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No confidence motion defeated

In Lok Sabha
New Delhi, Aug 10:



View of the Lok Sabha during the discussion on the Motion of No-Confidence in the Monsoon session of Parliament, in New Delhi, Thursday.

The no-confidence motion moved by the Opposition against the National Democratic Alliance government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi was defeated by voice vote in the Lok Sabha on Thursday.

The opposition had moved the no-confidence motion against the Modi government on July 26, which was taken up by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla for discussion on August 8-10.

Three days of the motion witnessed a fierce battle between the ruling and the Opposition coalitions over the Manipur violence and other raging issues.

This is the second time Prime Minister Narendra Modi faced a no-confidence motion.

The first such motion against the Modi government was introduced in 2018 over granting special category status to Andhra Pradesh, which was also defeated. Unaligned par-

ties account for 70 MPs, many of whom also backed the government.

Replying to the motion on Thursday evening, Prime Minister Modi tore into the Congress party, saying the people of the country had no confidence in it.

"People of the country have no confidence in Congress. Due to arrogance, they are not able to see the reality. In Tamil Nadu, they won in 1962 and since 1962 the people

of Tamil Nadu are saying 'No Congress'. "In West Bengal they won in 1972, people of West Bengal are also saying 'No Congress'.

"In UP, Bihar, and Gujarat they won in 1985 and the people of these states are also saying 'No Congress'..." the PM said.

Modi, while starting his speech, said it was the blessing of God that a motion for a floor test has been brought by the opposition. "God is very kind and speaks through some

medium...I believe that it's the blessing of God that the Opposition has brought this motion. I had said during the no-confidence motion in 2018 that it was not a floor test for us but a floor test for them and as a result they lost in the elections..." PM Modi said while replying to the no-trust vote.

The PM also said that Opposition's no confidence motion has always been lucky for the NDA government.

Manipur woman reports gang-rape, FIR registered

Imphal, Aug 10 (PTI):

Another case of sexual assault has come to light in Manipur after a 37-year-old married woman from Churachandpur district alleged she was gang-raped by a group of men while fleeing her burning house on May 3, the day on which the ethnic strife began in the northeastern state, police said.

An FIR in this connection has been registered in Bishnupur women police station on August 9, police said, adding it was later forwarded to

Churachandpur police station for further investigation. According to the FIR, the woman was gang-raped at Khumujamba Meitei Leikai in Churachandpur district by "unidentified Kuki men."

According to woman's statement to police, around 6.30pm on May 3, a group of Kuki miscreants set fire to several houses, including her's. Amid the chaos, she tried to flee.

However, after running for about half-a-kilometre, she was stopped by a few men and was sexually assaulted, police said quoting the FIR.

BRIEF



Maharashtra Governor Ramesh Bais during the announcement of Tata Mumbai Marathon 2024, at Raj Bhavan in Mumbai, Thursday.

Diverted

Mumbai: A Maharashtra government helicopter carrying Chief Minister Eknath Shinde to Satara from Mumbai was on Thursday afternoon diverted due to bad weather to Juhu in the metropolis, where it landed safely, a senior official of aviation regulator DGCA said.

ED action

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has arrested five people after it carried out raids in various cities of Punjab in a money laundering case linked to alleged drugs trafficking, possession of illegal arms and ammunition and extortion, officials said on Thursday.

Walkout

New Delhi: Opposition MPs staged a walkout from the Lok Sabha on Thursday as Prime Minister Narendra Modi was replying to a debate on the no-confidence motion, complaining that there was no reference to Manipur in the first 90 minutes of his speech.

Chairman

Tirupati: Tirupati MLA Bhumana Karunakar Reddy took oath as the 53rd chairman of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD), the trust that manages the Sri Venkateswara temple, on Thursday.

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Vulnerable tribal group 'Kamar' gets habitat rights

Raipur, Aug 10:

The 'Kamar' tribe in Chhattisgarh's Dhamtari district, which is a particularly vulnerable tribal group (PVTG), has received habitat rights, which would help in the protection of their culture and livelihood means and enable the government to work for their development, officials said on Thursday.

Kamar is the first PVTG in the state to get such status, they claimed.

The Kamar tribe families living in 22 settlements in Magarlod development block of Dhamtari district will be benefited

by the move. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel handed over the habitat rights certificates to heads of these 22 settlements on Wednesday, on the occasion of the World Tribal Day.

The Kamar tribe members mainly reside in Gariaband, Dhamtari, Mahasamund and Kanker districts. Their population as per the 2011 census was 26,630. Chhattisgarh's Scheduled Tribe and Scheduled Caste development department commissioner Shammji Abidi told PTI. The recognition of habitat rights under the Forest Rights Act (FRA) would not only help in

protection and promotion of customary arrangements, culture, tradition, livelihood means, habitat of the PVTG by officially documenting them, but also enable the government to work for their empowerment and development of their areas through schemes of various departments, officials said.

"This is the first time that habitat rights have been given to a PVTG in the state. With this move, Chhattisgarh has become the second state in the country to have issued such a right to a PVTG after neighbouring Madhya Pradesh," Abidi said.

Former Union minister Arvind Netam resigns from Cong

Raipur, July 18:



Former Union minister and tribal leader Arvind Netam said on Thursday that he has resigned from the Congress as he was deeply disappointed by the way tribal leaders were neglected by the party.

He said Rahul Gandhi, who was the Congress president during the 2018 assembly elections in Chhattisgarh, had repeatedly assured tribals of implementing PESA Panchayat (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act in the state but his government crippled the legislation with poor implementation. "I tendered my resignation on August 9, on World Tribal Day, after

giving a long thought because the same day, the state government weakened PESA that gives the community (tribal) the rights over jal, jungle, jameen (water, forest and land). This resignation is a form of protest. There are several other reasons," he told PTI.

With assembly elections in Chhattisgarh likely by the year-end, tribal outfit Sarva Adivasi Samaj (SAS) led by Netam has decided to contest in 50 of

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No change in existing number of attempts, age-limit

For civil services aspirants
New Delhi, Aug 10 (PTI):

Union minister Jitendra Singh on Thursday said it has not been found feasible to consider any change in the existing provisions regarding number of at-

tempts and age-limit in respect of the civil services examination.

The civil services examination (CSE) is conducted annually by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) in accordance with the CSE rules notified by the government, the minister of state for Personnel said.

Covid: WHO classifies Eris as 'variant of interest'

New Delhi, Aug 10 (PTI):

The World Health Organization (WHO) has classified the EG.5 strain of the SARS-CoV-2 virus circulating in different parts of the world, including India, as a "variant of interest" but said it did not seem to pose more of a threat to public health than other strains.

EG.5 or Eris variant of SARS-CoV-2 was first reported on February 17 this year, and designated as a variant under monitoring (VUM) on July 19. In its latest risk evaluation on Wednesday, the WHO designated EG.5 and its sub-lineages as a variant of interest (VOI). Variants are broadly categorised into three categories: (1) "variants of interest," (2) "variants of concern" and (3) "variants of high consequence."

According to the US National Institutes of Health (NIH), VOIs are defined as variants with specific genetic markers that have been associated with changes that may cause enhanced transmissibility or virulence, reduction in neutralisation by antibodies obtained through natural infection or vaccination.

EG.5 is a descendent lineage of Omicron subvariant XBB.1.9.2. It carries an additional mutation in the spike protein which the SARS-CoV-2 uses to enter and infect the human cells compared to the parent sub-variant.

Centre tables bill on selection of CEC, ECs; drops CJI from panel

New Delhi, Aug 10 (PTI):

The Centre on Thursday tabled a contentious bill in Rajya Sabha that seeks to replace the Chief Justice of India with a cabinet minister in the panel for selection of the chief election commissioner and election commissioners, in a move that will allow the government to have more control in the appointments of members of the poll panel.

The bill comes months after the Supreme Court in March ruled that a three-member panel, headed by the Prime Minister and comprising the leader of the opposition in Lok Sabha

'Govt destroying EC's impartiality'

The CPI-M on Thursday slammed the government on a bill that seeks to replace the Chief Justice of India with a cabinet minister in the panel for selection of the chief election commissioner and election commissioners, saying it will "destroy" the poll panel's impartiality. The Left party also accused the government of diluting a Constitution bench judgement on the appointment of chief election commissioner and election commissioners.

and the Chief Justice of India, will select the CEC

I-DAY PREPARATIONS



Artisans make Indian tricoloured kites ahead of Independence Day celebration, in Kolkata, Thursday.

Tiranga flies over iconic Ghanta Ghar

Srinagar, Aug 10 (PTI):

A Tricolour was hoisted on the newly-renovated iconic Ghanta Ghar here on Thursday, as the city is preparing for the Independence Day celebrations, officials said. The famous clock tower in the heart of the city was renovated recently under the Srinagar Smart City Project. The 'Tiranga' was hoisted atop the clock tower on Thursday morning to celebrate the country's 76th Independence Day, the officials said. Speaking to PTI, Athar Amir Khan, chief executive officer (CEO) of the Srinagar Smart City Project, said the hoisting of the national flag was a historic moment for the city.



"Ghanta Ghar and Lal Chowk Srinagar are very iconic places which are being decorated by Tiranga under the Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav campaign," Khan said. Several places across the city and the Union Territory are being decorated as people are celebrating the Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav by taking out Tiranga rallies, he added.

'Will break records to score grand win in 2024'

Country has 'no confidence' in Cong
New Delhi, Aug 10 (PTI):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi exuded confidence on Thursday that the BJP and its allies will break records to score a grand win in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls and took a swipe at the Opposition, saying its no-confidence motion will prove auspicious for the ruling alliance as it did in 2018.

In a sharp attack on opposition parties while replying to the no-confidence motion in Lok Sabha, he said they did not allow discussion take place in Parliament on a number of bills related to the country's development. They have shown that 'dal' (party) is bigger than 'desh' (country) for them. "You have betrayed people," he said.

Modi said when the Opposition had brought a similar motion in 2018, his government came to power for a second term with a bigger mandate in 2019. The Opposition's motion has proven auspicious for his government, he added. Noting that people of the country have repeatedly shown their faith in his government, Modi expressed his



PM Modi replies on the Motion of No-Confidence in the Lok Sabha in the Monsoon session of Parliament, in New Delhi, Thursday.

thanks to them. "It is the country's confidence that when you bring another no-confidence motion in 2028, India will be the third largest economy in the world," he said, asserting that his dispensation has given a scam-free governance. Targeting the Congress, he said its government at the Centre would trust the word of Pakistan over terror attacks and its misadventures on borders but not the valour of Indian armed forces. In Kashmir, it would not trust the common man in the region but separatists and others carrying Pakistan's flag.

That is why people's feelings of "no confidence" in the Congress is very deep, he said, accusing the party of seizing on any negative thing about India coming from foreign soil.

Three BSP Employees to be felicitated with SAIL Corporate Awards 2021-22

'Rakt Daan- Jeevan Daan' Camp organised in District Court premises



Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 10: Under the aegis of District Legal Services Authority, Durg and on the directions of Neeta Yadav, District and Sessions Judge a "Rakt Daan- Jeevan Daan" camp was organized in the Durg District Court premises. The camp was organized in association with Ashirwad Blood Bank (Bhilai-Durg). Judicial officers of the court, office bearers of

Bar Association, advocates and judicial employees, employees of the District Legal Services Authority, councilors of the Legal Aid Defense Council System, the para-legal volunteers of District Legal Service participated in the "Rakt Daan-Jeevan Daan" camp organized at the District Court premises, Durg. Donors who donated blood voluntarily in the camp were honored by distributing certificates.

