification year.

Shivam Dube picked in West Zone squad for Deodhar Trophy

Mumbai, Jul 10 (PTI): India and Mumbai all-rounder Shivam Dube was on Monday included in the 15-member West Zone squad while fast bowler Tushar Deshpande was among the standby players for the Deodhar Trophy beginning July 24. The Deodhar Trophy was last organised in the 2019-20 season and was not held in the subsequent seasons owing to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The upcoming edition of the inter-zonal 50-over Deodhar Trophy will be held this year entirely in Puducherry from July 24 to August 3.

The left-handed batter Dube had a terrific season with the bat for the Indian Premier League winners Chennai Super Kings, scoring 418 runs in 16 matches with a strike rate of 158.33.

Grand Chess Tour: Gukesh finishes 5th, Anand settles for tied 7th in Blitz event

Zagreb (Croatia), Jul 10 (PTI):

Young Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh finished fifth while his illustrious compatriot Viswanathan Anand could only manage a tied seventh place in the third leg of the 2023 SuperUnited Rapid and Blitz chess tournament.

Gukesh, who had a moderate performance on day 1 of the Blitz segment, bounced back well on the second day to pick up 6.5 points which included wins over Anand and top players like Fabiano Caruana (USA) and Jan Krzysztof Duda (Poland).

Gukesh, who beat Anand for the first time ever in tournament play in



the Rapid segment, got the better of the five-time world champion in 34 moves in the blitz on Sunday.

The 17-year old Indian star began the second day of the Blitz section with a win over Richard Rapport (Romania) and then stunned the highly-rated Caruana. After going

down to world No.1 Magnus Carlsen (Norway), Gukesh turned the tables on Anand.

A defeat to Alireza Firouzja was followed by three straight wins - over Constantin Lupulescu (Romania), Duda and Ivan Saric (Croatia).

He ended the tournament with a draw against Ian Nepomniachtchi and a score of 19.5 points (Rapid + blitz).

Anand, who had started the tourney in style in the Rapid segment, had to endure a poor run, scoring only three points on day one of the Blitz and then logged 3.5 points on the second day. The veteran Indian ended with 16.5 points.

US beats Canada 3-2 in shootout after 2-2 tie to reach Gold Cup semifinal

Cincinnati, Jul 10 (AP):

Matt Turner stopped two penalty kicks, and the United States beat Canada 3-2 in a shootout after a 2-2 draw for a berth in a CONCACAF Gold Cup semifinal against Panama. In a game that was scoreless until the 88th minute, the U.S.



Canada forward Charles-Andreas Brym (19) hits a header as United States midfielder Gianluca Busio (6) defends in extra time during a CONCACAF Gold Cup semi-final soccer match.

after a hand ball on Miles Robinson. Turner stopped Vitoria's opening penalty kick with his right hand, V

itezquez skied his attempt over the crossbar and Turner dived left to bat away Liam Fraser's at-

tempt. Cade Cowell, Gianluca Busio and Jes s Ferreira all converted for the U.S. while Kamal Miller and Jacen Russell-Rowe made shots for Canada. Charles-Andreas Brym put Canada's final attempt off the crossbar. The winner of the U.S.-Panama game on Wednesday at San Diego advances to the championship match on July 16 against Mexico or Jamaica at Inglewood, California. The U.S. has reached 12 straight Gold Cup semifinals since the Americans were eliminated in a 2000 quarterfinals with a penalty-kicks loss to Colombia, an invited guest.

Pak to host FIH Olympic qualifiers

Karachi, Jul 10 (PTI):

Pakistan is set to host an international hockey event after nearly 19 years with the International Hockey Federation (FIH) allocating the Olympic qualifying rounds to the country for early next year.

Pakistan, which last hosted an FIH event back in 2004, will host eight teams in Lahore from January 13 to 24 next year.

"Pakistani hockey fans have been deprived of seeing international hockey stars at home for 20 years now and the FIH Olympic qualifiers will no doubt boost the sport in Pakistan again," said Haider Hussain, the Secretary-General of the FIH. He said the Pakistan Hockey Federation had

succeeded in convincing the FIH to allocate the event to Pakistan after much lobbying in the apex body.

