

At least 75 saplings to be planted in each Gram Panchayat under 'Vasudha Vandan program'

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Bhilai, Aug 03: Under the "Meri Mati, Mera Desh" Vasudha Vandan program which is envisaged as a culminating event of Aazadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, at least 75 indigenous plants will be planted in each gram panchayat. This activity will be organized from August 9 to August 15.

Under the campaign, Shila Phalagam (Memorial) will be installed in the village panchayats with the aim of the programme being expression of gratitude towards all the veers who have made supreme sacrifice for the nation and



"Panchpran oath" will be taken. Selfie will be uploaded along with the event organized.

National anthem will also be organized in the program after the national flag. Regarding the campaign, District Panchayat Chief Executive Officer

Village soil will be sent for main program of the country

District Panchayat CEO informed that under Meri Mati Mera Desh Abhiyan, village soil will be collected and sent to the main program to be organized in Delhi. During this, oath taking will be held with holy soil in hand will also be uploaded on the website. Various activities will also be organized during the campaign such as Panch-Pran pledge, saplings plantation under Vasudha Vandan, as well as inscriptions of heroes will be installed. The heroes, freedom fighters will be saluted and the national anthem will be sung while hoisting the national flag while honoring the families

Ashwani Dewangan issued a letter to all district panchayats and instructed them to make necessary preparations.

District Panchayat CEO told that during the Amrit Mahotsav of Azadi, the tagline "Meri Mati, Mera Desh" is for salutations to the soil and

salutations to the heroes. Under the Vasudha Vandan programme, at least 75 saplings are to be planted in each village with public participation.

Just as saplings are being planted on Amrit Sarovar and their care and maintenance is being

done by the villagers of the concerned village and gram panchayat, similarly, under this campaign, indigenous plants will be made available through nurseries prepared by Mahatma Gandhi NREGA of Forest Department and Horticulture Department.

The program will be organized around the Amrit Sarovar pond, in the Gram Panchayat which does not have Amrit Sarovar, in such a situation, near any reservoir, panchayat building, school, such land where sufficient space is available for tree plantation and boundary is made from all sides.

HYU declares result of 07 semester examinations

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Bhilai, Aug 03: Hemchand Yadav University, Durg has declared the results of 07 faculties related to the semester examination conducted in May-June 2023.

With the aforesaid results, 23 examination results have been declared so far and the university administration is trying to declare the remaining 38 examination results soon.

Giving this information, Dr Rajmani Patel, Deputy Registrar of Examinations of the University said that in

MSW second semester, 52 out of 54 candidates appeared passed and result was 96 percent.

Similarly, 39 out of 46 candidates appeared in MSW (IV Semester) passed result being 84 percent. 60 out of 67 candidates who appeared in MSc Microbiology second semester passed and result was 89 percent.

In the fourth semester of MSc Computer Science, out of 49 candidates, 35 candidates passed, result was 71 percent. In M Lib II Semester out of 14 candidates, 09 candidates passed, result was 64 percent.

Out of 324 candidates who appeared in MA Economics IV semester, 302 candidates passed, result was 93 percent. In M Sc Biotechnology second semester, out of 83 candidates, 79 candidates passed, result was 95 percent.

According to Dr Patel, the university administration is making efforts to declare the result by August 15 after examining a large number of recalculation and reevaluation applications received in the university. Along with this, the remaining results of semester exams will also be declared soon.

Eye test conducted for senior citizens & children



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Bhilai, Aug 03: On the instructions of Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena, the Bright Education and Human Welfare Committee conducted eye check up of deaf children and senior citizens. Director of the organization Raju Rajput informed that eye examination of 20 old women and 75

children of Kadambari Nagar was done by Dr R Bhattacharya. He advised cataract operation for 5 old women and 2 children were advised to wear spectacles due to blurred vision. Collector Meena congratulated Director Raju Rajput for this work and said that in future such children and old people should be treated on time.

MOU signed between SAIL-BSP and SMS group GMBH

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Bhilai, Aug 03: Bhilai Steel Plant, a unit of Steel Authority of India Limited, has signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with SMS group GMBH for developing process of decarbonisation in steel process.

This will have special focus on Iron Making process and will make path way for the production of Green Steel. On behalf of SAIL-BSP, Saumya Tokdar, CGM BFs and on behalf of SMS group, Marco Asquini, CEO SMS Group APAC & MEA have signed the MOU at MTI Ranchi on August 3, 2023.



This auspicious occasion was graced by Anirban Dasgupta, Director I/c (BSP), Atanu Bhowmik, DIC RSP and BSL, Arvind Kumar Singh, Director Technical, BP Singh, DIC ISP and DSP and several other Senior SAIL dignitaries. SMS group is the lead-

ing engineering and technical company in the field of steel production. SAIL BSP with SMS group will explore solutions for implementation of long term sustainable steel making to decarbonize steel production in its integrated steel plant.

SMS group shall pro-

vide its technological expertise for design, engineering, equipment supplies, technical assistance for erection & commissioning of facilities for the decarbonisation in the steel process. With this MOU, new avenues will be explored in the Indian steel industry.

Jhiliam from St Thomas College qualifies CSIR JRF with AIR 163 in Physics

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Bhilai, Aug 03: Jhiliam Sahu, a student of the Department of Physics & Electronics, St Thomas College, of batch 2021-22 has cleared the CSIR-NTA NET/JRF with AIR 163. She completed her B Sc then belongs to the first batch of M Sc Physics of the College. She was also the first student in the College who earned a certificate from NPTEL.

Administrator Dr Joshi Varghese and the Principal Dr MG Roymon gave their blessings for her achievement. Incharge of the Department of Physics &



Jhiliam Sahu

Electronics Amit Kumar Tamrakar, Tulika Harshit, Priya Sai and Suryaprasad Singh congratulated her by giving best wishes for her bright future ahead.

Mock drill for Disaster Management held in Electrical Repair Shop

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Bhilai, Aug 03: A Mock Drill for Disaster Management (Electrocution and Fire) was held in SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Electrical Repair Shop on July 28, 2023. The Mock Drill was conducted to check the performance of various agencies and the suggestions for the improvement have been considered and implemented.

Mock Drill was conducted to check the performance of various agencies involved including CISE, Fire Brigade, SED, MMP 1, Civil Defence, ERS etc.

During the drill, the chageman from small assembly section (DC) in G shift was involved

in rectification of problem happened at 10:05



lem at around 9:55 hrs in a DC motor during testing in testing section of ERS. Suddenly he got electrocuted and due to short circuit fire inci-

hrs. He shouted for rescue. Chageman of testing section informed the Shift Manager of ERS about the incident and

section switched off the power supply.

Shift manager rushed to spot immediately, & seeing the situation, he informed HoD of ERS.

GM ERS declared emer-



gency and raised the alarm at 10:05 hrs.

Sandeep Verma, AM ERS informed Fire Brigade, MMP-1, CISE, Safety Control, Civil

Defence, & senior offi-

cers of ERS. PK Padhy, GM (ERS) rushed to the spot along with K Baghel DGM, Remy Thomas (DSO), ML Junghare Sr Mgr, Y

Kasherwani AM,

Neelam Verma AM & Bindu Kurup JO took control over the situation & injured person was shifted to MMP-1 with the help of Fire

Brigade & MMP personnel.

All the concerned agencies (Fire Brigade, MMP1, Civil Defence, CISE, and Safety Control) rushed to the spot and directed ERS personnel to the assembly point. After head count & clearance from Fire brigade, GM (ERS) declared end of emergency.

Electrical Repair Shop is the centralized agency for repair of all types of electrical machines, load lifting Electro Magnets in Bhilai Steel Plant. After completion of the mock drill, a review meeting was conducted by PK Padhy, GM, ERS to discuss the observations & express gratitude to all agencies.

Plantation drive: More than 5300 saplings planted in 58 days

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Bhilai, Aug 03: For greener city and to enhance the beauty, in the limits of Durg Municipal Corporation, a massive plantation drive has been taken up. Shady and fruit bearing plants are being planted in the public places of the city.

Five thousand three hundred and fifty trees have been planted in the city so far. The campaign has been started from June 05. Saplings were first planted under the Hariyar Sheher scheme at Gauthan in Pulgaon.

MLA Durg (urban) Arun Vora, Mayor Dhiraj Bakliwal, Commissioner Lokesh Chandrakar, Speaker Rajesh Yadav, Environment Incharge Satyavati Verma, MIC members and councilors and officers planted saplings.

Gauravpath, Station Road Green Chowk, Shri Shivam dividers from



Jail Tiraha to Maharaja Chowk, divider of Nehru Nagar to Mini Mata Chowk on roadside and GE Road, Station Road behind Circuit House, Shvsnath River Mahra Muktidham road etc where almond, Kadam, Neem, Cotton, Kaner,

Palm, Champa, Gulmohar, Amaltash, Neelmohar, Spider Lily etc have been planted. The saplings have been planted on sides near MLD Filter Plant to Science College and other roads connected to the main road of the city,

government office buildings, Anganwadi centers, hospitals, around ponds, government and schools like Atmanand School Deepak Nagar, Government Adarsh Kanya Vidyalaya Civil Line, city gardens.

Apart from the vacant



government land, intensive tree plantation is being done in the ward. Instructions have been given to plant trees in more places. Mayor Dheeraj Bakliwal and Commissioner Lokesh Chandrakar have appealed to the citizens and

social organizations of the city to participate in the intensive tree plantation campaign in Hariyar Durg city for the protection of the environment.

Garden in-charge Anil Singh said that free saplings are being distributed to the citizens

by the Municipal Corporation. He told that during the scorching heat in March, 117 big trees were planted on Shvsnath river Muktidham road and all the trees planted are still alive.

472.3 mm average rainfall recorded in district so far

Bhilai, Aug 03: The district has recorded an average rainfall of 472.3 mm from June 01 to August 03. According to the information received from the Office of the Collector, Land Records Branch, since June 01 till now, the maximum rainfall was 673.3 mm in Patan Tehsil and the minimum was registered as 222.0 mm in Bori Tehsil.

Apart from this, 454.8 mm of rainfall was recorded in Tehsil Durg, 486.4 mm in Tehsil Dhamdha, 492.4 mm in Tehsil Bhilai 3 and 505.1 mm in Tehsil Ahiwara. On August 03, 2023 Tehsil Durg recorded 32.2 mm, Tehsil Dhamdha 63.1 mm, Tehsil Patan 55.0 mm, Tehsil Bori 15.0 mm, Tehsil Bhilai-3 42.4 mm and Tehsil Ahiwara 60.9 mm.

ED raids against businessmen, traders in four districts

Of Raipur, Korba, Dhamtari and Ambikapur

Raipur, Aug 03:

Enforcement Directorate (ED) has once again started conducting raids and on Thursday ED conducted raids against close associate of IAS Ranu Sahu, businessmen and traders in Raipur, Korba and Dhamtari and Ambikapur. The raid at Rohit Agrawal's house at Swarnabhoomi, in Kachana in Raipur started in the morning hours. Rohit is associated with Tendupatta business and the ED team started the search of documents since morning. ED also raided the house of ex-Corporator and businessman Pawan Agrawal, living near Station Road in Seetamadi in Korba from 5:00 am.

Before the people of the house could understand anything, the team start-



● Mainly in connection with close associates of IAS Ranu Sahu

ed the raid putting all persons in the house in one room. In this about 5-hour long raid, the ED team returned empty handed. The search of documents at the establishment of Naveen Tiles and real estate businessman Pawan Agrawal is going on. His father Ram Singh Agrawal had contested VS polls in 2018 from Jogi (Congress).

ED also raided the house and shops of businessman Rudmal

Agrawal in Korba and along with ED officials, the jawans of security forces could be seen posted outside his house.

In the afternoon the two ED's teams reached office of Dy Registrar office in Hardibazar and Katghora and started checking the documents. There are reports that ED officials are conducting inquiry in connection with initials of an officers with the name 'KK' and this has once again created sensation in

bureaucracy.

ED raided various establishments of businessmen and traders in Dhamtari and out of which one is rice miller and other is contractor. ED is also reported to have conducted raid against businessman in Ambikapur.

Amidst the raids in above three districts, ED is having an eye on Bijapur. ED by writing a letter to Bijapur district administration has sought details of DMF funds and the district administration will have to pass on details from 2016 till date.

So far there is no update on the outcome of the raid in the above three locations. Prior to this on Wednesday, ED had raided the establishments of Sunil Ramdas Agrawal in Raigarh and the team had returned yesterday itself.

Assistant Commandant recruitment exam on 6th

Raipur, Aug 03: The examination of Assistant Commandant Recruitment-2023 in the Central Armed Police Force, organized by the Union Public Service Commission New Delhi, will be held on August 06 in two shifts. The first shift will be held from 10 to 12 in the morning and the second shift from 2 to 5 in the afternoon in 07 examination centers. For the smooth conduct of the examination, Deputy Collector Smt. Ruchi Sharma has been appointed as Assistant Co-ordinating Supervisor.

CEO holds meeting to streamline working of RDA

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Raipur, Aug 03: With the objective to streamline the working of Raipur Development Authority (RDA), the Chief Executive Officer Dharmesh Kumar Sahu held a meeting directing the officials and employees to hold redressal to the grievances of people related with various works like issuing No Objection Certificates (NOC) for building construction, Lease Renewal, Transfer of Property and Freehold

of the residential quarters. Presiding over the meeting, the CEO Sahu directed the officials to update the status of the residential properties of various schemes including the Kaushalya Mata Vihar Scheme. He also asked them to submit the declaration letter about the vacant property eligible for sale under various scheme in their respective assignments.

He also asked to take prompt action against the property owners who have failed to clear the outstanding amount

within scheduled duration in RDA schemes. He asked the employees to update the database of the recovery amount as well as to prepare the list of the properties which could be sold to people at the earliest. He also asked to prepare the list of the residential plots which would be affected with the amendments in the Layout of Kaushalya Mata Development Scheme. Additional CEO Shimmi Nahid and others were also present on the occasion.

BJP launches campaign to seek suggestions for Election manifesto



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Raipur, Aug 03: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Thursday launched the campaign to start the preparations of Election manifesto for the upcoming Legislative Assembly polls.

Suggestion Boxes would move across Chhattisgarh to collect opinion and suggestions from people which would be included by the BJP in the Election manifesto. BJP election in-charge OP Mathur, State

BJP President Arun Sao, Convenor of BJP's Election Manifesto Committee and Durg Parliamentary Vijay Baghel, National Vice President Lata Usendi and Leader of Opposition in Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly Narayan Chandel were present during the formal launching of the campaign. District Office-bearers of BJP would take the Suggestion Boxes with them in their respective region to collect the suggestions and opin-

ions for the upcoming polls. A 32-member team under the MP Vijay Baghel would work on the Election Manifesto.

"We will reach out to people through different mediums during a month-long drive and seek their suggestions for the manifesto. We have released a WhatsApp number and an e-mail ID through which people can share their suggestions and the kind of development they want for the state," Baghel said.

Once the drive is over, Baghel said, the suggestions will be put before their senior leaders after which the poll manifesto will be drafted.