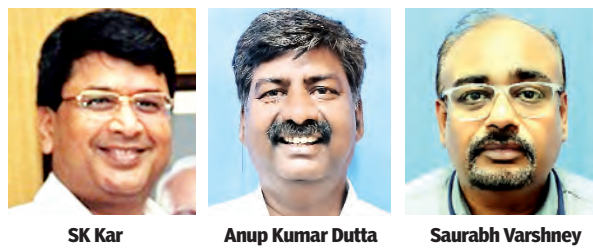
Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 10: Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has announced the SAIL Corporate Awards for Excellence, for Performance Year-2021-22. Three individual executives Employees from SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant won the award under three Sub-categories, in recognition of their exemplary performance/extraordinary contribution that made the most significant impact in different areas of Organizational functioning.

Sandip Kumar Kar, ED (RDCIS), who was formerly serving as CGM (Quality with Additional Charge of SMS-3) at BSP at the time of consideration by Apex Committee for the award, has won under the 'Research and Development Specialist' sub category, for introduction of innovative technique for strengthen SAIL in market position. SK Kar played an instrumental role in development

& approval (from RDSO) of 1175HT rails. He helped in successful conversion rolling of 3 lots (115T) of MIDHANI MDN 250 forged Plates in order to supply around 35000 T of DMR 249A ship building quality plates to Indian Navy for surface applications. Also, NABL accreditation as per ISO/IEC 17025: 2017 was given under his leadership to Mechanical Testing Lab-2, CCL and Metallography sections of Research and Control lab without any consultancy.

Anup Kumar Dutta, CGM (SPs-BSP) will be awarded for 'Motivation (People Leader) Guru' category for launching various innovative employee engagement & motivation programs during FY 2021-22, BSP for recognizing the work of unsung heroes, mate of the month, employee birthday celebrations, Yoga workshops on "Yog Se Nirog" etc., along with various safety programs for employees with a special



SK Kar Anup Kumar Dutta Saurabh Varshney

focus on contractual workers.

Also Saurabh Varshney, GM (SP-III -BSP) will be awarded under the 'Digitization Mastermind' sub-category, for taking-up multiple Industry 4.0 projects in his work area which will bring about transformational changes in the way of working and performance of Sinter Plant-III. Some of these projects include QR Code Based Drawing Retrieval System, Maintenance Planning using information available on Intelligent MCC & Drives, Pre-Failure Alerts for Electrical Drives Using Dedicated Sensor etc which will aid in maintaining and running the plant more ef-

ficiently and effectively.

Anirban Dasgupta, Director I/c (Bhilai Steel Plant) congratulated the awardees for this achievement and also encouraged them to work with the same spirit and achieve similar accolades in future.

The SAIL Corporate Awards for Excellence, for Performance Year-2021-22 have been given in three distinct levels viz. Best Integrated Steel Plant of the Year Award and Best Plant/Unit of the Year Award (other than ISPs), along with Individual SAIL Corporate Awards for Excellence to SAIL-employees in ten sub-categories. SAIL's IISCO Steel Plant won the award in 'Best

Integrated Steel Plant of the Year' category while the award in 'Best Plant/Unit of the Year' category was bagged by the Central Marketing Organization.

AK Tiwari, GM (Safety-DSP) was awarded the best Safety Leader, while the Cost Champion & Finance Wizard Award was won by SK Nayak, CGM (F&A-RSP). K Ramakrishna, ED CFP (CGM, SMS, ISP at the time of consideration by Apex Committee), has been awarded as the best Productivity Expert, whereas the award under the best Innovation Architect category was jointly shared by RK Muduli, CGM (HSM-2-RSP) and RS Pandey, Manager (Automation-ISP). The other SAIL-employees who received the SAIL Corporate Awards for Excellence in the sub-categories were Ritesh Rituraj, GM (Sales & BM, Faridabad, CMO) for Marketing Pundit, Ranjeet Kumar, Senior Manager

(PPC&SC-BSL) won the Role Model Award for Divyangjan (PWD), and the Women Trailblazer Award was jointly shared by Asha S Kartha, GM I/c (Oxygen Plant-RSP) and Asha Bajpai, GM (RCL-DSP).

The objective of the SAIL Corporate Awards for Excellence is to inculcate a culture of continuous improvement and excellence in different areas of Organizational functioning in Plants/Units by creating a SAIL level platform for recognizing and awarding the exemplary performance/extraordinary contribution of those executives of Plants/Units who have created huge positive impact in different areas, such as increased profitability, reduced cost, improved process efficiency, etc. The "SAIL Corporate Awards for Excellence" is a SAIL-level annual award, that covers all the existing regular employees in the executive cadre upto E-8 level at all SAIL Plants/Units.

Tribals have contributed in progress of the country: Qureshi

Investiture Ceremony conducted at KPS Durg

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 10: Former Minister of Chhattisgarh State Badruddin Qureshi paid rich tributes to the tribals who sacrificed their lives for the freedom of the country at a small programme in front of the statue of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi at Camp -01. The occasion was International Day of The World's Indigenous Peoples.

Led by Qureshi, the Congressmen lit candles and paid tribute to the tribals who sacrificed their lives for the freedom of the country and wished their families a prosperous life. Qureshi in his brief address said that



since the independence of the country, there has been a huge contribution in the development of the country by the tribals which cannot be forgotten.

Vijay Sahu, Samaylal Sahu, Baijnath Shukla, Sajjanprasad Dixit, Neeta

Lodhi, Anil Singh, Rama Vishwakarma, Mahendra Khobragade, Ramvadan Bharti, Sanjay Lakhe, Tulsu Sahu, Mangalaram Sahu, Durgeshchandra Sahu, Salim Bhai, Johan Sinha, Naem Baig, Mrityunjay Bhagat, Gayatri Dewangan, Laxmi

Yadav, Najmu Nisha, B. Joga Rao, Baldev Sahu, Deedar Bhai, Gopal Rao, Shailesh Panbude, Roopnath Sahu, Jagdish Vishwakarma, G. Ishwar Rao, Sonu Bhai, Sanjay S h a w k a r m a , Shashikant Shaw, Sanjay Vishwakarma, Vijay Kumar Gupta, Abdul Jabbar, Sunendra Kumar Telhan, Jawahar Lal, Rajesh Chaudhary Rajesh Kumar Sharma, Ayaz Khan, Nish Kaur, Lata, Sandeep Dwivedi, Jaynath Chauhan, Ramjit Rai , Marik Singh, Yas.Bhaskar Rao, Lakhnuram Bawankar, Ramji Patel, Bharatlal Thakur, Y.K Singh, Narendra Kosre, Farooq, Raju Pal were present.

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Bhilai, Aug 10: The Investiture Ceremony of Krishna Public School Durg for the academic session 2023-2024 was held with great pomp and dignity in a special ceremony at the school Ground. The event was presided over by the Director Mayank Sharma and Principal Iti Sharma.

It was conducted with the high degree of earnestness and passion. The newly elected Student-Council members took pledge to bestow their duties to the best of their abilities. The ceremony was held with lots of zeal and zest.



It commenced with the lighting of the lamp followed by Saraswati Vandana, which signifies removal of darkness from our lives. The elected Leaders were Head boy Pratham Pandey, Head girl Rashmi Dewangan, Vice head boy Rishi Raj

Nair, Vice head girl Kashish Chauhan, Junior Head boy Md Babar Khan and Junior Head girl Kavya Singh. The prefects and Vice Prefects of the four houses Narmada, B r a h m a p u t r a , Godavari and Jhelem, Sports Prefect, Discipline

prefects, vice prefects as well as Swachhata ambassadors were the posts given to the students. The students were conferred with badges and sashes. The students council took the pledge to uphold the pride and dignity of the School.

The Principal Iti Sharma congratulated them and said to uphold the values. She also appreciated and advised them to be role models and extended a supporting hand to the students council for the smooth running of the school. The Programme was anchored by Nisha Menon. The function concluded with the National Anthem.

RMGBS donates study kit to students

Budding artist Anupam Bhattacharya honoured

Free Medical camp organized at Village Dumardih



Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 10: On the occasion of International Day of The World's Indigenous Peoples, Rupali Mahtari Gudi Bahudeshiya Sansthan

(RMGBS) distributed free shoes, copy, pencil kit, wax color and chocolate to the poor students studying in Government Primary School Maroda Tank area. It also distributed sarees to the cleanliness person-

nel. Best wishes were given for the Tribal Day. The items were arranged by the main patron of RMGBS Anju Dewangan from Sydney Australia, Dharini Bhatia, Kokil Kakkar, Suman Saikin, Manjula Rao, Nidhi Raina, Pujakalia, Neelam Shukla, Surabhi Tripathi, Ashlesha Mehta, and Shah family. Special guests was HM Jaishree Verma, Jyoti Sahu and Hemant Rao, President of Palak Shikshak Samiti, Shanti Sahu, Shailija Nishad, RMGBS President Shanta Chhattisgarhiya, Treasurer Malti Yadav, and Vasu Yadav were present.

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Bhilai, Aug 10: Budding artist Anupam Bhattacharya was felicitated at the programme "Ek Sham Kishore Kumar Ke Naam" organised under the joint auspices of Kishore Kumar Fans Club, BSP Sports and Cultural Department and HD Foundation.

The program was held at Nehru House of Culture, Sector-1, in which eminent personalities and budding talents were honored. The organizers of this event were mainly Dr Rokhi Roy (Convener), Jaswinder Singh, Durga Singh Sengar (President), Jamir Faizi (Vice President), Mohd Sheikh Zakir



and Ranjit Singh (Secretary), who introduced the budding talents of Bhilai to the audience.

In this musical event, the chief guest was Vijay Baghel, MP, Durg while guests were Pawan Kumar, Executive Director, (P&A), Gauri Shankar Shriwas, Raipur Rakesh Pandey, social worker.

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Bhilai, Aug 10: SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant, conducts several public welfare activities as part of its organizational 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 Dumardih, on August 09, 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, vol-



unteered their services for the camp. Anjani Kumar Dwivedi, Jr Staff Asst, from the CSR department was also present during the Health Camp. A total of 50 villagers from village Dumardih, including 23 men, 14 women and 13 children, 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.

HYU: Supplementary examinations possibly in September

Founder of predictive homoeopathy Dr Prafulla Vijaykar remembered

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 10: The supplementary examination of Hemchand Yadav University, Durg will possibly be in the month of September 2023. The online portal will be opened once again by the University to apply for the supplementary examination. Before this, the university administration is trying to declare the results of all revaluation and recounting by the end of August.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Dr Aruna Palta gave instructions in this regard after holding a meeting of the officials. Dr Palta said that most of the students who are eligible for the supplementary examination have applied

online on the university portal.

If any student is left out and Chhattisgarh government issues any instructions related to supplementary examination, then according to that the online portal for supplementary examination of the university will be reopened for 05 days.

Dr Palta has urged all the students who are eligible for the supplementary examination to continue their studies so that they can get success. Students do not do their studies properly and mislead the entire society when they get bad exam results.

Dr Palta urged the students that if they work hard then there will be no need for unnecessary demonstrations at the

university. The university management always tries to protect the interests of the students, she added.

University officials informed the Vice-Chancellor in the meeting that a large number of applications have been received for revaluation and recounting this year as compared to previous years.