"We are happy many countries supported our stance that if international hockey returns to Pakistan it will help boost the game again in the country."

Unfortunately, Pakistan has failed to qualify for the last two Olympic Games in 2016 and 2021 but Hussain said he was hopeful that fans would turn out in big numbers to watch the matches in Lahore.

According to the given format, the top five Asian teams, seven from Europe, two from Pan America, and one each from Africa and Oceania can compete in the qualifying rounds.

New Delhi, Jul 10 (PTI):

Rohit Sharma needs all the support from the Indian cricket establishment in the coming times as people are going "overboard" with their criticism of his captaincy, feels spin great Harbhajan Singh.

In recent weeks, the Indian captain has received a lot of flak from fans and former cricketers, including the legendary Sunil Gavaskar, who felt that his leadership in the World Test Championship (WTC) final against Australia was not up to the mark.

However, Harbhajan, who has seen a lot of Rohit in the Indian as well as the Mumbai Indians dressing room, reminded everyone about the kind of respect



he commands from his peers.

"I find that people are going a bit overboard... the way Rohit has been criticised. Cricket is a team sport and one individual cannot take you from one place to other," Harbhajan told PTI in an interview ahead of India's next Test assignment against the West Indies.

"Team India didn't do well in WTC final, and yes,

you talk about that performance and move on from there. But it is unfair to criticise Rohit alone, that he is not scoring runs, putting on weight, not captaining well. I think he is a brilliant leader," the veteran of 103 Tests said.

For Harbhajan, the need of the hour is to show faith in Rohit's leadership ability.

"I have played with him (Rohit) and watched him closely. He commands a lot of respect not only in MI dressing room but also in the Indian dressing room. So I think it's unfair to judge him on basis of recent results.

"He will come good and we need to show faith in him and we need to support him rather than pinpointing that you are not doing this or that."

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Yamuna breaches danger mark in Delhi

New Delhi, Jul 10 (PTI):

The Yamuna crossed the danger mark of 205.33 metres in Delhi on Monday as torrential rains pummeled the upper catchment areas of the river for the third day on the trot.

The river breached the danger mark earlier than expected. It was predicted that it would cross the danger mark by Tuesday afternoon.

According to the Central Water Commission's (CWC) flood-monitoring portal, the water level at the Old Railway Bridge had risen to 205.4 metres by 5 pm as Haryana released more water into the river from the Hathnikund barrage in Yamunanagar.

The water level is anticipated to rise to 206.65 me-



The Yamuna River swells up as its water level reaches near danger mark, at the Old Yamuna Bridge (Loha Pul), in New Delhi, Monday.

tres on Tuesday before it starts receding.

Addressing a press conference, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said a flood-like situation is unlikely in Delhi, but the government is prepared to

tackle any eventuality.

He said the evacuation of people from low-lying areas will start once the river breaches the 206-metre mark.

The irrigation and flood control department said

the flow rate at the Hathnikund barrage gradually increased to 3,05,768 cusecs at 5 am on Monday. It dropped to 1,90,837 cusecs at 1 pm.

Normally, the flow rate at the barrage is 352 cusecs, but heavy rainfall in the catchment areas increases the discharge. One cusec is equivalent to 28.32 litres per second.

The water from the barrage takes around two to three days to reach Delhi.

The Delhi government issued a flood warning on Sunday and is creating awareness among people living close to the river banks.

Authorities have been instructed to stay vigilant and take necessary action in vulnerable areas. Quick response teams and boats

have also been deployed.

The Delhi government has set up 16 control rooms, including a central control room, to monitor the flood-prone areas and the water level of the Yamuna.

Northwest India has seen incessant rainfall over the last three days, with many areas in Jammu and Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan recording "heavy to extremely heavy" precipitation. This has resulted in overflowing rivers, creeks and drains that have massively damaged infrastructure and disrupted essential services in Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Punjab.

