

### BRIEF



PM Modi interacts with passengers as he travels in Delhi Metro on his way to Delhi University to attend its centenary celebrations, in New Delhi, Friday.

### Policy

**New Delhi:** Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday said his government has framed a policy for the redevelopment of 26 notified non-conforming industrial areas. He met with industrialists of the non-conforming areas to initiate the layout planning of these areas. The chief minister said the policy has three phases. Under the first phase, a panel of consultants will be formed for preparing layout plans.

### Job

**Bengaluru:** Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday directed officials to offer a job in his secretariat to an acid attack victim. On hearing her plight, the Chief Minister while hearing public grievances at his residence, promised employment on the spot. According to the Chief Minister's office, the victim, a M.Com graduate, was allegedly attacked on April 28, 2022.

### Book

**New Delhi:** The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has filed an FIR against Delhi-based company Horizon Solution for allegedly cheating Union Bank of India to the tune of over Rs 46 crore in a loan fraud, officials said on Friday. The CBI has booked the East of Kailash-based company, its proprietor Zeba Urfi and guarantor Zaib Un Nisa on charges of criminal conspiracy, cheating, forgery and under the Prevention of Corruption Act, they said.

### Fire

**Indore:** BSF personnel rescued six children and the driver of a school van in the nick of time here on Friday morning after the vehicle caught fire. The van, ferrying the students of a private school, caught fire outside the Central School of Weapons and Tactics of the Border Security Force, said deputy commissioner of police Aditya Mishra.

### Dead

**Karimnagar:** A woman and her three children allegedly jumped into Mid Manair Reservoir in Rajanna Sircilla district, police said on Friday. According to Sircilla Superintendent of Police Akhil Mahajan, "The deceased might have jumped into the reservoir a couple of days back."

**Weather**  
High 32 Low 25

**MARKET**  
NIFTY 19,189.05  
SENSEX 64,718.56

**BULLION**  
GOLD 58,172  
SILVER 68,750

## High-voltage drama over Manipur CM's resignation

**Imphal, Jun 30 (PTI):** High-voltage drama unfolded in Imphal after thousands of demonstrators blocked Manipur Chief Minister Biren Singh's convoy from proceeding towards Raj Bhavan.



The purported resignation letter torn by the women gathered outside the CM's residence.

However, after women leaders came out of his residence and told the crowd that the CM has assured them that he is not resigning, the mob slowly dispersed from his residence. Unconfirmed reports said that the CM had typed out a resignation letter but was persuaded by his supporters to tear it up.

Earlier in the afternoon, hundreds of youth wearing black shirts and women sat down in front of the CM's residence demanding that Biren Singh should not resign.

### Two Naxalites surrender

**Sukma, Jun 30:**

Two Naxalites involved in incidents of violence surrendered before the police and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in Sukma district, an official said on Friday.

Uika Malla, a member of the Dandakaranya Adivasi Kisan Majdoor Sangh (DAKMS), and militia member Sodi Hunga turned themselves in before the police and CRPF officials on Thursday, citing disappointment with "inhuman" and "hollow" Maoist ideology, the senior official said.

Sources said there were strong rumours in Imphal since morning that the chief minister was contemplating resigning from the post after renewed violence in the state on Thursday that claimed

### 'Not quitting'

Manipur Chief Minister Biren Singh on Friday clarified that he was not resigning from post, putting an end to a day-long rumour on the issue. Before his clarification, thousands of demonstrators blocked the Manipur Chief Minister's convoy from proceeding towards Raj Bhavan. The CM eventually told women demonstrators that he was not resigning from the chief minister's post. Biren Singh later also tweeted, "At this crucial juncture I would like to clarify that I will not be resigning from the post of chief minister." Women leaders who met him defused the situation by coming out of the chief minister's residence and assuring the crowd that Singh was not resigning.



Manipur CM N. Biren Singh, in Imphal, Friday.

three more lives and left 5 injured. Kshetrimayum Shanti, a women leader said, "At this critical juncture, the Biren Singh government should stand firm and crack down on troublemakers." The toll in exchange of fire be-

tween security forces and suspected rioters in Kangpokpi district a day before, rose to three on Friday, with one more person succumbing to injuries in hospital, officials said. Armed rioters had opened unprovoked firing

at Haraoel village on Thursday. The Army said security forces personnel "responded in a calibrated manner" to tackle the situation, they said.

Members of the community to which two of the rioters belonged collected their bodies on Thursday and took out a procession to the CM's residence here, they said. The demonstrators, led by women, even dared police to arrest them, and were also seen burning tyres in the middle of the road to prevent police movement, the officials said. As security personnel stopped them from marching to Singh's residence, the processionists turned violent, prompting police to use tear gas shells and resort to lathicharge to disperse the mob.

## AAP challenges Centre's services ordinance in SC

**New Delhi, Jun 30 (PTI):** The Delhi government on Friday moved the Supreme Court against the Centre's ordinance over control of services in the national capital, officials said. Earlier in the day, the AAP had announced that Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will burn copies of the Centre's ordinance at the party office in central Delhi on July 3. The party had on June 11 organised a maharally against the ordinance. The Centre had on May 19 promulgated the ordinance to create an authority for the transfer and posting of IAS and DANICS officers in

### CM to burn copies of Centre's ordinance

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will burn copies of the Centre's ordinance at the party office in central Delhi on July 3, the AAP said on Friday. Addressing a press conference, Aam Aadmi Party chief spokesperson Saurabh Bhardwaj said copies of the ordinance will be burned across the 70 assembly constituencies of the national capital.

Delhi, with the AAP government calling the move a circumvention of the Supreme Court verdict on control of services. The ordinance, which came a week after the Supreme Court handed over the control of services in Delhi, excluding police, public order and land, to the elected government, seeks

to set up a National Capital Civil Service Authority for the transfer of and disciplinary proceedings against Group-A officers. Transfer and postings of all officers of the Delhi government were under the executive control of the Lieutenant Governor before the May 11 verdict of the apex court.

## 'Futuristic policies boosted global recognition for Indian varsities'

**New Delhi, Jun 30 (PTI):**



PM Modi addresses during the valedictory ceremony of the centenary celebrations of Delhi University, in New Delhi, Friday.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserted on Friday that futuristic policies and decisions taken in the last few years in the education sector have boosted global recognition for Indian universities. Addressing the valedictory ceremony of Delhi University's centenary celebrations, Modi noted that the number of Indian universities that featured in the latest QS global ranking has surged to 45 from 12 in 2014, the year he became prime minister.

He referred to the rise in the numbers of IITs, IIMs, AIIMS and NITs across the country and described them as the building blocks of the new India.

Modi took a metro ride to reach the event. During his journey, he interacted with students. At the event, the prime minister

spoke about his recent state visit to the US and said the global respect and prestige for India has grown because of the rise in its capability as well as the world's faith in the country's youngsters.

Futuristic policies in the education sector boosted global recognition for Indian universities, Modi said. Citing agreements signed between the two countries during his visit,

he said these will bring new opportunities for youngsters of India in fields ranging from the earth to space, semiconductors and artificial intelligence. India's youngsters will have access to technologies which used to be out of their reach, PM Modi said, adding that it will boost their skill development. Companies like Micron and Google will be investing heavily in the country. It is a sign of the India of the future, he said. Lauding Delhi University's contribution to different aspects of life, the prime minister said it is not merely a university but a movement.

Modi referred to celebrated ancient Indian universities in Nalanda and Taxila and said they were a source of happiness and prosperity and India's science guided the world in that era.

## 'Tomato prices will cool down in next 15 days'

Normalise in a month



A man sorts tomatoes at a market in Surat, Friday.

**New Delhi, Jun 30 (PTI):**

Tomato prices are expected to cool down in the next 15 days with increase in supplies from producing centres and reach a normal level in a month, a top government official said, as retail prices of the kitchen staple shot up over Rs 100 per kg in major cities.

Consumer Affairs Secretary Rohit Kumar Singh, in a media briefing,

also said the retail prices of tomato in the national capital will come down immediately on improved supplies from Solan and Sirmour districts of Himachal Pradesh.

"The phenomena of price rise in tomato happens every year at this time. Every agriculture commodity in every country goes through a seasonality in the price cycle. In June, prices reached a high level," he said.

Tomato is also a highly perishable commodity and weather vulnerability, which has become prevalent in the recent times due to climate change and other issues, has disturbed the supplies, he added.

The secretary further said, "You cannot store tomato for a long time and transport it for a long distance. There is an inherent vulnerability in the commodity. Transportation is also a big issue." June-August and October-November are also lean production seasons and prices in this period normally see a sharp increase, he said.

All India average retail price of tomato on June 29 was ruling at Rs 49 per kg as against Rs 51.50 per kg in the year-ago same day, he said, and added, "I am not justifying the rate. This also proves seasonality."

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## 3 Zones, Separate Meetings: Inside BJP strategy for 2024 elections

**New Delhi Jun 30:** The BJP will soon take the preparations for the Lok Sabha elections to the ground level for which it has prepared three zones for organisational convenience in 543 seats, party sources said. North, South, and East zones have been demarcated, and separate meetings of these regions will be held on July 6, 7, and 8.

Jammu-Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Chandigarh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Daman Diu-Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Delhi, and Haryana were placed in the North Zone, meeting for which has been scheduled for July 7 in Delhi. The East Zone will have states like Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal,

Assam, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, and Tripura. Its meeting will be held on July 6 in Guwahati. The South Zone will have Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karnataka, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Mumbai, Goa, Andaman and Nicobar, and Lakshadweep. The meeting for this zone is planned for July 8 in Hyderabad.

Prominent leaders of that region, along with BJP President JP Nadda and organisation ministers, will be present in these meetings. In-charge of the respective states, State President, Organisation Minister, Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister, MP, MLA, and members of the National Executive will also be present in these meetings.

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# Unemployment Allowance of Rs 10 crore transferred to 10120 beneficiaries in Durg

## Rs 1.73 crore transferred to 49157 beneficiaries of PMAY (G)

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Jun 30:** Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel transferred funds to the beneficiaries of unemployment allowance and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna (Gramin) on Friday. Under the unemployment allowance scheme, an amount of Rs 31 crore 69 lakh 60 thousand has been disbursed as the third installment in the accounts of 1 lakh 16 thousand 737 beneficiaries and an amount of Rs 151 crore has been deposited in the account of 49 thousand 157 beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Rural.

An amount of Rs 80 crore 64 lakh 25 thousand has been paid in three instalments to the beneficiaries so far. On Friday, the amount was transferred as unemployment allowance for three months to the remaining 1600 beneficiaries of the month of April and unemployment allowance of two months to the remaining 6847 beneficiaries of the month of May. In this program, 16 beneficiaries from Durg district attended the programme.

The Chief Minister gave appointment letters to two beneficiaries of the district - Tameshwar and



Satyaprakash. Also, 05 youth beneficiaries of the district participated in this program through video conference at NIC Durg. As soon as the amount was transferred by the Chief Minister, a message was received that Rs 2500 unemployment amount had been deposited in the accounts of all the beneficiaries. About ten crore rupees were transferred to the accounts of 10120 approved applicants of Durg district. The amount of two months was transferred in lump sum to the eligible beneficiaries who applied in the months of April and May.

Under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Rural, 22 thousand 126 beneficiaries were given Rs 55 crore as first installment, Rs 55 crore as second installment to 12 thousand 455 beneficiaries, Rs 31 crore as third install-



ment to 7477 beneficiaries and Rs 10 crore to 7099 beneficiaries as the fourth instalment.

Based on the progress of the houses, a total amount of Rs 151 crore was transferred to the accounts of 49 thousand 157 beneficiaries. In the last four and a half years, 3 lakh 87 thousand 915 houses have been sanctioned under this

scheme. Rs 1 crore 73 lakh 43 thousand has been transferred to 562 beneficiaries of Durg district. In this, the first installment of Rs 67 lakh to 268 beneficiaries, the second installment of Rs 47 lakh to 117 beneficiaries, the third installment of Rs 53 lakh 44 thousand to 134 beneficiaries and the fourth installment of Rs 59

# Three units selected for National MSME Award-2023

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Jun 30:** A meeting of the State Level Steering Committee constituted for the MSME Award-2023 was held recently at Udyog Bhavan. Online applications received for the award were scrutinized in which 3 industrial units were found eligible. The meeting was presided over by Dr Saransh Mitter, IAS, Director Industries. Office bearers of Industrial Associations and officials of MSME Development Office, Raipur were present in the meeting. KK Jha, President, MSME District Industries Association, Durg, Pramod Gharde, President, Dalit Chamber of Commerce and Industries (DICCI), Chhattisgarh Chapter, Rajeev S, Joint Director and Head of Office, MSME, DFO Raipur KB Erpate, Damodar Behera, Assistant



Director, MSME Development Office, Raipur, Alok Trivedi, Additional Director, Commerce and Industry Department and Sanjay Gajghate, Joint Director, Commerce and Industry and MSME Development Office, Raipur, in addition to the chairman and members of the committee were present.

KK Jha, president of the MSME District Industries Association, said that the online applications received for the National MSME Award-2023 were scrutinized by the committee.

Three industrial units were found eligible. According to the guidelines issued by Office of the Development Commissioner (MSME), New Delhi, the committee gave the recommendation to send the applications of the qualified three industrial units online to the national level steering committee.

At the end of the meeting, an official of MSME Development Office Raipur proposed the vote of thanks to the Chairman, members and other office bearers of the committee.

# Twin-city to have a new recreational spot soon

Thugda Bandh being renovated with Rs 16.21 crore



Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Jun 30:** Twin-city is going to get a new tourist spot soon. The picture of Thugda Dam is changing with Rs 16.21 crore. It will be the most beautiful place in the city for recreational activities. Beautiful landscaping is being done at Thugda dam.

The entire railing of the dam will be decorated with beautiful flower bearing creeper plants. These plants will have different types of fragrance. This will not only enhance the beauty but will also fill the atmosphere with fragrance.

Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena along with DMC Commissioner Lokesh Chandrakar and corporation officials inspected Thugda Dam and gave instructions to the officers regarding its landscape.

The Collector said that the landscape of Thugda Dam should be very beautiful so that people can spend time peacefully here. He said to plant flowers that grow throughout the year should be planted. He asked the concerned officials to share pics of flowers on whatsapp.

The Collector instructed the officials to make the dam more and more beautiful so that it attracts people. He appreciated the works of landscaping, lighting, entertainment activities, etc.

Corporation Executive Engineer Rajesh Pandey, Prakashchand Thawani, Girish Divan, Pankaj Sahu, Javed Ali and

other officials were present.




Hedge will be made of Madhukamini and Tagar plants in Thugda Bangh. Hedging will be in three layers. It will have plants like Madhukamini and Tagar. Along with this, there will be different types of hedging so that diversity is maintained.

Collector Meena said that hedging plays a big role in making a beautiful landscape. The diversity in it makes the place even more beautiful. Along with this, the Collector gave special instructions regarding flower beds.


He said that there will be two types of flowers including the seasonal and those which bloom round the year. The pathway will be symmetrical and plants like canopy will be planted. The Collector instructed to make special arrangements regarding the pathway.

He said that symmetry is very important for landscaping. He asked to take full care of the symmetry in the pathway. The view of Thugda Dam from the railing will be very beautiful. The entire railing will be adorned with creepers plants. Since the railing is in diagonal shape, the seating will also be diagonal.

Giving instructions in this regard, Collector Meena said that different types of vines should be selected for railing so that diversity can be seen in the landscape. The officials also inspected the island and also reviewed the progress of the construction works.

## Committed steps towards better health of tribal community




Launch of  
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&  
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**Narendra Modi**  
Prime Minister

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- ▶ Implementation in 278 districts of 17 tribal-dominated states
- ▶ Targeted elimination of new cases of Sickle Cell Disease
- ▶ Distribution of 1 crore physical Ayushman Bharat cards along with distribution of 3.59 crore digital cards under the Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, in Madhya Pradesh.

📍 District Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh | 📅 Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2023 | 🕒 3:00 PM

in the august presence of

<b>Mangubhai Patel</b> Governor of Madhya Pradesh	<b>Shivraj Singh Chouhan</b> Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh	<b>Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya</b> Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare and Chemicals and Fertilizers	<b>Arjun Munda</b> Union Minister of Tribal Affairs
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## State govt to request Central Govt for housing provision to new PMAY-G beneficiaries: CM

**Else would formulate its own plans to provide housing for new PMAY-G beneficiaries**

**CM releases third installment of Unemployment Allowance Scheme and funds for PMAY-G beneficiaries**

**PMAT-G: Online transfer of Rs 151 cr to the accounts of 49,157 beneficiaries**



his official residence, where he virtually released the third installment of the Unemployment Allowance Scheme and transferred funds to beneficiaries of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin.

Addressing the programme, Chief Minister emphasized the state government's commitment to maximizing employment and self-employment opportunities for the youth in the state. To achieve this goal, the government is actively recruiting a large number of candidates for government jobs and also providing unemployment allowances to offer financial support to the youth. Furthermore, the government is offering skill development training to equip the youth with the

necessary skills for employment and self-employment. Simultaneously, efforts are underway to connect the trained youth with suitable employment opportunities.

During the programme, the CM disbursed an amount of Rs 31.69 cr as the third installment of the unemployment allowance to the accounts of 1,16,737 beneficiaries under the Unemployment Allowance Scheme. Additionally, he transferred an amount of Rs 151 cr to the accounts of 49,157 beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G).

During the programme, the Chief Minister personally handed out offer letters to 25 trained beneficiaries of the Unemployment

Scheme. Similarly, offer letters were also given at the district level to 738 eligible youths for the unemployment allowance and 810 youths who have received skill development training but are not currently receiving the unemployment allowance.

Minister of Sports and Youth Welfare, Umesh Patel, stated that the objective of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel's initiative is to provide financial assistance to the youth and connect them with employment. The goal is to empower the youth to become self-reliant with the help of this financial support given under the scheme. Additional Chief Secretary Subrat Sahoo provided information about the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin. The funds of this scheme are directly transferred to the beneficiaries accounts. Dr Alok Shukla, Principal Secretary of the Skill Development and Technical Education Department, shared detailed information regarding the progress of the unemployment allowance scheme.

## Former GM of CTBC arrested for alleged irregularities

**Raipur, Jun 30:** Ashok Chaturvedi, former GM of Chhattisgarh Text Book Corporation (CTBC), who has been absconding for three years, has finally been arrested by the ACB. He was arrested late night from Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh. ACB from Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh has left for Raipur with him. Several cases of disproportionate assets and corruption are registered against Ashok Chaturvedi. He is charged with committing scams worth crores while being in the CTBC. He was absconding after the bail plea was rejected in the

court. The Economic Offences Investigation Bureau (EOW) has registered an FIR against Ashok Chaturvedi, former general manager of the Chhattisgarh Textbook Corporation.

An FIR was lodged in the case of irregularities of crores in the tender process. In the year 2019, the state government, ending the deputation of Chaturvedi, attached him to the Panchayat and Rural Development Department. Against this decision, he had obtained a stay from the High Court. On the other hand, the responsibility of inves-

tigating the complaint of irregularities in the tender was entrusted to ACB, EOW.

Ashok Chaturvedi was also charged with being close to some BJP leaders, although BJP leaders have been categorically denying this allegation. Many Congress leaders had made complaints against this officer. In the year 2020-21, a tender scam of 6 crores came to light in the Text Book Corporation.

It is alleged that Ashok had got the contract awarded to his favourite company. After the scam was unearthed in the investigation, the EOW had registered a case against

him and his close ones on charges of corruption.

An offense was also registered against Hitesh Choubey of the firm that took the contract and Brijendra Tiwari, the staff of his company involved in the forgery, and the tender committee members of the corporation.

The investigation of the matter was going on. It was revealed that during the years 2017-18 and 2019, there was a scam of 98 lakhs in the name of voluntary grant. Some were given money in the name of treatment and some were given money to buy goods. The complaint was lodged by Vinod Tiwari.

## Youth sentenced to life imprisonment in murder case

**Raipur, Jun 30:** The court of VII Additional District and Sessions Judge Vandana Deepak Dewangan on Wednesday sentenced a youth to life imprisonment for murdering a man after a dispute arising out of transaction of money won in gambling. He has also been imposed fine of Rs 1000. Two delinquent boys in the case are being tried in the juvenile court.

According to information available some people were gambling at Mahamaya Chowk, village Khamtarai falling under jurisdiction of Arang Police Station at around 10 pm on November 10, 2020. In the meantime Chhabiram Lodhi (son of Narad Prasad Lodhi), Punaram Sahu and other two delinquent boys got embroiled in a dispute over money won in the gambling. Punaram Sahu and two delinquent boys got angry and threatened to kill Chhabiram Lodhi besides abusing him. They punched Chhabiram

Lodhi and kicked him, inflicting serious injury on his stomach. Chhabiram died after being assaulted by them. Siyaram Sahu, Narad Prasad Lodhi, Gopichand, Prem Lal Sahu, Bharat Lal Lodhi, Ramwaroop Sahu, Ravindra, Virendra Kumar and others were eyewitnesses and hearsay witnesses in the said case. The court sentenced Punaram Sahu to life imprisonment and a fine of ₹ 1000 under section 302 of the Indian Penal Code. He is in jail since the date of the incident, while two other fellow delinquents are being tried in the Juvenile Court. A total of 15 people testified in the case. The prosecution has proved the essential ingredients of section 302 beyond reasonable doubt, as a result of which the accused was convicted by the court and on the basis of merit, the court gave a positive message to the society, Rajendra Jain Additional Public Prosecutor, District and Sessions Court Raipur Chhattisgarh.

## Two nabbed with 200 Kg 'Ganja' worth Rs 50 lakh



**Were transporting it from Odisha to Raipur**

**Mahasamund, Jun 30:** Two inter-state drug smugglers were nabbed along with 200 Kg 'Ganja' worth Rs 50 lakh being secretly transported in the car's dickey from Odisha. Both have been booked under section 20 (B) of Narcotics Act.

Making disclosure in this regard, SP Mahasamund Dharmendra Singh informed that the Cyber Cell and Singhoda police got tip from an informer a car bearing No.

CG 04 KT 7994 is illegally transporting 'Ganja' from Odisha to Raipur. Cyber Cell and Singhoda police stopped the vehicle with check-post at Rehatikhil and seized 200 Kg 'Ganja' worth Rs 50 lakh.

The two accused nabbed are- Ganesh Mazumdar S/o Gangaram Mazumdar, R/o Dinajpur WB and Laxmi Dulai W/o Kanchan Dilai. SP informed that both male and female are friends to each other and were smuggling this 'ganja' by creating a chamber below the car's seat and tried to misguide the police.

## PM Modi to address public meet at Science College Ground on July 7

**Raipur, Jun 30:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi would be addressing a public meeting at Government Science College Ground Raipur during his visit to Chhattisgarh on July 7.

Raipur Parliamentarian Sunil Soni, Raipur South MLA Brijmohan Agrawal and former Minister Rajesh Munat on Friday afternoon inspected the venue during which the District Collector and Senior Superintendent of Police were also present.

Apart from the Public meeting, the government programme like dedication of development works too can take place during his visit. Further preparations of government programme would be made once the PMO issues minute to minute programme. It would be first visit by PM Narendra Modi to Raipur after the Congress came to power in Chhattisgarh.

## PCCF Shrinivas Rao gets additional charge of Forest Research

**Raipur, Jun 30:** Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (PCCF) V Shrinivas Rao has been given the additional responsibility of State Forest Research & Training. Rao has been given the additional responsibility following the retirement of senior Indian Forest Services (IFS) Officer and PCCF Ashish Kumar Bhatt. Rao would also be Director of the Research Institute.

Similarly, Chief Conservator of Forest (CCF) Janak Ram Nayak too has retired on June 30. Forest Conservator Dilraj Prabhakar working as Forest Conservator Development & Planning has been given additional charge of in-charge CCF Raipur circle whereas the 2016 batch IFS Officer K Machiyo has been given additional charge of in-charge Chief Conservator of Forest (CCF) Wildlife and Director Udant-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve Raipur.

Jora Ground on the outskirts of city which has a larger capacity for public. BJP has geared up to create atmosphere in favour of the party ahead of the next Legislative Assembly polls and visit of PM Modi would be an ideal platform to launch the campaign for the next polls. BJP leaders meet has been organized to chalk out strategy to make the visit of Modi a grand success.

Meanwhile, the Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh would be arriving here on Saturday. After holding meeting with the leaders here, he would leave for Narayanpur to address a public meeting.

## All districts of Ch'garh included in NSCAEM

**Raipur, Jun 30:** The National Sickle Cell Anemia Eradication Mission is being launched by the Government of India to eradicate the genetic disease sickle cell in the country. To eliminate sickle cell by the year 2047, this mission will be implemented in 278 districts of 17 states of the country. All 33 districts of Chhattisgarh have been included in this mission. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch the National Sickle Cell Anemia Eradication Mission on July 1 in Shahdol,

Madhya Pradesh. State Health Minister TS Singhdeo will join the program through video conference from Hamar Hospital located at Raja Talab, Raipur. He will also distribute sickle cell genetic status cards to the local beneficiaries. Deputy Director of Health Department, Dr. Khemraj Sonwani said that the National Sickle Cell Anemia Eradication Mission is being started by the Government of India to eradicate sickle cell. It aims to address the serious health challenges posed by sickle cell disease.

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## Statistics plays importance in all the fields: Prof. Shukla

NSO observe 17th Statistics Day in seminar hall in RSU

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Jun 30: The 17th Statistics Day function was organized by National Statistical Office (NSO), Government of India, Raipur on June 29 in "Seminar Hall of Arts Faculty Building, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur". The Chief guest of Statistics Day celebration was Prof. Satchidanand Shukla, Vice-Chancellor, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur.

Function was presided over by Roshan Lal Sahu, Deputy Director General, NSO, Raipur.

As special guest, Dr. Hanumant Yadav, Eminent Economist, Prof. Vyas Dubey, Head of Department of Statistics, and Prof. Ravindra Bramhe, Head of Department of Economics, Pt. RSU, Raipur were present on the occasion. The guests were welcomed by Ashutosh Awasthi, Deputy Director, National Statistical Office, Raipur.

Statistics Day function was jointly inaugurated by Chief Guest Prof. Sachchidanand Shukla

and Roshan Lal Sahu, Dy DG by lighting the lamp.

Presiding over the function, Roshan Lal Sahu, said that in view of the remarkable contribution made by renowned statistician Chandra Mahalanobis in the field of socio-economic planning and policy-making after independence, every year his birthday, 29th June, is celebrated as National Statistics Day by Government of India.

The objective of this day is to create awareness among the common citizens and the youth about the importance of statistics in socio-economic planning and policy making.



ing. He also informed that the theme of this year's Statistics Day is "Alignment of State indicator framework with National indicator framework for monitoring Sustainable development goals".

In his address, the chief guest of the program Prof. Satchidanand Shukla, Vice-Chancellor, Pt. Ravi Shankar Shukla University, Raipur, emphasized the importance of statistics and made the students aware of the tech-

niques and applications of statistics because today statistics is used in some form or the other in every field.

He said that before starting any major work in any field, statistics is specially used by the Central Government, State Government and other institutions for planning, analysis and estimating the results. At the same time, he specially emphasized National Statistical Office to organize more and more such events among the students in the future.

While addressing the gathering as a special guest, Prof. Ravindra

Bramhe, Head of Department of Economics, Pt. Ravi Shankar Shukla University, said that continuous review is being done by Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation, Government of India, through the National Index Framework for achievement of targets and objectives set under the Sustainable Development Goals. Talking about the Sustainable Development Goals, he also mentioned about the goals of eradicating poverty, ending hunger, environmental protection, clean energy, gender inequality, etc.

Special guest Prof. Vyas

Dubey, Head of Department of Statistics, Pt. Ravi Shankar Shukla University while highlighting in detail the life of Prof. P.C. Mahalanobis, his works, his achievements and his contribution to the development of the country, enlightened the students about importance and utility of statistics.

On the occasion of Statistics Day, apart from the addresses of the chief guest and special guests, presentations were also made on the main theme by various scholars and a quiz competition was organized. The prize winners of the quiz competition were awarded.

## Ch'garh's young swimmer, Alyosha wins two medals

In the National Tribal Sports Festival CM Baghel extends his best wishes for her bright future

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Jun 30: Chhattisgarh's emerging young swimmer, Alyosha Kunjam, paid the Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel a courtesy visit at his official residence today.

Alyosha has won two medals in two swimming competitions at the National Tribal Sports Festival organized in Bhubaneswar. During her meeting with the Chief Minister, Alyosha informed him that she had won a silver medal in 50 m freestyle and a bronze medal in 100 m



freestyle at the National Tribal Sports Festival.

The Chief Minister extended his best wishes for Alyosha's bright future and congratulated her. He said that Alyosha has made Chhattisgarh proud with her outstanding

achievement.

Alyosha Kunjam is a student in the 12th standard at Raipur's Rajkumar College. The National Tribal Sports Festival was organized in Bhubaneswar from 9 to 12 June 2023.

Including men, women, and members of the third gender at Police Training School, Mana

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Jun 30: The passing out parade program of 469 male, female, and third-gender new constables concluded at the Parade Ground of Police Training School Mana in the chief hospitality of Inspector General of Police Mr. Ajay Yadav.

308 women and 12 third-gender new constables participated in the 29th session convocation ceremony for women and third-gender new constables, whereas 149 new constables participated in the 42nd session convocation ceremony for male new constables.



The Chief Guest Ajay Yadav (IPS), Inspector General of Police, Chhattisgarh, encouraged the new constables in his address during the passing out parade ceremony and said that training is a process of grooming.

He also inspected the passing out parade on the occasion. Mr. Yadav added that a change has been perceived in the modus

operandi of criminals, and people should remain more cautious.

While modern gadgets and other resources assist the methodology of crime, they can also work in our favour. They can be used to regulate crime effectively.

Head of PTS Mana, Dr. Irfan-ul Rahim Khan, said that this organization was awarded the Union Home Minister's Trophy by



BPR&D New Delhi in 2021-2022 and was granted a cash prize of Rs. 2 lakh. This year, the organization received the ISO Certificate on Environmental Management Systems and Quality Systems.

On this occasion, Woman Constable Abhilasha Singh from Rajnandgaon district achieved the first position

for the all-round best trainee for the 29th session of female/third-gender constables.

Mithlesh Pujari from Dantewada district stood first as the all-round best trainee for the 42nd session male constable. Mr. Rakesh Baghel, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Police Training School, Mana, expressed his gratitude during the event.

## Baghel applies 'tilak' and offer sweets to children

On occasion of 'Shala Pravesh Utsav' Dedicates SAGEMS School in Karitgaon and Primary School in Mongrapal

Central Chronicle News

Bhond, Jun 30: MLA Bastar Lakheshwar Baghel dedicated the Swamy Atmanand English Medium School (SAGEMS) in Katirgaon and New Primary School in Mongrapal of Bakawand of block hq's Bhond here on Thursday. Speaking on the occasion MLA Baghel held the need for making education atmosphere in the School and due attention has to be paid towards students in sports and discipline apart from education.

