



### BRIEF



Lord Shiva devotees or 'Kanwariyas' pull a chariot during their pilgrimage in the month of 'Shravan', in Meerut, Friday.

### Cheetah dies

**Bhopal:** Male cheetah Suraj, translocated from Africa, died at Kuno National Park (KNP) in Madhya Pradesh on Friday, forest officials said. It took the number of cheetahs that have died at the park in Sheopur district since March this year to eight. Only three days ago another translocated male cheetah, Tejas, had died at the park.

### Mortar shells

**Itanagar:** Three live mortar shells were recovered in Namsai district of Arunachal Pradesh during road construction work, police said on Friday. Construction workers while digging a drain along the Piyom-Diyun road, found the live 81 mm mortar shells at a depth of about one and a half feet at Piyom circle in the district, Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) K Duggong said.

### Medical seats

**Dehradun:** In a bid to address the paucity of specialised doctors in the country, the number of postgraduate seats will be made equal to that of undergraduate seats, official sources said on Friday. They said the government has set a target of three years to bridge the existing gap without any compromise on course quality. This will be done by introducing Diplomat of National Board (DNB) courses in private and district hospitals, an official said.

### Hindi Vishwavidyalaya

**Guwahati:** The Assam government on Friday signed an agreement with the Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya (MGAVH) for setting up a campus in this northeastern state. The Maharashtra-based Central varsity will be functioning from a temporary campus in Guwahati for the time being, an official release said.

### Myanmarese sentenced

**Aizawl:** A special court in Mizoram's Lunglei district has sentenced a 26-year-old Myanmar national to 10 years of rigorous imprisonment for smuggling heroin, an official of the state excise and narcotics department said on Friday. Special Court (NDPS Act) judge F Rohluipua also slapped a fine of Rs 1 lakh on the convict, Bawinungchung, a resident of Leisen village in Myanmar, excise and narcotics spokesperson Peter Zohmingthanga said.

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High	32
Low	25
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NIFTY	19,564.50
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BULLION	
GOLD	59,251
SILVER	75,752

## ISRO launches India's third moon expedition with an eye on future inter-planetary missions

Sriharikota, AP, Jul 14 (PTI):

India on Friday launched its ambitious third lunar mission Chandrayaan-3, eyeing a rare feat in moon exploration so far only accomplished by the likes of the US, China and the former Soviet Union.

The space agency said the technically challenging soft landing on lunar surface, which Chandrayaan-2 could not achieve, has been planned for 5.47 pm on August 23.

Indian Space Research Organisation's third lunar expedition in 15 years, the hugely anticipated Chandrayaan-3 embarked on its month-long journey towards the moon, piggybacking on ISRO's latest heavy lift launch vehicle, 'Fat boy' LVM3-M4 from the spaceport here.

The mission cost was around an estimated Rs 600 crore, Union Minister Jitendra Singh said.

Chandrayaan-2 could not achieve the soft landing when communication



ISRO's Launch Vehicle Mark-III (LVM3) M4 rocket carrying Chandrayaan-3 lifts off from the launch pad at Satish Dhawan Space Centre, in Sriharikota, Friday.

with the Lander 'Vikram' was lost. As the 25 and a half hour countdown concluded, the LVM3-M4 rocket (formerly GSLVMkIII) also dubbed as 'Fat boy' for its heavy-lift capability, soared off majestically from the spaceport at the prefixed time of 2.35 pm

### We have taken corrective measures, expecting soft-landing on Moon successfully: ex-ISRO Chairman Sivan

**Bengaluru:** The Indian Space Research Organisation has taken corrective measures after the failed bid to soft-land on the Moon nearly four years ago, and is expecting successful touch down on the lunar surface with its Chandrayaan-3 mission but it's going to be a challenging job, its former Chairman K Sivan said on Friday. "This is a very important launch, and we have done it successfully," he told PTI after the launch of the Chandrayaan-3 mission, and noted that expectations in India from the ambitious venture are very high. "Last time we could not do the landing mission (Chandrayaan-2) successfully. So, this time we are attempting (again). We have planned with all corrective measures. The launch happened today successfully. So that way the first phase is over successfully," Sivan, who was the ISRO Chairman during the Chandrayaan-2 mission, said by phone from the spaceport of Sriharikota.

### Soft landing of Chandrayaan 3 planned at 5.47 pm on August 23: ISRO chief

**Sriharikota:** India's third moon mission Chandrayaan-3 will attempt the technically challenging soft landing on lunar surface on August 23, ISRO Chairman S Somanath said on Friday. Addressing reporters after the successful launch of the estimated Rs 600 crore mission, Somanath said the craft's insertion into the lunar orbit has been planned from August 1. The soft landing has been planned at 5.47 pm on August 23, more than a month after Chandrayaan-3 took off from the spaceport here piggybacking on the heavy-lift LVM3-M4 rocket, he added.

from the second launch pad, leaving a trail of thick orange smoke.

Thousands of spectators who had assembled here to

watch the launch since morning broke into loud cheers and applauded as the launch vehicle soared into clear skies.

## Former PCC chief Mohan Markam sworn in as Minister

Raipur, Jul 14 (PTI):

Two days after he was replaced as the Congress party's Chhattisgarh unit president, tribal leader Mohan Markam was sworn in as a minister in the Bhupesh Baghel-led cabinet on Friday.

Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan administered the oath of office and secrecy to Markam during a swearing-in ceremony at the Raj Bhavan here.

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel was present on the occasion. Markam is yet to be assigned a portfolio.

The resignation of state School Education Minister Premsai Singh Tekam on Thursday paved the way for Markam's entry into



the Baghel cabinet. The development comes a few months ahead of the state Assembly elections. Markam (56), who represents the Kondagaon assembly seat, is a prominent tribal face of the grand old party in Bastar region-south Chhattisgarh. A two-time MLA, Markam had been leading the Chhattisgarh Pradesh Congress Committee since June 2019. He was the first tribal president of the state Congress after Chhattisgarh was carved out of Madhya Pradesh in November 2000.

## Ajit Pawar takes charge as Maharashtra's finance and planning minister

Mumbai, Jul 14 (PTI):

Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar on Friday took charge as the state's finance and planning minister, nearly two weeks after he took oath along with eight other Nationalist Congress Party leaders.

A statement said prior to the official announcement of the portfolios, he was briefed by two secretaries of the Finance and Planning Department.

His new office will be on

the fifth floor of Mantralaya which will also serve as the office of the deputy chief minister.

After he broke away from the Sharad Pawar-founded party, Ajit Pawar and eight other NCP leaders were sworn in as ministers on July 2. They were given their portfolios on Friday.

According to a statement by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's office, Dhananjay Munde has been given Agriculture, while Dilip Walse-Patil will be the new Cooperation minister.

## Centre gives conditional 'one-time' option to IAS, IPS, IFoS officers to get benefits of OPS

New Delhi, July 14 (PTI):

The Centre has decided to give a one-time option for IAS, IPS and IFoS officers to get the benefits of the old pension scheme provided they were appointed before December 22, 2003, the cut-off date for notification of national pension system (NPS).

The move comes on the basis of the judgments of various courts allowing benefits of the old defined benefit pension scheme to government servants appointed on or after January 1, 2004

against the posts/vacancies advertised for recruitment prior to the notification of NPS. The Centre said it got representations in this regard from the officers of all India services (AIS) - Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Police Service (IPS) and Indian Forest Service (IFoS).

The matter has been examined in consultation with the Department of Expenditure and it has been decided that the AIS officers, who have been appointed against a post/vacancy which was advertised/notified

for recruitment prior to the date of notification of NPS (i.e. 22.12.2003) and who are covered under NPS on joining service on or after 01.01.2004, may be granted one-time option to be covered under the provisions of old pension scheme..." said the order issued by the Personnel Ministry.

Therefore, members of AIS selected through civil services examination, 2003 and 2004, and Indian Forest Service examination, 2003 are eligible to be covered under these provisions, it added.

## New app can help identify autistic children in India

New Delhi, Jul 14 (PTI):

A new app can identify children with autism and related neurodevelopmental disorders in India, a study conducted in Delhi has found.

Autism - also referred to as autism spectrum disorder - constitutes a diverse group of conditions related to development of the brain.

Autism affects about 1 in 100 children globally, according to the World Health Organisation (WHO).

The results, published on Friday in the journal Autism, could open the door to help millions of children with autism spec-



A young participant undergoes an eye tracking test for a study that uses an app to detect autism, in New Delhi.

trum conditions to get earlier screening quickly and inexpensively, leading to life-changing support.

Researchers from India, the UK and US tested the

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## Law Commission extends deadline for submitting views on UCC till Jul 28

New Delhi, Jul 14 (PTI)

The Law Commission on Friday extended the deadline for the public to send their views on a uniform civil code (UCC) till July 28.

On June 14, the law panel had sought responses from organisations and the public on the UCC. The one-month deadline for filing responses ended on Friday, following which it was extended.

"In view of the overwhelming response from the public on the subject of Uniform Civil Code and

numerous requests received from various quarters regarding the extension of time for submitting their comments, the Law Commission has decided to grant an extension of two weeks for the submission of views and suggestions by the concerned

stakeholders," the Law Commission said in a public notice.

Any interested individual, institution or organisation may furnish comments on the UCC till July 28 on the commission's website, it said.

## ITO, Rajghat areas flooded

New Delhi, Jul 14 (PTI):

A raging Yamuna showed signs of calming down on Friday but damage to a regulator led to water from the overflowing river reaching the Supreme Court several kilometres from its banks and submerging the busy ITO intersection as well as Mahatma Gandhi's memorial Rajghat.

The water levels receded a bit but failed to stem the floodwaters from reaching the nerve centre of the national capital in central Delhi.

The regulator installed near the Indraprastha bus stand and the WHO Building on Drain No 12 was being repaired with sandbags, braces, boulders. Delhi Cabinet minister



Army personnel carry out repair work after the drain regulator at ITO damaged due to flooding in the area by the Yamuna river, in New Delhi, Friday.

Saurabh Bharadwaj alleged that the regulator was damaged because of the delay in the deployment of the NDRF, even as Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena urged

him not to start a blame game. After breaching a 45-year record three days ago, water levels in the Yamuna here came down to 208.25 metres at 3pm on Friday even as several key areas

### Three boys drown in floodwaters

**New Delhi:** Three boys drowned in a ditch at a metro construction site while taking a bath in floodwaters in northwest Delhi's Mukundpur Chowk area on Friday, officials said. The boys - Nikhil (10), Piyush (13) and Ashish (13) -- were residents of northeast Delhi's Jahangirpuri, they said. The fire department said a fire tender was rushed to the spot after information about the incident was received at 2:25 pm.

in Delhi remain inundated. The water level in the river on Thursday started rising after staying stable for three hours and reached 208.66 metres by 7 pm, three metres above the danger mark of 205.33 metres.

### Delhi HC tells MEA

## 'Publicise SOP on transportation of mortal remains of Indians dying overseas'

New Delhi, Jul 14 (PTI):

The Delhi High Court has directed the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) to prominently post on its website and widely circulate the standard operating procedure (SOP) followed for bringing back the mortal remains of Indians who die abroad.

A bench headed by Justice Najmi Waziri said such guidelines, including information about a welfare fund created for this

purpose, should be widely circulated in public domain, and asked airlines operating from the country to consider hosting the SOP on their websites for Indians flying abroad.

"The court is of the view that .. Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and the 'Guidelines on Indian Community Welfare Fund established in Indian Missions/Posts Abroad' should be accessible and widely circulated in the public domain.

## 'Protector turning predator' Court sentences man to imprisonment for life for daughter's rape

Mumbai, Jul 14 (PTI):

A special court here sentenced a man to imprisonment for life for sexually assaulting his eight-year-old daughter, observing that his act amounted to "betrayal of faith in humanity".

The court for cases under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act further noted that the crime committed by the accused was a clear case of "protector turning predator".

Special judge Nazera Shaikh on Wednesday

held the man guilty of the offence committed under relevant provisions of the IPC and POCSO Act.

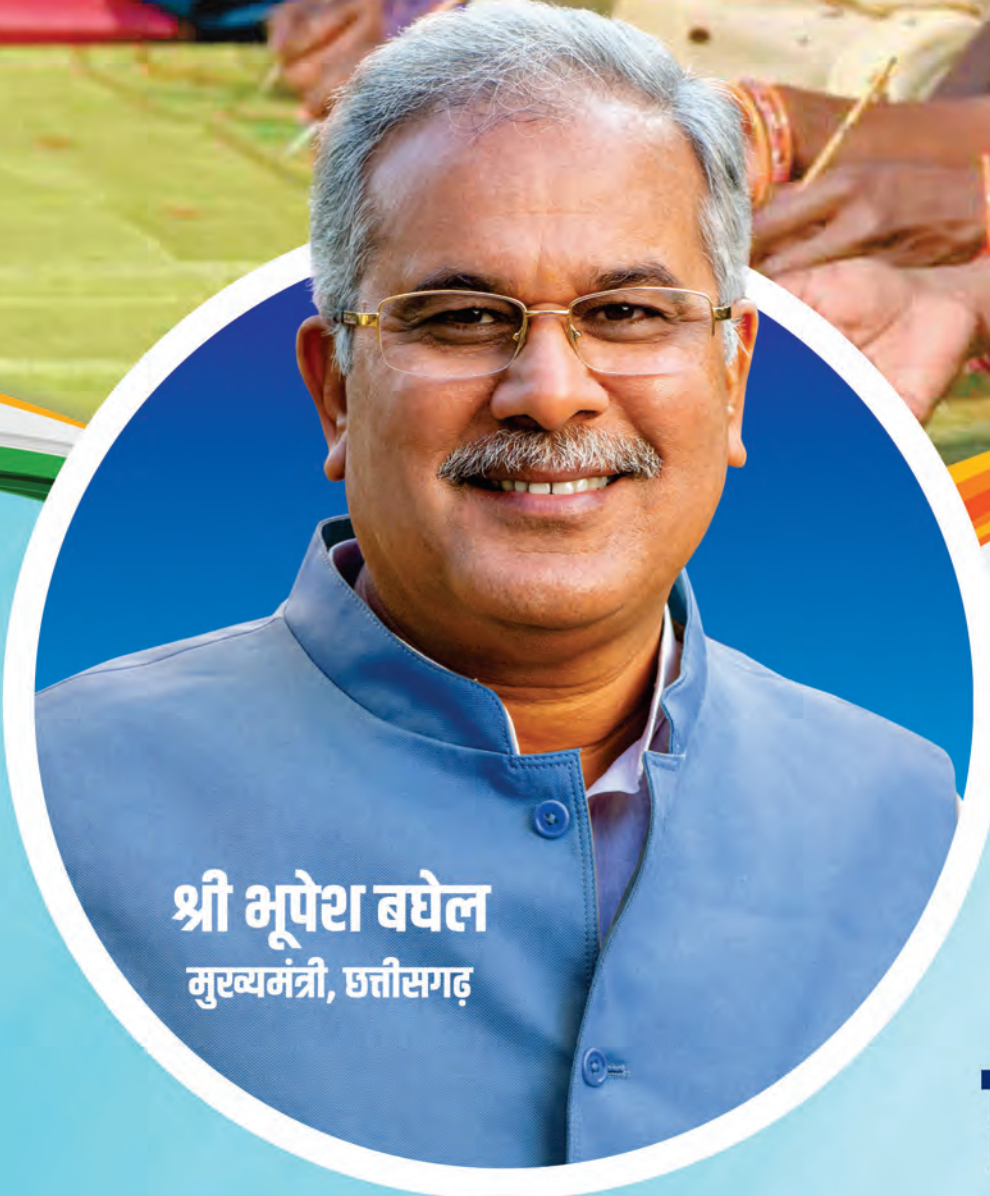
The detailed order was made available on Friday. The court, in its order, stated that in almost every culture, the father primarily has the role of a protector, provider and disciplinarian. "The father-daughter relationship plays a vital role in a girl's journey to adulthood. A father is the first man in a girl's life that she will intimately know," the special judge. The father sets the standard for all other men

in a girl's life, she said, observing that the act of the accused is a "betrayal of faith in humanity".

The court was of the view that the act committed by the accused is "graver and rare," and therefore, it attracts deterrent punishment of imprisonment for life provided in provision of the POCSO Act.

According to the prosecution, the victim's mother had lodged a complaint against the accused at Shivaji Nagar police station in October 2020 against the complaint.





