

BRIEF



A woman from Nepal's indigenous community in traditional attire participates in a rally to mark the International Day of the World's Indigenous People in Kathmandu, Nepal, Wednesday.

CBI-Interpol Op

New Delhi: A bank fraud convict having an Interpol Red Notice against him was brought back from the US in an operation coordinated by the CBI through Interpol channels and arrested by the central agency upon his arrival in Kochi, ending his two-year run, officials said Wednesday. T Ravindranath Gupta landed at the Kochi airport Tuesday night from the US via the UAE and a CBI team took him into the custody upon his arrival on the basis of information shared through Interpol channels.

Ill-treatment

New Delhi: Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) has alleged that a private hospital was "ill-treating and discriminating" patients from economically weaker sections, prompting the health authorities to carry out an inspection of the facility. Following the visit, the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), directed the hospital to do away with the practice of separating the area of economically weaker sections (EWS) and paid category patients and they have been directed to keep the waiting area the same for both the categories, the panel said in a statement on Wednesday.

Vacant

New Delhi: More than 42 per cent teaching posts reserved for OBC, SC and ST candidates in 45 central universities are lying vacant, the Rajya Sabha was informed on Wednesday. According to data shared by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan in a written reply, 7,033 posts are sanctioned for Other Backward Classes (OBC), Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) candidates in central universities and out of these, 3,007 posts are vacant.

Delay

Mumbai: Suburban services were delayed on the Central Railway's main line in Mumbai on Wednesday morning by 10-15 minutes due to a technical snag in a local train and a woman's attempt to forcefully travel in the motorman's cabin of another local train at Diva in Thane district, officials said.

Mishap

Nagpur: A four-year-old boy died when he suffered an electric shock on touching a television set top box (STB) at his home in Nagpur district, police said on Wednesday.

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'Govt realising dream of beautiful Bastar'

CM takes part in the prog on Int'l Day of World's Indigenous People in Jagdalpur Gives gifts worth Rs 637 cr to Bastar district

Jagdalpur, Aug 09:

Bastar is an island of peace and full of natural beauty. Here people living are with clean heart, hard working and honest. For the last few years there was an atmosphere of fear and now they are getting free from this fear. The violent incidents have reduced and the people are getting full benefit of the same. The people are able to do business and trade easily. Getting associated with education, employment and with their culture, they are conserving and preserving it as well. The very dream of



beautiful Bastar which our ancestors have imagined, is now being fulfilled with all the efforts by the Chhattisgarh government, says CM Baghel while speaking at the International Day of World's Indigenous People being organised at Kakatia College ground in Jagdalpur here on Wednesday. On this occasion CM gave gifts of development worth Rs 637 cr to people of Bastar district and out of which Rs 150 cr worth of development works were dedicated and

stone was laid for works worth Rs 487 cr. CM Baghel started his address with words of respect in favour of Maa Danteshwari. He expressed his due respects towards the Gods-Goddesses of tribal community and extended greetings to all on occasion of Int'l Day of World's Indigenous People. Baghel said that today is the day dedicated to the tribals and it is today that tribal people in entire world are celebrating with great enthusiasm. CM Baghel said that it

Announcements by Chief Minister

- B.Ed and D.Ed colleges will be opened in all the district hq's of Bastar district.
- Hostels for boys and girls, each with capacity of 50 seats, to be built in Govt College Tokapal and Lohandiguda.
- Construction and installation of Budhadev Gudi, a symbol of tribal culture, at Entrepreneur Development Institute, Geedam Road and Jagdalpur.
- Bhimrao Ambedkar Middle School in Baliram Kashyap Ward Jagdalpur to be upgraded to High School.

his government which first started government holiday on World Tribal Day. Along with this a total of 5633 Gram Panchayats were released second installment of amount of Rs 281.65 akh under 'Adivasi Parab Samman Nidhi'.

Kerala adopts resolution urging Centre to rename state

As 'Keralam'

Thiruvananthapuram, Aug 09 (PTI)

The Kerala assembly on Wednesday unanimously adopted a resolution urging the Centre to officially change the state's name to 'Keralam'. The resolution was moved by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan who urged the central government to change the state's name to 'Keralam' in all languages included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India. The resolution was accepted by the Congress-led UDF opposition which did not suggest any amend-

History behind both names....

The term 'Keralam' finds its etymological roots in the Malayalam language, while 'Kerala' is the prevalent appellation in English and various other languages. The ongoing drive to rechristen the state is not without precedence; such a proposition has been proposed in the past. 'Keralam' has historical connotations, with traces of its usage documented in antiquity. As the first schedule of the Indian constitution currently lists the state as 'Kerala', the state government's aspiration for a constitutional amendment seeks to officially embrace the title 'Keralam'.

ments or modifications in it. Subsequently, it was declared as unanimously adopted by the assembly by Speaker A N Shamseer based on a show of hands. Presenting the resolution, the CM said that the state was called 'Keralam' in Malayalam, but in other languages it was still Kerala. He said that the need to form a united Kerala for the Malayalam speaking communities had strongly emerged since the time of the national freedom struggle. "But the name of our state is written as Kerala in the First Schedule of the Constitution."

'Chandrayaan-3 gets closer to the Moon'

Bengaluru, Aug 09 (PTI):

Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft moved closer to the Moon's surface on Wednesday after it underwent another orbit reduction maneuver, ISRO said. India's ambitious third Moon mission's spacecraft Chandrayaan-3 after the launch on July 14, had entered into lunar orbit or the Moon's orbit on August 5. "Even closer to the moon's surface. Chandrayaan-3's orbit is reduced to 174 km x 1437 km following a maneuver performed today," ISRO said in a tweet. The next operation is scheduled for August 14, between 11.30 am and 12.30 pm, ISRO said. A similar orbit reduction maneuver was carried out by the ISRO on Sunday. As the mission progresses, a series of maneuvers is being conducted by ISRO to gradually reduce Chandrayaan-3's orbit and position it over the lunar poles. According to ISRO sources, there will be two more orbit reduction maneuvers to bring the spacecraft closer to the Moon. These maneuvers will be performed on August 14 and 16 to reach 100 km orbit, following which the landing module, comprising the lander and rover will break away from the propulsion module.

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Parl passes bill to add two synonyms of Mahar community

In Chhattisgarh's SC list New Delhi, Aug 09 (PTI)

The Rajya Sabha on Wednesday passed the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) (Amendment) Bill, 2023 to add two synonyms for the Mahar community in Chhattisgarh to the state's list of Scheduled Castes. The bill was passed by a voice vote in the Upper House. It has already been passed by the Lok Sabha in

the ongoing Monsoon session. The bill seeks to add "Mahara" and "Mahra" as synonyms of the Mahar community. Replying to a discussion on the bill in the Rajya Sabha, Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Virendra Kumar urged for its passage. The proposed legislation will help expand the benefits of government schemes and benefits meant for Scheduled Castes in the state to around two lakh more people, he said.

'BJP 'murdered Bharat Mata' in Manipur'

Rahul slams PM Modi for not visiting violence-hit state

New Delhi, Aug 09 (PTI):



MP Rahul Gandhi speaks on the Motion of No-Confidence in the Lok Sabha during the Monsoon session of Parliament, in New Delhi, Wednesday.

The politics of the BJP has "murdered Bharat Mata" in Manipur, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi alleged on Wednesday and called members of the ruling party "traitors", as he launched a broadside against the Narendra Modi government over its handling of the violence in the northeastern state. Speaking on the second day of the debate on the no-confidence motion in

Lok Sabha, Gandhi, in his first comments in the House after the restoration of his membership, also slammed Prime Minister Modi for not visiting Manipur and alleged that

Irani slams Rahul for 'murder of Bharat Mata' remark

Union Minister Smriti Irani on Wednesday came down heavily on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for his "murder of India in Manipur" remark in Lok Sabha, saying this is for the first time in parliamentary democracy that someone has made such a statement. Speaking after Gandhi during the debate on the no-confidence motion against the government, she also attacked the Congress, saying the party's members were clapping and thumping desks when the remark was being made. "I condemn the behaviour that was displayed. This is the first time in



Parliament's history that someone talked about the murder of Bharat Mata, and Congress leaders were thumping desks," the BJP MP said and asserted that Manipur is an integral part of India.

the PM does not consider the state a part of India, evoking strong protest by the treasury benches.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY



Tribal people perform a cultural dance on the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, in Nadia district, Wednesday.

'No proposal to change retirement age of central govt staff'

New Delhi, Aug 09 (PTI)

Union Minister Jitendra Singh on Wednesday said there is no proposal under consideration to change the retirement age of central government employees. In a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha, Singh said 122 government officers have been given compulsory retirement in the last three years under different provisions of service rules. "As per the updated information/data available on the probity portal (as on 30.06.2023) as provided by different ministries/departments/cadre control-

ling authorities (CCAs), provisions of Fundamental Rules (FR)-56(j)/similar provisions have been invoked against a total of 122 officers during the last three years (2020-2023), including the current year," the Minister of State for Personnel said. "There is no proposal under consideration to change the retirement age of central government employees," Singh said. He also said that the objective of the review process under the FR 56(j)/similar provisions is to bring efficiency and to strengthen the administrative machinery.

Parl passes Bill to set up national agency

New Delhi, Aug 09 (PTI)

The Rajya Sabha on Wednesday passed the Anusandhan National Research Foundation Bill 2023 to set up a national agency to fund research across universities in the country. The Bill was passed by the Lok Sabha on Monday. It was passed by a voice vote in the Rajya Sabha in just 40 minutes after being taken up for consideration and passage. Only six members participated in the debate as the Opposition had earlier walked out of the House. Replying to the discussion for consideration and passage of the Bill, Science and Technology Minister Jitendra Singh termed it "history in the making" and said it is going to have long-term outcomes.

'Pained by violence in Manipur, politics over it shameful'

New Delhi, Aug 09:



Union home minister Amit Shah on Wednesday spoke on Manipur violence which has killed 152 people since May 3, saying he is pained by the incidents but described politics over it as 'shameful'. "I agree with the opposition's claim that there has been excessive violence in Manipur. In fact, we are more hurt than them (opposition). Such incidents have happened there that we should be ashamed as a society. However, while the incidents are shameful, doing politics over it is even more

shameful", Shah said during discussion on no-confidence motion in the Lok Sabha. Shah hit out at Congress MP Rahul Gandhi over his visit to Manipur, accusing him of indulging in drama. "Rahul Gandhi went to Manipur out of concern over the situation. After coming out of the airport, he said he wanted to visit Churachandpur. We suggested him to travel in a helicopter. Gandhi insisted on travelling by road. The police had to stop him. Rahul Gandhi staged a drama for three hours. The next day, he went there by a helicopter. He should have taken a chopper earlier", Shah said.

Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday questioned the character of the opposition alliance, saying its true face was seen when it indulged in corruption to save its governments. Shah said opposition parties do not have confidence in the government, but the people of the nation think otherwise. Intervening in the debate on the no-confidence motion against the government in the Lok Sabha, Shah said when the then prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee faced a no-trust vote in 1999, he chose to step down instead of indulging in corruption to save his government. "The character of political parties and alliances is revealed in such times of crises. UPA's character is to indulge in corruption to save the government by hook or by crook, while the BJP-led NDA's character is to stand up to the principles," Shah said.

Chhattisgarh's culture is influenced by tribal culture: Arun Vora

International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples celebrated

Bhilai, Aug 09:

On the occasion of International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, a district level function was organised in the auditorium of BIT Durg on Wednesday. The Chief Guest was Chairman of Chhattisgarh State Warehousing Corporation and Durg (rural) MLA Arun Vora. The guests inaugurated the program by garlanding and lighting the lamp in front of the oil painting of Chhattisgarh Mahatari. Present as guests were Vice President of the State Backward Classes Commission RN Verma, Mayor Durg Dheeraj Bakliwal and Former Mayor Bhilai Neeta Lodhi, President of District Cooperative Central Bank Rajendra Sahu, Mayor Risali Sita Sinha, President of District Panchayat Pushpa Yadav, Vice President of All India Gondwana Samaj Dr Vedwati Mandavi, Councillor Chandrabhan Singh Thakur and other social leaders, Divisional Commissioner Mahadev Kavre, Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena, Superintendent of Police Shalabh Sinha, Additional Collector Arvind Ekka, District Panchayat CEO Ashwani Dewangan, BMC



Commissioner Rohit Vyas and District head of all the departments. The students of the hostel presented mesmerizing traditional cultural programs at the function. In the ceremony, the talented children of the society were honored with certificates. Addressing the ceremony, the Chief Guest Arun Vora said that the culture of Chhattisgarh has been completely influenced by the tribal culture. The day is dedicated to the primitive culture and civilization of tribal communities around the world. This day is an opportunity to promote conservation, respect and development of tribal culture. He said that

the land of Chhattisgarh is the land of Martyr Virnarayan Singh of Sonakhan and Martyr Gaiind Singh of Bastar Bhunkal. He said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, the state government is working for the upliftment of tribal society. The government is committed for the strong development of the society. He congratulated everyone on International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples and extended his best wishes to the talented children of the society. Divisional Commissioner Mahadev Kavre in his address extended best wishes to

everyone and threw light on the objectives of the event. He informed that 32 percent tribal communities reside in Chhattisgarh. He informed that a working group was constituted in the United Nations for the betterment of tribals, whose meeting was held on August 9, 1982. And from this day International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples is being celebrated every year on August 09. He said that education is necessary for the development of the society. Efforts are being made by the government to strengthen the society, we have to take advantage of the schemes of

the government. BMC Councillor Chandrabhan Singh Thakur, remembering the forefathers of the tribal society, attracted the attention of the society towards the constitutional rights. Chandrika Ravate threw light on the present condition of the society in detail. Dr Vedavati Mandavi, Vice President of Akhil Bharti Gondwana Samaj, wished everyone a happy International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples. She said that we can also call it the awareness day of the society. She underlined the upliftment and identity and culture of the tribals and called upon the people of the society to

wake up and struggle. The opportunity was taken to felicitate talented students. Parmeshwar from village Belmand (Daundi) and Kumari Kaveri Mandavi Rajnandgaon who passed JEE Mains and Kumar Deepika Nag Rajnandgaon who passed NEET exam were awarded with citation. Similarly, Manohar Korram, Lekhni Rana, Devesh Kumar Manjhi, Kohinoor Dhruv, Durga Maliarya and Anisa Minj, MSC BEd and Lakshman Dai, students of classes 10th and 12th of Prayas Residential School, Durg, respectively, were honored for passing with excellent marks in B Sc. Apart from this, a cheque of Rs 20,000 for Shreegar Sadan was given to Savita Thakur of village Ghorabhatha, a cheque of Rs 20,000 for sewing machine to Tomeshwari Thakur village Ghorabhatha, a cheque of Rs 50,000 to Toman Netam for grocery stores, cheque of Rs 20,000 to Nandani Thakur village Asoga for pickle, badi, papad business and Rs 20,000 cheque to Parvati Dhamna for mushroom production. A large number of office bearers and students of the society were present on the occasion. Additional Collector Arvind Ekka expressed gratitude on the closing occasion of the program.

If animals are left stray, first counselling, then action



Bhilai, Aug 09:

Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena discussed a special action plan in the meeting of civic bodies on Wednesday towards making the district cattle free. In the meeting, the menace of stray animals on the city roads was brought to the notice and the difficulties faced in controlling the animals were assessed. Along with this, the Collector gave instructions regarding the arrangement of veterinary team in the urban Gauthans. The collector said that to control the stray animals, the Corporation is continuously shifting them to Gauthans. 100% redressal is not being done in this direction due to frequent release of animals by the cattle rearers. He presented a comprehensive plan for its solution. He said that this initiative is not just about controlling animals, but about promoting a sense of responsibility among citizens. The collector suggested to first explain to the animal owners not to leave the animals on the roads and asked them to make them aware of their responsibilities. If a citizen repeats this mistake again and

again, strict legal action should be taken along with fine. Under this, ASDM will hear it in his court. The Collector asked for tagging of all the animals brought to the Gauthans. This will help in managing the movement of animals in the city, as well as identify such cattle rearers who repeatedly leave animals on the streets. Seeing the increasing number of animals in Gauthans, the collector asked to provide medical treatment there. In this regard, he asked Deputy Director Veterinary to ensure regular presence of medical team (doctor and assistant) in Gauthans. Along with the health care of the animals, this team will also do the tagging process of the animals. Additional Collector Arvind Ekka, Bhilai Municipal Corporation Commissioner Rohit Vyas, Durg Municipal Corporation Commissioner Lokesh Chandrakar and Risali Municipal Corporation Commissioner Ashish Dewangan along with Joint Collector, Deputy Collector, SDM and other officers were present in the meeting.

BMC taking effective measures for prevention of dengue

Mayor Neeraj Pal inspects township area

Bhilai, Aug 09:

The Mayor of Bhilai Municipal Corporation accompanied by MiC members and Councillor visited Sector 02 area and took stock of the increasing cases of water borne diseases especially dengue. During the visit and while interacting with people he advised them to take necessary measures for the prevention of dengue and to be vigilant. Mayor Neeraj Pal, MiC members Rita Singh Gera, Chandrashekhar Gawai, councillor Sevan Thakur, District Congress Committee President Mukesh Chandrakar and other



public representatives and officials visited the houses of Sector 02 to inquire about their condition. The Mayor asked the people not to allow rain water to collect anywhere in the house, for this it is necessary to keep checking the house pots, junk items, old tyres, take care of cleanliness in and around your house. During the inspection, while taking information from the officials regarding the

measures being taken by the Corporation for the prevention of dengue, the Mayor instructed to continue the regular distribution of Temiphos, spraying of malathion, checking of coolers and tanks, and asked the citizens about any water-borne diseases. In case of symptoms, he advised to immediately seek medical consultation from the nearest health center. Here it needs a mention that the staff of

health department of the corporation is going door-to-door, checking the coolers, water tanks and other vessels in which water is filled, and emptying them as per the requirement. Every day the coolers and water tanks are being checked so that mosquitoes do not multiply. Taking the dengue prevention campaign seriously, Mayor Neeraj Pal and Corporation Commissioner Rohit Vyas have directed the officers to work in a team and to continuously monitor the situation. Announcements are also being made through loudspeakers for awareness. Pamphlets are being distributed from house to house to make people aware about the eradication of dengue and malaria.