JALABHISHEK PREPARATION



Devotees fetch holy water from the Ganga river at Kedar Ghat to perform Jalabhishek on the occasion of the first Somwar (Monday) of the holy month of 'Shravan', in Varanasi, Monday.

'Sonia to attend meeting of Oppn parties in Bengaluru'

Bengaluru, July 10 (PTI):

Former Congress President Sonia Gandhi is expected to attend the next meeting of opposition parties in Bengaluru on July 17 and 18, Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar said on Monday.

He said the Congress party will hold a silent protest at Freedom Park here on July 12 as a mark of protest against the disqualification of its leader Rahul Gandhi from the Lok Sabha.

"A meeting of leaders of all opposition parties (in the country) will be held on July 17 and 18, as already announced. All the leaders are going to come. (M) Mallikarjun Kharge (AICC President) has requested Sonia Gandhi to participate in this meeting. We have got a message that she will be participating in this meeting," Shivakumar said.

Speaking to reporters



D K Shivakumar

here, he said, "We will welcome all leaders who want to join this great movement for change in this country." The first such meeting of opposition parties, keeping in mind the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, was held in Bihar's Patna on June 23. Earlier, Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar had said the next opposition meet will be held in Bengaluru on July 13-14. As those dates were said to be clashing with Assembly sessions in a few states, it was rescheduled

to July 17 and 18.

Shivakumar, who is also Karnataka Congress President, said the party under the leadership of Kharge has decided to hold silent protests on July 12 at all the state headquarters against the disqualification of Rahul Gandhi from the Lok Sabha.

"I don't want to speak about the Court verdict, but the political conspiracy that is going on against Rahul Gandhi to finish him off politically, we condemn it," he said.

The protest will be held from 10 am to 4 pm at Freedom Park in Bengaluru by "covering our mouth with black cloths", Shivakumar said.

All office-bearers, public representatives and a large number of workers of the party, including Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, will be participating in the protest against the "conspiracy of the BJP government at the Centre", Shivakumar said.

'As Bees In Honey Drown': Satire on contemporary culture to be staged on July 22



New Delhi, Jul 10 (PTI):

"As Bees in Honey Drown", a satirical comedy based on American playwright Douglas Carter Beane's award-winning play, will be staged here at Kamani Auditorium on July 22-23 as part of the 6th edition of Aadyam Theatre.

Adapted by Akarsh Khurana and directed by Anahita Uberoi, the play

"The phrase 'As Bees in Honey Drown' is an expression used to describe a state of complete absorption or surrender to something pleasurable, much like how bees can become so absorbed in honey that they drown in it. Fame, like honey, can give one a rush of sweet pleasure, while it can also drown one with its stickiness.

"This contemporary satire portrays an unquenchable thirst for fame and startling revelations as the play progresses, making it remarkably relevant to today's trends," the organisers said in a statement.

The play features theatre veterans Aditya Rawal, Ashwin Mushran, Chakori Dwivedi, Meher Acharia Dar, Shikha Talsania and Tavish Bhattacharya.

It will be staged on July 22 at 7.30pm and on July 23 at 4pm and 7.30pm.

promises to tickle the funny bone while exploring themes of "deceit, betrayal, artistic ambition and the power of illusion".

The play follows the story of an "almost famous" writer, Dhruv, and popular socialist Alexa.

Claiming to be a music record producer, Alexa wants Dhruv to write the screenplay of her life story.

CBI arrests chairman of Tirupati Infraprojects Pvt Ltd

● In bank-fraud case

New Delhi, Jul 10 (PTI):

The CBI has arrested Jag Mohan Garg, chairman and managing director of Tirupati Infraprojects Private Limited, in a bank fraud case involving an amount of Rs 289.15 crore, officials said on Monday.

Garg was produced before a special CBI court that sent him to the agency's custody till July 13, they said.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) registered an FIR against the company on May 25, 2022 for allegedly causing a loss to the tune of Rs 289.15 crore to a consortium of banks comprising the Bank of India, the Union Bank of India, the Canara Bank, the Bank of Baroda and the UCO Bank by illegally diverting loan funds, the officials said.