It is during schooling



only they should understand the importance of time. On occasion of 'Shala Pravesotsav', MLA Baghel applied 'tilak' to the students being admitted and garlanding their parents and offering sweets to the children.

On this occasion Baghel also distributed uniform, text-books and school bags to the students of the

School. Extending greetings to students, teachers, Principals and parents on re-opening of the School, MLA Bastar said that the students are the future of the country and therefore providing them better educational atmosphere is everybody's responsibility, so that they continue to study with due concentration and seriousness.

Students now getting caste certs sitting at home:

Baghel said that under the scheme of providing Caste Certificates to SC, ST and OBC students for studies by the state government, the Sakul co-ordinators and teachers of the school distributed these certificates in the Schools and the parents, students who did not come,

were sent the same to their residence and completed the entire target in just one day.

In this Sankul co-ordinator, teachers of the School, Sachiv and Sarpanch of the Gram Panchayat and Halka Patwari are to be issued the caste certificates. It is by identifying such students, forms are filled-up and their record is taken from home.

Baghel dedicates two schools:

Speaking at the dedication of SAEMS in Karitgaon and new Primary School in Mongrapal, MLA Baghel said that by fixing a particular target, one should remain focused upon it and remain committed to it, do not look back, till the goal is achieved. MLA asks children to take inspiration from the great personalities and try to adopt their working in day-to-day life and walk on path of progress.

## 'Shala Pravesh Utsav' concludes in Kendriya Vidyalaya

Central Chronicle News

Jagdalpur, Jun 30: The Shala Pravesh Utsav of Class I of the primary section was celebrated in Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV) Jagdalpur here on Monday. The programme started with Saraswati Vandana by the school Principal and the head reader. After that the program started with acting dance by the little children.

In this sequence, Principal Santosh Kumar Pal in his welcome speech informed the new members about Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan. On the other hand, the new entrant children were welcomed by applying Tilak and were encouraged by Principal and Head Teacher Kamal Narayan



Soni by giving gifts and sweets to all the children.

On this occasion, the headmaster of the school Kamal Narayan Soni expressed confidence and wished the children a bright future and threw light on the activities of the school. During this a mesmerizing cultural program was presented by students Ruhi, Padmaja Mishra and Purvi

Manwani and two parents presented their concept towards the school. After that, a teacher-parent meeting was organized with the newly admitted students and they were given detailed information about all the activities of the school like academic and non-academic etc. All the teachers and other employees of the school were present in the programme.

## Collector conducts surprise inspection of CHC, Tehsil Nangur

Arrangements reviewed, instructions given to complete the renovation work of the health center soon

Central Chronicle News

Jagdalpur, Jun 30: Collector Vijay Dayaram K on Wednesday evening conducted a surprise inspection of the Community Health Center (CHC) and Tehsil Office located in Nangur. He inspected the condition of OPD, male ward, operation room and other rooms in the health center.

Expressing displeasure for the delay in the renovation work being done in the health center, he instructed the Chief Health and Medical Officer (CHMO) to complete the restoration work soon. After inspecting the nutritional rehabilita-



tion center operated in the hospital premises, he took cognizance of the health services being provided to the children admitted in the center and checked the weight and attendance register of the children.

The Collector instructed the health workers present at the center to coordinate with the supervisor to increase the presence of malnourished children. Along with this, the mothers of the admitted children were advised to be vigilant about the health of the child.

Collector took cognizance of the pending revenue case, the case of RBC 6-4, the status of Patwari records, the presence of revenue officials at the headquarters by a surprise inspection at the Nangur Tehsil office. He instructed the Tehsildar to review the monthly progress of revenue cases and resolve them on time. Along with this, instructions were given to demolish the old buildings located at Nangur headquarters as per the rules.

## 11 students of Chouksey College selected

In Tech Mahinda campus drive

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, Jun 30: A campus recruitment drive was held at Chouksey Group of Colleges, Bilaspur by Tech Mahindra, Noida recently. This campus drive was organized for final year students of session 2022-23.

Students participated with full enthusiasm in this physical drive. Our skilled students performed in all rounds of interview and finally 11 students were finally selected in placement by the Company after Online Test & Interview rounds.

Prof. Vinod Singh Kharsan, Placement Head of the Group, told this is the only Private Engineering College of Bilaspur Zone, who takes all initiatives to conducts campus recruitment drives for the whole calendar year starting from July to June end. Speaking



and dedication. Managing Director of Chouksey Group of Colleges, Dr. Ashish Jaiswal, Principal, Chouksey Engineering College, Bilaspur Dr. Sanjay Pandey, and Administrative Officer Dr. Nitin Jain wished for the bright future of selected students.

Students, who have got selected in this drive are,

Samridhi Singh, K. Sai Snigdha, R. Sandhya, Shivani Chitturu, Sanskriti Sharma, Md. Rafique Hussain, Aakash Singh, Meenu Kewat, Aryan Agrawal, Aryan Khandelwal and Nida Fatima. Chouksey Group of Colleges, Bilaspur has dedicated Career Development & Placement Team, that work towards supporting

and guiding students on all aspects of job search through personalized career advising sessions, working very closely with them to define their career paths and help them achieve their goals. Placement cell even have specialists/mentors who are available to assist students with any query in relation to their careers.

## Couple died coming under debris of 'Kuccha' DU

Due to collapse of wall and rooftop made of 'murrum', plastic

Central Chronicle News

**Balod, Jun 30:** A couple living in 'Kuccha' dwelling unit (DU) in Gram Sirpur under Devari thana died coming under debris of the DU when it collapsed. Due to incessant rains for last few days, the wall and roof of the house collapsed.



It was on the intervening night of Wednesday that both Santram Yadav, (55) and his wife Kunti Bai (50), were sleeping in their house and during rains the roof and wall collapsed all of sudden and both died on the spot. With heavy rains slashing the whole night, nobody came to know about it.

It is notable here that roof of the DU in which the couple were living was made from Plastic and 'murrum' and since it was raining continuously, the walls became wet and collapsed, bringing down the rooftop as well. The most surprising thing here is that nobody heard the noise from falling of the wall.

Both the couple remained inside the debris whole night and in the morning the villagers came to know about it. Just at a short distance, the son sleeping in the

used to live, whereas the old couple used to live in their old 'kuccha' house. In the morning when Jitendra Sen and other neighbours knocked at the door, nobody responded and then they came to know that both mother and father of Deepak have died.

**Compensation of Rs 4 lakh made**

On getting information about the incident, both the police and revenue department team reached the site and started the procedure of providing due compensation. SDM Pratima Thakre informed that immediately after this incident, the case was prepared and a compensation case of Rs 4 lakh each to the victim of house collapse was made and sent and hopefully the family would get the compensation soon.

'pucca' house was also not aware of the same. The final rites of both were performed the next day at Lohara Community Health Centre.

**PM Aawas constructed two yrs back**

As per information in this regard, the DU of the couple was constructed two years back and in the 'pucca' DU their son Deepak Yadav and others

## Lack of drainage leading to waterlogging



**In ward No. 13 of Maniyari Gram Panchayat**

Central Chronicle News

**Berla, Jun 30:** In ward No. 13 of Gram Panchayat Maniyari of Janpad

Panchayat Berla, the people are facing lots of problems due to waterlogging.

The seniors of the village said that the demand for construction of proper drainage and CC Road is being made for last 13 yrs, but till date no development work has taken

place. At the same time, with no proper drainage of rain-water and water from houses and lack of CC road, is leading to stale water coming to the lanes and by-lanes in the village. It is notable here that with intermittent rains for last three days, the rainwa-

ter has got collected in the lanes and with lanes already with potholes it is not getting cleared or drying up due to lack of proper drainage system and this has made the entire terrain muddy and posing threat to water-borne diseases during rainy season.

## Ritu make debut as playback singer in Bollywood

Lends her voice to a song in film 'Crazy4Dance' to be released on July 7

Central Chronicle News

**Kotami, Jun 30:** Girl from village Kotami Ritu Gupta has won the hearts of many with her singing talent that of Chhattisgarh folk and Hindi songs in Mumbai film city Ritu Gupta has now made debut as playback singer into Bollywood film through play-back singing by lending her voice in the song in the film 'Crazy-4dance' to be released in all theatres in country on July 7 and bringing laurels to her family and village and state.

Kotami and her father is a businessman. Her father said that he is proud of her daughter and wants to see that seeing the talent of his daughter, other girls from region too should come forward in the field of singing and bring laurels to their city and state.



On successful entry of Ritu Gupta into Bollywood film through play-back singer, social worker Saroj Ratan Kesarwani, Satish Sharma, Krishna Kumar Sahu, KS Penado, and others have extended greetings to her and wished her all the best in all her future endeavours.

## Two nabbed with illicit liquor worth Rs 3200



Central Chronicle News

**Dongargarh, Jun 30:** Dongargarh police nabbed two under the section 34 (2) of Excise Act and seized 8 bottles of

are- Tarun K Vishwakarma, S/o Basant Kumar (35), R/o Lamanibhata and other is Khoman Dhruve S/o

Premium Whiskey IMFL totalling 6 bulk litre of liquor worth Rs 3200. The motorcycle used in transporting the liquor bearing No. CG 04 KU 1570 was also seized. The two accused

Tekram Dhurve, (22), R/o Lamanibhata. It was on tip from an informer that the above two accused were nabbed by TI Ramawatar

Dhruv. A case under section 34 (2) of Excise Act was filed against the two and both were produced in the Court and sent to jail.

## DRENCHED DILEMMA



**Pandaria:** With just two-days of rains in the region, the Swami Atmanand School ground has turned into a 'pond'. So far lakhs have been spent to make things organised in this School. Though it did not rained on Thursday, but due to lack of water outlet and water remained clogged and due to which students and teachers had to face lots of problems in reaching upto the school.

## School entrance festival celebrated with enthusiasm

**Korea, Jun 30:** On the occasion of the inauguration of the education session 2023-24 and the school entrance festival, a development block level program was organized at the Government Ramanuja Higher Secondary School here under the chief hospitality of the District Panchayat Vice President Vedanti Tiwari. District Panchayat Baikunthpur President Saubhagyavati Singh Kusro, Municipality Baikunthpur President Navita Shivhare along with local public representatives, officers-employees, principals of schools, teachers, parents and school children were present on this occasion.

## Five from Dongargarh felicitated in prog by MSS

In Nagpur

Central Chronicle News

**Dongargarh, Jun 30:** Mahila Shashaktikaran Sangh (MSS) on occasion of Jayanti of Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, organised a programme in 'Dikshabhoomi' of Dr Ambedkar Cultural auditorium in Nagpur.



Narnaware Commissioner Social Justice Department and special guests were Siddharth Dy. Commissioner Social Justice Department, Nagpur; Jayant Ramtek. It was chaired by Bhadant Dr Chandkriti. National Gen. Secy. HK Azad said that Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj should never be forgotten. Dr Bhadant Chandrakirti Bhante asked the students to move forward in the field of business and trade. Dr Naranware and Siddharth also addressed the gathering. On this occasion, around 200 students of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh were felicitated. A total of 200 poor students of Class 10th and 12th were presented schol-

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2	1) Mr. Ajmat Ali, S/o. Abdul Bari, (Prop. M/s. Ajmat Bardaana House), 2) Mrs. Shahida Begam, W/o. Ajmat Ali	Loan Account No. 31389440000146 Loan Amount: Rs.4,20,000/-	Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of diverted land bearing part of Khasra No.300/5, total admeasuring area of 600 Sq.ft., together with construction thereon, Situated at Mouza Ravabhatha, P.H. No.100/28, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla Ward No.13, R.N.M. Dharwad-2, Tehsil & District Raipur (C.G.). Bounded by: East by: Land of Amina Bibi, West by: Land of Chandrika Sahu, North by: Land of Survey Chourasiya and South by: Road.	01-06-2023 & 16-06-2023	Rs.3,72,347.48 (Rupees Three Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Three Hundred Forty Seven and Forty Eight Paise Only) as on 12-06-2023
3	1) Mr. Sanjay Sharma, S/o. Suresh Sharma, 2) Mrs. Ruplara Devi, W/o. Suresh Sharma	Loan Account No. 31389420000360 Loan Amount: Rs.20,77,016/-	Immovable Property: All that R.C.C. super structure comprising of Flat No.108, on the First Floor, Block-A, covering super built up area of 725 Sq.ft., in the multi storied building named & styled as "Cross Road", constructed on the land bearing Khasra No.206/2, P.H. No.114/45, New P.H. No.69, Ward No.46, situated at Mouza Amlihidh, R.N.M. Raipur-2, Tehsil & District Raipur (C.G.). Bounded by: East by: Flat No.107 & Passage, West by: Open Space, North by: Flat No.105 & Passage and South by: Block-B/101.	01-06-2023 & 26-06-2023	Rs.21,05,701.00 (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Five Thousand Seven Hundred One Only) as on 12-06-2023

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor & Mortgages as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower within 60 days of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No.6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to Jana Small Finance Bank Limited against the Borrower/s/ Co-Borrower/s/ Guarantor/s/ Mortgages of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

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## BRIEF



**A resident stands next to a put up poster stating 'My House is for Sale' (Mera Ghar Bikau Hai) over alleged threats of forceful eviction and poor law and order in the area, in Indore.**

## Prohibited

**New Delhi:** Two sealed bottles of alcohol per person is permitted to be carried inside Delhi Metro, according to revised norms, officials said on Friday. However, drinking of alcohol inside metro premises is still strictly prohibited, they said.

## Severe burns

**Atchutapuram:** Four persons suffered severe burn injuries following a blast at Sahiti Pharma company on Friday, located at Atchutapuram in Anakapalli district, police said. Police are on the spot trying to douse the flames and control the crowds gathered there so that they do not approach the accident site.

## Seize

**Agartala:** Police recovered heroin worth nearly Rs 13.80 crore and arrested two persons from Ambassa in Tripura's Dhalai district, a senior official said on Friday. This is the "biggest seizure of heroine or any other drug" in Tripura so far, he said. "Police intercepted a vehicle at Ambassa naka point on Thursday evening. During searches, 300 cases of heroin weighing 3.415 kg, having market value of around Rs 13.8 crore, was recovered hidden inside a cloth bag," SP, Dhalai, Avinash K Rai told PTI over phone.

## Jaundice

**Hamirpur:** As many as 44 people are suffering from diarrhoea following the spread of jaundice in 10 villages of Hamirpur district in Himachal Pradesh, officials said on Friday. The affected villages fall under four panchayats of Kot, Sarahkad, Bharanang and Khyah.

## Mishap

**Firozabad:** Four persons, including a woman, were killed and seven others injured in a collision between a car and an SUV on the Lucknow-Agra Expressway here on Friday afternoon, police said. The accident took place in the Matsena area when the car going from Delhi to Manipuri dashed into a divider and hopped onto the other side of the expressway, colliding with the Delhi-bound SUV coming from Lucknow, SP Ashish Tiwari said.

## Arrest

**New Delhi:** Delhi Police has busted a drug cartel arresting two of its members with heroin and tramadol powder worth Rs 8 crore from them, a senior officer said on Friday.

# Rahul meets Manipur governor, appeals for peace

Imphal, Jun 30 (PTI):

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said Manipur needs peace as violence is no solution, after meeting Governor Anusuiya Uiquey here on Friday.

"I'm ready to whatever is needed for peace. I am appealing to everybody to maintain peace, violence can never be the way out," he told reporters outside the Raj Bhavan. Congress officials said that the governor assured that steps are being taken to restore peace in the ethnic strife-hit state. Earlier during the day, he met members of Manipur



**Congress leader Rahul Gandhi meets Manipur Governor Anusuiya Uiquey, at the Raj Bhavan in Imphal, Friday.**

civil society organisations here and listened to their problems.

Among the different organisations that he met included the Coordination Committee on Manipur Integrity (CoCoMI), a civil society organization, representatives of United Naga Council, the apex body of Naga community in Manipur, the Scheduled Tribe Demand Committee, and prominent personalities including JNU professor Bimol A. Gandhi also visited two relief camps at Moirang in Bishnupur district, party officials said.

## 'Modi govt gulled people with lies, lectures'

New Delhi, Jun 30 (PTI):

The Congress on Friday targeted the Modi government over rising prices of commodities, accusing it of deceiving people with its "achche din" slogan and misleading people through "Goebbels-inspired" lectures.

"Enough of inflation" they had said. Then they deceived the people saying 'Achche Din Aane Wale Hain.' The result is that for the last nine years, the public is facing the brunt of inflation. There has been no reduction in the prices of essential food



**Mallikarjun Kharge**

items," Kharge said in a tweet in Hindi.

"Modi ji's ministers make new excuses everyday on inflation and keep dishing out lies and propaganda in the empty plate of the public. Some of those devoted to guarding

this ecosystem even teach 'how inflation is good for us' and 'Modi ji must have done it after some thought.' They misled people with such Goebbels-inspired lectures," he said.

"But now people are becoming aware. The public has come to know that the real sponsor of inflation is only the Modi government," the Congress chief added.

In his post, Kharge also shared the current and last year prices of essential food items such as rice, wheat, Tur dal, onions, potatoes, tomatoes, and milk.

## Intermittent showers continue in Mumbai

● Road traffic affected in some areas

Mumbai, Jun 30 (PTI):

Moderate to heavy rains continued to lash Mumbai and its suburbs on Friday, which hit the road traffic in some parts of the city due to waterlogging, while the local train operations largely remained unaffected even as delay of few minutes was observed on some routes, officials said.

Since the onset of southwest monsoon over Mumbai on June 25, the

city has been getting regular showers. As per the India Meteorological Department's (IMD) data, the city has received more than 95 per cent of the rainfall recorded this month in just six days - between June 24 and 29.

Incessant rainfall also increased to the water level of seven lakes supplying water to the city. The aggregate water stock of these reservoirs was 7.26 per cent on June 28, which has now gone up to 10.88 per cent, they said.

In the 24 hours that ended 8 am on Friday, Mumbai, its

eastern suburbs and western suburbs received an average rainfall of 31 mm, 45 mm and 61 mm respectively, an official said. The city has been getting moderate to heavy showers since early morning and the intensity of rainfall is more in the suburbs, which resulted in waterlogging at some locations, he said.

Commuters complained that the Andheri subway, located between Andheri and Jogeshwari stations of the Western Railway was closed for traffic due to waterlogging. Traffic slowed down in parts of the sub-

urbs as well. The suburban train services of the Central Railway and Western Railway were normal, the railway authorities said. However, commuters on some routes, including the Central Railways' Harbour line that operates services between Panvel and Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT), complained of delay in train operations in the morning hours. Trains were running some minutes behind their regular schedule on the Main line of the Central Railway as well, some office-goers said.

## AMARNATH YATRA PILGRIMS



**Pilgrims wait for registration of Amarnath Yatra 2023 at Mahajan hall, in Jammu, Friday.**

## Saayoni Ghosh appears before ED official

● In school job scam probe

Kolkata, Jun 30 (PTI):

Trinamool Chhatra Parishad (TMCP) state president Saayoni Ghosh appeared before sleuths of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) at its city office here on Friday in connection with its investigation into the alleged irregularities in the school recruitment scam, officials said.

The TMCP is the student wing of the Trinamool Congress. The ED on Wednesday issued a summons to Ghosh for



**TMCP State President Saayoni Ghosh arrives to appear before ED, in Kolkata, Friday.**

questioning in connection with its ongoing probe into the alleged irregularities in the

school recruitment scam.

Ghosh, who is also a Bengali actress, said she would be cooperating with the ED officers. "I have been campaigning for the panchayat elections. I was served with the notice only 48 hours back despite that I have come here. I will be cooperating with the ED officials," Ghosh told reporters before getting into the ED office.

Sources in the ED said that Ghosh's name surfaced multiple times while grilling of those arrested in connection with its probe.

Sources in the central probe agency said

that Ghosh will be asked to give details of her properties, a few dealings she had while purchasing one flat besides IT return, bank account details, and investments.

Earlier this month, the ED had summoned Trinamool Congress national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee for questioning in connection with the same scam.

Former Bengal Education minister Partha Chatterjee, his close friend Arpita Mukherjee and several senior officials of the education department have been arrested for their alleged involvement in the scam.

## 'BJP making push for UCC with eye on LS polls'

Etawah (UP), Jun 30 (PTI):

Samajwadi Party national general secretary Shivpal Singh Yadav on Friday accused the BJP of indulging in propaganda over the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) with an eye on the Lok Sabha polls.

"Whenever there are elections, these people indulge in this kind of propaganda. They don't have to do anything nor will they be able to do anything. They will continue to indulge in this kind of talk before elections," Yadav told reporters here when questioned on BJP's moves towards the UCC. Prime



**Shivpal Singh Yadav**

Minister Narendra Modi had on Tuesday made a strong push for a UCC, asking how can the country function with dual laws that govern personal matters.

The Law Commission had on June 14 invited views from all stakeholders, including people and recognised religious organisations, on the politically sensitive issue.

The SP leader, who was in his constituency Jaswant Nagar to inaugurate a medical store, said the BJP government has no concern for issues like inflation, corruption, unemployment. On the attack on Bhim Army leader Chandra Shekhar Aazad in Saharanpur on Wednesday, Yadav alleged that law and order has completely collapsed under the BJP government.

# Ideal Doctor : Combination of Art, Science & Craft



**Dr. Arvind Neral**

Dr. William Henry Welch, wrote about his father, who was a general practitioner that "the instant he entered the sick room, the patient felt better. The art of healing seemed to surround his physical body like an aura; it was not his treatment but his presence that cured the patient". "The secret in the care of the patient is caring for the patient" (Francis Peabody) is another way of stating that the very presence of the doctor is the most effective part of the treatment.

Patients expect medicine to be something more than a mere application of medical science to the human condition.

The simplest way to ascertain what the people want, what they expect from their doctors is to ask them. During a survey on the above question, curiously the respondents have not emphasized the technical competence of the doctors as one might expect, probably because they assume that the qualified doctor is competent, and some professional watchdog is monitoring and ensuring that the required technical competence is assured and maintained. Thus for whatever reason, the respondents wanted: a doctor who would listen; a doctor who could sort out problems; and the opportunity to see the same doctor every time.

It is a clear message that the patients want personally relevant health care delivered by a doctor who knows them well and that addresses their particular problems. By inference they do not want health care that is pursuing some medically defined agenda, or is delivered by an impersonal team.

People expect the doctor to be a reliable explainer. They generally assume doctors are clinically

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competent and able to relieve their symptoms and in many instances cure them. But, people want much more than this; they want their own doctor, one who will listen to them and sort out their problems. Listening requires time. People want their doctor's time. They may not like waiting for their doctor, but once in the consulting room they want as much time as is necessary for the doctor to understand their problem. Patients need clear and relevant information and it is a distinct art to talk medicine in the language of non-medical man.

Sir William Osler has said that his success as a

physician was due to aspects of his personality and behavior that were independent of his scientific knowledge of medicine. Patients have a kind of 'faith' in him and that contributed for his success in managing them and their treatment. The faith in physician is mostly responsible for the wish of the doctor to see him every time he is sick, to open his heart to him, and put him under his care every time he feels his need. The basic of healing is the interaction of a healer and patient. Physician must use eyes to see, fingers to feel and ears to hear. The power of doctors and patients working together

greatly exceeds the sum total of power each has when acting alone.

Doctors are now also expected to be community oriented, and are expected to give more attention to community issues that would be more beneficial than attention to individual needs. It is now observed that there is a steady rise in the level of community participation in health-care issues. To meet these wider expectations, doctors need to be flexible enough to provide on the one hand high-quality care for individuals and their families when required, and on the other hand, care for the health of community

The doctors need to be able to take a wider angle view of the community and its health care system as well as a close up view of a specific disturbance in a patient's bodily system; he needs to be able to see the interrelatedness of all the systems which influence health, and use this insight in diagnosis and management. Medical education must prepare the doctors not only for the care of manifest sickness, but also for prevention and prediction of disease, protection of function and promotion of health.

John Shaw Billings has rightly said- "The education of the doctor which goes on after he has his degrees after all, is the most important part of his education".

The need for quality in medical care needs no emphasis; hospital management is now highly motivated to practice assurance programs and introduce the total quality management in hospitals.

The patients expect the doctor to play a key role in achieving equitable, efficient and economical health care, and especially the care of underprivileged and vulnerable pop-

ulation. They wish to have low-cost and high-impact technologies. They expect a thorough and rigorous assessment of the new technologies and informed decision making. The public wish that the doctors take the lead in spreading the ethics of prevention and health promotion. Seventy five years ago, Mahatma Gandhi, that apostle of truth and non-violence, said: "I would be hard hearted enough to let the sick die if you can tell me how to prevent others from falling sick."

The public also fondly hope that the most flagrant paradox of our times of possessing well-tested knowledge and skills and not being able to apply them to those in greatest needs will be ended.

The most fervent wish of the people in many developing countries relates to a transformation of their existing health-care institutions into clean, caring, compassionate, communicative and counseling institutions.

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UK calls for UN reform with permanent Security Council seat for India

London, Jun 30 (PTT):

The UK government has reiterated its call for reform of the United Nations as one of its top transnational priorities and supported India's bid for permanent membership of the powerful Security Council.

In a speech at a conference at the Chatham House think tank in London on Thursday, UK Foreign Secretary James Cleverly called for a reinvigorated multilateral system that is more reflective of the times.

He pointed out that the world's economic centre of gravity is shifting away from the Euro-Atlantic and towards the Indo-Pacific but the multilateral institutions are yet to catch up.

"I have five transnational priorities. First, reform of the United Nations Security Council. We want to see permanent African representation and membership extended to India, Brazil, Germany and Japan," said Cleverly.

"I know this is a bold reform. But it will usher the Security Council into the 2020s. And the UNSC has grown before albeit not since 1965. My second priority is reform of the international financial institutions. This matters for climate finance and, of course, for poverty reduction," he said.

The minister also hailed India's leadership role with its presidency of the G20 in pitching for representation of poorer nations on the world stage.

"It seems obvious to me that the voice of the poorest and most vulnerable countries must be heard at the heart of the multilateral system. That's why we support permanent membership of the G20

for the African Union and welcome India's leadership on taking this forward," he said.

Among the other priorities for the UK, Cleverly highlighted making finance easier and quicker to access and maximise the impact of that investment.

He also stressed that the World Trade Organisation (WTO) desperately needs new rules that reflect today's digital economy to make trade policy "free, fair, open and not manipulated or distorted".

He spelt out another top priority as artificial intelligence (AI) and quantum computing have the potential to transform humankind's problem-solving capabilities.

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600 arrested and 200 police officers hurt

Nanterre (France), Jun 30 (AP):

Protesters erected barricades, lit fires and shot fireworks at police who responded with tear gas and water cannons in French streets overnight as tensions grew over the deadly police shooting of a 17-year-old that has shocked the nation. More than 600 people were arrested and at

least 200 police officers injured as the government struggled to restore order on a third night of unrest.

Armoured police vehicles rammed through the charred remains of cars that had been flipped and set ablaze in the northwestern Paris suburb of Nanterre, where a police officer shot the teen identified only by his first name,

Nahel. On the other side of Paris, protesters lit a fire at the city hall of the suburb of Clichy-sous-Bois and set a bus depot ablaze in Aubervilliers.

In several Paris neighbourhoods, groups of people hurled firecrackers at security forces.

The police station in the city's 12th district was attacked, while some shops were looted along Rivoli street, near the Louvre museum, and at the

Forum des Halles, the largest shopping mall in central Paris. In the Mediterranean port city of Marseille, police sought to disperse violent groups in the city center; regional authorities said. Some 40,000 police officers were deployed to quell the protests. Police detained 667 people, the interior minister said; 307 of those were in the Paris region alone, according to the Paris police headquarters.

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## Political Rejig in Chhattisgarh

### Congress' Strategic Maneuver for Unity and Electoral Success

In a strategic move aimed at fostering unity and preparing for the upcoming Assembly elections in Chhattisgarh, the Congress high command has sent a resolute message to Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel through T.S. Singh Deo's elevation as Deputy Chief Minister. The party's decision, announced late Wednesday night, effectively settles a prolonged four-year-long feud and reinforces the need for a united front. Ever since the Congress secured a decisive victory in the state in 2018, T.S. Singh Deo has been invoking the assurance made by former Congress president Rahul Gandhi that he would be handed the reins of power midway through the government's tenure. Despite enduring occasional moments of dissent, such as his public protest in July 2022 when he relinquished the Panchayati Raj portfolio and penned a scathing four-page resignation letter criticizing his own government, Singh Deo has largely exhibited composure. For Chief Minister Baghel, this turn of events is akin to the winner's curse. As the president of the state unit, Baghel was lauded for constructing a robust organization that propelled the party to victory. However, the four years in power have taken a toll on the party's organizational network, prompting the central leadership to intervene and seek its restoration. Chief Minister Baghel's strategy to gain popularity involves a pronounced emphasis on positioning the state as a favored destination for Hindu pilgrims, spotlighting its association with Lord Ram. One recent example of this approach was the International Ramayana Festival organized by the state government from June 1-3. While the central leadership acknowledges the tactical reasoning behind these efforts, it also underscores the party's commitment to being inclusive of all religions. Baghel has been advised to maintain the party's distinction from the BJP and avoid succumbing to the trappings of Hindutva. However, the path to regaining power for Singh Deo may not be without obstacles. It remains to be seen whether he will be entrusted with meaningful responsibilities beyond the Health portfolio he currently holds. Singh Deo's unwavering loyalty has finally borne fruit. He staunchly rejected the BJP's overtures, publicly declaring that he would not align with them under any circumstances. Upon his arrival in Raipur on Thursday, a smiling Singh Deo proclaimed that all challenges could ultimately be resolved through dialogue. He asserted the unity of the Congress, stating, "Our priority will be to work together for the development of the state and the welfare of its people. The elevation of Singh Deo as Deputy Chief Minister is a significant step towards reinforcing this unity within the party. The move has also been seen as an attempt by the Congress to consolidate its position and strengthen its chances in the upcoming Assembly elections. With Singh Deo's popularity and influence in north Chhattisgarh, where the Congress has faced challenges in recent years, his elevation is expected to boost the party's prospects in the region. The Congress high command hopes that this strategic maneuver will not only rejuvenate the party organization but also appeal to a broader base of voters, including tribal communities who have traditionally supported the Congress. The decision to promote Singh Deo has been met with mixed reactions within the party. While many party members have welcomed the move as a step towards unity and electoral success, there are some who view it as a compromise to placate a dissident leader. Chief Minister Baghel's supporters, in particular, have expressed their disappointment with the decision, seeing it as a dilution of his authority. However, the central leadership of the Congress has emphasized that the move is not intended to undermine Baghel's position but rather to strengthen the party as a whole. They have urged party members to work together in the best interest of the party and the state, setting aside personal differences and ambitions. As the political landscape in Chhattisgarh continues to evolve, all eyes will be on how the Congress leadership manages the delicate balance between Baghel and Singh Deo. The success of this strategic maneuver will depend on their ability to present a united front, consolidate their support base, and effectively communicate their vision for the state's development and progress. Only time will tell whether this political rejig and strategic maneuver will yield the desired results for the Congress in Chhattisgarh. Meanwhile, the Congress party is also facing challenges in Rajasthan, where the power struggle between Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and former Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot has created a rift within the party. The central leadership of the Congress is cognizant of the need to address this internal discord and bring about a resolution to ensure party unity. To call a truce between Pilot and Gehlot, the Congress leadership has initiated back-channel talks and discussions with both leaders. Efforts are underway to identify common ground and find a mutually agreeable solution that satisfies the aspirations and concerns of both factions. The party is keen on avoiding any further division and ensuring that the leadership in Rajasthan presents a united front ahead of the crucial Assembly elections. The central leadership has emphasized the importance of party discipline and cohesion, urging all party members to prioritize the interests of the party and work towards a harmonious resolution. By fostering dialogue and understanding, the Congress hopes to mend the internal rift and present a united face to the people of Rajasthan.