Employees of CO & CCD feted with Karm Shiromani Awards



Bhilai, Aug 09:

Employees of Coke Oven and Coal Chemical Department (CO & CCD) of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant were awarded with 'Pali Shiromani' and 'Karm Shiromani' Awards for their exemplary work performance under the 'Shiromani Puraskar Yojana' by Bhilai Steel Plant. The Award Ceremony was organized at the CO & CCD Conference Hall, on

August 08, 2023. Tarun Kanrar, CGM (CO & CCD) was the Chief Guest on this occasion. Birendra Kumar Raj, Master Technician and Awadh Bihari Kushwaha, OCT were awarded the 'Karm Shiromani Award' for their performance for the month of July 2023. Mementoes and Certificates were presented to the awardees, along with Letter of Appreciation to their re-

spective Spouses. Chief Guest Tarun Kanrar felicitated the awardees and appreciated them for their achievements and contributions at the workplace and encouraged all the employees of CO & CCD to work in future with the same spirit. Samir Roychaudhary, GM & Section Head (CO&CCD) and B Paswan, GM were also present on this occasion along with, SL Patel,

PG Radhakrishnan, AGM, Anand Kharat, Manager, Anjali Rana, Personnel Officer and other officers of the department. All the present guests also congratulated the award winners and appreciated their exemplary work-performance. Pravin Sharma, ALWO compered the program, while HK Bhurya, ALWO proposed the Vote of Thanks.

Sarva Adivasi Samaj takes out silent protest rally against Manipur violence



Bhilai, Aug 09:

On the occasion of International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, the tribal society organised a grand rally. Thousands of residents participated in the rally. A fascinating glimpse of Chhattisgarhi culture, tradition and tribal culture, civilization and tradition was seen in this rally. Along with this, protest

rally was taken out against Manipur violence. Hundreds of tribal people took out a silent rally in protest. In Sector 5, Bhilai Nagar MLA Devendra Yadav welcomed the rally with flower garlands. At the same time worshiped Lord Budha Dev and prayed for the welfare and development of the tribal society as well as prosperity in everyone's life. After worship, MLA Devendra

Yadav joined the rally along with the people of the society and supported the silent rally and protested against the incident in Manipur. Bhilai Nagar MLA Devendra Yadav expressed heartfelt gratitude on behalf of the entire tribal society to the state's eminent Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on the occasion of International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples. MLA Devendra Yadav said that the efforts made by the Chief Minister of the state Bhupesh Baghel for the welfare and development of the tribals for their overall development is highly commendable and historic. On behalf of tribal society, MLA Devendra Yadav thanked the CM for declaring a government holiday in the entire state on Tribal Day.

DMC removes 103 banners and posters from different places

Bhilai, Aug 09: Durg Municipal Corporation has launched a massive campaign to remove illegal banners/posters put up in government and public places of the city under Municipal Corporation limits. For this, the nodal encroachment officer along with his team and inspecting the city with necessary resources, took action to remove illegal posters and banners from around Gandhi Chowk, from Mazar area to Tehsil office, from Kutcheri Chowk to Pulgaon Chowk. Priority in removal is being

given to those posters and banners on the main road, GE Road electric poles and dividers and illegal posters/banners on the side of the roads. After the instructions of Commissioner Lokesh Chandrakar, officer Durgesh Gupta showing readiness, accompanied by corporation's encroachment team set out to take appropriate action. The team seized and removed 103 banners and posters from different places. Campaign is on to remove illegal posters/banners in the city area.



Bhilai Steel Plant organises free Medical camp at Village Chetua



Bhilai, Aug 09: Bhilai Steel Plant, conducts several public welfare activities as part of its organisational social responsibility towards the community in and around its areas of operations. The Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Department of the Plant organized a one-day free Health Camp, at Village Chetua, on August 08, 2023. The Medical Team from CSR department, comprising of, Dr Isha Kujur,

Pharmacist, Shashi Bhushan Rai, Rekha Dev for Blood-Sugar and BP examination, Kedarnath Yadav for registration, volunteered their services for the camp. Rajni Rajak, Development Assistant, from the CSR department was also present during the Health Camp. A total of 13 villagers from village Chetua, availed free health services at the day long Health Camp and free medicines were distributed to them. It is noteworthy

that Health Camp is one of the prime initiatives, through which BSP's CSR Department has contributed substantially towards Public Health & Medicine. The CSR Department of Bhilai Steel Plant conducts health camps on regular basis in the adjoining areas or mines, with the aim of ensuring adequate medical & Health facilities to the communities within which it works.

BJP conspired to keep tribals away from social mainstream: Selja

Tribal Gourav Divas celebrated in Rajiv Bhawan

BJP had done injustice to tribals for 15 yrs: Deepak Baij



Raipur, Aug 09: Adivasi Gaurav Divas was celebrated on the occasion of World Tribal Day at State Congress Headquarters, Rajiv Bhawan, Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) in-charge Kumari Selja, PCC president and MP Deepak Baij, co-in-charge Vijay Jangid also participated in the programme. Addressing the meeting held on this occasion, Kumari Selja said that in the last five years, the Congress government restored the dignity of the

tribal society whereas in the 15 years of BJP government led by Dr Raman Singh, the constitutional rights of the tribals were violated. While 32 percent of the state's population belongs to the tribal community, BJP conspired to keep them away from the mainstream, she said. She said that it was the responsibility of every section of the society to work for equality for those who were deprived of the mainstream of the society. Congress has

worked for every section of the society, she said, adding that atmosphere in Chhattisgarh is in favor of the Congress. 'Last time we got mandate against BJP's misrule, this time we will get votes on the basis of our government's works', she said.

PCC Chief and MP Deepak Baij said that in the 15 years of BJP, tribals were being tortured. He said that Bastar was burning for 15 years, tribals were killed and then dressed in Naxalites'

clothes, he said, adding that there were bullet marks in the dead body but no such marks were found on the clothes worn by them.

According to him the situation has changed after the formation of Bhupesh Baghel's government. No reports are found over killings of innocent tribals, he said, adding that people who were put in jail without any reason are being released. Price of 'Tendu leaf' collection has been increased from 2500 to 4000. More than 65 forest produce are being procured, he said, adding that the doors of economic, social and educational progress of the tribal society have been opened. According to Baij the tribals are feeling safe and proud.

Congress giving pause to tribal welfare schemes: BJP

Spokesperson alleged tribals are being targeted to create sense of fear



Raipur, Aug 09: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Wednesday accused the ruling Congress government in Chhattisgarh of deliberately giving pause to the welfare schemes introduced by the erstwhile BJP government in Chhattisgarh.

Addressing a joint press conference at party office situated at Ekatma Parishar here, the BJP spokesperson Devlal Thakur and Scheduled Tribe Morcha President Vikas Markam further alleged that atrocities

of fear among the BJP leaders in tribal region.

They further alleged that while the erstwhile BJP government had increased the reservations of the tribals from 20% to 32%, the present incumbent Congress has failed to deliver the promises it had made to the people. In support to his claim, the BJP leader said that hike in the Tendu Patta collections was also undertaken by the BJP government.

Ayushi Dwivedi, graduated in Master of Law

From Harvard Law School, USA

Raipur, Aug 09: Ayushi Dwivedi obtained the degree of LLM in May 2023 from the world famous Harvard Law School, USA. Ayushi has been a meritorious student since primary education, she obtained BA LLB (Honours) degree from Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur in the year 2018 batch, in which she received 12 gold medals and she was topper of her batch. Ayushi's father -Dr RK Dwivedi is a Professor at Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Raipur and her mother Smt. Krishna Dwivedi is a homemaker. Ayushi has dedicated the credit of her success to her parents, teachers and family members. Her parents, family and friends are extremely happy and proud of her success.

TRIBAL FOLK DANCE



Artists performing tribal folk dance on occasion of International Day for Indigenous People here on Wednesday.

MATS School of MS&R organised Orientation prog for BBA-2023

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Aug 09: Orientation programme BBA 2023- MATS School of Management Studies and Research (MS&R) organised their 1st orientation program on Wednesday welcoming the new batch of BBA students with lots of enthusiasm and zeal where in HOD Dr. Umesh Gupta talked about the family values and New education policy where in the Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr). K. P.



Yadav of the University spoke about the new generation is full of energy has the power to change the world adding on to it he highlighted the change in technology that can create

the a new world. The function was hosted by Dr. Akshita Sharma. All the student enjoyed the function. Many 1st year students showcased their talent like dance and singing.

Chancellor Gajraj Pagaria highlighted various positive aspects of student's life and said that they have to work hard to achieve their goals. ProVice-chancellor Dr. Deepika Dhand encouraged the students by her motivational words, Director General Priyesh Pagaria and Registrar Gokulnanda Panda extended their best wishes to the students of MBA. The session ended with the vote of thanks.

Leadless Pacemakers are now considered more convenient: Dr Javed



Raipur, Aug 09:

Now instead of normal pacemaker leadless pacemaker's clinical methods have started to be considered better. Recently this implant was used on one patient at Ramakrishna Care. Patient was discharged from hospital in 2 days. This implant comes wireless and surgical pocket is not required.

Dr. Javed Ali Khan, HOD while speaking to the scribes said that the patient was fitted with a leadless pacemaker under the supervision of cardiologist at Ramakrishna Care. As people get to know about it and understand its usefulness more and more patients will start taking advantage of it. Pacemaker is needed when a person's heart rate is too slow known as Bradycardia or in a state of heart failure. In some case symptoms of fainting or loss of consciousness arise. Dr Javed said that use of a pacemaker in some cases prevent or treat a very fast (tachycardia) or irregular heartbeat. But now leadless Pacemakers are now considered more convenient. He said that body symptoms such as extreme tiredness, dizziness, palpitations or fluttering sensation, weakness

in the muscles of the arms and legs, shortness of breath, shortness of breath difficulty or chest pain, unexplained fainting, mental confusion, pulse rate greater than 90 to decrease. Pacemaker insertion is the implantation of a small electronic device, usually but to help control slow heartbeat problems. It is placed in the chest (just below the collarbone), to ensure implanting a pacemaker may be recommended if the heart beats do not slow down to a dangerously low rate. A leadless pacemaker is a small device that a provider inserts into a vein. It is 90 percent smaller than a conventional pacemaker in patient's chest. No incisions, scars or bulges like pacemakers, as lead-free pacemakers do not require the implantation of wires in the heart, so there are fewer complications and smaller operations. Dr. Sandeep Dave, Medical and Managing Director of Ramakrishna Care Hospital Ramakrishna, who is reputed as an experienced and skilled surgeon for more than 30 years is making all efforts and hard-work to provide the status of best hospital to Ramkrishna Care Hospital.

State conference of Ch'garh CREDAI on Aug 21

Raipur, Aug 09:

The state conference of Chhattisgarh CREDAI is going to be held on August 21 in Raipur. The state conference was held earlier in 2020, but due to the Covid period, it will be organised now after some gap. Meanwhile, some new policies have been formulated and new information has also been developed, to inform about all these subjects, the experts of the country are also coming to participate in the state conference. National office bearers of CREDAI will also be present. The program will be held at Naya Raipur-based May-Fair, in which Chief Minister of the state Mr. Bhupesh Baghel will also be felicitated. CREDAI Chhattisgarh President Sanjay Raheja, Program Chairman Ayush Modi, Secretary Pankaj Lahoti said that Chhattisgarh CREDAI has always done something new for its members. The purpose of holding a state

conference is not only to our state but also to provide information about what is happening outside the state, what is the policy there, what is the policy at the national level, what can we do to improve. The program will start at 10.30 am and will go on till 7 pm. In which there will be separate 4 to 5 sessions in which topics like technical, educational will be discussed prominently. Builders and developers from other states will also participate in this. Around 300 to 350 builders-developers will participate in it. Due to which there will be an opportunity to share each other's information. Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel will be the chief guest of the state conference, Housing and Transport Minister Mr. Mohammad Akbar, Urban Local Bodies Minister Dr. Shiv Dahria, President of National CREDAI Mr. Manoj Gaur will be present as special guests.

जन-जन का संकल्प फाइलेरिया मुक्त भारत



“जन-जन का स्वस्थ जीवन न्यू इंडिया का दृढ़ संकल्प है।”

फाइलेरिया एक गंभीर बीमारी है जो मच्छर के काटने से फैलता है।

फाइलेरिया से अपंगता होने की संभावना होती है। इसमें पांव (हाथीपांव) या अंडकोष में सूजन (हाइड्रोसील) हो सकती है।

भारत में हाथीपांव के 5.16 लाख और हाइड्रोसील के 1.5 लाख मरीज़ हैं।

साल में सिर्फ एक बार फाइलेरिया रोधी दवा खाकर इस बीमारी से बचाव किया जा सकता है।

10 अगस्त, 2023 का दिन फाइलेरिया के खिलाफ देश की लड़ाई के लिए महत्वपूर्ण है। 9 प्रभावित राज्यों - झारखण्ड, छत्तीसगढ़, महाराष्ट्र, ओडिशा, कर्नाटक, तेलंगाना, उत्तर प्रदेश, असम (31 अगस्त से) एवं बिहार (12 सितम्बर से) में यह अभियान, आज से दो सप्ताह तक चलेगा।

अपने नजदीकी बूथ पर इस दवा का सेवन ज़रूर करें। यह दवा स्वास्थ्यकर्मी आपके घर पर आकर भी खिलाएंगे।

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Energying Lives, Energying Naya Bharat

Ch'garh's first cyber range police station to be inaugurated today

Cases will be registered directly under IT ACT

Raipur, Aug 09: Chhattisgarh's first cyber police station ACCU (Anti Crime and Cyber Unit) Raipur is being opened in Ganj police station premises in Raipur range. It will be inaugurated on August 10. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel will inaugurate it virtually. Apart from Raipur, cyber police stations of five more districts will be inaugurated. Cyber police station unit has been constituted for this. The posting of 13 police personnel has been done along with a SHO. All the staff, including the inspector, will take action from here after receiving complaints directly in matters related to the IT Act. In place of offense under the section of cheating, now the offense will be registered under the IT Act. Inspector Gaurav Tiwari



posted in cyber cell has been made in-charge. Along with Inspector Gaurav Tiwari, 13 policemen including one ASI will be posted here. Investigation will be done in the cases related to the Cyber Act under the guidance of Gaurav Tiwari. Initially, a system will be made to take action against those who are involved in the IT Act. All the police staff who have been selected for the Range Cyber Police Station are already working in the case of the IT Act. In the cases of IT Act, a system has been made for action and arrest. The team itself will discuss. After this, action will be taken by registering the

crime. In the case of online cyber fraud, the responsibility of arresting the culprits will be with the cyber cell unit only. In the system made after the new order of SSP Prashant Agarwal, the nodal officer has been made DSP rank officer.

Inspector Gaurav Tiwari, ASI Mohd. Qayyum, Head Constable Chandrakumar Dhruv, Anil Pandey, Constable Jaswant Soni, Alam Baig, Rameshwar Sinha, Deepak Thakur, Rajesh Kumar Chauhan, Ranjit Pillai, Rajkumar Dewangan, Abhishek Singh and Pritam Janghel have been posted in the new cyber range police station, Raipur.

State level training workshop organized

That of district coordinators and resource teachers

Under 31st National Children's Science Congress-2023

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Aug 09: Under the 31st National Children's Science Congress-2023, a one-day state level training workshop of 33 district coordinators and teachers on the topic "Ecosystem, Health and Welfare" was organized on Tuesday at Regional Science Center Raipur. Chhattisgarh Council of Science and Technology, Raipur, in collaboration with the National Science and Technology Communication Council, Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, organises National Children's Science Congress every year on district and state level.



Selected child scientists at the state level participate in the National Children's Science Congress and display their models.

This program provides an opportunity to the children of 10 to 17 years of age, where they present their scientific concepts through research projects, models etc. on the main theme and sub-themes. This program provides an opportunity to children to find solutions to local problems by reaching results through experimentation, data collection, research, analysis and inno-

vation process. In this workshop, the enlightened people emphasized on spreading awareness to save it by highlighting the side effects caused by the decay of the ecosystem. He said the district coordinators and teachers in the workshop to encourage children for innovation and motivate them to make multidisciplinary projects with mutual coordination.

CG Council of Science and Technology and Director General of Regional Science Center, Raipur Mr. S.S. Bajaj

urged the district coordinators and teachers from different districts to identify their local problems related to the main theme of "Ecosystem, health and welfare" and their sub-topics and provide guidance to the children for creating innovative projects to solve them, which will be useful for the society in the future.

The chief guest of the workshop, Secretary, Chhattisgarh State Innovation Commission, Dr. R.K. Singh said that all living beings and physical environment are included

in the ecosystem, it is a complex system, in today's industrial era, it is very important to understand it and work for its improvement. Theoretical, practical and cultural knowledge is needed for the understanding of the ecological system. No one can give this knowledge better than the teachers.

Special guest of the workshop, Member of the State Planning Commission, Dr. K. Subramaniam said that it is very important to encourage spreading awareness on the importance of ecological restoration at the global level to save the ecosystem which has been decaying. Today, on a global scale, mainly the ecosystem, health and well-being are the primary focus points that require the attention of society. Scientists and officers of Chhattisgarh Council of Science and Technology and Regional Science Center were present in the workshop. The program was coordinated by Dr. Amit Dubey, Scientist 'D'.

Residents Bastar div get forest rights lease

On a large scale for farming

So far more than 1.63 lakh beneficiaries benefitted



have been provided to more than 1.63 lakh beneficiaries so far. On the other hand, for community purposes, more than 22,500 community forest rights letters and more than 1,500 community forest resource letters have been provided to the community.