The consortium led by the Bank of India had

granted a term loan of Rs 300 crore to the company between 2009 and 2014 for the construction of a hotel at Paschim Vihar, New Delhi, along with commercial spaces.

"It was further alleged that the accused had sold several commercial/retail/office spaces of the said hotel-cum-commercial building to various parties without intimating the lender banks and funds obtained from these buyers were diverted/siphoned off," a CBI spokesperson said in a statement.

After the registration of the FIR, the federal agency conducted searches at the premises of the accused on May 27 last year, leading to the recovery of several incriminating documents.

"During the investigation, the CBI had examined several witnesses, officials of the said borrower company, bank officials etc.," the spokesperson said.

Bais releases books on Coins of Mumbai & NOIDA Mints

Mumbai, Jul 10:

Maharashtra Governor Ramesh Bais released the books 'Coins of Mumbai Mint: 1947 - 2023' and 'Coins of NOIDA Mint: 1988 - 2023' at Raj Bhavan, Mumbai on Mon (10 July). The books have been authored by Numismatist and Coin Collector Dr Dilip Rajgor.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor said coins of various rulers reflect the events and history of the era in which they were minted. He expressed the need to document all the old coins ur-



gently, especially since the world is moving towards a cashless econo-

my. Sexologist and Coin Collector Dr Prakash Kothari, Ashok Singh

Thakur and family members of Dr. Rajgor were present.

IIT Madras' Zanzibar campus to be first ever woman-led IIT

New Delhi, Jul 10 (PTI):

IIT Madras' Zanzibar campus, which is the first offshore campus of the Indian Institute of Technology, has also become the first-ever IIT to have a woman director.

Preeti Aghalayam, an IIT Madras alumni, has been appointed as the director-in-charge of the Zanzibar campus, where the first academic session is set to begin in October.



Preeti Aghalayam

"Aghalayam is the first woman to be an IIT direc-

tor. We will see many more encouraging things. We are following sustainable development goals and one of the important goals suggests that we need to bring in gender balance," IIT Madras director V Kamakoti said at a press conference.

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has become the first IIT in the country to launch an international campus, which is coming up in Tanzania's Zanzibar

An MoU was recently signed between India and Tanzania, the final procedural step that paves the way for this campus.

Applications for the first academic session are already open with the institute offering two full-time academic programmes.

"I am an alumnus of IIT Madras and doing something of this magnitude for the institute and for the country is such a big honour.

KANWAR YATRA



Lord Shiva devotees or Kamwariyas gather to collect holy water from the Ganga river for 'Kanwar Yatra' pilgrimage during the holy month of 'Shravan', at Har Ki Pauri Ghat in Haridwar, Monday.

SC to hear on July 11 Manipur govt's plea against HC order

● On restoration of internet

New Delhi, Jul 10 (PTI):

The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to hear on July 11 the Manipur government's plea against the high court order on limited restoration of the internet in the state.

A bench of Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and Justice PS Narasimha agreed to hear the plea on Tuesday after Solicitor General Tushar Mehta sought urgent listing of the matter, saying the situation in the state keeps changing very fast.

"This is concerning internet shutdown in Manipur. The situation in the state keeps changing very fast.

The appeal is against the high court order where it has directed restoration of internet

service. Kindly hear it today itself," Mehta said.

The bench said since a batch of pleas on Manipur violence was listed for hearing during the day, it may consider his request then.

During the hearing of the clutch of petitions on ethnic violence in the state, the bench said since it is posting them for hearing on Tuesday, it will also consider the plea of the state government on internet shutdown alongside.

On July 7, the Manipur high court had directed the state government to carry out physical trials to check the feasibility of providing internet service while ensuring security and property of citizens.

The high court, which has asked for a detailed report from the state government,

will hear the case on July 25.

After hearing multiple PILs, a division bench of the high court had said, "In the case of Fibre To The Home (FTTH) connections, internet service can be provided by the home department on a case to case basis" after ensuring compliance of the safeguards

suggested by the committee.

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