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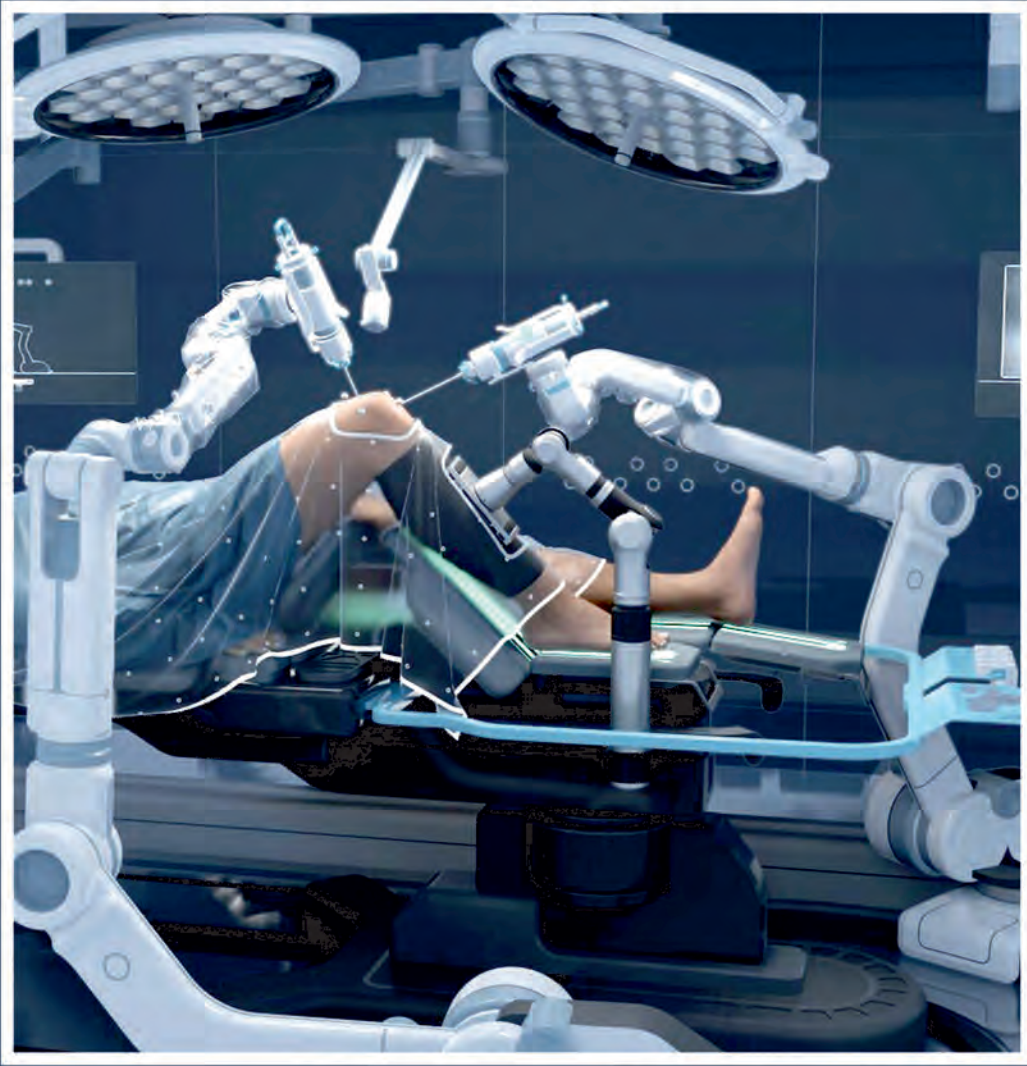
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## 'CM Baghel announces to buy 20 quintals of paddy'

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Attends the swearing-in and felicitation ceremony of Zila Sahu Sangh in Janjgir-Champa

Announces to transform gram panchayat Birra and Bamhndih into Nagar Panchayat



mands, he also granted approval for the construction of a bridge and road from Bamhndih to Dahida over the Hasdeo River.

CM Bhupesh Baghel extends his best wishes to the newly elected office bearers. He shared the state government's commitment to strengthening the rural economy. To achieve this, the government has implemented several schemes benefiting farmers, labourers, women, and landless labourers. The Rajiv Gandhi Kisan NYAY Yojana has already provided benefits to 26 lakh farmers in the state. For the bumper paddy yield this year, the government has decided to raise the limit of procuring paddy in the support price from 15 quintals per acre to 20 quintals per acre. Education is another area of focus for the state government, with schools being painted under the 'School Jatan Yojana',

which has a budget of Rs 1000 crore. The state has also inaugurated its first Swami Atmanand English Medium College in Kanker. Furthermore, the government has provided affordable land to various communities for the construction of community halls and also provided assistance for their construction. Now many communities have their own land and community halls, which are used for various social and cultural programs benefiting all citizens.

The State President of Sahu Samaj Tehal Ram Sahu, presided over the event. Addressing the people present at the event, Assembly Speaker Dr. Charandas Mahant emphasized the importance of promoting social harmony and unity. In his address, Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu highlighted the significance of utilising time and opportunities for the betterment

of society. He urged the newly elected office-bearers to use their respective posts to strengthen the organisation and work towards eradicating societal evils and orthodox traditions.

Parliamentary Secretary and Bilaigarh MLA Chandradev Rai, Chandrapur MLA Ramkumar Yadav, Chairman of CMDC Girish Dewangan, Chairman of Telghani Development Board Sandeep Sahu, Chairman of Chhattisgarh Gauseva Aayog Rajeshree Mahant Dr. Ramsunder Das, Chairman of Shakambhari Board Ramkumar Patel, Sahu Samaj State President Tehal Sahu, President of Zila Sahu Samaj Mr. Baleshwar Sahu, Raghavendra Singh, Collector Richa Prakash Choudhary, SP Vijay Aggarwal, and various dignitaries of the Sahu community were present.

## NSO organizes 'Sanitation Fortnight' in Borsri

Raipur, Jul 14: The National Statistical Office (Field Operations Division) Regional Office, Raipur, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India, is organising Swachhta Pakhwada under from July 1, 2023 to 15 July, 2023. As part of the campaign, Swachhta Pakhwada will be organised in all the offices of the ministry and all field offices across the country. Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India is the nodal department for the Swachhta Pakhwada 2023.

On this occasion, Roshanlal Sahu, Deputy Director General, National Statistical Office said that Swachh Bharat Mission was started on 2 October 2014 in India for the purpose of cleanliness awareness. 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 2nd October 2019, the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Like every year, various types of programs related to cleanliness campaign are being organised by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India, from 1 July 2023, which will continue till 15 July 2023. The purpose of this campaign is to motivate



the common citizens to keep cleanliness around their housing and workplace. At the same time, it is also the responsibility of the common citizen to contribute as much as possible for maintaining cleanliness in the environment around them and protection. He emphasized that this campaign should be continued continuously. It is noteworthy that the work of price collection done in various urban and rural centers of the country by the Price Statistics Division of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India. This is a very important task by which the consumer price index (urban and rural) and consumer price index for agricultural labourers is determined every month. In Chhattisgarh, consumer price collection work is done in various urban and rural centers for this purpose. Among that price

collection centers, Borsri is a center where a cleanliness campaign program was organized today on 11-07-2023 with the aim of motivating the villagers and shopkeepers coming to the market to maintain cleanliness in the surroundings, homes and villages.

Along with this, Swachhata Abhiyan and plantation was conducted in the premises of Gram Panchayat Borsri in presence of Smt. Pushpa Jagannath Sahu, President of Janpad Panchayat, Fingeshwar Members of Gram Panchayat, Borsri and Jai Chhattisgarh Mahila Swachhata Samooch of the village also participated in this programme.

Later on, in the Government High School Borsri, a Swachhata Jaagrukta Abhiyan was organized in the Shala campus jointly by the officials of National Statistical Office and Principal, teachers and

students of the school. Also, resolutions has been taken for maintaining cleanliness as well as protection of environment by planting trees.

PL Sonwani, Assistant Director, National Statistical Office, Raipur, RK Srivastava and OP Sahu, Senior Statistical Officer including Shri OP Singh, Amit Mishra, Shri Gopal Singh, GR Bagmare, SL Pendre, Tekram Lodhi, Survey Supervisor and Jyotilata Khandel and Lalit Sahu, Survey Enumerators also participated in the Swachhata Pakhwada programme. In the cleanliness campaign, Deputy Sarpanch, Krishna Kumar Sahu, Shri Chetan Sahu, Secretary, Gram Panchayat Borsri, Jagannath Sahu, Bodhan Sahu along with shopkeepers and villagers also participated and took pledge to maintain cleanliness in their village, market and surrounding areas.

## CM pays tribute to 29 policemen on their Martyrdom day

Including Vinod Chaubey, who were martyred in the Madanwada Naxal violence

tyrs and offer our wreaths. We are all proud of you. Jai Hind.

It is noteworthy that SP Vinod Chaubey was the country's first IPS officer martyred in Chhattisgarh's Naxal operation. He was posthumously awarded the Kirti Chakra. He was martyred in an encounter during the Naxal attack. That attack was the first Naxalite attack in the country in which an SP was martyred. Apart from the SP, 28 policemen also lost their lives in this Naxalite attack. Late Vinod Chaubey, Sub Inspector Komal Sahu, Sub Inspector Dhanesh Sahu, Head Constable Sundar Lal Chaudhary, Head Constable Dushyant Singh, Constable Premchand Paswan, Constable Arvind Sharma,

Head Constable Geeta Bhandari, Head Constable Zacharias Khalkho, Head Constable Sanjay Yadav, Constable Prakash Verma, Constable Beduram Suryavanshi, Constable Subhash Kumar Behera, Constable Tikheshwar Deshmukh, Constable Suryapal Vatti, Constable Ajay Kumar Bhardwaj, Constable Manoj Verma, Constable Lokesh Chedaiya, Constable Shyamal Bhoi, Constable Mithlesh Kumar Sahu, Constable Rajnikant, Constable Nikesah Sahu, Constable Santram Sahu, Constable Jhaduram Sahu, Constable Amit Nayak, Constable Vedprakash Yadav, Constable Ritesh Kumar Vaishnav, and Constable Lalbahadur Nag were martyred during the encounter with Naxals.

## Strict action if MSJY not implemented: Collector



Mungeli, Jul 14: District Collector Rahul Dev said that strict action will be taken against those who are negligent in the repair work of dilapidated schools under the Mukhyamantri School Jatan Yojana (MSJY) in the district. The Collector instructed that the concerned construction agency should do the repair work seriously and that all the sub divisional officers should take the progress report of the repair work from the SDO of Rural Engineering Service Department on daily basis.

The Collector also directed to make alternative arrangements for the children to sit till the dilapidated schools are repaired. He also instructed to ensure the arrangement of teachers soon for LKG and UKG classes in Swami Atmanand English Medium School

Daupara Mungeli. The Collector also inquired about the availability of fertilizers and seeds for Kharif crops on time to the farmers of the district. During this, the Agriculture Department official told that due to not providing correct information regarding the seeds by the Seed Corporation, the seeds were not available on time in some committees.

The Collector said that 100 percent lifting of vermicompost produced under Godhan Nyaya Yojana should be ensured soon. Ayushman Bharat Yojana, PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, Unemployment Allowance Scheme, Haat Bazar Clinic, Shri Dhanwantri Generic Medical Store, Suposhan Yojana were also reviewed. Joint Collector Namrata Anand Dongre, Ajit Pujari, Deputy Collector Praveen Tiwari along with SDMs of all the three subdivisions and district level officers were present.

## SCs must be given due benefits: Khande

Koriya, Jul 14: Chairman of Chhattisgarh State Scheduled Caste Commission K. P. Khande took a meeting of departmental officers in the Collectorate hall and taking information about the government schemes run in the departments, directed that the benefits of the schemes implemented for the Scheduled Castes must be provided to this class without fail. There should be no discrimination against SC officers and employees and action should be ensured as per the rules by following the procedure under the instructions issued by the government, he said.

While giving information about the activities of the Commission in the meeting, Chairman of the Scheduled Caste Commission, Mr. Khande explained its formation and objectives in detail and said that the



Chhattisgarh State Scheduled Castes Commission is a constitutional body, along with reviewing the schemes run for the welfare of the scheduled caste class, curbing injustice done to this class and providing justice to the victims are among the priorities of the commission.

The Chairman of the Commission directed that children in hostels and ashrams should get the benefits of the schemes as per the prescribed rules and inter-caste marriage promotion scheme should be promoted for the prevention of un-

touchability in the society. Instructions were given to register the case under and take necessary action as per the rules.

In the meeting, he reviewed Agriculture, Women and Child Development Department, CREDA, Fisheries, Health, PMGSY, Horticulture, Industries, Labour, Food, Social Welfare and other departments. Shrikant Kaser member Tribal Development Department, Chetan Chandel, social worker, U.R. Mahilange and others were present.

## Complete the authority's development works on priority: Dhavde

Commissioner holds review meeting of Bastar Area Tribal Development Authority and other development works



Department and the Chief Executive Officers of the districts, the restoration works of Devguri-Mataguri, the development works of the Bastar Area Tribal Development Authority, implementation of the announcement made during the CM's visit to the division, the community forest rights lease to Devguri, review of Eklavya and Prayas residential school including forest rights recognition letter, 'Masahati' survey work, operation of economic activities under RIPA, other development works. During the review, the Commissioner said that taking special care of the dignity and grandeur of the idols of warriors and heroes approved by the authority, the

length of the idol should be kept at about 7 feet. Along with this, take care of the quality in the renovation work of Devguri-Mataguri. He praised all the districts in the Bastar division for doing better work in the entire state for granting forest rights recognition letters, as well as conserving land for Devguri-Mataguri and giving community forest rights leases. He also appreciated the distribution of loan booklets to FRA beneficiaries and the issuance of Kisan Credit Cards. Dhavde stressed on better implementation of FRA by making special efforts in Sukma, Dantewada, Bijapur, Narayanpur districts. The left out villages of the most sensitive area

were asked to set targets and issue certificates.

In the review meeting, after discussing about Purkhauti document Book, necessary documents and also underlining the importance of Devguri were asked to give information. Taking cognizance of the selection status of the students studying in Eklavya and Prayas residential schools in NIT, JEE, NEET. The commissioner gave instructions to the Principals of the institutes to get the students prepared for competitive exams. In the work of RES, he reviewed the progress of construction works of Fair Price Shop, Anganwadi Center. On this occasion, Deputy Commissioner BS Sidar, Madhuri Som, Joint Collector Dinesh Nag, along with Assistant Commissioners of all districts, CEOs of all districts of the division, CMOs of urban bodies, officers of RES department were present.

## Collector takes stock of necessary preparations

For rescue from flood disaster

Mock drill done to prevent disaster from floods

Central Chronicle News

Jagdulpur, Jul 14: It was under guidance of Collector Vijay Dayaram K, a mock drill was conducted on Friday at Mahadevghat of Indravati river to take stock of the necessary preparations for rescue from disaster due to flood. Mock-drill of all the flood rescue materials available at the district and divisional level was done by the Home Guards Department. During heavy rains in Mock-drill, villagers crossing the Indravati river through wood or small boats, generally face drowning if the boat overturns or if the flood water enters the village, then how the motor boat, scuba diving, underwater camera available in the district should be used was shown through a live demo



(mock-drill). In this using different types of chainsaws, life jackets, life buoys, Aska lights, Pelican lights, search lights was also demonstrated. In the flood-affected area of the district, the villagers of about 15 villages were made aware of how to save a drowning persons using 'tipa', 'bhagana', 'drum', 'mata-

ka', 'and other materials by making raft or how a 1 lt water bottle can be used by making it air tight and using it as life jacket. This demo was done by 30 personnel of SDRF and 20 personnel of flood rescue team of the district. On this occasion, Senior Superintendent of Police Jitendra Meena, CSP Vikas Kumar, Divisional Fighter SN Borwankar,

Joint Collector Ms. Aastha Rajput, SDM Nandkumar Choubey, Municipal Corporation Commissioner KS Paikra, Municipal Army Fighter SK Marble, Tehsildar Jai Nag including Revenue, Police, Health, State Disaster Response Force and Municipal Army teams and villagers were present.



BRIEF



Vehicles move through a waterlogged road following monsoon rains, at Beltola in Guwahati, Friday.

Pilgrims injured

Saharanpur (UP): As many as 12 kanwariyas were injured in the Teetro area here on Friday when the pickup van they were riding swerved to save a biker, police said. The accident took place when the kanwariyas (devotees of Lord Shiva) were headed for Haridwar from the Dudhar Kishanpura village here, SP Dehat Sagar Jain said. When the pickup van carrying them reached near Chandpura village here, the driver suddenly applied brakes to save a biker, following which the passengers fell on the road and got injured, Jain said. The accident victims suffered fractures in their hands and legs, he added.

Operator stabbed

New Delhi: Three persons were arrested for allegedly killing a lift operator following a scuffle in southeast Delhi's Pul Prahladpur area, police said on Friday. Vikash Kumar (26), a resident of Bihar, who worked as a lift operator was stabbed to death on Monday and police had been on the look out for the accused, they said. The accused were allegedly on the run when they were arrested, they added. The accused have been identified as Subhash (21), Vivek alias Raja (23), both residents of Faridabad in Haryana, and Manoj Kumar (22) from Urttar Pradesh's Loni, they said. On Monday, police received information at 10.24 pm that a person was lying near a bus stop in Pul Prahladpur with stab injuries.

Major fire

Pune: A major fire broke out at a godown of furnishing fabrics in Yelwevadi area of Maharashtra's Pune city on Friday morning, officials said. The fire brigade received a call about the blaze around 8 am, they said. "Twelve fire tenders and water tankers were rushed to the scene and efforts to control the fire are currently underway," a fire brigade official said. There was no report of any casualty so far, he said.

Three killed

Jammu: Three people were killed on Friday when a vehicle carrying them skidded off the road and rolled down a gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district, officials said. The vehicle of a private company was dented for the under-construction Keru power project. The accident took place in Keru area in the district, they said. The local people and security personnel launched a rescue operation and recovered three bodies from the site, they said.

UP govt withdraws SP leader Azam Khan's 'Y-category' security

Rampur (UP), Jul 14 (PTI): The Uttar Pradesh government has withdrawn the 'Y-category' security cover provided to Samajwadi Party leader Azam Khan saying it was not needed, as his party decried the move as "unfortunate." Rampur Additional Superintendent of Police Sansar Singh said they had received a letter from the security headquarters in Lucknow, which said there was no need to provide the Y-category security to Khan, a 10-time MLA from Rampur. In compliance with the order, his security was withdrawn, he added. Once buzzing with political activities, Khan's house on the Jail Road bore little resemblance to its heyday, bereft as it was of any uniformed men. Under the Y-category security, Khan was given three gunmen who were

posted at his residence round-the-clock, the ASP said. The move has triggered a political slugfest between the ruling BJP and the opposition Samajwadi Party headed by Akhilesh Yadav. SP's UP unit chief Naresh Uttam Patel slammed the move claiming there was still threat to his life. "There is a threat to his life. What can be more unfortunate than this? Today there are BJP leaders, who do not need any security, but they are moving around with Y-category security," Patel told reporters. He said that the BJP government framed Azam Khan in false cases, and has been inflicting mental and physical torture on him. UP BJP spokesperson Manish Shukla countered Patel's charges saying the security cover was taken off as per a periodic re-

view of threat perception. "The people who are given security by the government, their security is reviewed from time to time. The review is done by a committee which decides who has to be given security, and in which scale based on threat perception. "For Azam Khan, it was decided that he does not need any security," Shukla said, and called the exercise a "routine process." Once a heavy-weight cabinet minister in the SP regime, Khan's stocks have been in constant decline under the current state government led by BJP's Yogi Adityanath. Khan had won the Rampur assembly seat in the 2022 Uttar Pradesh polls for a record 10th time. After becoming the MLA, he resigned from the Lok Sabha.