Under the guidelines issued by Bastar Divisional Commissioner Shyam Dhavde for the effective implementation of the Forest Rights Act in all the districts of Bastar, 1.63 lakh beneficiaries were given individual forest rights recognition letter of 1.73 lakh hectare

area. Along with this, Kisan loan booklets have been distributed to these forest rights lease holders. Kisan Credit Card is being given on priority to provide fertilizers, seeds and other inputs necessary for farming. At the same time, registration of farmers is being done in cooperative societies to sell paddy to these farmers at the support price. Out of these forest rights lease holders, Rs 636.36 cr was spent for 76026 beneficiaries under MNREGA. In which assistance has been given through individualized works like land leveling, bund con-

struction, construction of well, construction of dabri and pond, cow-rearing, goat rearing, poultry shed construction etc. Due to which all the above farmers are increasing their income through advanced agriculture and vegetable production, fish farming, poultry farming etc. income oriented activities. In Bastar division, so far more than 22,521 community forest rights letters of about 5.92 lakh hectare area have been provided to the community for the purpose of school, health center, Anganwadi center building, gram panchayat building, sports ground etc. In which 3021 Devguri and Mataguri and 228 Ghotul and 86 ancient dead monuments are included in the direction of conservation and promotion of tribal culture. By taking positive initiative for conservation and promotion of tribal culture, about one and a half thousand

hectare area has been preserved including all Devguri and Mataguri including Ghotul and ancient dead monuments by registering them in the revenue records. Along with this, by conserving the land in the name of the deity, protection has been provided to protect the land from illegal encroachment and protection has been provided to the trees and plants located near the place of the deity. Due to which the development of the said faith and cultural heritage is being promoted. Active participation of the community has been ensured in Bastar division towards forest produce collection, conservation of forests and proper exploitation and care. In this direction, through more than one and a half thousand Community Forest Resource Letters, the rights of 8 lakh 38 thousand 399 hectares of land have been given to the community.

PMFBY to be implemented for farmers in Ch'garh

Raipur, Aug 08: HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company a leading general insurance company of India, has been authorised by the Government of Chhattisgarh to implement the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) for loanee and non-loanee farmers in the districts of Bilaspur, Durg, Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur, Mungeli, Sukma, Surguja, Balod, Baloda Bazar, Balrampur, Dantewada, Gaurella-Pendra, Marwahi and Raipur for the Kharif, 2023 season

The scheme will be implemented in the districts for the below-mentioned crops notified under the scheme by the Government of Chhattisgarh for which the crop-specific cut-off dates are also provided. PMFBY scheme insures farmers against any losses in crop

yield arising out of a wide range of external risks such as drought, floods, dry spells, landslides, cyclones, hurricanes, hailstorms, Inundations, pests, diseases and others.

To determine the loss in the yield, the state government will plan and conduct Crop Cutting Experiments (CCEs) on the notified crops in areas notified for the scheme. In case the yield data, based on CCEs conducted, concludes to be low then the farmers will be considered to have suffered a shortfall in their yield for which the claims will be payable to the farmers. The scheme provides insurance cover for all stages of the crop cycle including pre-sowing, harvesting and post-harvest risks.

All the products under the PMFBY scheme are approved by the Department of Agriculture,

Government of Chhattisgarh. Farmers from the districts of Bilaspur, Durg, Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur, Mungeli, Sukma, Surguja, Balod, Baloda Bazar, Balrampur, Dantewada, Gaurella-Pendra, Marwahi and Raipur can reach out to their respective banks, Common Service Centres (CSCs) in their district or contact the authorized HDFC ERGO agents to obtain the insurance cover under the PMFBY scheme for the crops. The details of the validity period to obtain the insurance cover will be available for the farmers on the website of the Department of Agriculture. The farmer may also logon to the Farmers App or opt for self-enrollment of the scheme on the website <https://pmfby.gov.in/farmerLogin>

Raipur team conducts investigation of agriculture centers



Bijapur, Aug 09: Seed, fertilizer and pesticide establishments located in the district are being checked. In this context Santram Paikra from Directorate Agriculture Raipur, Mr. Ugresh Kumar Dewangan from district level inspection team under the guidance of Assistant Director Agriculture, Assistant Director Agriculture (Office), Chunendra Prakash Dewangan, Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officer, Bhopalpatnam and Markela Srinivas, Inspector, Office of the

Deputy Director Agriculture, Bijapur jointly investigated in various establishments of the district, viz. Gurla Agricultural Center, Danteshwari Agricultural Center under Mopalpatnam and Lempus, Bhopalpatnam, Lakshmi Marketing and Agriculture Center, Balaji Agriculture Center, Madaid and notice was issued due to non-maintenance of records in the investigation.

Expired pesticides were kept for sale at Batohi Agricultural Center located in Bijapur. Due to this, a ban has been imposed on the sale by confiscation. Lakshmi Marketing and Agriculture Center and Balaji Agriculture Center Madadad have imposed a ban on chikay due to improper maintenance of fertilizer storage records.

'Meri Mati Mera Desh' campaign started

With honor to the brave martyrs

MLA Vikram Mandavi administered oath of participation in the development of developed India, planted saplings for Vasudha Vandan



police officers and staff head constable Sodhi Narayan, Ramesh Kumar Jurri, constable Baman Podiyami, assistant constable Sitaram Bakde, constable STF Arjun Kudiyan, Budhram, assistant constable Kishore Adrik were honoured in the programme. While taking an earthen lamp in the hands, the oath of Panchpran was taken. Saplings were planted by the hands of martyr families for 'Vasudha Vandan'. CEO District Panchayat Ravi Kumar Sahu told that from August 9 - 15, the

program will be organized in the gram panchayats, which was started from Wednesday. A Shilafalakam (stone-plaque) will be established in the village panchayats of the district, functions will be organized. Tributes will be paid to the heroes; plaques will be put up with the names of each of the heroes who sacrificed their lives for the freedom of the country. Shilafalakam will be inaugurated in the middle of this period.

On this occasion District Panchayat

President Shankar Kudiyan, Vice President Kamlesh Karam, District Panchayat and Bastar Development Authority member Nina Rawatiya Udde, District Panchayat and Farmers Welfare Board member Basant Rao Tati, District Panchayat Member Sarita Champa, Chhattisgarh State Youth Commission Member Praveen Dongre, Seed Corporation Member Intiaz Khan, District Panchayat President Bodhi Tati, DFO Ashok Patel, Principal Narayan Jhari, Joint Collector Pawan Kumar Premi District Nodal Officer Geet Sinha, District Education Officer Baliram Baghel, Assistant Commissioner KS Mashram along with district level senior officers, dignitaries and media representatives were present.

Ration stopped due to indefinite strike



Of FPS operators

Jagdalpur, Aug 09: Ration shop operators under the banner of Chhattisgarh Government Fair Price Shop Operators Vendor Welfare Association (CGF-PSOVWSA) have sat on an indefinite strike in the old market premises from today. Due to which the poor have stopped getting ration due to the locking of fair price shops in Bastar. The problems of the poor are sure to increase due to the strike of fair price shop operators.

It is worth mentioning that earlier from Aug 1 to 5, symbolic protest has been done by the Sangh through lockout. On which there was no response from the government or the administration. On the other hand, the Union has alleged that server down is a major problem, alleging that EPDS online is slowing down the work.

National Vice President and State President of Chhattisgarh Government

Fair Price Shop Operators Vendor Welfare Association, Ramdev Sinha told that, we have symbolically conveyed our demands to the government several times after the formation of the state. But the government has not paid attention to our problem till date. The government is giving some contribution to all other departments, but till date no step has been taken for the ration operator vendors. He said that the state government has also withheld our commission money for the last 8 months. For three years, even the gunny amount has not been received. In such a situation, we are facing great difficulties in earning the livelihood of our family. On the other hand, on behalf of the union, the state government was accused that compared to other states, Chhattisgarh gets the lowest commission, which needs to be increased. The union is on an indefinite strike regarding these demands.

Adivasi Cong observe World Tribal Day



Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Aug 09: Adivasi Congress state president Janak Dhruv said, tribals not only in India but in the entire world has their own custom, tradition and are cut off from the main society.

He added, it is therefore essential that should also see light of development and World Tribal Day is observed for this purpose. Bhavani Markam,

District President said, state government is taking various steps to make the tribals stand on their own feet.

In this connection a programme was organised at Rajiv Bavan in presence of Chhattisgarh in-charge Kumari Shaileja, PCC Chief Deepak Baij and MLA Satyanarayan Sharma. Bhavani Markam was also present along with other members of Adivasi Congress.

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Baghel unveils numerous devp works in Bastar district



Jagdalpur, Aug 09: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Wednesday unveiled 2300 developmental works worth more than Rs. 637 cr for the residents of the Jagdalpur district at Bastar district headquarters.

On occasion of World Tribal Day Jagdalpur-1 worth Rs 12.48 cr, and 14 works of Public Works Division Jagdalpur-2 worth Rs 30.80 cr. Similarly, 49 works of Janpad Panchayat Bakwand worth Rs 1.79 cr 34 works of Janpad Panchayat Lohandiguda worth Rs 1.99 cr, 14 works of District Panchayat Darbha worth Rs 61.95 lakh, 14 works of District Panchayat Jagdalpur worth Rs 61.96 lakh, 17 works of District Panchayat Tokapal worth Rs 1.03 cr, 20 works of District Panchayat Bastanar worth Rs 18.27 lakh, 56 works of District Panchayat Bastar worth Rs 2.47 cr, 150 works under Jal Jeevan Mission worth Rs 220.78 cr, 120 works of

CM performs inauguration and laid stone for 2300 works

Public Health Engineering worth Rs 1.94 cr, 291 works of District Mission Coordinator-Comprehensive Education worth Rs 5.23 cr, 10 works of Deputy Director Horticulture worth Rs 5.66 cr, 1 work of Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company worth Rs 1.47 cr of Power, 14 works under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana worth Rs 25.22 cr, 1 work of Public Works Electrical and Mechanical worth Rs 1.03 cr, 4 works of Tribal Development Department worth Rs 10.23 cr, 6 works of Water Resources Department worth Rs 14.84 cr, 10 works of NITI Aayog worth Rs 12.22 cr, 490 works of Education Department worth Rs 37.46 cr, 190 works of CREDA Department worth Rs 29.83 cr, 4 works under the announcements made by the Chief Minister worth Rs 24.56 cr are included.

CM honours the exceptional talents belonging to ST



Surguja, Aug 09: On the occasion of World Tribal Day, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel honoured exceptional talents belonging to Scheduled Tribes in a programme organized in Sitapur of Surguja district. These individuals have excelled in various fields. The honorees included acclaimed artists from various arts, individuals who outshined in state and national-level sports competitions, those who excelled in various competitive exams, students who qualified in the NEET exam, and other individuals from different domains. At the venue, there were also 13 departmental stalls

Department, Women and Child Development Department, Millet's Cafe, Irrigation Department, Livestock Development Department, Agriculture Department, Horticulture Department, Forest Department, Food Department, Public Health Engineering (PHE) Department, and the Municipal Corporation. Through these stalls, information about departmental schemes was provided to the people. More than 27,000 beneficiaries associated with these schemes received essential materials and documents through these initiatives.

AFFIDAVIT

Samaru Ram Nirmalkar, S/o Shri Rai Ram Nirmalkar, age-62, Smt Jama Bai Nirmalkar, W/o Shri Samaru Ram Nirmalkar, age-58, R/o Gram and Post - Lintara, Tehsil- Ahirwara, District Durg, C.G., do hereby make the following statements: 1. That our son, with No. - 1483620, W Rannak Nayak MT name Kewal Singh is posted in NSG Manesar. 2. That in our son's service record, the birthday of his father Samaru Ram is registered as 01/01/1960 and that of mother Jama Bai is 01/07/1967 and which is incorrect. 3. That the birthday of my son's father Samaru Ram Nirmalkar is 15/04/1961 and that of his mother Smt Jama Bai Nirmalkar is 01/01/1965, which is true and correct. Copy of Aadhar card is enclosed h/v. 4. We hereby give our consent to register the new birthday date of our son's father Samaru Ram Nirmalkar to actual and correct date 15/04/1961 and that of his mother Smt Jama Bai Nirmalkar as 01/01/1965. CERTIFY We do hereby certify that the statements made from SI. No. 1-4 are true to the best of our knowledge and submitting this affidavit in support of the facts and in support of the truth mentioned above and are signing before the concerned authority. DEPONENT

All India Institute of Medical Sciences Raipur (An Autonomous Institute under MoHFW, Govt) No. AIIMS/RPR/Acad/2023/2094 Date: 27.7.2023 ADMISSION NOTICE All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Raipur invites online applications (Through Google Form) for admission in Pre-Hospital Trauma Technician Course - 10 seats (UR-7, OBC-2, SC-0, ST-1, EWS-0) - July 2023 session. Last Date for Submission of Online form & application fee- 14.08.2023 For PTT Course - No entrance exam will be conducted for PTT Course. Selection will be made on the basis of aggregate percentage marks of Physics, Chemistry and Biology obtained in 10+2 Examination of CBSE/State Board/any other recognised Board. For detailed information, Corrigendum, Addendum and Updates please visit the website www.aiimsraipur.edu.in. - Dean (Academics)

न्यायालय कलेक्टर, दुर्ग जिला-दुर्ग (छत्तीसगढ़) व्यक्तिगत उपस्थिति समन स.प्र.क्र. 217/ब-121/वर्ष 2021-22 प्राधिकृत अधिकारी, आई.आई.एफ.एल. होम फायलिंगिओ शाखा-18, प्लॉर, जलगांधी सिटी मार्ग, बंजारा चौक, होटल अमित के सामने रायपुर तह व जिला रायपुर (ब.ग.) वादी प्रेषित 1. श्री नीलेश कुमार रावुंदला आ श्री गिरधर लाल रावुंदला 2. श्रीमती निधी रावुंदला पति श्री नीलेश कुमार रावुंदला दोनों निवासी- गणनो- 1/49, वार्ड-25, पंचरीतवाड़ी, कोढ़ी हास्पिटल के पीछे पडरी, मंडी गेट रिथम काम्प्लेक्स के पीछे रायपुर तहसील व जिला रायपुर (छगं0) अनारोहकगण उपरोक्त वादी द्वारा इस न्यायालय में विलीय आरिस्टोको का प्रतिभूतिकरण और पुनर्गठन और प्रतिभूतिकरण प्रदान अधिनियम, 2002 की धारा 14 के अन्तर्गत अनारोहक द्वारा आवेदक बैंक से विलीय सहायता की सुरक्षा हेतु बैंक के पक्ष में रबी गैर बंधक सांख्यिक-लौकिक क. 38 खण्डों 1373/1, 1373/2, 1376, 1380/1, 1380/2, 1380/3 कुल क्षेत्रफल 591 वर्गफीट घाम-सांख्यिक पडहणो-08 तहसील गणनो जिला दुर्ग में स्थित है को बकाया राशि की अदायगी नहीं करने के कारण रिस्त शीतिक आधिपत्य में प्राप्त करने हेतु प्रस्तुत आवेदन पत्र पर प्रकरण सविस्तार कर प्राकृतिक न्याय सिद्धित के अन्तर्गत अनारोहक को इस न्यायालय द्वारा सम्मत् सुनवाई किये जाने हेतु सूचना पत्र जारी कर आहूत किया गया था। जारी नोटिस वास्तव अमान्य। सुधे अनारोहक को प्रकरण में सम्मत् सुनवाई का युक्तियुक्त अवसर प्रदान किया जाना है। अतएव इस समन के जरिये अनारोहक को आदेश दिया जाता है कि आप इस मामले की आगामी पेशी दिनांक 04/09/2023 को कलेक्टर, दुर्ग के न्यायालय में व्यक्तिगत रूप से अनिवार्यतः उपस्थित होकर अपना पक्ष प्रस्तुत करें। यदि आप निर्धारित सुनवाई तिथि को अनुपस्थित वाये गये तो मामले की सुनवाई आपकी गैरहाजिरी में की जाकर आपके विरुद्ध एकपक्षीय कार्यवाही की जावेगी। (कलेक्टर महोदय द्वारा आदेशित) अपर कलेक्टर दुर्ग

Empowering youth for water conservation

Korba, Aug 09:

In a bid to amplify the efforts towards water conservation, a significant webinar, a significant webinar was recently conducted under the banner of Nehru Yuva Kendra, as a part of the Jal Shakti Abhiyan initiative. The webinar, spearheaded by the National Youth Volunteer Harish Dhara Dewan, aimed to illuminate the youth about the vital importance of water conservation. Distinguished figures like Mrs. Kalpana Sahu, an esteemed educator from Vidhyutgrih U.M.A. Vidyalaya No. 01, along with esteemed guest speakers from various colleges within the district - including Ved Prakash Soni, Bharati Rajwade, Kumkum Singh, and Durga Singh - adorned the virtual platform. The enlightening session revolved around the multifaceted discussions, encompassing



topics such as judicious water consumption practices, rainwater harvesting techniques, and innovative strategies to safeguard the region's water reservoirs. The webinar served as an invaluable resource, channeling knowledge and methods to the youth for effective water conservation.

One person arrested with two stolen motorcycles

Pithora, Aug 09:

In a resolute move directed by Superintendent of Police Dharmendra Singh, a targeted operation was launched to combat criminal activities including theft, robbery, illicit drug trade, and motorbike pilferage. Station commanders and officers, acting upon these directives, conducted relentless search operations in their designated jurisdictions to identify potential culprits and motorcycle thieves. On August 7, actionable intelligence led a team from Thana Pithora to a remote location in Gadbada village, culminating in the apprehension of a suspect. Upon interrogation, the individual identified himself as Babloo Das Manikpur, aged 27, hailing from Sakin



Gadbada in Thana Pithora. During questioning, Babloo revealed ownership of two motorbikes: a red HF Deluxe model bearing registration number CG 06 GK 0242 and a black Pulsar model with registration number CG 06 GX 7521. When prompted to provide valid documentation for these vehicles, Babloo claimed ignorance of any such paperwork.