About 30 employees of the university are sorting the answer sheets of these applications every day and sending them to the examiners outside the University for Evaluation. The results of re-evaluation and re-calculation of various classes are being released by the university almost every day.

Also, 03 more results of

postgraduate semester examinations have been released. Including these, a total of 29 exam results have been declared. According to Dr Rajmani Patel, Deputy Registrar of Examinations, out of 456 candidates who appeared in M Sc IV Semester Chemistry, 401 candidates passed, whose result was 88 percent.

Out of 815 candidates who appeared in M Com second semester, 568 candidates passed and 229 candidates got the eligibility for ATKT. The Examination result was 70 percent. Out of 806 candidates appeared in M Com IV semester, 732 passed and 27 candidates got the eligibility for ATKT. The examination result was 91 percent.

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Bhilai, Aug 10: Nationally renowned and founder of predictive homoeopathy, Dr Prafulla Vijaykar's birthday was celebrated among the special children of Sneha Sampada School, Sector 8. At the outset, Principal Pushpa Shirke and Dr Lakshyaprad garlanded the portrait of Dr Prafulla Vijaykar followed by traditional lamp lighting ceremony.

Thereafter, a five pound cake was also cut and distributed to the special children. The main objective of the event was to provide free homeopathic treatment to children called special who are suffering from mental and physical diseases such as autism, cerebral palsy, down syndrome,



sickle cell disease etc. Experienced doctors of predictive homoeopathy of Bhilai Durg provided their services in the free medical camp.

The chief guest of the program was Pushpa Shirke, Principal of Sneha Sampada School. In her address, she said that serving

special children is a unique task in itself. It is a difficult service task to take special care of the behavior, daily routine, excreta, urine and food etc of these children.

Dr Lakshyaprad said that Predictive Homeopathy is an international homeopathy organization, it treats special children. Free

camps are organized in Bhilai every four months.

Mukesh Jain, Dr Lakshyaprad, Dr Subhash Rajpal, Dr Ranu, Dr Sarvashree Nandurkar, Dr Dilip Dewangan, Dr Leena Vhora, Anuradha, Dr Priya Pal and Khedudas Manikpuri were present to make the program successful.

Police Service plays crucial role in maintaining security and peace: CM

CM inaugurates modern composite indoor firing range 'Lakshya' at Mana

- Baghel lays stone of the Police Transit Hostel buildings in Raipur, Durg and Balrampur
- Inaugurates new range-level cyber police stations in Raipur, Bilaspur, Durg, Bastar and Surguja

Raipur, Aug 10:

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel today inaugurated the modern composite indoor firing range 'Lakshya' at the Police Training School located in Mana, Raipur. To further improve the policing service in the city, Chief Minister flagged off the new police vehicles and inaugurated various buildings including the cyber police station, and the women's help desk equipped with modern technology and police facilities on the occasion. The firing range 'Lakshya' has been built as per the international standard at a cost of Rs 6.67 cr, to provide better training to the Chhattisgarh Police. The program was presided over by Home Minister Tamrathwaj Sahu.

In his address to the programme, CM Bhupesh Baghel said that police service plays an important role in maintaining peace, law and order in the state. Hence, we are taking every necessary step to strengthen the police service in Chhattisgarh. In the same sequence, special emphasis is being given on providing a better environment, better facilities and better resources to the police department.



Baghel said that he is happy to inaugurate the modern composite indoor firing range 'Lakshya' today. It is an important step of the State Government towards modernization of the police force. This ultra modern firing range will help enhance the strength and skills of the police force, enabling them to discharge their duties in a better way. He said that police force has done excellent work towards maintaining the peace and security of the state. Chhattisgarh has a better state of law and order as compared to the other states of the country. This has been an important achievement of the policing service in Chhattisgarh. Addressing

on the occasion, Home Minister Sahu said that consistent steps are being taken by the government towards ensuring development and establishing security in the state. Furthermore, state-of-the-art facilities are being provided to strengthen the police services in the state. Director General of Police Ashok Juneja and Additional Director General of Police Pradeep Gupta informed about the innovative initiatives being taken in the field of policing service in Chhattisgarh. CM Baghel also inaugurated range-level new cyber police stations in Raipur, Bilaspur, Durg, Bastar and Surguja on this occasion. Cyber police stations have been started to curb the increasing number of cyber crimes nowadays. Mr. Baghel also inaugurated

the new improved police station buildings at Bade Dongar in Kondagaon district, in Farasgaon and Sonpur of Narayanpur district, in Balrampur Chalgali and Ramchandrapur areas of Balrampur district, Saraipali, Duhlu and Komakhan area of Mahasamund district, in Katakalyan area of Dantewada district, Chilfi and Singhanpuri in Kabirdham district and Patankhas in Rajnandgaon district.

At the programme, Chief Minister Baghel laid the foundation of residences for 16 non-gazetted, 32 head constables and constables of 16th Battalion, Chasbal Narayanpur, and police transit hostel buildings in districts Balrampur, Raipur and Durg. He also handed over the keys of 67 new two wheelers (scooties) for women help desks and 155 new Bolero vehicles for district police units to the police department.

On this occasion, Parliamentary Secretary Vikas Upadhyay, MLA Satyanarayan Sharma, Principal Secretary Home Manoj Pingua, Secretary Home Arun Dev Gautam, Additional Director General of Police Pawan Dev, Himanshu Gupta, SRP Kalluri, Vivekananda Sinha, IG Anand Chhabra, Ajay Yadav, O.P. Pal, Ratanlal Dangi, R.P. Sai, Dr. Sanjeev Shukla and other police officers and employees were present.

Term of Dr. Preamsagar Mishra extended till 2023



Korba, Aug 10: SECL CMD Dr Prem Sagar Mishra has been given extension in his tenure. The

Committee of the Cabinet has issued an approval order in this regard. He will now hold the post of CMD SECL till his superannuation on 31st January 2025. Under the leadership of Dr. Mishra, SECL had recorded the highest increase in coal production in a single year in the last financial year, while in the current financial year, SECL has touched the figure of 50 MT dispatch and production at the fastest pace ever. Mishra has also been the CMD of Eastern Coalfields (ECL).

ACROBATICS



The experts team of police is practicing acrobatics on poles for the Independence Day parade celebrations to be held at Police Parade Ground.

More the ruling party will try to suppress Rahul, much stronger he will emerge: CM

Raipur, Aug 10:



● BJP always favours politics of hatred

Replying to the statement made by the Union Home Minister Amit Shah, CM Bhupesh Baghel said that Amit Shah could not launch his own son till date. The number of times the ruling party will try to stop and suppress Rahul Gandhi, he would emerge stronger and surge ahead faster. He does not need to be launched. Gandhi-Nehru families have made sacrifices for the country. What was the past of the Union HM Amit Shah is known to all, he added.

At the same time supporting the Rahul Gandhi's statement CM Baghel charged that the ruling party has sprinkled kerosene all over the country and now only a matchstick is required to set it

Resignation came with lot of delay: CM

Raipur: CM Bhupesh Baghel commenting upon the resignation by the tribal leader Arvind Netam said that his resignation has come with lot of delay. He was involved in anti-party activities and had changed parties many times. Even during Bharatpur by-poll, he has fielded a candidate. Baghel charged that Netam is working according to BJP and he is having meetings with BJP regularly. If at all we would have suspended him, then he would have joined some other party, CM added.

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Baghel should take cognizance towards provocative statements: BJP



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Raipur, Aug 10: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Spokesperson Kedar Gupta on Thursday said that the Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel should take cognizance towards the attempt to create political violence by the Congress leader Sarju Tekam who had opened threatened in presence of Mohala-Manpur Congress MLA to attack the BJP workers if they enter the region to campaign in favour of the party ahead of the upcoming polls. Talking to section of media persons at party office,

the BJP Spokesperson said that it is an attempt to provoke people against the BJP to gain political mileage and hence the administration should take prompt action on the above incidents.

Gupta further expressed his apprehension over the reports of target killing aimed to threaten the BJP workers.

He further stated that Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyabnka Gandhi should also take note to the several crimes against the Women in Chhattisgarh also instead of just raking of issues in anti-Congress states.

Jagmit and Dharmil enter into AITA Tennis final



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Raipur, Aug 10: Jagmit Singh defeated Maan Kesharwani with the score of 6-1, 1-6 and 6-4 to enter into the final of the AITA Tennis tournament being organized under the aegis of Chhattisgarh State Tennis Association (CSTA) here on Thursday. Similarly, Dharmil Shah overpowered Sandesh Kurale in the second semi-final match with the score of 4-6, 6-1, 6-1 to enter into the final match of the championship to be held

on Friday. Providing the above information, the Tournament Co-ordinator Rupendra Singh Chouhan said that the pair of Sourya Manik from Chhattisgarh and Aditya Sathpati defeated Maan Kesharwani from Haryana and his partner Abhishek Gaur with the score of 6-4, 6-4 to enter into the final in doubles event. Similarly, the pair of Sadesh Kurale and Anup Bangargi defeated the pair of Eklavya Singh and Akash Katewa to enter into the final.

Sector wise placement camp in Raipur from Aug 17-23

Raipur, Aug 10: Sector-wise placement camp is being organized by the District Administration Raipur from August 17th to August 23rd, 2023 in Raipur district. A placement camp is being organized for hotel and restaurant sector on August 17 at Industrial Training Institute, Saddu, Raipur. Similarly, on August 18 at Polytechnic College Byron Bazar, Raipur for Hospital and Medical Laboratory Sector, on August 19 at Advani Arlikon School Birgaon, Raipur for Industrial, Production and Technical Sector, on August 22 for Financial, Security Institutions and Non-Technical field sector; a loan fair has been organized at Livelihood College, Jora, Raipur and on August 23, for self-employment opportunities, at Livelywood College, Jora, Raipur.

More than 20 percent students passed in 10th-12th supple exam

Of Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education

Raipur, Aug 10:

The Board of Secondary Education has released the results of the 10th and 12th supplementary examinations. In the 10th supplementary examination, 20.27 percent and 25.24 percent students in the 12th have passed the supplementary examination. 31,563 students had applied for the 10th supplementary examination, in which 30,664 students appeared.

16,228 boys and 14,436 girls appeared in the 10th supplementary examination. Of the students who appeared in the exam, 30,649 passed. 453 students managed to pass in first, 4,958 second and 802 students in third division.

Apart from this, the examination results of 16 students have been withheld. In which seven students have been caught cheating. And the results of nine candidates will



be declared later. As many as 29,230 students had applied for the Class XII supplementary examination, out of which 28,209 students appeared in the examination.

Out of the candidates appeared in the examination, 330 have passed in the first, 5,519 second and 1,257 students in the third class. The results of 24 candidates have been withheld. To see the results of the supplementary examination, the candidates can visit the website of Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education https://www.cbse.nic.in. The names of more than half a

dozen students have been included in the top-10 merit list of the 10th-12th board examinations. Permanent merit list will be released soon by Board. After the results of the board exams, the students had applied for the re-evaluation-re-evaluation. After re-calculation and re-evaluation, the number of students passed has increased by about one thousand.

Due to increase in numbers, many students passed who were failed. Many have got the eligibility of supplementary. There are some students who are likely to appear in the merit list due to the increase in their marks.

The results of Class X-XII board examinations were released by Board in May. The provisional merit list was issued by the board, in which there were 48 students in class X and 30 in class XII secured placed in merit list.

