



### BRIEF



BJP MP Poonam Mahajan pets a stray dog at Parliament House complex during the Monsoon session, in New Delhi, Thursday.

### Dare

**Mumbai:** Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray dared the Bharatiya Janata Party to finish him and asserted he had the blessings of his late father Bal Thackeray and the people. In an interview to party mouthpiece Saamana's executive editor Sanjay Raut, Thackeray wanted to know how the BJP could take credit for the construction of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya when it was not ready to take responsibility for the demolition of the Babri Masjid there in 1992.

### Deny

**New Delhi:** A Delhi court on Thursday dismissed an application of former AAP communications in-charge Vijay Nair seeking 'default bail' in a money laundering case related to the alleged Delhi excise policy scam. Special Judge M K Nagpal denied the relief to the accused, saying that the issue was already dealt with by the Delhi High Court, which had dismissed Nair's application for grant of regular bail sought on the ground that the Enforcement Directorate had fielded a "piecemeal or incomplete prosecution complaint" (ED's equivalent to a charge sheet) regarding him.

### Greet

**New Delhi:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday greeted the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel on the raising day of the force, and said the nation greatly appreciates their courage, dedication and selfless service. The force was raised on this day in 1939 as Crown Representative's Police and its named was changed after Independence. It is the country's largest central police force and plays a critical role in counter-insurgency measures.

### Suicide

**Saharanpur:** A married couple allegedly ended their life by consuming poison in Mandi Police Station area here, police said on Thursday. Pawan (62) and his wife Padma (60), residents of Matagarh Colony consumed some poisonous substance late Wednesday night, they said. After receiving information about it, their son Hardik along with some neighbours rushed the couple to a hospital on Thursday morning where the doctors declared the couple dead, SP City Abhimanyu Manglik told PTI.

**Weather**  
High 33 Low 25

**MARKET**  
NIFTY 19,659.90  
SENSEX 66,266.82

**BULLION**  
GOLD 58,800  
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## 'Red diary' latest product of Cong's 'loot ki dukan': PM

Sikar (Raj), Jul 27 (PTI):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday hit out at the Rajasthan government, invoking sacked minister Rajendra Gudha's "red diary" and said the "dark deeds" recorded in it will lead to the Congress defeat in the Assembly elections.

Addressing a public rally in Sikar, he also gave his own take on the Quit India slogan. "Mahatma Gandhi gave the slogan British Quit India and the British had to leave. Today's slogan is Corruption Quit India, Nepotism Quit India and Appeasement Quit India."

The "red diary" is a fresh product of the Congress' "loot ki dukan". It is said that the "dark deeds" of the Congress are recorded in the diary, which will defeat the party in elections in the state, Modi said. It was the sev-



PM Modi addresses during the inauguration and foundation stone laying ceremony of various development projects, in Sikar, Thursday.

enth visit of the prime minister to poll-bound Rajasthan in the last six months.

Modi accused the Congress government in Rajasthan of looting people and also targeted it over various recruitment

### 'Oppn parties angry as dreams of common people being fulfilled'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said that opposition parties are angry as they can see that dreams of common people of the country are being fulfilled. Speaking after inaugurating the Rajkot international airport and various development projects, Modi also said his government has worked hard to keep inflation under control. "Those who used to keep the people of the country thirsty (for development), those who had no concern for aspirations and expectations of people are angry as they can see that dreams of people of the country are being fulfilled," Modi said. "Today these corrupt and dynast people have changed the name of their jamaat (community); the faces are old, but the manners are the same and goals are also same," Modi said, in an apparent reference to opposition parties forming the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA).

paper leaks in the state. "In the name of running the government in Rajasthan, Congress has set up a 'loot ki dukan' in a 'jhooth ka bazar' (market of lies). The latest product of this 'loot ki dukan' is Rajasthan's red diary," Modi said.

"It is said that the dark deeds of the Congress government are recorded in this red diary. People are saying that if the pages of the red diary are opened,

then several big-wigs will be settled," he said.

"These people might remain tight-lipped, but this red diary will lead to Congress' defeat in this assembly election," he added. The red diary was recently produced by Gudha in the state assembly. He claimed it contained the details of the alleged irregular financial transactions of Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot.

### CBI to probe Manipur abuse video case

New Delhi, Jul 27 (PTI):

The CBI will probe the case of sexual assault on two women who were stripped and paraded by a mob in Manipur and the government will seek its trial outside the state, officials said on Thursday.

The trial would be sought to be held in a court in neighbouring Assam, they said.

The officials also said the Union Home Ministry is in touch with both Meitei and Kuki groups and talks are in an advanced stage to restore normalcy in Manipur.

The nearly three-month-long ethnic violence in Manipur has claimed over 160 lives. A video of the May 4 incident involving the two women went viral over social media earlier this month, sparking nationwide outrage.

The opposition seized the opportunity to corner the Modi government over the issue which has rocked the Monsoon session of Parliament since it began on July 20.

## Eight wagons, brake van of goods train derail

Bilaspur, Jul 27:

Eight wagons and the brake van of a goods train were derailed at Akaltara railway station of Janjgir-Champa district on Thursday, railway officials said.

No injuries were reported in the incident but the movement of trains on the Howrah-Mumbai up and down line was disrupted, they said. A brake van is a coach from which the guard can apply the brakes. The incident took place around 3 pm at Akaltara railway station yard on the Mumbai-Howrah route when the empty freight train was heading to Korba from Bilaspur, they said.

Eight rear wagons and the brake van got decoupled from the train and derailed causing damage to tracks and OHE (overhead equipment) line poles, officials said. A team of railway officials from Bilaspur and Korba were sent to the spot and efforts are on to restore the movement of trains, a railway official said. "The exact cause behind the incident will be ascertained after a probe," he added.

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### About the mishap

## 'PM tarnishing democracy by not speaking in Parl'

New Delhi, Jul 27 (PTI):

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Thursday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of tarnishing democracy by not speaking in Parliament and instead making political speeches outside.

He said the country has not seen a "darker period than this" in the history of its parliamentary democracy.

Kharge also dubbed the central government as a "blot on humanity" for its "indifference" towards Manipur, which he said was "burning" for the past 85 days. People have now



become aware and will fight "this kind of politics", he said.

"Parliament session is going on and instead of speaking on the floor, the prime minister is making speeches here and there. By doing so he is tarnishing democracy. The misdeeds of the Modi government cannot be erased by calling opposition parties names," Kharge said.

## WATERLOGGED HERITAGE STREET



Locals on the waterlogged Heritage Street near the Golden Temple, in Amritsar, Thursday.

## SC extends ED boss's tenure till Sept 15

New Delhi, Jul 27 (PTI):

The Supreme Court on Thursday granted an extension of tenure to Enforcement Directorate chief Sanjay Kumar Mishra till September 15 but made it clear there will be no further extension.

The Centre was seeking an extension in Mishra's tenure till October 15. A bench of Justices B R Gavai, Vikram Nath and Sanjay Karol said it was granting the extension in "larger public and national interest" but that Mishra will cease to remain ED chief from the midnight of September 15.

During the hearing, the top court questioned the Centre for seeking an ex-



Sanjay Kumar Mishra

tension and asked if the entire department is "full of incompetent people" except the incumbent chief. "Are we not giving a picture that there is no other person and the entire department is full of incompetent people?" a bench headed by Justice B R Gavai told Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre.

The top law officer argued that the continuity of the ED leadership is neces-

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sary in view of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) peer review whose rating matters.

## HC stays ASI's Gyanvapi mosque survey till Aug 3

Prayagraj (UP), Jul 27 (PTI):

The Allahabad High Court on Thursday reserved till August 3 its order on a plea against the survey of Gyanvapi mosque premises by the Archeological Survey of India. The court also ordered the ASI to stay the survey work till then. Chief Justice Pritinker Diwaker heard the matter in the afternoon session and reserved his verdict till August 3. The high court was hearing a plea against a Varanasi district court order directing the ASI to conduct a survey to determine if the Gyanvapi mosque was built upon a temple.

## Kargil man who risked his life to serve tea, meals to soldiers during 1999 war

Drass (Ladakh), Jul 27 (PTI):

Seventy-one-year-old Naseem Ahmad is not an ordinary tea seller. When everyone left this town for safety during the Kargil war in 1999, he stayed put to serve tea and meals to soldiers fighting the enemy forces in the challenging terrain of Ladakh.

Ahmad, who still runs the tea stall near a police station here almost 24 years after the war, was a "friend" of the Indian soldiers and became their saviour when everything around was shut and Drass looked like a ghost town. "When the Kargil war took place, I was

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## LS nod to bill to repeal 76 redundant, obsolete laws

New Delhi, Jul 27 (PTI):

Lok Sabha on Thursday gave its nod to a bill to repeal 76 redundant and obsolete laws, with the government saying the move is part of its continuing efforts to improve the ease of living and doing business.

So far, the Modi government has repealed 1,486 laws and once the present bill gets parliament's nod, the number of laws removed from statute books will go up to 1,562, Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal said moving the bill for consideration.

In December last year, the government introduced the Repealing and Amending Bill to cull 65 old laws. But the bill could not come up for discussion in subsequent sessions.

Meghwal said he is moving an official amendment to add 11 more bills to the list, bringing the total to 76. The 11 bills added through the amendment are colonial-era laws, he said. He said the repealing of old laws is part of the government's efforts to improve "ease of living as well as ease of doing business".

## School peon's husband arrested for rape of girl

### About the arrest...

The rape accused has been identified as Madvi Hidma alias Raju, the husband of a peon of the residential school. An eight-member team headed by Sukma Additional Superintendent of Police Gaurav Mandal was constituted to conduct a probe into the matter. After questioning more than 50 persons, analysis of as many mobile phones and tower dump data and investigation of the crime scene, the police zeroed-in on the accused. The victim also identified the accused," Chavan said. The accused was allegedly staying in the hostel with his wife, which is not allowed as it is a girls' hostel and he is not an employee of the facility which houses 429 girl students.

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provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

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## Unacceptable! India sees red over stapled China visas

### To some sportspersons from Arunachal

New Delhi, Jul 27 (PTI):

India on Thursday described as "unacceptable" China issuing stapled visas to some sportspersons from Arunachal Pradesh and asserted that it reserves the right to "suitably respond" to such actions.

External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said India has already lodged its "strong protest" with the Chinese side on the matter.

Bagchi said it has come to the govern-

### India reserves right to 'suitably respond': MEA

External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said India has lodged its "strong protest" with the Chinese side on the matter and there should be no discrimination on the basis of domicile or ethnicity in the visa regime for Indian citizens.

ment's notice that stapled visas were issued to some Indian citizens who were to represent the country at an international sporting event in China.



## Free eye check up camp organised for ex-servicemen & dependent families

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**Bhilai, Jul 27:** A free eye checkup camp was organized for ex-servicemen and their dependent families in the premises of Zilla Sainik Welfare Office Durg in association with ASG Eye Hospital, Raipur.

The camp covered the ex-servicemen and their dependents residing in Durg, Balod, Kabirdham and Bemetra districts was organized on July 26, 2023 from 10:00 hrs to 16:00 hrs.

The said camp was inaugurated by Brigadier Vivek Sharma (VSM, Retired), Director,

Directorate of Sainik Welfare Office, Raipur.

While addressing the camp, Brig Sharma thanked the members of ASG Eye Hospital and reiterated the directorate's commitment towards the health of ex-servicemen and their dependents.

Dr Devesh Kumar Dabria, along with his 05 member medical team examined the eyes of all ex-servicemen. According to the information received from the District Sainik Welfare Officer; during the investigation, blood pressure



pendent families were examined.

About 100 ex-servicemen and their dependent families were benefited. For the good health of ex-servicemen and their dependents residing in the districts where polyclinics are not available under Contributory Health Scheme for ex-servicemen, this free eye checkup camp was organized under the aegis of Directorate of Sainik Welfare (Chhattisgarh), Raipur and District Sainik Welfare Office, Durg with the aim of marking the memories of Kargil Day.

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## BSP's Wire Rods find ways in new sectors



**Bhilai, Jul 27:** Bhilai Steel Plant has always strived to develop new products to make its product basket more varied and cater to customers in new segments. Keeping this spirit, Bhilai Steel Plant has developed a new product of High Carbon Wire Rods from SMS3-WRM route. These Wire Rods have been rolled in IS 7904 Grade HC38B in 5.5 mm.

After initial trials, license for IS 7904 was taken from BIS (Bureau of Indian Standards) in the month of April 2023. After obtaining this approval, order for HC38B in IS 7904 was obtained from customer HD Wires, Indore and first com-

mercial rolling of 55 billets into Wire Rods was done on July 01, 2023. This rolling as well as testing was witnessed by customer at Bhilai Steel Plant. After full satisfaction of the customer, first consignment of 31 coils of High Carbon Wire Rods has been despatched on July 26, 2023 to customer, M/s HD Wires, Indore. This shall be the first ever despatch of High Carbon Wire Rods

from Bhilai Steel Plant. These high carbon Wire Rods find application in several sectors. These are Umbrella Rib Wire, Hair Pin Wire, Healed Wire & Reed Wire for Textile Industry, Spoke Wire, Shutter Spring Wires, Upholstery Springs, Automobile Springs, Industrial screens, Auto Cables, Wire Ropes and Musical Instruments.

## Tree Plantation organised at Adarsh Middle School (Prayas Hostel)

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**Bhilai, Jul 27:** A Tree Plantation Drive was organised by SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant, in association with CISF on July 26, 2023 at Adarsh Middle School (Prayas Hostel), Sector-02. Sanjay Prakash, IG (CISF) was the Chief Guest on this occasion.

Pratibha Agarwal, DIG (CISF), Anjani Kumar, ED (Works), AK Chakravorty, ED (MM), Dr AK Panda, ED (F&A), Pawan Kumar, ED (P&A) and BK Giri, ED (Mines), were also present during the programme as special guests, along with Abhishek Kumar, Commandant (CISF), Neetu Singh, Dy Commandant (CISF), Prince Kumar, Assistant Commandant (CISF), and CGMs, GMs and other senior officers of the Plant.

Addressing the gathering Sanjay Prakash said that deforestation is the

main reason behind the global oxygen deficit being faced by the world today, which can only be replenished by plantation initiatives at world-level. Trees are our heritage; they should be protected at all costs. India can play a leading role in enhancing the world's green cover, Prakash said.

Saplings of various plant varieties including fruit-bearing, medicinal flowering plants were planted by the guests present on this occasion.

The program was completed by Ranjeet Kaur from CISF. Dr NK Jain, DGM (Horticulture-TSD) from Bhilai Steel Plant, RK Verma, DP Singh, Roshan Kumar from CISF, along with Gaffar Khan, Shankar Agarwal, Rajesh Sharma, VV Sridhar, Chandrakiran Thakur, and Madangopal Singh contributed significantly towards making the programme successful.

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**Bhilai, Jul 27:** State Home, Public Works, and Agriculture Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu (MLA Durg Rural) performed Bhoomi Pujan in the Risali Municipal Corporation area for the second consecutive day on Thursday.

He has got sanctioned a fund to the tune of 1 crore 5 lakh 4 thousand sanctioned. While doing Bhoomi Pujan the minister said that development is taking place in Risali as per the requirement.

The Minister reached Ekta Manch in Ward 10 to perform Bhumi Pujan after covering the areas of Maroda Sector East, Maroda Sector West, Maroda Tank, Maroda Camp, DPS Risali Sector.

Thereafter, he discussed with the citizens living in the townships of the corporation area and assured



them that work is being done on priority basis.

Being a township, the formalities have to be completed after discussing with the plant manage-

ment. He said that he is also continuously discussing with the officials.

Bhumi Pujan has been performed for the construction of CC road and

platform to provide water drainage resources and smooth road in the township.

Risali Mayor Shashi Sinha, Speaker Keshav

Banchor, PCC General Secretary Jitendra Sahu, MIC Anup Dey, Chandrabhan Singh Thakur, Govind Chaturvedi, Chandra-

prakash Singh Nigam, Ishwari Sahu, Parmeshwar Kumar, Sarita Dewangan, Jamuna Thakur, Anil Kumar, Dr Seema Sahu, Sheela Narkhede, Rekha Devi, Sanju Netam, Vinay Netam, Vidhi Yadav Alderman Sandhya Verma, Mohd Nizam etc were present.

Bhumi puja was performed for construction of culvert construction 14.25 lakh in Ward 11, platform shed worth Rs 6 lakh, ward 12 paver block 14.07 lakh, ward 13 community building 13.02 lakh, drain construction 1.07, ward 14 CC road 1.74, drain construction 3.33 lakh, CC road 6.85 lakh, platform construction 2.15 lakh, Drain construction in Ward 9 7.79 lakh, Drain construction 6.49 lakh, Pathway construction in Ward 10 14.28 lakh, Toilet construction 5.00 lakh.

## St Thomas College Kailash Nagar welcomes new batch



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**Bhilai, Jul 27:** St Thomas College Kailash Nagar organised an induction programme and blessing ceremony for the newly admitted students for the academic session 2023-24.

The Ceremony commenced with the lighting of the Lamp and rendering of the College Prayer. The Blessing Ceremony was presided over by Alexious Mar Eusebius manager Bishop of MGM group of institutions.

Addressing the students he spoke about the importance of education and emphasized the students to follow noble values of discipline in their everyday lives and contribute towards the nation building. He exhorted the stu-

dents to inculcate in them the ethos and values of the institution.

Administrator of the College Fr Dr Joshi Varghese urged the students to keep their initial enthusiasm till the end of the course. He also encouraged the students to give their best in all the areas they get involved.

Dagma David of Commerce department introduced the various activities and facilities of the college and various Departments. An introductory session by respective Faculty Members was also conducted.

The Ceremony was followed by Mentor - Mentee interaction to guide and advise the students about the syllabus and other programmes conducted in the

department.

Velwayn Sam and Prena Yadav, second-year students of the college also shared their experience of the college. The enthusiastic involvement of parents marked the programme.

After the meeting all dignitaries, faculty members, and all the students took a college tour.

Very Rev Thomas Ramban, Vice President St Thomas Mission, Bhilai, Fr Jacob Thomas Diocesan Secretary, Fr Shaji Mukadiyil, Vice President MGM Sr Sec School Sec 6.

Fr Dr PS Varghese, EVC Christian College of Engineering and Technology, Fr Kurian John Principal MGM Public School, Dr Dipali Soren principal CCET,

BVK Reddy, Principal Mar Baslios Vidhya Bhavan, Dr Mariam Jacob Principal St Thomas college Kailash Nagar; and Sr Ludiya graced the programme.

Principal of the College Dr Mariam Jacob delivered the welcome Speech and extended a warm welcome to all the students and the parents. She exhorted the students to lead a righteous life and to utilize all the facilities of the College for their holistic development.