India and Constitution cannot 'bear' one more BJP stint at the Centre: DMK

Chennai, July 14 (PTI): The ruling DMK in Tamil Nadu on Friday said it would put up a staunch opposition in the upcoming monsoon session of Parliament to the BJP regime's attempt to implement the Uniform Civil Code (UCC). India and its Constitution would not be able to "bear" one more opportunity for the BJP at the Centre as the saf-

from party has made the anti-defection law a mere "exhibit" by emerging as the "hero" of horse-trading culture that involves "purchasing" MLAs and MPs, a resolution adopted here at a DMK meet of party Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha MPs said. Recently, Ajit Pawar and his supporters split the Nationalist Congress Party and joined the government in Maharashtra led by

BJP-Shiv Sena (Eknath Shinde) coalition. Chaired by DMK President and Chief Minister M K Stalin, the party meeting said in the resolution that the nation faced the "great danger" of removal of the ideals of the "socialistic, secular and democratic republic" built into the preamble of the Constitution. The monsoon session of Parliament will be held from

July 20 to August 11. The DMK has decided that in Parliament its MPs would take on the ruling BJP which is "bent on" ushering in the UCC and other anti-people bills in haste. The DMK would take up the "transgressions" of governors, the "huge threat" to democracy, secularism, social justice, and fundamental and state's rights.

Minister RK Singh to chair G20 meets on energy in Goa on July 22

Panaji, Jul 14 (PTI): Union minister R K Singh will chair the G20 Energy Ministerial and Clean Energy Mission ministerial meeting scheduled to be held in Goa on July 22. Addressing a joint press conference, Union Power Secretary Pankaj Agarwal and Director General, the Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Abhay Bakre said more than 1,000 delegates, including policymakers, invitees, business leaders and researchers are expected to attend various meetings and events in the state from July 19-22. The upcoming energy transitions ministerial, clean energy ministerial (CEM), and Mission Innovation (MI) meetings are scheduled to be held from July 19 to 22. Union

Minister of Power and New and Renewable Energy R K Singh will chair the energy ministerial and CEM/MI meetings on July 22 and July 21 respectively, the officials said. Energy ministers from G20 member countries and nine invited countries and high-ranking officials from 14 international organisations will be part of the ministerial meeting, they said. Minister of State for Science and Technology Jitendra Singh will be the vice-chair of the CEM/MI meeting. The ministerial meeting will be followed by the launches of the green hydrogen innovation centre and global biofuel alliance by Singh and Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri on July 22.

Minister Balaji's ED arrest, judicial custody legal: Madras HC

Chennai, Jul 14 (PTI): The Madras High Court on Friday held legal the Enforcement Directorate's arrest of Tamil Nadu Minister V Senthil Balaji and subsequent judicial custody granted by a lower court. Justice C V Karthikeyan, the third judge to hear the matter, following a Division Bench's split verdict on a plea related to the Minister's arrest, held legal the arrest and custody. A Division Bench comprising Justices Nisha Banu and D Bharatha Chakravarthy had pronounced a split verdict on the Habeas Corpus petition filed by Megala, wife of Senthil Balaji. Justice Nisha Banu had held that the ED had no power to seek custody and said the HCP was maintainable. Justice Bharatha Chakravarthy, however, differed. The ED arrested Senthil Balaji last month in connection with the cash-for-jobs scam that occurred in the state's transport department, and he continues to be a Minister without portfolio.

Police stop oppn ISF MLA from entering constituency

Kolkata, Jul 14 (PTI): The police on Friday stopped Indian Secular Front (ISF) MLA Nawsad Siddique from entering his constituency Bhangar, which is in focus for violent incidents before and after the panchayat elections in West Bengal, citing prohibitory orders imposed there for security reasons. Siddique was stopped within the precincts of New Town, near here, by officials of Bidhannagar police commissionerate before he could enter Bhangar in South 24 Parganas district.

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Dalit brothers killed over land dispute

Surendranagar, Jul 14 (PTI): Five persons were arrested in Surendranagar district in Gujarat for alleged involvement in the murder of two Dalit siblings over a land dispute, a police official said on Friday. Aalji Parmar (60) and his brother Manoj Parmar (54) were beaten to death on Wednesday evening by a mob in Samadhiala village under Chuda taluka here. Five of the six accused who were named in the FIR were arrested on Thursday night, Surendranagar Superintendent of Police Haresh Dudhat said. He identified the arrested persons as main accused Amrabhai Khachar, Ghugha Khachar, Manglu Khachar, Bhikhu

Khachar and Bhanbhai Khachar. Meanwhile, the kin of the deceased accepted their bodies for final rites after police assured them in writing over their demands, which included protection at their home in Ahmedabad, field in Samadhiala and for court hearings in Surendranagar. Dudhat also gave a written assurance that arms licence will be given to the adult members of the victims' families as well as holding the trial in a fast track court. On Wednesday evening, complainant Parulben Parmar (60), a widow from Ahmedabad, and her kin had gone to Samadhiala in Chuda to start sowing on their ancestral land.

Hartals a thing of past in J-K: LG

Srinagar, Jul 14 (PTI): study. But, now those days are over," Sinha said addressing a function here. He said Kashmir would witness shutdowns for almost half of the year, and 'hartal calendars' would be issued, but now those days are a thing of past and life was normal throughout the year. "Everyone knows that there used to be 150 days of hartals a year. Every year, on January 1, a hartal calendar used to be issued. But, now, life is normal all 365 days. We have tried, and have been successful in keeping the businesses, schools, colleges, and universities functioning normally here," he added.

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## Directors of two chit fund companies nabbed

Bhilai, Jul 14:

Durg Police arrested the absconding directors of chit fund companies Sai Prakash Property Development Limited and Kolkata Ware Industries Limited. Durg Police is continuously taking action against the directors of the chit fund companies and is trying to protect the investments of the people.

According to the intention of the state government, Durg Police is working over the cases of chit fund frauds as per the instructions of Inspector General of Police (Durg Range) Anand Chhabra and Superintendent of Police (Durg) Shalabh Kumar Sinha. In this sequel, directors of two chit fund companies have been arrested. It needs to be mentioned here that Ranvijay Singh Baghel, Director of Sai Prakash Property Development Limited and Shahajan



Khan, Director of Kolkata Ware Industries Limited, lured the common people to invest in their companies with promise of higher returns and attractive offers. On completion of the time period (maturity of investment), when the customers reached the company to withdraw their money, they found that the Directors had absconded. On the complaint of investors, the crime was registered in Police Station Bhilai Nagar and Police Station Pulgaon.

Under the guidance of ASP (City) Sanjay Dhruv

and CSP (Bhilai Nagar) Nikhil Rakhecha, CSP Vaibhav Banker, investigations were launched and efforts were made to trace the accused. Ranvijay Singh Baghel, Director of Sai Prakash Property Development Limited and Shahajan Khan Ahmed, director of Kolkata Ware Industries Limited, had fled from their residence as soon as they came to know about the FIR against them. Police teams were sent to several states including West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra but the accused were not

found. After about eight years, Police received a tip off about Shahjan Khan, who was hiding in Raigarh. Police team reached Raigarh and the accused was arrested. He was sent to the jail on judicial remand.

Ranvijay Singh was absconding in a case lodged at Pulgaon Police Station under section 420, 409 IPC and Sections 3, 4, 5, 10 of the Chhattisgarh Protection of Depositors Interest Act. He was absconding for the last 6 years. Acting on a tip off, a police team reached Bhubaneswar and succeeded to arrest him. He was also sent to the jail on judicial remand.

Durg Police is making efforts to save the hard earned money of the investors by attaching the properties of the fraudsters, directors and their chit fund companies. The money of common people is being recovered.

## Police busts gang of notorious thieves

Bhilai, Jul 14:

With the arrest of four ruffians and recovery of stolen booty worth Rs 5 lakhs, Police claimed to have busted a gang of notorious thieves. The accused were arrested by a joint team of Anti-Crime and Cyber Unit and Mohan Nagar Police Station.

DSP (Crime) Rajeev Sharma informed that Surya Nagar resident Rajesh Verma had lodged a complaint at Mohan Nagar regarding theft of TV, Mobile phones and gold from his house on May 27.

Under the guidance of SP Shalabh Sinha and supervision of ASP (City) Sanjay Dhruv, CSP (Durg) Vaibhav Banker Ramanlal, a joint team led by ACCU in-charge Inspector Santosh Mishra and Inspector Vipin Rangari (SHO, Mohan Nagar) launched investigation.

Necessary information was collected from the crime scene and a network of informers was activated. CCTV footage of nearby places were also collected. Meanwhile, police received a tip off regarding some suspicious boys of Shankar Nagar, who were seen near the crime scene on the night of the incident. Police verified this information with the CCTV footage and later nabbed the suspects Ashish Thakur, Azad Lahori, Prem Nirmalkar and Dev Kumar Sen. During sustained interrogation, they confessed to stealing the motorcycle about 03 months ago



from Mohan Nagar area and using the same vehicle to roam around for recce and commit thefts in the night. They confessed to committing theft at Surya Nagar also. Police recovered 5 nos LED TVs, Oppo mobile, 1 gold locket, 2 silver chains and Bajaj Pulsar 220, etc from the accused.

Further action is being taken from Mohan Nagar Police Station against the accused identified as Ashish Thakur (25) son of Ashok Thakur a resident of Amapara, Durg; Azad Lahori (20) son of Rameshwar Prasad Lahori a resident of Amapara; Dev Kumar Sen (23) son of Lalaram Sen a resident of Naya

Amapara and Prem Nirmalkar (18) son of Nand Kumar Nirmalkar a resident of Naya Amapara, Durg.

ASI Rajesh Pandey, Head Constable Shiv Tiwari, Kapil Yadav, Pradeep Singh Thakur, Constable Jagjit Singh, Tisheshwar Rathore, Dharendra Yadav, Khurram Baksh, Farooq Khan, Chitrasen Sahu, Shobhit Sinha, Shaikat Hayat Khan, Keshav Sahu, Sanat Bharti, Narendra Sahare from Anti-Crime and Cyber Unit and Sub Inspector Chandravanishi, Head Constable Ajay Vishwakarma from Mohan Nagar Police Station played a vital role in arresting the accused.

## Prem Prakash Pandey performs Jalabhishek of Baba Baidyanath

Bhilai, Jul 14:

Former state cabinet minister Premprakash Pandey performed Jalabhishek of Lord at Baba Baidyanath Dham temple in Deoghar on Friday. After offering prayers, he prayed to Baba for the welfare of the entire world including the people of Bhilai.

Thereafter he performed Jalabhishek in Basukidham and offered prayers. After completing the rituals, Pandey said that he was fortunate that he was able to perform Jalabhishek in the auspicious month of Sawan for the 20th time and get blessings of the Lord. It is great fortune for all of



us that even in the midst of such harsh sun, by Baba's grace, they could cover a journey of more than 100 kms and after

completing the journey, had His darshan. During this a group of Kanwariyas of Bhilai were also present.

## Bodies of drowned youths recovered after 18 hours

Bhilai, Jul 14:

After 18 hours of rescue operation, the SDRF recovered the bodies of two youth from the flooded River Sheonath on Friday. The youth had fallen into the river while washing their bike at Aamti Check Dam located in the limits of Anda Police Station.

According to information, the deceased were Chumman Thakur (29) son of Sanat Thakur and Shivam Soni (19) son of Vickey Soni, both residents of Anda, Durg. On Thursday, Chumman and Shivam accompanied by four other youths went to Aamti Check Dam located near Vinayakpur. Around 14:30 hrs, Chumman took

his bike on the check dam wall to wash it. Shivam and Chumman were washing the bike when they suddenly slipped into the river. Their friends raised an alarm and tried to search for them with the help of locals. Later, a team of SDRF reached the spot and a search operation was launched. Divers were pressed into service but the youth were not found on Thursday. The rescue operation was stopped during the night and resumed on Friday morning. The bodies of both the youth were recovered around 08:00 hrs on Friday. Police have lodged a case and investigations are on.

## Youth sentenced to 20 years imprisonment for abducting and raping minor girl

Bhilai, Jul 14:

A Fast Track Special Court in Durg sentenced a 21-year-old boy to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment for abducting and sexually assaulting a minor girl on the pretext of marriage. Upper Sessions Judge (Fourth), FTSC - POCSO, Sangeeta Naveen Tiwari convicted 21-year-old Ajay Pandey alias Tikeshwar Pandey alias Puran Pandey, son of Late Ganesh Pandey a resident of Arya Nagar, Kohka on Friday. The girl's family had lodged a complaint at Supela Police Station on May 19, 2022 after she went missing on May 18, 2022. Later the police rescued the girl from Banaras in Uttar Pradesh

and arrested the accused. Special Public Prosecutor Santosh Kasar informed that the accused was known to the victim through her friend. The accused lured her to flee with him on the promise of marriage. He took the girl to Banaras in Uttar Pradesh and stayed with her in a rented house. He took the girl to a temple and married her by applying Sindoor. The accused established sexual relations with her several times at the rented house from May 21, 2022 to May 27, 2022. The girl's family lodged an FIR at Supela Police Station after which the girl was rescued from the rented house of the accused in Banaras. After trial, the Special

Court found the accused guilty and awarded different jail terms for Section 366, Section 496 of IPC and Section 6 of POCSO Act under which the accused was tried. He was sentenced to three years of rigorous imprisonment and Rs 100 fine under section 366 of IPC; three years of rigorous imprisonment and Rs 100 fine under section 496 of IPC and 20 years of rigorous imprisonment and Rs 5000 fine under section 6 of POCSO Act. The jail terms would run concurrently and penalties for different sections aggregating to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment and Rs 5200 fine, informed Special Public Prosecutor Santosh Kasar.

## Reddy Anna Book branch busted in Nagpur

Bhilai, Jul 14:

With the arrest of nine persons and recovery of mobiles and other items, police claimed to have busted a panel of an online betting racket. The accused were operating a panel of Reddy Anna Book 565. Two laptops, 17 mobiles of various companies used in Online Betting, ATM cards, Cheque Books and Pass Book were seized.

Durg Police is conducting a special campaign to curb the illegal activity of online cricket betting through Mahadev Book and other platforms. Under the guidance of Superintendent of Police (Durg) Shalabh Kumar Sinha and Additional Superintendent of Police (City) Sanjay Dhruv and City Superintendent of Police (Chhawani) Ashish Banchhor and DSP (Cyber) Prabhat Kumar, a joint



team of Old Bhilai Police Station and ACCU was maintaining vigil on the activities of suspects. The network of informers was also activated for the purpose. Analysis of information collected from the accused of previous raids was also conducted. In this sequel, police received a tip off regarding some persons who were operating a

branch of Reddy Anna Book in Nagpur. Most of the suspects were from Chhattisgarh.

Acting on this tip off, a joint team of police conducted a raid at a house in Mankapur Chowk in Nagpur and nabbed nine persons from the spot. During interrogation, they confessed to involvement in online betting.

They were using their mobiles to operate Reddy Anna Book. They were earning money illegally by betting.

The accused were identified as Sahil Qureshi (28) son of Samad Qureshi a resident of Takiyapara, Durg; Ahil Khan (32) son of Ramzan Khan a resident of Bhopal (MP); Asim Khan (25) son of Sakil Khan a resident of Bhathagaon Raipur; Saddam Khan (20) son of Hidayat Ullah a resident of Ambikapur; Khilendra Dewangan (19) son of Dewendra Dewangan a resident of Vijay Nagar; Bank Colony Durg; Pankaj Verma (31) son of Rajendra Verma a resident of Anandam World City Raipur; Vibhanshu Gajbhiye (19) son of Anil Gajbhiye a resident of Amapara, Durg; Sahil Chhaura (19) son of Prashant Chhaura a resi-

dent of Vijay Nagar, Durg; and Akash Khobragadhe (19) son of Prahlad Khobragadhe a resident of Naya Amapara, Durg.

ASI Rajesh Pandey, Head Constable Chandra Shekhar Banjeer, Shiv Tiwari, Kapil Yadav, Satendra Mandhariya, Constables Nitin Singh, Rinku Soni, Amit Dubey, Vikram Kumar, Rakesh Chowdhary, Gunit Kumar, DK Prakash, Arvind Mishra, Pradeep Singh, Tisheshwar Rathore, Dharendra Yadav, Sheikh Farooq, Khurram Baksh, Jagjit Singh, Shaikat Khan, Sanat Bharti, Keshav Sahu, Narendra Sahare, Javed Hussain, Nikhil Sahu, Abhay Rai, Dinesh Vishwakarma, Suresh Choubey, Aarti Singh and ASI Gorakhnath Chowdhary, Constables Arvind Medhe, Deepak Mandavi played a vital role in arresting the accused.