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District Panchayat CEO asks youth to exercise their franchise

- Discusses about their participation in democracy
- Guides them to make Voter ID

Raipur, Aug 10: A large number of youth who gathered at Shaheed Smarak Bhavan here under the SVEEP programme on the occasion of World Tribal Day, were motivated for their active participation in democracy. District Panchayat Chief Executive Officer and District Nodal Officer Abinash Mishra discussed with the youth about their participation in democracy under 'Voter Helpline and Know Your Rights' awareness campaign at the programme held under the guidance of Collector and District



Returning Officer Dr Sarveshwar Narendra Bhure. During the discussion, most of the youth told that their voter ID cards were yet to be made. Mishra explained them how to fill up Form-6 after downloading Voter Helpline App from Google Play Store in their smart phones to get voter cards. Youth can also get their right to vote in the upcoming assembly and lok sabha elections, he explained. Youth can contribute to the election of the candidate of their choice by voting in all the elections, he said.

Mishra told that youth will receive their Voter ID cards through post at their homes only. According to him Voter ID card can also be used in travelling to countries like Nepal and Bhutan without passport. The youth listened to him very carefully and raised their questions before Mishra. Dr Chhuni Lal Sharma, a member of the

Students pledge to vote in polls



Raipur, Aug 10: Efforts are being made to increase the percentage of voting by running a voter awareness programme in the district for new voters on August 8 at Rajiv Pandey College. The programme was organized under the guidance of Collector and District Returning Officer Dr Sarveshwar Narendra Bhure and leadership of Chief Executive Officer and District Nodal Officer Abinash Mishra. Giving information about the importance of voting, Additional CEO HK Joshi said girl students completing 18 years of age on October 1, 2023 were motivated to fill up Form-6 through ECI portal and Voter Helpline App. As many as 106 girl students of the college were informed about registration process. All the students took a pledge that they will definitely vote.

SVEEP Corps team motivated the youth for 100 per-

cent voting and informed about the Saksham app.

CM expresses profound grief over Jagdalpur road accident

Raipur, Aug 10: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has expressed deep grief over the road accident that took place on Geedam Road of Bastar district headquarters. Chief Minister has extended his condolences to the bereaved family members and has prayed for the speedy recovery of the injured. He announced financial assistance of Rs 4 lakhs to the family members of the deceased and Rs 25,000 each to the families of the injured. Furthermore, he has directed district administration officials to ensure better treatment for the injured. In the road accident, Budhram, 23 years old, tragically lost his life, while 20 individuals sustained injuries. The injured are presently receiving treatment at Dimrapal Medical College in Jagdalpur.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

Ch'garh players won two medals at IMMAF World Youth MMA Championship

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Raipur, Aug 10: Team MMA India, won three prestigious medals in the Youth World Championship 2023, out of which athletes from Chhattisgarh state won 2 medals. One Silver medal in the girls category Youth B 40 kg weight category by Yezin Shreya Suna- Chhattisgarh and one Bronze medal in the girls category Youth B 44 kg weight category by Tanupriya Dutta of Chhattisgarh. Tarshit Yallamanchili and Mahi Dongre from Chhattisgarh state also participated in the Indian team. All four players went under hard training sessions before the event at Warriors Academy, under the guidance of Team India Coach Nitin Singh who is also International



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Raipur, Aug 10: National Institute of Technology (NIT) Raipur's Department of Biomedical Engineering organized a valedictory session successfully concluding the Science & Engineering Research Board (SERB) Sponsored High-End workshop entitled "Advanced Hands-On Training on Biomedical Signal Acquisition and Analysis", under the Karyashala Scheme, in

physical mode. Dr. P Diwan addressed the gathering and briefed the participants about the significance of hands-on exposure and practice to the attendees. Participants present were given the dais for sharing their experience and providing feedback to the institute. They stated how they were able to grasp immense knowledge from passionate & knowledgeable speakers, how the department gave one-to-one attention to the participants catering to

their needs and how the institute left no stones unturned for their hospitality. This was followed by Dr. Bikesh K. Singh announcing the five best performers in the quiz which was conducted every day after the lectures & lab sessions. The winners were rewarded with gifts for portraying academic excellence and exuberance. Certificates were distributed among the participants by The Dignitaries for successfully completing the workshop.

Meeting held at Raj Bhavan regarding preparation of welcome ceremony

Raipur, Aug 10: On Independence Day, a "Welcome Ceremony" will be organized at Raj Bhavan from 5:30 pm in the presence of Governor B i s w a b h u s h a n Harichandan. This will honour soldiers' relatives, freedom fighters, citizens awarded with Padma Shri/ Padma Bhushan, public representatives, women, administrative officers, and youth who have enhanced the pride of the state. The Secretary to the Governor, Amrit Kumar Xalxo, chaired this meeting at Raj Bhavan. The officials discussed topics including cleaning, electricity arrangements, invitation letters, guest arrangements, and security procedures for the ceremony. Necessary instructions



were given to the concerned officials. Deputy Secretary to Governor Deepak Agarwal, Commissioner of Municipal Corporation Raipur, Mr. Mayank

Chaturvedi, officials of Raj Bhavan, Public Works Department, Municipal Corporation, C.S.E.B. and officers of other related departments were present in the meeting.

ACC and Ambuja Cement win 18 awards in various categories

- Under 38th Annual Mines Safety Fortnight Celebration - 2022

Jamul / Baloda Bazaar, Aug 10: Under the vigilant supervision of the Director General of Mines Safety, ACC and Ambuja Cement have won 18 awards in various categories at the 38th Annual Mines Safety Fortnight Celebration 2022 in the Bilaspur and Raigarh regions. These awards, presented by the Directorate of Mines Safety, encompass safety management plans, use of explosives, mine plans and statutory records, general work and housekeeping, as well as promotion, propaganda, and safety awareness. Additionally, recognition was bestowed upon Ms. Shephali Chandrakar, the first female mining engineer in the Bilaspur and Raigarh region, working at ACC Limited's Jamul Mines. On this occasion,

the esteemed Director General of Central Mines Safety, Shri Prabhat Kumar, praised Ms. Shephali for her remarkable contribution to setting a noteworthy example for women in the mining industry and encouraged her to continue with the same determination in the future. The concluding ceremony of the annual mines safety fortnight, organized by Nu Vista Limited in Raipur, was graced by the presence of the Chief Guest, Prabhat Kumar, Director General of Central Mines Safety located in Dhanbad. Also present were Vir Pratap, Director of Mines Safety in the Raigarh region, A.K. Singh, Director of Mines Safety for Bilaspur Region-1, Mukesh Kumar Sinha, Director of Mines Safety for Bilaspur Region-2, Deputy Director of Mines Safety (DDMS) Shri Arun Kumar, Deputy Director of Mechanical Safety B.



Bhadru from the Nagpur Regional Office of Directorate General Mines Safety, P.K. Jain, Rupesh Kumar Shrivastav, Vinay Patil, Electrical Director Putta Raju, T. Srinivas, and Deputy Electrical Director S.K. Upadhyay from Adani Cement, Chief Manufacturing Officer A.V. N.V.S. Murthy, and Mines Head Raju Joshi from Ambuja Cement, along with representatives from various mining companies. The awards ceremony recognized exemplary efforts in the mining sector within the region, highlighting a steadfast commitment to

safety and excellence. Particularly noteworthy were the achievements of ACC Limited's Jamul Cement Works, which secured multiple awards in various categories. Jamul Mines received the first prize in safety management plans, training, and safety performance in the A2 category, as well as the second prize in mine plans and statutory records, stall exhibition safety and training, general work, and housekeeping, and the third prize in general work, first aid, and overall work. Pathariya Mines won the first prize in

the use of explosives, the second prize in safety and training, and the third prize in safety management plans, all in the A2 category. Nandini Khundani Mines secured the third prize in mine plans and statutory records in the A2 category. SMPL Mines earned the second prize in general work and housekeeping in the D1 category, as well as the third prize in publicity, propaganda, and safety awareness. Similarly, Ambuja Cement Limited's Bhatpara Cement Works excelled in the awards, with Rawan Limestone Mines securing the first prize in general work and the third prize in mine plans and statutory records, as well as safety management plans in the A1 category. Maldi Mopar Mine achieved the first prize in electrical installation and mine illumination, and the second prize

in the use of explosives in the A2 category. ACC Jamul Plant Head, Suresh Dubey, expressed, "Winning esteemed awards from distinguished figures in the field of mine safety is a proud moment for the Adani ACC Jamul team. This achievement will not only inspire the Jamul Mines team but also serve as new motivation for the entire Jamul team to give their best. I extend my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the entire DGMS team for selecting our team for these awards." Ambuja Cement's Plant Head, Mahaveer Singh Bolia, congratulated Ambuja Mines on their award wins and commended their dedication to continuously work towards maintaining a zero harm and high safety standard. He also expressed his gratitude and special thanks to Mukesh Sinha, Director of Mines Safety Bilaspur.

Tricolor will be hoisted in every house

- The national flag is being sold in all post offices of India Post
- Target to sell 5 lakh national flags in the post offices of Ch'garh Postal Circle

Raipur, Aug 10: Remembering the contribution of those who worked tirelessly for nation-building, the state government is celebrating the Amrit Mahotsav of Independence, in accordance with which the campaign of Har Ghar Tiranga will be implemented. Director of Postal Services Chhattisgarh, Dinesh Kumar Mistry, has issued a circular to all secretaries saying that during the period from August 13 to 15, all the offices and houses are encouraged to

hoist the Tricolor, under the Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan being executed by the Central Government. On this occasion, the national flag, with dimensions of 20 inches by 30 inches and costing Rs. 25 per flag, is being sold in all the post offices located in C h h a t t i s g a r h . Chhattisgarh Postal Circle has set a target of selling 5 lakh national flags through various post offices. Mr. Mistry has urged the officers and employees of all offices, as well as common citizens, to buy flags from post offices and hoist the flag at their homes, to ensure the success of the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign. One can inform the Post Office immediately in case they need a large number of flags, so that they can be supplied as per demand.