The programme was hosted by Siji Reno Asst professor, department of management with her great enthusiasm. Asst Professor Netra K Gupta, department of mathematics proposed the vote of thanks.

## MLA Arun Vora plants saplings along with school children

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**Bhilai, Jul 27:** Arun Vora MLA Durg (Urban) participated in a tree plantation program at Government Adarsh Kanya Vidyalaya along with the school children meant to prevent environmental pollution under the Durg municipal limits. Children were informed about the importance of plantation.

The MLA planted shady and fruitful plants like neem, mango, guava, kadamba and gulmohar. Ward Councillor Najat Parveen, Alderman Rajesh Sharma, Anil

Singh participated in the plantation. Principal and teachers of the school also planted saplings.

Thereafter, he took details from the Chief Minister Slum Health Scheme Dai-Didi Clinic Special Camp raised at the premises of Government Adarsh Kanya Vidyalaya. It was revealed that on Thursday 212 students were given free medicines after health check-up.

Tests were done for eye related problems, general checkup and hemoglobin (Hb) test of 20 girls. Out of them only 3

students had eye problem who were provided free treatment.

During this, MLA Arun Vora said that women will get free treatment facilities, they will not need to go to hospitals. The MLA appealed to take maximum advantage of Dai-Didi clinic camp.

MLA Arun Vora also used the opportunity to discuss with the girl students studying in Adarsh Kanya Higher Secondary School. He appealed to the girl students to make a definite goal and get involved in achieving it with full devotion and dedication.

The basic needs like better health, education, infrastructure are reaching the last person of the society. Due to the strengthening of the rural economy, we are continuously climbing new steps of development.

During plantation he said that he has been told that one should stay connected to the root, because a plant becomes a tree only when it is connected to its root, the plant which leaves its root remains as a stump. He said to the children, make a lot of progress, make Chhattisgarh famous.





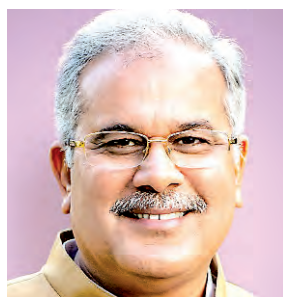
## CM questions why PM cannot give statement in Parliament

When he can roam around entire country and world for his promotion

Raipur, Jul 27:

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launching scathing attack against PM Narendra Modi said that when PM Modi can roam around the entire country and abroad, then why he cannot take part in the discussions in the Parliament on Manipur incident. It is notable here that there is deadlock over the Manipur incident in the Parliament for first three days, between the Opposition and the ruling party and it was just on Wednesday that the LS Speaker agreed to accept the no-confidence motion moved by the entire Opposition combined.

The Opposition parties are demanding statement on the issue by the Prime Minister. In this case, CM Baghel questioned as to



when PM of the country will speak and give a statement on it? Why he is not coming to the Parliament for the debate on this issue and it is such a simple thing. The PM of the country can roam around entire country and world for promotion, then why he cannot speak in the Parliament on this issue. The same thing has been raised by AICC Chief Mallikarjun Kharge as well, he added. To a question, Baghel mentioning

about the condition of farmers said that it is mentality of the BJP that they have never understood the pains and grievances of farmers. In what circumstances they take up crop and when they fail to get due returns, they face huge loss and remain under debt for long. It is the Chhattisgarh government which waived off agriculture loan worth Rs 9000 cr that of the farmers and today all the farmers are happy and prosperous.

They are getting MSP on paddy and benefits under Rajiv Gandhi Kissan Yojana. For paddy they are getting Rs 2640 per quintal and it is the highest. The facilities given to farmers is held as freebees by BJP leaders and in the coming 2023 and LS 2024 polls the party (BJP) will be taught a hard lesson, he added.

## BJP reiterates transparent probe into Residential school girl rape case

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Raipur, Jul 27: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Thursday reiterated demand for transparent probe and justice to the victim of Erabore Residential School rape case. Addressing a press conference at party office situated at Ekatma Parishar, the BJP MLA and Spokesperson Ranjana Sahu who is heading the probe committee of the party, said that just one accused has been arrested whereas the reality is that more people are involved in the girl rape case. Terming the incident to be shameful, the BJP Spokesperson said that the BJP probe committee had to face several obstacles before finally meeting the victim and her family members. She claimed that more people are reported to be involved in the rape case. She alleged that required guidelines for the management of girls residential school, has not been followed which resulted in the incident. Even the women security personnel who should have been present, was missing from the spot and added that the girl students are not safe in the residential school.

## YOUTH WITH TIGER STRIPES



With few days to go for 'Muharram', the members of Muslim community have painted themselves with tiger stripes resembling tigers and performing rituals.

## Tags, radium belts being tied on stray animals to save them from road accidents

Action being taken by the Livestock Development Department on the instructions of Collector

Raipur, Jul 27:

With a view to reduce road accidents in the district, stray animals are being fitted with radium belts. Animals wearing radium belts can become visible from a distance and serious accidents can be avoided by this. Collector Dr Sarveshwar Narendra Bhure gave instructions to tie radium belts and tags on stray animals to prevent road accidents in the district. Radium belts have been tied on 250 stray animals by the livestock development team of the district in Raipur-Jagdulpur,



Raipur-Mahasamund National Highway and Raipur-Balodabazar State Highway, Old Dhamtari Road Sejbahar, Ring Road No.-02, Gondwara, Tatibandh, Gudhiyari etc. The radium belt shines from a distance when light

falls on it in the dark. Drivers can see animals wearing radium belts from a distance and can save their vehicles from animals and avoid accidents at night. The work of tagging of animals is also being done by the team of

Livestock Development Department. A yellow tag is placed on the ear of the animal to identify it. The tag consists of 12 digits which act as an ID card for the animal. Information about breed, health etc. of animals is entered in the software through the number marked on the tag.

Joint Director Veterinary Services Dr Shankar Lal Uike said that due to water and mud in the rain, cattle sit on the road and in such a situation, chances of accident of drivers and cattle increase.

In order to reduce this, radium belts are being tied on stray cattle on National Highway. Stray cattle will soon be seen with radium belts in other roads within the city.

## NSS volunteers organize plantation drive

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Raipur, Jul 27: Kutchery Chowk, Raipur based Smt. Pramila Gokuldas Daga Girls College organized a massive plantation drive at the Boriya Khurd, situated new campus by the NSS unit of the College.

Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) from Raipur Rural Satyanarayan Sharma was the chief guest of the event and the president of college council Ajay Tiwari presided over the function.

Blessing the students, chief guest of the program Satyanarayan Sharma said that the forest wealth plays an important role in human lives; it not only makes Environment healthy but also boost the economy of



the area. He further stated that the Chhattisgarh state is rich in forest resources and the role of

youth is very important as they have to conserve it despite urbanization.

At the same time president of the event Tiwari asked students to take care of the plants they have planted and make the campus famous for its greenery.

To witness the occasion other guests present were donor member Daga college Gokuldas Daga, social worker from Jaipur KK Sharma, Farmer sarpanch boriya khurd Ramadhar Sahu, member of college council RK Gupta, president scout guide of Suresh Shukla, Sudhir Mukharji, ward Corporator Nirmalkar of along with principal of the college Dr. Sangeeta Ghai, NSS officer Ms Durga Chandrakar and all the faculty members of the college.

## Make people aware about voting in the upcoming elections: Collector to creators



Raipur, Jul 27:

Collector and District Returning Officer Dr Sarveshwar Narendra Bhure held a meeting with the young creators of Raipur district to ensure the participation of youth and new voters in the upcoming assembly elections 2023 and Lok Sabha elections 2023-24. It was discussed to ensure the participation of creators and influencers in creating awareness on youth and new voters. Collector Dr Bhure asked the young

New voters can add their names by filling Form 06: Dr Bhure

creators to make people aware about their participation in democracy and 100 percent voting. If names of a youth are not registered in the voter list, they can add their names by filling Form 06 themselves with the help of Voter Help Line app, he said. Apart from this, they can help in filling Form 06 for other members of their families.

Similarly, correction of errors in name, gender, address etc. can be done and names of Divyangjan, senior voters above 80 years of age can be added by filling Form 08 for necessary assistance on the day of polling.

The collector asked all the creators to make people aware about voting in the upcoming elections. All the creators expressed their commitment on this initiative and also expressed their gratitude to the district administration for this initiative.

## NIT delegates leave for Yuva Sangam Cross-Cultural Program



Raipur, Jul 27:

National Institute of Technology (NIT) Raipur organized a flag-off ceremony of Chhattisgarh delegates for Yuva Sangam Cross-Cultural Program on Thursday under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat program.

Dr NV Ramana Rao, Director, NIT Raipur flagged-off the delegates for their upcoming journey. Dr. Shrish Verma, Dean (Academics), Dr. PY Dhekne, Registrar, Dr. Nitin Jain, Dean (Student Welfare), Dr. Samir Bajpai, Head, Career Development

Centre were the Distinguished Guests at the ceremony. The tour is being coordinated by Dr. DC Jhariya, Associate Professor, Department of Applied Geology, and Dr. Mridu Sahu, Assistant Professor, Information Technology. The ceremony was also graced by the presence of faculty members and students. The Chhattisgarh delegates will be performing a cross-cultural folk dance with the Nagaland delegates during the two-day cross-cultural program at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi on 29th & 30th July.

## Cong send list of 34 promises out of 36 to top BJP leaders

Including former CM Raman Singh, Narayan Chandel and Arun Sao



Raipur, Jul 27: PCC spokesman Dhananjay Singh Thakur charged that the BJP leaders are trying to misguide people over Congress party's election manifesto and are purely speaking lies and making baseless charges of not fulfilling half of the promises. Giving a befitting reply to the allegations, PCC Media cell department sent the list of 34 out of 36 points of the election manifesto fulfilled by Congress at the residence of former CM Raman Singh, BJP State Chief Arun Sao and Leader of Opposition in VS Narayan Chandel. Set aside it they have also being sent a bundle of lies that of the promises unfulfilled by BJP in its three election year

viz. 2003, 2008 and 2013, so that the BJP leaders should know their truth and self-introspect the reasons they never fulfilled their promises. PCC spokesman Dhananjay Singh Thakur said that it is the CM Bhupesh Baghel's government which fulfills all the promises it makes. There were total of 36 points incorporated in Congress 2018 election manifesto and after formation of the government the party has till date fulfilled 34 of its promises and due to which the people of the state are happy and is presently working on the two points still pending. The bene-

fits of the schemes launched by the Congress party is not only the general public, but the former CM Raman Singh, Leader of Oppn in VS Narayan Chandel and BJP Chief Arun Sao and many other BJP leaders and party workers, but it is purely due to political benefits, that they are speaking lies and misguiding people.

It is to show the mirror to BJP leaders that they have been sent the list of promises fulfilled. During this Mani Vaishnav, Vikas Vijay Bajaj, Sayaprakash Singh, Rishabh Chandrakar, Sujit Gidhole were present.

## Fincare Small Finance Bank launches its first branch in Raipur

Raipur, Jul 27:

Fincare Small Finance Bank, with a reputation for high-touch high-tech model of inclusive banking, has announced the launch of its newest banking outlet in the vibrant city of Raipur. Chhattisgarh being one of the fastest-growing states in India and Raipur as a regional center for trade and commerce, offer tremendous opportunities for entrepreneurs and enterprises alike. This milestone marks a significant step in the Bank's journey to expand its footprint and empower the community with comprehensive banking services tailored



to meet the diverse needs of rural, mass retail as well as affluent customers. Addressing the scribes, Dr. Ashish Chhabra, CEO, West at Fincare Small Finance Bank, said, "We are thrilled to announce the opening of our banking outlet at Raipur. This expansion embodies our deep-rooted commitment to advancing financial inclusion, while ensuring that our customers re-

ceive best-in-class banking services, tailored to their unique requirements." The newly launched banking outlet in Raipur shall offer a comprehensive suite of financial products and services, ranging from savings account, fixed deposit, loans as well as digital banking solutions, designed to simplify banking and enhance convenience for customers. As of 31st March 2023, the Bank has a network of 1,231 banking outlets spread across 19 states and three union territories, covering 338 districts and 57,186 villages. The Bank serves 42+ Lakh customers and has a workforce of 14,000+.

## BJYM launches youth contact campaign



Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Jul 27: Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) has launched state-wide awareness campaign for the new voters who would be exercising their electoral franchise for the first time in the upcoming Legislative Assembly polls.

Providing the above information, the BJYM Media in-charge Vikas Mittal said that the BJYM President Ravi Bhagat

Volunteers highlighting the achievements of Modi govt

has given directives to the office-bearers to complete the visit to all the 90 Legislative Assembly segments by August end.

He further informed that apart from creating awareness among new voters, the BJYM workers are also highlighting the failures of the Congress government on key issues. BJYM volunteers

are also highlight the works of Central Government during the last nine years on the grounds of steps like Start-Up India, Mudra Scheme, Scholarship Scheme and opening of new faculty for the higher education among youth. He further informed that Youth contact programmes have been launched in favour of BJP through the various infrastructure works undertaken by the Modi government at Centre.

## CAIT to hold traders conclave on August 4 at New Delhi

Raipur, Jul 27: CAIT National Senior Vice President Amar Parwani, chairman Mangal Maloo, Amar Gidwani, State President Jitendra Doshi, State Working President Vikram Singh Deo, Parmanand Jain, Vashu Makhija, State General Secretary Suriender Singh, State Working General Secretary Bharat Jain and State Treasurer Ajay Agrawal informed that the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) in a communication sent to Union Commerce & Consumer Affairs Minister, Piyush Goel has strongly urged for early roll out of e-commerce policy, e-commerce rules under Consumer Protection Act and a new press note replacing Press Note No 2 of FDI in retail policy to streamlining e-commerce trade in India.

The implementation of these three policy initiatives is keenly awaited by the traders of the country since they are facing great harassment at the hands of foreign e-commerce companies and an uneven level playing field because of predatory pricing, exclusivity and owing inventory. The CAIT is organ-

izing a traders conclave on 4th August at New Delhi to discuss strategy on e-commerce and other crucial trade issues which are being confronted by business community.

CAIT National Senior Vice President Mr. Amar Parwani & State President Mr. Jitendra Doshi said that the trading community is deeply anguished over the rampant violation of laws and rules by several global e-commerce giants. It is deeply regrettable that it is all happening despite your unequivocal warnings at several times expressed at various national & international platforms for more than two years. Such a scenario has created a "Highway or My Way" type situation in the country in the field of e-commerce.

Mr. Parwani & Mr. Doshi said that through e-commerce no substantial FDI is entering into India rather the money which comes under the guise of FDI is used for cash burning or to support huge losses incurred by global e-tailers. We are of the firm opinion that e-commerce democracy in India should not be compromised at all.



# Yoga is India's gift to the world: Governor

- All universities should include yoga activities: Harichandan
- Review meeting of private universities concluded at Raj Bhavan

Raipur, Jul 27: Governor and Chancellor Vishwabhushan Harichandan took a review meeting of all the private universities of the state on Wednesday and reviewed their academic activities, research work and other works. The Governor said that Yoga is India's gift to the world. Yoga activities should be conducted in universities for the physical and mental health of the students. Addressing all the Vice-Chancellors, the Governor said that due to the efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India's Yoga got recognition in the whole world and International Yoga Day started being celebrated all over the world. India has taken a step forward towards becoming a world leader. He said that yoga would make the body and mind healthy and the young generation would dedicate themselves to nation building with their full potential. Secretary, Higher Education Department, Mr. Siddharth Komal Pardesi, Secretary to the Governor, Mr. Amrit



Khalkho, Chairman, Chhattisgarh Private University Regulatory Commission, Dr. Umesh Mishra and Vice-Chancellors of all private universities were present in the meeting. Governor Harichandan said that apart from studies, the students also have a responsibility towards the society and the nation. Universities should also prepare students for this role. The feeling of patriotism should also be instilled in them. Students should come forward to help the underprivileged and make people aware of their rights. He said that according to the requirement of the market, efforts should be made to upgrade the skills of the youth so that the youth can become self-reliant. Such courses should be made in the universities which increase the

employability of the youth. Placement cells and career counseling cells should be actively working in the universities. Encourage students for blood donation, tree plantation and other social activities. Secretary, Higher Education Department, Mr. Siddharth Komal Pardesi said that special emphasis is being laid on professional and vocational education under the new education policy. He said that all universities should compulsorily take action for quality in education, training and recruitment of placement professors. Dr. Mishra, Chairman, Chhattisgarh Private University Regulatory Commission, who was present in the meeting, made the private universities follow the guidelines circulated from time to time in relation to

environmental protection, climate change, social activities, Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, etc. Proposed amendments to the Ordinances by various universities were issued in a timely manner. In the meeting, information was taken from universities on various subjects including the implementation of the National Education Policy 2020. The present Vice-Chancellors gave information about the activities conducted in their universities, recruitment and appointment of academic staff, MoUs with various educational institutions, courses, examinations and results, research and innovations made by the university in other areas through presentations. Vice-Chancellors of Mats University Raipur, OP Jindal University Raigarh, ICAI University Durg, I.S.B.M. University Gariaband, Shri Rawatpara Government University Raipur, Amity University Raipur, IMT University Raipur, Maharishi University Bilaspur, Dev Sanskriti University Durg, CV Raman University Bilaspur, Kalinga University Raipur, Bharati University Durg, Shri Shankaracharya University Bhilai and Modi University, Raipur were present.

## CM salutes brave soldiers on CRPF foundation day

Raipur, Jul 27: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel congratulated and extended his best wishes to all the brave soldiers on the foundation day of the country's largest central armed police force 'Central Reserve Police Force' (CRPF) observed on July 27. Saluting the courage, valor and sacrifice of CRPF men, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel stated that we Indians owe them a debt of gratitude for their service and loyalty.

## 1st Ch'garh Ranking TT tournament from August 4

Central Chronicle News  
Raipur, Jul 27: Chhattisgarh Table Tennis Association (CTTA) in association with Dhamtari District Table Tennis Association (DTTA) is organising 1st Chhattisgarh State Ranking Table Tennis Tournament 2023 at Gujarati Samaj Bhawan situated at Baniyapara in Dhamtari from August 4 to 6. Providing the above information in a statement issued here, the CTTA Secretary Vinay Baiswade said that the championship for Youth Under 17 Junior and Under 13 Cadet for boys and girls would be held on August 4 whereas the Senior Men/Women and Youth Under 11 (Hopes) category event would be held on August 5. Under 19 Youth and Under 17 for both boys and girls championship would be held on August 6. He further informed that more than 150 players would be participating in the mega event next month. July 28 is the last date of submission of registration for the tournament, he added.