State BJP chief Arun Sao said, "People's suggestions have been sought as we want to take the state ahead on the path of development as per their wishes and dreams."

'CBS is known for holistic development of students'



Raipur, Aug 03: Centre for Basic Sciences, Pt Ravishankar Shukla University Raipur organised a seven-day Student Induction Programme (SIP) in presence of Vice Chancellor Prof Sachchidanand Shukla. Prof Shukla in his speech asked the students to focus on quality education. He added, here teachers are their mentors and are dedicated for their personality development. The students should ask the teachers to clear their doubts and work for the development of the country and also remain attached to their institution. CBS Director Prof Kalol Ghosh apprised the students about the working style and culture

of university and CBS. Prof Ghosh said, students who take admission here can get good education, culture and scientific blend of mind. In the programme Dr Bhanushree Gupta informed about the departmental activities and achievements of students. While Dr Lakshmi Kant informed about Continuous Evaluation System followed in CBS. Senior students Suresh Gupta and Sujata Bais shared their experiences. The programme was conducted by Dr Smita Sharma while Dr Girjashankar Gautam proposed vote of thanks. The students were also taken to a tour of other School of Studies of the university.

Samrit, Ayush into Quarters of Asian Tennis tournament

Raipur, Aug 03: Sampriti Sharma defeated Varad Pol with the score of 6-2 6-1 in the Pre Quarter Final of the Chhattisgarh Asian U-16 & Ranking Category 2 Tennis Tournament 2023 being organised under the aegis of Chhattisgarh State Tennis Association on Thursday. Similarly, Ayush Poojari defeated Sangram Bhadury 6-2 6-1 whereas Ahan Shetty defeated Khushvin Jeffrey 6-1 6-1, Kartikey Agassi defeated Neel Niranjan Joglekar 6-4 6-4. Navin Sundaram Rajasundaram defeated Aaradhya Mhasde on the basis of walkover. Similarly, Siddharth Sharma defeated Nishit Arimillil 6-2 6-7(4) [10-6], Mannan Ashok Agarwal defeated Madhav Dixit 6-1 6-2 and Levin Safor Mydeen defeated Brinda Himanish 6-0 6-1 to enter into the quarter final of the event.

Jr badminton tournament witnesses thrilling matches

Raipur, Aug 03: The Raipur District Badminton Association kick-started the highly anticipated junior badminton tournament at the Sapre School Badminton Hall here on Thursday. In the Boys' Singles category for the 15-year-old age group, the opening rounds witnessed intense battles and impressive performances. Young prodigies displayed exceptional talents, displaying power and finesse in their games. Notable matches included N Yatharth's triumph over Siddharth Agrawal with a score of 15-6, 15-8, and Kavya Jaiswal's convincing win against Harjas Singh with a score of 15-10, 15-5. Adding to the excitement, Shreyansh Kaushik emerged victorious after a



by Krishna Bhatnagar, who dominated Sarthak Parmar with a 15-4, 15-6 win. In the Boys' Singles category of 17-year-old age group Lirik Matareza showcased his prowess as he defeated Dhruv Valecha 15-4, 15-9, while Satwik Varma demonstrated exceptional resilience in overcoming Shreyansh Kaushik with a 17-15, 15-9 victory. In another match, Ishan Parekh, who skillfully outplayed Chaitanya Krishnani with a score of 15-9, 15-4. Meanwhile, Vivan Bajaj's dazzling performance led to a well-deserved victory against Maulik Bisen, with a scoreline of 15-3, 15-10. The tournament is set to continue until August 6th, promising more gripping matches.

Raipur, Aug 03:

Heavy rains lash entire state for last 48 hrs

Heavy rains lashed entire Chhattisgarh over the last two days and due to which rivers and 'nullahs' are in full spate and many a low lying areas in most of the cities are inundated with knee-deep water including capital city. People had to spend sleepless night siphoning out water due to clogging of drains and lack of proper outflow despite tall claims of Municipal authorities.

In capital city the area near BJP's office was flooded with water and people faced lots of problems in passing from that locality. With water logging on roads, it is difficult for vehicle riders to find out about the potholes and exact area of drains near the roads and due to which many accidents have taken place. Water in city's life-line Kharun river is also rising every hour, with water coming from nearby areas and the villages in its range have been issued warning.

Meanwhile due to rains for last 48 hours in Bilaspur region, many parts of city are facing waterlogging. There is knee-deep water in areas like Old Bus Stand, Srikanth Marg, and other areas, posing problems to the commuters. The road from Old Bus Stand to



Raipur



Fingeshwar



Car in Nullah in Bilaspur

Waterlogging in under-bridge

Due to heavy rains the people are facing problem in crossing 'Chuchhiyapara' railway under-bridge and are forced to put their life into risk while crossing it. Due to lack of system for water clearance from this under-bridge, every year this under-bridge faces waterlogging. In the same way many people had to face lots of problems in Gram Sirgitti, Ghuma, Podi, Silpahari, Ganesh Nagar and others.

Alert issued in Gariyaband

Due to heavy rains in Gariyaband district, an alert has been issued. With a 'kuccha' house collapsing in Sarkada village, a couple got injured coming beneath the debris and it was after lots of hard work the body of two can be taken out by villagers. Both were admitted in the hospital and are reported to be critical.

Two storied house collapses in Fingeshwar

Due to heavy rains, a two-storied house in Gram Bijhora of Fingeshwar block got collapsed. This incident took place on Wednesday night and somehow the people in the house managed to escape alive. In the morning when they saw their house, it had collapsed and the victim tribal has sought compensation from the local district administration.

Karbala too is waterlogged and people are unable to understand the different between flow of water in nullah and the road. As such the nullahs are open from all four side and there are chances of any untoward incident taking place. On Thursday morning a speedily driven car passing from this road fell into the nullah

and the persons sitting inside were safely rescued well on time. The passengers though did not receive any injuries, but the car got badly damaged.

No cases of dengue found in the district

Raipur, Aug 03: Amid intermittent monsoon rainfall the administration has sounded alert and called for steps to prevent dengue outbreak. According to the Health Department, no dengue cases have been found in the district from January 01 to July 31. Collector Dr Sarveshwar Narendra Bhure has appealed to the people not to allow water to accumulate near their houses and observe dry day every week. He asked people to clean cooler once a week and cover water tanks and utensils. If symptoms of dengue are found, one must consult a doctor for treatment, he said. As soon as the rainy season starts, the possibility of infection of vector borne diseases increases. Malaria and dengue cases are more in the rainy season. Raipur is among in the districts with low incidence

from malaria point of view. The health department is working cautiously on dengue. The health staff visited 4 thousand 355 houses between June 1 and July 31 and checked 7 thousand 291 coolers, water tanks etc besides conducting tests for Malaria and Dengue. No positive cases were found so far. The health staff went to different areas of the city to spread awareness among the community about dengue. Urban and rural Mitanis were instructed to celebrate dry day every week with the help of the people. Dengue rapid kits are available in all development blocks and primary health centers in urban areas for testing of dengue. The sample is sent for ELISA test if it tests positive in rapid kit. A ward has been made for dengue patients in District Hospital Pandari, Raipur.

School Badminton tournament concludes at AV Tatibandh



Raipur, Aug 03:

District-level Badminton tournament being organised under the aegis of Adarsh Vidyalaya Tatibandh for Under 14, 17 and 19 in both boys and girls category concluded here on Thursday.

School Principal Amit B Sultan and Vice Principal Dev Archana

Rai encouraged the students from Dharshiwa, Abhanpur, Arang and Tilda Block for participating in the event. Providing the above information, the School PTI Sanjay Bhansali said that the selected players would be representing Raipur District team in the Divisional tournament to be held from August 11.

India has developed into a superpower of the world: Professor Chakrawal

G-20 University connect lecture series 2023 organized at CU



Bilaspur, Aug 03:

Guru Ghasidas University (a Central University) organized the University Connect Lecture Series 2023 (Engaging Youth Minds) under the G-20 University Connect Program on August 03, 2023 from 11 am in the Rajat Jayanti Sabhagar. Prof. Kanhaiya Ahuja, Head, Department of Economics, Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore, in his key note address, said that the main objective of the establishment of G-20 has been to promote inclusive development and economic stability of the world. Through these events, India will have an opportunity to join the ranks of developed nations.

He said that looking at the present global circumstances, India can play an important role in dealing with global conflicts. Efforts like these lectures will prove helpful in reaching the various topics of G-20 to the youth.

Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal said in his address that the whole world is acknowledging the excellence of India's economy. India has developed as a

superpower in the whole world in the last few years. This is the reason why the world is looking towards India with hope to solve global problems. India has shown the will and the determination to lead in solving global problems.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Chakrawal said that on November 16, 2022, the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi was entrusted with the chairmanship of G-20 at the summit held in Bali, India through its diversity, inclusive traditions, and culture gives the formula of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' to the world.

Professor Chakrawal said, "After the implementation of the National Education Policy-2020, paths to various avenues of education through the mother tongue have opened for

the students. On the complete implementation of this policy, India will once again have the distinction of becoming a world guru on the global stage".

He reiterated his resolve to establish Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya in the international academic world with everyone's co-operation, coordination and dedication.

The program started with lighting of the lamp and garlanding the idols of Maa Saraswati and Baba Guru Ghasidas. Students of Tarang Band presented Saraswati Vandana and Kulgeet. The guests were welcomed by presenting saplings and the coordinator of the program, Prof. Praveen Mishra delivered the welcome speech. Special Guest Arpit Barman from Research

Information System for Developing Countries, New Delhi and Coordinator of the program, Prof. Manisha Dubey expressed their views on the G-20 Lecture Series. The guests were honoured by presenting shawls, shripal, and mementoes. A short film made for G-20 was screened on the occasion. At the end of the lecture, the guests on the stage also answered the questions of the students present in the auditorium.

The winners of the poster presentation, slogan writing and essay writing competitions organized as a part of the University Connect Lecture Series 2023 (Engaging Youth Minds) under the G-20 University Connect program were awarded by the guests on the stage. At the end, vote of thanks was given by the Registrar, Prof. Manish Srivastava and the program was conducted by Dr. Garima Tiwari. Deans of various schools, heads of departments, officers, teachers and a large number of students were present on this occasion.

President Murmu extends birthday wishes to Governor

● Governor Harichandan receives countless wishes on his birthday

Raipur, Aug 03:

On the occasion of Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan's birthday today, President Droupadi Murmu, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, and Assembly Speaker Charandas Mahant wished him a long and healthy life.

Additionally, the Secretary to the Governor Amrit Khalko, Legal Advisor Rajesh Srivastav, senior officials of the railways, along with officers and employees of the Raj Bhavan Secretariat, Vice Chancellors of Universities and Brahmakumari sisters, family members, and other digni-



Delegation of sisters from PBIV wished birthday greetings to Guv Biswabhusan Harichandan at Rajbhavan here on Thursday.

taries also extended their best wishes to Governor Mr. Harichandan.

Bihar Governor Rajendra Arlekar, Union Minister Arjun Munda, Renuka Singh, Chhattisgarh Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu, Urban Administration Minister Dr. Shivkumar Dahariya, former

Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh, former Leader of Opposition Dharamlal Kaushik, Minister of Madhya Pradesh Govind Singh Rajput, public representatives of Chhattisgarh and other states expressed their best wishes to the Governor through social media.

Gyaneshwari appointed as an ASI in Police Department

Raipur, Aug 03: nWeightlifter Gyaneshwari Yadav, a resident of Village Bhojia Post Sindryola in Rajnandgaon district, has been appointed as Assistant Sub-Inspector Administration in Chhattisgarh Police. Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel has fulfilled his promise by issuing the appointment order of Ms Gyaneshwari Yadav. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has congratulated the daughter of Chhattisgarh Ms Gyaneshwari Yadav for winning three silver medals in the IWF



Junior World Weightlifting Championship held in Greece and wished her a bright future.

CM wished happy birthday to the K'taka CM

Raipur, Aug 03: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has greeted the Chief Minister of Karnataka Siddharmayya on his birthday. In his message, Baghel wished Siddharmayya a good health and a bright future ahead.

ICAI to organise Students' National Conference on Aug 5-6



Raipur, Aug 03:

Raipur, Bhilai and Bilaspur branch of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India is going to organise Students National Conference together on August 5 and 6. Raipur Branch President Ravi Gwalani, Students Wing President Rashmi Bhangla, Secretary Vikas Golcha said that on August 5 and 6, students from all over Chhattisgarh state will gather at Dayal Upadhyay Auditorium, Science College, Raipur, in which paper presentation will be given from all over the country. Selected students from all over India will come. State Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel will be present as the chief guest in the pro-

gram and will address the students. National President of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India Mr. Aniket Talati, National Vice President Ranjit Kumar Agarwal will also be present in the program. The first Acting Chief Justice of Chhattisgarh state Mr. Ramesh Garg will participate in the program as a special guest and keynote speaker.

This will be the first time that the head of the state and the first acting chief justice of Chhattisgarh state will share the stage together. Well known personality of CA community Jai Chhara who is originally from Surat city, Vijay Sarada from Pune, Dayaniwas Sharma origi-

nally from Hyderabad, Mangesh Kinre from Mumbai, Kemisha Soni from Indore, Abhay Chhajed from Bhopal, Kishore Bardia from Raipur, Manisha Biyani from Ranchi, Riddhi Jain from Raipur, Rahul Batra from Bhilai will come as speakers in this event. Bhramar Jain scoring AIR-1, who has brought laurels to Chhattisgarh all over India, will also participate in the program and will give tips to the students to crack the exam. In the event, speakers and paper presenters will present their views on topics like income tax, audit, accounting, establishment of new industry, GST, international accounting, cost and finance and financial reporting.

Workshop on 'Advanced Hands-on Training on Biomedical Signal Acquisition & Analysis' inaugurated

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Raipur, Aug 03: National Institute of Technology (NIT) Raipur's Department of Biomedical Engineering organized an inauguration ceremony for the Science & Engineering Research Board (SERB) Sponsored High-End workshop entitled "Advanced Hands-On Training on Biomedical Signal Acquisition and Analysis", under the Karyashala Scheme, in physical mode. Dr. NV Ramana Rao, Director was the Chief Guest. Dr. M. Sabarimalai Manikandan, Associate Professor, Electrical Engineering, IIT Palakkad was the speaker of training program was also present in the event.