'BJP using 'communal, divisive' agenda to come to power in Ch'garh'

Raipur, Aug 10: Congress president Deepak Baij has accused the Bharatiya Janata Party of playing "communal and divisive" politics in a bid to come

to power in the state after the assembly polls due later this year. The ruling Congress in the state has been keeping a close watch on all regional parties and small groups, seeking to contest the assembly polls in their areas of influence, particularly in tribal-dominated pockets, Baij told PTL. The agenda is to divide people on the lines of caste and religion and make people fight with one another," alleged Baij, who took over as the state Congress

chief last month. He referred to some alleged incidents of clashes over burial of the deceased belonging to tribal families that have converted to Christianity in Bastar region. "Ask those facing problems in burying their deceased family member when they have converted. They had accepted (Christianity) 10-15 years ago during the previous BJP rule in the state," the Congress leader claimed. "If any matter is related to a village, then villagers can resolve it on their own. Why are BJP people going to those places and spreading hatred? The BJP has been trying to destabilise peace in Bastar and Chhattisgarh in a bid to come to power. However, they will never succeed as the people of

Bastar and Chhattisgarh have identified their real face," he further claimed. Baij also slammed the BJP-led Centre over the Enforcement Directorate's action into the alleged coal and liquor scams in the state. "The allegations levelled by the ED are baseless and the agency has just become a tool of the BJP. It is acting at the behest of the BJP in non-BJP ruled states," he alleged. But, such action will not have any impact (on the poll outcome) in Chhattisgarh, he added. Asked if he sees the forthcoming state polls as a challenge, Baij said, "Every election is a challenge whether it is of assembly or panchayat. Our government has worked for the welfare of every section

in the last four-and-a-half years. The party's organisation has been working right from booth level to state level. We don't have any problem." On whether some sitting MLAs will be denied ticket, he said there is still time (left for polls) and equations may change in a day or night. "Many MLAs are doing well...those who are coming to us, we are telling them to go and remain active on the ground. So, it is too early for me to say anything more on this as CM sahab has been working since the last four-and-a-half years, he has been in touch with each legislator and taking note of everything separately," he said. To a query on the Sarva Adivasi Samaj's (SAS) plans to

contest polls in tribal-dominated areas, he said, "If some people want to do politics, then what can we do?" Bastar had always been a bastion of the Congress, except in one or two elections when the people of Bastar were "misled by BJP's lies and deceit," Baij claimed. SAS, an umbrella body of tribal groups in the state, has decided to contest polls in about 50 seats, including 29 reserved for Scheduled Tribe candidates. Baij expressed confidence that the Congress will win all 12 seats in Bastar region. He said the Congress has been closely monitoring the situation and if there are some shortcomings, they will be addressed. "We do not have

any problem in Bastar or elsewhere in the state. As far as the AAP is concerned, it is limited to Delhi and Punjab and it does not have any prospects in Chhattisgarh. However, we have been keeping a close watch on all small parties," he said. In the 2018 assembly polls, the Congress returned to power in Chhattisgarh after a long gap by won 68 of the total 90 seats. The BJP had finished a distant second by winning 15 seats, while the Janata Congress Chhattisgarh (J) bagged five seats and its ally Bahujan Samaj Party got two seats. The Congress currently has 71 members in the state assembly.

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SMM helps the needy under self-reliance scheme



● People of Manikpur got employment, paper distributors were also encouraged by distributing T-shirts and rain-coats

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Korba, Aug 10: Shradha Mahila Mandal (SMM) dedicated service and harmony for the benefit and welfare, a programme was organized at the Officers Club of SECL Manikpur to

help the needy under the Swavalamban Yojana.

The chief guest of the program Poonam Mishra and special guests Ritanjali Pal, Raji Srinivasan, Sangeeta Kapri, Sharda Acharya were welcomed by Mamta Tiwari, President of Srishti Mahila Samiti Korba.

In the program, such needy people whose livelihood had stopped during the Corona period were provided with weighing machines, luggage and

cloth bags etc. to start new employment or families whose economic condition is not good. In which they can start their new employment.

uruchi Naurang, U Krishna Rao, Rajkumar Gupta, Satyendra Sahu and Bhaskar Masih got the opportunity to start employment today with the help of Shradha Mahila Mandal, on the other hand, to facilitate the work of 20 hawkers who distribute daily newspapers, they were given Raincoat and T-shirt.

Because these hawkers keep on doing their work with great effort and without any leave, be it cold weather or rainy season.

On this occasion Vinod Sinha, Vipendra Kumar Sahu, Jai Netam, Firth Yadav, Rama Singh, Ravinder, Anil Giri, Satish Verma, Raisingh, Rakesh Dewangan, Resham Lal Sahu, Deepak Sahu, Naresh Kumar, Vijay, Sitaram, Govindra, Krishna Nirmalkar, Wilson Lal, Harsh Netam, Golu Dewangan were present.

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Saja, Aug 10: The Saja-Bemetara road has transformed into a treacherous ordeal for commuters due to the emergence of numerous potholes. The deplorable road conditions have led to frustration and inconvenience among travelers. Recent bouts of rain have exacerbated the issue, as these potholes turn into perilous water traps, escalating the risk of accidents.

Despite the evident distress caused by the road's deterioration, authorities appear to be providing only cosmetic remedies under the guise of maintenance. The recent rains have laid bare the road's fragility in the Saja region, resulting in significant degradation and financial repercussions.

Moreover, efforts by the Public Works Department to rectify the situation through asphalt patching are proving inadequate,

Rural residents demand action



particularly on substandard roads. A disconcerting pattern emerges across various

roads constructed by the Public Works Department throughout the region. Roads that initially showed promise have quickly transformed into paths marred by craters, a deterioration occurring within mere months of construction.

Persistent complaints about compromised construction quality have been met with apathy from authorities, leaving residents' concerns unaddressed. The department's temporary

fixes merely mask the fundamental issues with roadwork. The predicament extends beyond the Saja-Bemetara road alone. Even the road linking Saja to Thana Khamaria suffers from similar woes. Despite recent attention during a visit by the Chief Minister, underlying problems persist.

Inadequacies and inconsistencies in executing road construction projects call for swift and decisive actions against those responsible.

'Mor Mati, Mor Desh' campaign to grace 153 Amrit Sarovars with saplings

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Korea, Aug 10: A significant environmental endeavor is poised to grace 153 Amrit Sarovars in the Korea and MCB districts as the 'Mor Mati, Mor

Desh' (My Soil, My Country) campaign gains momentum. Revered for their sanctity and tranquility, these Sarovars will soon witness the addition of 75 indigenous saplings each along their shores. Running from August 9 to August 15, this effort seeks to enhance the local ecosystem and amplify the natural beauty of these water bodies.

Dr. Ashutosh Chaturvedi, Chief Executive Officer of the District Panchayat, shared insights into the upcoming planting initiative. Under the guidance of Collectors from Korea and MCB, every Janpad Panchayat has undertaken the responsibility of adorning Amrit Sarovars with native flora. This endeavor, encapsulated within the 'My Soil, My Country' campaign, envisions a harmonious blend of nature's gifts and human care. With governmental approvals in place, the plantation drive will be executed through the cooperation of cluster-level organizations affiliated with the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) under the Rural Livelihood Mission.

Drilling down into specifics, the District Panchayat's CEO highlighted the creation of 25 Amrit Sarovars within Baikuthpur Janpad Panchayat. The Unnati Mahila cluster-level organization in Badgaon has been

designated as the implementing agency, supported by a budget of Rs 33 lakh and an additional grant of Rs 2.5 lakh from the 15th Finance Commission. Similarly, Sonhat Janpad Panchayat boasts 32 flourishing Amrit Sarovars. A budget of Rs 42 lakh through the MGNREGA scheme, along with Rs 3.2 lakh from

the 15th Finance Commission, has been allocated to nurture these saplings. The Sagar Women's School-Level Organization is nurturing the Bhainswar locale, while the Khadga Janpad Panchayat in the MCB district is fostering 32 Amrit Sarovars. Financial provisions of Rs 42 lakh from MGNREGA, supple-

mented by Rs 3.2 lakh from the 15th Finance Commission, support these efforts. The Nava Bihan Organization is responsible for nurturing 33 Amrit Sarovars in Manendragarh Janpad Panchayat. This endeavor is backed by a budget of Rs 43 lakh from MGNREGA and Rs 3.3 lakh from the 15th Finance Commission.

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR LOST DOCUMENT

(Regarding Land vide Mauja- Bhagatganj P.H. No. 1054/7, Revenue circle & Dist. Raipur Part of joint Khata No. 253/4 & 251/2 'ASK' Residency Plot No. 76 Area 1980 Sq. ft.) It is a general notice for all, that my client Mr. Ashish Maheshwar Singh Shri Badrinagar Maheshwar, Add: N.M. 37/77 C/o Anand Card Full Chowk G.E. Road Raipur Tah. & Dist. Raipur (C.G.) has possession and ownership property vide Mauja- Bhagatganj P.H. No. 1054/7, Revenue circle & Dist. Raipur Part of joint Khata No. 253/4 & 251/2 'ASK' Residency Plot No. 76 Area 1980 Sq. ft. which has been purchased and taken possession from seller Mr. Lokendra Pawar s/o s/nr Krishna Kumar Pawar PIA Holder s/nr Anurag Nathani s/o s/nr Krishna Kumar Nathani, by means of self deed duly registered dated 23-2-2015 bearing document No. 6540 ledger no. 66266 Page No. 94 to 104 book No. A-1. As present the above said property of my client was sold out to s/nr. Vandana Verma s/o s/nr Yugal Kishore, Add: C/O Dr. P.R. Verma, Village- Vishva Colony, Sunder Nagar Raigapur, Raipur, Tah. & Dist. Raipur (C.G.) by means of self deed duly registered dated on 26-3-2023, the purchaser s/nr. Vandana Verma applied for loan and mortgage the aforesaid property before Bank. My client was lost the document (self deed) dated 23-2-2015 bearing document No. 6540 ledger no. 66266 Page No. 94 to 104 book No. A-1. Hence, the first information report of this lost document of my business partner Anand Card Full Chowk G.E. Road Raipur on dated 22-1-2023. In this incident my client has lost the document with other documents. Hence, the first information report of this lost document has been Registered at Police Station Moudahar para Raipur C.G. on dated 27-7-2023 and it is necessary for public notice. Hence regarding above mentioned proceedings if any claim, complaint or objection to any person, firm, institution, bank, financial institution, Government and semi Government bodies etc. so claim their written objection within 7 days after publication of this public notice before me with documents, after time barred the objection has been null and void, so it is not liable and bound in my client. Hence notified Date: 10.8.2023

Parimal Dongaonkar Advocate Office - H.M.T. Chowk, Raipur (C.G.) No. No. - 942552511

NAME CHANGE

I, JOHNNY K CHANDY s/o Mr. Puramaddil Ouseph Chandhy, residing at St. Xavier's Sr. Sec. School, Shanti Nagar, St. - 9, Bhalai, Dist- Durg (C.G.) do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under: 1. Live at the address mentioned above. 2. That my name CHANDY JOHN KARIM KUNNAM is registered in my passport (NO.-J3417055). 3. That my name JOHNNY K CHANDY is registered in my Adhar Card (NO.-282351293581). 4. I hereby declare that the name JOHNNY K CHANDY and CHANDY JOHN KARIM KUNNAM the names of one and same person i.e. myself. 5. By publishing this in all the newspapers, I want to register the name JOHNNY K CHANDY in public, government and private records and also in my passport (No.-J3417055) which is due for renewal so that people know and recognize me by this name. VERIFICATION I, JOHNNY K CHANDY, the above named deponent do hereby verify that statements made in paragraphs 1 to 5 of the above affidavit are all true and correct to my knowledge and belief. No part of it is false and nothing material has been concealed therefrom. DEPONENT

NAME CHANGE

I Jailli Khan father Haji Abdul Rehman Khan resident Charoda ward no. 13, house no. 350, I am a Muslim resident of Para Charoda (Dharsiwa), Tehsil Dharsiwa and District Raipur (Chhattisgarh). My name and address as given above is true and correct. In my passport my name is Jailli Khan father Haji Abdul Rehman Khan instead of Jailli Rehman Khan Father Haji Abdul Rehman Khan resident of Charoda ward no. 13, house no. 350, Muslim Para Charoda (Dharsiwa), Tehsil Dharsiwa and District Raipur (Chhattisgarh) is marked. I currently have my other documents like My name Jailli Khan father Abdul Rehman Khan is registered in Aadhar card, passbook, voter ID, and documents related to land and ration card. I am executing this affidavit that I know and recognize the name recorded in the passport as Jailli Rehman Khan, Jailli Khan father Abdul Rehman Khan. Therefore, I should be known and recognized by the name of Jailli Khan father Abdul Rehman Khan. swearer

SBI State Bank of India Stressed Assets Recovery Branch (SARB) Block B-1, Pujari Chamber, Pachpedi Naka, Raipur (C.G.) Ph: 0771-4919730

POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property) [See rule 8 (1)]

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the STATE BANK OF INDIA under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice date as below mentioned date calling upon the Borrower/ Guarantor to repay the amount mentioned in the notice and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of the receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/ guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 said rules on this date mentioned below. The borrower/ guarantor 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 the STATE BANK OF INDIA, for an amount mentioned below and further interest, costs etc. 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.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower	(1) Demand Notice Dt. (2) Possession Notice Dt.	Dues Amount	Description of the Immovable Property
1.	M/s Sheela Warehouse (Prop. - Smt. Sheela Patel W/o Shri Gungasagar Patel)	(1) 22.07.2021 (2) 09.08.2023	Rs. 71,21,141.00 as on 22.07.2021 & further, Intt. from 23.07.2021, costs etc. (minus subsequent credit, if any)	Property owned by Smt. Sheela Patel W/o Shri Gungasagar Patel. All that part and parcel of property consisting of land and building shed situated at Part of Khata No. 363/02 after mutation changed survey No. 363/3, Village- Rajadara, PC No. 02, Tehsil-Pithora, District-Mahasamund (C.G.) area admeasuring 17024 sq. ft., in the name of Smt Sheela Patel W/o Shri Gungasagar Patel. Bounded:- On the North by - Naha/Kachi Road, on the South by - Road, on the East by - Sauri Warehouse, on the West by - Land of Bhanumati.