Thorough investigation undertaken by the Thana Pithora team unveiled that the HF Deluxe motorcycle was stolen from Arvind Hardware Store on July 30, while the Pulsar motorcycle was reported stolen from Hardi village and subsequently sold during the late hours around 1 am. Babloo was taken into custody and both stolen motorcycles were seized. The HF Deluxe motorcycle's estimated value stands at around Rs 20,000, whereas the Pulsar motorcycle, valued at approximately Rs 50,000, further substantiated the criminal intent. The police have registered cases under Section 379 of the Indian Penal Code, encompassing case numbers 172/23 and 180/23 at Thana Pithora, leading to the commencement of due legal proceedings.

SHUBHAM HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CO. LTD. Corporate Office : 425, Udyog Vihar Phase IV, Gurgaon-122015 (Haryana) Ph.: 0124-4212530/31/32, E-Mail : customercare@shubham.co Website : www.shubham.co POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY) Whereas the undersigned being the authorized officer of the Shubham Housing Development Finance Company Limited (hereinafter called Shubham) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice calling upon borrowers to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described hereinbelow in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of Shubham Housing Development Finance Company Limited for an amount detailed below and interest thereon. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. Details are as below:

S. No.	Loan No., Borrower, Co-Borrower Name	Date of Demand Notice & Amount	Secured Asset	Affixation Date
1	Loan No. BH_1503_035478, Sanyal Arif, Asama Begam	20-05-2023 & ₹ 9,02,153/-	Nazul Sheet No 78B Plot No 15/10 Kasaridih Ward No 44 Ph No-18/25 RNM-Durg-1 Tehsil & Dist Durg Chhattisgarh-491001	07-08-2023

Place : Gurgaon Date : 09.08.2023 Authorised Officer Shubham Housing Development Finance Company Limited

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SALE NOTICE (Sale through E-Auction Only) Public Notice for Sale of Assets under the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. Whereas, the authorized officer of UCO Bank, Nagpur has taken possession of the following property pursuant to the notice issued under section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act in the following loan account with right to sell the same strictly on "As is Where is Basis" & "As is what is basis" & "Whatever there is basis" & "Without recourse Basis" for realization of bank's dues plus interest as detailed hereunder and whereas consequent upon failure to repay the dues, the undersigned in exercise of power conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act propose to realize the bank's dues by sale of the said property. The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website.

Name and Address of Borrower and Guarantors	Description of Mortgaged Property	Amount due as per demand notice	Reserve Price & Earnest Money
Branch : MCB Nagpur Borrower : M/S AMGC Logistics Pvt Ltd No. 401 and 402, Megh Apartment, Yashodhan Enclave, Prashant Nagar, Jog Layout, Ajni, Nagpur-440015	Flat No. 22, 2nd Floor, "SreeNivas Towers", Ilayavar Gardens, Ganapathy Street, Sithankudi, Pudukcherry-605013. Demand notice date: 19/04/2018 Possession date (Symbolic): 30/04/2019	Rs. 5,87,10,380.23 + unapplied interest and Charges since 19/04/2018	Reserve Price Rs. 50.40 lacs EMD Rs. 5.04 lacs
Director : 1. Shri DTS Moorthy (Since Deceased) Through Legal Heirs- a) Smt. Aruna DTS Moorthy (W/o. Shri DTS Moorthy) b) Ms. TRN Durga Moorthy (D/o. Shri. DTS Moorthy) c) Ms. Dhanashree Moorthy (D/o. Shri. DTS Moorthy)	Flat No. E-2/603, 6th Floor, Block Zenith of "Kool Homes Condominium", Ward No. 26, Kushabhab Thakre Ward Mova- Daldaseoni Road, Mouza-Mova, Raipur, Chhattisgarh. Demand notice date: 19/04/2018 Possession date (Symbolic): 20/02/2019 (Physical): 03/03/2023	(less-recovered after 19/04/2018)	Reserve Price Rs. 38.24 lacs EMD Rs. 3.82 lacs
Guarantor : Ms. TRN Durga Moorthy No. 401 and 402, Megh Apartment, Yashodhan Enclave, Prashant Nagar, Jog Layout, Ajni, Nagpur-440015.	Flat No.E-1206, 12th Floor, Juniper Block, "The Gardens/ETA Apartment, Corporation No.9, Old No. 1, 3, 5, etc, Municipal No.9/513, Binnyston Garden, Magadi Road, Bangalore- 73. Demand notice date : 19/04/2018 Possession date (Symbolic): 29/04/2019		Reserve Price Rs. 109.81 lacs EMD Rs. 10.98 lacs

Date & Time of Auction Sale: 26/08/2023 between 01.00 p.m. to 05:00 p.m. Bid increase amount : Rs. 25,000/- Last date of submission of EMD & Documents : 25/09/2023 till 4:00 pm

Terms and Condition: 1. The E-Auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS". 2. To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property and statutory dues (if any) are not known. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property & to inspect & satisfy themselves. 3. Statutory dues/liabilities/penalties etc. due to the Government/Local Body/ Housing society are not known and shall be borne by the successful bidder, if any. 4. In case of sole bidder, the bid amount quoted in his bid form must be improved by at least one bid incremental value, lest the sale shall be cancelled/deferred. 5. Successful bidder shall bear the charges/fee payable for registration of the property as per law. 6. Sale will not be confirmed if the borrower tenders to the Bank contractual dues along with other expenses prior to the Authorized Officer issuing sale confirmation Letter to the successful bidder. In such case the Bank shall refund without interest the entire amount remitted by the successful bidder. 7. The interested bidders who require assistance in creating Login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting Bid Documents, Training/Demonstration, Terms & conditions on online Inter-ze bidding etc., may visit website https://www.mstccommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp. For any property related query may contact the Asst. General Manager, Mr. Anil Mandare +91 712 2222880/ 9820282426 email - nagmcc@ucobank.co.in 8. The bank has designated its Branch Office as facilitation centre to help the intending bidders/buyers. 9. The successful bidder has to bear the TDS of 1% if the property value exceeds 50 lacs. This notice is also to be treated as 30 days statutory sale notice to borrower, Guarantor and legal heirs of the deceased borrower/Guarantor (if any) Under Rule 9(1) Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. 10. Prospective buyers may visit Website https://ibapi.in for more details about the property. Place : Nagpur Date : 10/08/2023 Authorized Officer UCO Bank

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Properties) [Under Rule-8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002] Whereas, The undersigned being the authorized officer of the Bank of India, Gariaband Branch under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice calling upon the following borrower/s to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being detail as mentioned here under, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules as mentioned below. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Bank of India, Gariaband Branch for an amount detail given as below.

Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Description of the Properties	Demand Notice	Amount Due
Borrower - M/s.YUG SUPER BAZAR Prop. Devkaran Markama	Equitable Mortgage of free hold Immovable Property of Commercial Land with Building Shade and Structures Standing thereon Situated at Old Kh.No. 983/1 part, New Kh. No. 983/9, P.H.No. 52/18, Tehsil & District-Gariaband (C.G.) R.N.M. Gariaband at Dakbangala, Ward No.08, Gariaband, Admeasuring 3500 Sqft standing in the name of Mr. Devkaran Markam S/o. Mr Geelaram, Bounded by : North-Open Plot of Jitnaryayan Pathak, South-WBM Road, East: House of Devkaran, West: Open plot of others.	Date 17.05.2023 Possession Notice Date 08.08.2023	₹ 62,02,000/- (Sixty Two Lakhs Two Thousand Rupees Only) + interest + Other expenses
Borrower - Mr. Tirath Ram Devdash	Equitable Mortgage of Free hold Immovable Property of Residential Land, Situated at Kh.No. 29/3 (Part), P.H.No. 24/50, R.N.M. Gariaband Village Kesodar Tehsil & District-Gariaband (CG), Admeasuring 2160 Sqft standing in the name of Mr. Tirath Ram Devdas. S/o. Lt. Sevak ram Devdas, Bounded by : North-WBM Road, South-Open Plot of Memon, East: Land of Thakur, West: Open Plot of Sanat Sahu.	Date 25.04.2023 Possession Notice Date 08.08.2023	₹ 7,70,141.82/- (Seven Lakh Seventy Thousand One Hundred Forty One Rupees and Eighty Two Paise Only) + interest + Other expenses
Borrower - Mr. Khelan Ram mahilange	Equitable Mortgage of Free hold Immovable Property of Residential Land with building Shade and Structures Standing thereon situated at old Kh.No.193/6 Part, New Kh.No.193/8, P.H.No. 08 (16), R.N.M. Gariaband Village Paragaon Tehsil & District - Gariaband (C.G.) admeasuring 4570 Sqft. standing in the name of Mr. Khelan Ram Mahilange S/o. Kalyan Mahilange. Bounded by : North-Land of Ghanashyam, South-Land of Amin Memon, East: Road, West: Land of Amin Memon.	Date 25.04.2023 Possession Notice Date 08.08.2023	₹ 15,87,227.06/- (Seven Lakh Seventy Thousand One Hundred Forty One Rupees and Eighty Two Paise Only) + interest + Other expenses

Date: 10.08.2023, Place : Gariaband Authorized Officer, Bank of India

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You the below mentioned borrower has availed loan by mortgaging the schedule mentioned property and you the below mention has stood as borrower/co-borrower guarantor for the loan agreement. Consequent to the defaulters committed by you, your loan account has been classified as non-performing asset under the provisions of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (in short SARFAESI Act). We Hinduja Leyland Finance Limited had issued Demand Notice u/s 13(2) read with section 13(13) of the SARFAESI Act to the address furnished by you. The notices sent to you by the Registered Post/ Blue Dart Courier are served, received back & returned unserved. The contents of the said notices are that you had committed default in payment of the various loans guaranteed to you. Therefore, the present publication carried out to serve the notice as the provision of Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act and in terms of provision to the rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002:

Name of the Account Borrower(s) & Co-Borrower(s)	Loan Account No.	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA	Date of Demand Notice	Amount due as per Demand Notice
Borrower - M/s PRAMOD Co-Borrower 1: MR. PRAMOD RAGHUVANSHI Co-Borrower 2: MRS. RENU SINGH RAGHUVANSHI Co-Borrower 3: MISS APURWA SINGH Co-Borrower 4: MR. VIRENDRA SINGH	CCRRP00962	All That Piece and Parcel of Land Plot No. 9 (ZONE-C) Borai, Durg. 2) Industrial Growth Centre Borai, Rasmada, Durg C.G. 491001 East : PLOT NO. 08 (PART), West : 24 MTS. WIDE ROAD, North : PLOT NO. 09 (PART), South : 60 MTS WIDE ROAD	31/03/2021	31/07/2023	Rs. 3,16,58,407.88/- as on 31/07/2023
M/s DALJEET ENTERPRISES/MRS. RASMINDER Co-Borrower 1: MR. DALJEET SINGH CHAWLA Co-Borrower 2: MRS. RASMINDER CHAWLA	CCRRP01155	All That Piece and Parcel of Land Plot No.-04, Motilal Nehru Nagar (EAST), Residential cum Commercial Scheme, Ward No.- 02, Bhalil, Durg C.G. 490020 East : PLOT NO. 03, West : PLOT NO. 05, North : WATER TANK, South : ROAD	15/07/2022	17/09/2022	Rs. 21,531,572/- as on 17/09/2022

Place : Chattisgarh Date: 10/08/2023 For Hinduja Leyland Finance Ltd Authorized Officer

Man's peculiar Tuna obsession: A unique addiction



In an extraordinary tale from Lawrence, Kansas, a US man named 'Tuna Tyler' has confessed to an intense fixation with tuna fish that goes beyond the norm. Appearing on TLC's "My Strange Addiction: Still Addicted?" TV show, Tyler divulged his captivating story of being enamored with canned tuna, embracing an unusual routine of smelling, consuming, and even wearing its juice as cologne.

Surprisingly, Tyler's attraction to tuna began at a young age, with his mother, Ursula, reminiscing about placing tuna and sardine cans in his Easter basket instead of traditional chocolates due to his preference for seafood. However, this childhood inclination has evolved into a full-fledged addiction that finds Tyler consuming a remarkable 15 cans of tuna every week.

The extent of Tyler's devotion is exemplified by his use of tuna juice as cologne and his consistent indulgence in the scent of the canned fish. A video clip from the TV show showcases his clandestine tuna-smelling ritual in a coffee shop, where he pulls out a can and opens it surreptitiously to inhale its aroma. While this practice might appear eccentric to onlookers, Tyler finds comfort and satisfaction in his unique habit.

Tyler's fixation on tuna, which he expresses as an everyday experience, raises questions about the boundaries of addiction and the human penchant for peculiar preferences. His public display of tuna admiration captures the attention of passersby, adding an element of intrigue to his already captivating story. As Ursula, his mother, reflects on the unexpected turn of events, it's evident that Tyler's connection with tuna fish has grown into something beyond imagination. The allure of the ocean's bounty has transformed into an addiction that sets him apart in his community, reminding us of the complex nature of human behavior and the diverse paths it can take.



Increasingly severe Antarctic extreme events demand global attention

Antarctica is on the brink of witnessing more frequent and intense extreme events, including ocean heatwaves and ice loss, with far-reaching consequences, warn researchers. Recent anomalies could signify the tip of the iceberg, say UK scientists who assessed evidence of extreme occurrences in Antarctica and its surrounding Southern Ocean.

The fragile Antarctic ecosystems could face significant stress and degradation in the coming years, caution the authors of a study published in the journal *Frontiers in Environmental Science*. They emphasize that achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions is vital to safeguard Antarctica.

The study examines past extremes to gauge the region's susceptibility to a spectrum of severe events. Among these incidents were a record-breaking heatwave in East Antarctica in 2022, with temperatures 38.5 degrees Celsius higher than average, and a historically low winter sea ice formation. Anna Hogg, a co-author from the University of Leeds, UK, highlights the global impact of extreme events. While typically associated with heavy rainfall, flooding, heatwaves, and wildfires, they also affect the remote polar areas.

The swift transformations unfolding in Antarctica may put several nations in violation of the Antarctic Treaty, an international pact aimed at preserving the environment. Martin Siegert of the University of Exeter, UK, underscores the urgency of the situation, stating that continuing fossil fuel exploration, extraction, and consumption anywhere on Earth will further compromise Antarctica's environment. These extreme events also disrupt biodiversity. The relationship between high temperatures and lower krill numbers, essential for krill-dependent predators, leads to breeding failures, evident in decreased fur seal pups on beaches. As the retreat of Antarctic sea ice opens up new areas for maritime activities, careful management is essential to protect vulnerable sites. Caroline Holmes, a sea ice expert at the British Antarctic Survey, notes the intricate connections between different elements of Antarctica's physical and biological systems, all of which are susceptible to human influence. In this context, the use of satellite data to measure ice dynamics, sea ice thickness, and ice loss emerges as a crucial tool for accurate monitoring and informed conservation efforts.

77-year-old British man sets record as longest-surviving triple heart bypass patient

Colin Hancock, a 77-year-old British man, has etched his name in history by becoming the world's longest-surviving triple heart bypass patient (male), as confirmed by Guinness World Records (GWR). With an official recognition on August 4, 2023, marking an impressive 45 years and 361 days since his pioneering surgery, Colin's remarkable feat shines as an inspiration.



At the age of 30, Colin experienced chest pain that led him on a path towards triple heart bypass surgery within a year. The procedure was a success, but uncertainty loomed over his life expectancy, as he was informed about the likelihood of enduring heart problems for the remainder of his days. However, Colin defied these predictions and has continued to lead an active and resilient life.

This exceptional achievement comes after surpassing the previous record held by Delbert Dale McBee from the USA, who lived for 41 years and 63 days post his operation before passing away at the age of 90 in 2015. Colin's journey unveils the strength of the human spirit and its capacity to overcome challenges. Despite leading an active lifestyle and participating in various sports and physical activities during his youth, Colin's heart condition emerged unexpectedly. His disclosure of a childhood diet laden with unhealthy choices, including lard-heavy meals like egg and chips, provides insight into the factors that contributed to his health journey.

A Dual Threat to Global Health

Recent research published in *The Lancet Planetary Health* journal unveils a disturbing connection between air pollution and the rise of antibiotic resistance. The study suggests that addressing air pollution could aid in curbing antibiotic resistance, a growing phenomenon where disease-causing microorganisms develop immunity to drugs designed to combat them.

Analyzing data from 116 countries spanning 2000 to 2018, the study underscores the escalating association between PM2.5 air pollution (fine particulate matter) and the surge in antibiotic resistance. The research reveals that as PM2.5 levels rise, there is a corresponding increase in antibiotic resistance. PM2.5 sources encompass industrial activities, road transportation, and domestic combustion of coal and wood.

Disturbingly, it is estimated that 90% of the global population, or 7.3 billion people, are exposed to hazardous PM2.5 levels annually, with a majority residing in low- and middle-income nations. The study highlights that PM2.5 pollution plays a substantial role in driving antibiotic resistance, contributing to 11% of global changes in average resistance levels. The research

Air pollution's alarming link to antibiotic resistance



extends to bacterial pathogens and various antibiotics, demonstrating that a 1% elevation in air pollution corresponds to a 0.5% to 1.9% increase in antibiotic resistance, depending on the microorganism in question. Alarming, North Africa, the Middle East, and South Asia exhibit the highest antibiotic resistance levels. The study identifies misuse and overuse of antibiotics as

primary drivers of resistance, yet it stresses that air pollution also plays a role in disseminating antibiotic-resistant bacteria and genes. Notably, the study links PM2.5-driven antibiotic resistance to an estimated 480,000 premature deaths in 2018, incurring economic costs of USD 395 billion. It predicts that without changes to current air pollution policies, global antibiotic resist-

ance could rise by 17% by 2050. India and China, due to their vast populations, are anticipated to face the greatest impact. However, the study suggests potential solutions. Stringent measures, such as adhering to the World Health Organization's PM2.5 limit of 5 micrograms per cubic meter, could diminish global antibiotic resistance by 17% by 2050, substantially reducing premature deaths and economic burdens.

Lead author Hong Chen of Zhejiang University, China, stresses that the relationship between air pollution and antibiotic resistance underscores a dual threat to global health. The study urges further research into the mechanisms behind pollutants' influence on antibiotic resistance, as a concerted global effort is required to address this multifaceted crisis.