# State govt is working for progress and prosperity of workers: Sharma



Raipur, Jul 27:

## Children of labourers will also be able to become collector and SP with education promotion: Shafi Ahmed Khan

Addressing the labour conference organized by the Chhattisgarh State Labor Welfare Board at Patidar Bhawan, Khamtarai, capital Raipur, MLA Satyanarayan Sharma said that the state government is running several public welfare schemes for labour protection and welfare for the progress and prosperity of the workers. It is the responsibility of all of us to help the labourers to get maximum benefits from these schemes of the government. He said that the Labour Welfare Board works in the interest of organized labourers and employers, if employers and labourers work in coordination, then even the biggest problems can be solved easily. Realizing the suffering of the poor and labourers, he appealed to the people's representatives and officers and employees to participate in their development. Chhattisgarh State Labour Welfare Board President Mr. Shafi Ahmed Khan while addressing the labour conference said that even if we

could not make the labourers Collector-SP but the children of labourers can definitely be made collector and SP through other beneficial schemes including education promotion run by the Board. For this we all need to work for labour welfare. Mr. Khan gave detailed information about the works being done by the state government for the upliftment of labourers and the ongoing schemes in different wings under the Labour Department. He told that during the previous government only 3355 institutions and about two lakh workers were registered in the Labour Welfare Board. In the last four and a half years after the coming of our government, more than 9065 organisations and more than 4.5 lakh workers have been

registered due to widespread public awareness and labour-friendly decisions. He appealed to get more and more labourers registered in the Board to take advantage of the schemes run in the Labour Welfare Board. On this occasion, on the suggestion of MLA Mr. Satyanarayan, he announced to start Shramik Anna Kendra and Sewing Training Center in Birgaon. Other members also addressed the labour conference in the programme. In the programme, cheque and cycles were distributed to the children of labourers for the education incentive amount. On this occasion, Mayor of Municipal Corporation Birgaon, Mr. Nandlal Dewangan, Board members Manoj Singh Thakur, Madan Taleda, Shariq Khan, Naresh Garhwal, Suresh Masih, President of INTUC Raipur Ashish Dubey, Board Commissioner S.L. Jangde, senior social worker K.K. Sharma, Udholal Verma, Yogesh Solanki, Girish Dubey and a large number of employers and workers were present.

## Participants learning pranayama, asana and yoga philosophy



### In yoga camp

Raipur, Jul 27: A seven-day divisional level free residential yoga training camp is being conducted by the Chhattisgarh Yoga Commission for the Durg division at Yog Bhawan located in Fundhar, Raipur. Prior to this, yoga training camps have been successfully organized by the Yoga Commission for Raipur, Bilaspur, Bastar and Surguja divisions. In the camp, the participants are being informed about the benefits of yoga in the human body including information about different systems of yoga. On this occasion, Chairman of Chhattisgarh Yoga Commission Mr. Gyanesh Sharma, Secretary Mr. M.L.

Pandey and yoga instructors were present. During the Yoga session, information about the importance and introduction of Ashtanga Yoga, rules of Yama, Asanas was given by the experts. Holistic approach of yoga towards health and diseases, Brief introduction of human body and common problems and solutions of asanas, Yogic positive approach. Detailed information was given on the subject of Pranayama, subtle exercise and Suryanamaskar and its types, yoga philosophy and vital energy. Along with this, yoga exercises are also being performed by the participants every morning in the presence of yoga instructor Chhabi Ram Sahu and Jyoti Sahu.

# Need is to move from sustainable development to regenerative development: Experts

Raipur, Jul 27:

The first edition of the Regional Rural Colloquy organized by Transform Rural India (TRI) on July 22 at Raipur highlighted the necessity for communities to work together with flexibility, draw inspiration from nature and employ diverse strategies for consistent and comprehensive growth. Eminent speakers engaged in meaningful discussions with representatives of the civic society, community & government to develop actionable strategies and support the evolving aspirations of rural communities. The state-level colloquy was inaugurated by Mr. Ajay Singh, Vice-Chairman, State Planning Commission, Dr. Sachidanand Shukla, Vice-Chancellor, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University and Ms. Padmini Bhoi Sahu (IAS),



Mission Director, CGSRLM. This event is a precursor to TRI's national India Rural Colloquy held during the first week of August (1-8) in Delhi. This third edition - themed the "Rural Renaissance" - brings over 100 thought leaders from the development world, the government, and the business community to discuss if rural India is indeed at the precipice of massive progress for all. Ajay Singh, Vice

Chairman, Chhattisgarh State Planning Commission, Govt. of Chhattisgarh said, "We are celebrating the 75th anniversary of our country's independence. 75 years is a very long time for stocktaking any country's progress. This (IRC) is a great opportunity for doing that. IRC will also prove useful in accessing the regional specific aspirations, thoughts and challenges of the people there, based on which ideas and suggestions will

emerge. The first session focused on regenerative development, highlighting the crucial role of Panchayat institutions in supporting community-based organizations and serving as a point of convergence between them and the local administration. TRI believes that Regenerative Development can lead to a quality-of-life experience for everyone. It is imperative that we deliberate on the mechanisms of investments in and partnerships among local communities, institutions, and businesses to meet their aspirations," said Ms. Neeraja Kudrimoti, Associate Director, TRI, Chhattisgarh. Pradeep Sharma, Advisor to CM, Govt. of Chhattisgarh, said at the event that "Rural Technology is one that increases confidence within man and reduces the size of the machines.

## Neeraj Sharma appointed State Secy SBS



Raipur, Jul 27:

In the state working committee meeting held at Chhattisgarh Sadan Kailashpuri, social worker Neeraj Sharam has been declared as the STate Secretary of Sarv Brahmin Samaj (SBS). The above appointment has been made as per proposal by the Samaj's cultural manch President JP Sharma and formal declaration

by National President Lalit Mishra and handed over to him the appointment letter. On this occasion Dr Vibhuti Sharma, Munna Mishra, Niteesh Shukla, Ratna Sharma, Mrilani Mishra, Sangeeta Sharma, Asha Sharma, Kavita Sharma, Sarita Sharma, Shikha Sharma, Sudha Sharma, Veena Tiwari, Vaijyanti Chaturvedi and others were present.

## Governor stresses the officials for effective implementation of Central Govt schemes

Convenes meeting of Central Govt department heads at Raj Bhavan



Raipur, Jul 27:

Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan convened a meeting of Central Government department heads at Raj Bhavan on July 26 to review their respective activities. Emphasising the need to ensure that the benefits of Central Government schemes reach the common people, he urged for their effective implementation. The Governor encouraged officers to actively engage with the public, disseminating information about the

Central Government schemes and attentively addressing their concerns. Governor Harichandan highlighted the collective responsibility of the government's executive in serving the nation with loyalty, dedication, and patriotism. He called upon all attendees to work diligently for the betterment of the motherland. Governor Harichandan lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi's inclusive vision of "Sabka Saath-Sabka Vikas" and the launch of numerous

schemes benefiting farmers, women, children, youth, labourers, and entrepreneurs. He emphasised the need for extensive publicity through All India Radio, Doordarshan, and PIB to create awareness about these schemes. The Governor also urged dedicated efforts to ensure the effective implementation of the Central Government's flagship initiatives. In a special presentation, the Head of the Postal Department presented a collection of "My Stamps" featuring the Governor's portrait, commemorating his contributions and achievements. Secretary to the Governor Amrit Khalkho, Additional DGP of Border Security Force Anurag Garg, and 38 department heads from various Central Government offices were present.

## Kargil Vijay Diwas organised



Raipur, Jul 27: Government Yoganandam Chhattisgarh College Raipur's 1 C.G. Naval NCC, 8 C.G. Girls Battalion NCC and National Service Scheme organised a program on July 26 by the cadets of on the occasion of Kargil victory. The chief guest of the program, Mr. Romeo Kujur, a retired soldier from the army, was felicitated with shawl and shreefal by Dr. Pushpa Kaushik, co-principal of the college. In the program, college students were informed about the Kargil war and a short documentary film made

on Kargil Vijay Diwas was shown. During this, the students were told about the heroic saga of the great heroes of Kargil. In the program, tribute was paid to the brave soldiers who were martyred in Kargil by singing the national anthem. Under the direction of Principal Dr. Amitabh Banerjee, 1 C.G. Division Commander of Naval Unit, the programme was organised by Lt. Dr. Anil Ramteke, Program Officer of National Service Scheme, Prof. Sunil Kumar Tiwari and Prof. Bhupendra Karvande.

## STTP on 'Emerging Trends and Challenges in Biomechanics and Biomaterials' held

Raipur, Jul 27:

National Institute of Technology (NIT) Raipur's Department of Biomedical Engineering organized an inauguration ceremony for a Short-Term Training Program (STTP) entitled 'Emerging Trends and Challenges in Biomechanics and Biomaterials' in virtual mode. Dr. NV Ramana Rao, Director, NIT Raipur was the Chief Patron with Dr. Prabhat Diwan, Dean (Research & Consultancy) and Dr. Subhojit Ghosh, Professor In-charge, Continuing Education Cell as Patrons for the inaugural. Dr. NV Ramana Rao emphasized the potential of biomedical engineering especially in medical research after the COVID pandemic. He briefed about the training program and its benefit to the society and other researchers and doctors. Dr. B. K. Singh introduced the

18 speakers who will give their lectures in this STTP, which shall be prove to be of vital importance in health services. Dr. N. Singh explained how the program will bring together leading experts, researchers, entrepreneurs and doctors from the field of biomechanics and biomaterials. He elaborated on how it will serve as a platform to facilitate exchange of knowledge and ideas, which will foster innovation and collaboration in enterprise. Dr. S. Ghosh encouraged the idea of conducting this training program annually and in physical mode so that the participants can gain invaluable hands-on experience and get a good feel of this field. The training program aims to explore the cutting-edge advancements in the synthesis, surface modification, processing, treatment, characterization and tribological aspects of Biomaterials, and

highlighting the advancements in the field of Biomechanics; with the objective of imparting knowledge and providing comprehensive training to a diverse group of participants. Renowned experts from various organizations are set to deliver lectures during the program. It will also include the accurate simulation of physiological phenomena occurring in the human musculoskeletal, cardiovascular, and dental systems using advanced computational tools. Several vital and relevant topics like Bio-Tribology, Bio-Polymers, Bio-Corrosion, Dental Biomechanics, Solid Modelling and FEA, and Sports Biomechanics are to be covered in this program. This STTP is targeted for the undergraduates, postgraduates, Ph.D. students, young faculty members/researchers from academia and industry and is set to conclude on 30th July.



# Farmer commits suicide, hanging himself from a tree

### Suicide note found saying loses over the years forced him to do so

Central Chronicle News

**Bagbaha, Jul 27:** A 65 yr old farmer Kanhaiya Sinha committed suicide by reportedly hanging himself to death in Gram Chuiya of Tendukona Thana and the police has also found a suicide note near the deceased, with mention about problems in farming due to water problems and pests attack in last 8-9 yrs and about the loss to his Rabi crop this year due to low voltage and failing to get any benefits from the government and his future seems to be looming in darkness. The family members informed the Police that he

has taken loan from Axis Bank and due to which he was in tension. The police has made a 'panchnama' and after post-mortem gave the body to the family members and the final rites were performed at Gram Chuiya. According to police, they got information about the suicide from the family members and Kotavar.

On reaching there Police found that Kanhaiya S/o Bisahu Ram Sinha (65) had made a knot with his white 'dhoti' in the Mango tree near his house and committed suicide. The police also recovered a suicide note near



Kanhaiya Chuiya

him with mention being a small farmer, he has been facing lots of problems due to water shortage or crop loss due to pests attack and others for last 8-9 years and every year he has been facing loss and

could neither get insurance cover nor the Rs 2 lakh rebate. This year due to low voltage the paddy crop on 4 acre also did not survive and with such heavy loss he was in bad finances and was unable to find any ray of hope.

Police informed that the family members initially informed that he has taken loan from Axis Bank and was in tension. Police also informed that Kanhaiya had being to his nearby farm for morning work and people have found him hanging himself to branch of a tree. The family members informed that Kanhaiya had slept in the night like

everyday and left for work in the morning.

The police is yet to get the hand written note found near Kanhaiya and he is having around 5 acre land and is with 1 son and two daughters and is presently living along with his wife and son and daughter-in-law. Nephew of deceased Sarpanch of Basula Dabri- Hemant Sinha informed that late Kanhaiya was well-known for his ability to check ground-water points and the most unfortunate thing was that he got 13 borewells dig in his farm. The death of Kanhaiya is centre of discussions in the village.

# Voter awareness prog held under SVEEP



**In Govt Minimata Girl's College**

Central Chronicle News

**Korba, Jul 27:** As per instructions by District Returning Officer and Collector Sanjeev Kumar Jha and under guidance of the District Nodal SVEEP CEO Viswadeep

and with assistance of Dy. DRO Manoj Khande, voter awareness programme was organised under SVEEP programme at Government Minimata Girl's College here on Wednesday.

In the weekly activity in the College, a rally was taken out an information was given about the voting rights. The

voters were informed that each and every single vote is important in the democracy and each voter should exercise his franchise.

In this voter awareness programme, the girl students and teachers of the College actively took part and all took a pledge to become a good voter.

# Eye infection turning epidemic



Central Chronicle News

**Kurud, Jul 27:** Children, youth and elderly people of all classes are the problem of infection in the eyes during rains, which is taking the form of an epidemic. In the last few days, the problem of conjunctivitis and allergic conjunctivitis is being seen and a large number of patients are reaching Kurud Civil Hospital every day.

It is being told that in these 30 to 40 patients are reaching troubled by eye infection and Dr. Kshitij Sahu, Assistant Eye

Officer of Civil Hospital Kurud told that eye flu is an eye disease, also known as viral conjunctivitis and is a common eye infection that we all face at some point in our lives.

He told that there is wetness and mud in the eyes, apart from this, in allergic conjunctivitis, the patient has itching, redness in the eyes and both the eyelids are glued after waking up in the morning.

In Civil Hospital Kurud, 5 to 10 patients are coming daily in Primary Health Center Nari, Chatod, Bhakhara, Parakhanda, Ji Jangaon, Sirri, this disease is about to spread.

Dr. Kshitij Sahu further said one should wash the eyes with cold water after coming from outside, and eat seasonal fruits, take at least seven to eight hours of sleep and drink more water to keep the eyes moist.

# Farmers reap rewards with vermi-compost

Central Chronicle News

**Korea, Jul 27:** A remarkable transformation is taking place in the agricultural landscape of Korea, with farmers embracing vermi-compost to enhance their crop yields and boost profits. As part of the visionary 'Godhan Nyay Yojana' introduced by the state government, this eco-friendly initiative is witnessing enthusiastic participation from cultivators. Under the ambit of the Godhan Nyay Yojana, farmers are not only finding an additional revenue stream by selling cow dung but are also capitalizing on the benefits of top-notch vermi-compost to maximize their agricultural productivity. This sus-

tainable approach has proven to be a game-changer for many farmers, elevating their economic prospects. Farmer Vanshdhari from the gram panchayat of Naveri, who is associated with the Godhan Nyay Yojana, explain that last year he started using vermi-compost in his fields based on the advice of local agricultural officers. Initially, he was apprehensive about the outcome of their crops, but after harvesting, he obtained nearly 15 to 20 percent higher yields. Delving into the advantages of vermi-compost,

Vanshadhas progressive farmer from Khadgawan block, highlighted its role in curbing crop diseases. By reducing the reliance on chemical fertilizers, he has experienced fewer ailments in his crops, while the taste and quality of the produce from his fields have significantly improved. Joining the ranks of success stories are Manoj Kumar and Dashrath Singh, who hail from Khadgawan. They too have witnessed a surge in crop production, attributing their prosperity to the adoption of vermi-compost.

## GENERAL NOTICE

(Regarding property situated at Village Sikola P.C. No. 8 R.I. Circle Durg-2, Tehsil & District Durg)

It is informed to the general public that Smt. Sunita Devi Khetan wife of Shri Bimal Kumar Khetan resident of Kadambri Nagar, Durg who is the owner and in possession of her property situated village Sikola P.C. No. 8 R.I. Circle Durg-2, Tehsil & District Durg bearing Khassra No. 253/121 including Khassra No. 254/73 admeasuring 0.052 Hect. has irrevocably promised her nephew i.e. my client Shri Anil Kumar Agarwal son of Shri Vinod Agarwal to gift a part admeasuring 2400 Sq. Ft. of her above property without any condition whatsoever she is firm and determined over her above promise. It is stated by her that the said property is free of all encumbrances. Only execution and registration of such gift deed is pending for the transfer of the above property.

Hence, if any person, entity, corporation or any other being has any objection over the gift of the above mentioned property then he/she/it may give a written objection along with documents regarding the same at my below mentioned address within 7 days of this publication. It is being made clear that objection published in any news paper shall be ineffective and invalid. If such objection is not made within the prescribed time limit and the execution and registration of the said gift deed is completed then any such objection received shall be deemed false and unlawful and which shall not be binding on my client.

Hence take notice, Raipur Date: 20.07.2023  
Yogesh Mahobia Advocate  
Office : Laxminarayan Barai Mandir  
Parisar, Lily Chowk, Purani Basti, Raipur  
Mob. 98274-00720

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The Borrower (s) having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the Borrower (s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on 25.07.2023. The Borrower(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED for an amount of Rs.12,20,024.10 (Rupees Twelve Lakh Twenty Thousand and Twenty Four Paise Ten Only) as on 13.04.2023 and interest thereon.

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Date : 25.07.2023  
Place : DURG  
Authorized Officer, INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

## Circle Office SASTRA, Naya Raipur

PH.No.(0771)2210417/19

## POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Properties)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Punjab National Bank, Branch-Mahasamund under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of Powers conferred under Sub-Section (12) of Section 13 read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002, issued Demand Notices Dated 20.04.2023 calling upon the Borrower/s -1) M/s Abhinandan Enterprises, Proprietor- Sh. Vikash Chopra 2) M/s Anant Agrotech, Partners- 1. Sh. Amit Chopra 2) Sh. Ashok Kumar Chopra, 2. Smt. Ratan Bai Chopra W/o Ashok Kumar Chopra to the amount mentioned in the notices and interest thereon within 60 days from date of the receipt of the said notice.