Date: 09.08.2023, Place : Raipur Authorized Officer, State Bank of India, SARB, Raipur

वैंक ऑफ इंडिया Bank of India Rajnandgaon Branch - Fawwara Chowk, Digvijay College Road, Rajnandgaon C.G., Tel No. 07744-406585, 224143, 222168

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Properties)

Whereas, The undersigned being the authorized officer of the Bank of India, Rajnandgaon 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 Guarantor/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 Guarantor 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 Act read with rule 8 of the said rules as mentioned below. The Guarantor 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, Rajnandgaon Branch for an amount detail given as below.

Branch Name	Description of the Properties	Date	Amount Due
Rajnandgaon Branch: Borrower :- Mr. Satyam Wire Industries (Proprietor :- Mrs. Premsheela Yadav)	● Hypothecation of entire current assets of the firm including stock, Book Debts & Hypothecation of Plant & Machinery. ● EOM of leased Land & Building Situated at Part of Kh.No. 219/3, P.H.No. 3/7/4, Area 10 Dismil, Village Tumdiob, Tehsil Dongargaon Distt. Rajnandgaon in the name of Rajmani Yadav leased out to M/s. Satyam Wire Industries Prop :- Mrs. Premsheela Yadav W/o. Mr. Rajmani Yadav. Boundaries :- North : Land of Rajmani Yadav, South : Remaining Land of Kh. 219/3 in the name of Rajmani Yadav. East : Constructed Shed on the L and of Premshela Yadav, West : Dongargaon Road.	Date 21.03.2022 Possession Notice Date 08.08.2023	₹ 1,15,09,380.10/- (One Crore Fifteen Lacs Nine Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Rupees & Ten Paise Only) + interest + other expenses
Rajnandgaon Branch: Borrower :- M/s. Shivam Enterprises (Proprietor :- Mrs. Premsheela Yadav)	● Hypothecation of entire current assets of the firm including stock, Book Debts & Hypothecation of Plant & Machinery. ● EOM of Factory Land, Shed and Building Situated at Kh. No. 219/8, Village: Tumdiob, Tehsil : Dongargaon, Dist:- Rajnandgaon Admeasuring 0.15 Undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the Act read with rule 8 of the said rules as mentioned below. The Guarantor 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, Rajnandgaon Branch for an amount detail given as below.	Date 21.03.2022 Possession Notice Date 08.08.2023	₹ 1,83,49,776.31/- (One Crore Eighty Three Lacs Eighty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Six Rupees & Thirty Nine Paise Only) + interest + other expenses
Rajnandgaon Branch: Borrower :- M/s. Sundram Wire Industries (Proprietor :- Mr. Rajmani Yadav)	● Hypothecation of entire current assets of the firm including stock, Book Debts & Hypothecation of Plant & Machinery. ● EOM of Diverted Land Situated at Kh. No. 219/1 (Part of), P.H.No. 7, Area 14 Dismil (6098.40 Sq.ft.) Village - Tumdiob, Rajnandgaon in the name of Proprietor Mr. Rajmani Yadav S/o. Khushiya Yadav. Boundaries:- North: Land of Rajmani Yadav, South : Land of Ashok, East : Land of Giridhari, West : Land of Giridhari.	Date 21.03.2022 Possession Notice Date 08.08.2023	₹ 1,27,20,998.95/- (One Crore Twenty Seven Lacs Twenty Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Eight Rupees & Ninety Five Paise Only) + interest + other expenses

Date: 11.08.2023, Place : Rajnandgaon Authorized Officer, Bank of India

PUBLIC NOTICE

(In Relation of Immovable Property Residential House bearing Khata No. 326/9, Area 2,000 Sq. Ft. Situated at Mouja Telibandri, Maharshi Velmikhi Ward, Ward No. 64, P.H. No. 113, R.I.C. Raipur-2, Tahsil & District Raipur (C.G.) This is inform to General Public that the Original sale deed duly executed by Shri Dev Kumar Verma S/o Shri Shiv Singh Verma in favour of Smt. Namita Marwah W/o Shri Sumesh Marwah duly registered in Volume No. 49663, Document Sl. No. 4968, dated 03.12.2010 in the Office of Sub-Registrar, Raipur (C.G.) of Khata No. 326/9, Area 2,000 Sq. Ft. has been lost/Misplaced by Present Shri Anurag Mittal S/o Shri Sanjay Mittal Written intimation duly given in the Police Station, Khamhandri Thana, Raipur (C.G.) for Lost of above Sale deed by present Owner. Now, Shri Anurag Mittal has applied for Loan from My Client Axis Bank Ltd. if any Person/ Bank/ Corporation/ Society/ Institution/Govt. or No. Govt. Authority etc., having an interest in the said Property or any part thereof may make their claim/objections with documentary proof to the undersigned officer within 07 days from the date of Publication, without any reference to such claim and the same, if any shall be considered as waived & My client shall be enable to create mortgage on said property. Please take Notice Date - 10/08/2023 Place - Raipur Ashutosh Mishra (Advocate) F-3, Modern Complex, Near Lalgarha City Mart, Motibagh Chowk, Raipur (C.G.) Mobile No. -94255-48998 Phone - (0771) 286998 (0)

ADITYA BIRLA CAPITAL ADITYA BIRLA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

Registered Office- Indian Rayon Compound, Veraval, Gujarat - 362266 Branch Office- G Corporation Tech Park, Kasarvadavali, Ghodbunder Road, Thane -400607 (MH)

DEMAND NOTICE (Under Rule 3 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF NOTICE U/s 13 (2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the borrowers as mentioned below that since they have defaulted in repayment of the Credit facility availed by them from Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited (ABHL), their loan accounts have been classified as Non-Performing Assets in the books of the Company as per RBI guidelines thereon. Thereafter, ABHL has issued demand notices under section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act) on the last known addresses of the said borrowers thereby calling upon and demanding from them to repay the entire outstanding amount together with further interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount and incidental expenses, cost charges etc. as stated in the said demand notices. However, the demand notices is also being served by way of publication, as per Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (SARFAESI Rules):

Sl. No.	Name and Address Borrower/ Co-Borrower and Guarantor / Co-Guarantor & Loan A/C No.	NPA Date	Date of Demand Notice	Amount due as per Demand Notice as on Date
1.	1. BAJRANG LAL UIKE, Khata No. 558/87, Patwari Halka No. 08, Ward No. 20, Rajendra Ward, Mauja Village Tilda, Rinn Tilda, Tehsil Tilda & Dist. Raipur, Chhattisgarh- 493114. 2. CHAMPA UIKE Khata No. 558/87, Patwari Halka No. 08, Ward No. 20, Rajendra Ward, Mauja Village Tilda, Rinn Tilda, Tehsil Tilda & Dist. Raipur, Chhattisgarh- 493114. 3. BAJRANG LAL UIKE MISHAN ROAD, 210, Ward No. 21, Near (Evangelical Hospital) Tilda Newra, Neora, Raipur, Chhattisgarh- 493114. 4. CHAMPA UIKE MISHAN ROAD, 210, Ward No. 21, Near (Evangelical Hospital) Tilda Newra, Neora, Raipur, Chhattisgarh- 493114. 5. BAJRANG LAL UIKE C/O TRIVENDI INDAANE Bilaspur, Dodi Bhata Road, Bilaspur- C/ Chhattisgarh- 495224. 6. CHAMPA UIKE C/O Block Education Officer Bina Bilaspur Bilaspur- C/ Chhattisgarh- 495224. 7. BAJRANG LAL UIKE House No. 48, Ward No. 27, Bhriga Gal, Bhatapara, Bhaloda Bazar, Chhattisgarh-493118. 8. CHAMPA UIKE House No. 48, Ward No. 27, Bhriga Gal, Bhatapara, Bhaloda Bazar, Chhattisgarh-493118. Loan Account No. LNRAI0HL-11210108694 & LNRAI0HL-11210108695	01-08-2023	07.08.2023	Rs. 24,32,599.72/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Nine and Seventy Two Paise Only) with value of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 03.08.2023

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY/PROPERTIES MORTGAGED: All That Piece And Parcel Of Kh No.- 558/87, Admeasuring 2200 Sq. Ft., Situated At Tilda, P.H. No.- 08, Ward No. 20, Rajendra Ward, Rinn- Mauja Village Tilda, Tilda- Tilda, Dist- Raipur Chhattisgarh-493114, And Bounded As:- East: Gali West: House Of Amar Singh North: House Of Ramesh South: Land Of Ghanshyam We hereby call upon the borrower shall be herein to pay us within 60 days from the date of this notice, the outstanding amount (s) together with further interest thereon plus cost, charges, expenses, etc. thereat failing which we stated be a liberty to enforce the security interest including but not limited to taking possession of and selling the secured asset therein up to your risk as to the cost and consequences. Please note that as per section 13(13) of the SARFAESI Act, all of you are prohibited from transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise, the aforesaid secured assets without prior written consent of the Company. Any contravention of the said section by you shall invite the penal provisions as laid down under section 29 of the SARFAESI Act and / or any other legal provision in this regard. Please note that as per sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, if the dues of ABHL, together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by ABHL are tendered to ABHL at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured asset shall not be sold or transferred by ABHL, and no further step shall be taken by ABHL or transfer or sale of that secured asset. Date: 11.08.2023 Sd/- Authorized Officer (Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited) Place: CHATTISGARH

UCO BANK Branch- Pension Bada, Krishak Nagar, Raipur (C.G.)

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Properties)

Whereas, [Under Rule-8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002]

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the UCO Bank, Branch- Pension Bada, Krishak Nagar, Raipur (C.G.) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of Powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued Demand Notice on the dates, mentioned against each Account (given below) calling upon the Borrowers/ Guarantors / Mortgagees to repay the amount as mentioned against each account within 60 days from the date of notices / date of receipt of the said notices. The Borrowers/ Guarantors / Mortgagees having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/ Guarantors / Mortgagees and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on the date mentioned below. The Borrower's / Guarantors' / Mortgagee's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets. The Borrowers/ Guarantors / Mortgagees in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of UCO Bank for the amounts and interest thereon.