Oldest plant-eating Dinosaur fossils found in Rajasthan

Researchers from IIT-Roorkee and the Geological Survey of India (GSI) have unveiled a groundbreaking discovery - the earliest fossil remains of a plant-eating dicraosaurid dinosaur in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan. This finding not only establishes India as a significant hub for dinosaur evolution but also sheds light on the country's crucial role in the origin of diplodocoid dinosaurs. Named *Tharosaurus*



indicus after the Thar Desert, where the fossils were unearthed, this

newly identified species dates back around 167 million years. The di-

nosaur, spotlighted in *Scientific Reports*, is represented by vertebrae

from the neck, trunk, and tail, along with ribs. *Tharosaurus* stands out with its unique vertebrae characterized by deep, lengthy depressions and split neural spines resembling spikes. This discovery challenges previous assumptions about dinosaur evolution. It offers an alternative narrative to the notion that the oldest dicraosaurid sauropod was from China, proposing India as a center for the origin of diplodocoid dinosaurs.

Indian street performer captivates London crowd with 'Pehla Nasha'

Soothing Melody

A captivating video of an Indian street performer serenading the bustling streets of London with the enchanting notes of 'Pehla Nasha,' a timeless Bollywood love song, has taken the internet by storm. The artist, Vish, renowned for his soulful renditions of popular Bollywood tunes, shared this mesmerizing moment with the world. In a scene reminiscent of a Bollywood movie, Vish, often referred to as the 'UK's 1st Bollywood Busker,' cast a spell on passersby with his melodious voice as he sat on the pavement along the vibrant Oxford Street. With the video making its way to his Instagram, Vish playfully



remarked, "Look how casually people are sitting and enjoying this Udit Narayan tune in London." The video showcases not only Vish's musical prowess but also the heartwarming connection music can forge. Captured in the background are two little girls sitting down to listen to the performance, a gesture that resonated deeply with viewers. The internet community



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MBBS Opportunities

Balancing Quality and Accessibility

The current landscape of MBBS admissions in India paints a concerning picture that warrants serious contemplation. The disparity between the soaring demand for medical education and the limited number of available seats is undeniable. As the numbers from the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) reveal, merely 2.7 per cent of the vast pool of 17.6 lakh candidates secured a coveted MBBS seat in a government college last year. An astonishing 46,000 aspiring students were compelled to opt for private institutions, where fees reached staggering amounts of up to Rs 50 lakh. These figures underscore a deeply rooted issue that requires multifaceted solutions to rectify. Over the years, there have been claims of substantial capacity enhancement by the government, yet the recent repatriation of Indian students from conflict-ridden Ukraine exposes the stark inadequacy of MBBS seats. The preference for overseas institutions is primarily driven by their better acceptance rates and lower fees, revealing the glaring gaps in India's domestic medical education infrastructure. While amplified government funding for medical education remains imperative, fostering active private sector participation stands as a vital strategy to alleviate the admission dilemma. However, the prevalent exorbitant fee structure persists as a challenge that necessitates a comprehensive solution. Private colleges, while opening avenues for increased admission, often contend that the complex web of regulations and requirements hinders their ability to address the fee structure issue. This predicament calls for a comprehensive examination of the regulatory framework to strike a balance between reasonable fee structures and the institution's financial viability. Ensuring that deserving aspirants have access to affordable medical education is paramount. It is regrettable that some institutions have veered towards profit-centric practices. The priority should be to establish a cohesive middle ground that upholds educational standards without compromising quality while making medical education financially feasible for all segments of society. The road ahead requires multifaceted actions. Expanding the number of MBBS seats is indeed necessary but merely the initial step. Ensuring that these seats are equipped with top-tier standards, faculty, and facilities is an equally vital aspect. Quality cannot be sacrificed at the altar of quantity. Addressing the chronic shortage of doctors in the country mandates strategic collaboration between government and private institutions to drive innovation in medical education. By nurturing a symbiotic relationship between these two sectors, India can address both the quantitative and qualitative aspects of the healthcare education system. As the NEET participation numbers soar, and the gap between aspiring students and available seats widens, the authorities must act swiftly and coherently. Initiating reforms to rationalize fees, fostering private participation, and stringent quality control mechanisms should be the focal points of this holistic approach. The government, medical councils, and educational bodies must join hands to create an environment where aspiring medical professionals can acquire education without the burden of exorbitant fees and compromised quality. Ultimately, a robust and accessible medical education system will not only shape the future of aspiring doctors but also significantly contribute to India's healthcare landscape. It's high time to strike a balance between quantity and quality, and pave the way for a healthier tomorrow.

Vaccines

Keeping Children Safe from Preventable Diseases

Dr Krishna Kumar Vepakomma

Immunization is an extraordinary achievement in healthcare that has saved countless lives by preventing and controlling the spread of infectious diseases. The Immunization Agenda 2030 is a global strategy that seeks to ensure universal access to vaccines for everyone, regardless of age, to promote good health and well-being worldwide. Children, in particular, are vulnerable to diseases because their immune systems are still developing. Vaccines play a crucial role in safeguarding them from severe illnesses, hospitalization, long-term complications, and even death. For instance, diseases like whooping cough (pertussis) or measles can have devastating consequences, especially for young children. Vaccines work by training the body's immune system to recognize and fight off specific pathogens. When a child receives a vaccine, it contains a weakened or inactive form of the disease-causing agent. This prompts the immune system to produce antibodies that can defend against the actual disease if the child is exposed to it later. By providing this immune "memory," vaccines help prevent serious infections from taking hold and spreading. The importance of vaccines extends beyond protecting the individual child. By immunizing children, we also reduce the risk of disease transmission to other vulnerable members of the community, such as infants, elderly individuals, and those with weakened immune systems. This concept is known as herd immunity, which provides indirect protection to those who cannot receive vaccines themselves. Despite the significant benefits of immunization, some children still miss out on routine vaccinations. From 2019 to 2021, approximately 67 million children worldwide did not receive some or all of their recommended vaccines. In Europe and Central Asia alone, around 931,000 children were affected. Factors contributing to this issue include limited access to healthcare facilities, insufficient healthcare personnel, and vaccine hesitancy among parents or caregivers. The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the importance of vaccination on a global scale. Vaccines played a crucial role in curbing the spread of the virus and preventing severe cases, hospitalizations, and deaths. However, the pandemic also had adverse effects on routine immunization efforts, diverting resources and attention away from existing vaccination programs. To ensure every child is protected, political will is essential at all levels of governance. Governments, policymakers, and healthcare authorities must prioritize immunization as a fundamental aspect of public health. Adequate funding, resource allocation, and awareness campaigns are crucial to strengthening immunization programs and reaching underserved communities. Pediatricians and healthcare providers play a pivotal role in promoting and administering vaccinations. Parents should consult with their child's pediatrician to ensure their vaccination schedule is up-to-date. Most mandatory vaccines for school are typically given during the first two years of a child's life, but some children may need to catch up on missed doses. It is recommended to schedule vaccinations at least two weeks before the start of school to allow the body to build immunity effectively. It's crucial to know that vaccines undergo rigorous testing for safety before approval. Any potential side effects are usually mild and temporary compared to the risks of getting the actual disease. Thus, immunization is essential for public health, safeguarding children and communities from serious diseases. Achieving the Immunization Agenda 2030 requires teamwork, political support, and continued investment in healthcare and vaccination programs. By ensuring all children have access to vaccines, we can build a healthier and more resilient future for generations to come.

(Writer is Professor & Principal (Retd.), Rajeev Nagar, Hyderabad. Views are personal.)

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SHAHEEDI PARK



Statues of freedom fighters at the redeveloped 'Shaheed Park' at ITO, in New Delhi. Developed by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi the park showcases scrap-made sculptures of various freedom fighters.

Probability of Hike in Repo Rate

SATISH SINGH



In order to maintain the pace of growth, it is necessary that the repo rate is not increased further, but after the continuous decrease in retail inflation for the last 4 months, due to the sharp jump in the prices of food items in June 2023, the consumer price index (CPI) or retail inflation in the month of June reached the level of 4.81 percent, while it was 4.31 percent in the month of May. At the same time, it was 4.7 percent in April 2023, while it was 5.66 percent in March 2023.

Although the retail inflation rate is below the Reserve Bank's tolerance level of 6 percent in the month of June also, this year heavy rains in many states of the country have adversely affected the production of Kharif crops and vegetables and the situation will worsen in the coming months. Right now, too, the danger of El Nino cannot rule out. In such a situation, there are chances of further increase in retail inflation in the coming months.

According to data of ministry of statistics, the Consumer Food Inflation Rate (CPI) or food inflation rose to 4.49 per cent in June from 2.96 per cent in May, compared to 7.75 in the same period of last year. Whereas in the month of April it was 3.84 per cent. The prices of almost all green vegetables including tomatoes are skyrocketing at present.

It is noteworthy that food items account for almost half of the CPI basket. The Reserve Bank started increasing the policy rates in the month of May last year. However, in the two consecutive bi-monthly monetary policy reviews in April and June this year, the repo rate was kept unchanged at 6.5 percent, due to which banks also did not make any change in the lending rate.

Based on the earlier strategy of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), it is being speculated that the RBI will hold the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meetings along with MPC from 8 to 10 August & declared the monetary policy review on 10th August. To accelerate the economic growth rate, the repo rate will be kept unchanged in the monetary policy review to be announced by the RBI, so that the cost of borrowing remains stable and the growth rate is maintained, but it would be appropriate to mention here that at the time of the bi-monthly monetary review of the months of April and June the situation of retail inflation in the country was not uncontrollable and that is why the repo rate was kept unchanged.

The RBI tries to fight inflation mainly by increasing the repo rate. When the repo rate is high, banks get loans from the Reserve Bank at a costlier rate, due to which banks also give loans to customers at a costlier rate. By doing this, the liquidity of money in the economy decreases and due to lack of money in the pockets of the people, the demand for goods decreases and due to the high price of goods and products, their sales decline, which leads to decreasing of inflation.

Similarly, to speed up the developmental works when the

economy is slow or soft, efforts are made to increase the liquidity of the currency in the market and for this the repo rate is cut, so that the banks get loans from the Reserve Bank at a cheaper rate & also give loan to the customers at a cheaper rate.

According to Reserve Bank Governor Shri Shaktikanta Das, banking and non-banking financial institutions (NBFCs) remain strong in India despite the corona pandemic, geo-political crisis, inflation, slowdown in the global economy. The financial performance of the banking sector is continuously improving. In the first quarter of the current financial year i.e., during April-June 2023, the profit of 12 public sector banks increased to Rs.34,774 crore, while the profit of State Bank of India increased by 178.24 percent to Rs 16,884.29 crore. At the same time, an increase of 12.3 percent was registered in the country's industrial production in the month of June. In comparison, in June 2021, a growth rate of 13.8 percent was seen in the industrial production of the country. It shows that there is great need to improve the situation in this regard.

In the last quarter of the financial year 2022-23, the gross domestic product (GDP) was estimated to be 4.2 percent, but it was 6.1 percent. Due to the improvement in the GDP growth rate in the fourth quarter of the financial year 2022-23, there has been an improvement in the growth rate of the entire financial year. During the financial year 2022-23, the MPC had earlier estimated 6.8 percent of GDP, which was 7.2 percent.

Right now, the target of the Reserve Bank is to strike a balance between growth and infla-

tion, so that the common man does not face any problem and the pace of development also accelerates. Therefore, it is very important to bring down retail inflation, failing which India's economic growth rate may slow down in long run.

Due to inflation, there is a negative impact on the GDP growth rate. For the past years, retail inflation remained at a high level continuously, however, there was a partial decline in retail inflation in the last few months and now again retail inflation is on the rise. Therefore, speculations are being made that India's growth rate may remain low in the coming months, due to which the economy may also slow down.

Undoubtedly, keeping the repo rate unchanged will provide relief to the borrowers on the one hand and on the other hand the pace of development will accelerate, but the Reserve Bank wants retail inflation to be controlled first, as it improves and strengthens the economy in the long run.

Therefore, it is estimated that the RBI may increase the repo rate by 0.25 percent in the monetary review which result is to be announced on August 10, owing to which banks will increase the loan rate and due to costlier loans, the demand for various products will decrease, which will reduce retail inflation.

This will also reduce the spending capacity of the people, due to which there will be a decrease in private expenditure in strengthening the infrastructure, which is already low, as well as slowing down the pace of development, tax collection may also decrease.

(Writer is a Ahmedabad based Senior Columnist). Views are personal.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Seeking Solace

In a ray of hope for Manipur, Chief Justice of India (CJI) D.Y. Chandrachud has declared that the Supreme Court (SC) will establish an all-women committee comprising former High Court judges Justices Gita Mittal, Shalini Phansalkar Joshi, and Asha Menon. Tasked with overseeing relief, rehabilitation, compensation, and healing in the aftermath of violence, Justice Mittal will lead the committee. Additionally, the SC has appointed former Mumbai Commissioner & Maharashtra DGP Dattatray Padsalgikar to supervise investigations and report back to the SC. The SC's involvement signifies a quest for balance and proper investigation. Amidst this, the pressing question lingers: When will harmony be restored between Manipur's communities under Chief Minister Nongthombam Biren Singh's rule? Despite these strides, ethnic violence continues to cast its shadow, underscoring the challenging path to lasting tranquility.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee, Faridabad

Law's supremacy

The rule of law is paramount; vigilante actions are unjustifiable. The recent mob attack, orchestrated by politically motivated culprits, underscores the need for lawfulness. This calculated assault exposes the vulnerability of marginalized communities, escalating their exposure to further violence. Amidst economic growth, acknowledging ground realities remains crucial. Dr. BR Ambedkar's foresight echoes. Ensuring justice falls squarely on the government's shoulders, safeguarding citizens' rights.

Nirmal Kumar, Panchkula

Age debate

A parliamentary panel recommends reducing the minimum age for contesting Lok Sabha and Assembly elections to 18 from 25. This proposal raises concerns over an 18-year-old's experience and maturity. Representation for inexperienced and uneducated youth is questionable. Instead, a cap on the maximum age, like 75, should be considered. While a civic education program for the youth is valuable, educational qualifications remain unaddressed.

Krishna Kumar, Kollam

Punjab's drug crisis

Startling figures reveal Punjab has 66 lakh drug users among its three crore population. Pre-election pledges about drug control often target public support, addressing societal concerns on health and safety. Yet, the plight of affected families remains neglected. The recent 77 kg heroin seizure exposes ongoing drug trafficking and abuse, demanding immediate curbing of such activities to safeguard the youth's future.

Shiv Kumar Mishra, Raipur

Corporate Sector Must be Accountable to Society



Anil Jain

Today the Corporate Sector (CS) is entering almost all walks of life as the governments are of the opinion that in maintaining quality in products and services the private sector is more efficient than Public Sector Undertaking (PSU). With such a state of affairs the sector is being entrusted with more and more responsibilities. So it is the time for the corporate sector to work like a Welfare State, as do the Governments.

Basically the government and corporate sector work in the same direction. Both are 'by the people, of the people and for the people'

that is to say, for both the people and consumers come first. But the fundamental difference in both is that, for the CS earning and profit are at the top whereas for the Government earning and profit are secondary. In other words, the government is regarded as a welfare state. For governments their citizens are first and foremost. They estimate what are the needs and expenditures of the country in general and people in particular and how these expenses can be met. Once it is determined they try to find the sources of earning to execute them. But it is not so with the corporate world. The corporate sector produces the articles and services, tries to sell it in the market and earn profit which is distributed among its employees in the form of salary and in the form of shares among the stockholders etc.

A labour or human resource, which comes from society, is the second most important element of a business after capital. Naturally society provides this element

abundantly to the corporate world and it is also the responsibility of the corporate world to provide something to the society in exchange because without society no sector, be it private or public, may flourish.

First thing is that the corporate sector should regard their employees as their society. If the employees are benefited, society would automatically be benefited. Each employee supports, on an average almost four or five members of its family and if a sector employs one lakh employees it means it is extending support not only to one lakh but to the four or five times more people of the society.

To serve this purpose the sector can increase the number of its employees by employing more people without making any extra expenditure. It may look pretty odd on the surface, but it is generally seen that a sector employs an employee on a very high salary with a lot of responsibilities. It puts an adverse effect on the person and very soon he gets tired of his

job. One can hear them saying that they have a lot of money but no time to spend. Indeed he has money but no time for himself, his family and for any other social activity. If the sectors employ more than one employee in place of one employee, by spending the same amount and by reducing the working hours and responsibilities then the employees would live a happier life and the sectors would be able to help more than double the people of society. It would not put any extra burden on the financial position of the sector. It would help to reduce the gap that is rising between rich and poor. Today it is easier when the system of work from home culture is in vogue. The sectors should move to smaller cities and towns where they can avail labour, both skilled and unskilled, at cheaper cost as living in the towns does not come so high. The employees will be ready to work on less salary and allowances. It would minimize the pressure on metro cities and hence a great service to society.

The sector should make its employees more and more aware of the corruption as well as exploitation as both are equally responsible to cause damage. To make them aware, seminars and workshops should be held and booklets and pamphlets should be distributed among its employees. It would certainly increase their working capacity and put a check on all undesirable affairs.

Corporate sector should put their products in public places for the benefit of the common man and society. That is the best mode of advertisement too. The ear to ear approach of the advertisement is better than that they watch on TV or in News Papers. For example, a car company can put some of its models as an ambulance or a water purifier manufacturer may install water purifiers for public use. Thus the sector would perform an act of social justice.

(The views expressed above are the author's own. They do not necessarily reflect the views of Central Chronicle.)

BRIEF**Crops compensation**

Chandigarh: Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala on Tuesday said farmers whose crops were damaged in the recent floods will receive compensation in their bank accounts by September 7. The Jannayak Janata Party (JJP) leader said compensation will be given after assessing the damage to crops in the recent floods. Due to erosion of land, crops have not only been damaged, but also a large amount of silt has accumulated in their fields at some places, he said.