Sl No.	Name of the Account	1)Date of Demand Notice & 2)Date of Possession	Outstanding amount as per demand notice	Description of Immovable Properties
1.	M/s Abhinandan Enterprises	(1) 20.04.2023 (2) 27.07.2023	Rs. 42693790.84/- + Interest & Charges	All part and parcel, Land & Building at Kh. No. 986/4,5,6 PH No. 113/80, Village -Jhalakhamariya, Distt-Mahasamund, Owner M/s Anant Agrotech, Partners-1. Sh. Amit Chopra, 2. Sh. Ratan Bai Chopra
2.	M/s Anant Agrotech	(1) 20.04.2023 (2) 27.07.2023	Rs. 24976223.27/- + Interest & Charges	All part and parcel, Land & Building at Kh. No. 986/4,5,6 PH No. 113/80, Village -Jhalakhamariya, Distt-Mahasamund, Owner M/s Anant Agrotech, Partners-1. Sh. Amit Chopra, 2. Sh. Ratan Bai Chopra

Date : 27.07.2023, Place: Mahasamund  
Authorized Officer, Punjab National Bank

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

PM Young Achievers Scholarship Award Scheme for Vibrant India (PM YASAVI)

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- Eligibility:
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  - Parents/ guardians/ annual Income not more than Rs. 2.50 Lakhs.
  - Studying in a Top Class School in Class 9 or 11. (list available in <https://yet.nta.ac.in>)
- Entitlement: Upto Rs. 75,000 p.a. for Class 9/10, Rs. 1,25,000 p.a. for Class 11/12 - covering the school tuition fee/hostel fee.
- Selection process: By merit in the YASAVI Entrance Test (YET) conducted by National Testing Agency (details in <https://yet.nta.ac.in>)
- Mode of exam: paper pen (OMR)
- Applications open from: 11.07.2023 to 10.08.2023 (upto 11:50pm)
- Correction window: 12.08.2023 to 16.08.2023
- Display of Admit cards: To be announced later through NTA website.
- Date of the exam: 29th September, 2023 (Friday)
- Documents for application: Student should have a valid functional Mobile Number, Aadhar Number (UID), Aadhar linked Bank Account, Income Certificate and Caste Certificate  
(Note: Scheme guidelines, detailed eligibility criteria and other details are available on <https://yet.nta.ac.in> and <http://socialjustice.gov.in/schemes/>)

## बैंक ऑफ इंडिया BOI Bank of India

Bhilai Branch: Plot No. 6 Indira Place, Civic Centre, Bhilai, Tel: 0783-226477/2264517, 0783-226477/2264517, Email: Bhilai.Raipur@bankofindia.co. Teelbandha Branch: G.E. Road, Near Railway Crossing, Raipur, (C.G.), Pin-492001, Ph: 0771-4216203

## POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Properties)

Whereas, The undersigned being the authorized officer of the Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice calling upon the following borrower/s to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being detail as mentioned here under, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules as mentioned below.

Branch Name	Description of the Properties	Demand Notice	Amount Due
Bhilai Branch :- Mr. Raghendra Sharma	EQM of Residential Land and Building Situated at New Khursipar, Nilam Chowk, Near Ayush Four Mill, Ward No.-36, Bhilai, Durg in the name of Mr. Raghendra Sharma. Boundaries :- North : Road, South : Road, East : Land of Vidya Prasad Bhasin, West : House of Ralnakar Garg.	Date 12.05.2023 Possession Notice Date 25.07.2023	₹ 13,94,855.90/- (Thirteen Lakh Ninety Four Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Five Rupees & Ninety Paise Only) + interest + Other expenses
Telibandha Branch:- Smt. Rema Singh W/o. Harendra Singh Thakur and Shri Harendra Singh Thakur S/o. Jaggeswar Prasad Thakur.	Eqm of Immovable Property Situated at Land and Building (Three Stories) Situated at Municipal No. 2327/50 Diverted Kh. No. 74/28, P.H.No. 67/68, at Pura near the Municipal Ward No. 45, Rani Durgawati Ward, Near Janta Hotel, Mahaveer Nagar, Raipur (C.G.) Area : 1400 Sq.ft.	Date 20.05.2023 Possession Notice Date 24.07.2023	₹ 47,19,567.55/- (Forty Seven Lakh Nineteen Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Seven Rupees & Fifty Five Paise Only) + Interest + Other expenses

Date: 28.07.2023, Place : Bhilai/Telibandha  
Authorized Officer, Bank of India

## केनरा बैंक Canara Bank SMRITI NAGAR BRANCH, BHILAI

POSESSION NOTICE [Appendix IV under the Act-Rule-8(1)]

Whereas, The under signed being the Authorized officer of the Canara Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a Demand Notice was issued on the dated in the given following table calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days of receipt of said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property, described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the said Act on the dates mentioned against the account. The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the CANARA BANK (Below mentioned Branches) for the amount and interest mentioned thereon.

The Borrower's / Guarantors' / Mortgagee's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

S. No.	Borrower/ Branch Name	Detail of Possessed Property	Demand Notice Amount	Demand Notice Date
1.	Mr. Ranjeet Sahni S/o. Mr. Shankar Sahni & Mrs. Poonam Sahni W/o. Mr. Rajee Sahni, H/o. No. 33, Ward No 03, Shakti Chowk, New Krishna Nagar, Supela, Bhilai-490023.	Plot no B- 01 P.H.No. 119/50/82, Khasara No 181/11-5-8-12-4-6-11-18, R.N.M RAIPUR 1, Gulshan Walika, Sezbahar, Talsi & Dist. Raipur (C.G.) Area 1108sq Feet. Boundaries of the Property: East: Road, West: Other's Land, North: Road, South: Road,	₹ 47,52,879.57 with interest and applicable charges thereon.	01.05.2023 25.07.2023

Date: 27.07.2023 Place: Bhilai (CG)  
Authorized Officer, Canara Bank

## Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

Corporate Office: 802, Natraj By Rustomjee, Western Express Highway, Sir M.V. Road, Andheri East, Mumbai-400069, Maharashtra  
Raipur Branch : 1A & 1B, 2nd Floor, Shyam Plaza, Pandari, Raipur-492004, Chhattisgarh.  
Authorised Officer : Ashwin Sharma, Mob.: 7697112220

## PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION CUM SALE

Pursuant to taking possession of the secured asset mentioned hereunder by the Authorized Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 for the recovery of amount due from borrower/s, offers are invited by the undersigned in sealed covers for purchase of immovable property, as described hereunder, which is in the physical possession, on 'As is Where is Basis', 'As is What is Basis' and 'Whatever is There is Basis', Particulars of which are given below:-

S. No.	Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property	Reserve Price (RP)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (10% of RP)
1	(Combine LC No. 00800000826/ Raipur Branch) 1) Maanmati Rajwade (Borrower), 2) Hetram Rajwade (Co-Borrower)	12-10-2022 ₹ 3,09,558/-	All that Piece and Parcel of the property bearing, Plot No.335 Harshilcon City Mouza Orehthi P.H. No.16 RNM Singa Dist. Balodabazar, Raipur, Chhattisgarh - 493101. Boundaries: East: Road, West: Plot No. 325, North: Plot No. 334, South: Plot No. 336.	₹ 320,000/-	₹ 32,000/-

- Last Date of Submission of Sealed Bid/Offer in the prescribed tender forms along with EMD and KYC is 11-08-2023 within 5:00 PM at the Branch Office address mentioned herein above. Tenders that are not filled up or tenders received beyond last date will be considered as invalid tender and shall accordingly be rejected. No interest shall be paid on the EMD.
- Date of Opening of the Bid/Offer (Auction Date) for Property is 12-08-2023 at the above mentioned branch office address at 3:00 PM. The tender will be opened in the presence of the Authorized Officer.
- The notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s, to remain present personally at the time of sale and they can bring the intending buyers/purchasers for purchasing the immovable property as described herein above, as per the particulars of Terms and Conditions of Sale.
- This is 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002 is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the above described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" and to the amount due to Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd., in full before the date of sale, auction is liable to be stopped.
- The immovable property will be sold to the highest tenderer. However, the Authorized Officer reserves the absolute discretion to allow inter se bidding, if deemed necessary. The Property as mentioned will not be sold below Reserve Price.
- AHFL is not responsible for any liabilities whatsoever pending upon the property as mentioned above. The Property shall be auctioned on 'As is Where is Basis', 'As is What is Basis' and 'Whatever is There is Basis'.
- The Demand Draft Should be made in favor of 'Aadhar Housing Finance Limited' Only.
- The detail terms and conditions of the auction sale are incorporated in the prescribed tender form. Tender forms are available at the above mentioned Branch Office. Authorized officer reserve the rights to extend the date of tender or change the terms & conditions of bidding. For further details & other terms & conditions of bidding please visit our branch and website : [www.aadharhousing.com](http://www.aadharhousing.com)  
For further details, contact the Authorized Officer, at the abovementioned Office address.

Place : Chhattisgarh  
Date : 28-07-2023  
Sd/- Authorised Officer  
Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

## न्यायालय कलेक्टर एवं जिला दण्डाधिकारी, रायपुर

क्रमांक/61/ब-121/2022-23/100 रायपुर, दिनांक 30 जून, 2023

प्रति,  
1. साकेत अग्रवाल (बंधककर्ता)  
पिता श्री राम गोपाल अग्रवाल  
2. श्रीमती सुनिता अग्रवाल (बंधककर्ता)  
पति श्री राम गोपाल अग्रवाल  
3. श्रीमती रानु अग्रवाल पति जगदीश प्रसाद  
4. श्री राम गोपाल अग्रवाल व निरंजन राम ए-1/बी, नारिन जयश्री सिडेर, मेन रोड पंडरीतराई, जिला- रायपुर

आवेदक प्राधिकृत अधिकारी एल.आई.सी.हाउसिंग फाईनेंस पंडरी जिला रायपुर की ओर से पंजक लालबानी अधिकायक ने आवेदन पत्र / श्राव्यपत्र मय दस्तावेज प्रस्तुत कर, आवेदन पत्र से आपको कंपनी ने 2,50,00,000.00 रुपये का ऋण प्राप्त किया, और साकेत अग्रवाल एवं सुनिता अग्रवाल के संयुक्त स्वाभिमूल की अचल संपत्ति कंपनी के पक्ष में बंधक रखी गयी है। आपके द्वारा ऋण की अदायगी नहीं की जा रही है। जिसके कारण कंपनी ने आपको अधिनियम की धारा 13 के तहत नोटिस जारी किया गया कि आप ऋण की अदायगी मय ध्याज एवं अन्य धुलक रूपया 2,88,62,290.00 अदा करें, अन्यथा बंधक रखी गई संपत्ति कंपनी अपने हक में प्राप्त कर लेगी कि जानकारी दी जाकर, कंपनी के पक्ष में आपके द्वारा लिये गये ऋण के एवज में बंधक रखी संपत्ति का कब्जा हिलाये जाने का निवेदन किया है।

2/ आपने प्राधिकृत अधिकारी एल.आई.सी.हाउसिंग फाईनेंस पंडरी जिला रायपुर से 2,50,00,000.00 रुपये का ऋण प्राप्त कर मांजा कचना प.ह.नं. 110/140 रायपुर स्थित ख.नं. 61/1-2 का भाग म.नं. ए-150 रकबा 3528 वर्गफुट कंपनी के पक्ष में बंधक रखा है।

3/ अतः आपके द्वारा लिये गये ऋण के एवज में उपरोक्त बंधक रखी गई अचल संपत्ति को विसीय आस्तियों का प्रतिभूतिकरण और पुनर्गठन और प्रतिभूति हिल प्रवर्तन अधिनियम 2002 की धारा 14 में प्रवृत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुये क्या न आभिमूल्य मेलने की कार्यवाही की जाये। आप स्वयं अथवा अपने नियुक्त अधिभाषक के माध्यम से ऋण से संबंधित एवं बंधक रखी गई संपत्ति से संबंधित दस्तावेज लेकर पत्र प्रस्तुत करने हेतु न्यायालय में पेशी दिनांक 14.08.2023 को ठीक 3.00 बजे उपस्थित होना सुनिश्चित करें। नियत तिथि में उपस्थित नहीं होने की दशा में आपके विरुद्ध एक पक्षीय कार्यवाही की जाकर, प्रकरण में निर्णय ले लिया जायेगा। आज दिनांक 30 जून, 2023 को मेरे हस्ताक्षर एवं न्यायालय की मुहर से जारी किया गया। कलेक्टर एवं जिला दण्डाधिकारी, रायपुर (छ.ग.)

PRAYER  
It is, therefore, prayed that in case of filing of Writ Petition (C) by the Non-Caveator, the caveator may be heard before admission or passing of any interim order.

PR. PATANKAR COUNSEL FOR THE CAVEATOR  
BILASPUR (C.G.)  
DATE: 24.07.2023

CERTIFICATE  
It is, certified that due care has been taken in the case to comply with the provisions of C.G. High Court Rules.

PR. PATANKAR COUNSEL FOR THE CAVEATOR  
BILASPUR (C.G.)  
DATE: 24.07.2023

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## Tattoo artists create Guinness World Record Tribute to Rapper Takeoff

Tattoo artists from Atlanta have achieved a remarkable feat by breaking the Guinness World Record for the world's largest tattoo artwork. The impressive tribute was dedicated to the late American rapper Takeoff, showcasing the artist's enduring legacy.

Measuring a colossal 79 square feet and 6 square inches, the tattoo was meticulously crafted by a team of artists from renowned studios, including Atlanta Ink, Iron Palm Tattoos, and Pese Noir. Utilizing synthetic silicone skin to perfect their craft, the artists poured their hearts into creating this extraordinary piece of art.

Takeoff, whose real name was Kirsnick Khari Ball and a member of the celebrated hip-hop trio Migos, tragically passed away in November 2022. The tattoo stands as a



moving reflection of his impact on the music industry and the city of Atlanta. In a touching statement, JR Outlaw, one of the talented tattoo artists involved, expressed the significance of creating a lasting tribute that would resonate with people throughout

their lifetime. The artwork serves as a poignant reminder of Takeoff's artistry and his enduring influence on the world of music. This isn't the first time that artists have paid tribute to the late rapper. Offset, Takeoff's cousin and fellow Migos member, had previously unveiled

an expansive back tattoo in April as a heartfelt homage to his late bandmate. The tattoo community's remarkable dedication to preserving the memory of Takeoff showcases the profound impact of art in honoring the legacies of beloved artists.

## Spider-Man's Musical Transformation: Tabla Performance Goes Viral

The web-slinging superhero, Spider-Man, has taken a captivating musical turn in a delightful tabla performance that has mesmerized the internet. This unique fusion of Marvel fandom and Indian classical music has become a sensation, garnering widespread admiration and applause.

Shared by the Instagram page "Musical Chamber," the video features a talented tabla player dressed as Spider-Man. The performer flawlessly plays every note on the traditional Indian percussion instrument while donning the iconic superhero costume. As the rhythmic beats flow, the tabla-wielding Spider-Man adds a playful touch by pretending to shoot spider webs at the delighted viewers.

The creative rendition has struck a chord with fans worldwide, earning the video a remarkable



four million views and just three weeks of being over 3 lakh likes within posted. Enthusiastic com-

menters flooded the page, expressing their awe at the seamless execution despite Spider-Man's gloved hands.

"I'm surprised he's getting such clear sounds with his gloves on. I mean, they're not real Spidey gloves, but they're still gloves," commented one amazed user.

The video, aptly titled "Spider-Man into the Music Verse," embodies the perfect blend of a Marvel superhero's love and the artist's passion for classical Indian music. The result is a performance that transcends boundaries and captivates audiences with its inventive and entertaining appeal. This Spider-Man's unique musical venture serves as a testament to the endless possibilities of creativity, showcasing how beloved characters can find new and exciting expressions in unexpected realms.

### Bengaluru's Middle Class Struggles

A Mumbai software engineer's recent visit to Bengaluru took an unexpected turn when his Ola auto ride became a frustrating encounter. Prashant Yadav, a senior frontend engineer at Razorpay, shared his ordeal on Twitter, shedding light on the challenges faced by middle-class commuters in the city.

Yadav had booked an Ola auto from City Station, but his journey took an unpleasant twist when the auto driver abruptly cancelled the ride and demanded an extra Rs 100 to proceed to the destination. Frustrated by this overcharging tactic, Yadav expressed his dismay on social media, igniting a wave of indignation among other users who had experienced similar issues.

"I wonder how the middle class survives in the city as they consider everyone wealthy," Yadav lamented in his tweet, reflecting the sentiments of many residents grappling with transportation woes in Bengaluru.

The post received an outpouring of responses from city dwellers and visitors recounting their own encounters with overcharging auto drivers. While some users



Ola Driver's Overcharging Incident Upsets Mumbai man

shared stories of being overcharged exorbitant amounts, others highlighted the prevalence of such incidents, particularly near transportation hubs like stations.

"For the first time in Bangalore, a normal auto guy quoted Rs 1000 and was ready for the last price of Rs 900. I booked an Ola auto, and this autowala was nice and dropped me at Rs 350, the

same price as displayed on Ola. Some more cases, but not so nice. I have now stopped taking Auto," one user shared.

"They tend to do this a lot near stations; they take the metro if possible and book from there. They just want to scam you into thinking you're new. It has a lot less daily usage than many other cities," another user explained.

### Unconventional love: A Brazilian romance born from theft



Love has a way of surprising us, even in the most unexpected circumstances. In Brazil, an extraordinary love story has taken the internet by storm, leaving netizens both intrigued and amazed. It all began when a woman, identified as Emanuela, crossed paths with a man who robbed her, leading to a twist of fate that no one could have foreseen.

In a captivating Twitter video, the couple shared the intriguing details of their romantic saga, which has garnered more than 38,000 views online. Emanuela revealed that she was walking down a street near the man's home when she unfortunately

fell victim to a mugging. Little did she know that this incident would mark the beginning of an extraordinary journey.

The unidentified thief, on the other hand, confessed that something unexpected happened when he saw a photo of Emanuela on the stolen phone. He found himself inexplicably drawn to her and soon realized that his feelings had taken an unexpected turn.

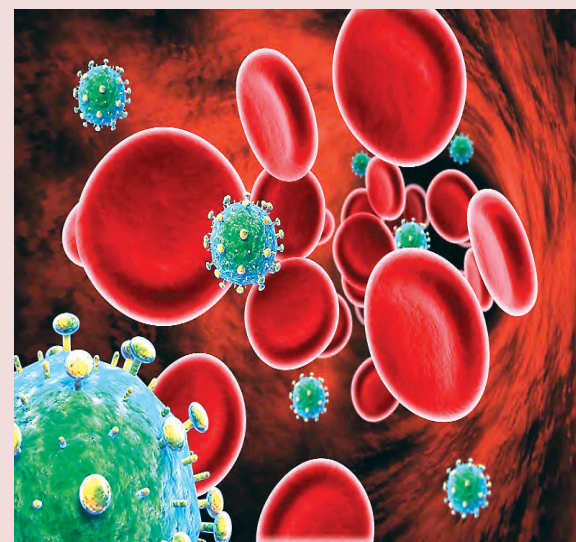
Their love story, born from an act of theft, has defied all odds and flourished over the past two years. However, the question remains: Will their families and society accept their unconventional romance?

## Gut Health Holds Key to Slowing HIV Progression

A groundbreaking study conducted on monkeys suggests that addressing gut health may be pivotal in slowing down HIV progression to AIDS. Published in the journal JCI Insight, the research challenges previous approaches that solely targeted systemic immune activation and inflammation when attempting to control disease progression and comorbidities related to HIV.