Sl. No.	Name of Borrower/ Guarantors & Mortgagee/Branch Name	Description of the Property	Date of Demand Notice Possession Notice affixed on	Amount outstanding as on the date of demand notice
1.	Mr. Rajeev Singh S/o. Mr. I. N. Singh and Mrs. Vandana Singh W/o. Mr. Rajeev Singh. A-27, Amrapali Society, In-front of MMI Hospital, Lalpur Raipur (C.G.) -492001. Branch: Pension Bada.	All part & parcel of Landed property standing in the name of Mr. Rajeev Singh S/o. Mr. I. N. Singh, Plot of Kh. No. 1202/1, 1202/2, 1206, P. H. No. 117/53, Area of Plot- 1800 Sq. ft. Title Deed No. 1560 of 2012, Volume No. 54662, Book No. A-1, Page No. 61-70, at Boryakali, Tah & Dist. Raipur (C. G.). Boundaries of Property: North- Land of Kanchan Lekhwani, South-Road, East-Land of Barkha Agrawal, West-Sellers plot.	23.05.2023 09.08.2023	₹ 10,34,829.53 + interest & Other Charges.
2.	Mr. Somel Bajjinder Singh. Branch: Krishak Nagar	CH-356,357, /Slice 1, Ph-103, Kh No.171/1-2-10-16, 181,183/1-5-6, (Part) Area - 426.81 Sqft, and 383.87 sqr ft.	23.05.2023 04.08.2023	₹ 11,36,352.23 + interest & Other Charges.
	Dhancha Bhawan, Near Bharat Provision Store, CG Housing Board Colony, Talibandri, Raipur C. G. Sale Deed dt 08.07.2014, Book No-A1, Volume No. 63757, 63758, Document No-2471 (G), Pages 99-109 and Document No 2472 (G) Pages 1-11, Document No-2471 (G), North: Road, South: House No CH 357, East: Road, West: House No CH 357, Document No 2472 (G), North: House No CH 358, South: House No CH 359, East: Road, West: Core House.			

Date : 10.08.2023 Place : Raipur (C.G.) Chief Manager, Authorised Officer / UCO BANK

TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

Regd. Add.: 11th Floor, Tower A, Peninsula Business Park, Ganpatrao Kadam Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai-400013. Branch Address: 1st Floor Pujari Chambers NH No.43 Pachpedi Naka Raipur Chhattisgarh 492001

NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (Under Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)

E-Auction Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the below Borrower and/ Co- Borrower, or their legal heirs/representatives (Borrowers) in particular that the below described immovable property mortgaged to Tata Capital Housing Finance Ltd. (TCHFL), the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of TCHFL, will be sold on 28-08-2023 on "As is where is" & "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of outstanding dues from below mentioned Borrower and Co-Borrowers. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned below. Notice is hereby given that, in the absence of any postponement/ discontinuance of the sale, the said secured asset/ property shall be sold by E- Auction at 2.00 P.M. on the said 28-08-2023. The sealed envelope containing Demand Draft of EMD for participating in E- Auction shall be submitted to the Authorised Officer of the TCHFL on or before 26-08-2023 till 5.00 PM at Branch address TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED, 1st Floor Pujari Chambers NH No.43 Pachpedi Naka Raipur Chhattisgarh 492001. The sale of the Secured Asset/ Immovable Property will be on "as is where condition" as per brief particulars described herein below.

Loan A/c No.	Name of Obligor(s)/ Legal Heir(s)/ Legal Representative(s)	Amount as per Demand Notice & Date of Demand Notice	Reserve Price	Earnest Money	Type of possession
9856428	Mr. Kamal Kishore Arora (Borrower) M/s. Gjinjan Associates (Co-borrower), M/s. Kailash Rani Arora (Co-borrower), Mrs. Chand Arora (Co-borrower)	Rs. 2,02,87,756/- (Rupees Two Crores Two Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Six Only) 27-02-2019	Rs. 24,30,000/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Thirty Thousand Only)	Rs. 2,43,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Forty Three Thousand Only)	Physical

Description of the Immovable Property: Plot No. 312, Sada, New Khursipar Zone-1, Ward No. - 36, Plot Area- 1064. Sq. Ft. Flat New Khursipar, Special Area Development Authority, Municipal Area Bhalai, Tahseel & Dist. Durg, Chhattisgarh, 491001. Property Bounded by:- East Site- Plot of Somnath Sharma, West Site- Plot of Balbeer Singh, North Site- Road, South Site- Open Plot.

At the Auction, the public generally is invited to submit their bid(s) personally. The Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower (s) are hereby given last chance to pay the total dues with further interest within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the Immovable Property will be sold as per schedule. The E auction will be stopped if, amount due as aforesaid, with interest and costs (including the cost of the sale) are tendered to the Authorised Officer or proof is given to his satisfaction that the amount of such secured debt, interest and costs has been paid before the date of the auction. No officer or other person, having any duty to perform in connection with this sale shall, however, directly or indirectly bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the Immovable Property sold. The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and to the following further conditions:

The E-auction will take place through portal https://sarfaesi.auctionright.net on 28-08-2023 between 2.00 PM to 3.00 PM with limited extension of 10 minutes each. Terms and Condition: 1. The particulars specified in the Schedule herein below have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned, but the undersigned shall not be answerable for error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. In the event of any dispute arising as to the amount bid, or as to the bidder, the Immovable Property shall at once again be put up to auction subject to the discretion of the Authorised Officer. 2. The Immovable Property shall not be sold below the Reserve Price. 3. Bid Increment Amount will be: Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) 4. All the Bids submitted for the purchase of the property shall be accompanied by Earnest Money as mentioned above by way of a Demand Draft favoring the "TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LTD." Payable at Branch address. The Demand Drafts will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders after auction. For payment of EMD through NEFT/RTGS/IMPS, kindly contact Authorised Officer. 5. The highest bidder shall be declared as successful bidder provided always that he/she is legally qualified to bid and provided further that the bid amount is not less than the reserve price. It shall be in the discretion of the Authorised Officer to decline acceptance of the highest bid when the price offered appears so clearly inadequate as to make it inadvisable to do so. 6. For reasons recorded, it shall be in the discretion of the Authorised Officer to adjourn/discontinue the sale. 7. Inspection of the Immovable Property can be done on 18-08-2023 between 11 AM to 5.00 PM with prior appointment. 8. The person declared as a successful bidder shall, immediately after such declaration, deposit twenty-five per cent of the amount of purchase money/bid which would include EMD amount to the Authorised Officer within 24hrs and in default of such deposit, the property shall forthwith be put to fresh auction/Sale by private treaty. 9. In case the initial deposit is made as above, the balance amount of the purchase money payable shall be paid by the purchaser to the Authorised Officer on or before the 15th day from the date of confirmation of the sale of the property, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be a Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office day after the 15th day. 10. In the event of default of any payment within the period mentioned above, the property shall be put to fresh auction/Sale by private treaty. The deposit including EMD shall stand forfeited by TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LTD and the defaulting purchaser shall lose all claims to the property. 11. Details of any encumbrances, known to the TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LTD, to which the property is liable: as per table above. Claims, if any, which have been put forward to the property and any other known particulars bearing on its nature and value: as per table above. The Intending Bidder is advised to make their own independent inquiries regarding encumbrances on the property including statutory liabilities arrears of property tax, electricity etc. 12. For any other details or for procedure online training on e-auction the prospective bidders may contact the Service Provider, M/s e-Procurement Technologies Limited (Auctioneer), Address: B-704, Wall Street - II, Opp. Orient Club, No. Gujarat College, Ellis Bridge, Ahmedabad - 380005 Gujarat (India) Mob. : 9265562821 & Phone : 079 61200 594 / 598 / 559 / 587 / 554 Email ID: Gujarat@auctionright.net or Manish Bansal, Email ID Manish.Bansal@tata

CM Baghel participated in the prog of World Tribal Day

- Organized in Sitapur, Surguja
- CM gifted 269 devp works worth Rs 334 cr to the people of the region
- A stage was prepared in Sitapur depicting the image of tribal culture

Raipur, Aug 10:

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated and performed Bhumi Pujan of 269 development works worth Rs 334.23 cr in a grand state-level program organized at the stadium of Sitapur, development block headquarters of Surguja district, today on the occasion of World Tribal Day. Out of these works, Chief Minister Baghel inaugurated 136



works costing Rs 143.48 cr and performed Bhumi Pujan and foundation stone laying of 133 works costing Rs 190.75 cr.

A stage depicting the image of tribal culture was prepared in Sitapur

for the celebration of World Tribal Day. In this grand event, more than 27 thousand beneficiaries received different gifts under various schemes of the state government. Departmental stalls

equipped with special themes based on the schemes of tribal culture were displayed, and wonderful cultural programs were also organized in accordance with the tribal tradition and customs.

School children to perform cultural prog on I-Day

Bemetara Aug 10:

Like every year, this time also Independence Day (August 15) will be organized in a grand manner. There will be no dearth of enthusiasm for the ceremony. The district level function will start from 9.00 am in the Basic School Ground of District Headquarters Bemetara. Regarding the celebration of Independence Day, Collector Padum Singh Elma organized a function here in the Collectorate meeting room under the guidelines issued by the government regarding the outline of the program to be organized at the district level on the occasion of Independence Day. Independence Day celebrations will be organized in a dignified manner. Troops of Police and Para Military Forces, Scout Guides, N.C.C. will take part in the parade. This time, a cultural program full of patriotism / culture of school children will be organized in the Independence Day celebration at the district headquarters. Prizes and medals given to the departments will also be distributed on this occasion. On the occasion of August 15, all government/public buildings/monuments of national importance will be illuminated at night.

BJPMM will play important role in BJP's victory: Usendi

- In the forthcoming Assembly elections

Jagdalpur, Aug 10:

The divisional level meeting of the Bharatiya Janata Party Mahila Morcha (BJPMM) was held at the BJP district office on Monday. In which specially BJP National Vice President Lata Usendi, National Secretari Aarti Singh, Nisha Singh, Mahila Morcha State President Shalini Rajput were present. In the meeting, the Mahila Morcha has been asked to play an active role in ensuring BJP's victory in all the assembly seats in Bastar region. Workers of BJP Mahila Morcha will directly contact maximum number of women in urban and rural areas. For which the action plan was also discussed in the meeting.

BJP National Vice President Lata Usendi said that almost every family in the country has been benefited by the welfare schemes of the Modi government at the Centre. People have got the bene-



fit of many schemes like Ayushman card, vaccination to stay safe from Covid, free ration to eighty crore people etc. Along with the good works and schemes done under the leadership of BJP, the workers of Mahila Morcha were told to reach door-to-door, especially with women and housewives. Along with this, the misrule of the Congress government in the state and increasing atrocities against women in Chhattisgarh were also

asked to reach the people. The role of Mahila Morcha for BJP's victory in the upcoming assembly elections was highlighted. National Secretary of Mahila Morcha Aarti Singh, Nisha Singh, State President Shalini Rajput also addressed the meeting at the divisional meeting. The programme was coordinated by Vibha Awasthi and vote of thanks was proposed by Deepti Padey. BJP District President Roop Singh Mandavi, Kirande,

Shabaz to leave for Malaysia today



Bagbahra, Aug 10:

Youth from Bagbahra Shahbaz Khan has been selected for the 12th conference of Asia Youth International Model United Nation (AYMUN) to be held in Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia from Aug 12. Shahbaz will leave for Malaysia on Aug 11 via Kolkata. Shahbaz Khan is second son of local businessman Abdul Shamim Khan of Bagbahra and had studied from Raipur. Shamim Khan informed that Asia Youth International Model United Nation is an institution where the youth hold discussions on strategies and international issues and tried to find out solutions to international problems. In this conference youth from more than 180 countries will be taking part. It is by holding discussions on issues related to IMF, UNICEF, UNISCO, Interpol, and WHO that the resolutions will be passed.