Pre-covid margin

Kolkata: Storage battery major Exide Industries Ltd on Tuesday said it expects to regain its pre-covid EBITDA margin of 13-14 per cent in the next one to two years. The company's current EBITDA margin is 10.6 per cent, as input costs have remained erratic. "We are seeing a revamp in demand after Covid and expecting both automotive and industrial verticals will do well. However, it will take another one to two years to get back to the pre-covid level of margin," Exide Industries MD and CEO Subir Chakraborty said.

Palm plantation

Tinsukia (Assam): Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Tuesday said that the state government has launched a mega oil-palm plantation exercise to realise Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of self-reliance in the production of edible oils. Oil palm plantation will revolutionise agro-economy as farmers are keen to adopt the new crop to boost their income, he said after launching the cultivation programme here. "Assam today joined this vital movement from Tinsukia district with a goal to bring 3.75 lakh hectare area under cultivation of oil palm", Sarma said.

Sectoral committee

Ahmedabad: The Indian Banks' Association (IBA) has constituted a sectoral committee for member banks operating within the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City), the association said. The inaugural meeting of the committee took place in GIFT City on Tuesday. IBA has constituted the Sectoral Committee to address the unique regulatory landscape and challenges faced by banks operating within GIFT City.

Cabinet clears changes to GST laws to levy 28% GST

On online gaming, casinos, horse race clubs

New Delhi, Aug 09:

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved changes to GST laws to levy a 28 per cent tax on the full face value of bets in online gaming, casinos and horse race clubs, sources said. The amendments to the Central GST (CGST) and Integrated GST (IGST) acts, which were approved by the GST Council last week, are likely to be introduced in the ongoing monsoon session of Parliament, which will end on August 11. The GST Council in its 51st meeting on August 2 recommended amendments to the

Schedule III of the CGST Act, 2017, to provide clarity on the taxation of supplies in casinos, horse racing and online gaming. The Council also recommended inserting a provision in the IGST Act, 2017, to impose GST liability on online money gaming provided by offshore entities. Such entities would be required to get GST registration in India. The amendments will also provide for blocking access to online gaming platforms located overseas in case of failure to comply with registration and tax payment provisions. The amended provisions in the GST laws - which would specifically define online gaming, online money gaming, virtual digital assets used to pay for online games and sup-

pliers in case of online gaming - will be effective from October 1. Sources said the Union Cabinet in its meeting on Wednesday has cleared the amendments to CGST and IGST laws. The Council, the highest decision-making body of the new indirect tax regime that comprises the Union finance minister and representatives of all states, on August 2 decided that 28 per cent Goods and Services Tax (GST) will be levied at the face value of entry-level bets placed in gaming platforms and casinos. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, after the Council meeting, had said that the CGST and IGST amendments are expected to be introduced in the monsoon session of

Parliament. States will pass amendments to the State GST law in their respective assemblies.

The online gaming industry and some horse racing clubs are currently paying GST at the rate of 18 per cent on platform fees/commission ranging from 5 to 20 per cent of the full face value, while some horse race clubs are paying 28 per cent on the full face value. They are disputing the 28 per cent levy on actionable claims in the form of betting and gambling before various legal fora. Casinos too are currently paying 28 per cent GST on Gross Gaming Revenue (GGR). Levying 28 per cent GST on the full face value of entry-level bets would result in increased GST revenues.

Mercedes-Benz drives in new GLC in India; eyes double-digit sales growth this year

New Delhi, Aug 09:

Luxury auto maker Mercedes-Benz on Wednesday launched the latest version of its premium SUV GLC in India with price starting at Rs 73.5 lakh (ex-showroom). The second generation GLC comes with petrol and diesel power trains tagged at Rs 73.5 lakh and Rs 74.5 lakh, respectively.

The auto maker said the company has received over 1,500 bookings for the model since the start of the booking process. In an interaction with PTI, Mercedes-Benz India Vice-President (Sales and Marketing) Lance Bennett said the company is looking at a double-digit sales growth this year with GLC sales expected to account for 15 per cent of the company's total sales. "We've got some really good demand in the first couple of weeks of



order taking. The GLC is a very important product for us," he said. Bennett said Mercedes-Benz has sold over 13,000 units of the previous generation GLC in India and expects robust demand for the new GLC as well.

Locally assembled at the company's manufacturing plant at Chakan in Pune, GLC is the company's highest selling SUV in the country and also a key product globally. The SUV comes in two variants - the GLC 300 4MATIC and the GLC 220d 4MATIC - featuring the all-wheel 4MATIC as standard

providing traction on all terrains. The new GLC is also the first in the Mercedes-Benz SUV portfolio to get the latest NTG 7 infotainment system, the company said and added that it also has larger dimensions than its predecessor, which helps in packing in significantly more cabin and boot space. Bennett said GLC is one of the 14 models the company assembles at its Chakan plant. On whether the company is looking to assemble more products in the country, he said the auto maker keeps evaluating such proposals.

Indians embrace Alexa's desi-ness; interactions in Hinglish gain popularity

Mumbai, Aug 09:

As Alexa celebrates four years since launching Hindi and multilingual mode in India, Amazon announced that millions of customers across the country have embraced the captivating experience of voice interactions with Alexa. Remarkably, almost 1 out of every 2 customers in India now uses the multilingual mode on their Echo smart speakers to seamlessly switch be-

tween Hindi, English, and Hinglish when making requests to Alexa without having to change their language settings each time. Moreover, customer preference for this option has increased by 21% in the last year.

Hinglish, a blend of Hindi and English, has become a commonly spoken dialect. In many Indian households, conversations flow effortlessly between Hindi and English as users

of different ages have different language preferences. This unique conversational style was the reason for Amazon to develop the multilingual mode for Alexa, with India becoming the first country where this was launched. Users can easily make requests like "Alexa, Bollywood ke latest songs sunao", "Alexa, Delhi ka weather kaisa hai?", "Alexa, solar system kebaarein batao", and "Alexa, makar-rashi ka horoscope batao".

Reliance Jewels unveils Aabhar Collection 2023

New Delhi, Aug 09:

Reliance Jewels, a name synonymous with trust and excellence in the jewellery industry, is delighted to mark its 16th anniversary with the launch of its much-awaited Aabhar Collection 2023. This special anniversary collection is a tribute to the remarkable 16 years of success and carving a niche for Reliance Jewels in the hearts of its patrons.

Over the years, Reliance Jewels has estab-



lished itself as a brand that sets benchmarks in the jewellery industry with its exquisite designs and impeccable craftsmanship. Aabhar Collection has become an

expression of gratitude for our esteemed customers. The exquisite designs in gold and diamond earrings are an ode to the long fruitful 16-year relationship that Reliance Jewels shares with their customers. With this collection, Reliance Jewels strives to express heartfelt gratitude and say "Thank You" to its patrons.

Each earring design is thoughtfully crafted to make a subtle yet powerful statement, exuding confidence, personality,

and uniqueness. From minimalist looks for understated elegance to extravagant styles for grand occasions, the Aabhar Collection offers versatile styling options to suit every taste. This collection boasts a diverse range of earring designs in both gold and diamond with different styles like Studs, Sui Dhaga, J-hoops, Danglers & Front and Back, meticulously crafted to enhance the style quotient and serve as a perfect adornment for women of all age groups.

Seven electric two-wheeler firms suffered over Rs 9,000 cr loss after govt stops subsidies: SMEV

New Delhi, Aug 09:

Seven electric two-wheeler companies have suffered a cumulative loss of over Rs 9,000 crore on account of unpaid dues and loss of market after their subsidies were stopped last year, the Society of Manufacturers of Electric Vehicles (SMEV) said on Wednesday.

These companies have also been directed by the govt to refund the subsidies availed by them. The

audit by SMEV's chartered accountants indicates the total, cumulative damages to affected companies could account for over Rs 9,000 crore on a conservative basis, it noted. This cursory audit estimates cumulative losses on account of unpaid dues, interest, debt, loss of market share, reputational loss, cost of capital and potential recapitalisation, to around Rs 9,075 crore ever since the Ministry of Heavy Industries held up their

subsidies since 2022, SMEV said. The fact is some may never recover, and some may just wind up, it added. Highlighting the need for a speedy resolution, SMEV Chief Evangelist Sanjay Kaul pointed out it is ironic that while the industry engages with prospective investors about deploying USD 1 billion in the Indian EV sector, the losses already correspond to almost the same amount of money. In a letter to Union Minister

Mahendra Nath Pandey, he stated that the OEMs (Original Equipment Manufacturers) are reaching a breaking point owing to daily mounting losses. The letter proposes that if the intention of the ministry was to punish these OEMs, this delay is practically finishing them as this punishment has continued for over 22 months, which itself is a crime.

FADA delegation meets Gadkari; seeks 18 pc GST on entry-level two-wheelers

New Delhi, Aug 09:

Automobile dealers' body FADA on Wednesday sought GST reduction on entry-level two-wheelers to 18 per cent from 28 per cent currently. A delegation of the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA) submitted a letter to Minister of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) Nitin Gadkari in this regard.



FADA has requested for GST rate cut on entry-level two-wheelers, predominantly within the 100-125 cc segment. "With two-wheelers accounting for over 75 per cent of the volume and over 70 per cent of this stemming from the entry-level category, it's imperative to address the over 20 per cent decline we've observed since pre-Covid times," FADA President Manish Raj Singhania said.

सेंट्रल बँक ऑफ इंडिया Central Bank of India
 क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, रायपुर (छ.ग.) Regional Office, Raipur (C.G.)

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISIO TO RULE 8 (6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Central Bank of India- Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on the date and time specified hereinafter, for recovery of due to the Central Bank of India- Secured Creditor from the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit of the respective properties is mentioned hereinafter:-

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrowers	Description of the property	Outstanding Amount		Reserve Price
			Demand Notice Date	EMD	
1	Borrower-1 : Mr. Ratan Lal Mittal S/o Mr. O.P. Mittal and Mrs. Kanta Devi Mittal W/o Mr. Ratan Lal Mittal, Borrower-2 : M/s AMBEY PLASTIC UDYOG, Prop.- Mr. Ratan Lal Mittal S/o Mr. O.P. Mittal, Guarantor- Mrs. Kanta Devi Mittal W/o Mr. Ratan Lal Mittal, Branch- Chhattisgarh College, Raipur	Property No. 1) All the Part & Parcel of Diverted Residential land situated at KH No. 187/14, PH No. 118/51, Total Area 0.014 Hect. (1500 sq ft.), Mouza- Boriya Khurd, Prayag Vihar, Tehsil & Dist- Raipur in the name of Shri Ratan Lal Mittal S/o Shri O.P. Mittal. Boundaries: North- Other's land, South- Road, East - Land of Ratanlal West- Other's land. *Symbolic Possession	₹ 14,20,535.00 + plus further interest and expensed thereon	₹ 25,65,000/-	₹ 2,56,500/-
			11.06.2021	₹ 1,00,000/-	
2	Borrowers- 1. M/s Raza Manufacturing, Prop.- Mr. Sheikh Firoz, 2. M/s KGN Manufacturer, Prop.- Mohd. Shoaib Alam, Guarantors Mr. Sameer Soni & Mohd. Zubair Alam, Branch- Fatadhi	Land situated at Part of Khasra No. 89, out of the total area of 1.157 hectares (i.e. 163285 sq.ft.), Diverted land area is 45000 sq.ft., Uria, PC No. 131, R.N.M. Abhanpur, Tehsil-Abhanpur, District-Raipur (Chhattisgarh) property owner- Mr. Sameer Soni S/o Late. Mr. Ramkishan Soni and Mr. Mohd. Zubair Alam. Boundaries :- North- Medical land, South- Khasra No. 662/1, East-Road, West- Khasra No. 667. *Symbolic Possession	₹ 54,32,009.00 + plus further interest and expensed thereon	₹ 44,55,000/-	₹ 4,45,500/-
			03.11.2015	₹ 1,00,000/-	

Terms & Condition : 1. Date & Time of E-Auction- 05.09.2023 From 10.00 pm To 04.00 pm. 2. Last Date and Time of submission of EMD and Documents on or before 04.09.2023 till 4.00 PM. 3. For participating in the E-auction sale, the intending bidders should register their details with the service provider <https://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp> well in advance and shall get user ID & password. Interested bidders are advised to change only the password. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale and, please refer to the link provided in <https://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp> and Secured Creditors website i.e. www.centralbankofindia.co.in. The interested bidders who require assistance in creating Login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting bid, training on e-bidding process etc. may contact to www.mstcecommerce.com on their Central Helpdesk Number 033-22901004. Bidder will register on website <https://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp> and upload KYC documents and after verification of KYC documents by the service provider, EMD to be deposited in Global EMD wallet through NEFT/Transfer (after generation for Challan from <https://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp>). 4. For Any Property Related Query, Bidders May Contact For Serial No.1) Shri Deepak Gokhale, Branch Manager, Mob. No. 7509062631 and For Serial No. 2) Shri Nilesh Mishra, Branch Manager, Mob. No. 7064431300, at any working day during office hours. 5. Property under sale is also loanable and loan may also be obtained from our bank subject to fulfillment of rules. 6. If Bank/authorized officer fails to handover the physical possession of the sold secured assets to the purchaser, within 6 months from the date of auction, the amount deposited by the auction purchaser shall be refunded to the purchaser if request is made by him/hers to the Authorised officer of Bank. 7. The purchaser shall bear the applicable stamp duties/ additional stamp duty/ transfer charges, fee etc. and also all the statutory/ non-statutory dues, taxes, TDS (including for properties of more than Rs. 50.0 lacs in value will be required to pay 1% of the bid price towards income Tax), rates, assessment charges, fees etc. owing to any body.

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002
 Date : 10.08.2023 Place : Raipur Authorized Officer / Central Bank of India

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SALE NOTICE CUM INVITATION TO TENDER

Sale notice cum invitation to tender is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower(s) that the below described immovable properties which are mortgaged to erstwhile GRUH (Now "the Bandhan Bank") is put for sale. The specific details of the properties, which are intended to be sold, are enumerated hereunder in the SCHEDULE:

Sr. No.	Name of borrower(s), Loan Account No., Date of Possession & Tender Reference No.	Description of the property to be sold (Secured Asset)	Secured Debt as on date of demand notice and as on 07.08.2023 which includes amount paid by the borrowers from the date of demand notice till date, if any, with further interest, costs, charges etc.	Reserve price and EMD payable
1.	Mr. P Janki Rao Mrs. Gadela Ratnam Old Loan A/c No. 856/831 New Loan A/c No. 2000856000831 22.02.2023 856-1378	Immovable property being situated at Village Achholi, Kh No. 882/66, New Kh No.882/109, PH No. 22, ITI College Road, Dongargarh, Dist Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh- 491445	Rs.21,78,956/- as on 02.01.2020 Rs.32,02,954.87 as on 07.08.2023	Rs.23,74,153/- EMD 10% of the offer price.

The date of the tender opening and other details for the above mentioned property are as mentioned below.

Tender form fee	Rs.100/- per tender for the above property, payable by Banker's Cheque/Demand draft favoring "Bandhan Bank Limited" (non-refundable)
Date of inspection of property	22.08.2023 between 10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.
Last date and time for receiving tender	12.09.2023 up to 05:00 P.M. at Bandhan Bank Ltd. First Floor, Soni Complex, Opposite Kamal Talkies, Bharkhapara, Rajnandgaon Chhattisgarh-491441
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) payable	10% of the offer price is to be paid along with tender by way of Bankers Cheque/Demand Draft favoring at "Bandhan Bank Limited"
Date and place of opening tenders	The tender shall be opened on 15.09.2023 at Bandhan bank Rajnandgaon branch as stated hereinafter
Tender forms available at	Address: As mentioned above Name of contact persons: Mr. Nitendra Kumar Verma: Mo. 8770971900

The sale of the property will be on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS", "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS", "NO RECOURSE BASIS" and "WHAT EVER THERE IS BASIS". The properties may not be sold below the Reserve Price.

Terms and conditions:

- Interested parties may send/submit their sealed tenders for the aforesaid property in a sealed cover superscribed as "Offer for purchase of Property" as mentioned in the schedule above along with Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) as mentioned in column 4 above, by Bankers Cheque / Demand Draft favoring "Bandhan Bank Limited" which is refundable, in case the bid is not successful.
- All the bidders whose bids are at or above the reserve price and valid and qualify up to the standards set up by the Committee shall be intimated in writing within a week from the date of opening of the tender. The highest valid bidder whose bid is accepted shall be offered to purchase the property and he shall have to complete the remaining formalities within the given time frame.
- On acceptance of the offer from the highest bidder by the Authorized Officer, the highest bidder shall deposit the balance amount aggregating to 25% of the bid amount of the sale price immediately i.e. on the same day or not later than the next working day on receipt of the sale confirmation letter and the remaining bid amount within 15 days of the confirmation of sale of the property or such extended period as may be agreed upon in writing between the purchaser and the Bank. Payment shall be made only in the form of Bankers Cheque / Demand Draft favoring "Bandhan Bank Limited".
- In case the successful bidder either fails to deposit 25% of bid amount immediately on the acceptance of the sale confirmation letter or fails to pay the remaining amount within 15 days or any such extended period, the 10% EMD amount of the offer price and / or the balance amount aggregating to 25% of the bid amount made by the bidder, if any, shall be forfeited by the Authorized Officer without any further correspondence and the property shall be sold again in accordance with provisions of the SARFAESI Act and the Rules made there under.
- The sale will be on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS", "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "NO RECOURSE BASIS". The details of the encumbrances as regards electricity dues, municipality taxes and / or society dues etc., if any, shall be made available on the date of inspection. Other than the above, Authorized Officer is not aware of any other encumbrances other than as stated above or otherwise over the said property. All the expenses, charges, fees and other incidental expenses including the encumbrances as stated above in connection with the sale and issuance of Sale Certificate including applicable stamp duty, registration charges, etc. shall be borne and paid by the Purchaser.
- Where the amount of dues of the Bank together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by it is tendered by the borrowers / mortgagor to the Bank at any time before the date of publication of notice inviting tender from public or before the date of execution of the sale certificate, no further step shall be taken for the sale of the secured asset to the bidder.
- The bank submits that we have not received any intimation about litigations, disputes filed or pending against the aforesaid property mortgaged in favor of the bank. The borrowers/mortgagors can redeem the mortgage till the date of sale confirmation as provided under section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act.
- The Authorized Officer has the absolute right to accept or reject any bid without assigning any reason whatsoever, at any point of time.
- The sale will be subject to confirmation by Bandhan Bank Limited.