## Reviving Excellence

### Empowering Higher Education

The release of the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings 2024 has cast a shadow over India's education sector, with a significant decline in the rankings of many esteemed institutes and universities. While a few institutions have showcased commendable performance, such as IIT-Bombay securing the 149th position and the University of Delhi and Anna University entering the top 500, the overall picture remains disheartening. The slipping rankings of various IITs and IISc-Bangalore, coupled with the limited progress of regional universities, demand urgent attention and remedial action. The shift in rankings can partly be attributed to the recalibrated methodology employed in this edition of QS rankings, incorporating criteria like Sustainability, Employment Outcomes, and International Research Network. However, it is crucial to recognize the underlying issues plaguing our higher education system that contribute to this decline. Many universities in the region have experienced stagnant or worsening rankings across multiple surveys, including the Education Ministry's NIRF rankings. This trend is further exacerbated by the challenges they face, such as staff shortages and insufficient funding, tarnishing their reputation and warranting serious concern. To remain competitive on the global stage and rival the ascending stature of institutions in countries like China, India must prioritize and increase its investment in education. The recent approval of the National Research Foundation (NRF) by the Union Cabinet, accompanied by the allocation of Rs 50,000 crore over a five-year period (2023-2028), marks a promising beginning. By targeting state-level universities and rural institutions, the NRF has the potential to reverse the decline in the quality of higher education and enhance the employability of our youth, crucial for their future success. However, financial support alone is not sufficient. It is imperative for the government and educational authorities to address the systemic challenges hindering the growth and excellence of our universities. Structural reforms should focus on attracting and retaining highly qualified faculty members, fostering a culture of research and innovation, and providing adequate resources for infrastructure development. Additionally, closer collaboration between academia, industry, and research organizations will foster practical learning experiences and drive innovation, further enhancing the quality and relevance of our education system. Furthermore, nurturing an environment that encourages international collaboration and exchange will enhance the global standing of Indian universities. Collaborative research projects, student exchange programs, and partnerships with renowned international institutions can provide exposure to diverse perspectives, fostering cross-cultural learning and enriching the educational experience for both Indian and international students. The challenges faced by our education system cannot be underestimated, but they present an opportunity for transformation and revitalization. It is essential for policymakers, educational institutions, and stakeholders to collectively prioritize and invest in the development of our higher education sector. By doing so, we can reclaim our position as a global education hub and produce graduates who are equipped to tackle the challenges of the future, contribute to scientific advancements, and drive the nation's progress.

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## RAIN WARRIORS



Young women protecting themselves from rains walk amid Monsoon rainfall, near India Gate in New Delhi, Friday, June 30.

## Sluggish Employment Growth Expected Globally, Poses Challenges for Recovery



PROF. SUNIL GOYAL



Global employment is projected to expand by 1.0 percent in 2023, a significant deceleration from the 2.3 per cent growth rate of 2022. This projection for 2023 is a notable downward revision of 0.5 percentage points from the previous projection. No major improvement is projected for 2024 when employment growth is expected to have edged up to 1.1 percent. The outlook is pessimistic for high-income countries, with close to zero employment growth. By contrast, low income and lower-middle-income countries are projected to see employment growth surpassing their pre-pandemic growth trend. The slowdown in employment growth means that gaps opened up by the COVID-19 crisis globally are not projected to be closed in the next two years. Strong employment growth in 2022 raised the global employment-to-population ratio to 56.4 percent, up from 54.5 per cent in 2020 but still almost half a percentage point below the level of 2019. Total weekly hours worked in 2022 remained shy of their level in the fourth quarter of 2019 by 1.4 percent when adjusted for population growth; this figure translates into the equivalent of 41 million full-time jobs

(at 48 hours per week). Average weekly hours worked per worker are projected to decline slightly in 2023 as a result of the economic slowdown, to remain at just above 41 hours per week. This reduction in activity limits the earnings potential of workers and in all likelihood lessens opportunities for transitions into better-quality, well-paying jobs. Employment growth in 2021 was robust as key sectors of the economy reopened, and labour market conditions continued to improve in 2022. The employment-to-population ratio surpassed its pre-crisis level in Europe and Central Asia in 2022 and has recovered the majority of its losses in the other regions. Women, disproportionately affected by employment losses in 2020, have seen particularly strong employment growth. By 2022 their employment-to-population ratio had recovered to within 0.3 percentage points of the pre-crisis level, compared with a gap of 0.6 percentage points for men. However, this stronger recovery was mainly driven by informal employment: four out of five jobs created in 2022 for women were informal, versus only two out of three for men. The labour market outlook for

2023 varies considerably by region. Africa and the Arab States should see employment growth in the order of 3 per cent or more. However, with their growing working-age populations, both regions are likely to see unemployment rates decline only modestly (from 7.4 to 7.3 per cent in Africa and from 8.5 to 8.2 per cent in the Arab States). In Asia and the Pacific and in Latin America and the Caribbean, annual employment growth is projected to be in the order of 1 per cent. In North America, there will be no employment gains in 2023 and unemployment will pick up. Europe and Central Asia are particularly hard hit by the economic fallout from the Ukraine conflict; employment is projected to decline in 2023, but unemployment rates should increase only slightly against the backdrop of limited growth in the working-age population. Indeed, in Europe and Central Asia the labour force is set to decline in 2023. Regardless of these trends in headline labour market indicators, each region will continue to face a myriad of decent work deficits that are likely to worsen in the face of global economic conditions and long-term challenges like climate change. Global labour supply growth is likely to continue its deceleration, which will contribute to substantial labour shortages in advanced economies in particular. Part of this deceleration is to be expected because over the past decade both developing and emerging countries have experienced rising income levels that have allowed many younger citizens to extend their time in education. Nevertheless, a large share of young people remains outside employment, education or training (the so-called NEET rate), which will adversely affect their future labour

market opportunities. Reducing these NEET rates continues to be a significant challenge that needs to be addressed if the global economy is to benefit from the youth bulge in the demographic profile of many developing countries. Even partially closing the global jobs gap by expanding gainful employment would reduce decent work deficits and boost economic activity. Advanced economies have made considerable progress in this regard, offering opportunities for older workers in particular to remain attached to the labour market; this is the only group of countries where labour force participation rates have increased over the past decade rather than declined. Global unemployment is projected to edge up slightly in 2023, by around 3 million, to reach 208 million. This corresponds to an unemployment rate of 5.8 per cent. Despite the negative global economic outlook, global unemployment is projected to increase only moderately, since a large part of the shock is being absorbed by rapidly falling real wages in an environment of accelerating inflation. However, although global unemployment declined significantly in 2022, down to 205 million from 235 million in 2020, it still remained 13 million above the 2019 level. In 2022, unemployment rates fell below their pre-crisis level only in the Americas and in Europe and Central Asia; they remain above that level in the other regions. Author is an Eminent Social Scientist, Columnist, and presently posted as Dean and Registrar at Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University of Social Sciences, Dr. Ambedkar Nagar (MHOW), Madhya Pradesh, India, Email [gasspub@gmail.com](mailto:gasspub@gmail.com)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Challenging Superstition

In a society veering away from rationality, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah stands as an exception. Defying superstition, he opened the supposedly "inauspicious" South door of the Chief Minister's office in Vidhana Soudha on a Saturday, challenging conventional beliefs. Similarly, Bahanaga High School in Odisha was rebuilt to escape the ghosts of a tragic railway disaster, prompting reflection on the messages conveyed to students and the younger generation. These actions mock Article 51A (h) of the Constitution, which calls for scientific temper and humanism. Siddaramaiah's enlightened approach promotes a healthy mindset, compassion, and logical thinking. May his example dispel the darkness of superstition and inspire Indians from all walks of life to lead rational and empathetic lives.

Kajal Chatterjee, Kolkata

### Urgent Call for Normalcy

Following a crucial summit, Union Home Minister Amit Shah has provided reassurances to political parties, pledging the Union government's dedication to quelling the violence in Manipur. However, restoring the rule of law and initiating a reconciliation process are imperative steps that demand immediate action. Only through these measures can we hope to witness the swift return of normalcy to this northeastern state, bringing solace and stability to its inhabitants. The time has come for the Centre to exhibit decisive leadership and work tirelessly towards a lasting resolution, bringing an end to the strife that has plagued Manipur for far too long.

Mk Nair, Raipur

### Regulate to Protect

In Canada and other Western nations, professionals from property dealers and advisers to barbers and cobblers must obtain government licenses to practice their trade. These licenses serve as a testament to their expertise and financial integrity. Conversely, our country operates in stark contrast, with rare exceptions. Grocery shop owners can freely venture into property dealing or immigration/visa advisory without mandatory regulations. This exploitation leaves young aspirants and their parents vulnerable. To put an end to this free-for-all, the government must enforce rigorous checks and balances, ensuring that agents cannot operate without a valid license. It is time to prioritize the well-being and protection of our citizens.

Sushil Shukla, Rajnandgaon

## Arctic's Silent Witnesses

# Exploring the Role of Microbes in the Accelerating Arctic Meltdown

Arwyn Edwards

The Arctic is experiencing an alarming rate of warming, with climate change impacts intensifying at a staggering four times the global average. This rapid warming is causing irreversible changes in the fragile Arctic ecosystem, from the predicted extinction of polar bears to the increasing presence of killer whales. While previous estimates predicted an ice-free Arctic Ocean in summer by the 2040s, a recent study suggests it could occur as early as the 2030s. Amidst this unfolding catastrophe, the key to understanding the pace and consequences lies in the microscopic organisms that inhabit this fragile region. Microbes, single-celled organisms too small to be seen with the naked eye, have become crucial indicators and catalysts of the Arctic's demise. Scientists studying these microbes have adopted the role of forensic pathologists, investigating crime scenes in the Arctic and donning white anti-contamination suits to collect samples for analysis. These microbes not only bear witness to the vulnerability of their Arctic habitats to human-induced changes but also contribute to powerful climate feedback loops that further exacerbate the impacts of global warming.

During my first expedition to the Arctic, a near-fatal incident on a glacier in Svalbard, Norway, made me acutely aware of the dangers and the urgent need to understand these microscopic organisms. These resilient microbes can adapt to extreme temperatures, and even the slightest increase above freezing can trigger a transformation of the Arctic landscape. Nutrient-rich water created by melting ice becomes a thriving habitat for microbial reproduction, further amplifying the effects of climate warming. The Svalbard region, where I conducted my research, is now warming at an alarming rate seven times faster than the global average. Nozomu Takeuchi, a glacier ecologist and professor at Chiba University, has been at the forefront of studying the effects of climate change on glaciers. His research has shown that the future of life and the fate of ice are interconnected. Glacial surfaces, once covered in reflective white snow and ice, are now darkening due to the accumulation of sunscreen-like pigments in microbes. These pigmented areas, known as "biological darkening," absorb more solar heat, accelerating the melting process. The growth of algae on glaciers, rich in protective pigments, contributes to this phenomenon.

The impact of biological darkening on the Greenland ice sheet, the largest mass of glacial ice in the northern hemisphere, is particularly concerning. The "dark zone" that scars the western margin of the ice sheet has expanded by 14% between 2000 and 2014. These areas, teeming with algae, are accelerating the melting process, releasing vast quantities of water into the ocean and raising sea levels. Scientists, including Karen Cameron, are conducting ground-level measurements to quantify the darkness of the ice and assess the impact of biological darkening on sea-level rise. The potential multiplication of drainage valves due to feedback processes like biological darkening threatens to hasten the rate of sea-level rise. The Arctic's permafrost, found in the frozen lands of eight nations, contains a substantial amount of carbon. This carbon, a legacy of past climates, is now being released as greenhouse gases due to human-induced climate change. Microbes within the tundra feed on the thawing permafrost, emitting greenhouse gases in the process. This permafrost carbon feedback loop further amplifies warming and accelerates the thawing of the tundra, releasing even more greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. The re-

lease of methane, a potent greenhouse gas, from Arctic lands is a significant concern. Andy Hodson, who has dedicated over three decades to studying the interaction between microbes, carbon, and the Arctic landscape, has been investigating the role of microbes in the release of greenhouse gases. His research has revealed that as the permafrost thaws, ancient organic matter locked within the frozen soil becomes available as a food source for microbes. These microbes break down the organic matter through a process called decomposition, releasing carbon dioxide (CO2) and methane (CH4) into the atmosphere. The acceleration of this process poses a significant threat. Methane is approximately 30 times more potent than CO2 in terms of its warming potential over a century. As the Arctic warms, the release of methane from thawing permafrost creates a positive feedback loop, further contributing to global warming and the destabilization of the climate. In addition to their role in the release of greenhouse gases, Arctic microbes also play a crucial role in nutrient cycling within the ecosystem. As the Arctic experiences unprecedented ice melt, large quantities of freshwater, carrying nutrients, are discharged

into the ocean. Microbes in the water column, particularly phytoplankton, respond to this influx of nutrients and undergo rapid growth, forming the basis of the Arctic food web. Efforts are underway to monitor and model the complex interactions between microbes, climate change, and Arctic ecosystems. Collaborative initiatives involving scientists, policymakers, and local communities aim to establish long-term monitoring networks to track changes in microbial communities and their functions over time. These initiatives also seek to integrate traditional knowledge systems with scientific approaches, fostering a holistic understanding of the Arctic's microbial world. As the Arctic continues to warm and change at an alarming rate, the silent witnesses—microbes—hold the keys to unraveling the intricacies of this evolving crime scene. By studying and safeguarding these microscopic organisms, we can better comprehend the consequences of human-induced climate change, develop effective mitigation strategies, and strive to preserve the Arctic's fragile beauty for generations to come.

(Writer is a Reader in Biology, Department of Life Sciences, Aberystwyth University. Views are personal)



**BRIEF**
**Affordable credit**


**New Delhi:** Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has asked banks to ensure enhanced and affordable credit to MSME exporters with a view to boosting the country's outbound shipments. This was stated in a meeting called by the ministry on June 28 to discuss ways of enhancing the availability of export credit to MSME exporters. The minister "has asked the Indian banks to ensure enhanced and affordable credit to MSMEs to achieve the target of USD one trillion merchandise exports," the ministry said in a statement.

**Special audit**

**New Delhi:** Aviation watchdog DGCA will conduct a special audit of grounded airline Go First's facilities in the national capital and Mumbai from July 4 to 6 before approving the revival plan for the resumption of flights, according to a senior official. Cash-strapped Go First stopped flying on May 3 and is undergoing a voluntary insolvency resolution process. The senior official at DGCA on Friday said that after a preliminary review of the resumption plan submitted by the Resolution Professional (RP) for Go First on June 28, the regulator has planned to conduct a special audit.

**Electric bus**


**Bengaluru:** Karnataka Large and Medium Industries Minister MB Patil on Friday said Taiwanese companies have expressed interest to collaborate with the State in converting diesel-run Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTTC) buses into electric ones. He said this after a high-level delegation from Taiwan met him here to discuss industrial collaborations. Converting diesel-powered BMTTC buses into electric would enable us to take a step forward towards sustainability and the Industries department would facilitate further talks with the transport counterpart in this regard, Patil said.

**Fiscal deficit**

**New Delhi:** The central government's fiscal deficit at the end of May stood at 11.8 per cent of the full-year budget estimates for 2023-24, according to official data. The fiscal deficit was 12.3 per cent of the 2022-23 BE in the same period of the last year. Fiscal deficit is the difference between total expenditure and revenue of the government.

## Banks to begin reporting on new data warehouse CIMS: Das

**Mumbai, Jun 30:**

Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das on Friday said commercial banks will first begin reporting on the central bank's latest next-generation data warehouse, the Centralised Information Management System' (CIMS), followed by urban cooperative banks and non-banking financial companies. Das was addressing the 17th statistics day conference at the RBI headquarters, which also marks the birth anniversary of Prof Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis—the best-known mind in the field. Launching the new system, he said the latest CIMS, which is the central bank's next-generation data warehouse, is starting with reporting by commercial banks which will be gradually extended to urban cooperative banks (UCBs) and non-banking financial



companies (NBFCs). Das also said incidentally, with the CIMS going live, the first weekly statistical supplement, which is the RBI's weekly data release on its own operations and on developments in banking and financial markets, was compiled and processed in the CIMS for the week to June 23. The new system will disseminate more data for public use and will also support online statistical analysis by external users at their end, the governor said,

adding regulated entities will also have access to their past data and their assessment on quality parameters in the new system. The Reserve Bank established its first enterprise-wide data warehouse, the Central Database Management System (CDBMS) in 2002 and from November 2004 a large part of this data system was placed in the public domain as the database on the economy or on the DBIE portal. Over the years, this portal has evolved from a simple data repository to an information processing and management system, which has become the Reserve Bank's data dissemination platform. The DBIE remains very popular among domestic and international researchers, analysts, and general public, especially students. It received over 2.5 lakh hits in May 2023.

## Vedanta rolls out inclusion policy for transgender employees

**Mumbai, Jun 30:**

Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest producer of aluminium, celebrated Pride Month as an occasion to reaffirm its dedication to fostering an inclusive and diverse workplace. By recently welcoming two transgender professionals into its operations at Lanjigarh, Odisha, the company now employs nearly 30 transgender employees across all of its primary locations. These include its mega aluminium smelter in Jharsuguda, Odisha, its world-class alumina refinery in Lanjigarh, and its subsidiary BALCO, India's iconic aluminium producer based in Chhattisgarh. This comes as a significant achievement in Vedanta Aluminium's mission to foster a truly diverse



workplace, placing the company among a handful of manufacturing and heavy engineering firms in India and the world to include LGBTQIA+ employees with core operations in varied roles such as asset security, materials movement and hospitality.

Globally, the gender diversity ratio in manufacturing and heavy engineering industries has been quite low, and this deficit is especially acute in the metals and mining sector. On the company's efforts to strengthen its diverse workforce, Mr Rahul Sharma, CEO, Vedanta Ltd - Aluminium Business said, "As we navigate the diverse and complex landscape of our global markets and customers, we recognize the

immense value of embracing diversity in all its forms. By seeking out individuals with diverse perspectives, experiences, skills, and educational backgrounds, we strengthen our pillar of employee centricity and the ability to develop well-rounded business strategies."

Sharing her experience, Ranjan Pradhan, one of the trans professionals recently hired at Lanjigarh said, "I am grateful for this opportunity to earn a sustainable livelihood and envision a brighter future for my personal and professional growth."

Through such initiatives, Vedanta is helping bring the marginalised trans community into the mainstream, and also providing a safe and supportive environment to nurture our true potential."

## Govt raises interest rates on select small saving schemes by up to 0.3 pc

**New Delhi:** The government on Friday raised interest rates on select saving schemes by up to 0.3 per cent for the July-September quarter in line with the high-interest rates in the banking system. The highest increase of 0.3 per cent was for the five-year recurring deposit (RD). During the second quarter of the current fiscal, RD holders would get 6.5 per cent against the existing 6.2 per cent, as per the finance ministry notification. With the revision, a one-year term deposit with post offices will now earn 0.1 percentage higher point at 6.9 per cent and for the two years tenor - 7 per cent (up from 6.9 per cent). However, interest rates on term deposits for three years and five years have been retained at 7 per cent and 7.5 per cent. The interest rates for popular PPF and savings deposits are retained at 7.1 per cent and 4 per cent, respectively. The interest rate on the National Savings Certificate (NSC) remained unchanged at 7.7 per cent for July 1 to September 30, 2023, period.

## Lexus to hike price of ES 300h sedan range by up to 2 pc from July


**New Delhi, Jun 30:**

Luxury carmaker Lexus India on Friday said it will increase prices of ES 300h sedan range by up to 2 per cent from next month in order to offset rise in input costs. In a statement, Lexus India President Naveen Soni said the current circumstances require the automaker to raise prices of the model. "As a part of our commit-

ment to excellence and despite our best efforts to mitigate the effects, the current circumstances require us to raise the prices for the Lexus ES 300h luxury sedan," he noted. Lexus India would like to assure its valued customers that the company is trying its best to minimise such hikes, against various cost pressures, Soni said. "This price adjustment is purely for the

Lexus ES 300h and will be effective beginning July 1, 2023," he added. The ES 300h range starts from Rs 62 lakh (ex-showroom). In a separate statement, Lexus India said it has commenced deliveries of fifth-generation RX SUV in the country. The five-seater SUV was first showcased in India at the Auto Expo 2023 earlier this year, and bookings for it started on the same day.

## D-Street party continues: Sensex, Nifty scale fresh all-time highs

**Mumbai:**

Benchmark equity indices scaled fresh all-time closing highs on Friday, propelled by foreign fund inflows and a firm trend in the global markets. Intense buying in index heavyweights Infosys, HDFC twins, Reliance Industries and TCS further bolstered sentiment, traders said. Rallying for the third straight day, the 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 803.14 points or 1.26 per cent to settle at its lifetime closing high of 64,718.56. During the day, it zoomed 853.16 points or 1.33 per cent to reach its record intra-day peak of 64,768.58. The NSE Nifty climbed 216.95 points or 1.14 per cent to end at a record high of 19,189.05. During the day, it rallied 229.6 points or 1.21 per cent to hit its all-time intra-day peak of 19,201.70. Mahindra & Mahindra was the best performer in the Sensex pack, rising over 4 per cent, followed by IndusInd Bank, Infosys, Tata Consultancy Services, Maruti, Larsen & Toubro, Tech Mahindra, Wipro, Power Grid, HDFC Bank, HDFC, Bajaj Finance and Reliance Industries.

## British Airways witnessing growth in demand in India: CEO

**New Delhi, Jun 30:**

British Airways is seeing a more balanced growth in India and has increased its weekly flights to 56 compared to the pre-pandemic level, the airline's chief Sean Doyle said on Friday. Speaking at a media roundtable here, Doyle, who is the Chairman and CEO, also said there is a growth in air travel demand in India and the airline is looking for expansion. Currently, the airline has 56 weekly frequencies connecting five Indian cities — Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Bengaluru and Hyderabad. Before the coronavirus pandemic, the airline had 49 weekly flights. "We are rebuilding and modernising," the

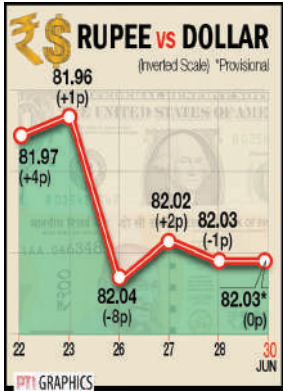


British Airways Chairman and CEO Sean Doyle at an event, in New Delhi, Friday, June 30.

airline after the pandemic and India is an important part, Doyle said. British Airways, which started flying into India in 1924, has more than 2,000 employees in the country, the airline's Chief Customer Officer Calum Laming said.

## Rupee closes flat at 82.03 against US dollar as rate hike worries cap gain

**Mumbai, Jun 30:** The rupee closed flat at 82.03 (provisional) against the US dollar in a restricted trade on Friday amid a rally in the domestic equities and firm crude oil prices. While FII inflows into equities supported the rupee, a firm US dollar in global markets and gains in crude oil prices capped its gains, analysts said. The rupee opened weak at 82.05 at the interbank foreign exchange market due to firm crude oil prices in the Asian trade. It moved in a tight range of 82.00 to 82.07 in the day trade. The local unit settled flat at 82.03 (provisional) against the US dollar. The rupee closed at the same level on Wednesday. Forex markets were closed on Thursday



on the occasion of the Bakrid holiday. The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, firmed up by 0.09 per cent to 103.43 on growing expectations of further interest rate hikes by the US Federal Reserve.

## Amazon India is back with Prime Day

**Mumbai, Jun 30:**

Amazon India is back with its annual two-day celebration to 'Discover Joy' with Prime Day 2023! Starting at 12:00 AM on July 15 till July 16, 2023, the seventh edition of Prime Day brings in two days of great deals, savings, blockbuster entertainment, new launches, and much more, bigger and better than before. This Prime Day, Prime members can sit back, relax, and enjoy all the blockbuster entertainment and shop to their heart's content during the two-day shopping event. From Smartphones, TVs, Appliances, Fashion & Beauty, Groceries, Amazon Devices, Home & Kitchen, Furniture to everyday essentials, and much more, Prime members can enjoy

new launches, never-heard-before deals, best of entertainment and savings. On this occasion, Akshay Sahi, Director, Prime and Delivery Experience, Amazon India said: "This Prime Day, customers will enjoy our fastest speeds ever in India. Prime members ordering from 25 cities of India will be able to enjoy same day or the very next day delivery of their orders and Prime members shopping from most tier II cities will have their Prime Day delivery within 24 to 48 hours. Prime members across the country can discover joy by exploring great deals, new launches, savings and blockbuster entertainment. Through Prime Day, our intent is to amplify the value and convenience that Prime mem-

bership offers to its members and help them derive maximum joy out of it, while also empowering small and medium businesses across the country"

This Prime Day, Amazon will continue to support Small and Medium Businesses (SMBs) and help generate customer demand for products offered by lakhs of sellers, manufacturers, start-ups & brands, women entrepreneurs, artisans, weavers, and local shops. During the event, Prime members will have the opportunity to discover deals on unique products across categories including fashion & beauty, electronics, and home décor from sellers under various programs such as Local Shops on Amazon, Launchpad, Saheli, and Karigar.

## Industry should participate on e-logs platform to raise their problems: DPIIT

**New Delhi, Jun 29:**

Industry associations should participate on the e-logs platform and deliberate their issues to help service investment group (SIG) address them on a fast track mode, an official statement said on Thursday. This was suggested to the industry during a meeting of SIG on June 28.

It was chaired by Sumita Dawra, the Special Secretary in the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). During the meeting, major issues impacting the trade were resolved to the satisfaction of all the stakeholders, the DPIIT said. Under the national logistics policy, a



new digital platform Ease of Logistics Services (e-logs) has been started. Through this portal, industry associations can directly take up issues which are causing problems in their operations and performance with government agencies. A complete system has also been put in place for the

speedy resolution of such cases. "Industry associations should participate on the e-logs platform and deliberate their issues to help SIG address these issues on a fast track mode in line with the National Logistic Policy," the department said in a statement.

A bid to elicit pro-active participation of various business/industry associations, on one hand, and instil enormous confidence amongst them, on the other, was the topmost agenda of the SIG.

During the meeting, new issues highlighted by the industry associations were deliberated threadbare in addition to the follow-up actions on issues raised in the previous meetings.

## GST an engine for driving consumption, helped households save on monthly bills: Govt

**New Delhi, Jun 30:**

Goods and Services Tax (GST) has acted as an engine for driving domestic consumption and helped households save on monthly bills since its implementation six years ago, the government said on Friday. Giving a comparison of the tax rates of various goods pre and post-GST rollout, the government said from streamlining processes to boosting investments, GST has been a catalyst for progress. "The implementation of GST has made it easier for taxpayers to comply with tax law and this can be seen in the fact that the number of registered taxpayers has increased from 1.03 crore that enrolled into GST by



April 1, 2018 to 1.36 crore by April 1, 2023," the office of Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman tweeted. A nationwide GST, which subsumed 17 local levies like excise duty, service tax and VAT and 13 cesses, was rolled out at the stroke of midnight on July 1, 2017. Under GST a four-rate structure that exempts or imposes a low rate of 5 per cent tax on essential items and a top rate of 28 per

cent on luxury and demerit goods is levied. The other slabs of tax are 12 per cent and 18 per cent. Besides, there is a special 3 per cent rate for gold, jewellery and precious stones and 1.5 per cent on cut and polished diamonds. Besides, a cess is levied on the highest tax slab of 28 per cent on luxury, sin and demerit goods.

"GST, which was introduced six years ago by subsuming 17 taxes and 13

cesses levied by the central and state governments, has not only helped in reducing tax burden on the citizens but has also proven to be the engine for driving consumption in the country," Nirmala Sitharaman's office tweeted. In the pre-GST era, the total of VAT, excise, CST and their cascading effect led to 31 per cent as tax payable on an average, for a consumer. "With reduced taxes, #GST brings happiness to every home: Relief through #GST on various consumer goods of daily use," the Finance Ministry tweeted. GST has turned out to be a gamechanger in India's indirect tax system and has provided a wide range of benefits to all stakeholders.

### SAFF Championship

# India bank on Chhetri magic to overcome Lebanon

Bengaluru, Jun 30 (PTD):

India will bank on the striking prowess of their talismanic captain Sunil Chhetri to tame a formidable Lebanon in the SAFF Championship semifinal here on Saturday.

India, the defending champions, entered the semis as the second-placed team behind Kuwait from Group A while Lebanon topped Group B in their march to the last-four stage.

Chhetri has been India's primary weapon in this tournament, as he has so far netted five goals from three matches to sit on top of the goal-scorers' list. The count of goals includes a hat-trick against Pakistan. The sensational



tumbling volley against Kuwait during India's last league match underlined his still burning desire to lead the team's charge. Chhetri will have to be on top of his game for India to hurdle over the Lebanon challenge, and this is not to say that others will have a lesser role. The likes of Sahal

Abdul Samad, Mahesh Singh and Udanta Singh will have to up the ante to support their skipper. All of them have had their moments in the tournament but apart from Chhetri only Udanta and Mahesh have been able to find the target.

India will be served well if they also can chip in

with goals as relying on one player, even if he is as great as Chhetri, against an organised side like Lebanon could prove costly.

The home side will also hope that their defence will continue to work like a well-oiled machine as they have conceded only one goal in the last nine matches.

All these factors might not have lost on the Indians as Lebanon are a rather familiar opponent. The first meeting between these two sides took place in 1977 and since then they have engaged with each other seven more times.

Overall, Lebanon hold a 3-2 edge over India with three matches ending in draws.

# India beat Iran to defend men's Asian Kabaddi Championships title

Busan (Korea), Jun 30 (PTD):

The Indian men's kabaddi team beat Iran 42-32 in a high-voltage final to defend its Asian Championships title, here on Friday.

It was India's eighth title in the continental championships.

Iran started aggressively, but the Indians were up to their tasks. Captain Pawan Sehrawat helped India inflict the first All-Out with two touch points and gave his side a 10-4 lead.

India kept building pressure on the Iranians and produced another All-Out. India were leading 23-11 at half time.