## DMC starts preparations for Hareli & Chhattisgarhia Olympics

Bhilai, Jul 14:

Preparations for organising the Chhattisgarhia Olympics have begun in Durg Municipal Corporation. Chhattisgarh Olympic Games will begin from the day of Hareli festival i.e., July 17, 2023. Durg Municipal Commissioner Lokesh Chandrakar has appointed Dinesh Kumar Netam (EE) as Nodal Officer, while Jitendra Samaiya as Assistant Nodal Officer regarding the preparations for the Chhattisgarhia Olympics. Other officers will be posted zone-wise in the included wards with duties as:- Deputy Engineer Rajendra Dhabale in Zone 1 Ward 1 to 8, Deputy Engineer Sweta Mahalwar in Zone 2 Ward 9 to 16, Pankaj Sahu in Zone 3 Ward 17 to 22 and 56 and 60, Vikas Damaha from Ward 23 to 30 in Zone 4, Deputy Engineer Vinod Manjhi from Ward No 31 to 33 and 55

to 58 in Zone 5, Sub Engineer Karan Yadav from Ward 34 to 39 in Zone 6, Bharti Thakur Ward 40 to 46 in Zone 7, Deputy Engineer Harishankar Sahu has been given the responsibility of Ward 47 to 54 in Zone 8. According to the information, in the first phase from July 17, the games will start at the Rajiv Yuva Mitra club level. The Corporation officials informed that there is no age limit in these games. 16 types of traditional sports have been included in this. Games like Gilli Danda, Pittool, Sankhali, Langdi Run, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Tug of War and Baanti (Kancha) have been included in the category. And single category sports include Billus, Fugdi, Gedi race, Bhanvra, 100 meter race, long jump, rope jump and wrestling. MLA Arun Vora and Mayor Dheeraj Bakliwal said that Chhattisgarh has a better opportunity to promote tradi-

tional sports. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel is continuously working towards saving the traditions of Chhattisgarh. He appealed to the citizens of the city to participate enthusiastically in the Olympic Games. Participants of three age groups will be able to participate in the Chhattisgarh Olympics. In this, the first category will include participants till the age of 18 years, the second category from 18 to 40 years and the third category will include participants above 40 years of age. Commissioner Lokesh Chandrakar has asked the organizers to maintain the numerical information of the participants such as the name of the participants, father's name, Aadhaar card, bank account, IFSC code, mobile number from the participants only at the time of registration. In the Chhattisgarh Olympics, children, elders, youth will all take part.

## Hemchand Yadav University to reopen admission portal again from July 15

Bhilai, Jul 14:

Hemchand Yadav University, Durg will reopen the portal for admission once again from July 15. This will be the fourth time that the admission portal for 155 colleges as regular students in the session 2023-24 for undergraduate and post-graduate first year will be opened. Giving this information, the Dean, Student Welfare, Dr Prashant Srivastava said that after the closure of the admission portal on July 10, students were given to take admission by July 15. The principals of all the colleges informed the university that this year the

pace of admission is very slow and a large number of seats are vacant in most of the colleges. Therefore, the admission portal of the university should be opened once again. Taking immediate cognizance of this, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Dr Aruna Palta instructed to open the portal for the fourth time from July 15 for admission in undergraduate and postgraduate first year. The date for admission in LLM first semester will be announced separately. Dr Srivastava told that the admission portal will remain open from July 15 to 20 and all the colleges will issue admission merit

list on July 21. The students who are placed in the merit list will be able to take admission till July 25. According to Dr Srivastava, out of 51,320 seats available in the first year; till July 13, only about 30,000 seats have been taken for admission. Remaining about 21,000 seats are still vacant. The Registrar of the University, Bhubendra Kuldeep has urged all the students to give their regular attendance in the classes conducted in the colleges by taking immediate admission. Students having less than 75% attendance will not be eligible for annual/semester examination.

## Employees of Blast Furnace felicitated with Shiromani Awards

Bhilai, Jul 14:

Employees of Blast Furnace Department of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant were awarded with 'Pali Shiromani' and 'Karm Shiromani' Awards for their commendable work performance under the 'Shiromani Puraskar Yojana' by Bhilai Steel Plant, in an Award Ceremony held at Welfare Building-8 (Blast Furnace) Conference Hall, on July 14, 2023. Saumya Tokdar, CGM (Blast Furnace) was the chief guest of the Award Ceremony. Vikas Kumar Soni, AGM (Electrical Maintenance) was awarded the 'Pali Shiromani



Award', for exemplary performance during the quarter April to June 2023. Tarun Kumar Sahu, Chief Master Technician, and Jivan Lal Kurre, Chief Master Technician, were awarded the 'Karm Shiromani Award', for their commendable work performance for the month of June 2023.

Mementoes and Certificates were presented to the awardees, along with Letter of Appreciation to their respective Spouses. Addressing the gathering Saumya Tokdar, CGM (Blast Furnace) appreciated the awardees for their achievements and contributions at the workplace.

He spoke about the challenges and importance of safety and said that the safety of our employees is our first priority. Tokdar urged all the employees of Blast Furnace to work in the future with the same spirit and also encourage the fellow colleagues. Other senior officers of the department were also present during the Award Ceremony, including Arvind Gupta, Rajesh Gaikwad, S Balraj, Navin Tiwari, Manish Tiwari, and KK Chaari, along with Vinita Johri and Vikas Nashine. All the present guests also congratulated the award winners by appreciating their exemplary performance. In his

welcome address Biju George, AGM (Personnel) Blast Furnaces, spoke upon the importance of 'Shiromani Puraskar Yojana' by Bhilai Steel Plant and said that the main objective of the scheme is to encourage innovation at the workplace, shifts, and for the better utilization of resources and standards of safety to meet the goals of the organization. Under the Shiromani Award scheme, 19 employees from Blast Furnace Department have been awarded with Pali Shiromani Award, whereas 109 personnel have been awarded with Karma Shiromani Puraskar so far.



# Indian student attacked with iron rods by Khalistan supporters in Australia

Melbourne, Jul 14 (PTI):

A 23-year-old Indian student was beaten up with iron rods by Khalistan supporters in Australia for opposing the activities of extremist elements, a media report said on Friday.

The student was on his way to work when he was attacked by assailants chanting "Khalistan Zindabad" in Sydney's western suburb of Merrylands, The Australia Today news portal reported.

am when I was going to work, some 4-5 Khalistan supporters attacked me," the student, who preferred anonymity, was quoted as saying.

"As soon as I sat in my driving seat, these Khalistan supporters came out of nowhere. One of them opened the left side door of my vehicle and hit me with an iron rod on my cheekbone under my left eye," he said.

The student, who also works as a driver, said he was then dragged out of the vehicle and beaten

with iron rods. He added that two of the assailants also video-recorded the attack.

"They were repeatedly raising the slogan 'Khalistan Zindabad' the whole time," he was quoted as saying in the report.

"Everything happened within 5 minutes, and they left saying this should be a lesson for me for opposing the Khalistan issue. If not, they are ready to give me more lessons like this," he said.

The New South Wales (NSW) Police were informed about the incident,

and the Indian student was taken to Westmead Hospital with major injuries to his head, leg, and arm, the report said.

"Police have been told a 23-year-old man was walking along Rupert Street before he was assaulted by four men armed with a metal pole," a police spokesperson was quoted as saying in the report.

"The 23-year-old was allegedly kicked, punched, and hit with the metal pole repeatedly before the four men left the scene in a grey sedan," the spokesperson added.

# China criticises German call for reducing dependency on Chinese products as 'protectionism'

Beijing, Jul 14 (AP):

China on Friday criticised a German government call for reducing dependency on Chinese products and decreasing other potentially unstable factors in bilateral relations, calling it a form of protectionism.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said that a long-awaited German government strategy for relations with China that pointed to a "systemic rivalry" went "against the trend of the times, and will only aggravate divisions in the world." Wang said the two countries were "partners rather than rivals," a typical ruling Chinese

Communist Party formulation for dismissing criticism. "We believe that to engage in competition and protectionism in the name of de-risking and reducing dependency, and to overstretch the concept of security and politicise normal cooperation will only be counterproductive and create artificial risks," Wang told reporters at a daily briefing. Germany has Europe's biggest economy and its strategy seeks to balance robust trade ties with China, its biggest single trading partner in recent years, against wariness over Beijing's growing assertiveness and refusal to criticise Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

# Jaishankar discusses Ukraine issue, Indo-Pacific with Blinken

Jakarta, Jul 14 (PTI):

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Friday met US Secretary of State Antony Blinken here and discussed issues like Ukraine, Myanmar and Indo-Pacific.

"Pleasure to meet Secretary Blinken. Followed up on PM Narendra Modi's recent visit to the US. Also exchanged views on Ukraine, Myanmar and Indo-Pacific," the minister, who is here in the Indonesian capital, tweeted.

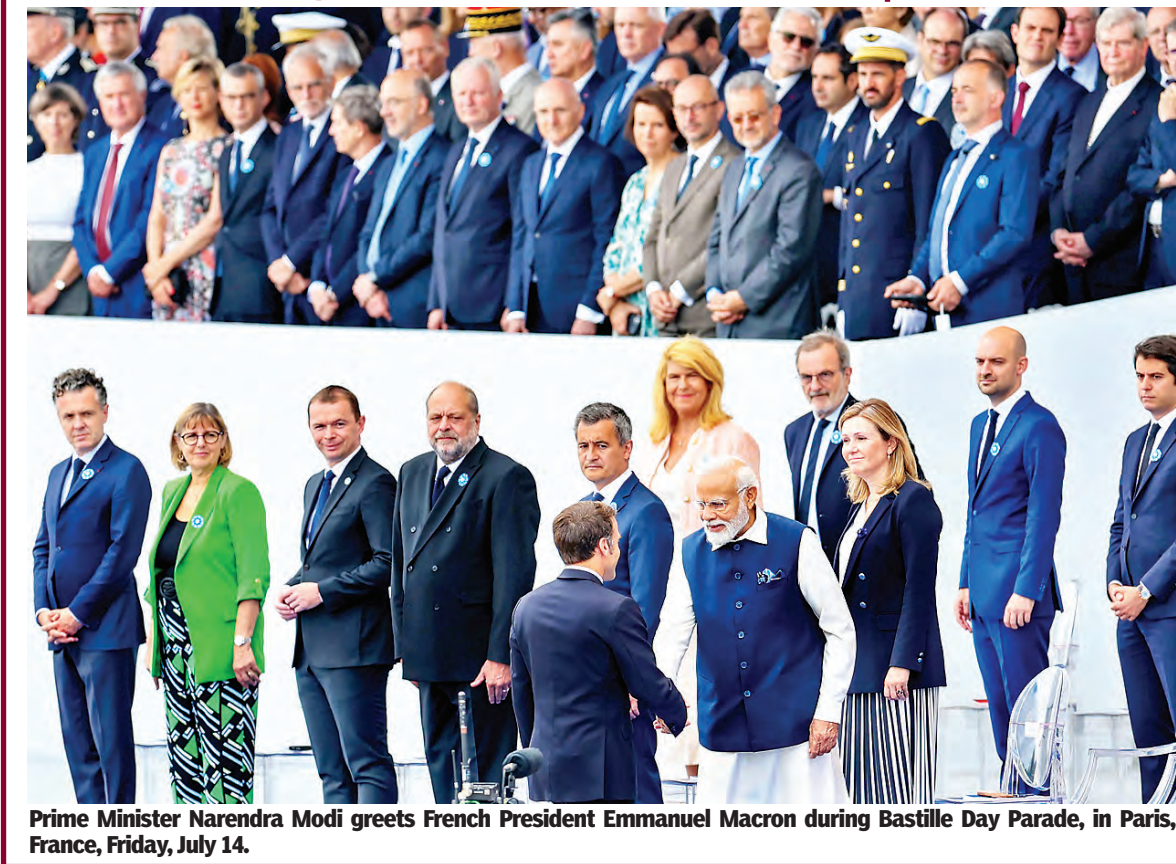
The Indo-Pacific is a biogeographic region, comprising the Indian Ocean and the western and central Pacific Ocean, including the South China Sea.



The US, India and several other world powers have been talking about the need to ensure a free, open and thriving Indo-Pacific in the backdrop of China's rising military manoeuvring in the resource-rich region.

The minister is visiting Indonesia for the Foreign Ministers' Meetings under the ASEAN framework in the format — ASEAN-India, East Asia Summit and ASEAN Regional Forum.

# BASTILLE DAY PARADE



Prime Minister Narendra Modi greets French President Emmanuel Macron during Bastille Day Parade, in Paris, France, Friday, July 14.

# China has penetrated every sector, poses spy threat to UK, warns parliamentary panel

London, Jul 14 (PTI):

China's size and ambition has enabled it to successfully penetrate every sector of the UK's economy, an influential parliamentary panel has said, warning that Beijing's national imperative continues to become a technological and economic superpower on which other countries are reliant, which represents the "greatest risk" to the UK.

Party (CCP) and a global level, to become a technological and economic superpower on which other countries are reliant, which represents the "greatest risk" to the UK, it said.

It cautioned that the level of resources dedicated by the UK to tackling the threat posed by China's so-called "whole-of-state" approach has been "completely inadequate". "China almost certainly maintains the largest state intelligence apparatus in the world dwarfing the UK's Intelligence Community and presenting a challenge for our agencies to cover," the report notes.

"As a result, our agencies' work has to be targeted on those aspects that are most damaging. However, the problem is compounded by China's 'whole-of-state' approach,"

it said. "In practice, this means that Chinese state-owned and non-state-owned companies, as well as academic and cultural establishments and ordinary Chinese citizens, are liable to be (willingly or unwillingly) co-opted into espionage and interference operations overseas: much of the impact that China has on national security is

overt through its economic might, its takeovers and mergers, its interaction with Academia and Industry as opposed to the covert activity carried out by its intelligence officers," it said. The ISC review is critical of the UK government approach, which until the pandemic readily accepted Chinese investments.

**SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE**

E-Tender Notice No.: WRSR-02-23-34-RSP-Door, Date: 11.07.2023.

Name of the Work: Blocking of two doors and reduction of height of remaining two doors in all BOXX variant wagons including BOXNHL.

Approximate Tender Value: ₹ 12.26, 73,464.94 (₹ Twelve Crore Twenty-Six Lakhs Seventy-Three Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Four and Ninety-Four Paise Only) including GST @18%.

Quantity and Contractual Period: As per annexure enclosed for a period of 12 (Twelve) Months. Earnest Money: ₹ 7,63,400/- (₹ Seven Lakhs Sixty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Only). Cost of Tender Form: Nil.

Tender Closing Date & Time: 03.08.2023 at 15.30 hours. Bidding Start Date: 20.07.2023. Eligibility Criteria: Can be seen on website. Manual tender shall not be accepted. The details of the tender are available on our website: [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)

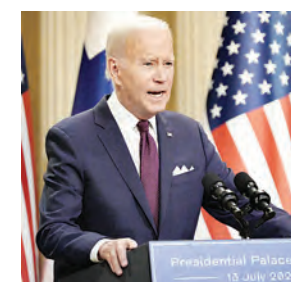
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# Biden making \$20bn available from 'green bank' for clean energy projects

Washington, Jul 14 (AP):

The Biden administration is making available USD 20 billion from a federal "green bank" for clean energy projects such as residential heat pumps, electric vehicle charging stations and community cooling centres. Two programs, worth USD 14 billion and USD 6 billion, respectively, will offer competitive grants to states, tribes and non-profits to invest in clean energy projects, with a focus on disadvantaged communities, the White House says. Vice President Kamala Harris, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator



Michael Regan and other officials will announce the grant competitions Friday at a historically black university in Baltimore. Congress created the green bank, formally known as the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, in last year's climate law.

The grant competitions follow a USD 7 billion Solar for All program launched last month for residential and community solar projects in low-income communities.

**Chhattisgarh State Electricity Regulatory Commission**

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**NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

M/s Jindal Steel and Power Limited has filed petition for determination of ARR for FY 2023-24 and true-up for FY 2021-22 for its licensed transmission business under section 61, 62 & 86(1)(a) of the Electricity Act, 2003. This petition has been registered as petition no. 16 of 2023.

Above petition is available on the Commission's website [www.cserc.gov.in](http://www.cserc.gov.in). A public hearing on these petitions will be held on 25/07/2023 at 11:30 a.m. in the Commission's court room.

Save Electricity // s-37743/5

SECRETARY

**कार्यालय नगर पालिक निगम, भिलाई**

क्र./परियोजना/र.नि./2023/930/208 भिलाई, दिनांक 14/07/2023

// रुचि की अभिव्यक्ति (EOI) 2nd call //

नगर पालिक निगम भिलाई भिलाई क्षेत्रांतर्गत कार्बन क्रेडिट का कार्य हेतु (EOI) 27.07.2023 तक आमंत्रित की जाती है। प्राप्त (EOI) दिनांक 28.07.2023 को प्रातः 11:00 बजे उपस्थित एजेंसी अथवा उनके अधिकृत प्रतिनिधि के समक्ष खोली जावेगी।

कार्य की विस्तृत जानकारी कार्यालयीन समय में परियोजना शाखा एवं मुख्य कार्यालय नगर पालिक निगम, भिलाई की वेबसाइट [www.bhilainaganigam.com](http://www.bhilainaganigam.com), <http://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> एवं UAD की साईट में देखी जा सकती है।

कार्यपालन अभियंता

**NMDC Limited**

(A Government of India Enterprise)

Khanji Bhavan, 10-3-311/A, Castle Hills, Masab Tank, Hyderabad - 500 028.

Corporate Identity Number (CIN): L31007G1958GOI001674

**Invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI)**

NMDC Limited intends to supply iron ore from its Mines in Bailadila Region, Chhattisgarh i.e., Bachelii & Kirandul Mines under long-term agreement to interested end use parties who qualify the Eligibility Criteria for enlistment as long-term customer. NMDC Limited Invites EOI (Expression of Interest) from Integrated Steel Plants, Mini Steel Plants Pellets Plants, Sponge Iron Plants and any end use plants who wish to enter into long-term agreements with NMDC for supply of iron ore from Bailadila Sector i.e. Bachelii Mines & Kirandul Mines.

The EOI document including Eligibility Criteria can be viewed and / or downloaded from NMDC website <http://www.nmdc.co.in>. Any corrigendum to the above invitation will be uploaded only on NMDC website and will not be published. Prospective applicants should visit the above website from time to time to note the corrigendum, if any.