The Chief Speaker Dr. MS Manikandan urged the attendees to actively participate in the session. He explained about reproducible research, the importance of database in the field and the significance of writing research articles as an evidence of your findings. Dr. P Diwan congratulated the biomedical department for organizing the training program

and inviting eminent speakers to address over the week-long event. Dr. P Y Dheknne emphasized the need of practical knowledge, that the participants shall gain in this hands-on training program. Dr. NV Ramana Rao enlightened the attendees about the role of biomedical engineers in sustaining quality human life. He concluded by stressing how the field of biomedical engineering is futuristic and an emerging one. This program aims to explore biomedical signals recorded from the human body which provide vital information about the physiological functioning of different internal organs and prove to be highly beneficial in the healthcare domain. The Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) approaches have been very influential in diagnosing and interpreting various health issues via bio-signal processing. The focus of the workshop will be on the recent advances in artificial intelligence and machine learning tools, as well as their applications in the field of healthcare. Renowned ex-

perts from various IITs, AIIMS, IITs, NITs and Abroad are set to deliver lectures during the program. It will also include Compressed Sensing and Sparse Signal Processing for biomedical signal analysis, Multivariate signal processing, CEST Imaging, EEG data acquisition and classification of emotions, Relevance of Biomedical Instrumentation and signal processing in Yoga Research, PPG signal analysis for diabetic detection, Analysis of Cardiovascular signal parameters, Application of Machine intelligence in disorders of mind, PPG signal analysis for wearable healthcare applications, Artificial Intelligence in Neurology, Radio imaging and CAD are to be covered in this program. Hands-on sessions & demonstrations on Acquisition and Analysis of ECG, EMG, PPG, EEG & FNIRS, Introduction to ML paradigm, Implementation of ML algorithms using MATLAB, Deep Learning using Python and minor project will also be conducted.

Ryan Int'l hosts 'Yuvamanthan Model G20'



Raipur, Aug 03: Ryan International School, Raipur organised the Yuvamanthan Model G20, a unique initiative for youth to excel in public speaking, diplomacy, and strategy, on 3rd Aug 2023. The summit witnessed the participation of over 136 students acting as leaders of G20 nations.

India's assumption of the G20 presidency from December 2022 is a defining moment in its history, aiming to foster pragmatic global solutions and embody the spirit of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' (One Earth - One Family - One Future), the theme of G20. Acknowledging the crucial role of India's youth in an interconnected world, Yuvamanthan Model G20 (YMG20) provides a platform for their inclusion, amplifying their voices on socio-political issues.

Key outcomes of the discussion included consensus on Health, Wellbeing, and Sports Agenda for Youth. The participants also emphasized the importance of knowledge sharing among G20 nations. Addressing the students, the Chief Guest on the occasion, Ms. Gowri Shah, State level badminton player highlighted the opportunity for innovative ideas to shape a sustainable and inclusive world by saying that we should never give up for anything in life and each should be motivated towards a goal and accomplish the task.

Yuvamanthan Model G20 provided a significant learning opportunity for students to develop skills like public speaking, strategy building, team building and multilateral negotiations among others and contribute to a better world.

Delegation of 'CSVSKM' meets CM Baghel

Contractual employees withdraw the indefinite strike

Raipur, Aug 03:

A delegation of the 'Chhattisgarh Sarva Vibhagiya Samvidha Karmachari Mahasangh' (CSVSKM) met Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel at his residence office and expressed gratitude for the 27 percent hike in the salary of contractual employees. They also informed the Chief Minister about the withdrawal of the indefinite strike by the



association. The delegation met Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel and conveyed their appreciation for the unprecedented 27 percent salary increase for contractual

employees. This decision will benefit contractual employees across all departments and schemes in Chhattisgarh. The Chief Minister emphasised that the state government is com-

mitted to employee welfare, as evident from various announcements, including DA and house rent increments. The supplementary budget also approved a significant 27

percent salary hike for contractual employees. The delegation also submitted a memorandum outlining their other demands to the Chief Minister Mr. Baghel.

During the meeting, Chief Minister Mr. Baghel assured contractual employees that he would take all necessary actions based on their demands. State President Mr. Kaushalesh Tiwari and other members of the delegation, including Mr. Sudesh Yadav, Mr. Hemant Sinha, Mr. Ashok Kurra, Mr. Sanjay Soni, Mr. Vijay Yadav, and others, were present.

All inscriptions removed by Cong during the BJP rule will be reinstated: Bafna

Jagdalpur, Aug 03:

The BJP accused the present Congress government of removing the inscriptions installed after Bhumi Pujan of many development works done during the BJP regime due to prejudice. Under the leadership of District President Rup Singh Mandavi and former MLA of Jagdalpur Assembly Santosh Bafna, the work of installing the inscription of Bhoomipujan of Pragati Path in front of Maa Danteshwari temple was done on Wednesday. It is notable that the former MLA Bafna had written a letter to the Collector urging him to intervene appropriately in the matter. But due to no interference, today the BJP people have started putting inscriptions for Bhoomipujan of the works approved during the BJP rule under the leadership of Rup Singh Mandavi and former MLA Bafna.

BJP District President Rup Singh Mandavi while addressing the meeting said that the present Congress government and its people's representatives have left the development of the state in the last 5 years and instead started a new custom only to take credit for the works approved during the BJP rule.



The truth is that the present Congress government and the local people's representatives have not made any contribution in the development of Jagdalpur area.

Addressing the BJP workers and the people present, former MLA Bafna said that when the government changed in the state, even the stones of Bhoomi Pujan were removed by the Congress government. The then Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh had shed a lot of development works for the people of Jagdalpur assembly constituency before the elections. And during the Vikas Yatra, Bhumi Pujan of many development works approved in Hata Ground had been done and many works had also started, but at present it is being seen that in

any place in this Congress government, the foundation stones referred to Bhoomi Pujan have not been laid are not visible now. He said that the present MLA and other people's representatives of the Congress could not start any development work from their government in the last five years. He is trying to garner accolades for the work already approved and the Bhoomipujan done. Rather, due to not being able to get the development works approved by his government, he only did the work of changing the place of the development works. It would have been better if the Congress people's representatives would have got some works approved by themselves instead of playing the politics of taking credit.

Obituary Anuradhaben

Gudiyari resident Anuradhaben Govindbhai Chawda passed away at the age of 80. Her last rites were performed at Kota Muktidham. She was mother of Vinay, Jitin and Dr. Jasmin Chawda.

Oath administered to youth for 100% polling in various colleges

Raipur, Aug 03: The special brief revision program of voter lists in the district has started from August 2, which will continue till August 31, 2023. During this time the application can be given if the name is not registered in the voter list. On this occasion, oath was administered to new and young voters in various colleges



on Wednesday to vote 100 percent in the upcoming elections. The youth

whose name has not yet been registered in the voter's list should fill

Form 6 to become a new voter and through Form 6B to link voter ID card with Aadhaar card, as well as through Form 8 to fill in name, gender and error correction in voter list and information about the enabled app was given. Students were also told how to fill the said form through the online voter helpline app.

Meeting of various political parties held

Central Chronicle News Election Officer Vinay Kumar Langleh, Superintendent of Police Trilok Bansal took a meeting of political parties as part of the preparations for



the upcoming Assembly General Election 2023 with free, fair, peaceful and transparency. The collector informed about the dates fixed in the context of the second special brief revision eligibility date of August 2, 2023, of the photo electoral rolls issued by the Chief Electoral Officer, Chhattisgarh.

The date of receiving claim objection is from August 2 to August 31 and special camps are organized at polling station level on August 12, 13, 19 and 20. Officials of political parties were informed about the proposal of new polling stations under the rationalization of polling stations and the proposal sent to shift from the old dilapidated polling station building to the new building in the same campus.

Giving information about the facilities and survey being made available for voting to Divyangjans and voters above 80 years of age, the Collector said that such Divyang voters who are unable to reach the polling booth; the polling

EVM demonstration sparks enthusiasm among new voters

Arang, Aug 03: In a groundbreaking initiative by the Election Commission to foster voter awareness, a program was conducted at the Government Arundhati Devi Higher Secondary School in Arang. The event aimed to enlighten young citizens about voter participation and demonstrate the functioning of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs).

Students from Arundhati Devi English and Hindi Medium Schools, along with Srijan Sonakar Higher Secondary School, who will all reach the age of 18 by October 1, 2023, actively participated in the program.

Under the guidance of the Registration Officer, SDM Atul Vishwakarma, they gained in-depth knowledge about EVMs and displayed remarkable enthusiasm during the voting simulation, actively engaging in discussions and sharing their experiences.

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team will go to their homes and get them to vote through postal ballot. Sub-Divisional Officer Revenue Smt. Ankita Som was present in the meeting. The collector gave detailed information about appointing booth level agents from political parties, getting voter list, names of new voters being added to voter list and voters being deleted.

In the district, 2, 19,890 voters are registered against the proposed population of 3, 17,484 for October 2023. Out of which 5781 voters are in the age group of 18 to 19 for the first time and 1650 voters are above 80 years.

In the district, 97 service voters are registered in the assembly constituency Baikunthpur and an appeal has been made to all the political parties that for appointing B.L.O. also a motor cycle rally is being organized on August 02

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Japanese man suctions 11 cans to his head to break world record



In a bizarre and remarkable display of skill, a Japanese man has recaptured the Guinness World Record for the most drink cans adhered to his head using air suction. Shunichi Kanno, 31, initially achieved the feat in 2009 with nine cans but lost the record to Jamie "Canhead" Keeton, who managed to stick 10 cans to his head. Not one to be deterred, Kanno made a triumphant comeback, raising the bar by securing a staggering 11 cans on his head. To achieve this impressive feat, he discovered a clever technique of creating air suction on his temples. Explaining the method

behind his extraordinary talent, Kanno revealed, "You make a wrinkle on your skin, then place a can there. Push the can firmly towards your head and ease your wrinkle. This reduces the air pressure between the can and the skin, and the can should stick like a suction cup." Kanno credits his unusually large forehead as the key to his success. Having possessed this unique physical feature since a young age, he saw an opportunity to showcase his exceptional ability. "Everyone mentioned that, so I felt that I had something quite unique. I was thinking about how I can put this to good use," he shared.

AI-Driven Mammography Unveiling More Cancers and Easing Radiologists' Burden

A groundbreaking study led by Lund University, Sweden, has revealed the immense potential of artificial intelligence (AI) in breast cancer screening. The research, named the Mammography Screening with Artificial Intelligence (MASAI) trial, demonstrated that AI-supported mammography outperformed standard screening, detecting one-fifth more breast cancers and significantly reducing radiologists' workload.



The study recruited 80,000 Swedish women, randomly dividing them into two groups. The intervention group underwent AI-supported screening, while the control group underwent conventional screening. Astonishingly, AI-supported screening detected 41 more cancers compared to standard screening, without increasing false positives. False positives, where suspicion of cancer is cleared after further examination, were consistent at 1.5% in

both groups. The most significant benefit was observed in radiologists' workload, which decreased by a remarkable 44% in AI-supported screenings. The technology allowed for an estimated five months of a radiologist's time to be saved when reading the 40,000 screening examinations in the AI group. Lead researcher Kristina Lang emphasized that AI not only enhances cancer detection but also

streamlines the screening process. AI identified high-risk cases, which underwent double reading by radiologists, while low-risk cases were read by only one radiologist. Despite the promising results, the study acknowledged certain limitations. It was conducted at a single center, focused on one type of mammography device, and used one AI system. To ensure generalizability, further trials and evaluations are needed,

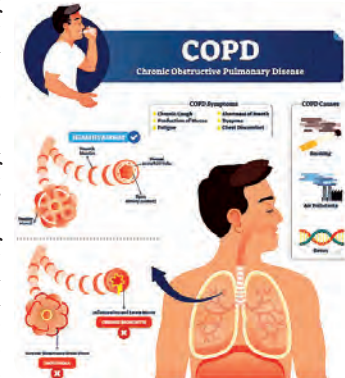
especially considering the radiologist shortage in many countries. Lang emphasized that the goal is to identify clinically significant cancers early, while balancing the risk of false positives and overdiagnosis of indolent cancers. This innovative AI-driven approach marks a potential revolution in breast cancer screening, with the potential to save lives and alleviate the burden on healthcare professionals.

Unveiling the Hidden Impact

Non-obstructive Chronic Airway Disease in Long-term Smokers

A groundbreaking study conducted in the US reveals alarming insights into the health of long-term smokers. The research, carried out by the University of California-San Francisco (UCSF), involved 1379 participants aged 40 to 80 years, who had smoked one pack of cigarettes a day for 20 years or more. Surprisingly, half of these long-term smokers displayed symptoms not fitting any of the existing tobacco-related disease criteria.

called "tobacco-exposed persons with preserved spirometry" (TEPS). The study spanned five years, followed by additional monitoring for up to 10



Despite showing persistently high levels of respiratory symptoms such as shortness of breath, daily cough and phlegm, and reduced exercise capacity, these individuals performed well in the breathing tests commonly used to diagnose chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). This perplexing phenomenon led the researchers to identify a new category of smokers

years after the initial assessment. Participants with TEPS consistently exhibited pulmonary symptoms and faced high rates of respiratory exacerbations, significantly impacting their ability to lead an active life. Importantly, the symptomatic TEPS individuals did not show increased COPD incidence compared to those who remained asymptomatic.

Enormous Russian Cat Takes Internet by Storm

A colossal cat from Russia is causing a sensation on social media due to its extraordinary size. Owned by Yulina Minina from Stary Oskol town in Russia's Belgorod region, the feline is drawing attention for its immense proportions, equivalent to that of her four-year-old daughter, Anechka. Ms. Minina frequently shares videos of her gigantic pet, named Kefir, a Maine Coon, known as one of the largest domesticated cat breeds. In one recent clip, Kefir amazes viewers by standing on its hind legs and reaching for the door's handle, showcasing its impressive height. The massive feline then ventures outside to stretch its long limbs under the sun before relaxing in the garden. Additional videos and photos capture heartwarming moments of Ms. Minina, her daughter, and Kefir spending quality time together at home. The Maine Coon breed originates from the



US state of Maine, renowned for its significant size and adaptation to harsh climates. Their glossy, water-resistant coats and long, bushy tails serve as protection from cold winters. Social media users have been enthralled by Kefir's grandeur, leaving endearing comments and expressions of admiration on Ms. Minina's Instagram posts. The enchanting cat has captured the hearts of online audiences, garnering immense love and appreciation.

Balancing Work and Life: The Need for Change in Banking Industry

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Banking industry is an emerging industry in India, the entry of private sector and foreign banks have brought various essential changes in the banking industry. Work-life balance in Banks has been in the news a lot recently. What does this mean for those in HR or leadership roles? Work-life balance is the state of equilibrium where a person equally prioritizes the demands of one's career and the demands of one's personal life. Some of the common reasons that lead to a poor work-life balance includes increased responsibilities at work, Working longer hours, increased responsibilities at home & having children. Work-life balance is a concept which includes proper prioritizing between "work (career

and ambition) and professional life and personal life. "Lifestyle" (health, pleasure, leisure, family and spiritual development/meditation). Work-life balance is great. Historically, the banking industry has been characterized by long, intense working hours. Bank employees take painful efforts to deliver to the multiple needs of their customers. As employees are logging in more hours, work-life balance has become an increasingly important factor to overall satisfaction in the workplace. Now a day's managing work life balance is a challenge for different lives, a good working definition of Work-both employers and employees particularly in service Life Balance is: industry where employees are loaded with work at



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workplace and at the same time they have to balance their Meaningful daily Achievement and Enjoyment in each personal life. When creating a schedule that works for you, think about the best way to achieve balance at work and in your personal life. Your overall physical, emotional and mental health should be your main concern. Prioritizing your health first and foremost will make you a better employee and person. Work

life balance= Time management + Stress management. The menace of work-life imbalance is noticeable in banking industry. Employees in the banks take painful effort to deliver the various needs of its customers. Work deadlines are getting compact and the individual's jobs are loaded and added with quality output. Due to work in pressure, it becomes hard to maintain balance between professional and family life. Work life and personal life are two sides of the of the four life quadrants: same coin. It is important to understand how key balance is to creating engaged and happy workers. Maintaining a healthy work-life balance is not only important for health and relationships, but it can also improve your em-

ployee's productivity, and ultimately performance. A healthy work-life balance allows everyone to excel at work and take care of their personal wellbeing outside of the office. There are lot of benefits for work life balance as its policies provide the ability to manage work and individual commitments. It leads to improved personal and family satisfaction. It guides to have increased focus, motivation and one of the factors that affect women employees' retention in job satisfaction knowing that the family and work the company. It leads to less distraction. Directs in increased in job security due to flexibility or work time flexibility. Perfect work life balance is maintained by having flex working hours. A negative work/life balance can cause burnout, stress,

health problems, and pressure on marital and family relationships. Because these issues can significantly affect worker productivity and output, many progressive organizations are prioritizing addressing the topic of work/life balance. There is no doubt that employers expect more from their people, which leads to them feeling more pressure to achieve greater results. These pressures appear to have reached a breaking point, as people realise that they need to achieve better balance in their lives. Work life balance provides an opportunity to balance work and life - usually a relaxed work culture. What we need is to adopt and encourage flexible working hours to meet employees' needs. Everyone is super friendly and smart.