Iranian all-rounder Mohammad Reza Chiyaneh tried to lead his side make a comeback but they ended up conceding another All-Out to



trail 14-33. India maintained their stranglehold and sealed the issue. "With the score of 42-32 in the final match against

Iran, Team India retains the Asian Kabaddi Championship Title! Kudos to the entire team. Well played boys," the

Sports Authority of India tweeted. India had beaten arch-rivals Pakistan in the final in the last edition held in Iran in 2017.

### Saurabh Kumar triggers East collapse

Bengaluru, Jun 30 (PTD): Central Zone's Saurabh Kumar bagged four wickets to reduce East Zone to 69 for 6 and placed his side on the doorstep of a victory on the third day of the Duleep Trophy quarterfinal here on Friday.

Chasing an improbable 300 to win, East now need 231 runs more with four wickets remaining. Along with Saurabh, the East Zone should be thankful to their batters too for this position of strength. In the second innings, they made 239 all out to construct an overall lead of 299 runs.

Starting from their overnight 64 for no loss, Central moved ahead in the match through opener Himanshu Mantri and Vivek Singh. Mantri (68, 153 balls, 7x4) and Vivek (56, 120 balls, 4x4, 2x6) milked 124 runs for the opening wicket, giving a clear edge to their side.

They departed in quick succession and the Central could not sustain the steam for the rest of the innings. However, cameos by Saransh Jain (32) and Shubam Sharma (23) ensured that Central would not lose the momentum given by the openers.

### Mexico beats Haiti 3-1 to reach CONCACAF Gold Cup quarterfinals



Jesus Gallardo #23, Orbelin Pineda #17 and Johan Vasquez #5 of Mexico celebrate after Gallardo scored a goal against the Haiti during the second half of the Concacaf Gold Cup Group B match at State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Arizona.

Glendale (Arizona), Jun 30 (AP): Henry Martin scored on a diving header 44 seconds into the second half, and Mexico beat Haiti 3-1 Thursday night to clinch a berth in the CONCACAF Gold Cup quarterfinals. Martin headed Uriel Antuna's cross past goalkeeper Alexandre Pierre for his 11th international goal. Haiti's Ricardo Ad gave Mexico a 2-0 lead with an own goal in the 56th when he poked in Jesus Gallardo's cross for Orbelin Pineda. No. 87 Haiti scored its third goal in 11 matches against

Mexico and first since 1981 when Danley Jean-Jacques evaded Johan Vasquez and headed Derrick Etienne's cross past Guillermo Ochoa in the 78th. Santiago Gimenez got his third international goal in the 83rd, poking in Antuna's cross.

No. 14 Mexico, which opened with a 4-0 rout of Honduras, closes Group B on Sunday against invited guest Qatar at Santa Clara, California. Haiti, which began with a 2-1 win over Qatar, plays Honduras at Charlotte, North Carolina.

### WI name 18-member squad for preparatory camp

Ahead of home Test series against India

Antigua, Jun 30 (PTD):

Red-ball specialist batter Kraigg Brathwaite will continue to lead the side as Cricket West Indies (CWI) on Friday announced an 18-member squad for the preparatory camp ahead of the two-match Test series against India.

The camp begins at CCG in Antigua on Friday with the team travelling to Dominica on July 9.

The opening Test begins on July 12 in Dominica, with the second Test scheduled from July 20 in Trinidad's Queen's Park Oval.

It will be followed by the three-match ODI series, starting on July 27, and a five-match T20I series beginning on August 3.

"CWI Men's Selection Panel today named the 18-member squad for the preparation camp ahead of the start of the two-match Test series against India in the Caribbean," Cricket

West Indies (CWI) said on their twitter handle.

With West Indies currently playing in the ICC World Cup qualifiers, some senior members have not been named in the squad for the camp.

Among the absentees are Jason Holder, Alzarri Joseph and Kyle Mayers, while Kavem Hodge, Alick Athanaze and Jair McAllister are the new faces. The West Indies team will be in Zimbabwe until July 9.

**Squad:** Kraigg Brathwaite (captain), Alick Athanaze, Jermaine Blackwood, Nkrumah Bonner, Tagerarine Chanderpaul, Rahkeem Cornwall, Joshua Da Silva, Shannon Gabriel, Kavem Hodge, Akeem Jordan, Jair McAllister, Kirk McKenzie, Marquino Mindley, Anderson Phillip, Raymon Reifer, Kemar Roach, Jayden Seales, Jomel Warrican.

### Iga Swiatek withdraws from Bad Homburg Open



Bad Homburg, Jun 30 (AP): Top-ranked Iga Swiatek withdrew from the Bad Homburg Open on Friday with a fever and possible food poisoning, three days before the start of Wimbledon.

Swiatek was scheduled to play in her first career grass-court semifinal match on Friday against Lucia Bronzetti, who gets a walkover to Saturday's final. "I'm so sorry but I have to pull out of my match today. I had a restless night because of some fever and possible food poisoning," Swiatek said in a statement on Instagram. "I'm not able to perform today and I need to take care of myself. I hope I'll be fine soon. Your support in Bad Homburg was amazing, thank you.

### We're more determined than ever to finish on the top at Asian Games: Savita

New Delhi, Jun 30 (PTD):

The Indian women's hockey team is more determined than ever to claim the gold medal in the upcoming Asian Games after suffering a heart-breaking loss in the final in 2018 edition, said Commonwealth Games (CWG) medallist skipper Savita.

The Asian Games is scheduled to be held in Hangzhou in September and October:

"In the last Asian Games, we came close to winning the gold medal; and losing only by a goal to Japan (1-2) in the final was heart-breaking. This time we feel that we are more determined than ever before to finish on the top," Savita said in the latest episode of Hockey Te Charcha, a podcast series launched by Hockey India.

"Every player in the team knows that we have to win the gold to earn di-



rect qualification for the Paris Olympics. This is the best scenario for us, so that post-Asian Games, we can shift focus on the FIH Pro League and then Paris 2024."

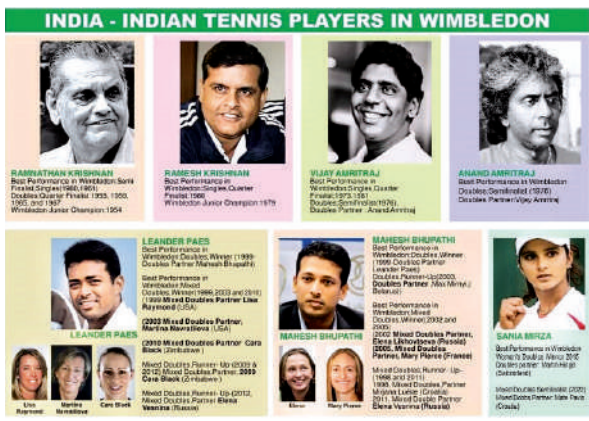
Having taken over the captaincy post Tokyo Olympics, Savita emphasised that she is enjoying the dual role of goalkeeping and leadership. "There is an extra responsibility when you are leading the team.

# Indian Tennis Legends who leave an indelible mark at Wimbledon

Prof. Vasisht

As the countdown begins for the 146th edition of Wimbledon Championships begins from July 02 2023, the world's oldest and most prestigious tennis tournament, it is time to reflect upon the incredible performances of Indian tennis players throughout history. Amongst the lush green lawns of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Indian legends have left an indelible mark, showcasing their skill, determination, and unwavering spirit on the grandest stage of all. Ramnathan Krishnan, one of India's trailblazers in tennis, graced Wimbledon with his exceptional talent. With back-to-back appearances in the singles semifinals in 1960 and 1961, Krishnan captivated the tennis world with his sublime strokes. Additionally, his prowess extended to the doubles court, reaching the quarterfinals (1955, 1959, 1965, and 1967) on multiple occasions. Notably, Krishnan's crowning moment came in 1954 when he was crowned the boys' Wimbledon champion, etching his name in tennis history.

Another Indian tennis prodigy, Ramesh Krishnan, showcased his brilliance at Wimbledon. Despite his young age, Ramesh claimed the Wimbledon Junior Championship title in 1979, foreshadowing his future success. Though his singles journey only took him to the quarterfinals in 1986, his technical finesse and unwa-



vering determination on the court made him a force to be reckoned with.

The dynamic partnership of Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi left an indelible mark at Wimbledon. Paes, the epitome of doubles excellence, celebrated victory in the men's doubles category in 1999, alongside his trusted partner, Bhupathi. Their formidable teamwork and relentless pursuit of success propelled them to the pinnacle of the sport. Paes' mastery extended to the mixed doubles, claiming victory in 1999, 2003, and 2010, with esteemed partners Lisa Raymond, Martina Navratilova, and Cara Black, respectively. Wimbledon witnessed their on-court chemistry and unwavering focus, igniting the passion of Indian tennis fans.

The Amritraj brothers, Vijay and Anand, showcased their remarkable talent and showcased their skill on the hallowed grounds of Wimbledon. Vijay, a singles quarterfinalist in 1973 and 1981, displayed his tenacity

and unwavering determination. Furthermore, in 1976, the duo of Vijay and Anand reached the semifinals in the men's doubles category, combining their skills to make a lasting impact.

Mahesh Bhupathi, an iconic figure in Indian doubles tennis, graced Wimbledon with his brilliance. Alongside Leander Paes, he secured victory in the men's doubles category in 1999, forging an inseparable partnership. Bhupathi's relentless pursuit of excellence extended to the mixed doubles, where he claimed victory in 2002 and 2005, partnering with Elena Likhovtseva and Mary Pierce, respectively. His dedication and remarkable shot-making ability left the tennis world in awe.

Sania Mirza, an Indian tennis icon, showcased her prowess at Wimbledon as well. In 2015, she emerged triumphant in the women's doubles category, alongside her partner Martina Hingis, leaving a lasting impression with their seamless coordination on the court.

Additionally, Sania's mixed doubles journey took her to the semifinals in 2022, partnering with Mate Pavic.

As Wimbledon prepares to unfurl its grand spectacle, the tales of these Indian tennis legends serve as a reminder of their indomitable spirit, unyielding determination, and enduring legacy. The world eagerly awaits the next chapter in Indian tennis history as the 146th edition of Wimbledon draws near. Will we witness new triumphs, milestones, and unforgettable moments on the storied lawns of the All England Club? Only time will tell, but one thing remains certain: the spirit of Indian tennis will forever be intertwined with the legacy of Wimbledon.

As the sun sets over the grassy courts of the All England Club, anticipation fills the air. The echoes of past victories resonate, reminding us of the indomitable spirit of Indian tennis players who have graced these hallowed grounds. Prof. Vasisht's exploration of their stories serves as a testament to the enduring legacy they have left behind.

As the matches commence and the battles unfold, one thing is certain: the story of Indian tennis at Wimbledon will continue to captivate, inspire, and leave an everlasting impact on the sport we all love.

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## Rights panel calls for police sensitisation

● Orders four cops to pay Rs 2.5 lakh to lawyer for harassment

Mumbai, Jun 30 (PTI):

Citing an "alarming" rise in harassment of people by those in uniform inside police stations, the state human rights panel has called for sensitisation of cops so that they can develop a sense of responsibility in dealing with citizens who look at them as protectors of law.

The Maharashtra State Human Rights Commission has recommended to the state Director General of Police (DGP) to hold periodical seminars to sensitize the state police force's officials as part of an order in connection with the harassment of a couple in a police station.

The Commission passed the order earlier this month, a copy of which was made available on Friday.

The Commission came down heavily on the Nagpur police commissioner for not initiating criminal action against four city police officials for physically and mentally harassing an advocate and her husband who had gone to a police station to lodge a complaint.

The order said the incident "unfortunately unfolds a case of apathy, misuse of power by none other than officers of law enforcing agency and what is more shocking and pinching to note is the fact that the victim happens to be a member of the legal fraternity".

It directed the four errant police officials to jointly pay a compensa-

tion of Rs 2.5 lakh to the advocate and her husband within six weeks and said the couple was at liberty to launch prosecution against those cops.

The Commission noted that there was an "alarming" rise in such incidents at police stations and asked the DGP of Maharashtra to periodically hold seminars at all commissionerates and divisions for "sensitization of the police force and to focus on developing a sense of responsibility, courtesy in dealing with citizens and victims who look at them as protectors of law".

The order came on an application filed by Nagpur-based advocate Ankita Makheja and her husband Nilesh Makheja through their advocate Rizwan Siddiquee seeking action against police offi-

cials for illegal detention and harassment.

In March 2020, Ankita had approached the Lakadganj police station to register a complaint against her neighbour for pelting stones at a stray dog. The couple alleged that instead of registering their complaint, the police illegally detained them and harassed them physically and mentally.

The Commission in its order said the "dignity and honour of the complainants were breached by the police action".

"There would not be any impediment in holding that the victims' fundamental rights to live with honour and dignity have been blatantly violated by none other than the guardians of the law," the order passed by Commission member M A Sayeed said.

## PROTEST RALLY



Tribals participate in the 'Viswa Sarna Dharam Code Janasabha' protest demanding recognition of the 'Sarna' religion, in Kolkata, Friday.

## PM to launch National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission today

Bhopal, Jun 30 (PTI):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will on Saturday launch the National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission in Shahdol district of Madhya Pradesh.

During the event, the PM will also distribute sickle cell genetic status cards to beneficiaries, an official release said on Friday. The mission aims to address the pressing health challenges posed by sickle cell disease, particularly among the tribal population, it said.

Sickle-cell anaemia is caused by a defective gene, Haemoglobin S, which causes flexible red blood cells to become stiff sickle-shaped cells, obstructing blood flow and increasing the risk of organ damage.

The launch will mark a crucial milestone in the Centre's efforts to eliminate sickle cell disease as a public health problem by 2047, the release said. The Mission was announced in

the Union Budget 2023.

This initiative will be implemented in 278 districts of 17 high-focused states Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Assam, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, Bihar, and Uttarakhand.

Modi will also kickstart the distribution of about 3.57 crore Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) cards in Madhya Pradesh, where Assembly polls are due by the year-end. The Ayushman card distribution campaign is a step towards realising the PM's vision of reaching out to every beneficiary to ensure 100 per cent saturation of welfare schemes, the release said.

Modi will also take part in the culmination of 'Rani Durgavati Gaurav Yatra', the state BJP president

Vishnu Dutt Sharma earlier told reporters.

Rani Durgavati was the ruling queen of Gondwana in the mid-16th century. She is remembered as a brave, fearless and courageous warrior who fought for freedom against the Mughals.

This is the second visit of the PM to MP in a gap of just four days.

Modi was supposed to be in Shahdol district on June 27, after visiting Bhopal, where he physically and virtually flagged off five Vande Bharat trains and addressed BJP workers, but it was postponed due to bad weather, an official said. Elaborate arrangements are being made to welcome Modi in Shahdol district, Sharma added. Besides, the PM will visit Pakaria village in the district and interact with tribal leaders, self-help groups, leaders of PESA (Panchayats Extension to Scheduled Areas Act) committees, and captains of the village-level football clubs, it added.

## 'Appointment of ministers CM's sole prerogative'

● TN Govt 'rejects' Governor's sacking of Balaji

Chennai, June 30 (PTI):

The ruling DMK in Tamil Nadu on Friday strongly asserted that appointment and dismissal of ministers is the sole prerogative of the chief minister and lashed out at Governor R N Ravi for his move of dismissing V Senthil Balaji from the MK Stalin-led Cabinet, which was subsequently retracted on the advice of the Union Home Ministry on the matter.

Stating that the Tamil Nadu government was "disregarding" the Governor's action of sacking Balaji, Finance Minister Thangam Thennarasu said Stalin will write a detailed letter to Ravi on the matter.

The party also said it may weigh all options and legal factors related to Ravi's action, which came in for criticism from allies

of the ruling party as well as other quarters.

Addressing the press here along with Law Minister S Reghupathy and Rajya Sabha member P Wilson, who is also an advocate, Thennarasu recalled Stalin earlier saying the Governor has no right to sack Balaji and that the issue will be faced legally.

He alleged that Ravi acted "unilaterally" and "in haste" over the matter and decided to dismiss Balaji without getting proper counsel, only for the Union Home Ministry to point out that he should speak to the Attorney General on the matter.

"After that, he wrote to the chief minister saying he was keeping in abeyance the letter informing of the dismissal of Senthil Balaji," the minister said.

"In this matter, the CM is going to send a detailed letter to the Governor. The Governor has no legal authority to dismiss Senthil Balaji nor is there any Constitutional basis to do

so." "It is the sole prerogative of the CM to appoint and dismiss ministers...this has been made clear by CM to Governor and that his action is not valid," he added.

Thennarasu said a governor should "apply his mind" before taking a decision, and reiterated that Ravi acted in haste in this matter.

Therefore, "this government rejects (the Governor's action) completely. The Tamil Nadu government makes it clear the Governor has no authority to do so," he asserted.

"We disregard the letter," he said, adding that all legal options will be explored as part of future course of action.

Earlier, the CM went into a huddle with legal experts on the matter.

The party brass may consult its leaders and officers to devise a strategy — both legal and political — on the matter, sources said. "The

Governor has backtracked and he has been exposed thoroughly," a DMK office-bearer told PTI adding that all the "political maneuvering" of the BJP to target the DMK has been backfiring in Tamil Nadu.

On Thursday, hours after dismissing Balaji from the Cabinet, Ravi later kept the order in abeyance.

The DMK may however consider weighing legal options to take on Ravi for his alleged excesses and fight the BJP politically at the "right time" and as and when warranted, sources added.

Senthil Balaji is an influential leader in the western Kongu region. He was previously with the AIADMK before joining the DMK a few years ago.

The ruling DMK's party organ 'Murasoli' said Ravi's dismissal directive was "put on hold within five hours as per the advisory of the Union Home Ministry".

Briefly explaining the sequence of events on

June 29 related to the dismissal order, the Tamil daily underscored the "strong condemnation" it evoked from legal luminaries and party leaders.

The daily said that by midnight "information" came that the dismissal order was being held in abeyance in order to solicit the Attorney General's opinion on the matter. "It is noteworthy that the Governor's order was put on hold in five hours."

In a late evening communication to the chief minister, the Governor said he would consult the attorney general and seek his legal opinion about the move. The governor had explained the reasons for his removing Balaji from the cabinet.

The order to dismiss Balaji, arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in a cash-for-jobs scam and since hospitalised, from the Council of Ministers has been kept in abeyance by the governor until further communication.

## K'taka to roll out Anna Bhagya, provide cash for now

Bengaluru, June 30 (PTI):

Karnataka Food and Civil Supplies Minister K H Muniyappa on Friday said the government is all set to roll out the 'Anna Bhagya' scheme, by crediting money to the bank account of the beneficiaries in lieu of the additional 5 kg of rice promised to every member of a BPL household, as sufficient quantity of the food-grain is unavailable.

Facing difficulty in procuring large quantities of rice required to fulfil its poll guarantee, the state government on Wednesday decided to pay cash into the beneficiaries' accounts at the rate of Rs 34 per kilo, for the additional 5kg of rice under the free rice scheme.

The minister also said that of the total additional 5 kg, the government plans to include 2 kg of ragi (finger millet) and jowar (sorghum) — instead of rice — under the scheme in the southern and northern parts of Karnataka respectively, as per requirement, as these grains are considered a staple in these two regions. In the southern part of the state, the government plans to give 2 kg of ragi and remaining will be rice, while in north Karnataka it will be 2 kg of jowar and remaining will be rice, the minister said.

There is adequate stock of ragi available, while the stock of jowar is less, so we will supply as much as we can, after that we will provide a full 5 kg of rice, he added. "We will get information about the beneficiaries and, based on their in-

puts in the days to come, if there is demand for more quantities of ragi and jowar from southern and northern parts of Karnataka respectively, changes will be made in the quantity," he said, adding that the government will procure required quantities of ragi and jowar directly from the farmers at MSP rates and stock it.

"From tomorrow, the scheme will begin. To pay to the bank accounts (of beneficiaries), we have information that 99 per cent of them have the accounts. Those without an account but have ration cards will have to open a bank account. We have said we will pay Rs 34 per kg, and each person will get (cash for) 5 kg," Muniyappa said. Speaking to reporters here, he said the amount will be paid to the bank account of the beneficiaries until there are enough grains to be distributed. "The process is on for purchase of rice, as we had said we will supply rice or foodgrains for the poor..." he added. Pointing out that the chief minister had promised to supply foodgrains from July 1, which is a Congress poll guarantee, Muniyappa said, "To keep up the promise, we are giving money for now." "If the Centre had given rice from the stocks available, for cash payment, the state government would have supplied it from tomorrow," he said, adding, "Our month-long efforts in getting rice despite approaching central ministers and officials have failed."

## HC acquits man of charge of murdering daughter

● Says prosecution case not proved

New Delhi, Jun 30 (PTI):

The Delhi High Court has acquitted a man of the charge of murdering his daughter for allegedly having a love affair, saying the prosecution could not prove its case beyond reasonable doubt.

The high court set aside the trial court's verdict convicting the man of murder and sentencing him to life imprisonment. "This court finds that merely based on the DNA analysis evidence opining that the dead body was of the biological daughter of the appellant (man), it cannot be held that the prosecution has proved its case beyond reasonable doubt against the appellant of having committed the murder of (woman) punishable under Section 302 IPC as also offence punishable under Section 201 (destruction of evidence)

IPC," a bench of Justices Mukta Gupta (since retired) and Poonam A Bamba said in its June 26 judgment.

The bench directed that the man be released forthwith if not required in any other case. According to the

prosecution, on May 10, 2013, police received information about the recovery of a body packed in a gunny bag in a drain in Mehrauli area. The remains were of a woman who could not be identified.

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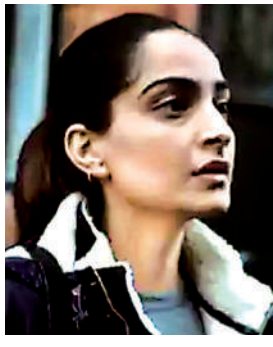
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### BRIEF



PM Modi interacts with passengers as he travels in Delhi Metro on his way to Delhi University to attend its centenary celebrations, in New Delhi, Friday.

### Policy

**New Delhi:** Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday said his government has framed a policy for the redevelopment of 26 notified non-conforming industrial areas. He met with industrialists of the non-conforming areas to initiate the layout planning of these areas. The chief minister said the policy has three phases. Under the first phase, a panel of consultants will be formed for preparing layout plans.

### Job

**Bengaluru:** Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday directed officials to offer a job in his secretariat to an acid attack victim. On hearing her plight, the Chief Minister while hearing public grievances at his residence, promised employment on the spot. According to the Chief Minister's office, the victim, a M.Com graduate, was allegedly attacked on April 28, 2022.

### Book

**New Delhi:** The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has filed an FIR against Delhi-based company Horizon Solution for allegedly cheating Union Bank of India to the tune of over Rs 46 crore in a loan fraud, officials said on Friday. The CBI has booked the East of Kailash-based company, its proprietor Zeba Urfi and guarantor Zaib Un Nisa on charges of criminal conspiracy, cheating, forgery and under the Prevention of Corruption Act, they said.

### Fire

**Indore:** BSF personnel rescued six children and the driver of a school van in the nick of time here on Friday morning after the vehicle caught fire. The van, ferrying the students of a private school, caught fire outside the Central School of Weapons and Tactics of the Border Security Force, said deputy commissioner of police Aditya Mishra.

### Dead

**Karimnagar:** A woman and her three children allegedly jumped into Mid Manair Reservoir in Rajanna Sircilla district, police said on Friday. According to Sircilla Superintendent of Police Akhil Mahajan, "The deceased might have jumped into the reservoir a couple of days back."

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## High-voltage drama over Manipur CM's resignation

**Imphal, Jun 30 (PTI):** High-voltage drama unfolded in Imphal after thousands of demonstrators blocked Manipur Chief Minister Biren N Singh's convoy from proceeding towards Raj Bhavan.



The purported resignation letter torn by the women gathered outside the CM's residence.

However, after women leaders came out of his residence and told the crowd that the CM has assured them that he is not resigning, the mob slowly dispersed from his residence. Unconfirmed reports said that the CM had typed out a resignation letter but was persuaded by his supporters to tear it up.

Earlier in the afternoon, hundreds of youth wearing black shirts and women sat down in front of the CM's residence demanding that Biren Singh should not resign.

Sources said there were strong rumours in Imphal since morning that the chief minister was contemplating resigning from the post after renewed violence in the state on Thursday that claimed

## Two Naxalites surrender

**Sukma, Jun 30:**

Two Naxalites involved in incidents of violence surrendered before the police and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in Sukma district, an official said on Friday.

The duo had been involved in several incidents of violence in Jagargunda and Kistaram areas of the district since a long time, he said.

Uika Malla, a member of the Dandakaranya Adivasi Kisan Majdoor Sangh (DAKMS), and militia member Sodi Hunga turned themselves in before the police and CRPF officials on Thursday, citing disappointment with "inhuman" and "hollow" Maoist ideology, the senior official said.

The surrendered men told the police that they were "impressed" by the district police's rehabilitation drive 'Puna Narkom' (a term coined in the local Gondi dialect, which means new dawn or new beginning), the official said.

The duo will be provided facilities as per the Chhattisgarh government's surrender and rehabilitation policy, he said.

## 'Futuristic policies boosted global recognition for Indian varsities'

**New Delhi, Jun 30 (PTI):**



PM Modi addresses during the valedictory ceremony of the centenary celebrations of Delhi University, in New Delhi, Friday.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserted on Friday that futuristic policies and decisions taken in the last few years in the education sector have boosted global recognition for Indian universities. Addressing the valedictory ceremony of Delhi University's centenary celebrations, Modi noted that the number of Indian universities that featured in the latest QS global ranking has surged to 45 from 12 in 2014, the year he became prime minister.

he said these will bring new opportunities for youngsters of India in fields ranging from the earth to space, semiconductors and artificial intelligence. India's youngsters will have access to technologies which used to be out of their reach, PM Modi said, adding that it will boost their skill development. Companies like Micron and Google will be investing heavily in the country. It is a sign of the India of the future, he said. Lauding Delhi University's contribution to different aspects of life, the prime minister said it is not merely a university but a movement.

He referred to the rise in the numbers of IITs, IIMs, AIIMS and NITs across the country and described them as the building blocks of the new India.

Modi took a metro ride to reach the event. During his journey, he interacted with students. At the event, the prime minister

spoke about his recent state visit to the US and said the global respect and prestige for India has grown because of the rise in its capability as well as the world's faith in the country's youngsters. Futuristic policies in the education sector boosted global recognition for Indian universities, Modi said. Citing agreements signed between the two countries during his visit,

## 'Tomato prices will cool down in next 15 days'

Normalise in a month



A man sorts tomatoes at a market in Surat, Friday.

**New Delhi, Jun 30 (PTI):**

also said the retail prices of tomato in the national capital will come down immediately on improved supplies from Solan and Sirmour districts of Himachal Pradesh. "The phenomena of price rise in tomato happens every year at this time. Every agriculture commodity in every country goes through a seasonality in the price cycle. In June, prices reached a high level," he said.

Tomato is also a highly perishable commodity and weather vulnerability, which has become prevalent in the recent times due to climate change and other issues, has disturbed the supplies, he added. The secretary further said, "You cannot store tomato for a long time and transport it for a long distance. There is an inherent vulnerability in the commodity. Transportation is also a big issue." June-August and October-November are also lean production seasons and prices in this period normally see a sharp increase, he said.

Consumer Affairs Secretary Rohit Kumar Singh, in a media briefing,

All India average retail price of tomato on June 29 was ruling at Rs 49 per kg as against Rs 51.50 per kg in the year-ago same day, he said, and added, "I am not justifying the rate. This also proves seasonality."

### 'Not quitting'

Manipur Chief Minister Biren N Singh on Friday clarified that he was not resigning from post, putting an end to a day-long rumour on the issue. Before his clarification, thousands of demonstrators blocked the Manipur Chief Minister's convoy from proceeding towards Raj Bhavan. The CM eventually told women demonstrators that he was not resigning from the chief minister's post. Biren Singh later also tweeted, "At this crucial juncture I would like to clarify that I will not be resigning from the post of chief minister." Women leaders who met him defused the situation by coming out of the chief minister's residence and assuring the crowd that Singh was not resigning.



Manipur CM N. Biren Singh, in Imphal, Friday.

three more lives and left 5 injured. Kshetrimayum Shanti, a women leader said, "At this critical juncture, the Biren Singh government should stand firm and crack down on troublemakers." The toll in exchange of fire between security forces and suspected rioters in Kangpokpi district a day before, rose to three on Friday, with one more person succumbing to injuries in hospital, officials said. Armed rioters had opened unprovoked firing

to set up a National Capital Civil Service Authority for the transfer of and disciplinary proceedings against Group-A officers. Transfer and postings of all officers of the Delhi government were under the executive control of the Lieutenant Governor before the May 11 verdict of the apex court.

## AAP challenges Centre's services ordinance in SC

**New Delhi, Jun 30 (PTI):**

The Delhi government on Friday moved the Supreme Court against the Centre's ordinance over control of services in the national capital, officials said. Earlier in the day, the AAP had announced that Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will burn copies of the Centre's ordinance at the party office in central Delhi on July 3. The party had on June 11 organised a maharally against the ordinance. The Centre had on May 19 promulgated the ordinance to create an authority for the transfer and posting of IAS and DANICS officers in

### CM to burn copies of Centre's ordinance

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will burn copies of the Centre's ordinance at the party office in central Delhi on July 3, the AAP said on Friday. Addressing a press conference, Aam Aadmi Party chief spokesperson Saurabh Bhardwaj said copies of the ordinance will be burned across the 70 assembly constituencies of the national capital.

Delhi, with the AAP government calling the move a circumvention of the Supreme Court verdict on control of services. The ordinance, which came a week after the Supreme Court handed over the control of services in Delhi, excluding police, public order and land, to the elected government, seeks

at Haraoel village on Thursday. The Army said security forces personnel "responded in a calibrated manner" to tackle the situation, they said.

Members of the community to which two of the rioters belonged collected their bodies on Thursday and took out a procession to the CM's residence here, they said. The demonstrators, led by women, even dared police to arrest them, and were also seen burning tyres in the middle of the road to prevent police movement, the officials said. As security personnel stopped them from marching to Singh's residence, the processionists turned violent, prompting police to use tear gas shells and resort to lathicharge to disperse the mob.

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## 3 Zones, Separate Meetings: Inside BJP strategy for 2024 elections

**New Delhi Jun 30:** The BJP will soon take the preparations for the Lok Sabha elections to the ground level for which it has prepared three zones for organisational convenience in 543 seats, party sources said. North, South, and East zones have been demarcated, and separate meetings of these regions will be held on July 6, 7, and 8.

Jammu-Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Chandigarh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Daman Diu-Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Delhi, and Haryana were placed in the North Zone, meeting for which has been scheduled for July 7 in Delhi. The East Zone will have states like Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal, Assam, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, and Tripura. Its meeting will be held on July 6 in Guwahati. The South Zone will have Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karnataka, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Mumbai, Goa, Andaman and Nicobar, and Lakshadweep. The meeting for this zone is planned for July 8 in Hyderabad.