Date: 10/08/2023
 Place: Rajnandgaon

Bandhan Bank Limited
 Authorised Officer

Samriddh Singh visits home-town to seek blessings



Baghbahra, Aug 09:

Securing 98% marks in the SAT exam for admission in international college, talented student Samriddh Singh from Gram Mungaser of Khallari area of Thakur family, got selected in world famous University of Texas Arlington with Rs 1 cr scholarship for studies in B.Tech. in Computer Science. Few days back he visited his home-town along with family members and paid obeisance at Devi-Devata in the temples in the village and took blessings of teachers in Gram Mungaser and then left for

America. Meanwhile CM Bhupesh Baghel has sanctioned Rs 5 lakh as motivational amount for Samriddh Singh. Samriddh Singh is S/o Somesh Sahu (private secretary) to MLA Dharmendra Sahu and has brought laurels to the family, his village, state and his family and entire state.

It is worthwhile to mention here that the College in which Samriddh Singh has got selected, the well-known Indian origin Space Scientist and Astronaut Kaplana Chawala has also studied. Samriddh's father informed that he is talented

since beginning and has won the title of 'Proud of DAV School' award and has played upto nations in Boxing and Karate. In 2021 he created a world record in push-ups and got his name registered in the Asia Book of Record. He informed that Samriddh in order to succeed in this international level qualifying exam has kept himself away from world of entertainment, social media and others for last 5 yrs. After clearing the written exam, he qualified all the six rounds of test for scholarship.

Prior to leaving for America, Samriddh went to his home-town

- From Gods, Goddesses in temple and from seniors and teachers of his School
- Gets selected for University of Texas for B.Tech. Computer Science with Rs 1 cr scholarship

Mungaser and offered prayers in the temples of Gods and Goddesses and took blessings from seniors in the family and also from the School's principal Kaushal Chandrakar, teacher Julekha Thakur, Geeta Soni, Mahesh Pate, and other teachers and President Shala Vikas Samiti Bednath Chandrakar, and Deenbandhu Sen and offered sweets to all the students and gave tips to them on how to bring laurels to their family and village. On this occasion his mother- Asha Singh Thakur and father Somesh Singh Thakur were present.

CM Baghel releases a coffee table book



Jagdalpur, Aug 09:

In a program organized in Bastar on the occasion of International Day of World's Indigenous People, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel released a coffee table book based on 15 caves of Kanger Valley National Park.

Kanger Valley National Park is a unique treasure of biodiversity and natural heritage, which is known abroad for biodiversity, local tribal culture as well as limestone caves. The mesmerizing view of limestone caves found in Kanger Valley is a major attraction for the tourists and nature enthusiasts. A total of 15

Based on 15 caves of Kanger Valley National Park

caves have been discovered at the national park so far with the help of experts from the local Geology Department, field staff and the local community.

The newly-released coffee table book contains information and description of the beauty and characteristics of these 15 caves located in the National Park. National Park Director Dhammasheel Ganveer told that this coffee table book will help in promot-

ing the national park across the country and abroad and will also help in securing the natural heritage of the national park.

Deputy Chief Minister T.S. Singhdeo, Excise Minister Kawasi Lakhma, Bastar Development Authority Chairman Lakheshwar Baghel, Parliamentary Secretary Rekhechand Jain, Chitrakote MLA Rajman Benzam, CREDA President Mithilesh Swarnakar, Indravati Basin Authority Vice President Rajeev Sharma, along with public representatives and officers of Bastar district were present.

Road from Darra to Mudhipar in bad shape

Develops many potholes



Dongargarh, Aug 09:

The main road linking block Hq's Dongargarh with Khairagarh is in bad shape and with no proper repair work by the department, there are many potholes which have appeared on the road. Since the roads is in dilapidated condition, there are always chances of some or the other accident and so far three per-

sons have died and even after this the local administration has not got up from its deep slumber.

It was after publication of this news with demand for tarring for the road constructed under PMGSY, the local administration did levelling using soil and 'murrum' and made time-gap arrangement and this again got washed off due to rains. At many places

the heap of soil and 'murrum' has been left unattended and due to which many find problems in passing. On this route, there is movement of many heavy goods vehicle and this causes huge traffic congestion almost on daily basis. Former Janpad representative Dr Nagpuria has filed verbal complaint with the concerned department.

Would hold chakka-jam: Sarpanch
Garm Panchayat Sarpanch Bhandarpur Laxamikant Verma said that if the concerned department do not carry out repair of road from Dara to Mudhipar, then the villagers will be forced to hold 'chakka-jam'.

CM Baghel inaugurates Ophthalmology wing 'Ambak'

- In Jagdalpur District Hospital

Jagdalpur, Aug 09: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the Ophthalmology Wing 'Ambak' at Jagdalpur District Hospital (Maharani Hospital) today. Facilities for the patients have been increased here by renovating the building of the Ophthalmology Department of the District Hospital at a cost of Rs 35 lakh and by installing new machines in the operation theatre. Ambak has facilities for various types of eye operations with two specialist doctors. There are 20 beds available in the IPD here. Deputy Chief



Minister and Health Minister TS Singhdeo and Commerce and Industry Minister Kawasi Lakhma also attended the launch event. After the inauguration of the Ophthalmology Wing at Jagdalpur District Hospital, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel met the patients undergoing treatment at the IPD here and interacted with them and

inquired about their health and eyesight. He also presented fruits to the patients. The Chief Minister also saw the fully equipped operation theater here. Parliamentary Secretary Rekhechand Jain, President of Bastar Development Authority Lakheshwar Baghel, MLAs Rajman Benzam and Vikram Mandavi, President of CREDA Mithilesh Swarnakar, President of Indravati Basin Development Authority Rajeev Sharma and Mayor Mrs. Safira Sahu and many public representatives and collector officials were also present during this period.

Choubey takes stock of preparations



Bemetara, Aug 09:

The Minister for School Education, WRD Ravindra Choubey conducted inspection of Krishi Mahavidyalaya and Research Centre in Gram Mohabhata and took stock of the preparations in connection with CM's visit on Aug 14. During this Collector Padum Singh Elma, Dean of College-Dr Alok Tiwari, Upper Collector Dr Anil Vajpayee, and

officers from PWD and Agriculture Department were present. Minister Choubey directed all concerned to ensure all necessary preparations keeping in mind alertness and quality and also inquired about the capacity of students of the College. He took stock of preparations on the dais an helipad and directed to ensure proper cleaning of Classes, cabins and others in the College.

Collector directs for modernization of Primary Agri Co-op Samiti

Holds first meeting of DCDB on Tuesday



Khairagarh, Aug 09:

The first meeting of District Co-op Development Samiti (DCDB) was held under the chairmanship of Collector Gopal Verma here on Tuesday and in it discussions were held for modernisation of Primary Agriculture Co-op Samiti and for establishing Jan Aushadhi Kendra and Choice Centre

and others. Collector in the meeting gave instructions materials to be made available in the Fair Price Shops (FPS) of co-op samitis, so that citizens can avail benefit. During discussions Collector gave instructions to open PM Kissan Samridhi Kendra, PM Jan-oushadhi Kendra and Lok Sewa Kendra in the remaining samitis of Primary Sewa Co-op

Samitis. Apart from this he held discussions for modernisation of Primay Krishi Sahakari Samiti; establishing Jan-oushadhi Kendra; PM Kissan Samridhi Kendra; Primary Krishi Sahakari Samiti as general service centre and about establishing grain storage godown and directed to prepare a work plan for it. As per instructions by

Co-operative Ministry GoI and Chhattisgarh government, in order to strengthen co-operative movement and to gain hold at ground-level, the state government has formed state-level District Co-op Development Samiti. In the meeting Collector held point-wise discussion and took necessary discussions. This include introducing modern bylaws in the Primary Sewa Sahakari Samitis; computerisation in samitis; establishing Lok Sewa Kendra in Samitis; establishing decentralize Grain Collector centres; establishing LPG distribution and petrol/diesel pumps; establishing PM Jan-oushadhi kendra.

Farmer submits memo to Collector

- For not releasing of KCC loan to him from BoM

Khairagarh, Aug 09:

Affected farmers who were not being provided KCC loan citing their age as higher by the Bank of Maharashtra, met the Collector and submitted him a memorandum and demanded justice. In absence of the Collector, Dy. Collector Abha Tiwari was handed over the memorandum under leadership of social worker Khemraj Jain.

In the memorandum, farmer Chouranjilal S/o Late Arjun Verma of Gram Saharpur informed that he is into farming and



has got land in Gram Saharpur. Last year he took loan of few lakh from Kissan Credit Card from Bank of Maharashtra and it has been deposited by him as well. This year also

farmers Chouranjilal submitted an application for loan to the Bank submitting all land search report, Patwari map and Kh. No. and after which the BoM officials are dilly-delaying

his case. Earlier they used to say that it will be released shortly and in anticipation of which he took loan from open market and of which he is paying monthly interest as well. But few months after submission of application for loan, the Bank started denying saying that the age of farmer is above the norms. The farmer Chouranjilal informed that he is taking loan for last few years from BoM, but all of sudden the bank has stopped granting his loan.

Farmer said that he is the person in the family earning livelihood and he had lost his son recently and in such conditions demanded loan from KCC for him soon.

Dairy owner turns out to be middlemen

- Involved in selling illicit liquor in Badgaon

Arang, Aug 09: A 33 yr old Premu Yadav working as dairy farmer turned out to be liquor mediator in Gram Badgaon and was nabbed with 35 quarter bottles of liquor at his residence. This action was taken for holding liquor above 5 lts under section 34 (2) of IPC and after being produced in the Court, hewas sent to judicial remand.

It is notable here that there were many complaints related to illicit sale of liquor in Gram Badgaon and here the middlemen were found selling liquor to villagers openly. By evening it was difficult for residents of the village



to walk on Tekari and Godi road. According to village sources, there were 3 middlemen for illicit sale of liquor being active in the village and out of the

two one rounded off his business seeing action by the police and other Premu Yadav was running it openly. By evening the villagers generally used to flock around Gram Tekari, Kunda, Todgaon and Mungesar for liquor consumption and police was getting information about it on regular basis and was in search of this accused.

It was on complaint to active Kissan Sangharsh Samiti convenor Bhupendra Sharma that he got in touch with TI Rohit Malekar and brought it to knowledge of SSP Prashant Agrawal about illicit sale of liquor in nearby Gram Kutesar. TI Malekar was directed to nab the accused and he was nabbed at Chatouna turn on way to Badgaon village.

Sahu extends greetings on World Tribal Day



Fingeshwar, Aug 09: Gariyaband BNP leader and social worker Roopsingh Sahu has extended greetings on occasion of World Tribal Day to all the tribals and citizens of the state. He said that Aug 9 is celebrated as World Tribal Day all over the state and it has been declared as regional holiday and on this day the people from tribal community are felicitated. This co-relates with the International

Tribal Day declared by UN in 1993 and refers to various tribes living in the Indian sub-continent. In the modern society, despite progress on all fronts, the tribal community often remains poor and which they are facing till date and are struggling with firmness and determination for their survival. Out of the total 103 million population in India, around 9% and above comes under this category and are living with their families.

It is notable here that tribal women are the backbone of the tribal community and they play an important role in conservation and promotion of traditional ancestral knowledge and are saving the natural resources and playing important role of combined community in safeguarding scientific knowledge. The tribal community is found all over the world and the folk art & culture and dance of each tribal community is different and share different identity.

Officers, employees administered oath

Under SVEEP prog to ensure cent percent polling



Korea, Aug 09:

Collector and District Returning Officer (DRO) Vinay Kumar Langeh as per EC's instruction is running voter awareness programmes for VS polls 2023. On Tuesday, in the time-limit meeting at the Collectorate, he administered pledge to all the officers and employees under 'Sangwari- Chala Vote

Dare Baar' theme. On administering pledge, he said that 'we the citizens of India have full faith on Democracy and take a pledge that we all would maintain the democratic traditions of the country and would exercise our franchise in an independent, unbiased manner for peaceful elections and without getting influenced from religion, caste, com-

munity, lingual or other allurements and would exercise our franchise in a free & fair manner.

Collector VK Langeh asked the officers and employees who have come on transfer to get their names registered in the voter list and made an appeal to all the citizens to ensure adding of names of eligible voters in large number in the voter list.

ACT 2023

Japan beat China 2-1 to stay in semifinal hunt

Chennai, Aug 09 (PTI):

Japan edged past China 2-1 in their final round robin league match to stay in contention for a semifinal spot in the 2023 Asian Champions Trophy hockey tournament here on Wednesday.

All the three goals in the match came via penalty corners. For Japan, Shota Yamada (8th minute) and Kentaro Fukuda (54th) found the net, while China's lone goal was scored by Suozhu Ao in the 57th minute.

By virtue of this win, Japan have now moved to five points, same as fourth placed Pakistan and defending champion South Korea but remained on fifth spot and their fate now rest on the results of the last two league matches. The opening quarter saw possession-based play from both the sides.



Even though China tried to keep their defence compact, Japan took the lead in the eighth minute when Yamada converted the match's first penalty corner with a flick to the left-bottom corner of the goal. The early goal rocked China as Japan came out with positive intent in the second quarter.

The Chinese could only manage one chance in the

quarter as Japan enjoyed a slender 1-0 advantage at half-time. After the change of sides, both the sides created a few chances but to no avail.

While Fukuda doubled Japan's lead in the 54th from another penalty corner, China struck back three minutes later, too from a set piece through Ao to reduce the deficit to 2-1.

'My ODI numbers are poor'



Providence, Aug 09 (PTI):

With the ODI World Cup on the horizon, the Indian team management has asked swashbuckler Suryakumar Yadav to play at least 45-50 balls in the last 15-18 overs, in the format in which his numbers are ordinary and he has "no shame in accepting that".

After guiding India to a seven-wicket victory over the West Indies with his brutal knock of 83 off 44 balls in the third T20 International, which kept the five-match series alive, the batter was candid in his assessment of his poor record in the 50-over game.

"My ODI numbers are very poor and there is no shame in accepting that. Being honest is very important because everyone knows that, because we all talk about honesty."

"So it is very important to stay honest about your performance. But what is more important is how to improve that," Suryakumar said at the post-match press conference. Captain Rohit Sharma and coach Rahul Dravid have advised him to play this format more.

"Rohit and Rahul sir have told me that this is the format that I don't play much so you have to play it more and think about it."

Breaking into world's top three is my target now: Prannoy

New Delhi, Aug 09 (PTI):

He may be one of the front-runners in the Olympic race but star Indian shuttler HS Prannoy doesn't want to think about Paris right now and is instead focussing on "short-term targets" like breaking into the world's top three.

The most consistent Indian singles player in the last 12 months, Prannoy, ranked world number 9, won the Malaysia Masters in May and came within sniffing distance of bagging another title in Sydney before finishing runner-up at last week's Australian Open.

"Right now, probably I am in a good position. I had a few decent tournaments post-May but I would say I am never satisfied and I always want to go out there and win big tournaments, that's been always my ambition," Prannoy told PTI.

"Last couple of years, I have been consistently able to play quarterfinals and semifinals and now I am trying to make sure that I



go that extra one more round and be in the final and win those tournaments."

The 31-year-old Indian, who reached three quarterfinals and a semifinal besides the two finals this season, had achieved the world number 8 ranking in 2017 before health issues affected his game as he plummeted to 33 in 2021. However, the man from Thiruvananthapuram re-

turned to the top 10 in December last year before achieving a career-best world number 7 ranking in May this year.

"In the coming months that will be the challenge: to get into the top five, or be in the top three in the world, which I have never been able to do till now. I think that is the target as of now. I am not looking way ahead, at the Olympics," Prannoy said.

Tilak Varma could be the X-factor in ODI WC, feels Ashwin

New Delhi, Aug 09 (PTI):

Premier off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin has urged the national selectors and team management to show faith in talented Tilak Varma and include him in the World Cup squad as he could possibly be the answer to India's middle-order woes with multiple batters still recovering from injuries. Ashwin's comments were also backed by former chairman of selectors MSK Prasad, who wouldn't mind seeing Varma in the final 15, provided Shreyas Iyer fails to make the cut.

The 20-year-old stylish Hyderabad left-hander has impressed one and all with scores of 39, 50 and 49 not out in three T20I games in the West Indies and not for once looked out of place at the international level.

"This is neck-and-neck with respect to the World Cup. So, will they think



about Tilak Varma as an option if we don't have enough backups? Because Sanju Samson has performed really well in ODIs.

"But the exciting part about Tilak Varma is that he is a left-hander and Team India is lacking left-handers. Jaddu (Ravindra Jadeja) is the only left-handed batter in the top 7," Ashwin said on his YouTube channel.

Nine WC Games rescheduled

India to play Pakistan on Oct 14, Pakistan vs England game on Nov 11

New Delhi, Aug 09 (PTI):

The marquee World Cup match between arch-rivals India and Pakistan will now be played on October 14, one day before the original slot, the ICC confirmed on Wednesday as the world governing body announced rescheduling nine games of the tournament.

As per the latest update, Pakistan and England will have three of their games rescheduled (either date or time), while dates of India's two games have been altered.

The other India game that has been rescheduled is their last league match against the Netherlands which was originally scheduled for November 11 but now it will be held on November 12 in Bengaluru.

That India versus Pakistan match will be advanced by a day was report-

TICKETS SALE

The tickets will go on sale from August 25 with fans having the option to book their seats for all non-India warm up and non-India event matches. For India matches, tickets will be available from August 30 to September 3 and for the semifinals and the final, the fans can book tickets on September 15.

ed by PTI recently after security agencies expressed inability to provide adequate security on October 15, which is the first day of Hindu festival, Navratri.

As a result, England's fixture against Afghanistan in New Delhi will be moved from Saturday, October 14 and will now be played 24 hours later on Sunday, October 15.