The Importance of Proper Body Mechanics

Keeping Your Spine Healthy

Body mechanics is a term used to describe the ways we move as we go about our daily lives. It includes how we hold our bodies when we sit, stand, lift, carry, bend, and sleep. Poor body mechanics are often the cause of back problems. When we



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don't move correctly and safely, the spine is subjected to abnormal stresses that can lead to injury. That's why it is so important to learn the basics of proper body mechanics. It is not very complicated and can be easily incorporated into your daily life.

Standing
Standing work, including bending, lifting, and carrying can be tough on your back if proper body mechanics are not utilized. Following a few simple guidelines may help minimize the risk of injury to the back.

- Avoid standing in one position for a prolonged period of time. Change positions as often as you can.
- Check your body posture throughout the day to increase your awareness of how you stand.
- Pull the shoulders back, lift your chest and stand with your feet apart.
- Stand on surfaces that are firm and level.
- If possible, lean on a solid support.



This helps decrease fatigue during long periods of standing.

Computer Workstations

Many people spend hours at a computer workstation every day. Utilizing proper body mechanics may help decrease back, hip, and neck pain and increase concentration and focus at work.

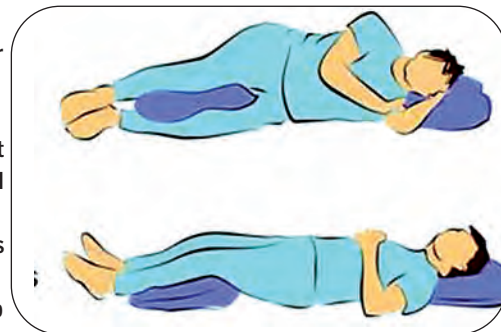
- The top of the monitor should be at or below eye level.
- The head and neck should be balanced and in-line with the torso.
- Shoulders should be relaxed and in a neutral position.
- Elbows should be close to the body and supported by some form of armrests. Not too high to make you hunch or too low to make you reach.
- The chair should support the lower back.
- Wrists and hands should be in-line with forearms.
- There should be adequate room for the keyboard and mouse.
- Place your buttocks at the back of the seat while maintaining a small space between the back of your knees and the seat of the chair.
- Feet should remain flat on the floor.
- As with any seated position, people should follow the "90-90-90" rule, which means that the hips are flexed at 90 degrees, knees are flexed at 90 degrees, and ankles are flexed at 90 degrees.



Sleeping

The goal when sleeping is to maintain a neutral spine.

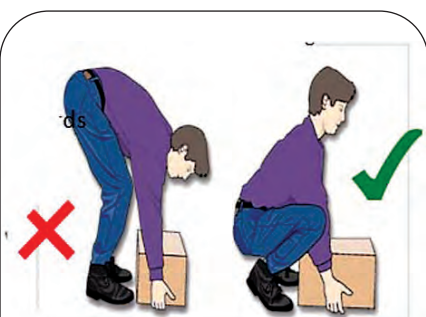
- Sleep on a firm mattress.
- Avoid sleeping on your stomach or with your head elevated on an oversized pillow.
- The side and the back are the best positions for maintaining a neutral position.
- Place a pillow between your knees when you sleep on your side or behind your knees when you sleep on your back.
- Use a pillow that allows you to keep your head aligned with the rest of your body.



Lifting

Lifting has the highest risk for back injury. It is more important to know how to lift than how much weight you can lift.

- Keep the load immediately in front of you.
- Bend the knees to a full squat or lunge position instead of bending over at the hips with the back.
- Bring the load towards the chest.
- Tighten the lumbar and buttocks muscles to lock the back.
- Lift from the legs to the standing position.
- DO NOT: Lift from a twisted/ sideways position OR lift from a forward stooped/ imbalanced position.



Hundreds rally in Niger, denouncing France

As the country's new junta seeks to justify its coup

Niamey, Aug 03 (AP):

Hundreds of people rallied in support of Niger's ruling junta in the capital on Thursday, denouncing France and others who have criticised a recent coup as the country's military leaders sought to exploit anti-Western sentiment to shore up their takeover.

As numbers began to swell at a demonstration organised by the junta and civil society groups on Niger's independence day, protesters in Niamey pumped their fists in the air and chanted out support for neighboring countries that have also seen military takeovers in recent years.

Some waved Russian flags, and one man brandished a Russian and Nigerian flag sewn together.

Last week's coup toppled President Mohamed Bazoum whose ascendancy marked Niger's first



Worker of Red Cross take care of people evacuated from Niger at the Roissy Charles de Gaulle airport, north of Paris, France. European militaries are continuing to evacuate foreign nationals from Niger, with a third French military flight expected to depart the African nation's capital. Defense chiefs from West Africa's regional bloc are set to meet to discuss last week's coup against the country's democratically elected president.

peaceful, democratic transfer of power since its independence from France.

It has been accompanied by strident anti-French sentiment and raised questions about the future of the fight against extremism in Africa's Sahel region, where Russia and Western countries have vied for influence.

The coup has been strongly condemned by Western countries and the West African regional bloc known as ECOWAS, which has threatened to use force to remove the junta if they don't hand back power to Bazoum. As tensions have grown in the capital and the region, many European countries have moved to evacuate their

citizens. At Thursday's protest, many expressed support for the coup leaders and denounced interference from others.

"For more than 13 years, the Nigerian people have suffered injustices," said protester Moctar Abdou Issa. The junta "will get us out of this, God willing they will free the Nigerian people."

"We're sick of the French," he added. It remains unclear whether the majority of the population supports the coup and in many parts of the capital, people went about their lives on Thursday as normal.

In an address to the nation on Wednesday, the new military ruler, Gen. Abdourahmane Tchiani, lashed out at those who have condemned the coup and called on the population to be ready to defend the nation.

Tchiani said Niger will face difficult times ahead and that the "hostile and radical" attitudes of those who oppose his rule provide no added value.

He called harsh sanctions imposed last week by ECOWAS illegal, unfair, inhuman and unprecedented.

The bloc has set a deadline of August 6 for the junta to reinstate Bazoum, who remains under house arrest.

MARITIME RESCUE



The Philippine coast guard rescued all 67 people from a ferry boat that struck a floating object and took on water Thursday off a northeastern province, in the second ferry accident to hit the country in a week, officials said.

Train crashes into bus at crossing in Mexico, killing 7 and injuring 17

El Marques (Mexico), Aug 03 (AP): A train smashed into a small commuter bus at a grade crossing, killing seven people and injuring 17 early Wednesday, authorities in central Mexico said.

Alejandro V zquez Mellado, head of civil defence for the township of El Marques, said several of the 17 injured were in critical condition. Queretaro state interior secretary Guadalupe Mungu a later said the death toll had risen to seven.

The town is in Queretaro state north of Mexico City. Photos of the scene showed the crumpled wreckage of the bus tossed to one side of the tracks. The vehicle was apparently dragged about 50 yards (metres) along the tracks. Such accidents are frequent at railroad crossings in Mexico that lack signals or barriers.

Pak Cabinet approves signing of security pact with US

Islamabad, Aug 03 (PTI):

Pakistan's Cabinet has quietly approved the signing of a new security pact with the US, a move that indicates a fresh start in defence cooperation after years of distrust between the two nations and may open avenues for Islamabad to get military hardware from Washington, a media report said on Thursday.

Through a circulation summary, the Cabinet gave its seal of approval to sign the Communication Interoperability and Security Memorandum of Agreement, known as the CIS-MOA, between Pakistan and the US, The Express Tribune newspaper reported. However,

there was no official announcement from either side about the signing of the agreement. According to the report, Federal Minister for Information Marriyum Aurangzeb was approached but did not respond. The development comes days after Pakistan and the US agreed to further enhance their bilateral relations, including in the defence field, at a meeting between US Central Command (Centcom) chief General Michael Erik Kurilla and Pakistan's Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Asim Munir. CIS-MOA is a foundational agreement that the US signs with its allies and countries with which it wants to maintain close military and defence ties.

Singapore executes third prisoner in 2 weeks for drug trafficking

Kuala Lumpur, Aug 03 (AP):

Singapore hanged a third prisoner in two weeks on Thursday for drug trafficking despite calls for the city-state to halt capital punishment for drug-related crimes. The Central Narcotics Bureau said Mohamed Shalleh Abdul Latiff, a 39-year-old Singaporean, was executed at Singapore's Changi Prison after being accorded due process under the law. He was sentenced to death for trafficking 54 grams (1.9 ounces) of heroin, an amount "sufficient to feed the addiction of about 640 abusers for a week," it said in a statement.

Transformative Justice Collective, an anti-death penalty advocate in Singapore, said Shalleh, an ethnic Malay, worked as a delivery driver before his arrest in 2016. He

was sentenced in 2019 but his appeal was dismissed last year. The group said Shalleh had maintained in his trial that he believed he was delivering contraband cigarettes for a friend to whom he owed money, and he didn't verify the contents of the bag as he trusted his friend. The High Court judge ruled that their ties weren't close enough to warrant the kind of trust he claimed to have had for his friend.

Although the court found he was merely a courier, Shalleh was given the mandatory death penalty because prosecutors didn't issue him a certificate of having cooperated with them, it said. Singapore's laws mandate the death penalty for anyone convicted of trafficking more than 500 grams (17.6 ounces) of cannabis and 15

grams (0.5 ounces) of heroin. Shalleh was the fifth person to be executed this year, and the 16th executed for drug offences since the city-state resumed hangings in March 2022, after a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Two other citizens were executed last week: Saridewi Djamani, 45, who was the first woman to be hanged in 19 years on Friday, for trafficking about 31 grams (1 ounce) of heroin; and Mohammed Aziz Hussain, 56, hanged two days prior for trafficking around 50 grams (1.75 ounces) of heroin. Human rights groups, international activists and the United Nations have urged Singapore to halt executions for drug offences and say there is increasing evidence it is ineffective as a deterrent.

Highway bridge in northern China collapses due to flash floods

Taipei, Aug 03 (AP):

A highway bridge in northern China collapsed due to flash floods triggered by heavy rains, and two cars fell into the river, state media reported Thursday, as parts of China are experiencing the worst floods in decades.

There were no known casualties as of Thursday afternoon after a bridge across Mayi River collapsed along the Harbin-Mudanjiang Highway in Heilongjiang province, according to Beijing News. Images published by local media showed two badly damaged cars floating in the water.

The bridge collapsed around 8.50 am (0050 GMT) on Thursday, road authorities said. A rescue opera-



Trapped residents are rescued by boat in the flood-hit Fangshan district on the outskirts of Beijing. China's capital has recorded its heaviest rainfall in at least 140 years over the past few days as remnants of Typhoon Doksuri deluged the region, turning streets into canals where emergency crews used rubber boats to rescue stranded residents.

tion was ongoing, and a section of the highway had been closed, according to state media.

China is seeing floods triggered by heavy rains in several parts of the country. Weather authori-

ties said the capital, Beijing, recorded its heaviest rainfall in at least 140 years over the past few days as remnants of Typhoon Doksuri deluged the region, turning streets into canals where emer-

gency crews used rubber boats to rescue stranded residents. A second rescuer was confirmed dead on Thursday in the Beijing area and the surrounding Hebei province, where the number of casualties rose to 22.

Liu Jianmin, 47, was working with Blue Sky Rescue, a nongovernmental organization focused on relief efforts, when he fell into the water in Fozizhuang Township, according to the organisation. His body was recovered later. Another rescuer was declared dead on Wednesday after the rubber boat she was in flipped over in a rapidly flowing river. One of the hardest hit areas was Zhuozhou, a small city in Hebei province bordering Beijing's southwest.

GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER MAHANADI PROJECT: WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT RAIPUR (CHHATTISGARH)

e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE table with columns for item number, description, and price. Includes System Tender No.: 142836/NIT No.: 12/SAC/2023-24, Rajnandgaon, Dated: 01.08.2023.

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US supports direct dialogue India and Pakistan on issues of concern

Washington, Aug 03 (PTI):

The US supports direct dialogue between India and Pakistan on issues of concern, a senior Biden administration official has said. There has been continued strain in ties between India and Pakistan on a number of issues including Islamabad's continued support to cross-border terrorism and the Kashmir issue. India has been maintaining that it desires normal neighbourly relations with Pakistan while insisting that the onus is on Islamabad to create an environment that is free of terror and hostility for such an engagement. India has also asserted that Jammu and Kashmir

"was, is and will" always be part of the country. "As we have long said, we support direct dialogue between India and Pakistan on issues of concern. That has long been our position," State Department Spokesperson Matthew

Miller told reporters on Wednesday at his daily news conference. Miller's remarks came two days after Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif offered to hold talks with India to address all serious and outstanding issues.

Government of India Ministry of Culture Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi. Application notice for recruitment of officers for Director (Conservation), Group-'A' (Gazetted), Non-Ministerial in the pay scale of Rs. 12000-375-16500 (pre-revised) (6th CPC-PB-3, Rs. 15600-39100/- Grade Pay of Rs. 7600) (7th CPC-Level-12 of Pay Matrix) by transfer on deputation (including short term contract)/transfer in the National Museum, New Delhi under Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India.