Prominent leaders of that region, along with BJP President JP Nadda and organisation ministers, will be present in these meetings. In-charge of the respective states, State President, Organisation Minister, Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister, MP, MLA, and members of the National Executive will also be present in these meetings.

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# Unemployment Allowance of Rs 10 crore transferred to 10120 beneficiaries in Durg

## Rs 1.73 crore transferred to 49157 beneficiaries of PMAY (G)

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Jun 30:** Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel transferred funds to the beneficiaries of unemployment allowance and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna (Gramin) on Friday. Under the unemployment allowance scheme, an amount of Rs 31 crore 69 lakh 60 thousand has been disbursed as the third installment in the accounts of 1 lakh 16 thousand 737 beneficiaries and an amount of Rs 151 crore has been deposited in the account of 49 thousand 157 beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Rural.

An amount of Rs 80 crore 64 lakh 25 thousand has been paid in three instalments to the beneficiaries so far. On Friday, the amount was transferred as unemployment allowance for three months to the remaining 1600 beneficiaries of the month of April and unemployment allowance of two months to the remaining 6847 beneficiaries of the month of May. In this program, 16 beneficiaries from Durg district attended the programme.

The Chief Minister gave appointment letters to two beneficiaries of the district - Tameshwar and



Satyaprakash. Also, 05 youth beneficiaries of the district participated in this program through video conference at NIC Durg. As soon as the amount was transferred by the Chief Minister, a message was received that Rs 2500 unemployment amount had been deposited in the accounts of all the beneficiaries. About ten crore rupees were transferred to the accounts of 10120 approved applicants of Durg district. The amount of two months was transferred in lump sum to the eligible beneficiaries who applied in the months of April and May.

Under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Rural, 22 thousand 126 beneficiaries were given Rs 55 crore as first installment, Rs 55 crore as second installment to 12 thousand 455 beneficiaries, Rs 31 crore as third install-

ment to 7477 beneficiaries and Rs 10 crore to 7099 beneficiaries as the fourth installment.

Based on the progress of the houses, a total amount of Rs 151 crore was transferred to the accounts of 49 thousand 157 beneficiaries. In the last four and a half years, 3 lakh 87 thousand 915 houses have been sanctioned under this



scheme. Rs 1 crore 73 lakh 43 thousand has been transferred to 562 beneficiaries of Durg district.

In this, the first installment of Rs 67 lakh to 268 beneficiaries, the second installment of Rs 47 lakh to 117 beneficiaries, the third installment of Rs 53 lakh 44 thousand to 134 beneficiaries and the fourth installment of Rs 59

lakh 50 thousand to 43 beneficiaries are included. In NIC Durg, MLA Arun Vora, Chairman of Backward Classes Commission RN Verma, Chief Executive Officer District Panchayat Ashwini Dewangan, Deputy Director Employment Rajkumar Kurre and beneficiaries were present.

# Three units selected for National MSME Award-2023

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Jun 30:** A meeting of the State Level Steering Committee constituted for the MSME Award-2023 was held recently at Udyog Bhavan. Online applications received for the award were scrutinized in which 3 industrial units were found eligible. The meeting was presided over by Dr Saransh Mitter, IAS, Director Industries. Office bearers of Industrial Associations and officials of MSME Development Office, Raipur were present in the meeting. KK Jha, President, MSME District Industries Association, Durg, Pramod Gharde, President, Dalit Chamber of Commerce and Industries (DICCI), Chhattisgarh Chapter, Rajeev S, Joint Director and Head of Office, MSME, DFO Raipur KB Erpate, Damodar Behera, Assistant



Director, MSME Development Office, Raipur; Alok Trivedi, Additional Director, Commerce and Industry Department and Sanjay Gajghate, Joint Director, Commerce and Industry and MSME Development Office, Raipur, in addition to the chairman and members of the committee were present.

KK Jha, president of the MSME District Industries Association, said that the online applications received for the National MSME Award-2023 were scrutinized by the committee. Three industrial units were found eligible.

According to the guidelines issued by Office of the Development Commissioner (MSME), New Delhi, the committee gave the recommendation to send the applications of the qualified three industrial units online to the national level steering committee. At the end of the meeting, an official of MSME Development Office Raipur proposed the vote of thanks to the Chairman, members and other office bearers of the committee.

# Twin-city to have a new recreational spot soon

Thugda Bandh being renovated with Rs 16.21 crore



Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Jun 30:** Twin-city is going to get a new tourist spot soon. The picture of Thugda Dam is changing with Rs 16.21 crore. It will be the most beautiful place in the city for recreational activities. Beautiful landscaping is being done at Thugda dam.

The entire railing of the dam will be decorated with beautiful flower bearing creeper plants. These plants will have different types of fragrance. This will not only enhance the beauty but will also fill the atmosphere with fragrance.

Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena along with DMC Commissioner Lokesh Chandrakar and corporation officials inspected Thugda Dam and gave instructions to the officers regarding its landscape.

The Collector said that the landscape of Thugda Dam should be very beautiful so that people can spend time peacefully here. He said to plant flowers that grow throughout the year should be planted. He asked the concerned officials to share pics of flowers on whatsapp.

The Collector instructed the officials to make the dam more and more beautiful so that it attracts people. He appreciated the works of landscaping, lighting, entertainment activities, etc.

Corporation Executive Engineer Rajesh Pandey, Prakashchand Thawani, Girish Divan, Pankaj Sahu, Javed Ali and

other officials were present.




Hedge will be made of Madhukamini and Tagar plants in Thugda Bangh. Hedging will be in three layers. It will have plants like Madhukamini and Tagar. Along with this, there will be different types of hedging so that diversity is maintained.

Collector Meena said that hedging plays a big role in making a beautiful landscape. The diversity in it makes the place even more beautiful. Along with this, the Collector gave special instructions regarding flower beds.


He said that there will be two types of flowers including the seasonal and those which bloom round the year. The pathway will be symmetrical and plants like canopy will be planted. The Collector instructed to make special arrangements regarding the pathway.

He said that symmetry is very important for landscaping. He asked to take full care of the symmetry in the pathway. The view of Thugda Dam from the railing will be very beautiful. The entire railing will be adorned with creepers plants. Since the railing is in diagonal shape, the seating will also be diagonal.

Giving instructions in this regard, Collector Meena said that different types of vines should be selected for railing so that diversity can be seen in the landscape. The officials also inspected the island and also reviewed the progress of the construction works.

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## State govt to request Central Govt for housing provision to new PMAY-G beneficiaries: CM

**Else would formulate its own plans to provide housing for new PMAY-G beneficiaries**

**CM releases third installment of Unemployment Allowance Scheme and funds for PMAY-G beneficiaries**

**PMAT-G: Online transfer of Rs 151 cr to the accounts of 49,157 beneficiaries**



his official residence, where he virtually released the third installment of the Unemployment Allowance Scheme and transferred funds to beneficiaries of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin.

Addressing the programme, Chief Minister emphasized the state government's commitment to maximizing employment and self-employment opportunities for the youth in the state. To achieve this goal, the government is actively recruiting a large number of candidates for government jobs and also providing unemployment allowances to offer financial support to the youth. Furthermore, the government is offering skill development training to equip the youth with the

necessary skills for employment and self-employment. Simultaneously, efforts are underway to connect the trained youth with suitable employment opportunities.

During the programme, the CM disbursed an amount of Rs 31.69 cr as the third installment of the unemployment allowance. Additionally, he transferred an amount of Rs 151 cr to the accounts of 49,157 beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G).

During the programme, the Chief Minister personally handed out offer letters to 25 trained beneficiaries of the Unemployment

Scheme. Similarly, offer letters were also given at the district level to 738 eligible youths for the unemployment allowance and 810 youths who have received skill development training but are not currently receiving the unemployment allowance.

Minister of Sports and Youth Welfare, Umesh Patel, stated that the objective of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel's initiative is to provide financial assistance to the youth and connect them with employment. The goal is to empower the youth to become self-reliant with the help of this financial support given under the scheme. Additional Chief Secretary Subrat Sahoo provided information about the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin. The funds of this scheme are directly transferred to the beneficiaries accounts. Dr Alok Shukla, Principal Secretary of the Skill Development and Technical Education Department, shared detailed information regarding the progress of the unemployment allowance scheme.

## PM Modi to address public meet at Science College Ground on July 7

**Raipur, Jun 30:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi would be addressing a public meeting at Government Science College Ground Raipur during his visit to Chhattisgarh on July 7.

Raipur Parliamentarian Sunil Soni, Raipur South MLA Brijmohan Agrawal and former Minister Rajesh Munat on Friday afternoon inspected the venue during which the District Collector and Senior Superintendent of Police were also present.

Apart from the Public meeting, the government programme like dedication of development works too can take place during his visit. Further preparations of government programme would be made once the PMO issues minute to minute programme. It would be first visit by PM Narendra Modi to Raipur after the Congress came to power in Chhattisgarh.

## PCCF Shrinivas Rao gets additional charge of Forest Research

**Raipur, Jun 30:** Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (PCCF) V Shrinivas Rao has been given the additional responsibility of State Forest Research & Training. Rao has been given the additional responsibility following the retirement of senior Indian Forest Services (IFS) Officer and PCCF Ashish Kumar Bhatt. Rao would also be Director of the Research Institute.

Similarly, Chief Conservator of Forest (CCF) Janak Ram Nayak too has retired on June 30. Forest Conservator Dilraj Prabhakar working as Forest Conservator Development & Planning has been given additional charge of in-charge CCF Raipur circle whereas the 2006 batch IFS Officer K Machiyo has been given additional charge of in-charge Chief Conservator of Forest (CCF) Wildlife and Director Udant-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve Raipur.

Jora Ground on the outskirts of city which has a larger capacity for public. BJP has geared up to create atmosphere in favour of the party ahead of the next Legislative Assembly polls and visit of PM Modi would be an ideal platform to launch the campaign for the next polls. BJP leaders meet has been organized to chalk out strategy to make the visit of Modi a grand success.

Meanwhile, the Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh would be arriving here on Saturday. After holding meeting with the leaders here, he would leave for Narayanpur to address a public meeting.

## All districts of Ch'garh included in NSCAEM

**Raipur, Jun 30:** The National Sickle Cell Anemia Eradication Mission is being launched by the Government of India to eradicate the genetic disease sickle cell in the country. To eliminate sickle cell by the year 2047, this mission will be implemented in 278 districts of 17 states of the country. All 33 districts of Chhattisgarh have been included in this mission. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch the National Sickle Cell Anemia Eradication Mission on July 1 in Shahdol,

Madhya Pradesh. State Health Minister TS Singhdeo will join the program through video conference from Hamar Hospital located at Raja Talab, Raipur. He will also distribute sickle cell genetic status cards to the local beneficiaries. Deputy Director of Health Department, Dr. Khemraj Sonwani said that the National Sickle Cell Anemia Eradication Mission is being started by the Government of India to eradicate sickle cell. It aims to address the serious health challenges posed by sickle cell disease.

## Former GM of CTBC arrested for alleged irregularities

**Raipur, Jun 30:** Ashok Chaturvedi, former GM of Chhattisgarh Text Book Corporation (CTBC), who has been absconding for three years, has finally been arrested by the ACB. He was arrested late night from Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh. ACB from Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh has left for Raipur with him. Several cases of disproportionate assets and corruption are registered against Ashok Chaturvedi. He is charged with committing scams worth crores while being in the CTBC. He was absconding after the bail plea was rejected in the

court. The Economic Offences Investigation Bureau (EOW) has registered an FIR against Ashok Chaturvedi, former general manager of the Chhattisgarh Textbook Corporation.

An FIR was lodged in the case of irregularities of crores in the tender process. In the year 2019, the state government, ending the deputation of Chaturvedi, attached him to the Panchayat and Rural Development Department. Against this decision, he had obtained a stay from the High Court. On the other hand, the responsibility of inves-

tigating the complaint of irregularities in the tender was entrusted to ACB, EOW.

Ashok Chaturvedi was also charged with being close to some BJP leaders, although BJP leaders have been categorically denying this allegation. Many Congress leaders had made complaints against this officer. In the year 2020-21, a tender scam of 6 crores came to light in the Text Book Corporation.

It is alleged that Ashok had got the contract awarded to his favourite company. After the scam was unearthed in the investigation, the EOW had registered a case against

him and his close ones on charges of corruption.

An offense was also registered against Hitesh Choubey of the firm that took the contract and Brijendra Tiwari, the staff of his company involved in the forgery, and the tender committee members of the corporation.

The investigation of the matter was going on. It was revealed that during the years 2017-18 and 2019, there was a scam of 98 lakhs in the name of voluntary grant. Some were given money in the name of treatment and some were given money to buy goods. The complaint was lodged by Vinod Tiwari.

## Youth sentenced to life imprisonment in murder case

**Raipur, Jun 30:** The court of VII Additional District and Sessions Judge Vandana Deepak Dewangan on Wednesday sentenced a youth to life imprisonment for murdering a man after a dispute arising out of transaction of money won in gambling. He has also been imposed fine of Rs 1000. Two delinquent boys in the case are being tried in the juvenile court.

According to information available some people were gambling at Mahamaya Chowk, village Khamtarai falling under jurisdiction of Arang Police Station at around 10 pm on November 10, 2020. In the meantime Chhabiram Lodhi (son of Narad Prasad Lodhi), Punaram Sahu and other two delinquent boys got embroiled in a dispute over money won in the gambling. Punaram Sahu and two delinquent boys got angry and threatened to kill Chhabiram Lodhi besides abusing him. They punched Chhabiram

Lodhi and kicked him, inflicting serious injury on his stomach. Chhabiram died after being assaulted by them. Siyaram Sahu, Narad Prasad Lodhi, Gopichand, Prem Lal Sahu, Bharat Lal Lodhi, Ramwaroop Sahu, Ravindra, Virendra Kumar and others were eyewitnesses and hearsay witnesses in the said case. The court sentenced Punaram Sahu to life imprisonment and a fine of ₹ 1000 under section 302 of the Indian Penal Code. He is in jail since the date of the incident, while two other fellow delinquents are being tried in the Juvenile Court. A total of 15 people testified in the case. The prosecution has proved the essential ingredients of section 302 beyond reasonable doubt, as a result of which the accused was convicted by the court and on the basis of merit, the court gave a positive message to the society, Rajendra Jain Additional Public Prosecutor, District and Sessions Court Raipur Chhattisgarh.

## Two nabbed with 200 Kg 'Ganja' worth Rs 50 lakh



**Were transporting it from Odisha to Raipur**

**Mahasamund, Jun 30:** Two inter-state drug smugglers were nabbed along with 200 Kg 'Ganja' worth Rs 50 lakh being secretly transported in the car's dickey from Odisha. Both have been booked under section 20 (B) of Narcotics Act.

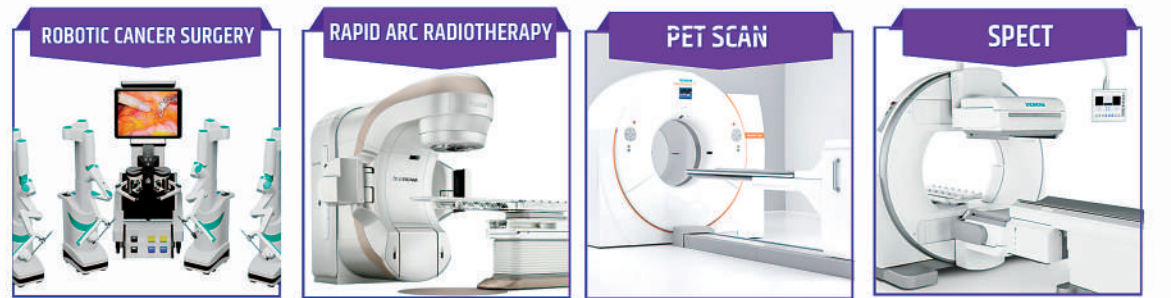
Making disclosure in this regard, SP Mahasamund Dharmendra Singh informed that the Cyber Cell and Singhoda police got tip from an informer a car bearing No.

CG 04 KT 7994 is illegally transporting 'Ganja' from Odisha to Raipur. Cyber Cell and Singhoda police stopped the vehicle with check-post at Rehatikhil and seized 200 Kg 'Ganja' worth Rs 50 lakh.

The two accused nabbed are- Ganesh Mazumdar S/o Gangaram Mazumdar, R/o Dinajpur WB and Laxmi Dulai W/o Kanchan Dilai. SP informed that both male and female are friends to each other and were smuggling this 'ganja' by creating a chamber below the car's seat and tried to misguide the police.

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Raipur. Sanjeevani CBCC Cancer Hospital, Raipur has recently been awarded the prestigious National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH) accreditation, which is an affirmation of the hospital's commitment towards quality healthcare. This accreditation makes the hospital one of the top healthcare service providers in the country that has successfully met the stringent standards set by NABH. The NABH accreditation process involves a rigorous evaluation of the hospital's infrastructure, quality and patient safety protocols, treatment equipment and procedures. Dr. Yusuf Memon, Senior Surgical Oncologist, Director, Sanjeevani Cancer Hospital expressed his gratitude towards the hospital staff.

CG Govt., FCI, NMDC, SECL, CSEB, NTPC, Railway, SAIL, BSP, ESIC, BSKY (Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojna, Odisha) & Ayushman Bharat applicable and empaneled with all insurance agencies.

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- ▶ एडवांस आर्थोपेडिक विभाग
- ▶ घुटना, कूल्हा एवं जोड़ प्रत्यारोपण
- ▶ न्यूरो एवं स्पाइन सर्जरी
- ▶ न्यूरोलॉजी विभाग
- ▶ यूरोलॉजी एवं स्टोन क्लीनिक
- ▶ जनरल एवं लेप्रोस्कोपिक सर्जरी
- ▶ जनरल मेडिसीन
- ▶ बर्न एवं प्लास्टिक सर्जरी
- ▶ स्त्री एवं प्रसूति विभाग
- ▶ श्वास एवं छाती रोग
- ▶ मिनिमल एक्सेस सर्जरी विभाग
- ▶ आईसीयू एवं क्रिटिकल केयर
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# Statistics plays importance in all the fields: Prof. Shukla

**NSO observe 17th Statistics Day in seminar hall in RSU**

**Central Chronicle News**

**Raipur, Jun 30:** The 17th Statistics Day function was organized by National Statistical Office (NSO), Government of India, Raipur on June 29 in "Seminar Hall of Arts Faculty Building, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur". The Chief guest of Statistics Day celebration was Prof. Satchidanand Shukla, Vice-Chancellor, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur.

Function was presided over by Roshan Lal Sahu, Deputy Director General, NSO, Raipur. As special guest, Dr. Hanumant Yadav, Eminent Economist, Prof. Vyas Dubey, Head of Department of Statistics, and Prof. Ravindra Bramhe, Head of Department of Economics, Pt.RSU, Raipur were present on the occasion. The guests were welcomed by Ashutosh Awasthi, Deputy Director, National Statistical Office, Raipur. Statistics Day function was jointly inaugurated by Chief Guest Prof. Sachchidanand Shukla

and Roshan Lal Sahu, Dy DG by lighting the lamp. Presiding over the function, Roshan Lal Sahu, said that in view of the remarkable contribution made by renowned statistician Chandra Mahalanobis in the field of socio-economic planning and policy-making after independence, every year his birthday, 29th June, is celebrated as National Statistics Day by Government of India. The objective of this day is to create awareness among the common citizens and the youth about the importance of statistics in socio-economic planning and policy making.



ing. He also informed that the theme of this year's Statistics Day is "Alignment of State indicator framework with National indicator framework for monitoring Sustainable development goals".

In his address, the chief guest of the program Prof. Satchidanand Shukla, Vice-Chancellor, Pt. Ravi Shankar Shukla University, Raipur, emphasized the importance of statistics and made the students aware of the tech-

niques and applications of statistics because today statistics is used in some form or the other in every field. He said that before starting any major work in any field, statistics is specially used by the Central Government, State Government and other institutions for planning, analysis and estimating the results. At the same time, he specially emphasized National Statistical Office to organize more and more such events among the students in the future. While addressing the gathering as a special guest, Prof. Ravindra

Bramhe, Head of Department of Economics, Pt. Ravi Shankar Shukla University, said that continuous review is being done by Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation, Government of India, through the National Index Framework for achievement of targets and objectives set under the Sustainable Development Goals. Talking about the Sustainable Development Goals, he also mentioned about the goals of eradicating poverty, ending hunger, environmental protection, clean energy, gender inequality, etc. Special guest Prof. Vyas

Dubey, Head of Department of Statistics, Pt. Ravi Shankar Shukla University while highlighting in detail the life of Prof. P.C.Mahalanobis, his works, his achievements and his contribution to the development of the country, enlightened the students about importance and utility of statistics. On the occasion of Statistics Day, apart from the addresses of the chief guest and special guests, presentations were also made on the main theme by various scholars and a quiz competition was organized. The prize winners of the quiz competition were awarded.

# Ch'garh's young swimmer, Alyosha wins two medals

**In the National Tribal Sports Festival CM Baghel extends his best wishes for her bright future**

**Central Chronicle News**

**Raipur, Jun 30:** Chhattisgarh's emerging young swimmer, Alyosha Kunjam, paid the Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel a courtesy visit at his official residence today. Alyosha has won two medals in two swimming competitions at the National Tribal Sports Festival organized in Bhubaneswar. During her meeting with the Chief Minister, Alyosha informed him that she had won a silver medal in 50 m freestyle and a bronze medal in 100 m



freestyle at the National Tribal Sports Festival. The Chief Minister extended his best wishes for Alyosha's bright future and congratulated her. He said that Alyosha has made Chhattisgarh proud with her outstanding achievement. Alyosha Kunjam is a student in the 12th standard at Raipur's Rajkumar College. The National Tribal Sports Festival was organized in Bhubaneswar from 9 to 12 June 2023.

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**Including men, women, and members of the third gender at Police Training School, Mana**

**Central Chronicle News**

**Raipur, Jun 30:** The passing out parade program of 469 male, female, and third-gender new constables concluded at the Parade Ground of Police Training School Mana in the chief hospitality of Inspector General of Police Mr. Ajay Yadav. 308 women and 12 third-gender new constables participated in the 29th session convocation ceremony for women and third-gender new constables, whereas 149 new constables participated in the 42nd session convocation ceremony for male new constables.



The Chief Guest Ajay Yadav (IPS), Inspector General of Police, Chhattisgarh, encouraged the new constables in his address during the passing out parade ceremony and said that training is a process of grooming. He also inspected the passing out parade on the occasion. Mr. Yadav added that a change has been perceived in the modus

operandi of criminals, and people should remain more cautious. While modern gadgets and other resources assist the methodology of crime, they can also work in our favour. They can be used to regulate crime effectively. Head of PTS Mana, Dr. Irfan-ul Rahim Khan, said that this organization was awarded the Union Home Minister's Trophy by



BPR&D New Delhi in 2021-2022 and was granted a cash prize of Rs. 2 lakh. This year, the organization received the ISO Certificate on Environmental Management Systems and Quality Systems. On this occasion, Woman Constable Abhilasha Singh from Rajnandgaon district achieved the first position

for the all-round best trainee for the 29th session of female/third-gender constables. Mithlesh Pujari from Dantewada district stood first as the all-round best trainee for the 42nd session male constable. Mr. Rakesh Baghel, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Police Training School, Mana, expressed his gratitude during the event.

# Baghel applies 'tilak' and offer sweets to children

**On occasion of 'Shala Pravesh Utsav' Dedicates SAGEMS School in Karitgaon and Primary School in Mongrapal**

**Central Chronicle News**

**Bhond, Jun 30:** MLA Bastar Laksheshwar Baghel dedicated the Swamy Atmanand English Medium School (SAGEMS) in Katirgaon and New Primary School in Mongrapal of Bakawand of block hq's Bhond here on Thursday. Speaking on the occasion MLA Baghel held the need for making education atmosphere in the School and due attention has to be paid towards students in sports and discipline apart from education. It is during schooling



only they should understand the importance of time. On occasion of 'Shala Praveshotsav', MLA Baghel applied 'tilak' to the students being admitted and garlanding their parents and offering sweets to the children. On this occasion Baghel also distributed uniform, text-books and school bags to the students of the

School. Extending greetings to students, teachers, Principals and parents on re-opening of the School, MLA Bastar said that the students are the future of the country and therefore providing them better educational atmosphere is everybody's responsibility, so that they continue to study with due concentration and seriousness.

**Students now getting caste certs sitting at home:** Baghel said that under the scheme of providing Caste Certificates to SC, ST and OBC students for studies by the state government, the Sakul co-ordinators and teachers of the school distributed these certificates in the Schools and the parents, students who did not come,

were sent the same to their residence and completed the entire target in just one day. In this Sankul co-ordinator, teachers of the School, Sachiv and Sarpanch of the Gram Panchayat and Halka Patwari are to be issued the caste certificates. It is by identifying such students, forms are filled-up and their record is taken from home. **Baghel dedicates two schools:** Speaking at the dedication of SAEMS in Karitgaon and new Primary School in Mongrapal, MLA Baghel said that by fixing a particular target, one should remain focused upon it and remain committed to it, do not look back, till the goal is achieved. MLA asks children to take inspiration from the great personalities and try to adopt their working in day-to-day life and walk on path of progress.

# 'Shala Pravesh Utsav' concludes in Kendriya Vidyalaya

**Central Chronicle News**

**Jagdalpur, Jun 30:** The Shala Pravesh Utsav of Class I of the primary section was celebrated in Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV) Jagdalpur here on Monday. The programme started with Saraswati Vandana by the school Principal and the head reader. After that the program started with acting dance by the little children. In this sequence, Principal Santosh Kumar Pal in his welcome speech informed the new members about Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan. On the other hand, the new entrant children were welcomed by applying Tilak and were encouraged by Principal and Head Teacher Kamal Narayan



Soni by giving gifts and sweets to all the children. On this occasion, the headmaster of the school Kamal Narayan Soni expressed confidence and wished the children a bright future and threw light on the activities of the school. During this a mesmerizing cultural program was presented by students Ruhi, Padmaja Mishra and Purvi

Manwani and two parents presented their concept towards the school. After that, a teacher-parent meeting was organized with the newly admitted students and they were given detailed information about all the activities of the school like academic and non-academic etc. All the teachers and other employees of the school were present in the programme.

# Collector conducts surprise inspection of CHC, Tehsil Nangur

**Arrangements reviewed, instructions given to complete the renovation work of the health center soon**

**Central Chronicle News**

**Jagdalpur, Jun 30:** Collector Vijay Dayaram K on Wednesday evening conducted a surprise inspection of the Community Health Center (CHC) and Tehsil Office located in Nangur. He inspected the condition of OPD, male ward, operation room and other rooms in the health center. Expressing displeasure for the delay in the renovation work being done in the health center, he instructed the Chief Health and Medical Officer (CHMO) to complete the restoration work soon. After inspecting the nutritional rehabilita-



tion center operated in the hospital premises, he took cognizance of the health services being provided to the children admitted in the center and checked the weight and attendance register of the children. The Collector instructed the health workers present at the center to coordinate with the supervisor to increase the presence of malnourished children. Along with this, the mothers of the admitted children were advised to be vigilant about the health of the child.

Collector took cognizance of the pending revenue case, the case of RBC 6-4, the status of Patwari records, the presence of revenue officials at the headquarters by a surprise inspection at the Nangur Tehsil office. He instructed the Tehsildar to review the monthly progress of revenue cases and resolve them on time. Along with this, instructions were given to demolish the old buildings located at Nangur headquarters as per the rules.

# 11 students of Chouksey College selected

**In Tech Mahindra campus drive**

**Central Chronicle News**

**Bilaspur, Jun 30:** A campus recruitment drive was held at Chouksey Group of Colleges, Bilaspur by Tech Mahindra, Noida recently. This campus drive was organized for final year students of session 2022-23. Students participated with full enthusiasm in this physical drive. Our skilled students performed in all rounds of interview and finally 11 students were finally selected in placement by the Company after Online Test& Interview rounds. Prof. Vinod Singh Kharsan, Placement Head of the Group, told this is the only Private Engineering College of Bilaspur Zone, who takes all initiatives to conducts campus recruitment drives for the whole calendar year starting from July to June end. Speaking



and dedication. Managing Director of Chouksey Group of Colleges, Dr. Ashish Jaiswal, Principal, Chouksey Engineering College, Bilaspur Dr. Sanjay Pandey, and Administrative Officer Dr. Nitin Jain wished for the bright future of selected students. Students, who have got selected in this drive are,

Samridhi Singh, K. Sai Snigdha, R. Sandhya, Shivani Chitturu, Sanskriti Sharma, Md. Rafique Hussain, Aakash Singh, Meenu Kewat, Aryan Agrawal, Aryan Khandelwal and Nida Fatima. Chouksey Group of Colleges, Bilaspur has dedicated Career Development & Placement Team, that work towards supporting

and guiding students on all aspects of job search through personalized career advising sessions, working very closely with them to define their career paths and help them achieve their goals. Placement cell even have specialists/mentors who are available to assist students with any query in relation to their careers.



## Couple died coming under debris of 'Kuccha' DU

Due to collapse of wall and rooftop made of 'murrum', plastic

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**Balod, Jun 30:** A couple living in 'Kuccha' dwelling unit (DU) in Gram Sirpur under Devari thana died coming under debris of the DU when it collapsed. Due to incessant rains for last few days, the wall and roof of the house collapsed.

It was on the intervening night of Wednesday that both Santram Yadav, (55) and his wife Kunti Bai (50), were sleeping in their house and during rains the roof and wall collapsed all of sudden and both died on the spot. With heavy rains slashing the whole night, nobody came to know about it.

It is notable here that roof of the DU in which the couple were living was made from Plastic and 'murrum' and since it was raining continuously,



the walls became wet and collapsed, bringing down the rooftop as well. The most surprising thing here is that nobody heard the noise from falling of the wall.

Both the couple remained inside the debris whole night and in the morning the villagers came to know about it. Just at a short distance, the son sleeping in the

'pucca' house was also not aware of the same. The final rites of both were performed the next day at Lohara Community Health Centre.

**PM Aawas constructed two yrs back**

As per information in this regard, the DU of the couple was constructed two years back and in the 'pucca' DU their son

used to live, whereas the old couple used to live in their old 'kuccha' house. In the morning when Jitendra Sen and other neighbours knocked at the door, nobody responded and then they came to know that both mother and father of Deepak have died.

**Compensation of Rs 4 lakh made**

On getting information about the incident, both the police and revenue department team reached the site and started the procedure of providing due compensation. SDM Pratima Thakre informed that immediately after this incident, the case was prepared and a compensation case of Rs 4 lakh each to the victim of house collapse was made and sent and hopefully the family would get the compensation soon.

## Lack of drainage leading to waterlogging



**● In ward No. 13 of Maniyari Gram Panchayat**

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**Berla, Jun 30:** In ward No. 13 of Gram Panchayat Maniyari of Janpad

Panchayat Berla, the people are facing lots of problems due to waterlogging.