With Pakistan needing adequate gap before India game, their match against Sri Lanka scheduled to be held in Hyderabad on October 11 will instead now

be played on October 10.

On the same day, England were earlier scheduled to play Bangladesh at Dharmasala in a day-night game but will now play a day match starting 10.30 am. Similarly, the high-profile non-India game between England and Pakistan, earlier scheduled on November 12 will now be held on November 11.

Falling on November 12, Kali Puja is the second biggest Hindu festival for Bengalis after Durga Puja, and the Kolkata Police had expressed apprehension about providing adequate deployment for the game. New Zealand's game against Bangladesh, originally scheduled as a day match for October 14 in Chennai, has been moved back and will now be held on Friday, October 13, which will be a day-night contest. Australia will meet South Africa a day earlier in Lucknow on October 12.

All the venues for the changed matches remain same.

Kiwis haven't ruled out Williamson from ODI World Cup



Auckland, Aug 09 (PTI):

New Zealand have not ruled out the recovering Kane Williamson from the ODI World Cup in India even if it means missing the first few fixtures. Head coach Gary Stead and the team management are optimistic about Williamson's recovery. The star batter hasn't played any cricket since March when he ruptured the ACL in his right knee while fielding for Gujarat Titans. He underwent surgery in April and has recently begun training and batting in the nets. The 33-year-old is also set to link up with the team during its series against England next month ahead of the World Cup.

Wozniacki comes out of retirement, wins first-round match

At National Bank Open

Montreal, Aug 09 (AP):

Caroline Wozniacki made a triumphant return to tennis, defeating Kimberly Birrell in straight sets at the National Bank Open.

Wozniacki dominated from the start on Tuesday, securing a 6-2, 6-2 victory while pushing her Australian opponent across the court during rallies. The Dane will face Wimbledon champion Marketa Vondrousova of the Czech Republic, who beat Mayar Sherif of Egypt 6-4, 6-2.

"It's like riding a bike basically," Wozniacki told reporters after the match. "You never forget it once you're in there."

The former World No. 1 and 2018 Australian Open champion received a wildcard entry into the National Bank Open main draw after retiring in 2020 to start a



family. "It was so strange because I went to bed last night, and I go, wait, so the kids have to wake up, and then we eat breakfast together; and then, wait, how does that fit in with my schedule?" said Wozniacki of preparing for a match as a mother for the first time.

Victoria Azarenka announced she was withdrawing due to injury, allowing American Sloane Stephens to advance.

Women's World Cup is wide open after so many heavyweights eliminated

Auckland, Aug 09 (AP):

The Women's World Cup quarterfinals have thrown soccer enthusiasts a curveball, with the elimination of dominant forces that once ruled the field. Among the fallen are the United States, two-time winners Germany, and even Canada, the reigning Olympic champions. Notably absent is Brazil's Marta, denied her historic opportunity to score in a remarkable sixth World Cup. The vacuum left by these giants has transformed the quarterfinal stage into an unpredictable battleground.

The remaining eight teams offer an intriguing mix of established powerhouses and emerging contenders. England, the reigning European champions, have earned the favorite status on FanDuel Sportsbook. However, a late and ill-conceived tackle by Lauren James during England's victory over Nigeria has deprived them of star forward for the next match against Colombia. Colombia, powered by the youthful vigor of 18-year-old standout Linda Caicedo, enters their first quarterfinals appearance just four years after failing to qualify for the previous tournament.

boasts an impressive 16 wins out of 18 matches in 2023, with their only loss occurring against Australia in a friendly match a mere week prior to the World Cup's commencement.

Spain makes its debut in the quarterfinals after scoring a notable 13 goals across their four matches. Their challenge comes from the Netherlands, the team that narrowly lost to the United States in the 2019 final. Despite a slow start on the world stage, the Netherlands has since established themselves among the elite, making it to the knockout stages in their 2015 debut and the championship match four years later.

Lastly, Japan, the solitary team with a World Cup title, emerges as a strong contender. Their last victory came in 2011 when they triumphed over the U.S. in the final. With an impressive track record in the current tournament, having secured four wins and conceded just one goal, Japan faces off against Sweden. Sweden's victory against the United States put an end to their pursuit of an unprecedented third consecutive World Cup win. The top-rated team by FIFA still in the running, Sweden boasts a three-time bronze medalist status and a storied history in the competition, including a runner-up finish to



Japan's players during a training session at North Harbour Stadium in Auckland, ahead of their Women's World Cup football match against Sweden.

Germany in 2003. A look at the final eight teams still playing in the wide-open Women's World Cup

SWEDEN
Sweden plays Japan on Friday at Eden Park in Auckland in one of the better pairings of the tournament. The Swedes have played in all nine editions of the World Cup, and four times they've had the title nearly within reach. Sweden lost to Japan in the 2011 semifinals, its third and most recent World Cup meeting

with the Japanese. Sweden goalie Zecira Musovic was spectacular against the United States; she had 11 saves in the 0-0 draw, helping Sweden advance 5-4 on penalty kicks.

JAPAN
Japan is the only team remaining with a World Cup title and the Japanese have steamrolled their way into the quarterfinals. Japan blasted past Zambia and Costa Rica, then handed Spain a jarring 4-0 loss. That win over a strong Spain squad made Japan a quiet con-

tender. Japan then knocked off Norway 3-1 to continue its offensive onslaught.

NETHERLANDS
With so many big teams out, this is the Netherlands' chance to finally close out a World Cup title. But the Dutch play Spain in the New Zealand capital of Wellington without star midfielder Danielle van de Donk. She's the one who tussled with American captain Lindsey Horan earlier in the tournament, and her yellow card in the

Netherlands' 2-0 win over South Africa means she won't play in the quarterfinal.

SPAIN
Spain was commanding in wins over Costa Rica and Zambia, but then was stopped cold by Japan in a humbling group play defeat. La Roja rebounded with a 5-1 rout of Switzerland in the knockout round. Spain coach Jorge Vilda made five changes to the the lineup that was embarrassed by Japan, and two of the moves were the players' World Cup debuts. Aitana

Bonmati stepped up and scored twice in the Spain bounceback.

AUSTRALIA
Australia finally got Sam Kerr back onto the field after the Matildas' superstar missed all of group play with a thigh injury. She only came on in the final 10 minutes of Australia's quarterfinal win over Denmark, but she was supposed to be the star of the tournament. More than 75,000 spectators attended the Matildas' quarterfinal victory and the Sydney Opera House was alit in the yellow and green team colors. The pressure is on for the co-hosts to deliver.

FRANCE
France slid under the early radar with a scoreless draw against Jamaica in the opening round, but Le Bleus have been a force since. The fifth-ranked team has cruised into the quarterfinals. France helped knock off Brazil and Marta, and has outscored its opponents 12-4 in the three games since. France is coached by Herve Renard, who led Saudi Arabia to a shocking upset of eventual champion Argentina and Lionel Messi at last year's men's World Cup.

ENGLAND
England is the enigma. The European champion not winning the World Cup with so many chal-

lengers already out would be a bit of an upset. The Lionesses are fourth in the FIFA rankings, right behind Sweden, but haven't had consistent play. They won a penalty shootout against Nigeria to advance to the quarterfinals. But they also lost James, who was given a red card for a violent tackle late in the Nigeria game. The Chelsea forward is out at least against Colombia on Saturday in Sydney.

COLOMBIA
Colombia is new to this big stage and at 25th is the lowest-ranked team still playing in the tournament. But Colombia is no pushover and has been very physical to get to the quarterfinals four years after failing to even qualify for the World Cup. The competition knows to expect a bruising match one week before the tournament, Ireland abandoned a friendly against Colombia after only 20 minutes because of "overly physical" play. Colombia is led by Caicedo, a rising star for Real Madrid, and the teenager dazzles on the field and also with her wide smiles that play to the cameras. Caicedo has had health issues; she battled ovarian cancer when she was 15, and during group play had at least two frightening episodes with what Colombia has called exhaustion. The team has insisted Caicedo is fit.

'Dynasty politics, corruption, appeasement must quit India'

New Delhi, Aug 09 (PTI)

The three ills of "dynasticism, corruption and appeasement" politics must quit India in the best interest of the country, the BJP said on Wednesday as it commemorated the Quit India movement launched by Mahatma Gandhi on this day in 1942.



BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad addresses a press conference, at the party headquarters in New Delhi.

Addressing a press conference at the party headquarters here, BJP leader and former Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said corruption and appeasement politics come with the dynastic politics.

He spoke about "several scams that took place" during the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) regime at the Centre, as well as those

that came under the watch of the TMC, RJD, DMK, TRS in the states ruled by them, saying dynasty politics, corruption, and appeasement politics must quit India in the best interest of the country.

India, he said.

"For the sake of India, its security, integrity, it is very important that these three ills — blatant family rule, corruption, and shameful appeasement — quit India," Prasad told reporters.

"If the democratic fabric of the country is to be safeguarded, probity in politics has to be brought back and saved in the country, these three curses have to quit India," he added. Meanwhile, BJP MPs staged a demonstration at the Parliament House Complex seeking the banishment of dynastic politics, corruption, and appeasement politics from the country. At the press conference, Prasad said the BJP is against dy-

nastic politics and not against the son or daughter of a politician coming to politics and contesting elections.

Dynastic politics means son or daughter of a politician running the party as its chief, becoming prime minister or chief minister, or becoming the party's prime ministerial or chief ministerial candidate, he said. "This is called parivarvaad (dynasticism) in which there is no space for ordinary party workers and leaders," he added.

Prasad said "packaging and repackaging" of Rahul Gandhi will keep happening but it is for the leaders of the Congress to see how much capacity he has "to become leader of this great country".

RELIGIOUS PROCESSION



Devotees take part in a 'Kavadi' procession at the Kumareshwara temple, at Hanumantha Nagar in Bengaluru, Wednesday.

BJP women MPs object to Rahul's 'flying kiss' in LS



Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje with other BJP women MPs addresses the media regarding Rahul Gandhi's alleged undignified conduct in the Lok Sabha, during the ongoing Monsoon session, in New Delhi, Wednesday.

New Delhi, Aug 09 (PTI)

Many women MPs of the BJP on Wednesday lodged a complaint with the Lok Sabha speaker and sought "stringent action" against Rahul Gandhi for allegedly making an "inappropriate gesture" towards Union Minister Smriti Irani in the House, a reference to the Congress leader blowing a flying kiss towards the treasury benches.

The complaint to Speaker Om Birla was signed by more than 20

women parliamentarians, including Union ministers

Rahul never disrespects women: Cong

The Congress on Wednesday came out in defence of Rahul Gandhi saying he never disrespects women and the BJP is indulging in an "indecent" act of accusing him of "misconduct" as it does not want a debate on Manipur violence. Responding to the criticism, Congress whip in Lok Sabha Manickam Tagore accused Irani of suffering from "Rahul-phobia" and asked her to come

out of it.

"Smriti Irani is consumed by 'Rahul phobia' and she should try to come out of it," Tagore said on BJP's charge of 'misbehaviour' by Rahul Gandhi in Lok Sabha. Party general secretary K C Venugopal said throughout the Bharat Jodo Yatra, "those who joined it and watched it, all are giving it as a symbol of humankind and love and affection."

Engineers, PhD holders, MBAs among 10 lakh applicants

● For 4,600 talathi posts

Pune, Aug 09 (PTI)

More than 10 lakh job-seekers, including MBAs, engineers and PhD holders, have applied for 4,600 posts of talathi in Maharashtra, a senior official from the land records department said on Wednesday.

A talathi is a revenue department official whose job is to maintain village accounts relating to the demand and collection of land revenue, record of rights and other village forms prescribed by the government and inspect crops and boundary marks and prepare agricultural statistics.

Talathis are Class C employees who receive monthly salaries in the

pay scale of Rs 25,500-Rs 81,100.

Anand Rayate, coordinator of state examinations and additional director of land records, said that 10.53 lakh applications have been received for 4,600 vacancies for talathis.

"The exam will take place at various centres in the districts across the state between August 17 and September 14 in three shifts daily," he said.

Though any graduate can apply for the job, Rayate said, applications have been received from candidates with qualifications like MBA, PhD, BAMS, BHMS, and engineering.

According to the government notification, the exam will be conducted in three 2-hour slots a day 9 am to 11 am, 12.30 pm to 2.30 pm, and 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm.

Devotees can have 'VIP darshan' at Chintpurni after paying fee

Free facility for MLAs, MPs, senior citizens

Una (HP), Aug 09 (PTI)

Devotees can have 'VIP darshan' at Maa Chintpurni temple in Una district after paying a fee of Rs 1,100 for a group of five, the first temple to offer such a facility in Himachal Pradesh.

Devotees who avail the facility don't have to stand in the queue for their turn, officials said on Wednesday.

No fee will be charged from ministers, MLAs, MPs and VIPs decided by the administration as well as devotees of 65 years or more and Divyang (differently-abled).

Under the Sugam

Darshan Pranali (system), a pass will be given to five people for a fee of Rs 1100 and these devotees would get hassle-free darshan. In total, 500 people will be accommodated every day.

"Chintpurni temple is the first temple in the state to make such arrangements and the step would avoid chaos created when VIPs come for darshan besides increasing the income of the temple administration," an official said.

The temple commissioner-cum SDM Amb Vivek Mahajan said that there are four categories.

In the first category, a fee of Rs 1100 would get darshan without waiting. The temple trust will decide on whether children will be included in the category or not, he added.

In the second and third

categories, devotees of 65 years or more and Divyang (disabled person) will get VIP darshan without any fee and their co-passenger will have to pay just Rs 50 for the darshan. The fourth category will be ministers, MLAs, MPs and VIPs decided by the administration, from whom no fee will be charged. A waiting hall has been made in Baba Maidas Sadan for the devotees in these categories.

Arrangements have been made for the devotees to sit about one kilometer away from the temple and they would be brought to the lift in an electric golf cart operated by the temple trust and dropped back after darshan.

Online booking facility for 'havan' is already available on the temple premises.

FOLK DANCE



Tribals perform a folk dance during the celebration of International Day of The World Indigenous Peoples at Biju Janata Dal office, in Bhubaneswar, Wednesday.

'78 pc parents in rural India want their daughters to be at least graduate'

New Delhi, Aug 09 (PTI)

At least 78 per cent parents in rural India aspire to educate their daughters till graduation and beyond, according to a survey report.

The "State of Elementary Education in Rural India-2023" report, based on the survey of 6,229 rural households from across 20 states, was released by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan here on Tuesday evening.

"Analyzing the gender distribution of the children, the findings indicate that parents exhibit a similar inclination for both their female and male children to pursue advanced education, including technical degrees, graduation, and postgrad-

uation degrees. Parents of 82 per cent of boys and 78 per cent of girls want to educate their children to graduation and above," it said. The survey revealed, out of the total dropped-

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out children, around one-fourth of male children discontinued their education during primary schooling.

"Comparatively, the dropout rate at that stage was higher for female children, reaching 35 per cent. A higher proportion of both boys and girls dropped out of school after completing the primary school education (75 per cent for boys and 65 per cent for girls).

"Non-availability of schools with higher sec-

tions within the village or nearby villages might have been a reason why these children were dropped out after the completion of the primary sections," it added.

The study which focused on six-to-16-year-old children in rural communities was conducted by the Development Intelligence Unit (DIU), an initiative of Transforming Rural India Foundation (TRIF) and Sambodhi Pvt, with a vision to put forth data along with the right analytics and insights to stimulate action among stakeholders of rural India's development.

The survey found that a majority of children (62.5 per cent) are under the supervision of their mothers when it comes

to their studies, while 49 per cent are supervised by their fathers.

"This highlights the important role parents play in guiding and supporting their children's academic pursuits at home. Additionally, over 38 per cent of parents opt for private tutors to further enhance their children's education. It is often seen that in rural India supervision is often carried out by people other than the parents of children."

For instance, 25.6 per cent of the children study under the guidance of an elder sibling, 3.8 per cent are supervised by anganwadi workers, and 7.6 per cent are taught by community teachers.

Yasin Malik virtually appears in Delhi HC

● In terror funding case

New Delhi, Aug 09 (PTI)

Separatist leader Yasin Malik on Wednesday virtually appeared before the Delhi High Court from jail in connection with the National Investigation Agency's plea seeking death penalty for him in a terror funding case.

Last week, the high court had directed that the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front chief, who is presently serving a life term in the case, be produced before it through video conferencing mode

from Tihar Jail instead of physical appearance pursuant to the production warrant issued earlier this year. On May 29, the high court had issued notice to Malik on the NIA's plea seeking death penalty for him in the terror funding case and said, "Let warrants of production be issued against Yasin Malik, before this Court on the next date of hearing". Subsequently, the jail authorities had filed an application seeking permission for his virtual appearance on grounds that he was a "very high risk prisoner" and it was imperative to not physically produce him in court to maintain public

order and safety. Recently, the jailed separatist leader arrived in the Supreme Court in connection with a kidnapping case against him, prompting the Solicitor General of India Tushar Mehta to flag the "serious security lapse" to Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla. He was brought to the high-security apex court premises on July 21 in a prison van escorted by armed security personnel without the court's permission.

Later that week, the Department of Delhi Prisons suspended four officials over Malik's physical appearance before the top court while ordering an in-

quiry into the lapse. In the present matter, on May 24, 2022, a trial court here had awarded life imprisonment to Malik after holding him guilty for various offences under the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and the IPC.

Malik had pleaded guilty to the charges, including those under the UAPA, and he was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. Appealing against the sentence, the NIA has emphasised that a terrorist cannot be awarded life sentence only because he has pleaded guilty and chosen not to go through trial. While seeking enhance-

ment of the sentence to death penalty, the NIA has said if such dreaded terrorists are not given capital punishment on account of pleading guilty, there would be complete erosion of the sentencing policy and terrorists would have a way out to avoid capital punishment. A life sentence, the NIA has asserted, is not commensurate with the crime committed by terrorists when the nation and families of soldiers have suffered loss of lives, and that the trial court's conclusion that Malik's crimes did not fall within the category of the "rarest of the rare

cases" for grant of death penalty is "ex-facie legally flawed and completely unsustainable".

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