National Education Society for Tribal Students (an Autonomous Organization under Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India). NOTICE for filling up various teaching and non-teaching posts for Eklayva Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) across the country published on 08/07/2023 & 29/07/2023 in Employment News/Rozgar Samachar, following partial modifications are carried out:

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Judicial Snail-Pace

The Fast Track Court Dilemma

The recent revelation about the mounting backlog of cases in Fast Track Courts (FTCs) is a grave concern that demands immediate attention. The very purpose behind the establishment of these courts was to ensure swift justice for heinous crimes against vulnerable sections of society. However, the statistics paint a grim picture, with a staggering 15.78 lakh cases pending before FTCs in May. This editorial calls for urgent action from the authorities to address the inefficiencies plaguing our judicial system and revamp FTCs to deliver justice promptly and effectively. The delay in disposing of cases is nothing short of justice denied. It undermines public trust in our legal system and frustrates victims who seek closure and retribution. The alarming rise in crimes against women, children, senior citizens, and the disabled only exacerbates the urgency to expedite trials and deliver timely justice. One of the glaring reasons behind the snail-paced progress in FTCs is the scarcity of judges. The shortfall in meeting the requirement of 50 judges per 10 lakh population is appalling. It's high time for the government to prioritize bolstering the judiciary with experienced judges who can handle the caseload efficiently. Additionally, the lack of adequate forensic investigation resources compounds the problem. Our labs are ill-equipped, and the shortage of trained professionals further hampers investigations. Ensuring well-equipped laboratories and competent experts is imperative to uphold the integrity of evidence and expedite trials. The demand for more FTCs stems from the increasing incidents of sexual violence in our society. The Fast Track Special Courts (FTSCs) were instituted to address this pressing issue, but their efficacy is being questioned due to a rising number of pending cases. The central and state governments must heed this urgent call and allocate the necessary funds and resources to strengthen our FTCs and FTSCs. Specialized infrastructure and administrative cadres are indispensable to alleviate the burden on these courts and expedite proceedings. Moreover, investing in specialized training and capacity-building programs for judges and court staff is not an option but a necessity. An efficient judicial system requires skilled and competent personnel who can dispense justice promptly and fairly. It is time for the authorities to turn promises into action. The nation demands swift and efficient justice for its citizens. Expedite the process, clear the backlog, and restore faith in our legal system. Let us demonstrate that our Fast Track Courts can deliver justice with speed and efficacy. The clock is ticking, and the nation is watching. Justice must prevail!

Terror unmasked

India need vigilance

In recent times, India has found itself at the crosshairs of an escalating terrorist threat that demands immediate attention and a united response from the nation. A recent UN report has brought to light the ominous plans of notorious terrorist organizations like Al Qaeda, ISIS, and ISKP to intensify their presence within India's borders. This grim revelation underscores the urgency for comprehensive measures to safeguard our nation's security and stability. Of significant concern is the resurgence of Al Qaeda in Afghanistan under the shelter of the Taliban-led regime. According to the UN report, around 200 fighters from Al Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS), a South Asia-focused branch of the global terrorist organization, remain active and pose a formidable challenge to regions like Jammu and Kashmir, Bangladesh, and Myanmar. The AQIS is reportedly grooming an affiliate to carry out its nefarious operations in the sensitive Kashmir region, amplifying the gravity of the situation. In addition to the ominous developments in Afghanistan, the UN report has also shed light on the expansion of the Islamic State's presence in South Asia. With tentacles reaching into India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, the Maldives, and Sri Lanka, the threat posed by these extremist groups looms large and demands immediate attention from India's security agencies. Alarming as it is, the report reveals a disconcerting nexus between Al Qaeda and the Taliban government, with the former receiving support from high-ranking Taliban officials. Although the capacity for large-scale terror attacks may be reduced, the intent of these terrorist outfits remains steadfast. India must not underestimate the persistent aspirations of AQIS to target our nation and must take decisive measures to thwart their sinister plans. The challenges at hand necessitate a multi-pronged approach to counter terrorism effectively. Strengthening intelligence networks, enhancing border security, and fostering international cooperation are critical aspects of our counterterrorism strategy. The fight against terrorism is not confined to national boundaries; it requires global collaboration to dismantle the intricate web of terrorist networks operating across countries. Moreover, countering radicalization must be a key focus of our efforts. India's remarkable diversity is a source of strength, but it also makes us vulnerable to divisive elements seeking to exploit religious and social fault lines. Promoting political pluralism, upholding the principles of secularism, and ensuring equal opportunities for all citizens are indispensable in fostering a united and resilient nation. In the face of this mounting terrorist threat, India must remain vigilant and demonstrate unwavering resolve. The sacrifices made by our security forces in safeguarding the nation's integrity and the resilience displayed by our citizens in times of adversity should serve as an inspiration to confront this menace head-on.

VIBRANT INDEPENDENCE PREPARATIONS



Traditional kite-thread makers prepare glass coated 'Manja' ahead of the demand coinciding with India's Independence Day, in Jammu, Thursday, Aug. 3.

Unraveling the Roots of Communal Violence in India

Mewat-Manipur communal violence special



DR. SATYAWAN SAURABH



India, known for its rich cultural diversity and composite heritage, has long been a land of religious harmony and peaceful coexistence. However, in recent years, this cherished unity has come under threat as communal violence and clashes have surged across the country. The most recent incidents occurred in Manipur and Mewat in Haryana during a Brajyatra procession, leaving many injured, including policemen. The rise in such occurrences begs the question: why is India witnessing an alarming increase in communal riots?

India is a country of diversity, unity in diversity only provides the basis for the golden dignity of the composite culture here. Since the Vedic period, the difference in the composite culture and the interweaving of external ideas have been the specialty here, so the assimilation of any cultural diversity is easy in India. In this perspective, religious cooperation has also been one of these characteristics, its unique example can be seen in Sufism, where Islamic monotheism and some characteristics of Indian religions were combined and as a result, a synthetic religious ideology was successfully followed. But in recent years India's cultural diversity is being transferred into cultural heterogeneity, which is harming the cultural specialty along with the decline in harmony among the people. Communalism as a political philosophy has its roots in the religious

and cultural diversity of India. Communalism in India has always been used as a political propaganda tool to create division, dissension, and tension between communities based on religious and ethnic identity, based on communal hatred and violence. Communal violence is a phenomenon in which people belonging to two different religious communities mobilized by feelings of hatred and enmity attack each other. Social media has played an important role in promoting communalism due to the rapid spread of fake news in the country. The dissemination of audio-visuals of riots and violence has become much easier and faster through social media violence. These inhuman graphic depictions of violence add to the hatred of other communities in the general public. Instead of adhering to journalistic ethics and neutrality, most of the

media houses in the country seem to be particularly inclined towards one or the other political ideology, which in turn widens the social divide. At present, communalism is resorted to by various political parties for their political gains. Communalization of politics as a process has been promoting communalism in India as well as increasing the intensity of communal violence in the country. The lack of value-based education is generally seen in Indian people, due to which they blindly fall into anyone's words without thinking.

Factors like unequal levels of development, class division, poverty, and unemployment create a sense of insecurity among the common people. Due to the feeling of insecurity, people lose their faith in the government, as a result, people resort to various political parties, which have been formed on communal lines, to fulfill their needs/interests. Due to a lack of trust and mutual understanding between two communities or persecution of members of one community by another community, etc., fear, suspicion, and a sense of danger arise in them. Due to this psychological fear, an atmosphere of discord, hatred towards each other, anger, and fear arises among the people.

Innocent people are trapped in uncontrolled situations during communal violence, which leads to widespread human rights abuses. Communal violence causes huge loss of life and property. Communal violence gives rise to vote bank politics and social cohesion is affected. It causes serious damage to communal harmony in the long run. Communal violence affects constitutional values like secularism and fraternity. The families of the victims of communal violence bear the maximum brunt, losing their homes, loved ones, and even their means of livelihood. Communalism also presents a challenge to the internal security of the country because both the

investigators of communal violence and those who suffer from it include the citizens of the country.

The police need to be well-equipped to prevent communal violence. Local intelligence networks can be strengthened to prevent such incidents. To prevent communal violence, peace committees can be set up in which persons belonging to different religious communities can work together to spread goodwill and remove feelings of fear and hatred in riot-affected areas. This will prove helpful in preventing not only communal tension but also communal riots. Value-based education should be given to the common people of the country so that they cannot be swayed easily. On value-oriented education, focusing on inculcating in children noble values in schools and colleges/universities based on the values of peace, non-violence, compassion, secularism, and humanism as well as scientificity (enshrined as a fundamental duty) and rationality. There is a need to stress which can prove to be instrumental in curbing communal feelings.

The existing criminal justice system should be reformed to provide speedy trials and adequate compensation to the victims. Globally, practices prevalent in countries like Malaysia can be followed by the Government of India to prevent communal violence. Strong laws are needed to prevent communal violence. Along with this, the citizens of the country need to understand that-

*** When Geeta said this, she said where is Quran. Make the earth bleed in the name of religion.***

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Health VS Technology

In the 1980s-90s, India witnessed a surge in digitization, leading to significant technological advancements. From phones and computers to the Internet and mobile phones, technology became an integral part of our lives. However, what was designed for convenience has now become a menace on multiple fronts. Excessive phone usage, especially among the youth, is driving a wedge in our society and families. The World Health Organization warns that prolonged screen time affects cognitive abilities and weakens eyesight, sometimes leading to blindness. To safeguard our health, it is vital to manage "screen time" effectively, considering the adverse impact on our well-being. Utilizing the built-in "Device Control" feature on phones can help regulate excessive usage of platforms like Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram, which can be addictive. For parents, implementing parental controls before handing phones to children is essential, as the internet's vast content can easily ensnare young minds. Let us strike a balance between health and technology to ensure a brighter and healthier future for our society.

Salman Khalil, Mumbai

Bigotry is a mental illness

The notion that bigotry is a form of mental illness, characterized by behaviour deviating from societal norms unless endangering society, is gaining attention. The recent incident of a railway constable killing four people in public raises concerns about recognizing mental disorders in armed personnel. Questions arise as to why the constable was kept in service and entrusted with a government rifle if he exhibited signs of mental disorder. With countless armed personnel across the country, any signs of ideological or religious fanaticism among them could pose a severe threat. Urgent action is needed.

A Nawas, Kollam, Kerala

Extremism Threatens

The escalating situation in the country is alarming. Extremists have shattered law and order nationwide, spreading religious animosity relentlessly. Authorities meant to uphold the law have become perpetrators. The government's struggle to control extremism is evident, and even opposition leaders fear speaking out. A progressive future seems distant with unchecked extremism. It's crucial to stop this abhorrence before it jeopardizes the nation's stability and harmony.

Hassan Khan, Mumbai.

Opposition need to take Parliament seriously



By Yash Pal Raihan

In the democratic setup of our country, it is an undeniable fact that the Parliament serves as the central institution where the government and the Opposition play their crucial roles. However, there seems to be a growing concern about the Opposition's approach towards parliamentary proceedings. Instead of making significant statements within the Parliament, leaders are resorting to voicing their opinions out-

side, which is not a productive practice. The situation in Manipur has been a topic of concern, with adverse comments from the Supreme Court aimed at both the state and central governments. Despite this, the word "Jungle Raj" has not been used, unlike in the past when the Patna High Court used it against the Lalu Prasad government. The Opposition, too, should bear the responsibility of ensuring that Parliament runs smoothly, but unfortunately, they have been creating disruptions in both houses.

One noteworthy incident involves the acceptance of a no-confidence motion by the Speaker. Back in 2013, when Meira Kumar was the Speaker, a no-confidence motion was not accepted, and similarly, Speaker Sumitra Mahajan also refused to admit the motion on separate occasions due to the disorderly conduct within the house. As a responsible Opposition, the INDIA bloc sent a team of MPs to Manipur to appeal to both the central and state governments to take earnest measures to ensure justice for those who have been wronged. The no-confi-

dence motion discussion provides the Opposition with an opportunity to shed light on the issues in Manipur and engage the people in a democratic dialogue within the Parliament. Unfortunately, our country continues to face hate crimes, communal clashes, devastating floods, and rising prices that affect the lives of millions. These issues demand immediate attention and discussion within the Parliament. However, the current state of pandemonium in both houses is hindering productive deliberations.

During a recent press conference, opposition parties expressed concerns about the suspension of Rajya Sabha member Rajni Patil, and the excessive number of notices submitted to the Chairman of Rajya Sabha for discussions under rule 267, without any time limitations, unlike rule 176 that allows for a 150-minute discussion. These discrepancies need to be addressed to ensure a fair and effective parliamentary process. Moreover, important pieces of legislation, such as the Forest Conservation (Amendment) Bill, 2023, have received clearance in the Lok

Sabha without thorough discussions, despite their significance in tackling global warming.

The Opposition must utilize its avenues and options wisely, ensuring that protests do not serve as a distraction, allowing crucial bills and issues to escape proper parliamentary oversight. The Opposition has been out of power since 2014, which has seemingly impacted their unity and cohesion. Presently, they are operating under the banner of INDIA, but internal contradictions persist, as seen with the CPM's declaration against alliances in Kerala and West Bengal. It is disheartening to witness the extreme hate the Opposition harbors towards the elected Prime Minister. Resorting to name-calling, sarcasm, and negative comments about the Prime Minister and the BJP undermines the dignity of the Parliament and the democratic process. Such behavior detracts from the progress and success of the nation and the government's efforts.

In a democracy, the Opposition holds a definitive and constructive role in governing the nation. Often referred to as

the "watchdog," their duty is to be obstructive when the government goes astray and cooperative when it takes the right path. They must exercise their "checks and balances" role judiciously, supporting or opposing government initiatives based on merit. Being obstructionist alone is not the contribution expected from the Opposition; they must fulfill the trust millions of people have placed in them by being responsible, constructive, and committed to the welfare of the nation and its people. The Parliament is the heart of our democracy, and it is essential for both the government and the Opposition to take their roles seriously. Healthy debates, constructive criticism, and well-thought-out discussions within the Parliament are essential for the progress and prosperity of our great nation. It is time for the Opposition to demonstrate its commitment to the people and fulfill its responsibilities with sincerity and dedication.

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BRIEF

National policy



New Delhi: Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Wednesday held a detailed discussion with representatives of e-commerce firms and domestic traders body CAIT on issues related to the sector and a national policy for the segment is expected to be announced by the government soon, an official said. The official said that inputs have been taken from all the stakeholders on the subject.

New showrooms

New Delhi: Kalyan Jewellers India Ltd will open 11 new showrooms this month as part of the expansion plan. In a regulatory filing, the company announced its expansion plan for August across India with 11 new showrooms. "With this expansion, the jewellery brand will mark the milestone of its 200th showroom launch... in Jammu." Kalyan Jewellers is currently present across 22 states and union territories in India as well as 4 countries in the Middle East.

Investment



Shimla: Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has urged the hoteliers and entrepreneurs to invest in Himachal Pradesh, saying that the state holds huge potential for the tourism and hospitality industry, a statement said. Speaking at the International Hospitality Expo-2023, organised by India Expo Centre and Mart at Greater Noida on Wednesday, he said that Himachal will emerge as the most sought-after all-season tourism destination in coming years as its peaceful serene and salubrious environment was an added attraction besides the breathtaking scenic beauty and affable law & order system.