The study, conducted with simian immunodeficiency virus (SIV), the monkey form of HIV, revealed that tackling the root cause of immune problems and focusing on healing the gut could yield more effective results. Current treatments that focus on suppressing the virus replication process only provided short-lived relief, failing to fully restore immune activation and inflammation to pre-infection levels.

HIV's immediate impact on the gut has been known for decades. Within weeks of infection, the virus devastates the majority of immune



cells in the intestines, where crucial immunological memory is stored, and gut protection against pathogens is maintained. The damage to the intestinal lining leads to the entry of gut flora into the bloodstream.

Study lead author Cristian Apetrei, a professor at the University of Pittsburgh, emphasized the significance of targeting inflammation generated by the virus damaging the intestinal lining as a separate mechanism

from immune activation. By recognizing this distinction, researchers hope to develop more effective treatments that address the root cause and restore gut health.

As scientists delve deeper into understanding the complex interactions between HIV and the gut, this study offers a promising avenue for developing novel therapies that could potentially slow down HIV progression and improve the quality of life for those living with the virus.



### Climate on the Brink: Ocean Currents at Risk of Mid-Century Collapse

most regions of the Atlantic by ensuring that at the northernmost latitudes, surface water is converted into deep, southbound ocean currents.

This creates space for northward moving equatorial surface waters, thus playing a critical role in maintaining the relatively mild climate of the North Atlantic region.

The researchers came to their conclusions after observing "early warning signals" exhibited by ocean currents as they become unstable. While such signals about the AMOC have been previously reported, advanced statistical methods have made an accurate prediction of the collapse of the currents possible. The researchers analysed sea surface temperatures in a specific area of the North Atlantic from 1870 to present days. These sea surface temperatures are "fingerprints" testifying the strength of the AMOC, which has only been measured directly for the past 15 years.

Collapse of ocean currents, that redistribute temperatures and precipitation between the tropics and the North Atlantic, is predicted to happen around mid-century if current greenhouse gas emissions persist, new research has found.

Shutting down these currents could have serious consequences for the Earth's climate, such as a colder future for Europe, increased warming in the tropics and increased storminess in the North Atlantic region, the research published in Nature Communications journal said. The currents, called the Atlantic Meridional Overturning

Circulation (AMOC), is estimated with high certainty to collapse in this century and most likely to occur in 2057, the analysis from the University of Copenhagen, Denmark, found using advanced statistical tools on ocean temperature data from the last 150 years.

"Our result underscores the importance of reducing global greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible," said Peter Ditlevsen, co-corresponding author of the study.

The AMOC, part of the global system of ocean currents, significantly contributes towards spreading the heat from the tropics to the northern

India is estimated to face the third highest economic burden of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) from 2020-50 after China and the US, new research published in The Lancet Global Health journal said.

The third leading cause of death worldwide, COPD caused 3.3 million deaths in 2019, it said, with China recording the highest toll, followed by India and the USA.

The global death toll of COPD was found to have increased by 14.1 per cent between 2009 and 2019, an increase that the study attributed to factors such as urbanisation, air pollution, and tobacco use.

Modelling COPD's economic burden for 204 countries and territories in 2020-50, the study found the disease to cost the world economy INT\$4.3 trillion, the equivalent of a yearly tax of 0.11 per cent on global GDP and nearly half of India's total GDP in 2019. INT\$, or International Dollar, is a hypothetical currency having the same purchasing power parity that the US dollar had in the

### Unmasking India's Looming Economic Burden: COPD's Silent Threat



United States at a given point in time. The study also showed that the

health and economic burdens of COPD are distributed unequally across

countries and regions. 90 per cent of COPD-related deaths were found to occur in low-income and middle-income countries (LMICs), despite these countries accounting for only 83 per cent of the global population.

Even though LMICs only accounted for 56.4 per cent of COPD's global economic burden, the study said that the figure is likely to rise if tobacco companies grow unregulated in emerging markets, more people are exposed to air pollution due to urbanisation and the epidemiological transition from infectious diseases to non-communicable ones progresses with enhanced life expectancy.

Lack of information of COPD's global economic burden could possibly contribute to the insufficient attention given to this chronic condition by governments and policy makers, the study said.

Particularly in LMICs, it said, few health policies are proposed directly aimed at preventing COPD, with limited access to diagnostics and the availability of little effective therapy.



# Putin promises to avert global food crisis during Russia-Africa summit

St. Petersburg, Jul 27 (AP):

Russian President Vladimir Putin told leaders and officials from most African countries on Thursday that his nation is making full efforts to avert a global food crisis despite concerns that its withdrawal from a deal allowing grain shipments from Ukraine will cause shortages and price spikes.



Russian President Vladimir Putin, right, and President of Egypt Abdel Fattah el-Sisi meet at the Constantine Palace on the sideline of the Russia Africa Summit in St. Petersburg, Russia.

he said. Russia and Ukraine agreed a year ago on a UN- and Turkey-brokered deal that reopened three Ukrainian Black Sea ports that had been blocked by Russia-Ukraine fighting and provided assurances that ships entering the ports would not be attacked.

Russia declined to renew the agreement this month, complaining that its own exports were being held up. Both Russia and Ukraine are major grain suppliers.

Promising Russian food exports to Africa is key to Putin's stated goal of using the summit to bolster ties with a continent of 1.3 billion people that is increasingly assertive on the global stage.

ticular, with its humanitarian deliveries. We seek to actively participate in building a fairer system of distribution of resources.

"Our country will continue supporting needy states and regions, in par-

have already said that our country can replace Ukrainian grain, both on a commercial basis and as grant aid to the neediest African countries, more so since we expect another record harvest this year,"

# Kuwait executes 5 prisoners

Including a man convicted in 2015 Islamic State-claimed mosque bombing

Dubai, Jul 27 (AP): Kuwait said Thursday it executed five prisoners, including an inmate convicted over the bombing of a Shiite mosque in 2015 that killed 27 people and was claimed by the Islamic State group. The inmates were hanged at the Central Prison, Kuwait's Public Prosecution said in a statement. Prosecutors said the five include the mosque attacker, three people convicted of murder and a convicted drug dealer. One of the convicted murderers was Egyptian, another was Kuwaiti, and the convicted drug dealer was from Sri Lanka. The statement didn't provide the nationality of the mosque attacker or the third convicted murderer, saying only

that they were in Kuwait unlawfully. The 2015 bombing occurred during midday Friday prayers inside one of Kuwait's oldest Shiite mosques. The Islamic State group, which at the time controlled large areas in both Syria and Iraq, claimed the attack. The Sunni extremist group views Shiites as apostates deserving of death. It was the first militant attack in Kuwait, a small oil-rich country, in more than two decades. The attack was likely intended to foment unrest between Kuwait's Sunni and Shiite populations, but instead it backfired, reawakening a sense of national solidarity not seen since Saddam Hussein's 1990 invasion. The extremist group no longer controls any territory following a gruelling military campaign by an array of forces, but continues to carry out sporadic attacks in Syria and Iraq.

# HAN KUANG MILITARY EXERCISES



Taiwan's military holds drills of the annual Han Kuang military exercises that simulate an anti-landing operation near the coast in New Taipei City, northern Taiwan, Thursday, July 27. Taiwan military mobilized for routine defense exercises from July 24-28.

# Now Chinese woman travels to Pak to marry her lover whom she met on social media

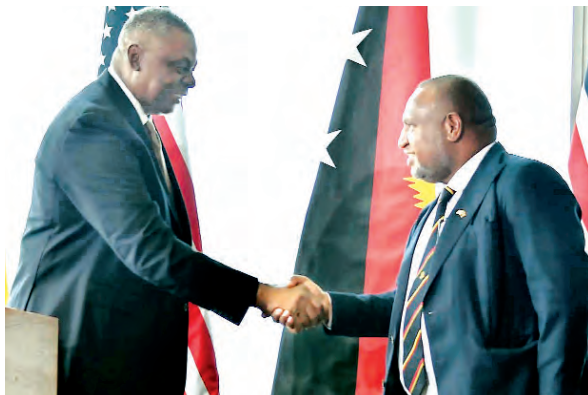
Peshawar, Jul 27 (PTI): In yet another cross-border love story, a Chinese woman has travelled to Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province to marry the man whom she befriended and fell in love with on social media, police said on Thursday. The woman, identified as Gao Feng, arrived in Islamabad last week by road from China via Gilgit on a three-month visit

visa. The 21-year-old was picked up by her 18-year-old friend Javed, a resident of Bajaur tribal district bordering Afghanistan, they said. Javed took the woman to his maternal uncle's home in Samarbagh tehsil of Lower Dir District instead of his hometown due to the security situation in Bajaur District bordering Afghanistan. According to police, both were

in contact through Snapchat for the last three years and the friendship developed into a love affair. Gao married Javed on Wednesday after converting to Islam and her new name is Kiswa, the man's maternal cousin Izzatullah Khan told PTI over the phone. Izzatullah said Gao arrived in Islamabad on July 20 where he and Javed received her. From there they

came to Lower Dir District on July 21 where Gao stayed at Izzatullah's residence in Samarbagh. Javed and Gao performed nikkah on Wednesday and then left for Islamabad after the local police and district administration convinced them that her stay in the district was not safe due to security reasons and the Holy Month of Ramadan, Izzatullah said.

# US defence secretary boosts security ties in Papua New Guinea



Canberra, Jul 27 (AP):

US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin met with Papua New Guinea leaders on Thursday to discuss developing the Pacific Island nation's military strength and deepening security ties, as the United States competes with China for influence in the Indo-Pacific region.

Austin is the first US defence secretary to visit the nation of 10 million people that was fiercely fought over during World War II and is gaining strategic importance in the US

struggle against Beijing. The retired four-star general met with Papua New Guinea Prime Minister James Marape and discussed implementing the Defence Cooperation Agreement signed by US Secretary of State Antony Blinken in the capital, Port Moresby, in May.

Blinken had stepped in for Joe Biden, who was to become the first US president to visit Papua New Guinea but cancelled to deal with the then-unresolved debt crisis in Washington, DC.

# CHHATTISGARH STATE POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED

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# GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MINIMATA BANGO DAM DIVISION NO. 03, MACHADOLI DISTT.-KORBA (C.G.) e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE eProcurement Portal: https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in (FOURTH CALL) System Tender No. 142663 NIT No.: 13/SAC/2023-24 Dated: 26-07-2023 Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to 14-08-2023 at 17.30 Hour

Name of work: MODERNISATION OF EQUIPMENTS FOR OPERATION OF RADIAL GATES AND FIXING OF WATER DISCHARGE METER IN MINIMATA BANGO DAM. Probable Amount of Contract: - Rs. 291.90 Lakhs 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 02-08-2023, at 17.31 Hours. (IST) onwards.

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# Public Works Department OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, PWD, BILASPUR CIRCLE BILASPUR (C.G.)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) No. 116/G Bilaspur, Dated. 24.07.2023 Public Works Department (PWD) invites proposal for Planning, development, estimation and Structural design, detailed engineering and related services for the work

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### Renewable Energy Triumph

A Giant Leap Towards Sustainability

India has surpassed its target of producing 43.6% of total energy through non-fossil fuel sources, achieving it nine years ahead of the original schedule set for 2030. This significant milestone signals a major stride towards a more sustainable and cleaner energy mix for the country. India's unwavering commitment to address the pressing issue of climate change and reduce carbon emissions is commendable, and this recent achievement underscores the nation's determination to forge a path towards a greener and more environmentally responsible future. Addressing climate change and preserving the environment are global imperatives that demand immediate and concerted action. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) provides crucial data to countries, guiding effective measures to reduce carbon emissions. The recent IPCC report emphasizes the urgency of limiting global warming to 1.5°C (2.7°F). Yet, without immediate and deep emission reductions across all sectors, achieving this goal seems daunting. Methane reduction by about a third is vital, especially considering the increasing share of emissions attributed to urban activities in transport, construction, and industrial and agricultural sectors. The IPCC report underlines the need for all countries to substantially reduce fossil fuel consumption, improve energy efficiency, extend access to electricity, and embrace alternative fuels like hydrogen. The consequences of inaction are daunting - major cities at risk of submergence, unprecedented heatwaves, severe storms, widespread water shortages, and the potential extinction of a million species of plants and animals. To avert this impending catastrophe, the onus falls upon every individual, community, government, and industry to contribute actively towards sustainable practices and the preservation of the environment. India's promotion of solar energy through policies, subsidies, and schemes has been instrumental in driving growth in the renewable energy sector. Initiatives like the PM-KUSUM and support for rooftop solar installations have facilitated increased accessibility and affordability. Advancements in technology and private sector investments have further bolstered India's renewable energy efforts, attracting substantial foreign investments. Simultaneously, India has set stringent Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) norms for automobiles to ensure compliance with international quality, safety, and environmental impact standards. Phasing out old diesel vehicles is a crucial step towards combating air pollution in urban areas. The government's incentives for industries adopting sustainable practices, including tax breaks and subsidies, drive the transition towards a greener and more sustainable future. The nation's focus on waste management, recycling, afforestation, and green initiatives plays a vital role in carbon sequestration and biodiversity conservation. India's active participation in global agreements like the Paris Agreement underscores its commitment to address environmental concerns on an international level. Continued dedication and collaborative efforts are essential to maintain the momentum of renewable energy growth and tackle environmental challenges head-on.

### Tackling River Pollution

The report by the Central Pollution Control Board revealing that 46 per cent of monitored rivers in India are polluted is a cause for grave concern. This alarming figure casts doubt on the efficacy of various Central and state projects aimed at combatting riverine pollution in recent years. While setting up sewage treatment plants to address the dumping of untreated domestic and industrial effluents has been a primary focus, a more comprehensive approach is needed, considering the rising presence of other contaminants such as plastic and pharmaceutical waste in our rivers. It is commendable to note that a comparative analysis indicates a decrease in the number of polluted river stretches from 351 in 2018 to 311 in 2022. However, this silver lining should not overshadow the fact that the worst polluted stretches have remained unchanged. For instance, the Sabarmati River's water quality, known to be the second most polluted, has deteriorated further over the past five years, despite interventions by the Gujarat High Court to address the issue. Similarly, the Namami Gange project, launched with a significant budget of Rs 20,000 crore in 2014 to clean and rejuvenate the Ganga and its tributaries, has not achieved the desired results, as pollution levels continue to be a cause for concern. While the government's approval of Mission-II of the campaign, allocating Rs 22,500 crore for it, raises hope, tangible outcomes are eagerly awaited. To truly address river pollution, a war footing approach is necessary, starting with a critical review of the methods employed thus far. It is essential to recognize that clean and free-flowing rivers are vital to sustain our ecological system, including aquatic flora and fauna, as well as farmlands along riverbanks. Pollution not only impacts the environment but also threatens public health and the livelihoods of communities dependent on these water bodies. A multi-pronged strategy is essential to combat river pollution effectively. First and foremost, the government must ensure strict enforcement of environmental regulations to prevent untreated industrial and domestic effluents from entering our rivers. The focus on setting up sewage treatment plants must continue, but equal emphasis should be placed on ensuring their proper operation and maintenance. Moreover, reducing the use of plastic and adopting sustainable waste management practices are imperative steps to curtail plastic waste in our water bodies. The alarming rise of pharmaceutical waste in rivers also requires attention, with better disposal practices and stringent monitoring of pharmaceutical manufacturing units. Collaboration between Central and state governments is crucial to implement comprehensive and uniform pollution control measures. The success of the Namami Gange project and similar initiatives hinges on effective coordination between various agencies, local bodies, and stakeholders. Public awareness and community participation play a vital role in preserving our rivers. Citizens must be educated about the consequences of their actions on water bodies and be encouraged to take an active role in river conservation.

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### PEDESTRIANS ENJOYING RAINFALL

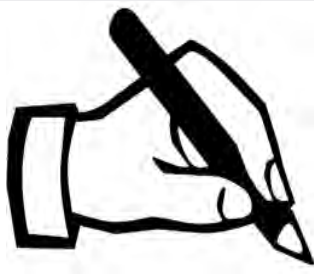


Pedestrians during monsoon rainfall, in Shimla, Thursday, July 27.

## Will Caste Census Help To Remove Disparity



PROF. ANIL JAIN



A lot is being said on caste census. All the politicians are advocating counting the populace on the basis of caste. All the political parties are of the view that there must be a survey on the basis of caste. It is a known fact that such counting is a conflict inviting method and the division of caste gives rise to separation of which the country is victim for centuries. Our nation is already torn due to such division. It has seldom paid any positive dividend to the poor, instead it has created such a wide chasm among the people in the society which is difficult to plug. It becomes the cause of spreading grudge and enmity among the citizens. It is also making an adverse impact on our progress.

There are many other ways to eliminate poverty and raise the condition of the poor and downtrodden but our politicians always resort to and care for discrimination. They always think in terms of castes. The result is that if one party talks about it others also have to make such declarations more loudly. It is difficult to understand that our leaders in place of removing caste conflict are supporting it. The reasons are obvious. In fact, they have nothing better to

illustrate in their own favour to gain support of the people and attract voters.

Basically, there are only two castes - rich and poor or haves and have-nots. There is no third category. Those who are rich always make a lot of influence in the society and those who are poor are always treated poorly even if they belong to upper castes. It is a fact that no one can deny. Moreover, there is not any particular community in which all are poor and deprived.

There are many well off families in every caste. When the opportunity comes the members of such well off families take advantage of the occasion leaving none for those who really deserve it. These influential rich take the reins of their community in their own hands and treat its people as their subjects.

The governments too sometimes complicate the matter. Let's take an example. The government provides monetary benefits to almost every student in the name of scholarship. They have launched various schemes for the students of different castes. Those who are there in the governments have opened this scheme for this caste and that scheme for that caste likewise this scholarship for reserved class and that for unreserved class. It gives the feeling and seems to be a ploy that they want to appease different classes of society in isolation. It is to give beneficiaries an impression that the government is doing so much for their social group.

If they really wish to help the students they can adopt simpler methods. They can declare only one scheme for all students without mentioning caste because almost ninety five percent of the students are getting monetary benefits one way or the other. Another gesture of the government may be that they can make education completely free if, in truth, they wish welfare for all. It is odd that first they collect fees from the students and then return the fees through

scholarships. The logic behind this is difficult to comprehend.

If we really want to eliminate the caste system, make every one affluent. It is not possible without the government's initiative. The best way is to draw a bigger line. This bigger line must be for the economically weaker sections (EWS). For this government should announce a more lucrative scheme for all economically weaker citizens without any caste and creed. People may be given an option to choose whether they want to remain in the reserved category or want to adopt the new scheme meant for the EWS. Whether they want to enjoy the existing caste based benefits or want to become indistinguishable citizens. It can be expected that many would leave the caste status and put on the garb true Indian citizenship.