For further clarifications, General Manager Commercial, NMDC Limited can be contacted on Cell No: 9848063300; email: [kvssrvkprasad@nmdc.co.in](mailto:kvssrvkprasad@nmdc.co.in)

Executive Director (Commercial)

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS**

[Scholarship Section]

**National Overseas Scholarship Scheme (NOS) for ST candidates for the Selection year 2023-24.**

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, invites online applications for the National Overseas Scholarship Scheme (NOS) from ST candidates for the selection year 2023-24. The scholarship is awarded to students selected for pursuing higher studies abroad at the Masters level, Ph.D and Post-Doctoral Research programmes.

Number of slots for Scholarship: 20

Interested Candidates may apply online through <https://overseas.tribal.gov.in/>

The last date for submitting applications online is: 31/07/2023

For more details candidates may visit Ministry's portal: - <https://overseas.tribal.gov.in/>

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**कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता**

**लोक निर्माण विभाग संभाग बलौदा बाजार**

**आदेश**

ज्ञाप.क्र. 3210/ब.ले.वि./2023 बलौदा बाजार, दिनांक: 11-7-2023

निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना क्र. 04, दिनांक 30.06.2023 जिसकी आवेदन प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि 11.07.2023 थी, को अपरिहार्य कारणों से निरस्त किया जाता है।

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कार्यपालन अभियंता

लो.नि.वि.संभाग, बलौदा बाजार (छ.ग.)

G-03267/1

**GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER**

**MAHANADI GODAVARI BASIN, RAIPUR (C.G.)**

**e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE**

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

**(2nd Call)**

**System Tender No. : 140872/NIT No. : 09/SAC/2023-24, Kawardha, Dated : 11.07.2023**

**Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to 31.07.2023 at 17:30 Hour**

Name of Work : RENOVATION OF HEAD WORK OF DULHAR TANK AND REMODELING, LINING OF MAIN CANAL, CONSTRUCTION OF 03 NOS. VRB, 01 NO. SUPER PASSAGE, 01 NOS. D.C., 07 NOS FALLS AND COLABA PIPES FIXING AT BLOCK KAWARDHA DISTRICT KABIRDHAM

Probable Amount of Contract: - Rs. 256.84 Lakhs

(As per S.O.R Dated 01.08.2010 (As amended dated 22.08.2022))

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) from Date 19.07.2023, at 17:31 Hours (IST) onwards.

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

Executive Engineer

Water Resources Division, Kawardha, Distt. Kabirdham (C.G.)

For, Chief Engineer, Mahanadi Godavari Basin Raipur (C.G.)

G-03248/1

**कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियंता**

**लोक निर्माण विभाग, बिलासपुर मंडल, बिलासपुर**

**ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट निविदा सूचना**

Portal : <http://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>

छत्तीसगढ़ शासन, लोक निर्माण विभाग, बिलासपुर मण्डल, बिलासपुर में निम्नलिखित कार्य नवीन ई-पंजीयन में पंजीकृत ठेकेदार हेतु सरल क्र. 1 से 2 हेतु दिनांक 25.07.2023 तक एवं सरल क्र. 3 से 5 हेतु दिनांक 31.07.2023 तक निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है :-

क्र.	नि.आ.सू. क्र./दिनांक	कार्य का नाम	लागत (लाख में)
1	81	लोक निर्माण विभाग उपसंभाग भैसमा अंतर्गत मार्ग में पेच रिपेयर कार्य (बी.टी.) पेच डब्ल्यू.एम.एम. पेच एवं ड्रेन/पटरी मरम्मत कार्य। द्वितीय आमंत्रण। कोरबा संभाग कोरबा।	100.00
2	82	जिला मुंगेली के मुख्य मार्ग से बंदली हाईवेकल पट्टेच मार्ग लं. 1.20 कि.मी. में पुल पुलिया सहित निर्माण कार्य। द्वितीय आमंत्रण। मुंगेली संभाग मुंगेली।	199.49
3	83	जिला रायगढ़ के ग्राम पंचायत केशला से लखनपुरा में सी.सी. मार्ग निर्माण लं. 0.45 कि.मी. का शेष कार्य। प्रथम आमंत्रण। रायगढ़ संभाग रायगढ़।	52.68
4	84	जिला जाजगीर बाघा के सिवनी-अचानकमार-साल्ती-अडभार-दुंद्री-रायगढ़ मार्ग लं. 13.00 कि.मी. का उन्मग्न एवं नवीनीकरण का कार्य, बंधनीडीह रोड सारगाव से नेशनल हाईवे तक नगर किनारे मार्ग निर्माण पुल-पुलिया सहित लं. 2.70 कि.मी. निर्माण कार्य एवं सारगाव से अमरुवा मार्ग 6.50 कि.मी. (वारसविक लं. 4.00 कि.मी.) का निर्माण कार्य में रोड फिक्स्चर एवं रोड मार्किंग का कार्य। प्रथम आमंत्रण। बाघा संभाग बाघा।	55.13
5	85	जिला जाजगीर बाघा के सक्ती बरपाली बासीन फाट मार्ग के कि.मी. 16 से 23 = 8.00 कि.मी. का निर्माण कार्य में रोड फर्नीचर का कार्य। प्रथम आमंत्रण। बाघा संभाग बाघा।	25.93

निविदा में भाग लेने की प्रक्रिया एवं निविदा के संबंध में विस्तृत जानकारी विभाग के उपरोक्त वेबसाइट में देखे जा सकते हैं।

अधीक्षण अभियंता

लो.नि.वि., बिलासपुर मण्डल, बिलासपुर

G-03251/1

**Public Works Department**

**Sector-19, North Block, Naya Raipur (C.G.)**

**E-Procurement Tender Notice**

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NIT No. 218 /TC/EinC/PWD/2023-24 Dated 06.07.2023

The Engineer-in-Chief, Public Works Department on behalf of Government of Chhattisgarh invites percentage rate bids on electronic tendering system under RCLPWE RRP-III in the district of Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki & Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai for construction of 05 Bridges with estimated cost amounting Rs 1402.96 Lacs including their maintenance for five years from the contractors registered with unified registration system (e-registration) in Chhattisgarh. Non registered bidders may submit bid; however the successful bidder must get registered in appropriate class under "Unified Registration System (e-Registration) of Chhattisgarh before signing the agreement.

The bid document shall be available to bidders online free of cost and should be submitted online e-procurement system of government of Chhattisgarh in <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>. Bids form will be available on the website from 07.07.2023 and may be submitted up to 17:00 Hrs. on 24.07.2023

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

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

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

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**व्यवहार न्यायाधीश (प्रवेश स्तर) परीक्षा-2023 के संबंध में महत्वपूर्ण सूचना**

व्यवहार न्यायाधीश (प्रवेश स्तर) परीक्षा-2023 की लिखित परीक्षा दिनांक 20 अगस्त 2023 (सोमवार) को 03 जिलों क्रमशः - बिलासपुर, दुर्ग-भिलाई, रायपुर (छ.ग.) के निर्धारित परीक्षा केन्द्रों पर आयोजित की जाएगी, जिसकी समय-सारणी निम्नानुसार है:-

Name of Exam.	DATE	DAY	TIME
(1) व्यवहार न्यायाधीश (प्रवेश स्तर) परीक्षा-2023	20.08.2023	Sunday	11:00 A.M. to 01:00 P.M.

टीप- उक्त परीक्षा में ऋणात्मक अंक (Minus Marking) का प्रावधान नहीं है एवं प्रत्येक प्रश्न के लिए 01-01 अंक निर्धारित है।

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### Ensuring Accountability

#### Tenure Transparency

In verdict, the Supreme Court of India has shed light on a critical issue concerning the tenure of top officials within the country's investigative agencies. The court declared the successive extensions granted to Sanjay Kumar Mishra, the chief of the Enforcement Directorate (ED), as illegal and invalid. This ruling marks a significant moment as it puts an end to the arbitrary and opaque granting of extensions, fostering transparency and accountability in the functioning of these agencies. The court's decision comes after its earlier admonishment of the government for granting Mishra a third extension and questioning the necessity of his continued presence. The government had justified its decision by citing the importance of Mishra's leadership during an upcoming peer review by the Financial Action Task Force. However, the court had previously issued a mandamus explicitly prohibiting any further extensions. By disregarding this directive, the government displayed a disregard for the court's authority. The Supreme Court's ruling clarifies that extensions to the tenure of officials cannot be granted at the whims of the government. Instead, they must be based on the recommendations of the respective appointment committees. The court emphasizes that public interest should be the primary consideration when deciding whether to extend an officer's tenure. This criterion ensures that the decision-making process is objective and focused on the agency's effectiveness. While the government has been reprimanded for its improper actions, it is important to note that the court has upheld the validity of two Central laws and their corresponding rules. These laws outline a maximum tenure of five years for directors of the ED and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). This validation ensures that there are legal provisions in place to prevent undue extensions and protect the credibility of these crucial investigative bodies. The credibility of the ED and the CBI has been repeatedly questioned by the opposition, with allegations of the government exploiting these agencies for political gain. The controversy surrounding the appointment or extension of top officials has only exacerbated these concerns. Therefore, it is imperative that the government demonstrates its commitment to the rule of law by adhering to the established laws and rules, ensuring a smooth and unbiased functioning of both agencies. The Supreme Court's verdict not only highlights the importance of tenure transparency but also serves as a reminder of the significance of an independent judiciary in upholding democratic values. By curbing arbitrary extensions and emphasizing the need for public interest, the court's decision paves the way for a more accountable and responsible approach in the functioning of the ED and the CBI. It is now incumbent upon the Union government to implement the laws and rules in earnest. By doing so, it can restore faith in these investigative agencies and demonstrate its commitment to impartiality and fairness. The government must ensure that appointments and extensions are made on merit, based on the recommendations of the appointment committees, and with utmost consideration for public interest.

### New GST Reforms

#### A Mixed Bag

The recent decisions taken by the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council in its 50th meeting have brought a mixed bag of relief and setback. While certain exemptions and reductions aim to alleviate the burden on the general populace, there are concerns and criticisms surrounding the imposition of higher taxes on specific sectors. The announcement of GST exemption on medicines for rare health ailments, certain food items for medical purposes, and specific cancer drugs is undoubtedly a relief for those in need. Additionally, the decision to reduce the GST on food and beverages served in cinema halls from 18% to 5% aligns it with the levy charged in hotels and restaurants, ultimately making it more affordable for consumers. However, it is the imposition of 28% GST, the highest slab, on online gaming companies' collections from customers that has stirred strong reactions. The industry, valued at \$1.5 billion, views this as a major setback. The high tax burden is expected to negatively impact operations, foreign investment, and job opportunities, potentially benefiting illegal offshore companies in the long run. There is a growing demand for a reconsideration of this decision to prevent the industry's decline. Another notable decision of the GST Council is the imposition of a 28% GST and a compensation cess of 22% on all utility vehicles. This brings uniformity in the tax treatment of utility and sports utility vehicles (SUVs). While this decision ensures clarity, it may lead to increased costs for vehicle buyers and consumers using taxi services. On a positive note, the tax exemption for satellite launch services supplied by private organizations is a move aimed at fostering entrepreneurship in the space sector. This decision can encourage private players to invest in and expand their services, contributing to the growth of India's space industry. However, there are concerns regarding the inclusion of the GST Network, the platform that processes tax returns, under the purview of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act without formal discussion. This move has drawn criticism from the opposition parties. The government claims that information will only be shared with the Financial Intelligence Unit and not the Enforcement Directorate to avoid any misuse of probe agencies. Nevertheless, these assurances may not be sufficient to allay concerns about potential misuse of taxpayer data. While the GST Council's decisions aim to strike a balance between revenue generation and providing relief, it is crucial for policymakers to consider the broader implications of these measures. The government should closely monitor the impact of the decisions on various sectors and be open to revisiting them if necessary. Transparency and open dialogue between the government and stakeholders are vital to ensure a fair and effective GST regime. GST decisions reflect a mix of positive outcomes and concerns. While exemptions and reductions offer relief to certain segments, the imposition of higher taxes on online gaming companies raises apprehensions about the industry's growth. The government must carefully assess the consequences of these decisions and be responsive to the evolving needs of businesses and citizens. Only through comprehensive analysis and proactive measures can the GST regime truly fulfill its objective of promoting economic growth and ease of doing business.

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### FLOODED ROAD



A flooded road near Marghat Wale Hanuman Mandir as the swollen Yamuna river floods nearby areas, at Jamuna Bazar in New Delhi, Friday, July 14. After breaching a 45-year record three days ago, water levels in the Yamuna in Delhi came down to 208.25 metres at 3 pm on Friday even as several key areas in the city were inundated.

## UCC: A move to reinforce Secularism and National Integration

PROF. SUNIL GOYAL



The historical origins of the call for a Uniform Civil Code in India can be attributed to the colonial period. Under the British Raj, the Indian Succession Act of 1925, The Special Marriage Act 1954 was implemented by the British government with universal application to all Indian citizens regardless of their religious affiliation. The objective of this legislation was to establish consistency in the laws governing inheritance throughout the nation. Nonetheless, the British Government did not endeavour to implement a Uniform Civil Code for personal laws beyond the scope of the aforementioned. Following the attainment of independence, the discourse surrounding the implementation of a uniform civil code persisted. Article 44 of the Indian Constitution, ratified in 1950, stipulates the implementation of a uniform civil code. Nonetheless, the implementation of the aforementioned policy has been hindered by political and social factors across various administrations. The Uniform Civil Code represents a vision of equality, justice, and harmony, aiming to replace various personal laws with a common set of laws governing personal matters such as marriage, divorce, inheritance, and adoption, irrespective of an individual's religious affiliation. The 22nd Law Commission on

Wednesday, the 14th June, 2023 sought consultation from all stakeholders including the general public as well as religious organizations on the implementation of the Uniform Civil Code. Prior to this, the 21st Law Commission had also sought the views of various stakeholders on implementation of a Uniform Civil Code. The Consultation Paper on 'Reforms of Family Law' on was issued on 31.08.2018. The official notice states that "Since more than three years have lapsed since the date of issuance of the said Consultation Paper, bearing in mind the relevance and importance of the subject and also the various Court orders on the subject, the 22nd Law Commission of India considered it expedient to deliberate afresh over the subject". The co-existence of various personal laws in India is a result of India's diverse religious and cultural landscape. These laws govern matters such as marriage, divorce, inheritance, and adoption, among others. A Uniform Civil Code would mean that all the citizens would be under the same set of personal laws, irrespective of their religious affiliations. In order to ensure the fostering of national integration as well as gender equality, the framers of the Indian Constitution had recognized the need for implementation of a Uniform Civil Code in India. Article 44 of the Indian

Constitution states, "The State shall endeavor to secure for the citizens a Uniform Civil Code throughout the territory of India." Unlike fundamental rights, directive principles are non-justiciable, meaning they are not enforceable by courts. However, they serve as guiding principles for the state in making policies and laws. Creating a Uniform Civil Code that respects religious and cultural diversity while ensuring gender equality requires a consultative and inclusive approach involving all stakeholders. The aim of such a process is to address concerns, promote understanding, and foster consensus. Therefore, the Law Commission has now sought views of relevant stakeholders again "bearing in mind the relevance and importance of the subject and also the various Court orders on the subject". The main reasons as to why are people in favour of a Uniform Civil Code, is that UCC promotes gender equality, ensuring that personal laws are not discriminatory against women, UCC has the potential to foster social cohesion and unity by removing divisions created by personal laws based on religion, the implementation of a UCC can reinforce the principles of secularism and national integration, the UCC can streamline the legal framework by replacing multiple personal laws with a single set of laws, and implementing a UCC allows for the incorporation of modern principles and practices into personal laws. On the other hand, some people and opponents argue that implementing a UCC might infringe upon the religious freedom of individuals, opponents also contend that imposing a uniform set of laws across all religious communities may undermine the diversity and distinct practices and customs associated with different religions, there is also a fear that UCC might mean that the

majority community's practices will dominate, leading to marginalization and discrimination against minority groups, and opponents also contend that implementing a UCC would be a complex and challenging task. India has a unique blend of codified personal laws of Hindus, Muslims, Christians, Parsis. There exists no uniform family-related law in a single statute book for all Indians which is acceptable to all religious communities who co-exist in India. However, a majority of them believe that UCC is definitely desirable and would go a long way in strengthening and consolidating the Indian nationhood. The differences of opinion are on its timing and the manner in which it should be realized. A progressive and broadminded outlook should be encouraged among the people to understand the spirit of the UCC. For this, education, awareness and sensitisation programmes must be taken up. The Uniform Civil Code should be drafted keeping in mind the best interest of all the religions. A committee of eminent jurists should be constituted to maintain uniformity and care must be taken not to hurt the sentiments of any particular community. The matter being sensitive in nature, it is always better if the initiative comes from the religious groups concerned. Instead of using it as an emotive issue to gain political advantage, political and intellectual leaders should try to evolve a consensus. The question is not of minority protection, or even of national unity, it is simply one of treating each human person with dignity, something which personal laws have so far failed to do. (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](mailto:gasspub@gmail.com).)

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### UN Condemnation

I am deeply concerned about the recent Israeli attack on Jenin's refugee camps in the West Bank. The assault on July 3rd resulted in the loss of over 12 civilian lives and left approximately 143 people injured, some critically. UN Security General Antonio Guterres rightfully condemned the attack and the excessive use of force against Palestinians. However, it is disheartening that Israel has demanded the retraction of this condemnation. Mere condemnation is insufficient; the UN must take serious action against Israeli terrorism, considering its past support. Let us stand in solidarity with Palestine and its people, urging the United Nations to address this situation and work towards a just and lasting resolution.