India needs to focus on manufacturing: CEA

To achieve sustained 7-7.5 pc growth until 2030

New Delhi, Aug 03:

India needs to focus on the manufacturing sector to achieve sustained growth of 7-7.5 per cent until 2030, Chief Economic Advisor V Anantha Nageswaran said. In an S&P Global report titled 'Look Forward: India's Moment', Nageswaran said that manufacturing should be a key growth area given the country's comparative advantage in terms of skilled labour, improved physical infrastructure, well-established industrial ecosystem and large domestic market. As regards



the services sector, he said the composition should change in favour of high value added services as this would improve earnings by attracting foreign investment. "The Indian economy, in real terms, needs to grow annually at 7-7.5 per cent until 2030... The share of manufacturing in total gross value added has to

increase from 16 per cent at present to at least 25 per cent of GDP at the expense of agriculture and low value added services," Nageswaran said. He further said the investment rate (gross fixed capital formation/GDP) needs to increase from 29 per cent to at least 35 per cent. "The private sector, including foreign direct investment, must drive up the investment rate as the government has limited fiscal space," he said. The CEA suggested that the key initiatives in this regard should include the development of domestic corporate bond market, and well-targeted fiscal incentives to attract investment. Regarding government investments, he said the focus should be on infra-

structure and public goods which in turn would facilitate and stimulate private investment. According to Nageswaran, the net exports need to increase from about (-)3.7 per cent of GDP to a more balanced figure, which can be done by creating a market for high-end manufacturing and high value added services. He also underlined the need for keeping inflation under check. "The government needs to show fiscal prudence with austerity measures. There also needs to be efforts to improve financial inclusion and financial literacy to facilitate the understanding and application of financial instruments in savings and investment decisions," Nageswaran said.

Maruti Suzuki Alto crosses 45 lakh sales mark



New Delhi, Aug 03:

Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) on Thursday said its entry-level hatchback Alto has crossed the 45 lakh sales milestone. The company first introduced the model in the year 2000 and by 2004 it became the country's highest-selling car. It crossed the 10 lakh sales mark in 2008; 20 lakh in 2012; 30 lakh mark in 2016. In August 2020, the model crossed the 40 lakh sales

mark. "Achieving the 45 lakh customer milestone is a testimony to the unwavering support and trust that our customers have placed in us," MSI Senior Executive Officer (Marketing & Sales) Shashank Srivastava said in a statement. The company is confident that brand Alto will continue to delight lakhs of more families with its undisputed legacy and exceptional ownership experience, he added.

CVC asks public sector banks, govt organisations to launch campaign

New Delhi, Aug 03:

The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has asked public sector banks, enterprises, and government departments to carry out a three-month campaign focusing on the disposal of graft complaints and technology upgrades among others. The Commission will also be observing a vigilance awareness week from October 30 to November 5. The probity watchdog adopts several strategies in the effective implementation of its mandate to fight corruption. "Observance of vigilance awareness week remains one of the primary tools of preventive vigilance with the focus on building awareness and re-affirming the commitment of everyone to uphold integrity in public governance," the CVC said in an order dated August 2.

Jyotiraditya M. Scindia unveils the new logo of NMDC

New logo manifests company's vision of NMDC 2.0; Communicates the responsibilities of NMDC towards mining in harmony with nature and people

New Delhi, Aug 03:

Union Minister of Steel and Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya M. Scindia unveiled the new logo of NMDC at New Delhi on Wednesday. On this occasion, Nagendra Nath Sinha, Secretary, Ministry of Steel, Amitava Mukherjee, CMD, NMDC and other officials of Ministry of Steel and NMDC were also present. The Minister congratulated Team NMDC on their dynamic new logo and added that the unveiling of

the logo is a seminal part of the journey of any organization, symbolizing its values and goals. "We have seen the NMDC's evolution from its early days and its earlier logo symbolized the journey of India in the last 75 years, where India was growing with a focus on reducing its dependence and becoming self-reliant.", the Minister mentioned while highlighting the significance of the old logo. The Union Minister said that NMDC's new logo represents how India's largest producer of iron ore, is all



same exercise at the state level by providing guidance to the states as well," he told reporters here. He said that there will be many more rounds of this exercise with the overall objective of promoting ease of doing business and ease of living. The Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2023 was passed by Rajya Sabha by a voice vote on August 2. Lok Sabha cleared the legislation on July 27. The bill converts several fines

to penalties, meaning that court prosecution is not necessary to administer punishments. It also removes imprisonment as a punishment for many offences. All offences under the Post Office Act of 1898 are being removed. A working group has been formed to take the initiative forward. The group comprises representatives from industry associations, business chambers, legal professionals, legal experts and officials of seven ministries. Besides, it has representatives of the National Housing Bank (NHB), the National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and the Central Pollution Control Board. The bill seeks to amend 183 provisions of 42 Acts administered by 19 ministries to reduce the compliance burden on individuals and businesses.



Union Minister of Steel Jyotiraditya Scindia with Ministry of Steel Secretary Nagendra Nath Sinha and National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) CMD Amitava Mukherjee during the unveiling of the new logo of NMDC, in New Delhi, Thursday, Aug. 3.

set for the mining at a global scale in a sustainable and green environment. This logo communicates the responsibilities of NMDC towards mining in harmony with nature and people, towards ensuring mineral security & building mineral accountability, and towards infusing self-reliance in our sector.

Sensex, Nifty fall for 3rd day on weak global trends, foreign fund outflows

Mumbai, Aug 03:

Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty closed lower for a third straight day on Thursday in tandem with a bearish trend in global markets and continuous foreign fund outflows. Losses in ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank also added to the ongoing weak trend in the benchmark indices. The 30-share BSE Sensex fell by 542.10 points or 0.82 per cent to settle at 65,240.68. During the day, it slumped 819.7 points or 1.24 per cent to 64,963.08. The NSE Nifty declined 144.90 points or 0.74 per cent to end at 19,381.65. From the Sensex pack, Titan fell by over 2 per cent after the company reported a 4.3 per cent drop in consolidated net profit at Rs 756 crore for



the June quarter. Bajaj Finserv, ICICI Bank, Nestle, UltraTech Cement, Bajaj Finance, Maruti, Tata Consultancy Services, IndusInd Bank and State Bank of India were the major laggards. Infosys, JSW Steel, NTPC and Power Grid were the gainers. In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo and Hong Kong ended in the negative territory while Shanghai settled in the green.

Ambuja Cement acquires Sanghi Industries at enterprise value of Rs 5,000 crore

New Delhi, Aug 03:

Ambuja Cement on Thursday announced acquisition of Sanghi Industries at an enterprise value of Rs 5,000 crore. In a statement, it said the acquisition will be fully funded through internal accruals. Sanghi Industries Ltd (SIL) has a clinker capacity of 6.6 MTPA (million tonne per annum), cement capacity of 6.1 MTPA and limestone reserves of 1 billion tonne. SIL's Sanghipuram unit is India's largest single-location cement and clinker unit by capacity, with a captive jetty and captive power plant. With this acquisition, Ambuja Cement's capacity will increase to 73.6 MTPA. Ambuja's goal of 140 MTPA



Chairman Gautam Adani with Sanghi Industries Chairman & Managing Director Ravi Sanghi. Adani Group's Ambuja Cements on Thursday announced its acquisition of Sanghi Industries.

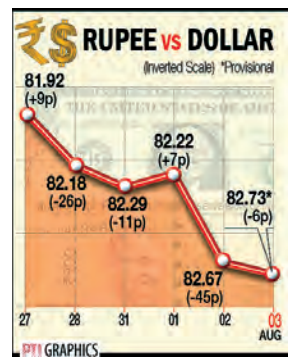
capacity by 2028 will be achieved ahead of time, it said. "Our aim is to make SIL the lowest cost producer of clinker in the country.

Ambuja will increase the cement capacity at Sanghipuram to 15 MTPA in the next two years," the company said.

Rupee falls 6 paise to close at 82.73 against US dollar

Mumbai, Aug 03:

The rupee fell by 6 paise to settle at 82.73 (provisional) against the US dollar on Thursday on weak domestic equities and a stronger greenback in the overseas market. Sustained foreign fund outflows and firm crude oil prices further dented sentiments, forex traders said. At the interbank foreign exchange, the domestic unit opened at 82.71 against the dollar and finally ended the day at 82.73 (provisional), registering a fall of 6 paise from its previous close. During the session, the local unit touched a peak of 82.66 and hit the lowest level of 82.81. On Wednesday, the rupee had settled at 82.67 against the dollar. "US Dollar gained on safe-haven buying and upbeat



jobs data. US ADP data released Wednesday was better-than-expected at 324,00 vs the forecast of 190,000, showing a strong jobs market," Anuj Choudhary - Research Analyst at Sharekhan by BNP Paribas. However, upbeat domestic macroeconomic data from India cushioned the downside. India's services sector growth touched a 13-year high in July.

OPPO launches A78 in India

New Delhi, Aug 03:

OPPO the leading global smart devices brand, has announced the launch of the OPPO A78 in India. The handset will be available in two colour finishes: Aqua Green and Mist Black. The Aqua Green A78 uses a double-layer process to superimpose OPPO's first Diamond Matrix Design atop a water-green base layer; the Mist Black version comes with a touch of yellow-green to its pure black base to give the phone a unique metallic gloss. The smartphone features an Ultra-Slim Retro Design with a 2.5D right-angled middle frame and smoothed edges to make the phone sleek and comfortable to hold. It is priced at Rs 17,499



and will be available for sale from August 1 onwards through mainline retail outlets, OPPO E-Store and Flipkart. The OPPO A78 is built for those who enjoy entertainment on the go. Its AMOLED screen is capable

of deep blacks, great contrast, and true-to-life colours. The crisp 6.4-inch FHD+ display boasts features that are on par with high-end handsets, including a 90Hz refresh rate for smooth scrolling, up to 180Hz touch sampling rate for a quick touch response when playing games, and smart adaptive backlighting that intelligently adjusts to various light environments; this means users can binge-watch shows for long hours, and even play marathon sessions of games without any visual fatigue. In addition, the A78's L1 Widevine certification means it supports high-definition video streaming from all mainstream video platforms.

Govt imposes import restrictions on laptops, tablets, computers to boost domestic manufacturing

New Delhi Aug 03:

The government on Thursday imposed import restrictions on laptops, tablets, and certain type of computers with immediate effect, a move that will curtail inbound shipments of these goods from countries like China and boost domestic manufacturing. Importers of these items would now have to seek permission or license from the government for their inbound shipments. The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) in a notification, however, said certain exemptions have been given



against these curbs. "Import of laptops, tablets, all-in-one personal computers, and ultra small form factor computers, servers... is restricted with immediate effect," it said. The restrictions are also there on micro computers, large or mainframe computers, and certain data processing machines. Import of all these items would be allowed against a valid license.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor unveils all-new Vellfire in India

Bangalore, Aug 03:

Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) today launched the highly anticipated All-New Vellfire, a luxurious self-charging strong hybrid electric masterpiece that redefines the essence of comfort, sophistication, and performance in the Indian automotive landscape. The All-New Vellfire offers excellent comfort and refined mobility commanding force and dynamic prowess that elevates the driving experience to extraordinary heights. Crafted with seamlessly intuitive technology and thoughtful amenities, the vehicle embodies convenience and opulence into



every journey. While the All-New Vellfire delivers a powerful performance, it also ensures low fuel consumption and carbon footprints. Vellfire being a strong hybrid electric vehicle (SHEV), studies have shown that SHEVs can run 40% of distance and 60% of time on electric or zero emission mode with engine off. Sharing his thoughts

on Toyota's All-New Vellfire Launch in India, Mr. Masakazu Yoshimura, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Toyota Kirloskar Motor said, "Today marks a momentous milestone in our India journey as we introduce the All-New Vellfire, a symbol of Toyota's class-leading technology, comfort and elegance.

Vigilance is the best protection: CJM Garg

Central Chronicle News

Khairgarh, Aug 02: A legal literacy camp, organized by the Taluk Legal Services Committee Khairgarh in the village of Kodegaon under the Chhattisgarh State Legal Services Authority Bilaspur, saw Chief Judicial Magistrate Vivek Garg addressing the villagers. He emphasized the significance of the POCSO Act (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act) as the means to safeguard children from sexual offenses.

The POCSO Act aims to combat sexual harassment, exploitation, and pornography against minors. It provides for stringent action against perpetrators of



such heinous crimes. The law categorizes various offenses, each carrying distinct punishments. Notably, the consent or disagreement of a girl below the age of 18 holds no relevance under this act.

Garg also shed light on

the Motor Vehicle Act and outlined essential rules for two-wheeler riders. He stressed the importance of wearing helmets at all times while riding a bike and refraining from driving under the influence of alcohol.

Correct usage of indicators and maintaining focus on the road ahead were also emphasized. The magistrate advised drivers to use mirrors to be aware of vehicles coming from behind and to adhere to all road safety regulations, includ-

ing overtaking rules.

Furthermore, PLV Goludas Sahu discussed domestic violence, underlining a crucial aspect of the law. He pointed out that the scope of this law extends beyond just wives filing cases against husbands and in-laws.

Any member of a household, be it male or female, can file a case if they face harassment. Mothers have the right to seek justice against their sons and daughters-in-law, and women in live-in relationships can also seek protection against domestic violence from their male partners. Moreover, daughters have the legal recourse to file cases against their parents if subjected to domestic violence.

Main road to Barnawapara from Baya in pathetic condition

Central Chronicle News

Katgi, Aug 03: The famous tourist center and sanctuary of Balodabazar district, Barnawapara and the road connecting many nearby villages is in a dilapidated condition, it is the main route of traffic from Baya. The condition of this main road connecting Baya has become so pathetic due to the rains that many people are getting injured by falling on this route, and the most affected are school students.

Demand for construction of this road and the surrounding villagers have been doing it for a long time, but the construction of the road has not yet been



done, even after the presence of big potholes and even after informing the departmental officers, no repair has been done by them, due to which the passers-by have to bear the brunt. Half a kilometer from Baya to Muskil, a culvert has been lying broken

for the last one year, on which two wheelers pass slowly, but four wheelers are facing great inconvenience in removing them. Along with this, there is a gas agency and a fertilizer warehouse, which is causing problems to commuters on a daily basis.

Admission to 77 students in SAGEMS given against the rules: Vidrohi

Submits application to Collector, demanding high-level inquiry

Central Chronicle News

Fingeshwar, Aug 03: The Kissan leader Tejram Vidrohi has demanded demand Collector through 'Janchaupal' for a high-level inquiry into the admission going against the rules to 77 students in Swamy Atmanand Govt English Medium School (SAGEMS) in Fingeshwar under Gariyaband district violating entry procedure 2021-22 as issued by the Directorate of Public Instructions for academic session 2021-22.

Tejram Vidrohi in his complaint has said that it

is without the certificate of BPL that 21 students were granted admission in the School. Without making any online application and not having name in the selection list or waiting list, these 28 children have been given admission. In the existing SAGEMS, the students of ex-Hindi Medium School, not even having names in the selection or waiting list, have been given admission.

In the same way, 77 students have been given admission in SAGEMS Fingeshwar for academic

session 2021-22 going against the rules.

The Principal of the School has openly violated the state government's decision to provide education to children of parents reeling below poverty line (BPL) and he himself is not a teacher from English medium and posted as Principal in the School.

For the post of Principal, qualification of BED or DED is required and that too from English medium. Vidrohi charged that with an ineligible Principal being appointed in the School, the actual

children with rights for admission from BPL category have been denied admission.