In the modern age when everyone has equal opportunities how such discrimination would help. Our society is already divided on the basis of caste. Only the political parties are interested in such favoritism, nevertheless everyone understands their craving. It is high time that all people should come together and live united to face problems that exist all around us. At such a time the division of society may cause havoc. If we remain divided then our future is completely gloomy.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### India's Cautious Rice Export Ban

India's ban on rice exports has sparked panic buying in the USA, Southeast Asia, and Africa. With multiple global shocks, including the pandemic and Ukraine conflict, the world rice trade was already vulnerable. India's move will impact vulnerable countries reliant on rice imports, especially those consuming semi-boiled rice like Arabian nations. While India seeks to stabilize prices and ensure domestic supply, this decision may worsen food shortages worldwide. As a significant rice exporter to 140 countries, India's action will have far-reaching ramifications. Considering its leadership roles in G20 and SCO, a balanced approach is crucial to address global food security concerns. This ban also serves as a lesson for political parties to make realistic promises amid climate change and uncertain crop yields.

Yash Pal Ralhan, Jalandhar

#### Dual Standard

In India, a troubling disparity exists when it comes to treating politicians and religious leaders accused of crimes. Authorities often show leniency, delaying FIRs and avoiding arrests, allowing the accused to continue their positions of power. Lengthy legal proceedings and special privileges grant them extended freedom, even if convicted. This preferential treatment raises questions about our democracy's integrity. The media's silence on this issue is concerning; it must question the government's handling of such cases to ensure equal justice for all. It is high time to address this dual standard and uphold the principles of fairness and accountability.

MK Nair, Raipur

#### Languishing Justice

The mounting pendency in courts speaks volumes about the inefficiency of our judiciary. A substantial number of jail inmates, mostly undertrials, languish as their cases await disposal. Tragically, many die without ever receiving justice, highlighting the loopholes in our legal system. Timely and fair justice is essential to uphold the principles of a robust legal framework and safeguard the rights of all individuals. The apex court must take suo motu cognizance of this pressing matter to address the issue and restore faith in the delivery of justice. It is time for decisive action to rectify the inefficiencies within our judiciary.

Shiv Kumar Mishra, Raipur

## No-Confidence Motion: A Critical Test of India's Leadership



Yash Pal Ralhan

As India's political landscape gears up for the upcoming Lok Sabha polls, the acceptance of a no-confidence motion against the Modi government has sparked nationwide attention and debate. Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi's motion, followed by Bharat Rashtra Samithi MP Nama Nageshwar Rao's motion, has brought the focus back on the time-honored parliamentary procedure

of no-confidence motions. These motions have been an essential tool for the opposition to hold the ruling government accountable and test its strength on the floor of the house.

#### Understanding the No-Confidence Motion

A no-confidence motion can only be moved in the Lok Sabha and requires a written notice by any member of the house before 10 am. For the motion to be accepted, at least 50 members must support it. Once accepted, the speaker decides the date of the debate, which must take place within ten days from the motion's acceptance.

#### Overview of No-Confidence Motions in India

Since India's independence, a total of 27 no-confidence motions have been moved in the Lok Sabha. The first no-confidence motion was brought against Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru by Congress leader

Acharya Kripalani in August 1963. However, it was defeated. Indira Gandhi holds the record for facing the most no-confidence motions, with 15, all of which she survived. Other prime ministers who faced such motions include Narasimha Rao (three), Morarji Desai (two), Jawaharlal Nehru, Rajiv Gandhi, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, and Narendra Modi (one each).

#### The Significance of the Upcoming Debate

The upcoming debate on the no-confidence motion holds immense significance as it gives opposition parties an opportunity to question and criticize the government's policies and actions. On the other hand, the ruling party can defend its record and lay out its vision for the future. The debate is expected to be a heated affair, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivering a concluding speech of around 90 minutes, making it a crucial

platform for both sides to make their case before the nation.

However, the efficacy of the no-confidence motion as a means to hold the government accountable is a topic of contention. The ruling party's advantage in terms of time allocation during the debate may limit the opposition's ability to present their case effectively. Smaller parties with fewer representatives may get only a few minutes to voice their concerns, while the ruling party can command the majority of the debate's time.

In the backdrop of India being the world's largest democracy, it is essential for all parliamentarians to ensure a peaceful and constructive debate during the session. With the country hosting various activities related to the G20 conference, the world is closely observing every action within India. Hence, maintaining the decorum of parliamentary proceedings becomes paramount to uphold the

nation's image on the global stage.

The no-confidence motion and the ensuing debate also carry significant political implications. As the Lok Sabha polls draw near, the political landscape is witnessing intense strategizing and positioning by parties to gain the upper hand. The debate will undoubtedly be keenly watched by citizens as they assess the performance and promises of their elected representatives.

In conclusion, the no-confidence motion against the Modi government presents a moment of reckoning for both the ruling party and the opposition. It offers a platform for crucial debates on policies, governance, and the future direction of the nation. As the parliamentarians engage in this exercise of democracy, the eyes of the nation and the world will be on them. Let us hope for a constructive and impactful debate that truly serves the interests of the Indian democracy and its citizens.



**BRIEF**

**Dividend cheque**

**New Delhi:** A cheque of Rs 15.26 crore was presented to Union Home Minister Amit Shah here on Wednesday as the dividend of the Repco Bank, a government of India enterprise under the administrative control of the Ministry of Home Affairs, officials said. The cheque was given to the home ministry by Repco Bank's chairman E Santhanam and Managing Director R S Isabella. The dividend amount of Rs 15.26 crore is 20 per cent of the share capital of Rs 76.32 crore held by the government of India for the financial year 2022-23, officials said.

**Economic growth**



**Colombo:** A close relationship with India is very important for Sri Lanka as it provides key support for the island nation's future growth, State Minister of Foreign Affairs Tharaka Balasuriya said. He also said that a direct ferry service between the two countries as well as the improvement of the Tamil-dominated northern province's Jaffna International Airport are under discussion.

**Tourist football**



**Shimla:** Himachal Pradesh witnessed a record tourist football of one crore six thousand in the first half of 2023 till June but heavy rains, floods and landslides in the state in July have led to a slump in the tourism sector. As many as 99,78,504 domestic and 28,239 foreign tourists visited the hill state till June this year, with the industry showing signs of recovery after the slowdown caused by the COVID-19 pandemic which virtually crippled the tourism industry.

## India GDP to grow 6-6.3 pc in FY24: Deloitte India

New Delhi, Jul 27:

India is likely to grow 6-6.3 per cent in the current fiscal year ending March 31, 2024, Deloitte India said in its economic outlook, forecasting growth surpassing 7 per cent over the next two years if global uncertainties recede. With the probability associated with a recession in major industrial countries this year trimming, several economic indicators such as the tight labour markets and reduced risk spreads post the US banking crisis suggest that downside risks to global growth are subsiding. Yet, there remain significant uncertainties around the actions of the central banks of major economies and the oil price movements, the economic outlook said. "Amid continuing global uncertainties, India continues to see strong economic activity," it said.

"Keeping in view the resilience shown by the economy, Deloitte is optimistic about the outlook and has put out its expectation for this year and the next. Deloitte expects India to grow between 6 per cent and 6.3 per cent in FY 2023-24, and have a stronger outlook thereafter." If global uncertainties recede, growth is expected to surpass 7 per cent over the next two years, it said. "India enjoys a Goldilocks moment currently. Our growth forecasts for FY 2023-24 remain similar to our April forecast, except that higher-than-expected growth in FY2022-23 has raised our base for comparison. That said, we have raised our lower limit of the range given the buoyancy in the economy," said Rumki Majumdar, Economist, Deloitte India. Urban demand conditions have remained resilient as evidenced by the sales of

mid-to-high-end segments of automobiles, the number of UPI transactions, and domestic air passenger traffic data. Rural demand, which was lagging, has also been rising lately as seen in the sales of tractors, IIP non-durable goods, and MGNREGA data.

Investment is also showing traction. The credit-deposit ratio has continued to improve strongly from the lows of the pandemic despite the rising interest rates. "Most of the lending is happening in the industry and services sector. This points to improving investment, which means that the supply side is gearing up to meet the rising demand," Majumdar added. Inflation in the first quarter was 4.5 per cent, the lowest since the quarter of September 2019. GST collections remain strong, suggesting that revenue buoyancy will aid in im-

proving the budgeted fiscal deficit ratio to GDP. Among the global risks, Deloitte's economic outlook highlights the significance and future implications of the monetary policies pursued in the West. Referring as the salsa of the Central Banks, the changes in the policy rates between the three major central banks - the US Federal Reserve (Fed), the European Central Bank (ECB), and the Bank of England (BoE) - have been by 1390 basis points within a span of 18 months. "Yet, these countries have not been able to tame inflation. The 12-month average inflation after the first policy rate hike is significantly higher than the 12-month average inflation prior to the hike in these countries. Comparatively, India has had better success in taming inflation with relatively lesser policy tightening," it said.

## USD 10-bn semiconductor PLI to help India: Chandrasekhar

**To do in a decade what China did in 25-30 years**

New Delhi, Jul 27:



India is on track to becoming a key player in the global semiconductor supply chain in the next decade with USD 10 billion of incentives and assistance provided to encourage local chip manufacturing, Union minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar said on Thursday. The production-linked incentive scheme last year attracted firms like Vedanta and Taiwan's Foxconn, who promised multi-billion dollar investment in setting up units to manufacture chips, which are used in products ranging from mobile phones to cars. Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar said there is "not one person in the semiconductor global ecosystem" that does not see India as "a

very credible, viable and fast charging destination for semiconductor investments and innovation". He also said that India is on track for the next 10 years in the semiconductor space with USD 10 billion (about Rs 81,993 crore), compared to China's three decades of progress. "We are on track to do in the next 10 years with these USD 10 billion, what countries like China took 25-30 years and could not succeed."

He mentioned the ATMP project with Micron will create 5,000 jobs and 15,000 indirect roles in the semiconductor industry. "Micron is a global

leader in memory (solutions)," he said. "Sometimes there are people with either lack of understanding or ... deliberately will characterize the last 15 months of effort in different ways. But the India story on semiconductor... the vision of India being a semicon nation has started a few months ago for the first time after 70 years," he said. The government is implementing a "comprehensive curriculum" in partnership with the industry for creating 85,000 globally skilled talent for VLSI (very large scale integration), with students from post-doctorate degrees, masters and undergraduate courses, he said. "We have rebuilt the electronics ecosystem since 2014, exporting over one lakh crores and crossed almost eight lakh rows of total electronic production... and becoming an increasingly big presence in global value ... supply chains for electronics," the MoS said.

## Currency note with \*symbol in number panel valid note: RBI

Mumbai, Jul 27:

A currency note with a star (\*) symbol is identical to any other legal banknote, the Reserve Bank said on Thursday allaying concerns on the validity of such notes.

The symbol is inserted in the number panel of a banknote that is used as replacement for defectively printed notes in a packet of 100 pieces of serially numbered banknotes, the RBI said. In a statement, the central bank said it has come to the notice of

the RBI that the validity of banknotes with this symbol present on the number panel has recently been the subject of discussions on some social media platforms. "A banknote with a star (\*) symbol is identical to any other legal banknote, except that in the number panel a star (\*) symbol is added between the prefix and the serial number," it said. The RBI clarified that the symbol is an identifier that it is a replaced/reprinted banknote.

## Govt to consider PLI scheme for chemicals and petrochemicals industry: FM

New Delhi, Jul 27:

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday said the government will consider the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for Chemicals and Petrochemicals sector to make India a manufacturing hub for such products. In view of stringent pollution control regulations and rising labour cost, she said, global manufacturers in the chemical industry are looking at diversifying their products and production capability and India stands out as an alternative desti-



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman with Union MoS for Chemicals & Fertilizers Bhagwanth Khuba and Chemicals and Petrochemicals Secretary Arun Baroka during the 3rd edition of 'Global Chemicals and Petrochemicals Manufacturing Hubs' Summit (GCPMH 2023), in New Delhi, Thursday, July 27.

nation for manufacturing. Besides, India offers a large domestic market, she said while addressing the third

edition of the summit on 'Global Chemicals and Petrochemicals Manufacturing Hubs in India'. "If viable options exist, it exists in such markets where there is a domestic buffer and beyond which there is an export potential. So that is where the government's policies have been facilitating," she said. "We are in favour of having India becoming a manufacturing hub and therefore of course we will consider the PLI also for the chemicals and petrochemicals," she added. She emphasised that the industry which has great potential should create manufacturing capacity keeping in mind sustainability, carbon emission, general pollution and groundwater pollution etc.

## Govt to sell 5.36 pc in RVNL via OFS

New Delhi, Jul 27:

The government has decided to divest 5.36 per cent stake in Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd (RVNL) via an offer for sale that is expected to fetch Rs 1,329.90 crore. "Offer for Sale in RVNL opens tomorrow for non-retail investors. Retail investors can bid on Friday.

Government will divest 5.36 equity including a Green Shoe option of 1.96 per cent," Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) Secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey said in a tweet on Wednesday.

## Facilities at IECC to help country become modern, developed: Goyal

New Delhi, Jul 27:

The world-class convention centre, inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi here, have all the facilities to help the country achieve the goal of becoming a developed and modern nation, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said.



The International Exhibition-Cum-Convention Centre (IECC) complex is India's largest MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions) destination. In terms of the cov-

ered space available for events, the complex finds its place among the top exhibition and convention complexes in the world. It comprises multiple modern facilities, including convention centres, exhibition halls and amphitheatres. It was developed by India Trade Promotion Organisation, a body of the commerce ministry. Speaking at the unveiling of the complex, Goyal said the Prime Minister has "inspired us" to move as a nation towards the goal of becoming a developed nation.

## DEVELOPMENTAL PROJECTS INAUGURATION



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia during the inauguration of various developmental projects, in Rajkot, Thursday, July 27.

## GST Council meeting on Aug 2

**To decide about modalities to impose 28% tax on online gaming**

New Delhi, Jul 27:

The GST Council will decide on modalities for implementing a 28 per cent Goods and Services Tax on online gaming, casino and horse racing at its next meeting on August 2, sources said. In its 50th meeting earlier this month, the Council headed by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman decided to levy the maximum 28 per cent tax on the full face value of bets in online gaming, casinos and horse racing. The council representing finance ministers of states will take a final call on whether the tax will be levied on entry-level or on each bet, sources said. The

decision of the Council evoked criticism from the online gaming industry. Following this, Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar said that GST Council should reconsider its decision. "We are still in the early stages of developing a sustainable and permissible online gaming framework. Once this framework is established, we will approach the GST Council and request their reconsideration based on the new regulatory guidelines," Chandrasekhar had said. Giving details of the decisions taken at the 50th Council meeting, Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman had said the decision to levy maximum tax on online gaming and casinos was not intended to kill the industry but considering the "moral question" that it cannot be taxed at par with essential commodities.

## Sensex declines 440 pts as profit-booking hammers banking, auto stocks

Mumbai, Jul 27:

Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty buckled under heavy selling pressure on Thursday as investors pared exposure to bellwether stocks HDFC Bank, M&M, Nestle and Reliance Industries amid a mixed trend in global markets.

Besides, the interest rate hike by the US Fed failed to boost sentiments in the domestic market, which saw a steep decline led by banking and auto stocks, traders said. After opening with gains of over 125 points, BSE Sensex plunged 440.38 points or 0.66 per cent to settle at 66,266.82, while Nifty declined 118.40 points or 0.60 per cent to close at 19,659.90. M&M was the biggest loser in the Sensex chart, falling 6.39 per cent, followed by



Tech Mahindra, Nestle India, Bajaj Finance, Axis Bank, ITC, JSW Steel, HDFC Bank and RIL. On the other hand, Sun Pharma, Tata Motors, Bharti Airtel, L&T and Infosys were among the winners, rising up to 2.10 per cent. "Markets witnessed wild gyrations on the expiry day as the US Fed signalling one more rate hike dampened the sentiment and prompted investors to book profit in automobile, banking and

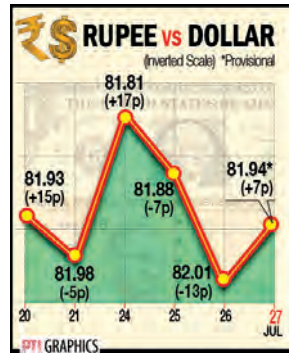
oil & gas shares. "However, realty and pharma shares were in the limelight after the recent correction. Many investors are not comfortable with the current valuations, and hence are redeeming their investment on every possible opportunity," Shrikant Chouhan, Head of Research (Retail), Kotak Securities Ltd, said.

The shares of the Mahindra group firms fell amid reports that M&M is looking to buy around a 10 per cent stake in RBL Bank. Nestle India Ltd on Thursday reported an increase of 36.86 per cent in its net profit at Rs 698.34 crore for the second quarter ended June 30, 2023. Tech Mahindra on Wednesday reported a 38 per cent fall in June quarter net profit at Rs 692.5 crore.

## Rupee rises 7 paise to close at 81.94 against US dollar

New Delhi, Jul 27:

The rupee gained 7 paise to close at 81.94 (provisional) against the US dollar on Thursday, tracking the weakness of the American currency in the overseas market after the US Fed raised interest rates on expected lines. However, weak domestic markets and a surge in crude oil prices capped sharp gains. At the inter-bank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened at 81.92 against the US dollar and moved in a range of 81.91 to 82.03 in the day trade. The rupee finally settled 7 paise higher at 81.94 (provisional) against the previous close of 82.01 on Friday. The rupee gained on the weak US Dollar and positive Asian and European markets amid stimulus talks from China, said Anuj



Choudhary - Research Analyst at Sharekhan by BNP Paribas.

The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) hiked interest rates by 25 basis points to the 5.25-5.50 per cent range, the highest in 16 years. However, the US Federal Reserve kept its options going forward open as it made future cases depending on incoming data, Choudhary said.

## SBI economists say India to be 3rd largest economy by 2027, advance estimate by 2 yrs

Mumbai, Jul 27:

Economists at the country's largest lender SBI on Thursday advanced their estimate on the Indian economy becoming the third largest in the world by two years to 2027. In a note that comes a day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi exuded confidence of winning a third term and India galloping to being the third largest till 2029, SBI economists said India's real GDP will grow at over 6.5 per cent in FY24. "The path taken by India since 2014 reveals that India is likely to get the tag of the third largest economy in 2027 (or FY28) based on actual GDP data as on March 2023, a movement of 7

places upwards since 2014, when India was ranked 10th and two years earlier than our previous forecast of 2029," the economists said in the note. PM Modi-led NDA government came to power in 2014. The RBI estimates the real GDP to grow at 6.5 per cent, which is one of the highest estimates by any watchers. At present, India is the fifth largest economy in the world.