The seniors of the village said that the demand for construction of proper drainage and CC Road is being made for last 13 yrs, but till date no development work has taken

place. At the same time, with no proper drainage of rain-water and water from houses and lack of CC road, is leading to stale water coming to the lanes and by-lanes in the village.

It is notable here that with intermittent rains for last three days, the rainwa-

ter has got collected in the lanes and with lanes already with potholes it is not getting cleared or drying up due to lack of proper drainage system and this has made the entire terrain muddy and posing threat to water-borne diseases during rainy season.

## Ritu make debut as playback singer in Bollywood

Lends her voice to a song in film 'Crazy4Dance' to be released on July 7

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**Kotami, Jun 30:** Girl from village Kotami Ritu Gupta has won the hearts of many with her singing talent that of Chhattisgarh folk and Hindi songs in Mumbai film city. Ritu Gupta has now made debut as playback singer into Bollywood singing by lending her voice in the song in the film 'Crazy-4dance' to be released in all theatres in country on July 7 and bringing laurels to her family and village and state.

Ritu Gupta (26), D/o Suraj Gupta, R/o

Kotami and her father is a businessman. Her father



said that he is proud of her daughter and wants to see that seeing the talent of his daughter, other girls from region too should come forward in the field of singing and bring laurels to their city and state.

On successful entry of Ritu Gupta into Bollywood film through play-back singer, social worker Saroj Ratan Kesarwani, Satish Sharma, Krishna Kumar Sahu, KS Penado, and others have extended greetings to her and wished her all the best in all her future endeavours.

## Two nabbed with illicit liquor worth Rs 3200



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**Dongargarh, Jun 30:** Dongargarh police nabbed two under the section 34 (2) of Excise Act and seized 8 bottles of Premium Whiskey IMFL totalling 6 bulk litre of liquor worth Rs 3200. The motorcycle used in transporting the liquor, bearing No. CG 04 KU 1570 was also seized. The two accused are- Tarun K

Vishwakarma, S/o Basant Kumar (35), R/o Lamanibhata and other is Khoman Dhurve S/o Tekram Dhurve, (22), R/o Lamanibhata. It was on tip from an informer that the above two accused were nabbed by TI Ramawatar Dhurve. A case under section 34 (2) of Excise Act was filed against the two and both were produced in the Court and sent to jail.

## Booth, Zone Presidents asked to strengthen booths

In 'Booth Chalo Abhiyan' by Congress

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**Nandini-Ahirwara, Jun 30:** 'Booth Chalo Abhiyan' was organised in ward No. 3 of Ahirwara in Mangal Bhawan here on Thursday. MLA Kasdol and Parliamentary Secretary Shakuntala Sahu was the chief guest. Here the Zone President, Booth President and Congress party workers were guided to strengthen the booth and this unleashed new level of energy among the party workers.

She also appealed all the party workers to ensure party's victory in the next VS polls and asked them to fold-up their sleeves from



now itself. Congress party workers also responded in affirmation and said they all are committed to ensure party's victory. In the above programme, zone

president, sector in-charge, Booth president, corporators, Alderman, DCC (urban) and (rural) office bearers and party workers were present.

## DRENCHED DILEMMA



**Pandaria:** With just two-days of rains in the region, the Swami Atmanand School ground has turned into a 'pond'. So far lakhs have been spent to make things organised in this School. Though it did not rain on Thursday, but due to lack of water outlet and water remained clogged and due to which students and teachers had to face lots of problems in reaching upto the school.

## Mulsim brethren offer 'namaz' in Idgah

● On occasion of 'Eid-Ul-Adha'

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**Rajim, Jun 30:** On occasion of 'Eid-ul-Adha' (Bakra Eid), the members of Panjtan Muslim Jamat, Rajim offered 'Namaz' in 'Idgah Rajim' on Thursday. The 'Namaz' was delivered by Hajrat Sayyed Moulana Yakoob Kaisar Saheb.

Prior to the 'Namaz', on behalf of 'Hazrat Ibrahim Allehislam', for 'rah-raza' of 'Allah Tala', sacrifice of 'Hazrat Ismaili Allehislam' was done. Allah Tala liked this sacrifice. In place of 'Hajrat



Ismail, sacrifice of one 'Dumba' was done and therefore every year on occasion of 'Id-Ul-Adha', sacrifice is made.

After the 'namaz', blessings are sought for peace, prosperity and development of the nation and its citizens. Hazrat Sayyed

Navish Ali Saheb and his colleagues extended greetings to all Hindi, Muslim, Sikh, Christian brethren on occasion of 'Id-ul-Adha' and for holding this programme peacefully he also expressed gratitude to the Collector, SP, SDM,

Tehsildar, SDOP and Tisaheb.

On this occasion Samim Varsi, Hussain Shah, Munnawar Ali, Yunus Varsi, Samad Varsi, Yusuf Varsi, Anwar Ali, Gulam Varsi, Samim Varsi Raipuri, Fahim, Jamil Bhai, Shahid, Abdul Vahab, Raja Varsi, Inam Varsi, Yaseen, Toufiq, Saklen, Abdul Samim and others were present.

## CHANGE OF NAME

IT IS INFORMED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT I PARIWESH TIWARI S/O DILHARAN PRASAD RESIDENT OF HOUSE NO. F-14, NUTAN COLONY NUTAN CHOWK SARKANDA BILASPUR (C.G.) - 495001 HAVE CHANGED MY OLD NAME PARIWESH TIWARI S/O DILHARAN PRASAD, SO IN FUTURE I SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED BY MY NEW NAME PARIWESH KUMAR TIWARI S/O DILHARAN PRASAD IN ALL GOVERNMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS. PARIWESH KUMAR TIWARI HOUSE NO. F-14, NUTAN COLONY NUTAN CHOWK SARKANDA BILASPUR (C.G.) - 495001

## Five from Dongargarh felicitated in prog by MSS

● In Nagpur

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**Dongargarh, Jun 30:** Mahila Shashaktikaran Sangh (MSS) on occasion of Jayanti of Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, organised a programme in 'Dikshabhoomi' of Dr Ambedkar Cultural auditorium in Nagpur.

During this a seminar was also organised on Future of Youth, employment opportunities in country and abroad; role of youth in 'Samantavadi Andolan'; condition of youth in the filed of science, arts, commerce, technical know-how, singing, music, journalism, trade, education and skills.

Chief Guest of the programme was Dr Prashant



Narnaware Commissioner Social Justice Department and special guests were Siddharth Dy. Commissioner Social Justice Department, Nagpur; Jayant Ramtek. It was chaired by Bhadant Dr Chandkriti.

National Gen. Secy. HK Azad said that Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj should never be forgotten. Dr Bhadant Chandrakirti

Bhante asked the students to move forward in the field of business and trade. Dr Naranaware and Siddharth also addressed the gathering.

On this occasion, around 200 students of Maharashtra and Madhyra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh were felicitated. A total of 200 poor students of Class 10th and 12th were presented schol-

arship.

In this programme, 5 students from Dongargarh were also felicitated and Pankaj Dongare was presented with scholarship of Rs 5000. In the same way the students Atharv Bombard, Pankaj Dongre and Nikhil Sahare, Dimple Jambhulkar were felicitated for best performance in Higher Secondary School exam.

Bijapur, Jun 30: A suspected Naxal supporter has been arrested with Rs 6.20 lakh in 2000 denomination in Bijapur district, police said on Thursday. Senior Naxal leaders had handed over the cash to him for depositing in various banks, said an official.

## Naxal 'supporter' arrested while on way to deposit Rs 2000 notes in bank

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lice that one Mahesh Mungel had received Rs 9 lakh in Rs 2000 notes from 'Shankar', commander of the Basaguda Local Organisation Squad of Naxals, and Nendra Revolutionary People's Council president Hadma Kuhrami.

The money was to be deposited in various banks and later withdrawn (in the form of valid currency

notes), the ASP said. Badse deposited Rs 1.8 lakh in a private bank three days ago while Rs 1 lakh were spent in miscellaneous expenditure. The balance Rs 6.20 lakh and some Maoist pamphlets were recovered from his possession and he was booked under the Chhattisgarh Special Public Security Act, the official said.

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M/s SHRI KRISHNA STEEL INDUSTRIES Partners : (1) Shri Ashok Kumar Agrawal, (2) Shri Krishna Mittal, (3) Shri Ashish Kumar Bansal, (4) Shri Ankur Agrawal.	1. Hypothecation of stock and book debt. 2. Hypothecation of all the part and partial of the plant machinery and office equipment's situated at Plot No. 231 (P) at Kh. No. 406(P) of O.P. Jindal Industrial Park Village Tumidih, Tehsil- Gharghoda, District Raigarh (C.G.).	20.05.2023 29.08.2022	₹ 517,12,- + Intl. + Other Charges since 20.05.2023

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrower(s) and/or their Guarantor(s) (whenever applicable) are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 15 days from the date of this notice.  
Date : 01.07.2023, Place : Raigarh  
Authorised Officer, Bank of India

## BRIEF



**A resident stands next to a put up poster stating 'My House is for Sale' (Mera Ghar Bikau Hai) over alleged threats of forceful eviction and poor law and order in the area, in Indore.**

## Prohibited

**New Delhi:** Two sealed bottles of alcohol per person is permitted to be carried inside Delhi Metro, according to revised norms, officials said on Friday. However, drinking of alcohol inside metro premises is still strictly prohibited, they said.

## Severe burns

**Atchutapuram:** Four persons suffered severe burn injuries following a blast at Sahiti Pharma company on Friday, located at Atchutapuram in Anakapalli district, police said. Police are on the spot trying to douse the flames and control the crowds gathered there so that they do not approach the accident site.

## Seize

**Agartala:** Police recovered heroin worth nearly Rs 13.80 crore and arrested two persons from Ambassa in Tripura's Dhalai district, a senior official said on Friday. This is the "biggest seizure of heroine or any other drug" in Tripura so far, he said. "Police intercepted a vehicle at Ambassa naka point on Thursday evening. During searches, 300 cases of heroin weighing 3.415 kg, having market value of around Rs 13.8 crore, was recovered hidden inside a cloth bag," SP, Dhalai, Avinash K Rai told PTI over phone.

## Jaundice

**Hamirpur:** As many as 44 people are suffering from diarrhoea following the spread of jaundice in 10 villages of Hamirpur district in Himachal Pradesh, officials said on Friday. The affected villages fall under four panchayats of Kot, Sarahkad, Bharamang and Khyah.

## Mishap

**Firozabad:** Four persons, including a woman, were killed and seven others injured in a collision between a car and an SUV on the Lucknow-Agra Expressway here on Friday afternoon, police said. The accident took place in the Matsena area when the car going from Delhi to Manipuri dashed into a divider and hopped onto the other side of the expressway, colliding with the Delhi-bound SUV coming from Lucknow, SP Ashish Tiwari said.

## Arrest

**New Delhi:** Delhi Police has busted a drug cartel arresting two of its members with heroin and tramadol powder worth Rs 8 crore from them, a senior officer said on Friday.

# Rahul meets Manipur governor, appeals for peace

Imphal, Jun 30 (PTI):

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said Manipur needs peace as violence is no solution, after meeting Governor Anusuiya Uiquey here on Friday. "I'm ready to whatever is needed for peace. I am appealing to everybody to maintain peace, violence can never be the way out," he told reporters outside the Raj Bhavan. Congress officials said that the governor assured that steps are being taken to restore peace in the ethnic strife-hit state. Earlier during the day, he met members of Manipur



**Congress leader Rahul Gandhi meets Manipur Governor Anusuiya Uiquey, at the Raj Bhavan in Imphal, Friday.**

civil society organisations here and listened to their problems.

Among the different organisations that he met included the Coordination Committee on Manipur Integrity (CoCoMI), a civil society organization, representatives of United Naga Council, the apex body of Naga community in Manipur, the Scheduled Tribe Demand Committee, and prominent personalities including JNU professor Bimol A. Gandhi also visited two relief camps at Moirang in Bishnupur district, party officials said.

## 'Modi govt gulled people with lies, lectures'

New Delhi, Jun 30 (PTI):

The Congress on Friday targeted the Modi government over rising prices of commodities, accusing it of deceiving people with its "ache din" slogan and misleading people through "Goebbels-inspired" lectures. "Enough of inflation" they had said. Then they deceived the people saying 'Ache Din Aane Wale Hain.' The result is that for the last nine years, the public is facing the brunt of inflation. There has been no reduction in the prices of essential food



**Mallikarjun Kharge**

items," Kharge said in a tweet in Hindi. "Modi ji's ministers make new excuses everyday on inflation and keep dishing out lies and propaganda in the empty plate of the public. Some of those devoted to guarding

this ecosystem even teach 'how inflation is good for us' and 'Modi ji must have done it after some thought.' They misled people with such Goebbels-inspired lectures," he said. "But now people are becoming aware. The public has come to know that the real sponsor of inflation is only the Modi government," the Congress chief added. In his post, Kharge also shared the current and last year prices of essential food items such as rice, wheat, Tur dal, onions, potatoes, tomatoes, and milk.

## Saayoni Ghosh appears before ED official

**In school job scam probe**

Kolkata, Jun 30 (PTI):

Trinamool Chhatra Parishad (TMCP) state president Saayoni Ghosh appeared before sleuths of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) at its city office here on Friday in connection with its investigation into the alleged irregularities in the school recruitment scam, officials said. The TMCP is the student wing of the Trinamool Congress. The ED on Wednesday issued a summons to Ghosh for



**TMCP State President Saayoni Ghosh arrives to appear before ED, in Kolkata, Friday.**

questioning in connection with its ongoing probe into the alleged irregularities in the

school recruitment scam. Ghosh, who is also a Bengali actress, said she would be cooperating with the ED officers. "I have been campaigning for the panchayat elections. I was served with the notice only 48 hours back despite that I have come here. I will be cooperating with the ED officials," Ghosh told reporters before getting into the ED office. Sources in the ED said that Ghosh's name surfaced multiple times while grilling of those arrested in connection with its probe. Sources in the central probe agency said

## Intermittent showers continue in Mumbai

**Road traffic affected in some areas**

Mumbai, Jun 30 (PTI):

Moderate to heavy rains continued to lash Mumbai and its suburbs on Friday, which hit the road traffic in some parts of the city due to waterlogging, while the local train operations largely remained unaffected even as delay of few minutes was observed on some routes, officials said. Since the onset of southwest monsoon over Mumbai on June 25, the

city has been getting regular showers. As per the India Meteorological Department's (IMD) data, the city has received more than 95 per cent of the rainfall recorded this month in just six days - between June 24 and 29. Incessant rainfall also increased to the water level of seven lakes supplying water to the city. The aggregate water stock of these reservoirs was 7.26 per cent on June 28, which has now gone up to 10.88 per cent, they said. In the 24 hours that ended 8 am on Friday, Mumbai, its

eastern suburbs and western suburbs received an average rainfall of 31 mm, 45 mm and 61 mm respectively, an official said. The city has been getting moderate to heavy showers since early morning and the intensity of rainfall is more in the suburbs, which resulted in waterlogging at some locations, he said. Commuters complained that the Andheri subway, located between Andheri and Jogeshwari stations of the Western Railway was closed for traffic due to waterlogging. Traffic slowed down in parts of the sub-

urbs as well. The suburban train services of the Central Railway and Western Railway were normal, the railway authorities said. However, commuters on some routes, including the Central Railways' Harbour line that operates services between Panvel and Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT), complained of delay in train operations in the morning hours. Trains were running some minutes behind their regular schedule on the Main line of the Central Railway as well, some office-goers said.

## AMARNATH YATRA PILGRIMS



**Pilgrims wait for registration of Amarnath Yatra 2023 at Mahajan hall, in Jammu, Friday.**

## 'BJP making push for UCC with eye on LS polls'

Etawah (UP), Jun 30 (PTI):

Samajwadi Party national general secretary Shivpal Singh Yadav on Friday accused the BJP of indulging in propaganda over the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) with an eye on the Lok Sabha polls. "Whenever there are elections, these people indulge in this kind of propaganda. They don't have to do anything nor will they be able to do anything. They will continue to indulge in this kind of talk before elections," Yadav told reporters here when questioned on BJP's moves towards the UCC. Prime



**Shivpal Singh Yadav**

Minister Narendra Modi had on Tuesday made a strong push for a UCC, asking how can the country function with dual laws that govern personal matters.

The Law Commission had on June 14 invited views from all stakeholders, including people and recognised religious organisations, on the politically sensitive issue. The SP leader, who was in his constituency Jaswant Nagar to inaugurate a medical store, said the BJP government has no concern for issues like inflation, corruption, unemployment. On the attack on Bhim Army leader Chandra Shekhar Aazad in Saharanpur on Wednesday, Yadav alleged that law and order has completely collapsed under the BJP government.

# Ideal Doctor : Combination of Art, Science & Craft



**Dr. Arvind Neral**

Dr. William Henry Welch, wrote about his father, who was a general practitioner that "the instant he entered the sick room, the patient felt better. The art of healing seemed to surround his physical body like an aura; it was not his treatment but his presence that cured the patient". "The secret in the care of the patient is caring for the patient" (Francis Peabody) is another way of stating that the very presence of the doctor is the most effective part of the treatment. Patients expect medicine to be something more than a mere application of medical science to the human condition.

The simplest way to ascertain what the people want, what they expect from their doctors is to ask them. During a survey on the above question, curiously the respondents have not emphasized the technical competence of the doctors as one might expect, probably because they assume that the qualified doctor is competent, and some professional watchdog is monitoring and ensuring that the required technical competence is assured and maintained. Thus for whatever reason, the respondents wanted: a doctor who would listen; a doctor who could sort out problems; and the opportunity to see the same doctor every time. It is a clear message that the patients want personally relevant health care delivered by a doctor who knows them well and that addresses their particular problems. By inference they do not want health care that is pursuing some medically defined agenda, or is delivered by an impersonal team. People expect the doctor to be a reliable explainer. They generally assume doctors are clinically competent and able to relieve their symptoms and in many instances cure them. But, people want much more than this; they want their own doctor, one who will listen to them and sort out their problems. Listening requires time. People want their doctor's time. They may not like waiting for their doctor, but once in the consulting room they want as much time as is necessary for the doctor to understand their problem. Patients need clear and relevant information and it is a distinct art to talk medicine in the language of non-medical man. Sir William Osler has said that his success as a

## Special on 1st July - Doctors' Day



physician was due to aspects of his personality and behavior that were independent of his scientific knowledge of medicine. Patients have a kind of 'faith' in him and that contributed for his success in managing them and their treatment. The faith in physician is mostly responsible for the wish of the doctor to see him every time he is sick, to open his heart to him, and put him under his care every time he feels his need. The basic of healing is the interaction of a healer and patient. Physician must use eyes to see, fingers to feel and ears to hear. The power of doctors and patients working together greatly exceeds the sum total of power each has when acting alone. Doctors are now also expected to be community oriented, and are expected to give more attention to community issues that would be more beneficial than attention to individual needs. It is now observed that there is a steady rise in the level of community participation in health-care issues. To meet these wider expectations, doctors need to be flexible enough to provide on the one hand high-quality care for individuals and their families when required, and on the other hand, care for the health of community

The doctors need to be able to take a wider angle view of the community and its health care system as well as a close up view of a specific disturbance in a patient's bodily system; he needs to be able to see the interrelatedness of all the systems which influence health, and use this insight in diagnosis and management. Medical education must prepare the doctors not only for the care of manifest sickness, but also for prevention and prediction of disease, protection of function and promotion of health. John Shaw Billings has rightly said - "The education of the doctor which goes on after he has his degrees after all, is the most important part of his education". The need for quality in medical care needs no emphasis; hospital management is now highly motivated to practice assurance programs and introduce the total quality management in hospitals. The patients expect the doctor to play a key role in achieving equitable, efficient and economical health care, and especially the care of underprivileged and vulnerable pop-

ulation. They wish to have low-cost and high-impact technologies. They expect a thorough and rigorous assessment of the new technologies and informed decision making. The public wish that the doctors take the lead in spreading the ethics of prevention and health promotion. Seventy five years ago, Mahatma Gandhi, that apostle of truth and non-violence, said: "I would be hard hearted enough to let the sick die if you can tell me how to prevent others from falling sick." The public also fondly hope that the most flagrant paradox of our times of possessing well-tested knowledge and skills and not being able to apply them to those in greatest needs will be ended. The most fervent wish of the people in many developing countries relates to a transformation of their existing health-care institutions into clean, caring, compassionate, communicative and counseling institutions. (Writer is Professor & H.O.D. Department of Pathology, Pt. J.N.M. Medical College, Raipur (C.G.))

UK calls for UN reform with permanent Security Council seat for India

London, Jun 30 (PTD):

The UK government has reiterated its call for reform of the United Nations as one of its top transnational priorities and supported India's bid for permanent membership of the powerful Security Council.

In a speech at a conference at the Chatham House think tank in London on Thursday, UK Foreign Secretary James Cleverly called for a reinvigorated multilateral system that is more reflective of the times.

He pointed out that the world's economic centre of gravity is shifting away from the Euro-Atlantic and towards the Indo-Pacific but the multilateral institutions are yet to catch up.

"I have five transnational priorities. First, reform of the United Nations Security Council. We want to see permanent African representation and membership extended to India, Brazil, Germany and Japan," said Cleverly.

"I know this is a bold reform. But it will usher the Security Council into the 2020s. And the UNSC has grown before albeit not since 1965. My second priority is reform of the international financial institutions. This matters for climate finance and, of course, for poverty reduction," he said.

The minister also hailed India's leadership role with its presidency of the G20 in pitching for representation of poorer nations on the world stage.

"It seems obvious to me that the voice of the poorest and most vulnerable countries must be heard at the heart of the multilateral system. That's why we support permanent membership of the G20

for the African Union and welcome India's leadership on taking this forward," he said.

Among the other priorities for the UK, Cleverly highlighted making finance easier and quicker to access and maximise the impact of that investment.

He also stressed that the World Trade Organisation (WTO) desperately needs new rules that reflect today's digital economy to make trade policy "free, fair, open and not manipulated or distorted".

He spelt out another top priority as artificial intelligence (AI) and quantum computing have the potential to transform humankind's problem-solving capabilities.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, E/M CIRCLE, RAIPUR (C.G.)

e-Procurement Tender Notice

Online tenders are invited on behalf of Governor of Chhattisgarh from contractors C.G. P.W.D. For Form "A" (Percentage Rate Tender) in new Registration system (unified Registration system) for the following work:-

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क्रमांक-3480/NIT-3/2023-2024/ व.ले.लि. दिनांक 27/06/2023

द्वितीय आमंत्रण

निविदा प्रपत्र क्रय करने हेतु आवेदन प्रस्तुत करने की अंतिम तिथि 03/07/2023 अपरान्ह 5.30 बजे तक निविदा प्रपत्र प्रदाय करने की तिथि 05/07/2023 अपरान्ह 5.30 बजे तक

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600 arrested and 200 police officers hurt

Nanterre (France), Jun 30 (AP):

Protesters erected barricades, lit fires and shot fireworks at police who responded with tear gas and water cannons in French streets overnight as tensions grew over the deadly police shooting of a 17-year-old that has shocked the nation. More than 600 people were arrested and at least 200 police officers injured as the government struggled to restore order on a third night of unrest.

Armoured police vehicles rammed through the charred remains of cars that had been flipped and set ablaze in the northwestern Paris suburb of Nanterre, where a police officer shot the teen identified only by his first name,

Nahel. On the other side of Paris, protesters lit a fire at the city hall of the suburb of Clichy-sous-Bois and set a bus depot ablaze in Aubervilliers.

In several Paris neighbourhoods, groups of people hurled firecrackers at security forces.

The police station in the city's 12th district was attacked, while some shops were looted along Rivoli street, near the Louvre museum, and at the

Forum des Halles, the largest shopping mall in central Paris. In the Mediterranean port city of Marseille, police sought to disperse violent groups in the city center; regional authorities said. Some 40,000 police officers were deployed to quell the protests.

Police detained 667 people, the interior minister said; 307 of those were in the Paris region alone, according to the Paris police headquarters.

All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Raipur (An Autonomous Institute Under the Ministry of MoHFW, Govt. of India)

No.03/02/2023/Recruit/Reg/163 Date:10.06.2023

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कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियंता, लोक निर्माण विभाग, (वि./यां.) सभाग दुर्ग

निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ज्ञाप क्र. 5639/नि.प्र. क्र.-03/लो.नि.वि./2023-24 दुर्ग, दिनांक 27/06/2023
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निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

क्रमांक-3895/NIT-7/2023-2024/ व.ले.लि. दिनांक 27/06/2023

निविदा प्रपत्र क्रय करने हेतु आवेदन प्रस्तुत करने की अंतिम तिथि 04/07/2023 अपरान्ह 5.30 बजे तक डेकेदारों द्वारा प्रस्तुत निविदायें प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि 07/07/2023 अपरान्ह 5.30 बजे तक निविदा खोलने की तिथि 10/07/2023 पूर्वाह्न 11.30 बजे तक

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कार्यपालन अभियंता लोक निर्माण विभाग (वि./यां.) सभाग अम्बिकापुर, जिला सरगुजा (छ.ग.)

E-Auction Date: 31.07.2023

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) & Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the secured creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the authorised officer the Canara Bank (secured creditor) will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS, AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" & "WHAT EVER THERE IS" on 31.07.2023 from 12.30 Noon to 2.30 pm for recovery of bank dues to the Canara Bank (secured creditor).

Large table with 5 columns: Name and address of the Borrower & Guarantors, Description of Properties & Name of Property Owner, Demand Notice Dt., Reserve Price, Branch Name & Account No. & IFSC Code. Lists multiple auction items with details like M/s Ajanta Thread and Cosmetics, M/s AR Industries, etc.

### Political Rejig in Chhattisgarh

#### Congress' Strategic Maneuver for Unity and Electoral Success

In a strategic move aimed at fostering unity and preparing for the upcoming Assembly elections in Chhattisgarh, the Congress high command has sent a resolute message to Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel through T.S. Singh Deo's elevation as Deputy Chief Minister. The party's decision, announced late Wednesday night, effectively settles a prolonged four-year-long feud and reinforces the need for a united front. Ever since the Congress secured a decisive victory in the state in 2018, T.S. Singh Deo has been invoking the assurance made by former Congress president Rahul Gandhi that he would be handed the reins of power midway through the government's tenure. Despite enduring occasional moments of dissent, such as his public protest in July 2022 when he relinquished the Panchayati Raj portfolio and penned a scathing four-page resignation letter criticizing his own government, Singh Deo has largely exhibited composure. For Chief Minister Baghel, this turn of events is akin to the winner's curse. As the president of the state unit, Baghel was lauded for constructing a robust organization that propelled the party to victory. However, the four years in power have taken a toll on the party's organizational network, prompting the central leadership to intervene and seek its restoration. Chief Minister Baghel's strategy to gain popularity involves a pronounced emphasis on positioning the state as a favored destination for Hindu pilgrims, spotlighting its association with Lord Ram. One recent example of this approach was the International Ramayana Festival organized by the state government from June 1-3. While the central leadership acknowledges the tactical reasoning behind these efforts, it also underscores the party's commitment to being inclusive of all religions. Baghel has been advised to maintain the party's distinction from the BJP and avoid succumbing to the trappings of Hindutva. However, the path to regaining power for Singh Deo may not be without obstacles. It remains to be seen whether he will be entrusted with meaningful responsibilities beyond the Health portfolio he currently holds. Singh Deo's unwavering loyalty has finally borne fruit. He staunchly rejected the BJP's overtures, publicly declaring that he would not align with them under any circumstances. Upon his arrival in Raipur on Thursday, a smiling Singh Deo proclaimed that all challenges could ultimately be resolved through dialogue. He asserted the unity of the Congress, stating, "Our priority will be to work together for the development of the state and the welfare of its people. The elevation of Singh Deo as Deputy Chief Minister is a significant step towards reinforcing this unity within the party. The move has also been seen as an attempt by the Congress to consolidate its position and strengthen its chances in the upcoming Assembly elections. With Singh Deo's popularity and influence in north Chhattisgarh, where the Congress has faced challenges in recent years, his elevation is expected to boost the party's prospects in the region. The Congress high command hopes that this strategic maneuver will not only rejuvenate the party organization but also appeal to a broader base of voters, including tribal communities who have traditionally supported the Congress. The decision to promote Singh Deo has been met with mixed reactions within the party. While many party members have welcomed the move as a step towards unity and electoral success, there are some who view it as a compromise to placate a dissident leader. Chief Minister Baghel's supporters, in particular, have expressed their disappointment with the decision, seeing it as a dilution of his authority. However, the central leadership of the Congress has emphasized that the move is not intended to undermine Baghel's position but rather to strengthen the party as a whole. They have urged party members to work together in the best interest of the party and the state, setting aside personal differences and ambitions. As the political landscape in Chhattisgarh continues to evolve, all eyes will be on how the Congress leadership manages the delicate balance between Baghel and Singh Deo. The success of this strategic maneuver will depend on their ability to present a united front, consolidate their support base, and effectively communicate their vision for the state's development and progress. Only time will tell whether this political rejig and strategic maneuver will yield the desired results for the Congress in Chhattisgarh. Meanwhile, the Congress party is also facing challenges in Rajasthan, where the power struggle between Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and former Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot has created a rift within the party. The central leadership of the Congress is cognizant of the need to address this internal discord and bring about a resolution to ensure party unity. To call a truce between Pilot and Gehlot, the Congress leadership has initiated back-channel talks and discussions with both leaders. Efforts are underway to identify common ground and find a mutually agreeable solution that satisfies the aspirations and concerns of both factions. The party is keen on avoiding any further division and ensuring that the leadership in Rajasthan presents a united front ahead of the crucial Assembly elections. The central leadership has emphasized the importance of party discipline and cohesion, urging all party members to prioritize the interests of the party and work towards a harmonious resolution. By fostering dialogue and understanding, the Congress hopes to mend the internal rift and present a united face to the people of Rajasthan.