Shaikh Abdul Rafe, Nandurbar (MH)

#### Urgent Action Needed for Rail Safety

The Indian Railways, operating over 12,000 trains daily, has introduced the prestigious Vande Bharat trains. However, ensuring passenger safety is crucial. The recent collision of three trains in Odisha claimed over 280 lives and injured over 1,000 people, emphasizing the need for robust safety measures. Alarming, critical positions like track inspection, signalling, and engineering suffer from a shortage of skilled manpower. With over 2.74 lakh vacant posts in Group C and approximately 1.77 lakh vacancies in the safety category, urgent action is required. We urge swift filling of these positions, with a particular focus on training new recruits in the safety category. Properly trained personnel are vital for passenger security. Let us prioritize rail safety by investing in skilled manpower and comprehensive training to prevent tragic incidents.

Anantha Padmanabhan, Bengaluru

#### Tomato Troubles

The soaring price of tomatoes has become a cause for concern, leading to distress among the people. Both lower and middle-class families are finding it difficult to afford this essential ingredient in their meals. It appears as if the finance minister has abandoned tomatoes, just as onions were neglected in the past. This issue not only affects the common people but also fails to bring benefits to hardworking farmers. Due to the lack of suitable storage facilities, farmers are often forced to sell their produce at lower prices to traders. The traders, in turn, take advantage of the situation through cartel-like behavior. It is the responsibility of the government to intervene and ensure fair prices for tomatoes by purchasing directly from farmers. This will provide much-needed relief to those who toil tirelessly to cultivate these crops.

Hassan Khan, Mumbai

## WHAT A DELUGE OF 'LOGIC'!

Kajal Chatterjee

As far as furnishing ridiculous "logic" is concerned to justify any episode or react to any incident; perhaps Indians simply have no peers. Kashmir Valley is now a "Paradise of peace" since mid-2019. What's the "proof". Tourists are visiting the region in droves. Indeed the "last word" or "litmus test" of "peace" in the Valley lies embedded only in invasion of hordes of moneyed tourists upon the waters of the Dal or snow fields of Gulmarg! Nothing can be more hilarious than such an assertion. Next, how can the killers of Tabrez Ansari in Jharkhand be charged with "culpable homicide amounting to murder". Hadn't Ansari breathed his last "after 4 days" of the brutal beating. So whether the "culpable homicide" needs to be treated as "amounting to murder" or "not amounting to murder" will henceforth depend upon the number of hours/days after which the injured victim passes away following any gruesome beating! The

brutally gangraped "Nirbhaya" passed away 13 days after the horrific assault. Didn't it get qualified as "murder". Weren't the brutes hanged to death! So how can the Ansari case be treated otherwise. By exploiting a mere allegation, goons of a particular political/ideological vintage chase punch and tear shirt and vest of Alexander Coates Reid - - - principal of D. Y. Patil High School, Talegaon, Maharashtra. Yet the school authorities have not filed any police complaint as they want a "peaceful atmosphere" for the school to function! So it seems that in the present times, "peaceful atmosphere" is synonymous with tolerance of all forms of torture inflicted by the muscle-flexing goons with no question of registering complaint against them. Lately, while admonishing Rahul Gandhi, reinstatement of "purity" in Indian politics has been demanded. Now if he is "not pure", then who's "pure" in contemporary Indian politics. Those

who equate the victims of pogrom with "puppies trampled to death under the wheels of car", taunt a particular community with vulgarity of "We 5, Ours 25", justify pogrom by invoking Newton's 3rd law of motion, invoke "Shamshankabristan" theory at the drop of a hat to polarise the electorate, describe Wayanad Lok Sabha constituency (full-fledged part of India) as that place where "majority is in the minority" or "mini Pakistan", indirectly warn the electorate of Gujarat during 2017 Assembly election not to vote in favour of Congress as it will pave for a Muslim (Ahmed Patel) to sit upon the Chief Ministerial Chair, render "cardinal" call of "identifying criminals through their dresses" or resort to cheap vulgar mockery of the dreaded disease named Dyslexia so as to insult the "impure" challenger "Pappu". Why such zealous desire to reinstate "purity" in Indian politics simply get relegated to oblivion when full-fledged Indian citizens get character assassinated as

"Italians" or "foreigners", a lady Chief minister gets taunted through constant shrill call of "Didi O Didi" or the whole state of West Bengal gets described as "land of traffickers terrorists mafia and bomb-makers". Amidst utter failure and cold-heartedness all around, Rahul Gandhi visits the strife-torn Manipur (by braving a series of man-made obstacles) just to nurse bruised souls and provide healing touch to the innocent victims of the violence irrespective of their ethnic/religious roots! What a great noble sole initiative by the much maligned abused taunted "Pappu" who has risen above petty ethnic religious barriers so as to transmit a message of harmony and peaceful coexistence. If Rahul Gandhi is not "pure", perhaps this word requires urgent amendment in English dictionary. However the sane secular democratic humanitarian section among the Indians will definitely give their utmost to establish

"purity" in Indian politics according to their own definition and ethics. After all the main battle in Indian politics is not between individuals or parties; rather between ideas and vision for India --- Secularism vs Communalism, Secularism vs Crony-capitalism, Freedom of speech vs Throttling of voice, Love vs Hatred, Compassion versus Indifference. And in the definition of moral force, not any party or individual; rather love/compassion is the alternative. Brotherhood /Bonhomie is the alternative. Democratic right of fearless expression is the alternative. Secularism, Idea of India and it's integrity is the alternative. Humanity is the alternative. And they are clear in their minds who represent the brighter or pure side in this battle of India's future with the fate of democracy, secularism and Constitution at stake. (The views expressed above are the author's own. They do not necessarily reflect the views of Central Chronicle.)



## BRIEF

### Key goal



**New Delhi:** Turning jobseekers into job-givers is an important goal of the government and many steps have been taken in recent years to achieve this objective, said Chief Economic Adviser V Anantha Nageswaran. "It relieves pressure on the job market. In terms of financing, the credit guarantee scheme that was launched during Covid, and continued until this year, has done a wonderful job in ensuring that the MSME space remains vibrant," he said at an event organised by Bharatiya Yuva Shakti Trust (BYST) here on Wednesday.

### Cumulative production

**New Delhi:** Kia India on Thursday said it has crossed 10 lakh production milestone in the country with the roll out of a unit of its newly unveiled upgraded flagship SUV Seltos. The company commenced mass production in August 2019 from its Anantapur facility in Andhra Pradesh that has an annual production capacity of approximately 3 lakh units. "I feel that the future is bright for Kia India, and the new Seltos marks the beginning of an exhilarating chapter as we continue to drive towards automotive excellence in the Indian market," Kia India Managing Director and CEO Tae-Jin Park said in a statement.

### Land acquisition



**Bengaluru:** Karnataka Large and Medium Industries Minister M B Patil on Thursday said that the process of handing over land to Apple Inc supplier and Taiwanese electronics manufacturing giant Foxconn, for its mobile devices manufacturing unit near here is in "final stages". "Foxconn is coming up in about 300 acres. The process relating to handing over land is in the final stages."

## Exports contracts 22 pc to three-year low of USD 32.97 bn in Jun

New Delhi, Jul 14:

India's exports contracted by 22 per cent, the steepest decline in the last three years, to USD 32.97 billion in June on account of global demand slowdown, especially in the Western markets like the US and Europe. According to the data of the commerce ministry, the trade deficit in June stood at USD 20.3 billion against USD 22.07 billion in the same month last year due to a fall in exports and imports. The inbound shipments during the month under review declined by a steep 17.48 per cent to USD 53.10 billion. Exports in May 2020 contracted by 36.47 per cent when the world was reeling



under the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. Commenting on the numbers, Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal said trade sector growth is in the hands of global factors. As the World Trade Organisation (WTO) has projected a slowdown in world trade, "that fear is coming true", he added. Citing reasons for the dip in trade growth, he said there is a slowdown in major economies, including the US and Europe; and

inflationary pressure. He also attributed the slowdown to the tightening of monetary policies by the rich nations as it is affecting manufacturing and businesses. Export promotion councils are expecting the demand to pick up in the coming months. "From July, there should be pick up," the secretary said. Cumulatively, exports dipped by 15.13 per cent to USD 102.68 billion during April-June this fiscal. Imports too declined by 12.67 per cent to USD 160.28 billion. The trade deficit during April-June 2023 improved by 7.9 pc to USD 57.6 billion from USD 62.6 billion in the same period last year. Oil imports in June contracted by 33.8 per cent

to USD 12.54 billion, while during the April-June quarter; it slipped 18.52 per cent to USD 43.4 billion. However, gold imports in June rose 82.38 per cent to about USD 5 billion, while it dipped by 7.54 per cent to USD 9.7 billion in the April-June quarter. The ministry said that India's trade performance, after witnessing "very high" growth in 2022-23, has shown declining trends compared to the high base of last year in the backdrop of a global slowdown. As per the World Bank Global Economic Prospects report (June 2023), the global economy is set to slow substantially in 2023 to 2.1 per cent after growing at 3.1 per cent last year.

## BMW launches updated SUV X5 at Rs 93.9 lakh

New Delhi, Jul 14:



German luxury carmaker BMW on Friday launched the new version of its popular SUV X5 with prices starting at Rs 93.9 lakh (ex-showroom). The model is locally produced at the company's Chennai plant and will be available in both petrol and diesel engine options. The petrol option has a 3-litre engine with a power output of 381 hp and can accelerate from 0-100 kmph in 5.4 seconds. It comes in two variants priced at Rs 93.9 lakh and Rs 1.05 crore, BMW India said in a statement. The diesel variant also has a 3-litre engine with 286 hp and can accelerate from 0-100 kmph in 6.1 seconds. It also has two variants priced at Rs 95.9 lakh and

Rs 1.07 crore, it added. Both the engines feature a 48V electrical motor with a power output of 12 hp that aids in better efficiency and dynamics, the company said. "The new BMW X5 has all the ingredients to strengthen its position as the global market leader in its segment," BMW

Group India President Vikram Pawah said. The model is equipped with BMWxDrive, the all-wheel drive technology that monitors driving situations and responds accordingly ensuring maximum traction, agility and vehicle stability, the company added.

## G20: Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting to be held in Gandhinagar

Ahmedabad, Jul 14:

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Dr Shaktikanta Das will jointly chair a meeting of the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FCBGs) to be held on July 17-18 in Gandhinagar where 66 delegations will be in attendance, officials said on Thursday. The meeting, where a range of issues related to global economy and international financial architecture will come up for discussion, will be preceded by a conclave of G20 Finance and Central Bank Deputies (FCBDs) in the Gujarat capital from July 14 to 15. These meetings are being held under India's presidency of Group of Twenty or G20, an influential bloc that

comprises 19 countries and the European Union. Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Sitharaman and RBI Governor Das will jointly chair the third G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FCBGs) meeting.

The 3rd meeting will mark the culmination of the work on many of the key deliverables from the G20 Finance Track in 2023 carried out under various work streams based on the mandate received during the first G20 FCMBG conclave held in February in Bengaluru, said Ajay Seth, Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance. The FCMBG gathering will be preceded by a meeting of G20 Finance and Central Bank Deputies (FCBD) from July 14 to 15 and it will be co-

chaired by Seth and RBI deputy governor Dr Michael D Patra.

"The focus of the deputies' meeting will be on discussing the outcome document for the consideration of FCMBGs. This outcome document will present the work done under various work streams of the G20 Finance Track and the guidance from the FCMBGs on the way forward," said Seth while addressing a press conference at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar. The 3rd FCMBG meeting will see the participation of Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors of G20 members, guest countries, and heads of international organisations. In total, there will be 520 participants across 66 delegations at the meeting, said the senior bureaucrat.

## Civil aviation sector witnessing growth phase: Scindia

New Delhi, Jul 14:



GM Rao, Chairperson of GMR Group, addresses as Union Minister for Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya Scindia and Civil Aviation Secretary Rajiv Bansal look on at the inauguration of 4th runway and India's first-of-its kind Elevated Eastern Cross Taxiway, at Delhi International Airport, in New Delhi, Friday, July 14.

Rao, Group Chairman of GMR Group, said the ECT and the fourth runway will help enhance operational efficiency and increase capacity. He was speaking at the inauguration of the fourth runway and the ECT at the airport. Civil Aviation Minister

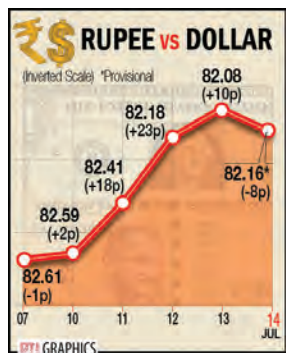
Jyotiraditya Scindia on Friday inaugurated dual elevated Eastern Cross Taxiways and the fourth runway at the Delhi airport. The Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), which is also the country's largest airport, handles more than 1,500

aircraft movements every day. The Eastern Cross Taxiways (ECT), which is 2.1 kilometres long, will reduce the time spent on the tarmac by passengers after landing and before take-off of flights. With the ECT, the airport will also be the only one in the country to have an elevated taxiway with roads passing below it. The ECT will connect the northern and southern airfields on the eastern side of the airport and will reduce the taxiing distance for an aircraft by seven kilometres. It can handle wide-body aircraft, including A-380 and B-777 and B-747. Now, the airport will have four runways - RW 09/27, RW 11R/29L, RW 10/28 and RW 11L/29R. IGIA is operated by the Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL), a consortium led by GMR Airports Infrastructure Ltd.

## Rupee declines 8 paise to close at 82.16 against US dollar

Mumbai, Jul 14:

Snapping its four-day winning run, the rupee depreciated by 8 paise to close at 82.16 against the US dollar on Friday following a rebound in the American currency against global peers and firm crude prices. However, strong buying in domestic equity markets restricted losses in the local unit, forex traders said. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened strong at 81.97 against the US dollar. Later, it erased all the gains to settle at 82.16, down by 8 paise over the previous close. During the session, the domestic unit witnessed an intra-day high of 81.92 and a low of 82.17. In the previous session on Thursday, the rupee had closed at 82.08 against the dollar. Meanwhile, the dollar



index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, strengthened by 0.10 per cent to 99.56. "Rupee after initial high of 81.94 saw a sharp fall towards 82.21 as dollar index rallied from lows of 99.25 to 99.65 along with higher crude prices," Jateen Trivedi, VP Research Analyst at LKP Securities, said. Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, advanced 0.04 per cent to USD 81.33 per barrel.

## Indian Ambassador Sandhu meets tech sector CEOs in Silicon Valley

Silicon Valley, Jul 14:

Building on the momentum generated by the historic visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India's Ambassador to the US, Taranjit Singh Sandhu has met leaders from the area of critical and emerging technologies in Silicon Valley as part of iCET initiative.

The Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies or iCET has emerged as a key pillar of the India-US relationship following the maiden state visit of Prime Minister Modi to the US from June 21 to 23. The initiative was launched early this year by the two national security advisors - Jake Sullivan from the US and Ajit Doval from India - but it has been propelled to a new height by Prime Minister Modi



and President Joe Biden. On the last day of his visit, the two leaders met top chief executives from the iCET sectors at the White House, a meeting which was called the tech handshake.

Taking this initiative forward, Sandhu travelled to California to meet a host of tech leaders in domains ranging from robotics to artificial intelligence to space. "Be it America and India, or Artificial Intelligence: the future is #AI!" Sandhu tweeted

after his exciting conversation with Greg Brockman, president and co-founder of OpenAI about the impact of ChatGPT, India's digital revolution, and deepening India-US tech cooperation. "Geospatial data generated in collaboration with ISRO helping map land use, monitor agriculture, & manage disasters. From earth to the stars, boundless horizons for India-US partnership!" Sandhu said.

Sandhu also met Cassie, Mini Cheetah and Digit - the three robots at the University of California, Berkeley in the lab of Indian American scientist Prof Koushil Sreenath. "Fascinating world of robotics research with wide-ranging applications in logistics, prosthetics, and locomotion," Sandhu said.

## Sensex closes above 66,000-mark for 1st time, Nifty settles at new record high on FII inflows

Mumbai, Jul 14:

Benchmark BSE Sensex closed above the historic 66,000-mark for the first time while NSE Nifty hit a new all-time closing high driven by heavy buying in IT counters and fresh foreign fund inflows. Optimism in global equity markets also helped the local markets maintain their winning momentum for a second day. The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 502.01 points or 0.77 per cent to settle at its new all-time closing high of 66,060.90. During the day, it rallied 600.9 points or 0.91 per cent to hit its all-time intra-day peak of 66,159.79.

The NSE Nifty went up by 150.75 points or 0.78 per cent to end at a new record high of 19,564.50. During the day, it reached its lifetime intra-day peak of 19,595.35, registering a jump of 181.6 points



or 0.93 per cent. From the Sensex pack, Tata Consultancy Services jumped over 5 per cent and Tech Mahindra rallied 4.51 per cent. Infosys, HCL Technologies, Wipro, Tata Steel, Nestle, Asian Paints, Larsen & Toubro and Hindustan Unilever were also among the major gainers. On the other hand, Mahindra & Mahindra, Power Grid, Titan, Maruti, UltraTech Cement, NTPC and Axis Bank were among the laggards.

## OPPO redefines portrait photography with its Reno10 Series

Mumbai, Jul 14:

OPPO, the leading global smart devices brand, has launched the newest additions to its Reno series in India. The Reno10 Pro+ 5G, the Reno10 Pro 5G, and the Reno10 5G come with OPPO technology innovations such as BHE for batteries that last over four years, SUPERVOOCTM for fast charging, and the Dynamic Computing Engine that runs 40+ apps smoothly in the background. The Reno10 Pro+ 5G and the Reno10 Pro 5G are priced at Rs 54,999 and Rs 39,999 respectively. Along with the Reno10 Series, OPPO unveiled their latest TWS, the Enco Air3 Pro, priced at Rs 4,999. Commenting on the launch, Damyant Singh Khanoria, Chief Marketing Officer of OPPO India, said, "OPPO continues to push the boundaries of technological advancements, establishing itself as a leading innovator in the industry. With the introduction of the Reno10 Series, we have revolutionised portrait photography through our cutting-edge telephoto camera and home-



grown SUPERVOOCTM flash charging technology to offer users an exceptional experience. This sleek and stylish series packs a punch with its sterling performance and will deliver a greater value proposition to our consumers." The Reno10 Pro+ 5G features a 120Hz 6.74-inch OLED 10-bit colour display with a resolution of 2772x1240px, a high 93.9% screen-to-body ratio, and Dragontrail Star 2 glass for protection.