Tejram along with his application has attached a 95 page list of the names of students and demanded for a high-level inquiry by the Collector through 'Janchaupal'.

On asking about the same from Principal SAGEMS Fingeshwar Mukesh Nirmalkar he informed that admission in the classes has been given as per the rules and in case if anyone has objections, they can take information as per the rules.

CEO inspects construction works at Ripa center

Central Chronicle News

Kareli Badi, Aug 02: Janpad Panchayat Magarload CEO, CS Dhruv, on Wednesday inspected the ongoing construction works at the Ripa Center in Gram Panchayat Bhendri. He was accompanied by people's representatives, including District Panchayat member Girish Kumar Sahu, Sarpanch Pritam Dewangan, Secretary Vinayak Nishad, and Panchagan.

CEO expressed satisfaction with the progress of paver block construction, which is being undertaken by women's groups and youths at the Ripa Center. He also observed mushroom production, which is showing promising results.

The continuous inspec-



tion by the CEO is ensuring the swift completion of the projects at the Ripa Center. The initiative is providing employment opportunities to women and youths, empowering them to become financially independent.

Moreover, the CEO mentioned that a vegetable

garden is being set up on the vacant plot, and he emphasized the importance of teaching mushroom production techniques to benefit women and villagers in the region. He highlighted the positive impact of the government's scheme in the village, which has led to eco-

nomical benefits for various groups, including women's groups.

The CEO assured that the construction work at the Ripa Center is progressing rapidly, promising a brighter future for the community and fostering economic growth and self-sufficiency.

Amber Singh shines with gold & silver in World Police Games

Central Chronicle News

Bemetara, Aug 03: In a glorious display of talent and skill, Inspector Amber Singh Bharadwaj from Bemetara district shone brightly at the World Police Games in Winnipeg, Canada, by securing a gold and a silver medal in the Karate event. Among the select few chosen to represent India, he stood tall as the lone player from Chhattisgarh Police at the international competition.

In the individual flight event, Inspector Bharadwaj showcased his mettle and secured the silver medal, facing a tough challenge from a skilled Cambodian player with a close score of 1-0. Undeterred, he led the charge in the team flight event, overpowering the French team with an impres-

sive 5-0 scoreline and claiming the coveted gold medal. A 35-year-old stalwart, Amber Singh Bharadwaj hails from Rajnandgaon district and holds impressive degrees in B.Sc. (Mathematics), B.P.Ed, M.P.Ed, and PGDCA.

Joining the police department as a Sub-Inspector in 2013, he has represented India in over 12 international competitions, securing a total of 7 medals. He has received accolades from the State Government, including the prestigious Shaheed Kaushal Award in 2006, Shaheed Rajeev Pandey Award in 2012, and the revered Gundadhar Award in 2014, along with over 20 medals in national competitions. He was promoted to the rank of Inspector in 2016. SP Bemetara, Mrs.

Bhavana Gupta, IPS, wholeheartedly congratulated Inspector Bharadwaj and praised his remarkable feat, which fills the entire Bemetara Police force with immense pride. She commended him for being an inspiration to all officers, encouraging them to pursue their passions relentlessly.

The World Police Games commenced on 28th July and will conclude on 6th August 2023. Inspector Bharadwaj had the honour of representing India in the Karate 85 kg (over) event, thanks to his selection by the esteemed All India Police Control Board, New Delhi. Before the grand event, he underwent rigorous training at a camp organized by the Delhi Police from 16th June to 25th July 2023, preparing for the challenge ahead.

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, Aug 03: As per directions of Justice Goutam Bhaduri, Executive Chairman, Chhattisgarh State Legal Services Authority, Bilaspur, elder persons of the State would be addressed with their dignity as Senior Citizens.

Anand Prakash Wariyal, Member Secretary, SLSA informed in this regard that as per directions of Executive Chairman, already a letter to State Government has been sent. Further, since applications under Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act 2007 is to be filed before Special Tribunal constituted

under Sec.

7 of the Act, which is presided over by Sub Divisional Officer/Magistrate, however Senior Citizens are unaware of such provisions, hence for issuing necessary instructions at Government level towards display of information board/ flex regarding provisions of the Act within office premises of all Sub Divisional Officers to all District Collectors have also been undertaken.

Furthermore for addressing Elder persons in their dignity as Senior Citizens in all beneficial schemes and other incidental proceedings and for opening of Old Age Homes in all District



Justice Bhaduri

Headquarters and Tehsils, to benefit senior citizen both men and women by providing them with Old age Home nearest to their place of residence and also for increasing capacity of existing Old Age Homes, letter has also been sent to concerned Department of

Social Welfare.

Apart from this, all District Judges/Chairman, District Legal Services Authority have been instructed to organize Workshop/ Training Programme along with SDO, Deputy Collectors, PLVs, Panel Lawyers, etc. by the end of August 2023 and further in periodical Legal Aid Camps/ Programmes, etc.

being organized through Judicial Officers, PLVs and Panel Advocates, instructions have been passed for usage of Respectable term Senior Citizen instead of Old or Elderly in all kinds of publicity with regard to such Act and in all proceedings, Board, Flex Banner, Pamphlets, Books,

Magazine, etc.

It is pertinent to mention that, few days ago, Chhattisgarh Senior Citizen Confederation had organized Workshop on subject Enhancing Age of Women: Invisible; Empowered, wherein discussion and concern towards legal rights of men and women Senior Citizens and benefits provided to them from Government was held.

Anand Prakash Wariyal was main speaker during such Workshop. The said facts were chiefly addressed during such workshop, and Executive Chairman of CGLSA being apprised about the same, above action was taken upon his direction.

Kurud Congress holds meeting for Sankalp Shivar strategy and booth review

To prepare for upcoming elections

Central Chronicle News

Kurud, Aug 03: The Kurud Congress organized a crucial strategy and booth review meeting, with prominent leaders at the helm, to prepare for the upcoming assembly elections. The meeting was led by District Congress Committee in-charge Biresh Thakur, District Congress Committee President Sharad Lohana, Block Congress Committee President Ashish Sharma, Block Congress Committee Bhakhara President Mukesh Kosare, and Block Congress Committee President Magarload Dihu Ram Sahu. This gathering witnessed the presence of numerous public representatives, government officials, senior Congress members, and organization officials from various levels.

During the meeting, District In-charge Biresh Thakur highlighted the positive impact of the state gov-



ernment's welfare schemes on the public. The Kurud Congress has set its sights on securing more than seventy seats in the upcoming elections, and the success of this endeavor depends on the unity and hard work of the party workers, who are the backbone of the organization. Ensuring that these welfare schemes reach every household and strengthening the booth level is of utmost importance. District Congress Committee President Sharad Lohana, while ad-

ressing the meeting, expressed his appreciation for the relentless efforts of the party workers, which have bolstered the position of Congress in Chhattisgarh. The party is dedicated to resolving the challenges faced by its workers and holds their contributions in high regard. To prepare for the impending assembly elections, the party plans to conduct 'Sankalp Shivar' in all constituencies, emphasizing the essential involvement of all members.

The program's smooth

conduct was managed by Block Congress Committee President Ashish Sharma and Block Congress Committee President Magarload Dihu Ram Sahu. Notable attendees at the event included Sushri Rajkumari Dewan, Kanti Sonwani, Neelam Chandrakar, Lakshmi Kant Sahu, Tapan Chandrakar, Sharada Sahu, Bharat Nahar, Taranee Chandrakar, and various other Congress workers from Kurud constituency and other constituencies.

Principal Chandrakar accorded touching farewell

Central Chronicle News

Kurud, Aug 03: A momentous farewell ceremony was meticulously organized to bid a resounding adieu to Dr. O.P. Chandrakar, the Principal of Sant Guru Ghasidas Government Post Graduate College, Kurud. The ceremony reverberated with accolades and commendations for his extraordinary achievements and exceptional administrative prowess. The entire college staff, in a display of profound respect, bestowed upon him a symbol of honor - a distinguished memento.

At this distinguished event, the Senior Professor of the college, Dr. D.K. Rathore, eloquently lauded Dr. O.P. Chandrakar's unparalleled contributions to the realm of higher education. It was highlighted that Dr. Chandrakar embarked on his journey as an Assistant Professor back in 1982 and, over the



years, assumed various eminent roles, including that of a revered Teacher, Principal, and Post Graduate Principal, until his eminent retirement on the momentous date of 31st July 2023.

Besides adorning the mantle of Kurud Mahavidyalaya, Dr. Chandrakar held the prestigious position of Chairman of the Commerce Department and Dean at Pt. Ravishankar Shukla

University, Raipur. A multitude of students have been immensely enriched by his sagacious guidance, with several research scholars successfully attaining their coveted Ph.D. degrees under his eminent mentorship. The establishment of the esteemed Hindi Research Center at the college stands as a testament to his adroit leadership.

On this occasion, Dr. D.K. Rathore, Professor of History, Dr. N.K. Meshram,

Assistant Professor of Commerce shared their experiences and thoughts on the working style and importance of the position of Principal. The program, conducted with precision and grace, was artfully orchestrated by Amit Tandan, Assistant Professor of Geography. Prof. M.S. Sahu, Head of the Geography Department, expressed gratitude to all who contributed to making this event a momentous success.

Sindhu, Srikanth, Prannoy enter quarterfinals

Australia Open badminton

Sydney, Aug 03 (PTI):

Top Indian shuttlers PV Sindhu, Kidambi Srikanth and HS Prannoy moved into the quarterfinals of the Australia Open badminton BWF Super 500 tournament with contrasting victories, here on Thursday.

The fifth seed Sindhu, who had lost in the first round at seven different tour events this season and is playing under a new personal coach in Malaysia's Muhammad Hafiz Hashim, easily overcame compatriot Aakarshi Kashyap 21-14 21-10 in a second round women's singles match.

The double Olympic medalist Sindhu will face fourth seed Beiwon Zhang of USA in the quarterfinal. In men's singles, Srikanth stormed past Li Yang Su of Chinese Taipei 21-10 21-17, while sixth seed Prannoy had to fight for one hour and 14 minutes to get past Chinese Taipei's Yu Jen Chi 19-21 21-19 21-13. Rising Indian shuttler Priyanshu Rajawat also continued



Kidambi Srikanth

with his impressive run, reaching the quarterfinals by beating Chinese Taipei's Tzu Wei Wang 21-8 13-21 21-19 in a tough contest that lasted for 59 minutes.

However, it was curtains for two other Indian men's singles shuttlers Mithun Manjunath and Kiran George.

Manjunath, who had stunned fourth seed and world No 7 Kean Yew Loh of Singapore in the opening round, lost 13-21 21-12 19-21 against Malaysia's

Zii Jia Lee. George was no match for top seed Anthony Sinisuka Ginting of Indonesia, losing the contest in straight games 15-21 18-21.

While Prannoy has a tough opponent in Ginting to deal with in the quarterfinals, it will be a contest between two Indians among the seasoned Srikanth and young Rajawat.

In women's doubles, the Indian pair of Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand Pullela also crashed out in

the second round, losing to fourth seeds Mayu Matsumoto and Wakana Nagahara of Japan 10-21 20-22. The tournament is the last event before the World Championships in Copenhagen, Denmark.

The BWF World Tour is divided into six levels, namely World Tour Finals, four Super 1000, six Super 750, seven Super 500, and 11 Super 300.

One other category of the tournament, the BWF Tour Super 100 level, also offers ranking points.

Manoj Tiwary announces retirement from all forms of cricket



Kolkata, Aug 03 (PTI):

Former India batsman Manoj Tiwary on Thursday announced his retirement from all forms of cricket, drawing curtains to a very unique career. Tiwary, who played 12 ODIs and three T20Is between 2008 and 2015, ventured into politics even while he remained an active cricketer, and became a minister of state for sports and youth affairs in West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee's state cabinet. But during the 2022-23 domestic season, the 37-year-old returned to play for Bengal and guided the team to the final where they went down to Saurashtra at the Eden Gardens. It was also Tiwary's last First-Class game.

"Goodbye to the game of cricket," Tiwary wrote in an Instagram post while announcing his retirement. "This game has given me everything, I mean every single thing which I had never dreamt of, starting from the times when my life was challenged by different forms of difficulties."

South Korea start ACT title defence with 2-1 win over Japan

Chennai, Aug 03 (PTI):

Defending champions South Korea started their Asian Champions Trophy title defence on a winning note, beating Japan 2-1 in a close contest at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium here on Thursday.

It all began in the sixth minute when Ryoma Oooka netted the opening goal of the tournament before Cheoleon Park equalised in the 26th, as both the teams went into half-time break locked at 1-1.

Just five minutes into the third quarter, JungHoo Kim found the back of the net to put the Japanese side in front. It was followed by some relentless attacks from the Koreans. However, the Japanese defence held on firmly to grab the three points in the end. Raiki Fujishima of Japan was yellow-carded in the 14th, whereas Manjae Jung of Korea saw green in the seventh.



KIM JungHoo of the Korean men's hockey team celebrates with teammates after scoring a goal against Japan during an Asian Champions Trophy 2023 match at Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium, in Chennai, Thursday, Aug. 3.

KL Rahul likely to miss Asia Cup, World Cup could be touch and go for Shreyas Iyer

New Delhi, Aug 03 (PTI):

Senior batter KL Rahul in all likelihood will miss the Asia Cup in Sri Lanka as he will take more time to recover from his hamstring injury while it could be a touch and go for another star Shreyas Iyer as far as his participation in the World Cup is concerned.

Rahul had undergone a thigh surgery while Iyer had a surgery on his lower back to cure stress fracture. The last BCCI update didn't specify their date of return of the duo as they were seen slowly building on their workload as far as 'Return to Play' is concerned.

"It is unlikely that both Rahul and Shreyas would be match fit for 50-over cricket and that too in



humid conditions in Sri Lanka. But BCCI medical team feels that Rahul can at least get fit before the three-match series against Australia before the World Cup," a BCCI source told PTI on conditions of anonymity.

Kapil Sonowal wins bronze

Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships

Greater Noida, Aug 03 (PTI):

India's Kapil Sonowal bagged a bronze medal in the 102kg event at the Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships, here on Thursday.

Competing in the youth category, the 16-year-old heaved a total of 276kg (125kg + 151kg) to secure a spot on the podium.

Sonowal also won a bronze in the snatch section with an effort of 125kg, on the eighth day of the competition here at the Gautam Buddha University Indoor Stadium.

The Assamese lifter, who had won the youth gold at the Commonwealth Championships here last month, could have clinched a bronze in the clean and jerk section as well, had he managed to



lift 157kg in his final attempt. Sonowal did all the hard work, raising the 157kg barbell to a stationary position above his head, but unfortunately could not hold on for the minimum required time.

Meanwhile, there was double delight for Iran as

Abolfazl Zare and Kiani Shahvandi Abolfazl claimed the top two spots.

Zare clinched the gold medal in snatch, clean and jerk and total lift with an effort of 348kg (158kg + 190kg) while Kiani, who heaved 318kg (141kg + 177kg), won the silver

medal.