### Reviving Excellence

#### Empowering Higher Education

The release of the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings 2024 has cast a shadow over India's education sector, with a significant decline in the rankings of many esteemed institutes and universities. While a few institutions have showcased commendable performance, such as IIT-Bombay securing the 149th position and the University of Delhi and Anna University entering the top 500, the overall picture remains disheartening. The slipping rankings of various IITs and IISc-Bangalore, coupled with the limited progress of regional universities, demand urgent attention and remedial action. The shift in rankings can partly be attributed to the recalibrated methodology employed in this edition of QS rankings, incorporating criteria like Sustainability, Employment Outcomes, and International Research Network. However, it is crucial to recognize the underlying issues plaguing our higher education system that contribute to this decline. Many universities in the region have experienced stagnant or worsening rankings across multiple surveys, including the Education Ministry's NIRF rankings. This trend is further exacerbated by the challenges they face, such as staff shortages and insufficient funding, tarnishing their reputation and warranting serious concern. To remain competitive on the global stage and rival the ascending stature of institutions in countries like China, India must prioritize and increase its investment in education. The recent approval of the National Research Foundation (NRF) by the Union Cabinet, accompanied by the allocation of Rs 50,000 crore over a five-year period (2023-2028), marks a promising beginning. By targeting state-level universities and rural institutions, the NRF has the potential to reverse the decline in the quality of higher education and enhance the employability of our youth, crucial for their future success. However, financial support alone is not sufficient. It is imperative for the government and educational authorities to address the systemic challenges hindering the growth and excellence of our universities. Structural reforms should focus on attracting and retaining highly qualified faculty members, fostering a culture of research and innovation, and providing adequate resources for infrastructure development. Additionally, closer collaboration between academia, industry, and research organizations will foster practical learning experiences and drive innovation, further enhancing the quality and relevance of our education system. Furthermore, nurturing an environment that encourages international collaboration and exchange will enhance the global standing of Indian universities. Collaborative research projects, student exchange programs, and partnerships with renowned international institutions can provide exposure to diverse perspectives, fostering cross-cultural learning and enriching the educational experience for both Indian and international students. The challenges faced by our education system cannot be underestimated, but they present an opportunity for transformation and revitalization. It is essential for policymakers, educational institutions, and stakeholders to collectively prioritize and invest in the development of our higher education sector. By doing so, we can reclaim our position as a global education hub and produce graduates who are equipped to tackle the challenges of the future, contribute to scientific advancements, and drive the nation's progress.

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### RAIN WARRIORS

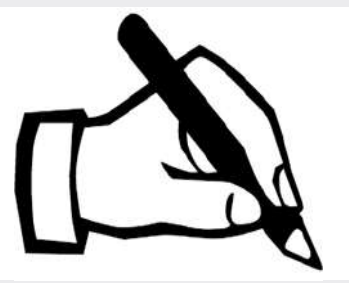


Young women protecting themselves from rains walk amid Monsoon rainfall, near India Gate in New Delhi, Friday, June 30.

## Sluggish Employment Growth Expected Globally, Poses Challenges for Recovery



PROF. SUNIL GOYAL



Global employment is projected to expand by 1.0 percent in 2023, a significant deceleration from the 2.3 per cent growth rate of 2022. This projection for 2023 is a notable downward revision of 0.5 percentage points from the previous projection. No major improvement is projected for 2024 when employment growth is expected to have edged up to 1.1 percent. The outlook is pessimistic for high-income countries, with close to zero employment growth. By contrast, low income and lower-middle-income countries are projected to see employment growth surpassing their pre-pandemic growth trend. The slowdown in employment growth means that gaps opened up by the COVID-19 crisis globally are not projected to be closed in the next two years. Strong employment growth in 2022 raised the global employment-to-population ratio to 56.4 percent, up from 54.5 per cent in 2020 but still almost half a percentage point below the level of 2019. Total weekly hours worked in 2022 remained shy of their level in the fourth quarter of 2019 by 1.4 percent when adjusted for population growth; this figure translates into the equivalent of 41 million full-time jobs

(at 48 hours per week). Average weekly hours worked per worker are projected to decline slightly in 2023 as a result of the economic slowdown, to remain at just above 41 hours per week. This reduction in activity limits the earnings potential of workers and in all likelihood lessens opportunities for transitions into better-quality, well-paying jobs. Employment growth in 2021 was robust as key sectors of the economy reopened, and labour market conditions continued to improve in 2022. The employment-to-population ratio surpassed its pre-crisis level in Europe and Central Asia in 2022 and has recovered the majority of its losses in the other regions. Women, disproportionately affected by employment losses in 2020, have seen particularly strong employment growth. By 2022 their employment-to-population ratio had recovered to within 0.3 percentage points of the pre-crisis level, compared with a gap of 0.6 percentage points for men. However, this stronger recovery was mainly driven by informal employment: four out of five jobs created in 2022 for women were informal, versus only two out of three for men. The labour market outlook for

2023 varies considerably by region. Africa and the Arab States should see employment growth in the order of 3 per cent or more. However, with their growing working-age populations, both regions are likely to see unemployment rates decline only modestly (from 7.4 to 7.3 per cent in Africa and from 8.5 to 8.2 per cent in the Arab States). In Asia and the Pacific and in Latin America and the Caribbean, annual employment growth is projected to be in the order of 1 per cent. In North America, there will be no employment gains in 2023 and unemployment will pick up. Europe and Central Asia are particularly hard hit by the economic fallout from the Ukraine conflict; employment is projected to decline in 2023, but unemployment rates should increase only slightly against the backdrop of limited growth in the working-age population. Indeed, in Europe and Central Asia the labour force is set to decline in 2023. Regardless of these trends in headline labour market indicators, each region will continue to face a myriad of decent work deficits that are likely to worsen in the face of global economic conditions and long-term challenges like climate change. Global labour supply growth is likely to continue its deceleration, which will contribute to substantial labour shortages in advanced economies in particular. Part of this deceleration is to be expected because over the past decade both developing and emerging countries have experienced rising income levels that have allowed many younger citizens to extend their time in education. Nevertheless, a large share of young people remains outside employment, education or training (the so-called NEET rate), which will adversely affect their future labour

market opportunities. Reducing these NEET rates continues to be a significant challenge that needs to be addressed if the global economy is to benefit from the youth bulge in the demographic profile of many developing countries. Even partially closing the global jobs gap by expanding gainful employment would reduce decent work deficits and boost economic activity. Advanced economies have made considerable progress in this regard, offering opportunities for older workers in particular to remain attached to the labour market; this is the only group of countries where labour force participation rates have increased over the past decade rather than declined. Global unemployment is projected to edge up slightly in 2023, by around 3 million, to reach 208 million. This corresponds to an unemployment rate of 5.8 per cent. Despite the negative global economic outlook, global unemployment is projected to increase only moderately, since a large part of the shock is being absorbed by rapidly falling real wages in an environment of accelerating inflation. However, although global unemployment declined significantly in 2022, down to 205 million from 235 million in 2020, it still remained 13 million above the 2019 level. In 2022, unemployment rates fell below their pre-crisis level only in the Americas and in Europe and Central Asia; they remain above that level in the other regions. Author is an Eminent Social Scientist, Columnist, and presently posted as Dean and Registrar at Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University of Social Sciences, Dr. Ambedkar Nagar (MHOW), Madhya Pradesh, India, Email [gasspub@gmail.com](mailto:gasspub@gmail.com)

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Challenging Superstition

In a society veering away from rationality, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah stands as an exception. Defying superstition, he opened the supposedly "inauspicious" South door of the Chief Minister's office in Vidhana Soudha on a Saturday, challenging conventional beliefs. Similarly, Bahanaga High School in Odisha was rebuilt to escape the ghosts of a tragic railway disaster, prompting reflection on the messages conveyed to students and the younger generation. These actions mock Article 51A (h) of the Constitution, which calls for scientific temper and humanism. Siddaramaiah's enlightened approach promotes a healthy mindset, compassion, and logical thinking. May his example dispel the darkness of superstition and inspire Indians from all walks of life to lead rational and empathetic lives.

Kajal Chatterjee, Kolkata

#### Urgent Call for Normalcy

Following a crucial summit, Union Home Minister Amit Shah has provided reassurances to political parties, pledging the Union government's dedication to quelling the violence in Manipur. However, restoring the rule of law and initiating a reconciliation process are imperative steps that demand immediate action. Only through these measures can we hope to witness the swift return of normalcy to this northeastern state, bringing solace and stability to its inhabitants. The time has come for the Centre to exhibit decisive leadership and work tirelessly towards a lasting resolution, bringing an end to the strife that has plagued Manipur for far too long.

Mk Nair, Raipur

#### Regulate to Protect

In Canada and other Western nations, professionals from property dealers and advisers to barbers and cobblers must obtain government licenses to practice their trade. These licenses serve as a testament to their expertise and financial integrity. Conversely, our country operates in stark contrast, with rare exceptions. Grocery shop owners can freely venture into property dealing or immigration/visa advisory without mandatory regulations. This exploitation leaves young aspirants and their parents vulnerable. To put an end to this free-for-all, the government must enforce rigorous checks and balances, ensuring that agents cannot operate without a valid license. It is time to prioritize the well-being and protection of our citizens.

Sushil Shukla, Rajnandgaon

### Arctic's Silent Witnesses

## Exploring the Role of Microbes in the Accelerating Arctic Melt-down

Arwyn Edwards

The Arctic is experiencing an alarming rate of warming, with climate change impacts intensifying at a staggering four times the global average. This rapid warming is causing irreversible changes in the fragile Arctic ecosystem, from the predicted extinction of polar bears to the increasing presence of killer whales. While previous estimates predicted an ice-free Arctic Ocean in summer by the 2040s, a recent study suggests it could occur as early as the 2030s. Amidst this unfolding catastrophe, the key to understanding the pace and consequences lies in the microscopic organisms that inhabit this fragile region. Microbes, single-celled organisms too small to be seen with the naked eye, have become crucial indicators and catalysts of the Arctic's demise. Scientists studying these microbes have adopted the role of forensic pathologists, investigating crime scenes in the Arctic and donning white anti-contamination suits to collect samples for analysis. These microbes not only bear witness to the vulnerability of their Arctic habitats to human-induced changes but also contribute to powerful climate feedback loops that further exacerbate the impacts of global warming.

During my first expedition to the Arctic, a near-fatal incident on a glacier in Svalbard, Norway, made me acutely aware of the dangers and the urgent need to understand these microscopic organisms. These resilient microbes can adapt to extreme temperatures, and even the slightest increase above freezing can trigger a transformation of the Arctic landscape. Nutrient-rich water created by melting ice becomes a thriving habitat for microbial reproduction, further amplifying the effects of climate warming. The Svalbard region, where I conducted my research, is now warming at an alarming rate seven times faster than the global average. Nozomu Takeuchi, a glacier ecologist and professor at Chiba University, has been at the forefront of studying the effects of climate change on glaciers. His research has shown that the future of life and the fate of ice are interconnected. Glacial surfaces, once covered in reflective white snow and ice, are now darkening due to the accumulation of sunscreens-like pigments in microbes. These pigmented areas, known as "biological darkening," absorb more solar heat, accelerating the melting process. The growth of algae on glaciers, rich in protective pigments, contributes to this phenomenon.

The impact of biological darkening on the Greenland ice sheet, the largest mass of glacial ice in the northern hemisphere, is particularly concerning. The "dark zone" that scars the western margin of the ice sheet has expanded by 14% between 2000 and 2014. These areas, teeming with algae, are accelerating the melting process, releasing vast quantities of water into the ocean and raising sea levels. Scientists, including Karen Cameron, are conducting ground-level measurements to quantify the darkness of the ice and assess the impact of biological darkening on sea-level rise. The potential multiplication of drainage valves due to feedback processes like biological darkening threatens to hasten the rate of sea-level rise. The Arctic's permafrost, found in the frozen lands of eight nations, contains a substantial amount of carbon. This carbon, a legacy of past climates, is now being released as greenhouse gases due to human-induced climate change. Microbes within the tundra feed on the thawing permafrost, emitting greenhouse gases in the process. This permafrost carbon feedback loop further amplifies warming and accelerates the thawing of the tundra, releasing even more greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. The re-

lease of methane, a potent greenhouse gas, from Arctic lands is a significant concern. Andy Hodson, who has dedicated over three decades to studying the interaction between microbes, carbon, and the Arctic landscape, has been investigating the role of microbes in the release of greenhouse gases. His research has revealed that as the permafrost thaws, ancient organic matter locked within the frozen soil becomes available as a food source for microbes. These microbes break down the organic matter through a process called decomposition, releasing carbon dioxide (CO2) and methane (CH4) into the atmosphere. The acceleration of this process poses a significant threat. Methane is approximately 30 times more potent than CO2 in terms of its warming potential over a century. As the Arctic warms, the release of methane from thawing permafrost creates a positive feedback loop, further contributing to global warming and the destabilization of the climate. In addition to their role in the release of greenhouse gases, Arctic microbes also play a crucial role in nutrient cycling within the ecosystem. As the Arctic experiences unprecedented ice melt, large quantities of freshwater, carrying nutrients, are discharged

into the ocean. Microbes in the water column, particularly phytoplankton, respond to this influx of nutrients and undergo rapid growth, forming the basis of the Arctic food web. Efforts are underway to monitor and model the complex interactions between microbes, climate change, and Arctic ecosystems. Collaborative initiatives involving scientists, policymakers, and local communities aim to establish long-term monitoring networks to track changes in microbial communities and their functions over time. These initiatives also seek to integrate traditional knowledge systems with scientific approaches, fostering a holistic understanding of the Arctic's microbial world. As the Arctic continues to warm and change at an alarming rate, the silent witnesses—microbes—hold the keys to unraveling the intricacies of this evolving crime scene. By studying and safeguarding these microscopic organisms, we can better comprehend the consequences of human-induced climate change, develop effective mitigation strategies, and strive to preserve the Arctic's fragile beauty for generations to come.

(Writer is a Reader in Biology, Department of Life Sciences, Aberystwyth University. Views are personal)

**BRIEF**
**Affordable credit**


**New Delhi:** Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has asked banks to ensure enhanced and affordable credit to MSME exporters with a view to boosting the country's outbound shipments. This was stated in a meeting called by the ministry on June 28 to discuss ways of enhancing the availability of export credit to MSME exporters. The minister "has asked the Indian banks to ensure enhanced and affordable credit to MSMEs to achieve the target of USD one trillion merchandise exports," the ministry said in a statement.

**Special audit**

**New Delhi:** Aviation watchdog DGCA will conduct a special audit of grounded airline Go First's facilities in the national capital and Mumbai from July 4 to 6 before approving the revival plan for the resumption of flights, according to a senior official. Cash-strapped Go First stopped flying on May 3 and is undergoing a voluntary insolvency resolution process. The senior official at DGCA on Friday said that after a preliminary review of the resumption plan submitted by the Resolution Professional (RP) for Go First on June 28, the regulator has planned to conduct a special audit.

**Electric bus**


**Bengaluru:** Karnataka Large and Medium Industries Minister M B Patil on Friday said Taiwanese companies have expressed interest to collaborate with the State in converting diesel-run Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTTC) buses into electric ones. He said this after a high-level delegation from Taiwan met him here to discuss industrial collaborations. Converting diesel-powered BMTTC buses into electric would enable us to take a step forward towards sustainability and the Industries department would facilitate further talks with the transport counterpart in this regard, Patil said.

**Fiscal deficit**

**New Delhi:** The central government's fiscal deficit at the end of May stood at 11.8 per cent of the full-year budget estimates for 2023-24, according to official data. The fiscal deficit was 12.3 per cent of the 2022-23 BE in the same period of the last year. Fiscal deficit is the difference between total expenditure and revenue of the government.

## Banks to begin reporting on new data warehouse CIMS: Das

**Mumbai, Jun 30:**

Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das on Friday said commercial banks will first begin reporting on the central bank's latest next-generation data warehouse, the Centralised Information Management System' (CIMS), followed by urban cooperative banks and non-banking financial companies. Das was addressing the 17th statistics day conference at the RBI headquarters, which also marks the birth anniversary of Prof Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis—the best-known mind in the field. Launching the new system, he said the latest CIMS, which is the central bank's next-generation data warehouse, is starting with reporting by commercial banks which will be gradually extended to urban cooperative banks (UCBs) and non-banking financial



companies (NBFCs). Das also said incidentally, with the CIMS going live, the first weekly statistical supplement, which is the RBI's weekly data release on its own operations and on developments in banking and financial markets, was compiled and processed in the CIMS for the week to June 23. The new system will disseminate more data for public use and will also support online statistical analysis by external users at their end, the governor said,

adding regulated entities will also have access to their past data and their assessment on quality parameters in the new system. The Reserve Bank established its first enterprise-wide data warehouse, the Central Database Management System (CDBMS) in 2002 and from November 2004 a large part of this data system was placed in the public domain as the database on the economy or on the DBIE portal. Over the years, this portal has evolved from a simple data repository to an information processing and management system, which has become the Reserve Bank's data dissemination platform. The DBIE remains very popular among domestic and international researchers, analysts, and general public, especially students. It received over 2.5 lakh hits in May 2023.

## Vedanta rolls out inclusion policy for transgender employees

**Mumbai, Jun 30:**

Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest producer of aluminium, celebrated Pride Month as an occasion to reaffirm its dedication to fostering an inclusive and diverse workplace. By recently welcoming two transgender professionals into its operations at Lanjigarh, Odisha, the company now employs nearly 30 transgender employees across all of its primary locations. These include its mega aluminium smelter in Jharsuguda, Odisha, its world-class alumina refinery in Lanjigarh, and its subsidiary BALCO, India's iconic aluminium producer based in Chhattisgarh. This comes as a significant achievement in Vedanta Aluminium's mission to foster a truly diverse



workplace, placing the company among a handful of manufacturing and heavy engineering firms in India and the world to include LGBTQIA+ employees with core operations in varied roles such as asset security, materials movement and hospitality.

Globally, the gender diversity ratio in manufacturing and heavy engineering industries has been quite low, and this deficit is especially acute in the metals and mining sector. On the company's efforts to strengthen its diverse workforce, Mr Rahul Sharma, CEO, Vedanta Ltd - Aluminium Business said, "As we navigate the diverse and complex landscape of our global markets and customers, we recognize the

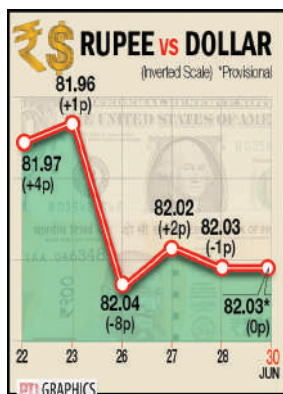
immense value of embracing diversity in all its forms. By seeking out individuals with diverse perspectives, experiences, skills, and educational backgrounds, we strengthen our pillar of employee centricity and the ability to develop well-rounded business strategies."

Sharing her experience, Ranjan Pradhan, one of the trans professionals recently hired at Lanjigarh said, "I am grateful for this opportunity to earn a sustainable livelihood and envision a brighter future for my personal and professional growth."

Through such initiatives, Vedanta is helping bring the marginalised trans community into the mainstream, and also providing a safe and supportive environment to nurture our true potential."

## Rupee closes flat at 82.03 against US dollar as rate hike worries cap gain

**Mumbai, Jun 30:** The rupee closed flat at 82.03 (provisional) against the US dollar in a restricted trade on Friday amid a rally in the domestic equities and firm crude oil prices. While FII inflows into equities supported the rupee, a firm US dollar in global markets and gains in crude oil prices capped its gains, analysts said. The rupee opened weak at 82.05 at the interbank foreign exchange market due to firm crude oil prices in the Asian trade. It moved in a tight range of 82.00 to 82.07 in the day trade. The local unit settled flat at 82.03 (provisional) against the US dollar. The rupee closed at the same level on Wednesday. Forex markets were closed on Thursday



on the occasion of the Bakrid holiday. The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, firmed up by 0.09 per cent to 103.43 on growing expectations of further interest rate hikes by the US Federal Reserve.

## Industry should participate on e-logs platform to raise their problems: DPIIT

**New Delhi, Jun 29:**

Industry associations should participate on the e-logs platform and deliberate their issues to help service investment group (SIG) address them on a fast track mode, an official statement said on Thursday. This was suggested to the industry during a meeting of SIG on June 28.

It was chaired by Sumita Dawra, the Special Secretary in the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). During the meeting, major issues impacting the trade were resolved to the satisfaction of all the stakeholders, the DPIIT said. Under the national logistics policy, a



new digital platform Ease of Logistics Services (e-logs) has been started. Through this portal, industry associations can directly take up issues which are causing problems in their operations and performance with government agencies. A complete system has also been put in place for the

speedy resolution of such cases. "Industry associations should participate on the e-logs platform and deliberate their issues to help SIG address these issues on a fast track mode in line with the National Logistic Policy," the department said in a statement.

A bid to elicit pro-active participation of various business/industry associations, on one hand, and instil enormous confidence amongst them, on the other was the topmost agenda of the SIG.

During the meeting, new issues highlighted by the industry associations were deliberated threadbare in addition to the follow-up actions on issues raised in the previous meetings.

## Govt raises interest rates on select small saving schemes by up to 0.3 pc

**New Delhi:** The government on Friday raised interest rates on select saving schemes by up to 0.3 per cent for the July-September quarter in line with the high-interest rates in the banking system. The highest increase of 0.3 per cent was for the five-year recurring deposit (RD). During the second quarter of the current fiscal, RD holders would get 6.5 per cent against the existing 6.2 per cent, as per the finance ministry notification. With the revision, a one-year term deposit with post offices will now earn 0.1 percentage higher point at 6.9 per cent and for the two years tenor - 7 per cent (up from 6.9 per cent). However, interest rates on term deposits for three years and five years have been retained at 7 per cent and 7.5 per cent. The interest rates for popular PPF and savings deposits are retained at 7.1 per cent and 4 per cent, respectively. The interest rate on the National Savings Certificate (NSC) remained unchanged at 7.7 per cent for July 1 to September 30, 2023, period.

## Lexus to hike price of ES 300h sedan range by up to 2 pc from July


**New Delhi, Jun 30:**

Luxury carmaker Lexus India on Friday said it will increase prices of ES 300h sedan range by up to 2 per cent from next month in order to offset rise in input costs. In a statement, Lexus India President Naveen Soni said the current circumstances require the automaker to raise prices of the model. "As a part of our commitment to excellence and

despite our best efforts to mitigate the effects, the current circumstances require us to raise the prices for the Lexus ES 300h luxury sedan," he noted. Lexus India would like to assure its valued customers that the company is trying its best to minimise such hikes, against various cost pressures, Soni said. "This price adjustment is purely for the

Lexus ES 300h and will be effective beginning July 1, 2023," he added. The ES 300h range starts from Rs 62 lakh (ex-showroom). In a separate statement, Lexus India said it has commenced deliveries of fifth-generation RX SUV in the country. The five-seater SUV was first showcased in India at the Auto Expo 2023 earlier this year, and bookings for it started on the same day.

## D-Street party continues: Sensex, Nifty scale fresh all-time highs

**Mumbai:** Benchmark equity indices scaled fresh all-time closing highs on Friday, propelled by foreign fund inflows and a firm trend in the global markets. Intense buying in index heavyweights Infosys, HDFC twins, Reliance Industries and TCS further bolstered sentiment, traders said. Rallying for the third straight day, the 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 803.14 points or 1.26 per cent to settle at its lifetime closing high of 64,718.56. During the day, it zoomed 853.16 points or 1.33 per cent to reach its record intra-day peak of 64,768.58. The NSE Nifty climbed 216.95 points or 1.14 per cent to end at a record high of 19,189.05. During the day, it rallied 229.6 points or 1.21 per cent to hit its all-time intra-day peak of 19,201.70. Mahindra & Mahindra was the best performer in the Sensex pack, rising over 4 per cent, followed by Indusind Bank, Infosys, Tata Consultancy Services, Maruti, Larsen & Toubro, Tech Mahindra, Wipro, Power Grid, HDFC Bank, HDFC, Bajaj Finance and Reliance Industries.

## British Airways witnessing growth in demand in India: CEO

**New Delhi, Jun 30:**

British Airways is seeing a more balanced growth in India and has increased its weekly flights to 56 compared to the pre-pandemic level, the airline's chief Sean Doyle said on Friday. Speaking at a media roundtable here, Doyle, who is the Chairman and CEO, also said there is a growth in air travel demand in India and the airline is looking for expansion. Currently, the airline has 56 weekly frequencies connecting five Indian cities — Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Bengaluru and Hyderabad. Before the coronavirus pandemic, the airline had 49 weekly flights. "We are rebuilding and modernising," the



British Airways Chairman and CEO Sean Doyle at an event, in New Delhi, Friday, June 30.

airline after the pandemic and India is an important part, Doyle said. British Airways, which started flying into India in 1924, has more than 2,000 employees in the country, the airline's Chief Customer Officer Calum Laming said.

## Amazon India is back with Prime Day

**Mumbai, Jun 30:**

Amazon India is back with its annual two-day celebration to 'Discover Joy' with Prime Day 2023! Starting at 12:00 AM on July 15 till July 16, 2023, the seventh edition of Prime Day brings in two days of great deals, savings, blockbuster entertainment, new launches, and much more, bigger and better than before. This Prime Day, Prime members can sit back, relax, and enjoy all the blockbuster entertainment and shop to their heart's content during the two-day shopping event. From Smartphones, TVs, Appliances, Fashion & Beauty, Groceries, Amazon Devices, Home & Kitchen, Furniture to everyday essentials, and much more, Prime members can enjoy

new launches, never-heard-before deals, best of entertainment and savings. On this occasion, Akshay Sahi, Director, Prime and Delivery Experience, Amazon India said: "This Prime Day, customers will enjoy our fastest speeds ever in India. Prime members ordering from 25 cities of India will be able to enjoy same day or the very next day delivery of their orders and Prime members shopping from most tier II cities will have their Prime Day delivery within 24 to 48 hours. Prime members across the country can discover joy by exploring great deals, new launches, savings and blockbuster entertainment. Through Prime Day, our intent is to amplify the value and convenience that Prime mem-

bership offers to its members and help them derive maximum joy out of it, while also empowering small and medium businesses across the country"

This Prime Day, Amazon will continue to support Small and Medium Businesses (SMBs) and help generate customer demand for products offered by lakhs of sellers, manufacturers, start-ups & brands, women entrepreneurs, artisans, weavers, and local shops. During the event, Prime members will have the opportunity to discover deals on unique products across categories including fashion & beauty, electronics, and home décor from sellers under various programs such as Local Shops on Amazon, Launchpad, Saheli, and Karigar.

## Nuvoco successfully completes AFR Project

**Mumbai, Jun 30:** Nuvoco Vistas Corp. Ltd., India's fifth-largest cement group in terms of capacity and among the leading players in East India, successfully announced the completion of its Alternative Fuel Resource (AFR) project at Risda Cement Plant (RCP), Chhattisgarhand Nimbol Cement Plant (NCP), Rajasthan. This milestone achievement illustrates Nuvoco's commitment to reducing dependency on fossil fuels and promoting sustainable practices within the cement industry. With the use of alternative fuels, the company strives to reduce the usage of fossil fuels and minimize its environmental impact. Alternative fuels are a crucial step towards reducing carbon emissions and mitigating the adverse effects of climate change. Nuvoco has dedicatedly installed a system that is

capable of utilizing agricultural waste, RDF (Refused Derived Fuel), plastic waste, municipal waste, biomass, tyre chips and other hazardous waste sources. Nuvoco has introduced AFR feeding into the Pyro-process system for enabling uniform feeding and incorporating all necessary safety interlocks throughout.

This system allows us to consume alternate fuels in an efficient and effective way without impacting the environmental standards prescribed and approved by the Pollution Control Board of India. Mr. Jayakumar Krishnaswamy, Managing Director, Nuvoco stated, "As part of our PROTECT OUR PLANET agenda, we view the AFR project as an important step towards fulfilling our commitment to sustainable cement manufacturing and reducing the environmental impacts.

## GST an engine for driving consumption, helped households save on monthly bills: Govt

**New Delhi, Jun 30:**

Goods and Services Tax (GST) has acted as an engine for driving domestic consumption and helped households save on monthly bills since its implementation six years ago, the government said on Friday. Giving a comparison of the tax rates of various goods pre and post-GST rollout, the government said from streamlining processes to boosting investments, GST has been a catalyst for progress. "The implementation of GST has made it easier for taxpayers to comply with tax law and this can be seen in the fact that the number of registered taxpayers has increased from 1.03 crore that enrolled into GST by



April 1, 2018 to 1.36 crore by April 1, 2023," the office of Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman tweeted. A nationwide GST, which subsumed 17 local levies like excise duty, service tax and VAT and 13 cesses, was rolled out at the stroke of midnight on July 1, 2017. Under GST a four-rate structure that exempts or imposes a low rate of 5 per cent tax on essential items and a top rate of 28 per

cent on luxury and demerit goods is levied. The other slabs of tax are 12 per cent and 18 per cent. Besides, there is a special 3 per cent rate for gold, jewellery and precious stones and 1.5 per cent on cut and polished diamonds. Besides, a cess is levied on the highest tax slab of 28 per cent on luxury, sin and demerit goods.

"GST, which was introduced six years ago by subsuming 17 taxes and 13

cesses levied by the central and state governments, has not only helped in reducing tax burden on the citizens but has also proven to be the engine for driving consumption in the country," Nirmala Sitharaman's office tweeted. In the pre-GST era, the total of VAT, excise, CST and their cascading effect led to 31 per cent as tax payable on an average, for a consumer. "With reduced taxes, #GST brings happiness to every home: Relief through #GST on various consumer goods of daily use," the Finance Ministry tweeted. GST has turned out to be a gamechanger in India's indirect tax system and has provided a wide range of benefits to all stakeholders.



**Reena Roy reveals how she used to skip classes to watch Rajesh Khanna's films**

This Sunday, the laughter quotient will be top notch as Sony Entertainment Television's The Kapil Sharma Show brings viewers another exciting episode filled with funny gags and B-town's gupshup. Making it a memorable evening will be the presence of two timeless beauties - Moushumi Chatterjee and Reena Roy, who will share captivating stories from Bollywood's golden era. During a fun banter with host Kapil Sharma, Reena Roy will share how she ended up working with her crush Rajesh Khanna. The veteran actress shares, "As a child, I had immense love for Rajesh Khanna's movies, and my infatuation drove me to take some drastic measures. Instead of going to school, I would skip classes to gather with my friends outside his house, hoping to catch a brief glimpse of him. My obsession went so far as to taking my sister's piggy bank as well as spending my own pocket money on watching his films. However, fate had its way, and I eventually entered the film industry myself, leading to the incredible opportunity of meeting and working with Rajesh Khanna. Life truly has a remarkable way of fulfilling our deepest desires." **Tune in to The Kapil Sharma Show this Sunday at 9:30 PM, only on Sony Entertainment Television!**

## Krutika Desai takes the lead in 'Gauna: Ek Pratha'

Actress Krutika Desai has been roped in to portray the pivotal character of Gehna in the upcoming romance family-drama series, 'Gauna: Ek Pratha.' 'Gauna: Ek Pratha' revolves around Gehna's transformative journey as she navigates through various challenges and discovers her inner strength. The series delves into societal norms, the deep love Gehna has for her husband, and her unwavering determination to fulfill the 'Gauna' ritual.

Expressing her excitement about the role, Krutika shared, "I am thrilled to be a part of 'Gauna: Ek Pratha'! Gehna is a character that holds a special place in my heart, and I am eager to bring her story to life on screen." She further added, "Gehna embodies grace and resilience, and her journey will resonate with the viewers. It has been a privilege to explore Gehna's emotions, motivations, and experiences, and I am grateful to the Shemaroo Umang team for this wonderful opportunity."

'Gauna: Ek Pratha' weaves a tale of love, sacrifice, and unexpected twists as Gehna confronts the complexities of life and navigates the dynamics of human relationships and societal expectations while striving to carve her own path.