## Bodycare Kids unveils new summer collection

Mumbai, Jul 14:

Bodycare Kids, the leading clothing line of Bodycare International Ltd for children, is excited to announce the launch of its highly anticipated new Summer Collection. Inspired by the vibrant and cheerful essence of the summer season, the new collection is set to paint the town with style and excitement, offering children a delightful wardrobe for the sunny season. Setting itself apart from previous collections, the new summer collection by Bodycare Kids offers an even wider variety of colours, added character prints, and fresh designs. It is available at over 450 distributors, in more than 19,000 retail stores,

and across 20+ exclusive brand outlets (EBOs) throughout India.

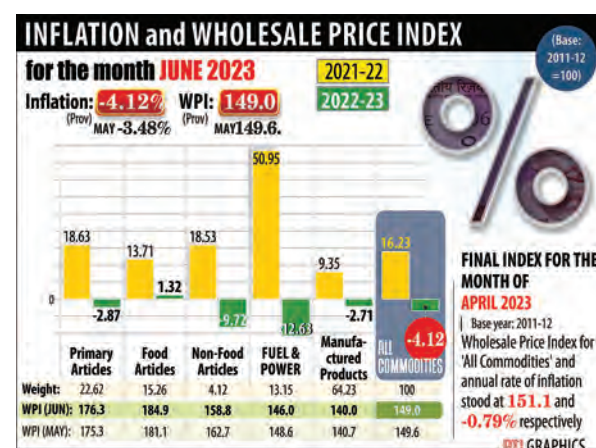
The collection includes a range of colourful T-shirts with various prints, including character prints featuring beloved characters from Peppa Pig, Baby Shark, Disney, Hello Kitty, Cartoon Network, and Marvel. Besides, the new Summer Collection also includes themes and motifs like beach motifs, tropical prints, vibrant floral patterns, and adorable animal graphics which perfectly resonate with the summer season. Elements inspired by popular summer activities such as ice cream cones, surfboards, and sunshine add an extra touch of summer charm to the designs making them truly delightful.

## Wholesale inflation falls to 8-year low of (-) 4.12 pc in June

New Delhi, Jul 14:

The deflation in the wholesale price continued for the third month in a row in June, with WPI contracting to a nearly eight-year low at (-) 4.12 per cent on account of falling prices of food products, fuel and basic metals, according to official data released on Friday.

The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) based inflation stood at (-) 3.48 per cent in May and at 16.23 per cent in June 2022. The lowest WPI was recorded at (-) 4.76 per cent in October 2015. The decline in WPI is in contrast with June retail inflation which inched up to 4.8 per cent in June from 4.3 per



cent in May. "The decline in the rate of inflation in June 2023 is primarily due to fall in prices of mineral oils, food products, basic metals, crude petroleum and natural gas and textiles," the Ministry of

Commerce and Industry said in a release. As per the data, the index for fuel and power contracted by 12.63 per cent in June, primary articles by 2.87 per cent, and manufactured products by 2.71 per cent.



## Former MLA Omkar Shah resigns from GGP

Mainpur, Jul 14:

Kumar Omkar Shah, who was a two-time Congress MLA from Bindranagar assembly constituency, has left the Godwana Ganatantra Party (GGP), creating a political ripple in the region. Mr. Shah after resignation said that he will serve the people and not the Godwana Ganatantra Party.

Meanwhile after the resignation of Shah from the Godwana Ganatantra Party, the political movement in the Bindranagar assembly constituency has intensified. Shah had contested from the Godwana Ganatantra Party on the demand of his supporters after not getting the ticket from the Congress in the last assembly elections in 2018, and had won with more than 19,000 votes, and experts believe that this may have been a major reason for the defeat of the Congress.

As there are only a few months left for the assembly elections 2023 and all the political parties are al-



ready in the election mode, the ticket contenders of other political parties including Congress, BJP have started trying to get tickets at their own level. Apart from the scheduled programs, the claimants are leaving no stone unturned to present themselves in the field, from now on they are working according to the strategy, and the potential claimants of Congress and BJP have started registering their presence in the social media on the one hand and on the other hand wall writing campaigning is also being done at various places.

Bindranagar assembly constituency under Gariaband district is reserved for the ST class, and it is called the impregnable fort of the BJP, since the last three elections, and the BJP has won the MLA elections here continuously. Omkar Shah, who won as MLA from Congress twice, comes from the Raj family, and during the last Lok Sabha elections, at the behest of the Chief Minister, had also taken charge of campaigning for the Congress candidate.

Shah is also Central President of Amaz Gand Samaj and has been giving his presence from time to time in Bindranagar assembly constituency under many social, religious and family programs; he has a lot of supporters in the village of the area, along with the old and elderly. Considered close to Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, the Chief Minister has given more than 01 crore rupees for Amat Gande Samaj Bhawan, indicating close ties between them.

## BJP leaders protest felling of 50 yr old 'Neem' tree

■ From the heart of city during 'Sawan Maas'

Kurud, Jul 14:

Demanding action against the person cutting the 'Neem' tree, a delegation of BJP workers submitted a memorandum in the name of the Collector to the Tehsildar Kurud here on Thursday.

It is notable here that a thick lush green old 'Neem' trees, located near the Lord Hanuman's temple, near the Mandi premises in the heart of city was cut down on July 12. Set aside this the trees outside the gate two were trimmed using an axe and reduced to half.

BJP workers questioned as to who gave the permission for felling of trees. With felling of 'Neem' tree during 'Sawan Maas', the religious sentiments have been hurt.

This tree was about 50 yrs old and in the present day work of climatic changes, a lush green tree, providing lot of



shade was cut down mercilessly and this has led to great deal of resentment among the nature and environment lovers in the city.

For the above action, BJP leaders comprising Jyoti Chandrakar (ex-Nagar Panchayat President); Ravikant Chandrakar (ex-Nagar Panchayat President); Malak Ram Sahu, Bhanu Chandrakar (corporator and leader of Oppn), Krishna Kant Sahu (MLA's rep); Moolchand Sinha (MP's rep) and Bhupendra Sinha and others were present.

## Delegation of Sahu, Bhatt Samaj express gratitude

● Towards Sunil Maheshwari for assuring of sanctions worth lakhs for both the Samaj

Simga, Jul 14:

On sanction of funds for community building for Bhatt Samaj and Shade and other works for Sahu Samaj, the members of both the samaj reached the residence of Congress leader Sunil Maheshwari to express their gratitude and along with this they also thanked the CM Bhupesh Baghel, Urban Admn. Minister Dr Shiv Kumar Daharia as well. Sahu samaj's representative were assured by Maheshwari that he remains committed for construction of Tehsil-level Sahu Samaj bhavan of more than Rs 50 lakh in Simga city and would get the sanction as well soon.

Speaking on the occasion Maheshwari said that he is making all efforts to get sanction for development works of all the Societies in the city and



from wherever the demand came, the sanction was granted by Minister for Urban Development Dr Shiv Kumar Daharia. Nagar Panchayat President Bhagwat Sonkar and V-P Avinash Das that Sunil Maheshwari was felicitated with a garland and sweets. The delegation of both the samaj comprised of President Kamlesh Sahu, Rajendra Sahu, Shekhar Sahu, Rahul Sharma, Paras Bhatt, Tekram Bhatt, Lognath Bhatt, Mohan Bhatt, Krishna Bhatt, Gulab Bhatt, Manoj Bhatt, Lala Bhatt, Deepak Bhatt, Vishwanath Sahu, Mahendra Sahu, Kamdev Sahu, Harish Sahu, Bharat Sahu, Feku Sahu, Pavan Sahu and others.

## Three nabbed along with stolen tractor

Gaurela, Pendra, Mawahi, Jul 14:

It was checking around 100 CCTV footages and then holding interrogation with the likely accused, that the GPM police nabbed three accused of stealing a blue coloured Sonalika brand tractor along with 2 motorcycles used in the crime and one piece of rod used in breaking the lock of the shop, total worth Rs 5 lakh in possession of the accused.

It was on tip from an informer that a tractor has been kept hidden that GPM Police took one Budhsingh Mahera, R/o Dhouluk, Chowki Keshwahi, Thana Budar, District Shahdol, MP, that he revealed names of three accused involved in



stealing the tractor and kept it in hidden condition.

The three accused nabbed are - Gopal Baiga, S/o Ganesh Baiga R/o Ataria Tola, Budhar, district Shahdol; Ankur Prajapati, S/o Madhav Prajapati (21), R/o Gram Ataria tola, Budhar District Shahdol (MP);

and Mangal Baiga S/o Lallu Baiga, R/o Ataria Tola, Budhar, Shahdol (MP). It was on their location that the police seized the stolen tractor kept hidden in possession of Budhsen alias Pappu R/o Dhouluk, Chowki Keshwahi along with the motorcycle used by Ankur Prajapati. Even the police

seized the rod used to break the shutter and the lock from Ganesh Ram Baiga, who was found using it in the reiki along with this motorcycle. In this case, another accused, Mangal Baiga, S/o Lallu Baiga, R/o Ataria Tola, Shahdol is reported absconding and is being searched.

In this entire action, TI Inspector Saurabh Singh, Sub Inspector Kamlesh Shende, SI Yogesh Agrawal, TI Gaurela Cyber Cell ASI Manoj Hanotia, constable Dushyant, Rajesh Sharma, Ravi Tripathi, Ramla Khurana, Surendra Vishwakarma, Choupal Kashyap played an important role in solving this crime.

## Scheduled castes must be given due benefits: Khande

Korba, Jul 14:

Chairman of Scheduled Caste Commission KP Khande took a meeting of departmental officers in the Collectorate hall and taking information about the government schemes run in the departments, directed that the benefits of the schemes implemented for the Scheduled Castes must be provided to this class without fail. There should be no discrimination against SC officers and employees and action should be ensured as per the rules by following the procedure under the instructions issued by the government, he said.

While giving information about the activities of



the Commission in the meeting, Chairman of the Scheduled Caste Commission, Mr. Khande explained its formation and objectives in detail and said that the Chhattisgarh State Scheduled Castes Commission is a constitutional body, along with reviewing the schemes run for the welfare of the

scheduled caste class, curbing injustice done to this class and providing justice to the victims are among the priorities of the commission.

The Chairman of the Commission directed that children in hostels and ashrams should get the benefits of the schemes as per the prescribed rules and inter-caste marriage

promotion scheme should be promoted for the prevention of untouchability in the society. Instructions were given to register the case under and take necessary action as per the rules.

In the meeting, he reviewed Agriculture, Women and Child Development Department, CREDA, Fisheries, Health, PMGSY, Horticulture, Industries, Labour, Food, Social Welfare and other departments. Shrikant Kaser, Assistant Commissioner, Tribal Development Department, Chetan Chandel, social spokesperson, Representative Maniram Jangle and others were present.

## 7 BJP, 1 independent corporator move no-confidence motion



Korba, Jul 14: There is about one year left for the Nagar Palika, Katghora elections and for which the political activities have started gaining momentum from now onwards. The seven BJP corporators and one independent corporator, has open front against the Nagar Palika President Ratan Mittal and moved a no-confidence motion against him and submitted an application before the Collector in this regard on Thursday.

The seven BJP corporators and an independent have charged directly against the Nagar Palika President from Congress Ratan Mittal and moved a no-confidence motion against him. They charged him of stopping works of public welfare schemes of the Chhattisgarh government and alleged that the President is regularly misutilising the government funds and causing hindrance in development works in city. All the eight corporators brought a

■ Against the President Nagar Palika Katghora

no-confidence motion under section 43 (K) of Chhattisgarh Act 1961 and this has heated up the political atmosphere in the city and it has become centre of discussions in the city. Now what remains to be seen as to whether the no-confidence motion brought, will bring any changes in the Nagar Palika. Among those who submitted the application included BJP district President Rajiv Singh, Katghora Nagar Palika BJP corporator Bajrang Lal Patel, Archana Agrawal, Aatma Narayan Patel, Mamta Agrawal, Murli Sahu, Sharad Kumar Agrawal, Shail Aamo and independent corporator Kishore Diwakar.

## Head Master suspended for failing to take any action

● When a piece of stone from quarry hit a girl on her head and she fell unconscious

Kurud, Jul 14:

A girl playing in the School premises of Govt Primary School in Kokadi got injured when a small stone from the blast of the stone quarry about 500 mts from their fell on her head.

Being the head of the institution, Kamalnaranayan Sonwani did not take any legal action anyone or file an FIR, even when the girl child remained bleeding and in state of unconsciousness.

Set aside this neither the girl was taken to medical hospital, nor information about it was given to senior officers

and due to which there is great deal of resentment among the villagers and they have demanded action against the concerned teacher and lodged complaint right from government level to media as well. On this the Education Department took the incident of lack of seriousness by the Head Master Kamal Narayan Sonwani of Govt Primary School, Kokadi as violation of provision under clause 3 of CG Civil Services Act 1965 and has been suspended with immediate effect under rule 9 and 10 of the CG Civil Services (Categorisation, Control, Appeal) Act 1966. During this suspension period he will remain attached to block headquarters and will be eligible for 'Jeevan Nirvah' allowance.

## SECL's coal dispatch crosses 50 million tonnes

● Record of fastest ever dispatch of 50 million tonnes

Korba, Jul 15:

SECL has achieved 50 million tonnes of coal dispatch so far in FY 23-24. This is the fastest ever dispatch of 50 MT since the inception of the company. Last year the company had dispatched around 44 million tonnes of coal in the same period thus registering a growth of 13% in this financial year. Out of the above, 40 million tonnes of coal has been dispatched to the power sector. Record amount of coal was supplied to the



power plants during the summer season, due to which adequate availability of coal has been ensured in the power plants.

The company's mega projects Gevra, Dipka, and Kusmunda, located in Korba district, have contributed significantly to the total 50 million tonnes of coal dispatch. SECL Dipka Area contributed 9.85 MT, Gevra 15.15 MT,

and Kusmunda field 11.67 MT. Thus, the share of all the three mega projects in the total dispatch has been more than 73 per cent.

It may be noted that the company has recorded the highest ever coal production of 167 million tonnes in the last financial year 22-23. The company has got a target of 200 million tonnes of coal production for this year.

## Public grievances to be addressed with priority: Collector



Mungeli, Jul 14:

District Collector Rahul Dev said that problems related to ration, pension, drinking water, roads, electricity, revenue etc. should be resolved quickly and villagers should not have to visit the office again and again for basic facilities. The Collector said the same, while inter-

acting with the public in the public meeting organized at the District Collectorate. Ramprasad of village Pardeshikapa told in Jandarshan that he is landless, but despite registration, he is not getting the amount of Rajiv Gandhi Rural Landless Agricultural Laborer Justice Scheme. The collector took it seriously and

gave instructions to the concerned officer to provide benefits to the beneficiary Ramprasad as per eligibility. Same way Ravikumar of village Golhapara told that after the sale of the land, the area of the remaining land is showing less in online, due to this, many schemes of the government are not getting the benefit, for

which the Collector directed the concerned revenue officer to solve the problem of the farmers immediately.

Similarly, Jitendra Ahire of village Khairwar got loan under KCC, Santosh Pathak of Ramgopal Tiwari ward got benefit of Mukhyamantri Swavalamban Yojana. Gajadhar Anchal of Maharana Pratap ward Mungeli got ancestral land divided, sarpanch of village Jhaphal got wards of the village. 99 applicants, including construction of drain and CC road in number 07 and others were received. Additional Collector Vijendra Patle, Joint Collector, Mungeli SDM and concerned officers were present.

## Higher Secondary School lacking facilities

Dongargarh, Jul 14:

The newly constructed building for the Higher Secondary School of village Musra, adjacent to Aaliwara, the home village of Dongargarh MLA Daleshwar Sahu, is not being used due to lack of adequate facilities and the students of the school are forced to study in the dilapidated old building amid great inconvenience. The principal of the institution says that classes are not being started in the new building due to lack of sufficient rooms, non-completion of construction of two additional rooms and no convenient access road to the school.

BEO Fatte Lal Kosaria has said that the time



limit for running the school in the building could not be fixed and efforts will be made to start the operation of the school in the new building after the month of July. The inauguration of

the building was done by the Chief Minister through virtual medium on March 26. Regarding the same issue, in a complaint made to BEO Mr. Kosaria, BJP leader Hemlal Verma has said

that if the use of the building is not started soon in the interest of the students, then within 10 days a protest will be staged. BJP farmer leader Hemlal Verma has expressed his indignation that the officers who reached to check the building, hiding the investigation that the building has been constructed ignoring the quality.

Meanwhile Principal of Musra Higher Secondary School Kaushal Ram Chandravanshi also said that the construction of additional two rooms could not be completed for the last two years and the school could not be run in the new building due to lack of access road to the building.



## Jaiswal puts on seasoned-pro show in fairy-tale debut

Roseau (Dominica), Jul 14 (PTI):

Yashasvi Jaiswal, a young man from Bhadohi who toughened up on ruthless Mumbai Maidans, enjoyed his finest day on a cricket pitch with an unconquered debut hundred as India seized complete control on the second day of the opening Test against the West Indies here.

Skipper Rohit Sharma (103 off 221 balls), also eschewed his natural flair en route his 10th Test hundred and a record 229-run opening stand with Jaiswal (143 batting, 350 balls) as India batted cautiously but still did well enough to slowly bat West Indies out of the game, finishing the second day on 312 for two.