The SBI report said the GDP will grow at 8.1 per cent in the first quarter of FY24, which ensures that the overall expansion surpasses 6.5 per cent. It also added that growing at 6.5-7 per cent is the new normal for the country. Stating that the economy is in a "sustained

goldilocks" period, the economists at the state-owned lender said becoming the third largest economy will be a "remarkable achievement by any standards" for India. The incremental increase of USD 1.8 trillion estimated in the economy's size between 2022-27 will be more than the current size of the Australian economy, the economists said. India's share in the global GDP will be 4 per cent by 2027, they said, adding that the economy will add 0.75 trillion to its overall size every two years. Such a pace of GDP expansion will make India a USD 20 trillion economy by 2047 when the nation will be celebrating a century of its existence as a free state.



# ABDA V-P inspects Pachrightat Shivghat barrage

Central Chronicle News

**Bilaspur, Jul 27:** Under the leadership of Arpa Basin Development Authority's (ABD) Vice President Abhay Narayan Rai, members of the authority Mahesh Dubey, Narendra Bolar Asha Pandey inspected the Pachrightat barrage and Shivghat barrage being built on the Arpa River in the presence of officers and contractors of the department.

90 percent work was found completed in Pachrightat barrage and casting of 2 slabs is left in 20 gates and 3 gates are yet to be installed. Officials of the authority inspected the entire work on the spot and took information from the officials and instructed to speed up the work.

A total of 24 gates are to be built on the Shivghat



barrage, out of which the casting of 8 is left. The work of installation of gates has been completed, rests of the gates are kept ready and will be installed as soon as casting is done, it was informed.

During the inspection, the officers and contractors were asked the reason for not completing the work on the deadline of June 30. Citing the rains, the officials said that the delay is due to the inflow

of water into the river and the work of Pachrightat can be completed by August 30, as soon as the water recedes in the river.

After the inspection, Vice President Abhay Narayan Rai said that the

report of the progress of the inspection and work till date will be submitted in writing to Chief Minister and Chairman of Arpa Basin Development Authority Bhupesh Baghel, Water Resources Minister Ravindra Choubey and Chief Minister's Advisor Pradeep Sharma.

Rai also told that the Secretary of the Water Resources Department, P. Anbalagan has also expressed his displeasure over not being able to complete the work within the time limit by holding a meeting of the contractors and officials in Raipur and has asked them to complete the work soon. During the inspection, Executive Engineer S Saraf, Sub-Divisional Officer Manish Rajput, Naveen Soni, and Vaishali Patre were present.

# 'Ganja' worth Rs 15 lakh seized from two

Central Chronicle News

**Balod, Jul 27:** The Balod police nabbed an accused with 9 Kg 'ganja' from Thana Rajhara area and another case 1.37 quintal 'ganja' was seized. SP Dr. Jitendra Kumar Yadav informed that checking for 'ganja' smuggling is going on regularly and as a result of which the above two seizures were made.

It is notable here that during checking of vehicles on NH-30 under Purur Thana, a suspicious Swift vehicle was spotted and succeeded in escaping the check-post. It reached from Gurur to Balod Thana area and by leaving 'ganja' near Ghotia Chowk and locking the vehicle, the accused ran away and was later taken into arrest.



During this the police found 1.37 quintal 'ganja', one Swift cr and 'ganja' costing Rs 13.70 lakh and cost of Swift car around 2.70 lakh.

In another case, the Balod and Rajhara Thana taking a joint action, nabbed one Ravi Singh, S/o Prahlad Singh (28),

R/o Tabler Set Ward No. 4, Dalli-Rajhara, District Balod with 9 Kg 'ganja' and a case under Narcotics Act 1985 was filed against him under section 20(B) and the accused was sent on judicial remand to jail. The cost of this 9 kg 'ganja' is reported to be around Rs 1.40 lakh.

# Why only Congress is the target of ED: Vinod

Central Chronicle News

**Mahasamund, Jul 27:** Parliamentary Secretary and Congress spokesperson Vinod Sevenal Chandrakar has accused the BJP's voice on ED raids as baseless and said that the statement of BJP State President Arun Sao is not true and the nation knows the truth.

Within 8 years, in all the states where elections were held and where BJP did not get majority, in order to pressurize the winning party of that state, BJP raided the houses of

those leaders by sending teams of ED and IT and toppled the government and formed its own government, he accused.

Examples of this are some states like Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Goa where today the BJP government is in power, there are no raids.

Congress spokesperson Vinod Chandrakar has also accused Arun Sao on the statement of fear given by Mr. Sao regarding Amit Shah's visit and said that not Congress but BJP lead-

ers are scared, they are afraid whether they will be able to win the 2023 elections or not, that's why Modi and Amit Shah have to visit Chhattisgarh repeatedly despite being in charge.

But the people of Chhattisgarh have not forgotten what the farmer's son Bhupesh Baghel has done for the people of the state in the last four and a half years and its result will also be seen in the elections. He said that in 2023 only Congress government will be formed in the state.

# NCC Cadets recruitment under process in SAGES

Central Chronicle News

**Rajim, Jul 27:** The recruitment process of NCC cadets for the NCC department has been started every year in the Government Rambhishal Pandey Excellent English Medium School of the city. For the execution of the recruitment process, the students are being tested and enrolled according to the physical parameters by the jawans who came from 27 CG Battalion Raipur.

Giving the above information, the NCC officer of the school, Sagar Sharma said that NCC has been operating in this only school of the city for the last 36 years, which has been a major center of attraction for the students in the field of national



service and armed forces. The National Cadet Corps primarily provides a conducive environment for patriotism and inspiration and there is a significant contribution in the personality building

and all round development of organized trained and motivated youth to provide leadership in all spheres of the country and to be always available for the service of the nation.

Sharma further informed that there are total 100 seats in the NCC department of the school including first year and second year and last year, the school was upgraded as Swami Atmanand School,

which has given admission to girls along with Hindi and English medium.

Accordingly, admission of interested girls is also being started in NCC, in which newly entrant girls are seen crossing the criteria of recruitment process of NCC admission with double enthusiasm and enthusiasm. Jawans from the battalion encouraged the students by telling them the benefits of NCC and the possibilities of joining the army security forces in the future by boosting the morale of the students.

Various levels of physical fitness, running, medical test etc. were checked by the officers of the battalion. After enrollment of selected cadets, parade will start every week.

# Arun Sao reviews Kurud Nagar Seat

Central Chronicle News

**Kurud, Jul 27:** BJP State President Arun Sao reached the BJP office Kurud here after reviewing Sihawa and Dhamtari assembly in connection with the preparations for the assembly elections 2023. MLA Ajay Chandrakar and senior workers warmly welcomed their state president on his arrival in Kurud Nagar. In the meeting of Kurud BJP under the meeting of senior workers and core group in 90 assembly constituencies by the state BJP for the assembly elections 2023.

Instructing the party workers Sao told the workers that Bhupesh Baghel's government has been shaken by the conch shelling of top leaders on the call of the national leadership and BJP workers have changed the atmosphere of politics in the state.



Sao further said that the BJP, being in power for 15 years in the state, did many things continuously for road, health, education and development for various sections, whereas development in Congress's Bhupesh government means the discussion of loot, corruption, conversion, and love jihad all around is the definition of development.

During the discussion

with the journalists at the BJP office, he said that there is a lot of enthusiasm among the workers regarding the elections to be held in 2023 and we will definitely uproot the corrupt Congress government of Chhattisgarh.

On this occasion State Minister Ramu Rohra BJP District Incharge Neelu Sharma Legislative Assembly Incharge Ashu Chandravanshi, District

President Shashi Thakur Nirjan Sinha Shyam Sahu Pankaj Sinha Kavindra Jain Arvind Mundi Adarsh Chandrakar Harishankar Sonwani Duleshar Patel Ravikant Chandrakar Jyoti Bhanu Chandrakar Trilok Jain Gokaran Sahu Kuleshwar Chandrakar Virendra Sahu Anand Yadu Pushpendra Sahu Hori Lal Jhageshwar Dhruv were present.

# Shiv Sena urges action against fake agricultural inputs

● Demands license revocation

Central Chronicle News

**Arang, Jul 27:** Shiv Sena has taken a stand against the sellers of counterfeit agricultural fertilizers and seeds, demanding immediate action to curb this concerning issue. In a memorandum submitted to the Tehsildar, Rakesh Sharma, the Shiv Sena District Secretary, raised alarm about the surreptitious sale of fake pesticides at agriculture centers in Arang and nearby rural areas.

Unaware of the deceit, farmers have unwittingly used these substandard products on their crops, resulting in significant damage and financial losses,



causing severe distress among the farming community.

Driven by the urgency of the matter, Shiv Sena has called for a comprehensive inspection of medicine shops in the rural areas surrounding Arang. They insist on strict action against those found guilty of selling counterfeit agricultural inputs and have

urged the authorities to revoke the licenses of the offenders. The Tehsildar has responded positively, emphasizing the need for an immediate investigation by officials from the agricultural department to address the issue effectively.

Among those present during the memorandum submission were prominent Shiv Sena leaders, in-

cluding Kesav Vaishnav (Sena District Vice President), Nagar Adhyaksha Raj Dubey, Vidhan Sabha Adhyaksha Raja Tode, Organizational Chief Vyasa Sonakar, Publicity Chief Tech Devangan, and Yuva Sena President Mahendra Lodhi, along with several other dedicated party activists.

# Deputy CM reviews developmental schemes

Central Chronicle News

**Bemetara, Jul 27:** Deputy Chief Minister and District In-charge Minister TS Singhdeo here held a meeting with the district officers and reviewed the departmental works in the district. In the meeting, along with the ongoing development works in the district, the activities of the schemes run by the state government were reviewed. Panchayat and Rural Development, Water Resources Minister Ravindra Choubey was also present in the meeting, apart from MLA Ashish Chhabra, Collector P.S. Alma.

Collector Mr. Elma told the minister in charge about the ongoing development works in the district and various schemes and activities of the government through a power point presentation.



Superintendent of Police Smt. Bhavna Gupta, Chief Executive Officer District Panchayat Smt. Leena Kamlesh Mandavi, Additional Collector and district officers were present in the meeting. The Deputy Chief Minister said that the revenue issues and land related problems of the villagers should be resolved on the spot, for this, instructions were given to the Patwaris to sit in their light for two days in a week.

He reviewed the cases of disputed, undisputed demarcation etc. and their redressal. He also took information about preparations for paddy procurement on support price, availability and lifting of manure seeds in the district and gave instructions for pending payment and disposal of cases. He took details from the Superintendent of Police regarding law and order and political cases in the district, and

Superintendent of Police Mrs. Bhavna Gupta described the law and order situation in the district as normal and informed the minister about the political trial.

He emphasized on setting up self-employment in Gothans according to the local market demand, so that rural women can become self-reliant. He said that sanctioned construction works in the village panchayats of the district,

which have not yet been completed by the construction agency and which have not started, should be identified and transferred to the panchayat. In the meeting, School Education Minister Mr. Ravindra Choubey told the District Education Officer that under the Chhattisgarh Government's ambitious Chief Minister's School Jatan Yojana, the schools of the district should be renovated by August 15, so that the children can study more diligently.

In the meeting, Deputy Chief Minister Mr. Singhdeo emphasized on effective control over infant and maternal mortality, and also instructed to improve the reporting of disease conjunctivitis (pink eye) and inquired about the related treatment and medicines.

# Swami Atmanand School celebrates 'Shala Pravesh Utsav'

Central Chronicle News

**Kharora, Jul 27:** Swami Atmanand School Bharat Devangan, a renowned English-medium school under the Chhattisgarh Government in Kharora celebrated the joyous occasion of Shala Pravesh Utsav (School Enrollment Festival) with esteemed guests, including Girish Devangan, Chairman of Chhattisgarh Mineral Development Corporation, and Mrs. Anita Yogendra Sharma, MLA of Dharasiwa Vidhan Sabha.

Notable attendees also included Vidya Bhushan Shukla, Chairman of the Livestock Development Board, and Alok Chandra Kar, Vice-Chairman of the Livestock

Development Board.

The Chief Guest and Chairman warmly welcomed new students with tilaks and sweets, formally inducting them into the school. Class 1 presented the school anthem, Class 3 sang "Hum Hunge Kamyab," and middle-class students performed captivating Sua Nritya and Raut Nacha dances, showcasing the cultural heritage.

MLA Mrs. Anita Yogendra Sharma expressed gratitude to Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel for establishing English-medium schools like Swami Atmanand, providing quality education and fostering discipline and overall development.

Girish Devangan lauded Chief Minister

Bhupesh Baghel's efforts in promoting English-medium education and praised Swami Atmanand Schools' impact on students' mental capacity and personality. To celebrate the Chief Guest's birthday, an 80-liter water cooler was donated to the school.

The event witnessed various dignitaries, including Ms. Nishu Chandra Kar, Dhamtari Zila Panchayat Vice-President, Mr. Balaran Maurya, President of Bastar, Mr. Navin Singh, Member of the Labor Department, and others. Swami Atmanand School's staff and students showcased their dedication to educational excellence during the Shala Pravesh Utsav celebrations.



## Indian women draw 2-2 against Spain

**Spanish Hockey Federation tourney**

New Delhi, Jul 27 (PTI):

Navneet Kaur struck twice to help the Indian women's team register a come-from-behind 2-2 draw against hosts Spain in its second match of the 100th Anniversary Spanish Hockey Federation - International Tournament here on Thursday.

Navneet was on target in the 14th and 29th minutes after Xantal Gine (13th) gave Spain the lead. The second goal for the home team was scored by Laia Vidosa (26th).

The first quarter began with Spain using the home advantage to put pressure on the Indian defence.

A long pass from a Spanish player allowed Marta Segú to penetrate inside the circle and go one-on-one against Savita. But, the Indian goalkeeper stood tall to avert the danger. Late in the first quarter, Spain launched a



counter-attack and Gine converted a goal to give hosts the lead. But Navneet managed to make the most of a long pass inside the circle and equalised straightaway for India. With the scores levelled, both India and Spain started searching for a quick goal. Deepika broke through Spain's defence to enter the circle and managed to get a shot away. The ball went just above the nets, giving the opposition a respite. With just a few minutes left in the

quarter, Spain made the most of a penalty corner as Vidosa struck the ball into the nets following a save from the Indian goalkeeper Savita. But Navneet again came to India's rescue and restored parity a minute from half time, showcasing her individual brilliance as she dribbled past the Spanish defence to sound the board.

The second half started with the Indians showcasing their intent straightaway to get the lead.

Vaishnavi Phalke dribbled past the Spain defence, causing them to commit an error and earning India a penalty corner but Spain goalkeeper Clara Perez thwarted the danger. With Neha Goyal dominating mid-field, India maintained possession and kept pushing inside Spain's half. But Perez kept stopping the shots on target and managed to hold off India. India will next play England in their third game of the tournament on Friday.

**Japan Open**

Tokyo, Jul 27 (PTI):

India's HS Prannoy prevailed in the match of compatriots after Lakshya Sen and the in-form men's doubles duo of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty sailed into the quarterfinals of the Japan Open badminton here on Thursday.

The 21-year-old Birmingham Commonwealth Games gold medalist Sen advanced to the quarters with a convincing pre-quarterfinals 21-14, 21-16 win over Japanese shuttler Kanta Tsuneyama in straight sets.

Fresh from their triumph in the Korea Open, the Indian men's doubles pairing of Satwiksairaj and Chirag too secured progress to the last-eight stage with their dominant win over the Danish pair of Lasse Molhede and Jeppe Bay. Satwiksairaj and Chirag won 21-17, 21-11.

Then, in the match between compatriots Prannoy and Kidambi Srikanth, the former emerged victorious with a 19-21, 21-9, 21-9 win to advance to the quarters of the Super 750 tournament.

However, the Indian women's pairing of Gayatri Gopichand and Treasa Jolly suffered an exit despite their valiant efforts against Nami Matsuyama and Chiraru Shida in their round-of-16 outing. They lost



21-23, 19-21. Sen's win over the 27-year-old Japanese shuttler took 50 minutes and, having cruised to win in the opening game, the man from Alмора never let slip the advantage and grabbed the match quite comfortably.

Prannoy lost the opening game to Srikanth but fought back strongly to claim the next two games and progress to the next stage of the tournament.

For the duo of Satwik and Chirag,

it turned out to be an easy outing as they won in straight games. The reigning Asian champions won the Korea Open (Super 500), Swiss Open (Super 300) and Indonesia Open (Super 1000) titles this season.

The BWF World Tour is divided into six levels, namely World Tour Finals, four Super 1000, six Super 750, seven Super 500, and 11 Super 300. One other category of the tournament, the BWF Tour Super 100 level, also offers ranking points.

**Asian Games Football**

## Chhetri and Co pooled with China, B'desh

Hangzhou, Jul 27 (PTI):

The Indian men's football team has been clubbed with China, Bangladesh and Myanmar for the Hangzhou Asian Games in a relatively easy Group A, while the women have Thailand and Chinese Taipei in Group B. The draw was conducted here on Thursday.

The Indian men's and women's football teams' participation at the quadrennial extravaganza was confirmed after the Sports Ministry decided to relax the existing selection criteria.

There are six groups in the men's competition. The top two teams from each group and four best third-placed teams will advance to the round of 16.

As far as the women's competition is concerned, the top team from each group and the three best second-placed teams will progress to the quarterfinals. "Host nation China is going to be a very competitive game for our youngsters and I expect that this match will decide the winner of the group."

"With all the respect to Bangladesh and Myanmar, which are similar to us having many, many youngsters



in the senior national teams already, we need to outplay them on the pitch. I expect us to win the first position against China, and I expect our youngsters to do a brilliant job for India," Indian men's team coach Igor Stimac said on Twitter. Stimac also spoke about the 2026 World Cup Qualifiers.

"The World Cup Qualifiers draw 2026 was not kind or lucky for us. Having Qatar, one of the best Asian teams in our group, is going to be a big task, but we proved not long ago that we can find our way against such teams."

"And then Kuwait, by far the best team also, and

Afghanistan or Mongolia which we played in recent past, once again we need to stay very clear. The second position in the group needs to be ours."

"We need to do everything to prepare well, to get enough time from all the stakeholders of Indian football for a good preparation and make sure that India goes through to the third round of the World Cup Qualifiers," he said.

For the women's competition, 17 teams have been divided into five groups where Group A, B and C has three teams each while Group D and E has four teams apiece.

## I've no idea if he'll travel to Ireland: Rohit on Bumrah

Bridgetown, Jul 27 (PTI):

India captain Rohit Sharma has indicated that his lead pacer Jasprit Bumrah's return to the fold is not imminent but he is desperately hoping to have him back before the World Cup.