Viewers can expect a captivating narrative filled with heart-felt moments and a compelling performance by Krutika Desai. 'Gauna: Ek Pratha' will soon be available for streaming on Shemaroo Umang, promising an engaging experience for audiences seeking emotional depth and relatable storytelling.



## Embrace a sustainable lifestyle by using eco-friendly substitutes

International Plastic Bag Free Day, held on July 3 each year, aims to increase awareness about the negative effects of plastic on the environment. This day inspires individuals to swap out disposable plastic bags for sustainable options, contributing to a worldwide movement to eliminate their use. Actors talk about eco-friendly alternatives they use to live a plastic-free lifestyle which contributes to a sustainable environment. These include &TV artists such as Manisha Arora (Mahua, Doosri Maa), Gazal Sood (Kate Singh, Happu Ki Ultan Paltan), and Shubhangi Atre (Angoori Bhabi, Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai). Gazal Sood, aka Kate Singh from Happu Ki Ultan Paltan, adds, "Using biodegradable alternatives can have a significant positive impact on our planet. Easily accessible substitutes such as coconut leaves, paper, bamboo, cotton, and jute are not only environmentally friendly but also safe for our health. In my household, we opt for jute bags, which possess qualities like strength, affordability, durability, biodegradability, and compostability. Additionally, I enjoy creating tote bags from my collection of old jeans and repurposing them in creative ways to avoid plastic usage. I also prefer bamboo bags as a perfect everyday solution. They are both robust and lightweight, capable of carrying heavy loads without breaking or losing shape. These bags are easy to clean, naturally possess anti-fungal and anti-bacterial properties, and allow me to make a style statement. I firmly believe that reducing, rejecting, and reusing plastic products can contribute to a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable planet." This International Plastic Bag Free Day choose reusable alternatives to make a lasting difference for a plastic-free future!

**Tune in to Doosri Maa at 8:00 pm, Happu Ki Ultan Paltan at 10:00 pm, and Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai at 10:30 pm, airing every Monday to Friday only on &TV!**



## Riddhi Dogra: OTT is shifting to family viewing from



Actress Riddhi Dogra, known for her remarkable performances in popular series such as 'Asur', 'Pitchers 2', and the recently released 'Badtameez Dil', believes that the landscape of OTT platforms is undergoing a significant transformation. With her involvement in various OTT projects alongside her upcoming theatrical releases, 'Jawan' and 'Tiger 3', Riddhi observes that OTT is gradually shifting towards being a medium for family viewing. In her insightful perspective, Riddhi explains, "Traditionally, OTT platforms were primarily meant for individual viewing. However, I believe the opposite is happening now. We are witnessing the emergence of numerous shows that cater to the entire family or are designed specifically for family viewing, while individual viewing still continues. There is a definite trend towards creating content that encourages people to sit together and enjoy it as a shared experience. As a country that thrives on togetherness, any platform strives to captivate all audiences, regardless of whether the content is more mass-oriented or not." Riddhi Dogra's observation sheds light on the changing dynamics of OTT platforms. While individual viewing remains an integral part of the OTT experience, there is a noticeable inclination towards producing content that appeals to a broader demographic, promoting collective entertainment and engagement within families. This shift recognizes the significance of shared experiences, fostering togetherness and strengthening familial bonds. The evolving nature of OTT platforms reflects the diverse preferences and evolving demands of viewers. The industry is increasingly recognizing the importance of providing content that caters to different age groups and interests, allowing families to come together and enjoy quality entertainment. As the popularity of OTT platforms continues to surge, the emphasis on family viewing opens up new avenues for content creators. The inclusion of genres and narratives that resonate with various age groups and family dynamics enhances the overall appeal of these platforms.



## Sonam Kapoor Ahuja shines in 'Blind' trailer

Bollywood actress Sonam Kapoor Ahuja, known for her versatile performances, is set to make a comeback on the silver screen after a maternity break in the upcoming crime drama 'Blind.' The film's trailer, unveiled on Thursday, introduces an intriguing narrative centered around a visually impaired lead character portrayed by Sonam.

In the captivating two-minute trailer, the story unfolds with a reference to 'Pulp Fiction,' as a woman named Mia Wallace goes missing. Sonam's character, a visually impaired girl, approaches the authorities with a strong belief that the taxi she boarded is connected to the disappearance. Thus begins a thrilling cat and mouse chase, with glimpses of a home invasion intertwined in the narrative. Directed by Shome Makhija, 'Blind' boasts a talented ensemble cast, including Purab Kohli, Vinay Pathak, Lilette Dubey, and Shubham Saraf. The film revolves around a

resilient visually impaired woman, portrayed by Sonam, who emerges as a crucial witness to a crime. Determined to trace the peculiar events and provide testimony about the incident, she finds herself confronting the killer alone. 'Blind,' presented by Jio Studios in association with RV Motion Pictures & Lead Films, and produced by Kanai, Avma, and Kross Pictures, promises an engaging cinematic experience. The film delves into the

depths of suspense and showcases Sonam Kapoor Ahuja's remarkable portrayal of a visually impaired character caught in the midst of a gripping crime investigation. Mark your calendars as 'Blind' is all set to premiere on July 7 exclusively on Jio Cinema. Audiences can anticipate an enthralling journey filled with suspense, drama, and Sonam Kapoor Ahuja's compelling performance as she brings this visually impaired key witness to life on the silver screen.

## 'Gargi manipulates situations and people to her advantage'

Sony SAB's highly awaited family saga, Vanshaj, immerses viewers in the luxurious and grand world of the Mahajan family. The show has an engrossing plot that skillfully intertwines elements of family drama, political intrigue, and the interpersonal dynamics of a wealthy business dynasty. Renowned actress Parinitaa Seth embodies the role of Gargi, the formidable wife of Dhanraj (played by Gireesh Sahdev), whose cunning and domineering nature ensure her desires are fulfilled. Parinitaa Seth, in a candid conversation, revealed: **1. Can you explain Gargi's character and her motive in the show?** Gargi is a complex character, known for her strategic thinking and meticulous planning. She possesses a keen intellect and a talent for manipulating situations and people to her advantage. Every action she takes is carefully calculated and aligned with her ultimate goal: securing her son's position. Gargi is not one to leave things to chance.

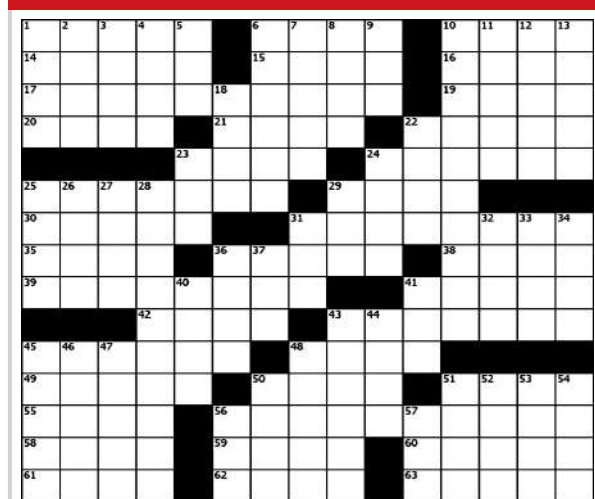
She carefully plots her actions, considering all possible outcomes and risks. Her motive revolves around protecting and advancing her son's interests, ensuring he attains the position and power. She sees her son's success as a reflection of her own capabilities and accomplishments. **2. What do you think is more important when it comes to handling a business empire? Inheritance or Capabilities?** Vanshaj, as a show, boldly challenges the age-old norms of succession and emphasizes the importance of capability in helming the Mahajan family's legacy business. In my opinion, when it comes to handling a business empire, capabilities are more important than inheritance. While inheriting a business can provide certain advantages, such as existing resources, networks, however, it does not guarantee success in the long run. The ability to effectively manage and grow a business requires a range of skills, knowledge, and

traits that go beyond mere ownership. **3. In your opinion, do you think a woman can lead a business? If so, have you ever encountered someone who has inspired you in real life?** Absolutely! We are currently witnessing an extraordinary shift where women are not only responsible for managing households but are also excelling in leadership positions within prominent conglomerates. In today's world, women are fearlessly embracing challenges and continuously showcasing their abilities, dismantling outdated societal expectations that previously hindered their progress. This century offers an empowering environment for women to rightfully claim their positions of authority, whether it be in business empires, politics, or even governing nations. Even with Vanshaj, we are bringing to light the timeless debate of inheritance versus capability. **Tune in to Sony SAB's Vanshaj every Monday to Saturday at 10 PM.**



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### SAFF Championship

# India bank on Chhetri magic to overcome Lebanon

**Bengaluru, Jun 30 (PTD):**

India will bank on the striking prowess of their talismanic captain Sunil Chhetri to tame a formidable Lebanon in the SAFF Championship semifinal here on Saturday.

India, the defending champions, entered the semis as the second-placed team behind Kuwait from Group A while Lebanon topped Group B in their march to the last-four stage.

Chhetri has been India's primary weapon in this tournament, as he has so far netted five goals from three matches to sit on top of the goal-scorers' list. The count of goals includes a hat-trick against Pakistan. The sensational



tumbling volley against Kuwait during India's last league match underlined his still burning desire to lead the team's charge.

Chhetri will have to be on top of his game for India to hurdle over the Lebanon challenge, and this is not to say that others will have a lesser role. The likes of Sahal

Abdul Samad, Mahesh Singh and Udanta Singh will have to up the ante to support their skipper. All of them have had their moments in the tournament but apart from Chhetri only Udanta and Mahesh have been able to find the target.

India will be served well if they also can chip in

with goals as relying on one player, even if he is as great as Chhetri, against an organised side like Lebanon could prove costly.

The home side will also hope that their defence will continue to work like a well-oiled machine as they have conceded only one goal in the last nine matches.

All these factors might not have lost on the Indians as Lebanon are a rather familiar opponent. The first meeting between these two sides took place in 1977 and since then they have engaged with each other seven more times.

Overall, Lebanon hold a 3-2 edge over India with three matches ending in draws.

### Saurabh Kumar triggers East collapse

**Bengaluru, Jun 30 (PTD):** Central Zone's Saurabh Kumar bagged four wickets to reduce East Zone to 69 for 6 and placed his side on the doorstep of a victory on the third day of the Duleep Trophy quarterfinal here on Friday.

Chasing an improbable 300 to win, East now need 231 runs more with four wickets remaining. Along with Saurabh, the East Zone should be thankful to their batters too for this position of strength. In the second innings, they made 239 all out to construct an overall lead of 299 runs.

Starting from their overnight 64 for no loss, Central moved ahead in the match through openers Himanshu Mantri and Vivek Singh. Mantri (68, 153 balls, 7x4) and Vivek (56, 120 balls, 4x4, 2x6) milked 124 runs for the opening wicket, giving a clear edge to their side.

They departed in quick succession and the Central could not sustain the steam for the rest of the innings. However, cameos by Saransh Jain (32) and Shubam Sharma (23) ensured that Central would not lose the momentum given by the openers.

### Mexico beats Haiti 3-1 to reach CONCACAF Gold Cup quarterfinals



Jesus Gallardo #23, Orbelin Pineda #17 and Johan Vasquez #5 of Mexico celebrate after Gallardo scored a goal against the Haiti during the second half of the Concacaf Gold Cup Group B match at State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Arizona.

**Glendale (Arizona), Jun 30 (AP):** Henry Martin scored on a diving header 44 seconds into the second half, and Mexico beat Haiti 3-1 Thursday night to clinch a berth in the CONCACAF Gold Cup quarterfinals. Martin headed Uriel Antuna's cross past goalkeeper Alexandre Pierre for his 11th international goal. Haiti's Ricardo Ad gave Mexico a 2-0 lead with an own goal in the 56th when he poked in Jesus Gallardo's cross for Orbelin Pineda. No. 87 Haiti scored its third goal in 11 matches against

Mexico and first since 1981 when Danley Jean-Jacques evaded Johan Vasquez and headed Derrick Etienne's cross past Guillermo Ochoa in the 78th. Santiago Gimenez got his third international goal in the 83rd, poking in Antuna's cross.

No. 14 Mexico, which opened with a 4-0 rout of Honduras, closes Group B on Sunday against invited guest Qatar at Santa Clara, California. Haiti, which began with a 2-1 win over Qatar, plays Honduras at Charlotte, North Carolina.

### WI name 18-member squad for preparatory camp

**Ahead of home Test series against India****Antigua, Jun 30 (PTD):**

Red-ball specialist batter Kraigg Brathwaite will continue to lead the side as Cricket West Indies (CWI) on Friday announced an 18-member squad for the preparatory camp ahead of the two-match Test series against India.

The camp begins at CCG in Antigua on Friday with the team travelling to Dominica on July 9.

The opening Test begins on July 12 in Dominica, with the second Test scheduled from July 20 in Trinidad's Queen's Park Oval.

It will be followed by the three-match ODI series, starting on July 27, and a five-match T20I series beginning on August 3.

"CWI Men's Selection Panel today named the 18-member squad for the preparation camp ahead of the start of the two-match Test series against India in the Caribbean," Cricket

# India beat Iran to defend men's Asian Kabaddi Championships title

**Busan (Korea), Jun 30 (PTD):**

The Indian men's kabaddi team beat Iran 42-32 in a high-voltage final to defend its Asian Championships title, here on Friday.

It was India's eighth title in the continental championships.

Iran started aggressively, but the Indians were up to their tasks. Captain Pawan Sehrawat helped India inflict the first All-Out with two touch points and gave his side a 10-4 lead.

India kept building pressure on the Iranians and produced another All-Out. India were leading 23-11 at half time.

Iranian all-rounder M o h a m m a d r e z a Chiyaneh tried to lead his side make a comeback but they ended up conceding another All-Out to



trail 14-33. India maintained their stranglehold and sealed the issue. "With the score of 42-32 in the final match against

Iran, Team India retains the Asian Kabaddi Championship Title! Kudos to the entire team. Well played boys," the

Sports Authority of India tweeted. India had beaten arch-rivals Pakistan in the final in the last edition held in Iran in 2017.

### Iga Swiatek withdraws from Bad Homburg Open



**Bad Homburg, Jun 30 (AP):** Top-ranked Iga Swiatek withdrew from the Bad Homburg Open on Friday with a fever and possible food poisoning, three days before the start of Wimbledon.

Swiatek was scheduled to play in her first career grass-court semifinal match on Friday against Lucia Bronzetti, who gets a walkover to Saturday's final. "I'm so sorry but I have to pull out of my match today. I had a restless night because of some fever and possible food poisoning," Swiatek said in a statement on Instagram. "I'm not able to perform today and I need to take care of myself. I hope I'll be fine soon. Your support in Bad Homburg was amazing, thank you.

### We're more determined than ever to finish on the top at Asian Games: Savita

**New Delhi, Jun 30 (PTD):**

The Indian women's hockey team is more determined than ever to claim the gold medal in the upcoming Asian Games after suffering a heart-breaking loss in the final in 2018 edition, said Commonwealth Games (CWG) medallist skipper Savita.

The Asian Games is scheduled to be held in Hangzhou in September and October:

"In the last Asian Games, we came close to winning the gold medal; and losing only by a goal to Japan (1-2) in the final was heart-breaking. This time we feel that we are more determined than ever before to finish on the top," Savita said in the latest episode of Hockey Te Charcha, a podcast series launched by Hockey India.

"Every player in the team knows that we have to win the gold to earn di-



rect qualification for the Paris Olympics. This is the best scenario for us, so that post-Asian Games, we can shift focus on the FIH Pro League and then Paris 2024."

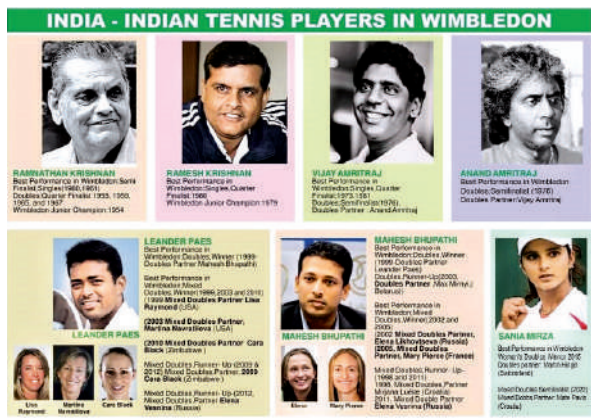
Having taken over the captaincy post Tokyo Olympics, Savita emphasised that she is enjoying the dual role of goalkeeping and leadership. "There is an extra responsibility when you are leading the team.

# Indian Tennis Legends who leave an indelible mark at Wimbledon

**Prof. Vasisht**

As the countdown begins for the 146th edition of Wimbledon Championships begins from July 02, 2023, the world's oldest and most prestigious tennis tournament, it is time to reflect upon the incredible performances of Indian tennis players throughout history. Amongst the lush green lawns of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Indian legends have left an indelible mark, showcasing their skill, determination, and unwavering spirit on the grandest stage of all. Ramnathan Krishnan, one of India's trailblazers in tennis, graced Wimbledon with his exceptional talent. With back-to-back appearances in the singles semifinals in 1960 and 1961, Krishnan captivated the tennis world with his sublime strokes. Additionally, his prowess extended to the doubles court, reaching the quarterfinals (1955, 1959, 1965, and 1967) on multiple occasions. Notably, Krishnan's crowning moment came in 1954 when he was crowned the boys' Wimbledon champion, etching his name in tennis history.

Another Indian tennis prodigy, Ramesh Krishnan, showcased his brilliance at Wimbledon. Despite his young age, Ramesh claimed the Wimbledon Junior Championship title in 1979, foreshadowing his future success. Though his singles journey only took him to the quarterfinals in 1986, his technical finesse and unwa-



vering determination on the court made him a force to be reckoned with.

The dynamic partnership of Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi left an indelible mark at Wimbledon. Paes, the epitome of doubles excellence, celebrated victory in the men's doubles category in 1999, alongside his trusted partner, Bhupathi. Their formidable teamwork and relentless pursuit of success propelled them to the pinnacle of the sport. Paes' mastery extended to the mixed doubles, claiming victory in 1999, 2003, and 2010, with esteemed partners Lisa Raymond, Martina Navratilova, and Cara Black, respectively. Wimbledon witnessed their on-court chemistry and unwavering focus, igniting the passion of Indian tennis fans.

The Amritraj brothers, Vijay and Anand, showcased their remarkable talent and showcased their skill on the hallowed grounds of Wimbledon. Vijay, a singles quarterfinalist in 1973 and 1981, displayed his tenacity

and unwavering determination. Furthermore, in 1976, the duo of Vijay and Anand reached the semifinals in the men's doubles category, combining their skills to make a lasting impact.

Mahesh Bhupathi, an iconic figure in Indian doubles tennis, graced Wimbledon with his brilliance. Alongside Leander Paes, he secured victory in the men's doubles category in 1999, forging an inseparable partnership. Bhupathi's relentless pursuit of excellence extended to the mixed doubles, where he claimed victory in 2002 and 2005, partnering with Elena Likhovtseva and Mary Pierce, respectively. His dedication and remarkable shot-making ability left the tennis world in awe.

Sania Mirza, an Indian tennis icon, showcased her prowess at Wimbledon as well. In 2015, she emerged triumphant in the women's doubles category, alongside her partner Martina Hingis, leaving a lasting impression with their seamless coordination on the court.

Additionally, Sania's mixed doubles journey took her to the semifinals in 2022, partnering with Mate Pavic.

As Wimbledon prepares to unfurl its grand spectacle, the tales of these Indian tennis legends serve as a reminder of their indomitable spirit, unyielding determination, and enduring legacy. The world eagerly awaits the next chapter in Indian tennis history as the 146th edition of Wimbledon draws near. Will we witness new triumphs, milestones, and unforgettable moments on the storied lawns of the All England Club? Only time will tell, but one thing remains certain: the spirit of Indian tennis will forever be intertwined with the legacy of Wimbledon.

As the sun sets over the grassy courts of the All England Club, anticipation fills the air. The echoes of past victories resonate, reminding us of the indomitable spirit of Indian tennis players who have graced these hallowed grounds. Prof. Vasisht's exploration of their stories serves as a testament to the enduring legacy they have left behind.

As the matches commence and the battles unfold, one thing is certain: the story of Indian tennis at Wimbledon will continue to captivate, inspire, and leave an everlasting impact on the sport we all love.

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## Rights panel calls for police sensitisation

● Orders four cops to pay Rs 2.5 lakh to lawyer for harassment

Mumbai, Jun 30 (PTI):

Citing an "alarming" rise in harassment of people by those in uniform inside police stations, the state human rights panel has called for sensitisation of cops so that they can develop a sense of responsibility in dealing with citizens who look at them as protectors of law.

The Maharashtra State Human Rights Commission has recommended to the state Director General of Police (DGP) to hold periodical seminars to sensitize the state police force's officials as part of an order in connection with the harassment of a couple in a police station.

The Commission passed the order earlier this month, a copy of which was made available on Friday.

The Commission came down heavily on the Nagpur police commissioner for not initiating criminal action against four city police officials for physically and mentally harassing an advocate and her husband who had gone to a police station to lodge a complaint.

The order said the incident "unfortunately unfolds a case of apathy, misuse of power by none other than officers of law enforcing agency and what is more shocking and pinching to note is the fact that the victim happens to be a member of the legal fraternity".

It directed the four errant police officials to jointly pay a compensa-

tion of Rs 2.5 lakh to the advocate and her husband within six weeks and said the couple was at liberty to launch prosecution against those cops.

The Commission noted that there was an "alarming" rise in such incidents at police stations and asked the DGP of Maharashtra to periodically hold seminars at all commissionerates and divisions for "sensitization of the police force and to focus on developing a sense of responsibility, courtesy in dealing with citizens and victims who look at them as protectors of law".

The order came on an application filed by Nagpur-based advocate Ankita Makheja and her husband Nilesh Makheja through their advocate Rizwan Siddiquee seeking action against police offi-

cials for illegal detention and harassment.

In March 2020, Ankita had approached the Lakadganj police station to register a complaint against her neighbour for pelting stones at a stray dog. The couple alleged that instead of registering their complaint, the police illegally detained them and harassed them physically and mentally.

The Commission in its order said the "dignity and honour of the complainants were breached by the police action".

"There would not be any impediment in holding that the victims' fundamental rights to live with honour and dignity have been blatantly violated by none other than the guardians of the law," the order passed by Commission member M A Sayeed said.

## PROTEST RALLY



Tribals participate in the 'Viswa Sarna Dharam Code Janasabha' protest demanding recognition of the 'Sarna' religion, in Kolkata, Friday.

## PM to launch National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission today

Bhopal, Jun 30 (PTI):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will on Saturday launch the National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission in Shahdol district of Madhya Pradesh.

During the event, the PM will also distribute sickle cell genetic status cards to beneficiaries, an official release said on Friday. The mission aims to address the pressing health challenges posed by sickle cell disease, particularly among the tribal population, it said.

Sickle-cell anaemia is caused by a defective gene, Haemoglobin S, which causes flexible red blood cells to become stiff sickle-shaped cells, obstructing blood flow and increasing the risk of organ damage.

The launch will mark a crucial milestone in the Centre's efforts to eliminate sickle cell disease as a public health problem by 2047, the release said. The Mission was announced in

the Union Budget 2023.

This initiative will be implemented in 278 districts of 17 high-focused states Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Assam, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, Bihar, and Uttarakhand.

Modi will also kickstart the distribution of about 3.57 crore Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) cards in Madhya Pradesh, where Assembly polls are due by the year-end. The Ayushman card distribution campaign is a step towards realising the PM's vision of reaching out to every beneficiary to ensure 100 per cent saturation of welfare schemes, the release said.

Modi will also take part in the culmination of 'Rani Durgavati Gaurav Yatra', the state BJP president

Vishnu Dutt Sharma earlier reporters.

Rani Durgavati was the ruling queen of Gondwana in the mid-16th century. She is remembered as a brave, fearless and courageous warrior who fought for freedom against the Mughals.

This is the second visit of the PM to MP in a gap of just four days.

Modi was supposed to be in Shahdol district on June 27, after visiting Bhopal, where he physically and virtually flagged off five Vande Bharat trains and addressed BJP workers, but it was postponed due to bad weather, an official said. Elaborate arrangements are being made to welcome Modi in Shahdol district, Sharma added. Besides, the PM will visit Pakaria village in the district and interact with tribal leaders, self-help groups, leaders of PESA (Panchayats Extension to Scheduled Areas Act) committees, and captains of the village-level football clubs, it added.

## 'Appointment of ministers CM's sole prerogative'

● TN Govt 'rejects' Governor's sacking of Balaji

Chennai, June 30 (PTI):

The ruling DMK in Tamil Nadu on Friday strongly asserted that appointment and dismissal of ministers is the sole prerogative of the chief minister and lashed out at Governor R N Ravi for his move of dismissing V Senthil Balaji from the MK Stalin-led Cabinet, which was subsequently retracted on the advice of the Union Home Ministry on the matter.

Stating that the Tamil Nadu government was "disregarding" the Governor's action of sacking Balaji, Finance Minister Thangam Thennarasu said Stalin will write a detailed letter to Ravi on the matter.

The party also said it may weigh all options and legal factors related to Ravi's action, which came in for criticism from allies

of the ruling party as well as other quarters.

Addressing the press here along with Law Minister S Reghupathy and Rajya Sabha member P Wilson, who is also an advocate, Thennarasu recalled Stalin earlier saying the Governor has no right to sack Balaji and that the issue will be faced legally.

He alleged that Ravi acted "unilaterally" and "in haste" over the matter and decided to dismiss Balaji without getting proper counsel, only for the Union Home Ministry to point out that he should speak to the Attorney General on the matter.

"After that, he wrote to the chief minister saying he was keeping in abeyance the letter informing of the dismissal of Senthil Balaji," the minister said.

"In this matter, the CM is going to send a detailed letter to the Governor. The Governor has no legal authority to dismiss Senthil Balaji nor is there any Constitutional basis to do

so." "It is the sole prerogative of the CM to appoint and dismiss ministers...this has been made clear by CM to Governor and that his action is not valid," he added.

Thennarasu said a governor should "apply his mind" before taking a decision, and reiterated that Ravi acted in haste in this matter.

Therefore, "this government rejects (the Governor's action) completely. The Tamil Nadu government makes it clear the Governor has no authority to do so," he asserted.

"We disregard the letter," he said, adding that all legal options will be explored as part of future course of action.

Earlier, the CM went into a huddle with legal experts on the matter.

The party brass may consult its leaders and office-bearers to devise a strategy — both legal and political — on the matter, sources said. "The

Governor has backtracked and he has been exposed thoroughly," a DMK office-bearer told PTI adding that all the "political maneuvering" of the BJP to target the DMK has been backfiring in Tamil Nadu.

On Thursday, hours after dismissing Balaji from the Cabinet, Ravi later kept the order in abeyance.

The DMK may however consider weighing legal options to take on Ravi for his alleged excesses and fight the BJP politically at the "right time" and as and when warranted, sources added.

Senthil Balaji is an influential leader in the western Kongu region. He was previously with the AIADMK before joining the DMK a few years ago.

The ruling DMK's party organ 'Murasoli' said Ravi's dismissal directive was "put on hold within five hours as per the advisory of the Union Home Ministry".

Briefly explaining the sequence of events on

June 29 related to the dismissal order, the Tamil daily underscored the "strong condemnation" it evoked from legal luminaries and party leaders.

The daily said that by midnight "information" came that the dismissal order was being held in abeyance in order to solicit the Attorney General's opinion on the matter. "It is noteworthy that the Governor's order was put on hold in five hours."

In a late evening communication to the chief minister, the Governor said he would consult the attorney general and seek his legal opinion about the move. The governor had explained the reasons for his removing Balaji from the cabinet.

The order to dismiss Balaji, arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in a cash-for-jobs scam and since hospitalised, from the Council of Ministers has been kept in abeyance by the governor until further communication.

## K'taka to roll out Anna Bhagya, provide cash for now

Bengaluru, June 30 (PTI):

Karnataka Food and Civil Supplies Minister K H Muniyappa on Friday said the government is all set to roll out the 'Anna Bhagya' scheme, by crediting money to the bank account of the beneficiaries in lieu of the additional 5 kg of rice promised to every member of a BPL household, as sufficient quantity of the food-grain is unavailable.

Facing difficulty in procuring large quantities of rice required to fulfil its poll guarantee, the state government on Wednesday decided to pay cash into the beneficiaries' accounts at the rate of Rs 34 per kilo, for the additional 5kg of rice under the free rice scheme.

The minister also said that of the total additional 5 kg, the government plans to include 2 kg of ragi (finger millet) and jowar (sorghum) — instead of rice — under the scheme in the southern and northern parts of Karnataka respectively, as per requirement, as these grains are considered a staple in these two regions. In the southern part of the state, the government plans to give 2 kg of ragi and remaining will be rice, while in north Karnataka it will be 2 kg of jowar and remaining will be rice, the minister said.

There is adequate stock of ragi available, while the stock of jowar is less, so we will supply as much as we can, after that we will provide a full 5 kg of rice, he added. "We will get information about the beneficiaries and, based on their in-

puts in the days to come, if there is demand for more quantities of ragi and jowar from southern and northern parts of Karnataka respectively, changes will be made in the quantity," he said, adding that the government will procure required quantities of ragi and jowar directly from the farmers at MSP rates and stock it.

"From tomorrow, the scheme will begin. To pay to the bank accounts (of beneficiaries), we have information that 99 per cent of them have the accounts. Those without an account but have ration cards will have to open a bank account. We have said we will pay Rs 34 per kg, and each person will get (cash for) 5 kg," Muniyappa said. Speaking to reporters here, he said the amount will be paid to the bank account of the beneficiaries until there are enough grains to be distributed. "The process is on for purchase of rice, as we had said we will supply rice or foodgrains for the poor..." he added. Pointing out that the chief minister had promised to supply foodgrains from July 1, which is a Congress poll guarantee, Muniyappa said, "To keep up the promise, we are giving money for now." "If the Centre had given rice from the stocks available, for cash payment, the state government would have supplied it from tomorrow," he said, adding, "Our month-long efforts in getting rice despite approaching central ministers and officials have failed."

## HC acquits man of charge of murdering daughter

● Says prosecution case not proved

New Delhi, Jun 30 (PTI):

The Delhi High Court has acquitted a man of the charge of murdering his daughter for allegedly having a love affair, saying the prosecution could not prove its case beyond reasonable doubt.

The high court set aside the trial court's verdict convicting the man of murder and sentencing him to life imprisonment. "This court finds that merely based on the DNA analysis evidence opining that the dead body was of the biological daughter of the appellant (man), it cannot be held that the prosecution has proved its case beyond reasonable doubt against the appellant of having committed the murder of (woman) punishable under Section 302 IPC as also offence punishable under Section 201 (destruction of evidence)

IPC," a bench of Justices Mukta Gupta (since retired) and Poonam A Bamba said in its June 26 judgment.

The bench directed that the man be released forthwith if not required in any other case. According to the

prosecution, on May 10, 2013, police received information about the recovery of a body packed in a gunny bag in a drain in Mehrauli area. The remains were of a woman who could not be identified.

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