In the whole day, India managed only 232 runs in 90 overs.

Jaiswal, who batted the entire second day, has the seasoned Virat Kohli (36 batting, 96 balls) for company as the duo added 72 runs for the third wicket.

India now have a lead of 162 runs and are expected to bat better part of the third day before Ravichandran Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja is once again unleashed on



an opposition that doesn't have enough technical wherewithal to counter them for two days. The 21-year-old Jaiswal and 36-year-old Rohit are players, who could be called antithesis to what Mumbai

school of 'Khadoos' batsmanship stands for. Both are flamboyant in their own rights.

But on Thursday, they channelised their inner 'Khadoos Mumbai' as Jaiswal took 215 balls to

become the 14th Indian debutant to score hundred while Rohit had to wait for 220 balls to reach his landmark.

After 41 long years, since India's 1982 tour of England where Suru Nayak and Sunil Gavaskar opened, there were two Mumbai men opening for the country and put up the best ever stand of 229 against the West Indies, beating previous best of 201 set by Sanjay Bangar and Virender Sehwag back in 2001.

The Windsor Park track was a two-paced one where the ball gripped and there was some slow turn on offer. On tracks like these, it is difficult to score quickly but at the same time not too tough to hang around grinding the opposition to submission.

It was old fashioned Test match batting at its best. Jaiswal and Rohit did just that. Both trusted their defensive game when they found deliveries gripping, waited for the loose deliveries as none of the West Indies bowlers looked threatening. Jaiswal's hundred is certain to bring in its fair share of euphoria among fans as his is an endearing rags to riches success story.

## Sachin Khilari sets new Asian record

New Delhi, Jul 14 (PTI):

Sachin Sarjerao Khilari bagged India's eighth quota for next year's Paralympics after clinching the gold medal in men's shot put F46 event at the Para Athletics World Championships in Paris on Friday.

It was double celebration for Sachin who also set a new Asian record with his best throw of 16.21m. USA's Joshua Cinnamo fell short of Sachin by just 0.21m and took home the silver, while South Africa's Kerwin Noemdo won the bronze with an effort of 15.30m.

## Sindhu, Sen enter quarterfinals



Council Bluffs (US), Jul 14 (PTI):

Star Indian shuttlers P V Sindhu and Lakshya Sen notched up straight game wins to progress to the women's and men's singles quarterfinals of the US Open Super 300 badminton tournament here.

Double Olympic medalist Sindhu, seeded third, defeated Korea's Sung Shuo Yun 21-14 21-12. Fresh from his Canada Open Super 500 title last week, Sen beat Czech Republic's Jan Louda 21-8 23-21 in 39 minutes.

Sindhu will face China's Gao Fang Jie next, while it will be an all-Indian clash in men's singles when third seed Sen takes on

promising 19-year-old S Sankar Muthusamy from Chennai.

It has been an impressive run for the 2022 World Junior Championships silver medalist who registered a fighting 21-18 21-23 21-13 win over Israel's Misha Zilberman.

Sindhu didn't break much sweat against Sung, who couldn't pose any real challenge to the Indian during the match. Sindhu jumped to a 7-2 lead early on before extending it to 13-5.

Sung managed to narrow down the deficit to 11-14 but Sindhu dashed any hope of a comeback, keeping a grip on the rallies to eventually earn the bragging rights.

After the change of sides, Sung started to match up to the Indian initially as she had a slender 5-3 lead but it soon evaporated with Sindhu breaking off from 7-7 to march ahead.

At the interval, Sindhu had a 11-8 lead and she kept moving ahead as Sung crumbled. From 16-12, Sindhu reeled off the remaining points without much ado.

Sen too blazed his way to a 6-1 lead and then jumped to 17-5 in a jiffy to take it away from his opponent in the opening game. The 39-year-old Czech, however, made a remarkable comeback in the second game, making life tough for Sen.

## BCCI, CA and ECB moot Women's Champions League

New Delhi, Jul 14 (PTI):

A proposal for a Women's T20 Champions League was floated and discussed by the boards of India, Australia and England on the sidelines of the ICC Annual Conference in Durban. The Indian cricket board (BCCI), Cricket Australia (CA) and England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) discussed the possibility of staging the league involving women's franchisees of the three countries, pretty much on the lines of the now defunct men's Champions League that ran from 2008 to 2014. While Australia's Women's Big Bash League is an established league, the Women's Premier League made a roaring start this year and Women's Hundred of England is now a three-year-old competition with the next edition starting August 1.

"The idea was floated during the ICC meetings and lot of work needs to take place before the project takes flight. The main thing is the interest from the broadcasters and then we will also need to look at a window and player availability," a BCCI source told PTI. Earlier this year, Viacom 18 had paid a whopping Rs 951 crore for the five-year rights of Women's Premier League, which took place in March.

## Bopanna-Ebden pair crashes out of Wimbledon

Wimbledon, Jul 14 (PTI):

India's Rohan Bopanna and his Australian partner Matthew Ebden crashed out of the men's doubles competition at the Wimbledon, losing in straight sets to top seeds Wesley Koolhof of the Netherlands and Great Britain's Neal Skupsk in the semifinals here on Thursday.

Seeded sixth, Bopanna and Ebden battled for one hour and 26 minutes before going down 5-7 4-6. The 43-year-old Bopanna, the only Indian in fray at the Wimbledon, fell short of becoming the Open Era's oldest Grand Slam champi-



on across singles, doubles and mixed doubles. Bopanna and Ebden, 35, came back from a set down to beat the Dutch pair of Tallon Griekspoor and Bart Stevens 6-7(3) 7-5 6-2

in the quarterfinals. Bopanna had reached the Australian Open final with Sania Mirza earlier this year and won two ATP titles along with Ebden in men's doubles.

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## Strategising for every game proving beneficial: Manika Batra

Pune, Jul 14 (PTI):

Star India table tennis player Manika Batra feels changing her approach and chalking out comprehensive strategies for each match has helped in improving her game as she gears up for the upcoming Asian Games and next year's Olympics.

Batra will be one of India's biggest hopes in table tennis when the Indian contingent flies out to Hangzhou for the Asian Games this September, and according to her mixed doubles partner Sathiyan G, a medal in the



Olympics can be expected from the pair. The 28-year-old Batra, who won the bronze medal in Asian Cup last November, says

that her game has gone through changes while working alongside her coach Aman Balgu. "The role of a coach is very im-

portant. Aman has been a great mentor and coach, he has been travelling with me and would do a lot of strategising. "Earlier, I would not be much into strategising but nowadays we strategise before every match and game. I think that is really helping me," Batra told PTI in an interview on the sidelines of the jersey launch for Ultimate Table Tennis team Bengaluru Smashers. Batra had hired the services of Aman Balgu after a disappointing campaign at the 2022 Commonwealth Games where he failed to win any medal.

## Dhull, Rana shine to hand India 'A' thumping win over UAE 'A'



Colombo, Jul 14 (PTI):

Skipper Yash Dhull led from the front with a blazing unbeaten century after pacer Harshit Rana's heroics with the ball as India 'A' registered a commanding eight-wicket win over UAE 'A' in their opening match of the ACC Men's Emerging Cup here on Friday.

Right-arm fast bowler Rana (4/41) was right on the money after Dhull won the toss and elected to field. He was ably supported by Andhra pacer Nitish Kumar Reddy (2/32) and slow left-arm orthodox Manav Suthar (2/28) as India 'A' restricted UAE 'A' to a paltry 175 for 9 in their 50 overs.

The target was never going to pose any threat to the Indians and they completed the formalities in 26.3 overs, reaching 179 for the loss of two wickets.

Sent into bat in the Group B match, UAE 'A' never got going and found it difficult to accu-

mulate runs against the Indians' incisive bowling. Ashwanth Valthapa (46), opener Aryansh Sharma (38) and Mohammed Faraazuddin (35) were the only three significant contributors for the Arab side.

Chasing 176 to win, India 'A' lost both their openers - Sai Sudharsan (8) and Abhishek Sharma (19) inside the sixth over with the scoreboard reading 41 but Dhull (108 not out) and Nikin Jose (41 not out) ensured an easy win, stitching unbeaten 138 runs for the third wicket. Dhull's attacking knock was full of flair and timing as he scored his runs off just 84 balls, finding the boundary fence as many as 20 times and clearing it once.

Jose, on the other hand, played the second fiddle and decorated his 53-ball innings with just five boundaries.

Pace combination of Ali Naseer (1/14) and Muhammad Jawadullah (1/47) were the wicket takers for UAE 'A'.

## Duleep Trophy Vidwath's seven-for, gritty batsmen give South Zone control



South Zone bowler Vidwath Kaverappa shows the ball as he celebrates after taking seven wickets.

Bengaluru, Jul 14 (PTI):

South Zone underpropped the effort of their bowlers with plucky batting in their second innings, reaching 181 for seven to take reins of the Duleep Trophy final on the third day here on Friday.

South are now ahead by a healthy 248 runs. Earlier, pacer Vidwath Kaverappa bagged seven wickets (7/53) as South wasted little time in bowling out West for 146 to grab a first innings lead of 67 runs. It was Vidwath's career-best first-class bowling figures, and second best for South Zone in Duleep Trophy after Venkatesh Prasad's 7 for 38 against North Zone in 1993.

South's charge to that position of strength with the bat was tectonic. They made a stuttering start to their second innings losing R Samarth and N Tilak Varma in quick succession.

Samarth was undone by a Chintan Gaja delivery that kept a tad low, while Arzan Nagwaswalla managed to sneak the ball between Tilak's bat and pads to rearrange the stumps.

South were 8 for 2 at that stage, and it was not an ideal situation for them as the lead had not even crossed 100.

However, Mayank Agarwal and Hanuma Vihari dented West's ambitions of making further inroads. The third wicket pair added 64 runs in a little more than 14 overs to bring South back into the game. But the partnership was not as smooth as one would expect considering two experienced batsmen were in the middle.

There were several plays and misses, loud appeals, edges that fell short of fielders but Mayank and Vihari were strong enough to waddle through those external pressure points.

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## Fear causing Congress to make changes: Mathur

● To hold meeting of Election Manifesto Committee today

Raipur, Jul 14: BJP State in-charge Om Mathur came down heavily against the Congress said that when some fear developments then the reshuffle is done and added that the way the BJP's programme are becoming successful and their party workers are reaching out to the people, is causing fear in Congress circle and therefore they are making changes in organisational leadership and at ministerial level.

Om Mathur arrived here on four day tour to state here on Friday afternoon. He would be holding a meeting of BJP's election manifesto committee tomorrow and after this would hold meeting of election committee along with



Union Minister and Election in-Charge Dr Mansukh Mandaviya.

Speaking to section of media persons at the airport, Om Mathur said that before election, he would hold face-to-face talks with each and every party worker and after holding talks with main persons of election committee, would hold meeting with election manifesto committee tomorrow. As per the organizational procedure, I would continue tour to different

parts of Chhattisgarh, he added.

On commenting about cabinet reshuffle just four months before elections, BJP state gen. secy. OP Choudhary charged that the Congress party's hold right from Bastar to Surguja has weakened and therefore in order to show it to people that such a game is being played. But the people have understood their game and it would be too late by the time Congress would come to know the reality.

## Intensive campaign to add new voters from August 2: Reena

● State level SVEEP core committee meeting held under the chairmanship of Chief Electoral Officer Smt. Reena Babasaheb Kangale

Raipur, Jul 14: The State Level SVEEP Core Committee meeting was held on Friday in the Chief Electoral Officer's office under the chairmanship of Chief Electoral Officer Mrs. Reena Babasaheb Kangale. In the meeting, discussions were held on better execution and implementation of various SVEEP (systematic voter education and electoral participation) activities related to voter awareness to increase the voter turnout in the upcoming assembly general elections to be held in the state. Discussion was also held on organizing necessary activities to motivate maximum number of people to enroll in the special brief revision of the electoral roll starting from August 2, 2023. Mrs. Kangale told in the meeting that an intensive cam-



campaign to add new voters is being started from August 2, 2023, after a special brief revision of the electoral roll. During this, special camps will be organized in all the colleges to connect young voters. As per the instructions of the Election Commission of India, under the "SVEEP" program, the state level SVEEP Core Committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of the Chief Electoral Officer of the State Mrs. Reena Babasaheb Kangale. Such disabled and senior citizens whose names are not registered in the voter list will also be added on priority. Special camps will be organized in all the districts on August 12th and 13th and August 18th and 19th. Local BLOs will be present in all the polling stations on this day. In the meeting, Mrs Kangale informed that newly weds and

old age people felicitation program are being conducted by the Chief Electoral Officer's office to connect new voters. Labour conferences will also be organised in the coming month of August to connect the workers. Along with this, special events will also be organised in colleges and universities to motivate the youth to register their names in the voter list through online application. Kangale said that to increase the participation of citizens in the election process and to make college and higher secondary school children aware of the election process, they will be taken on a tour of the Chief Electoral Officer's office. Joint Chief Electoral Officer Mr. Bipin Manjhi, Director of Panchayat Department Mr. Kartikeya Goyal and other senior officials were present on the occasion.

## Police file FIR against 3 employees for selling intoxicants

● To children housed in Juvenile Home, Mana

Raipur, Jul 14: On disclosure of video about selling of banned tablets, capsules, syrup and drugs at Juvenile Home in Mana and it becoming as den of sale of intoxicants, the Mana Police filed case against three employees of Juvenile Home. It is learnt that the Mana Police came to know that the employees were supplying intoxicants in the form of banned drugs, tablets, cough syrup to children in this Juvenile Home and filed an FIR against them.

It is notable here that questions were raised about this Child Reform Centre at Mana and the video opened all the truth behind it. Here in this Juvenile Home, a minor boy with charges of murder has been kept here and remaining in the Juvenile Home, they obtain cigarette and cash and use it as addiction. They uploaded a video of

the same in the internet and now this video has become viral. In this video there are three children and are heard as saying 'Jail mein hum an jail mein raj karte hein'. Further they say, 'samajh lena...Tildawale ko bata dena... jail mein tumhara baap baitha hein' and would soon come back. Just see, the lighter, mobile and 'nasha'.

With this the children are showing Rs 500 note and to which the employees only supply. It is notable here that the employees working here supply these intoxicants to children just for some extra money and those having the responsibility of bringing reforms in the children, are themselves facing charges, can very well define the situation in these Juvenile Homes. This is not the first time that this has happened, and it was last in June also such an incident has taken place. The police is presently investigating the case.

## Two nabbed with 50 pieces of raw diamonds

● Were trying to sell it and looking for customers

Gariyaband, Jul 14: Two raw diamond smugglers near Dabnai nullah of NH road were searching for customers to sell their diamonds and it was on tip from an informer that the special police team and Mainpur police nabbed the two and seized 54 pieces of raw diamonds worth Rs 4 lakh from their possession.

As per information in this regard, Mainpur police got information about two diamond smugglers trying to sell their diamonds on Mainpur -Gariyaband main road of NH-130C. On this as per instructions by SP Gariyaband and Amit Tukaram Kamble and SDOP Mainpur Anuj Kumar Gupta that the Mainpur team



reached Dabnai nullah, about 8 kms from Gariyaband and conducted inquiry with two persons found in suspicious condition. On conducting search of bags with the youth, the police found 54 pieces of raw diamonds. The two accused nabbed are- Sayyed Hussain Khan, RR Nagar, Bhavanipur, Vijaywada was having 30 diamond pieces and the other accused Kamal Khan R/o Dhawalpur, Gariyaband was having 24 pieces. Both have kept the diamonds hidden in a small paper packet.

## Meeting of the Task Force constituted for elimination of single-use plastic held

Raipur, Jul 14: The third meeting of the task force, constituted for the elimination of single use plastic, was chaired by Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain today at Mantralaya (Mahanadi Bhavan). In the meeting, Chief Secretary directed the officers to ensure effective implementation of the comprehensive action plan for the elimination of single use plastic. He directed the officers to take necessary steps to promote the use of utensil bank, cloth, paper bag and dona-pattal as an alternative to single-use plastic. Additional Chief Secretary to Chief Minister, Subrat Sahoo was present in the meeting. Chief Secretary said in his address that there is a need to create mass awareness about the hazards of using single-use plastic. He instructed the officers to ensure wide public-



ity of the cause as per the action plan. In the meeting, detailed information was provided through a presentation about various activities being conducted by the Urban Administration and Development Department to eliminate the single-use plastic. Chief Secretary instructed the officials of the Housing and Environment Department to chalk out necessary guidelines for elimination of single-use plastic from government offices and to take necessary

action in coordination with the General Administration Department for its implementation. Officers have also been directed to encourage students to make models regarding the elimination of single-use plastic in science exhibitions organized in schools and colleges. Chief Secretary further said that the Collectors should prepare an action plan to ban the single-use plastic in their respective districts. Collectors have also been directed to coordinate with

the urban bodies and panchayats to ensure effective implementation of the action plan. Chief Secretary has also asked officials of airports, railway stations, industrial areas and other organizations including public sector undertakings to take necessary action for single-use plastic ban. Officials of Chhattisgarh Council of Science and Technology including Housing and Environment, Commerce and Industry, Panchayat and Rural Development Department, Urban Administration, Chhattisgarh Paryavaran Mandal, along with Special Secretary of Urban Administration Department Mr. Ayaz Tamboli participated in this meeting organized through video conferencing.

## Two Addl. PCCF made as PCCF

Raipur, Jul 14: The state government after DPC has promoted two Addl PCCF and made them as PCCF. This include Anil Sahu and V Srinivas Rao. Anil is presently working as MD Tourism Board and Rao is already PCCF in-charge or Head of Forest Force. After voluntary retirement by PCCF Sanjay Shukla, it is superseding 7 IFS officers that

he was appointed as PCCF. Now Rao is the full-time PCCF in the Forest Department.

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