While Rohit said "things look positive at the moment" as far as Bumrah's recovery is concerned, he couldn't guarantee if the fast bowler would hop on the plane to Ireland for the upcoming white-ball assignments in Ireland.

Speaking about Bumrah while addressing a press



conference on the eve of the first ODI against the West Indies here, Rohit said, "The amount of experience he (Bumrah) brings is very important. Right now he's

coming from a serious injury and I've no idea if he'll travel to Ireland because the team hasn't been announced yet." "If he gets to play then it's good and we

hope he plays before the World Cup. When a player returns from a serious injury, match fitness, match feeling are some key components, which are missing," said Rohit at the press conference ahead of the first ODI.

"We'll see what has been planned and everything depends on his recovery. We are in constant touch with the NCA and things look positive at the moment," added Rohit.

Bumrah had undergone surgery for a recurring back niggle in New Zealand in March and since then he has been on the recovery

path. The pacer had last played for India during the home T20Is against Australia in September last year. Bumrah missed the ICC T20 World Cup in Australia and also missed the last Indian Premier League, a tournament in which he represents Mumbai Indians.

Last week the BCCI provided medical updates on the star pacer.

The matches in Ireland will be followed by the Asia Cup in Sri Lanka and Pakistan, after which the Indian team will play three ODIs at home against Australia.

## Noman picks 7 as Pakistan whitewash Sri Lanka

Colombo, Jul 27:

Pakistan completed a 2-0 series sweep against Sri Lanka after left-arm spinner Noman Ali bowled the tourists to a comprehensive victory by an innings and 222 runs in the second Test on Thursday.

Having conceded a lead of 410, Sri Lanka's defeat was only a matter of time and Noman spun a web around the batsmen at the Sinhalese Sports Club (SSC) ground to claim a career-best 7/70 as Pakistan romped home inside four days. Angelo Mathews remained unbeaten on 63 but Sri Lanka, who managed 166 in the first innings,



were all out for 188 in the second. While Noman was the wrecker-in-chief with his guile and accuracy, quick Naseem Shah claimed the remaining three wickets to secure Pakistan's biggest Test

win in Sri Lanka. "Very proud to win this series and all credit to the guys and the support staff for working so hard in the last three to four months," Pakistan captain Babar Azam said.

## Indian men's team plays out 1-1 draw with Netherlands

Barcelona, Jul 27 (PTI):

The Indian men's hockey team played out a 1-1 draw with the Netherlands, who recently won the FIH Hockey Pro League 2022-23 title, in an intensely-fought match at the 100th Anniversary Spanish Hockey Federation - International Tournament here.

India had lost to hosts Spain in their opening game, but they bounced back on Wednesday with an impressive performance. In-form captain Harmanpreet Singh scored India's lone goal in the 12th minute, and Jasper Brinkman equalised for the Netherlands

in the 40th. Getting off the blocks in an attacking mode, India built on early momentum. They created chances in the circle and eventually secured an early lead when the team earned a penalty corner. Although it was the Dutch side that earned the first PC of the match, the flick was dragged wide to the left of the post. India, however, made no such error when they were awarded a PC in the 12th minute. Harmanpreet was on song when he picked up a fine injection by his deputy Hardik Singh and ruthlessly struck it past the Dutch goalie. The 1-0 lead in the first quarter put India in command.

**Women's World Cup**

## Portugal knocks Vietnam out with 2-0 victory

Hamilton, Jul 27 (AP):

Telma Encarnacao scored one goal and assisted on another as Portugal defeated Vietnam 2-0 on Thursday in the Women's World Cup, a win that ensured Vietnam will not advance to the knockout stage.

Portugal jumped ahead in the seventh minute following a quick series of decisive passes through the Vietnamese defense. Lucia Alves dropped in a perfect cross to Encarnacao at the top of the six-yard box for a simple finish.

Portugal still has a shot to advance out of the group stage but will need to win or draw against the United States, with a Netherlands loss next Tuesday against Vietnam.

Just 14 minutes later, Portugal turned a goal kick from Vietnam into a chance, taking possession and moving downfield. Encarnacao



Portugal's forward #23 Telma Encarnacao (R) celebrates with her teammates after scoring her team's first goal during the Australia and New Zealand 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup Group E football match between Portugal and Vietnam at Waikato Stadium in Hamilton on July 27.

slipped the ball to Kika Nazareth as she raced through defenders, and the

20-year-old forward slotted the second goal of the night to the left of goalkeeper

Tran Thi Kim Thanh.

Portugal avoided its own elimination and still has a

shot to advance out of the group stage but will need to win or draw against the United States, with a Netherlands loss next Tuesday against Vietnam.

Portugal coach Francisco Neto held out seven starters from its 1-0 loss to the Netherlands, including 31-year-old captain Dolores Silva and goalkeeper Ines Pereira. Both Encarnacao and Nazareth came off the bench in the loss to the Dutch; both started in the win over Vietnam.

About 6,650 fans turned out to Waikato Stadium, which has a capacity of 18,009. The crowd was mostly Vietnamese fans, but it was the Portuguese contingent that made all the noise. Nguyen Thi Bich Thuy was the lone bright spot for Vietnam. The right winger looked threatening the few times the Golden Star Women Warriors found themselves on the attack but couldn't produce a goal.

## Horan's goal helps US squeeze out 1-1 draw with the Netherlands

Wellington, Jul 27 (AP):

Lindsey Horan, angry over being knocked down minutes earlier by Danielle Van de Donk, scored a revenge goal minutes later in the second half Thursday to help the United States squeeze out a 1-1 draw with the Netherlands at the Women's World Cup.

The Dutch struck first with a goal from Jill Roord in the first half to surprise the Americans, who remained unbeaten in 19 consecutive matches with Horan's second-half score.

Horan's goal on a header off a corner kick in the 62nd minute followed several minutes of jawing between the two teams: Horan was angry after she was knocked off her feet and even cursed in the direction of Van de Donk her teammate for club team Lyon.

The Americans tried to calm Horan, who responded with her 29th international goal, fourth in the World Cup, and second consecutive in this tournament.

Before the ball even crossed the goal line, Horan's expression showed she knew she was on target. With the draw, neither team secured a spot in the knockout round yet, with one group match remaining. Both the Americans and the Dutch sit atop the Group E standings with a win and a draw, but the U.S. has the edge for the lead with more goals.

The game was a rematch of the 2019 Women's World Cup final, a 2-0 win for the Americans in a game played in Lyon, France. It was the Americans' second straight trophy in the tournament, and fourth overall.

Roord's strike from atop the box went though Horan's legs to put the Dutch ahead in the 17th minute.

Dominique Janssen had a good chance from distance in the 29th minute, but U.S. goalkeeper Alyssa Naehar jumped for it and the ball skirted above the crossbar and into the netting.



DELHI HC OBSERVATION

## 'Closing down KV NTPC Badarpur against society's interest'

New Delhi, Jul 27 (PTI):

Observing that shutting down the Kendriya Vidyalaya NTPC in Badarpur on the ground of the closure of the power plant there would be detrimental to the interest of society, the Delhi High Court Thursday asked authorities to ensure the institute remains functional. A bench headed by Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma said that until a committee under the chairmanship of the Delhi lieutenant governor comes up with a solution, NTPC — which is owned and controlled by the government — will continue to fund the school that caters to local residents. "The court hopes and trusts that the committee will resolve the issue to ensure that the school which is functioning since 1981 is not closed down. Needless to say that till a solution is

arrived at, NTPC will keep funding the school in question," said the bench, also comprising Justice Saneev Narula. Besides the LG and the chief secretary (as the nodal officer), Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan commissioner, an official from the ministry concerned and the representatives of the parents and teachers association as well as the NTPC will be part of the committee, the court said.

The court's order came on a PIL by NGO Social Jurist against the alleged closing down of Kendriya Vidyalaya NTPC Badarpur.

Earlier, the court had directed the authorities concerned not to close down the school. During the hearing, the court was also informed that after the closing of the power plant five years ago, children of the officers employed there were no

longer studying in the school and even the land has been handed over to the Centre.

The court remarked that the school cannot be shut down as children from the neighbouring areas were studying there and NTPC can't seek its closure.

"These are poor villagers. We can't close down the school. Please keep funding it...Closing a school on this ground would be detrimental to the interest of the society at large," the court remarked. Senior advocate Gopal Jain, appearing for NTPC, told the court there was a need to strike a balance between the interest of the students and the obligation cast on the undertaking to fund the school.

He said a pragmatic and practical solution should be arrived at by the authorities concerned in the matter. Additional Solicitor General Chetan

Sharma suggested that a meeting of the authorities concerned under the chairmanship of the LG may be ordered to look into the issue.

The petitioner NGO has alleged before the court that the authorities are contemplating closing down the Kendriya Vidyalaya NTPC Badarpur, which would have a major adverse impact on its students as well as the aspirants residing in the nearby areas.

The petitioner, represented by advocate Ashok Agarwal, has said the shutting down of the school, which was opened in 1981-82 and was running as a project funded by the NTPC, would be in violation of the fundamental right to education as guaranteed to students and the provisions of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009.

## HC orders removal of encroachments from govt/forest land

Nainital, Jul 27 (PTI):

The Uttarakhand High Court has ordered the removal of encroachments from government and forest land along national and state highways and river banks throughout the hill state.

The court has asked all district magistrates and divisional forest officers to submit their compliance reports in this regard within four weeks.

The order was issued on Wednesday by a bench comprising Chief Justice Vipin Sanghi and Justice Rakesh Thapliyal.

The bench issued the order taking suo motu cog-

nizance of a letter written to the chief justice of the high court by Delhi resident Prabhath Gandhi who had cited the sorry condition of the highway from Khutani Mod to Padampuri in Nainital district due to encroachments.

The letter said shops, commercial establishments and even temples have been built by encroaching on government and forest land along the highway in Padampuri and Khutani.

The court has not asked all DMs and DFOs not only to remove encroachments but to also follow up with proper investigations.

## Low-fibre diet in pregnancy could slow infant's brain growth

New Delhi, Jul 27 (PTI):

Low-in-fibre intake in pregnancy could hamper the infant's brain development, according to a new study from Japan.

While animal studies have shown low-fibre diet during pregnancy to impair brain nerve function in offspring, this study is the first one to find the same effects in humans, researchers said.

"Our results provided reinforcing evidence that undernutrition during pregnancy is associated with an increased risk of neurodevelopmental delay in children," said Kunio Miyake, a researcher at the University of Yamanashi and first author of the

study published in the journal *Frontiers in Nutrition*.

When compared to children of mothers in high-fibre intake groups, children of mothers in low-fibre intake groups were more likely to exhibit neurodevelopmental delays, Miyake and team found after analysing more than 76,000 mother-infant pairs from the Japan Environment and Children's Study. It is an ongoing project aimed at highlighting how the environment affects children's health.

The team also found undersupply in maternal fibre to impact the children's communication, problem-solving and per-

sonal-social skills, in addition to a delayed development in movement and coordination.

The scientists collected the participants' dietary information using a food frequency questionnaire, where the mothers were asked about the diet they consumed in the second and third trimester of their pregnancy.

Children's developmental progress was assessed through another questionnaire sent to parents upon the offsprings turning three years old. Based on the parents' responses, the scientists correlated maternal fibre intake with child brain development. The recommended daily dietary fibre intake

is 18 grams each day in Japan, while it is 28 grams in the US and Canada.

"Our results show that nutritional guidance for pregnant mothers is crucial to reduce the risk of future health problems for their children," said Miyake.

The researchers also pointed to certain limitations of their study.

"Although this study considered the impact of folic acid intake during pregnancy, the possibility of other nutrients having an impact cannot be completely ruled out," Miyake pointed out.

"In addition, dietary fibre intake from supplements could not be investigated," Miyake said.

## CRPF RAISING DAY



Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Director General SL Thaisen pays homage to martyrs on the occasion of the 85th CRPF Raising Day, at National Police Memorial in New Delhi, Thursday.

## 'No subsisting charge, mortgage, loan on Uphaar Cinema premises'

1997 UPHAAR FIRE TRAGEDY

New Delhi, Jul 27 (PTI): A Delhi court hearing a plea seeking the de-sealing of Uphaar cinema hall, where 59 cinema-goers were killed in a massive blaze in 1997, has been told there are no subsisting charge, lien, mortgage, or loan on the premises located in Green Park Extension. The submissions were made by Ansal Theatres and Club Hotels Private Ltd, whose former directors were real estate barons Sushil Ansal and Gopal Ansal, who were convicted in the fire tragedy case, in an affidavit in support of its application seeking de-seal-

ing of the cinema hall. The affidavit was filed in response to an objection by Association of Victims of Uphaar Tragedy (AVUT) president Neelam Krishnamoorthy regarding the liability or loan on the theatre property.

"I say that there is no subsisting charge, lien, mortgage, or loan on the Uphaar Cinema premises located at Green Park Extension, New Delhi (subject matter of the captioned application)," company's authorised representative Vinod Kumar Kumar Saigal said in the affidavit filed before Principal District and Sessions Judge Sanjay Garg.

## MUHARRAM PROCESSION



Shia Muslims participate in the 8th Muharram procession in Srinagar, Thursday.

## After three decades, Shia community takes out Muharram procession

Through Lal Chowk in Srinagar

Srinagar, Jul 27 (PTI):

After more than three decades since the outbreak of militancy, the Shia community on Thursday took out a Muharram procession on a traditional route in Srinagar passing through the Lal Chowk area, with hundreds of people participating in it amid tight security.

The administration had on Wednesday permitted a two-hour window - from 6 am to 8 am - for the procession. Mourners filled the streets as they peacefully marched on the Gurubazaar to Dalgate route carrying flags and chanting in unison.

"It's a dividend of peace," Srinagar Deputy Commissioner Aijaz Asad said, thanking security agencies as well as local volunteers for their assistance.

People had assembled at Gurubazaar around 5.30 am for the 8th Day procession and many hoped that the administration will now allow the important 10th Day march on Saturday.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said the street violence in Jammu and Kashmir has ended and an era of peace has dawned in the Union Territory as he expressed satisfaction over the holding of Muharram proces-

sion. "I am happy to tell you that today the 8th of the Muharram procession was taken out after decades and concluded in Srinagar peacefully. It would be wrong to do any politics on religious events," he said while addressing a conference on Sufism here.

Additional Director General of Police, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar told reporters that a three-tier security arrangement has been provided.

This is the first time in more than 30 years that the procession on the 8th day of Muharram has been allowed on the route.

## Kinnaur, Spiti valley cut off from Shimla due to landslides

Shimla/Rampur, Jul 27 (PTI): Kinnaur and Spiti Valley, both tribal districts, have been cut off from Shimla, the state capital, following the blockade of National Highway 5 (Hindustan-Tibet Road) due to rock falling, landslides, and sinking of road. The National Highway has been blocked at Baroni, Manglad, and Pashada near Jhakri in the Rampur Subdivision of Shimla.

Alternate routes are also closed due to heavy rains and landslides. The Luhri-Aut National Highway (305) is also blocked at three places and gushing waters have entered many houses. Stranded, drivers of public transport vehicles are running out of food and trying to cross the blocked stretches on foot. Videos of people crossing the landslides on foot amid risk of stone

falling and landslides have been widely circulated on the internet.

Ranjit, who was on his way to Bhawanagar from Baddi carrying LPG cylinders, said he was stranded for the past four days due to landslides at several places and a fresh landslide in Pashada on Wednesday has further worsened the situation.

Another driver, Sonu, carrying LPG cylinders to Sarahan, also had the same story to tell.

Pawan Negi, a social worker, said incidents of landslides and rock falling were more frequent on the National highway near Jhakri a location where stone crushers have been set up. Negi said the crushers have contributed to the soil erosion as he demanded the authority to shift the facilities away from the highway to save the hills from cracking.

New Delhi, Jul 27 (PTI):

Researchers are developing a new broad-spectrum antibiotic compound aimed at treating serious infections caused by multidrug-resistant bacteria, especially in high-burden countries, including India.

The compound, BWC0977, is hoped to treat patients in both critical care and community settings. It has the potential against infections that are becoming progressively difficult to treat due to the increase of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in pathogens, such as *Acinetobacter baumannii* and *Klebsiella pneumoniae*. Currently, the most dif-

ficult-to-treat infections are caused by Gram-negative bacteria, which have become resistant to most available antibiotic treatments, the researchers said. Development of new antibiotics that are effective against such infections is critical to counter the public health crisis in hospitals everywhere, but especially in countries with a high burden of AMR, they said. "Since 2019, we have been following with interest the development of BWC0977 as a potential treatment for drug-resistant infections caused by the most harmful and deadly bacteria on the WHO priority pathogens list," said Manica

Balasegaram, Executive Director at the Global Antibiotic Research & Development Partnership (GARDP). "We are delighted to be able to accelerate the development of this promising antibiotic compound, by supporting clinical and pharmaceutical development activities, with the hope of getting it to patients where it is most needed," Balasegaram said. GARDP has joined forces with Bugworks, a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company with research and development facilities in Bengaluru, with the goal of formalising it through a collaboration agreement by the end of

the year. According to the agreement, GARDP would provide resources and funding for up to USD 20 million to ensure a robust development programme for BWC0977. It would work with Bugworks to advance BWC0977 through Phase II and Phase III studies, and support its pharmaceutical development.

"We are thrilled to strengthen our ongoing partnership with GARDP to accelerate the clinical development of BWC0977 and deliver a truly differentiated broad-spectrum drug that can tackle the toughest drug-resistant superbugs," said Anand Anandkumar, co-founder and CEO of Bugworks.

## Wockhardt to make vaccine tie-up with Serum

Mumbai, Jul 28:

Wockhardt Ltd - global pharmaceutical and biotechnology is aiming to turnaround its business operations and has perused important strategic initiatives for the same. Company is eyeing big on the restructuring of the US Business, vaccine tie-up with Serum for vaccine manufacturing in UK and Novel Antibiotics research to drive the business forward.

For the Q4FY23, company posted strong operational performance with 7% Yo-Y growth in revenue with three fold jump in the EBITDA to Rs. 47 crore.

In the restructuring of its US operations, company is shutting down its manufacturing facility at

Morton Grove and transferring the site to contract manufacturing organisations.

This restructuring is estimated to result in annual savings of ~US\$ 12 Mn. Post restructuring company looks to maintain sales with a 40 percent gross margin and manufacture few products with higher margin through a third party.

Additionally, in March 2022, company had signed a 51:49 (Wockhardt 51 and Serum 49) Joint Venture with Serum Institute of India for manufacturing vaccines at its UK facility. As contribution for reserving capacity, Wockhardt has received a consideration of 10 million Pounds. The contract with Serum is for

150 million doses across 15 years and it has already identified two vaccines for the same. Company plans on manufacturing these vaccines post regulatory approvals and exhibit batches over the next 8-12 months.

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