In the first session of the day, Indian lifter Anjana Sreejith bagged a bronze medal in the 81kg clean and jerk section.

Sreejith, who was competing in the junior event, lifted 190kg (82kg + 108kg). The 18-year-old Indian weightlifter finished fourth overall.

Anamjan Rustamova of Turkmenistan reigned supreme as she lifted 228kg (103kg + 125kg), with Uzbekistan's Nigora Suvonova finishing as the runner-up with a total effort of 206kg (90kg + 116kg).

Chinese Taipei's Wang Hsin-Hsiu lifted 194kg (89kg + 105kg) to take home the bronze medal.

India is hosting the Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships for the first time.

Messi scores twice for Inter Miami

Fort Lauderdale, Aug 03 (AP):

Lionel Messi scored in his third straight game and had his second consecutive multi-goal performance for Inter Miami after the start of the Leagues Cup contest against Orlando City on Wednesday night was delayed 95 minutes because of thunderstorms. Messi scored seven minutes into the match then added a second strike in the 72nd minute. On Messi's first goal, he stopped a pass from Robert Taylor on his chest, dribbled a couple of yards near the edge of the 6-yard box and converted a shot that landed under the crossbar. The goal gave Inter Miami a 1-0 lead in the Round of 32 match. Orlando tied it 11 minutes later. Messi struck again when he received a centering pass from Josef Martinez and converted a right-footed shot that landed inside the left post and put Inter Miami ahead 3-



1. Inter Miami also had a scare early in the second half when Orlando's Mauricio Pereyra collided with Messi. Messi remained on the ground, favoring his jaw for a couple of minutes before reaching his feet.

Two-time champion Germany crashed out

Brisbane, Aug 03 (AP):

Germany failed to reach the knockout stage for the first time at the Women's World Cup after being held to a 1-1 draw against South Korea on Thursday.

Morocco's 1-0 win over Colombia meant Germany needed a win to advance. Led by captain Alexandra Popp, Germany created numerous scoring opportunities but could not find the winner. Colombia topped Group H and Morocco took second place, both with six points. Germany finished with four.

South Korea struck early in the sixth minute when a defense-splitting pass from Lee Youngju found Cho Sohyun, who produced a calm finish.

In the 42nd minute, Popp equalized for Germany with a towering header off a cross from Svenja Huth.

Germany chased the winning goal throughout the second half. The



South Korea's midfielder #08 Cho So-hyun celebrates after scoring during the Australia and New Zealand 2023 Women's World Cup Group H football match between South Korea and Germany at Brisbane Stadium in Brisbane on August 3.

Germans had a would-be winning goal from Popp overturned by VAR in the 57th minute. Just a few minutes later, Popp came close to scoring with another header but was denied by the crossbar.

Germany's final scoring

opportunities came in the 11th and 12th minutes of stoppage when two shots from Sydney Lohmann missed wide and high.

Germany, the second-ranked team in the world, failed to advance from the group stage for the first

time in nine appearances in the Women's World Cup.

South Korea finished in last place in the group with one point but can feel good about holding the two-time champions to a draw.

Morocco reaches knockout rounds with a 1-0 win over Colombia

Perth, Aug 03 (AP):

Morocco beat Colombia 1-0 to make it to the Women's World Cup knockout round, creating yet more history at the global tournament.

Morocco is the first Arab or North African nation to go beyond the group stage at the Women's World Cup, and the only one of eight tournament newcomers to advance. Morocco's winning goal came in first-half stoppage time, when Anissa Lahmari put back a penalty-save rebound. The win meant Morocco qualifies in second place in the group, behind Colombia, and knocking two-time champion Germany out of the tournament. No. 2-ranked Germany needed a win over South Korea in a game being played simultaneously in Brisbane, but was held to a 1-1 draw.

If Morocco's qualification for the Women's World Cup inspired a generation, this will cement the legacy of the Atlas Lionesses. The Moroccans were trounced 6-0 by Germany in their debut game in the tournament, but bounced back with consecutive wins over South Korea and a Colombia team that had been growing in confidence after edging Germany.

Colombia had its best scoring chance in the 59th minute, when its 18-year-old superstar, Linda Caicedo, served a ball to the far post, which Daniela Montoya one-timed to the left



Morocco's goalkeeper #01 Khadija Er-Rmichi (L) and Morocco's forward #11 Fatima Tagnaout celebrate their team's victory and qualification to the knockout stage after the end of the Australia and New Zealand 2023 Women's World Cup Group H football match between Morocco and Colombia at Perth Rectangular Stadium in Perth on August 3.

of goalkeeper Khadija Er-Rmichi. Er-Rmichi made a kick save, blocking the ball with just the front edge of her right cleat. In the 69th, Caicedo, after a long run, stopped and leaned on the field barrier, reaching down to her left ankle and foot. She appeared hobbled for several minutes but stayed in the match. Moroccan soccer fans have had plenty of celebrate with their national teams at the World Cup. The Atlas Lionesses had created history just by

qualifying, and then just by scoring their first win. Beating Colombia to knock Germany out of the tournament was completely unexpected for most.

Morocco's men's team also made World Cup history last year. In the 2022 men's World Cup, the Atlas Lions advanced to the round of 16 for the first time since 1986 and became the first African or Arab nation to reach a World Cup semifinal.

Manipur HC orders status quo on mass burial site

Imphal, Aug 03 (PTI):

Hours before a planned mass burial of Kuki-Zomi people killed in Manipur's ethnic violence, the state's high court on Thursday ordered that the status quo be maintained at the proposed burial site in Churachandpur district, while ITLF, an apex tribal body, said it was postponing the funeral service plans by seven days following requests from the Union home ministry.



ing to the proposed burial site violating restrictions on gatherings, officials said.

The district magistrates of Imphal East and Imphal West withdrew curfew relaxations earlier announced, imposing day curfew as a precautionary measure, throughout the

Imphal valley. The Kuki-Zomi organisation, Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum, had planned the burial of 35 people, who were killed in ethnic riots in the state, on Thursday at a site in Haolai Khopi village of Churachandpur, resulting in tension in many dis-

tricts of Manipur. The HC bench headed by Acting Chief Justice MV Muralidaran started hearing the case early at 6 am, given the urgency of the issue and directed the state and central governments and their law-enforcing agencies as well as the public to "maintain status quo" with regard to the land in question. It also said the matter would come up for further hearing on August 9.

The bench took into consideration the "potential of aggravating the already volatile law and order situation and the possibility of igniting a fresh wave of violence and bloodshed due to gathering of a large mob at the land in question".

DELHI HC OBSERVATION

'Mother's apprehensions can't be made obstacle in children's education'

New Delhi, Aug 03 (PTI):

A mother's anxiety for her children's well being can't overemphasised but her apprehension of "psychological trauma" to them need not be made an obstacle in their education, the Delhi High Court has said.

The court's observation came while dealing with an appeal by a woman against a trial court order refusing to interfere with a "joint decision" taken by her and her estranged husband to send their children to schools in the United Kingdom (UK).

The mother argued the two children may suffer psychological trauma because of separation and should therefore be admitted in British School here or be sent to the same school in the UK.

A bench headed by Justice Suresh Kumar Kait observed it is in the interest and welfare of a child that he is removed from "unhealthy environment of a broken home" to a place for a good opportunity of proper education and healthy growth.

Based on its interaction with the children, the court observed they were keen to study abroad and were able to secure admission in their respective schools through hard work, and the mother herself had initially taken a decision jointly with the father to let them go abroad for studies.

"So being the case, the apprehension of the appellant mother that they may suffer from psychological trauma, seems to be borne out of her own

fear and anxiety which need not be transmitted to the children or be made an obstacle in the future educational path of the children," stated the bench, also comprising Justice Neena Bansal Krishna, in a recent order. "The anxiety of a mother for the well being of the children can never be over emphasized. It can also not be ignored that the children's welfare would not be compromised in any manner by sending them abroad away from the parents especially when the children have worked so hard," it said.

The court observed the children's own interest and hard work cannot be put to naught because of the anxieties of the mother, which are without any cogent basis.

Faulty genes linked to obesity in women, had no effect in men

New Delhi, Aug 03 (PTI):

Faulty variants of three genes have been linked to obesity-related conditions, while having no effect on men, shedding light on new biological pathways underlying obesity, according to a new study. "There are a million and one reasons why we should be thinking about sex, age, and other specific mechanisms rather than just lumping everyone together and assuming that disease mechanism works the same way for everyone," said senior author John Perry, a geneticist and professor at the University of Cambridge, UK.

The research team sequenced the exome - protein-coding part of the genome - of more than 4,14,000 adults from the UK Biobank study and looked at variants, or mu-

PRAYER MEETING



People from the Zo-Kuki community during a prayer meeting in remembrance of tribals killed in the ongoing ethnic violence in Manipur, in Churachandpur, Thursday.

AP HC stays construction of houses in Amaravati R5 Zone

Amaravati, Aug 03 (PTI):

The Andhra Pradesh High Court on Thursday stayed the construction of houses for poor people in the R5 Zone of the Amaravati capital region, in a major setback for the YSRCP government.

A three-judge bench comprising Justice D V S S Somayajulu, Justice C h e e k a t i Manavendranath Roy and Justice Ravi Nath Tilhar ordered that further construction in this zone will not be proper or justifiable in the existing circumstances.

The Andhra Pradesh government had amended the Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) Act to carve out an R5 zone to provide housing plots for the poor and build houses there. But a group of farmers,

the Neerukonda and Kuragallu Farmers Welfare Association, filed petitions against the R5 Zone constructions.

"In the view of the matter, this court is of the opinion that the larger public interest is against the construction of the houses for now in R5 Zone," said the stay order on Thursday.

However, the bench noted that further steps can be taken depending on the orders passed by the courts and the Supreme Court on pending petitions, which have challenged the construction of houses in the R5 Zone.

On July 24, with much fanfare, Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy had laid the foundation for 50,793 houses at Krishnayapalem layout in Guntur district, under

the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) YSR BLC (U) scheme at a cost of Rs 1,830 crore.

Located in the assembly constituencies of Mangalagiri and Tadikonda, these houses were to be constructed in the CRDA area in 1,400 acres in 25 layouts.

However, with the interim stay of the high court, all this activity has come to a grinding halt.

The high court said that an enormous amount of public money is proposed to be expended in the R5 Zone without writ petitions and special leave petitions (SLP) being decided by the courts. "This court cannot be a mute spectator if public monies are spent and later they cannot be recouped. This is public money," said the interim stay order.

INT'L LITERATURE FEST



Artists perform during the inauguration of 'Umehsa', International Literature Festival and 'Utkarsh', Festival of Folk and Tribal Performing Arts, at Ravindra Bhawan in Bhopal, Thursday.

'INDIA will save country from disaster, communal tension'

Kolkata, Aug 03 (PTI):

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday asserted that the opposition bloc INDIA will save the country from disaster, communal tension and unemployment after winning the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

Banerjee, the Trinamool Congress supremo, also alleged that there is evidence that the BJP is trying to hack the electronic voting machines (EVMs) in its attempt to win elections.

"INDIA will win the 2024 election and form the government. It will save the country from disaster, communal tension and unemployment," she told reporters at the state secretariat here, while inaugu-



Mamata Banerjee

rating a number of development projects.

"They (BJP) have already started planning (on how to win the general elections). They are trying to hack electronic voting machines, we have heard about it and have some evidence and are attempting to get more," Banerjee said.

She said the coalition formed to take on the BJP

in the 2024 Parliamentary elections would hold a discussion on this in its next meeting.

The BJP-led NDA has no value, while INDIA's existence is all over the country, the TMC supremo claimed.

Reacting to the allegations, senior BJP leader Rahul Sinha said, "The whole country has seen who hacks elections. They will always make such complaints. They (TMC) didn't complain about EVM hacking when they won in 2021."

Among the projects inaugurated, Banerjee virtually opened a new bridge built over the Dwarka river at Rangam in Murshidabad district. The 2-lane 105 meters long bridge will link Berhampore with Kandi.

Plea in SC challenging Patna HC order

New Delhi: A petition has been filed in the Supreme Court challenging the Patna High Court order upholding the validity of a caste survey in Bihar, contending the notification issued by the state government for the exercise is against the constitutional mandate. The plea filed by Nalanda resident Akhilesh Kumar submitted that in terms of the constitutional mandate, only the Union government is empowered to conduct a census. "In the present case, the State of Bihar has sought to usurp the powers of Union of India, by merely publishing a notification in the official gazette. "It is submitted that the Notification dated June 6, 2022 is against the Constitutional mandate of distribution of powers between the State and the Union legislature as enshrined under Article 246 of the Constitution read with Schedule VI of the Constitution and ultra vires the Census Act, 1948 read with Census Rules, 1990 and is therefore void ab initio (since beginning)," the plea, filed through advocate Barun Kumar Sinha, said.

AFRICAN EXPERTS TELL GOVT

'India should go for younger cheetahs habituated to human presence'

New Delhi, Aug 03 (PTI): Younger cheetahs that are habituated to management vehicles and human presence are preferred candidates for relocation to India, international experts involved in Project Cheetah have told the government based on lessons learnt from the initial experience in Madhya Pradesh's Kuno National Park.

In a status report submitted to the government recently, the experts emphasised that younger cheetahs are more adaptable to their new environments and have higher survival rates compared to older cheetahs. Younger males

display "lower aggression" towards other cheetahs, reducing the risk of intraspecific competition mortality, commonly known as cheetah infighting.

Considering the costs associated with relocating cheetahs to India, the experts highlighted that younger cheetahs have a longer life expectancy post-release, offering higher conservation value and breeding potential.

The experts said younger cheetahs "habituated to management vehicles and humans on foot" allow easier monitoring of health-related issues, simplify stress-free veterinary

and management intervention, which is crucial considering the recent cases of radio collar-induced infections in some cheetahs. Additionally, they will enhance tourism value.

Kuno, where two batches of cheetahs from Namibia and South Africa have been introduced, is set to open for tourism and these qualities in cheetahs can enhance the park's appeal to visitors, they said.

The African experts have also shortlisted 10 young, suitable cheetahs aged between 19 months and 36 months that can be made available for relocation to India in early 2024.

Assam for mandatory Sanskrit knowledge for Ayurvedic courses

Guwahati, Aug 03 (PTI):

The Assam government has decided to send a proposal to the Centre to make the knowledge of Sanskrit mandatory for taking admission to Ayurvedic courses.

The decision was taken at a cabinet meeting, chaired by Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, on Wednesday night. The state government will propose the Union Ministry of Ayush and the National Council for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) to make "Sanskrit as a compulsory criterion" for admission to Bachelor of Ayurveda Medicine and

Surgery (BAMS). The proposal will incorporate that candidates must pass Class 10 with Sanskrit as a subject, according to an official communication shared by Sarma on Twitter.

It also said candidates must clear the Sanskrit test of Class 10 in entrance examinations conducted by the university or board, and preference may be given, initially for five years, to candidates "who passed the 10th standard with Sanskrit," the communication said.

Assam Ayurvedic Education Service Rules, 2023 will be framed for uniform enforcement of service policies for teach-

ing staff, medical officers of the government ayurvedic college and hospital, the document said.

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