Collector directs for modernization of Primary Agri Co-op Samiti



Khairagarh, Aug 10:

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 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-oushadi 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 Go and Chhattisgarh govern-

ment, 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; computersiation 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 submit memo to Collector

- For not releasing of KCC loan to him from BoM

Khairagarh, Aug 10:

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 Sahasapur. 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 mar-



ket 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.

Take action against roaming cattle: Collector

Mungeli, Aug 10:

Collector Rahul Dev has issued an order to shift the stray cattle roaming out in the open to be tied with radium belt and tagging and be shifted to nearby Gauthan. Apart from this he has directed the urban bodies Chief Nagar Palika officer and

Panchayat Sachiv of Gram Panchayats to impose penalty of Rs 1000 as per provisions under Animal Atrocities Act 1871 and Rs 500 in case of repetition of the same to the owners whose cattle are found grazing in the field, or in gardens or roaming out in the public places.

Organization of the skill development training

- For the Pre-Primary teachers by the Kreedo Organisation at Allons

Bemetara, Aug 10:

The training for the Pre-Primary teachers was organized at the Pre-Primary wing of the Allons Public School by the Kreedo. The programme started by lighting a lamp in front of the statue of the Goddess the Saraswati and garlanded it by the resource person Preeti, a senior manager of from the Kreedo Bangalore, Dr. Satyajit Hota, Principal, Janhvi Mudliar from the Mpower, Nidhi from the Hexamind and teachers. A welcome song was sung by the girl students from the Lata Mangeshkar Club and a dance named Bawan Gajga was performed by the students of the



Natraj Club. The most enthusiastic participants were from the schools Allons Public School, DPS Chindwara, Columbia School, Riverdale School, Mahasamund, JP International School Kanker, SRVM Surajpur. The "Kreedo Method" refers to an approach of an early childhood & childhood education. It is a curriculum and teaching methodology designed for the students of preschools, kindergartens & the Montessori. The Kreedo Method emphasizes a child-centric

approach, focusing on holistic development, hands-on learning, and play-based activities. It aims to create an environment where children can explore, experiment, and learn at their own pace, fostering their cognitive, social, emotional, and physical growth. On the 1st day of training, the teachers were told about the Kreedo and its importance for the students of the Pre-Primary standard. The presentation theory, Sensorial theory and the Maths presentation were exposed to the teachers

by the resource person. On the 2nd day of the training, there were presentation of Maths materials, discussion about the ways of developing English vocabulary, Presentation of English oral pronunciation activity and presentation of English materials. The resource person Preeti told about the importance of the teaching by the methods of the Kreedo. She said that these methods focus on literacy skills (Language), numeracy skills (Maths), Themes (EVS), Sensorial Skills

and Cognitive Skills as well as helps to improve the socio-emotional quotient in children. All these areas of development always begin with playing or activities first in the curriculum through our Kreedo lab. Kreedo 6T framework focuses on 6Ts known as Toys, Theory, Timetable, Teachers, Technology and Teamwork. She said that the curriculum of the Kreedo is suitable for the holistic development of the students at the Pre-Primary standard. Dr. Satyajit Hota, Principal said that the vi-

sions of Allons is of de facto standard for the early education. An early education gives a space ensuring quality. Allons being the district training centre of CBSE, we have progressive growth plans for the future training solutions. So, we require the quality education not the luxury. The early childhood pedagogy should be open handed and let them provide environment for their innovation and creativity. The Kreedo training program focuses on experiential learning, where students explore

concepts through hands-on activities and interactive experiences. This method encourages creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. By allowing students to learn at their own pace and discover the joy of learning, I hope to instill a lifelong love for knowledge. The event of the training marks a significant moment in our school's journey as we embark on the Kreedo training program. Kreedo, which translates to "play" in Sanskrit, embodies the philosophy that learning is most effective when it's engaging and enjoyable. As we integrate this innovative approach into our curriculum, we are embracing a new way of nurturing young minds. Our dedicated teachers have undergone specialized training to facilitate this transition, and I have full confidence in their ability to guide and inspire all the young learners of the pre-primary standards.

According to him, education is a collaborative effort; students, teachers, and parents work together to create the most conducive environment for growth. He said to the teachers to keep an open mind and embrace the changes ahead for celebrating the value of curiosity, the power of exploration, and the magic of learning through playing. He thanked the trainers for imparting a valuable training for the teachers. He felicitated the resource person by presenting the Shawl & the shripal to make this event as a memorable event. The programme was conducted by Khusboo, Coordinator & The anchoring was done by Gurvi Naidu. Kamaljeet Arora-Chairman, Pushkal Arora-Director, Sunil Sharma-Director & other trainees from the participating schools desired to have such training in the future also and thanked to the trainers.

Tropical Storm Khanun pours intense rain on South Korea

Busan (S Korea), Aug 10 (AP):

Tropical Storm Khanun was pouring intense rain on South Korea on Thursday, turning roads into chocolate-coloured rivers as it advanced north toward major urban centres near the capital.

More than a foot of rain has already fallen in southern areas from the storm that made landfall on the mainland during the morning. Emergency workers were responding to growing reports of flooding and landslides by afternoon.

More than 10,000 people, mostly in southern coastal areas, were forced to evacuate from their homes and the number was expected to grow as the heavy rains



People struggle in the rain and wind as the tropical storm named Khanun approaches to the Korean Peninsula, in Busan, Thursday, Aug. 10.

continue and rivers and streams rise. No storm-related deaths or injuries have been reported so far, according to the Ministry of the Interior and Safety. Officials shut down hun-

dreds of motorways, streets and public parks and sent text alerts warning about the perils posed by Khanun, which is hitting South Korea just weeks after torrential

rains caused flash floods and landslides that killed at least 47 people.

After making landfall around 9.30 am near the southeastern port city of Geoje, Khanun was approaching the southeastern inland city of Andong as of 2.30 pm, showing slightly diminished strength, with its maximum winds blowing at 104 kph (64 mph) while moving at 38 kph (23 mph).

Forecasters say Khanun will pound the country with powerful rains and winds while slowly moving through the Korean Peninsula for hours, with its eye brushing the densely populated Seoul metropolitan area where half of South Korea's 51 million people live.

SNAPSHOT OF UNITY



President Joe Biden takes a selfie with supporters in the audience after speaking at the Arcosa Wind Towers, in Belen, N.M.

Shehbaz Sharif to start consultation to appoint interim Pak Prime Minister

Islamabad, Aug 10 (PTI):

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will start consultations on Thursday and meet Leader of the Opposition Raja Riaz to finalise the name of the interim prime minister to oversee the election after the dissolution of the National Assembly.

President Dr Arif Aliv dissolved the assembly before the end of its legal term on Wednesday on the advice of the prime minister. The step has been taken to give extra time to the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) to organise polls.

Sources told PTI that Prime Minister Shehbaz would meet Leader of Opposition Riaz to discuss the interim leader.

The two leaders have three days to agree on a name, otherwise, the



Speaker of the defunct assembly would appoint an eight-member panel, including four lawmakers each from the treasury and opposition benches, to forge an agreement. Both sides, the prime minister and leader of the opposition, can put forward a maximum of two names for the top post.

The panel has three days to agree and in case it fails, all names considered during its meetings would be sent to the ECP which would appoint one of them

as the interim premier within 48 hours.

The same exercise is repeated in provinces where chief ministers lead the process with the local opposition leaders. The process was adopted in Punjab and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (KP) when their assemblies were dissolved in January.

In the case of Punjab, no agreement was reached at the first two levels and ultimately the ECP was involved and appointed the incumbent Mohsin Naqvi as chief minister. However, in KP, the then-chief minister and leader of the opposition agreed to appoint the current Azam Khan as interim chief minister.

Under the Constitution, the prime minister will continue to serve for a limited period until a caretaker premier takes an oath.

Biden welcoming Australian leader to White House for state dinner in October

Washington, Aug 10 (AP):

President Joe Biden will welcome Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese to the White House on Oct. 25 for the visit and state dinner that the U.S. promised when Biden had to scrap a stop in Australia earlier this year to focus on debt limit talks in Washington.

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said in a statement Wednesday that the visit would "underscore the deep and enduring alliance between the United States and Australia and the two nations' shared commitment to supporting an open, stable and prosperous Indo-Pacific."

Biden last May curtailed an Asia-Pacific

trip that was to have included stops in Australia and Papua New Guinea because he needed to return to Washington because of the debt limit crisis.

The scuttling of two of the three legs of the overseas trip Biden did visit Japan for a Group of Seven summit with leaders of some of the world's major economies was a foreign policy setback for an administration that has made putting a greater focus on the Pacific region central to its global outreach.

Albanese said in a statement his visit would be "an important opportunity to discuss our ambitious climate and clean energy transition, and shared goal of a strong, secure and prosperous Indo-Pacific."

Biden sends military to help with brutal Hawaii wildfires

Washington, Aug 10 (AP):

President Joe Biden said in a statement Wednesday evening that he has ordered "all available Federal assets" to help combat wildfires that have devastated parts of the Hawaiian island of Maui, killing at least six people.

The president said the Coast Guard and Navy are supporting response and rescue efforts, while the Marines are providing Black Hawk helicopters to fight the fires.

The Hawaii National Guard has mobilized Chinook helicopters to help with fire suppression and search and rescue operations.

Biden said the Transportation

Department is working with commercial airlines to evacuate tourists from the island, while the Interior and Agriculture departments "stand ready to support post fire recovery efforts."

In his statement, the president offered "condolences to the families of those who lost loved ones" and expressed gratitude toward "the brave firefighters and first responders who continue to run toward danger."

Firefighting crews were continuing to battle fires in Lahaina, Pulehu and Upcountry, the County of Maui said on Facebook Wednesday afternoon. More than 2,100 people were housed overnight in four emergency shel-

ters, the county said. Another 2,000 travelers were sheltering at the Kahului Airport.

The wildfires ripping through Maui left a swath of devastation for blocks in the historic town of Lahaina, videos and photos of the tourist destination show.

Historic buildings along Lahaina's popular Front Street were charred and flattened skeletons on Wednesday, powerlines were draped across roadways and abandoned cars were blackened husks.

Richard Olsten, a helicopter pilot for a tour company, flew over the fire site on Wednesday and was shocked by a scene where it "looked like a bomb went off."

Dam in Norway partially bursts after days of heavy rain



Copenhagen, Aug 10 (AP):

A dam in southern Norway partially burst Wednesday following days of heavy rain that triggered landslides and flooding in the mountainous region and forced downstream communities to evacuate, officials said.

Authorities initially

considered blowing up part of the dam at the Braskereidfoss hydroelectric power plant on the Glma, Norway's longest and most voluminous river. The idea was to prevent communities downstream from being inundated by using a limited, controlled blast to release pressure on the dam.

But that proposal was scrapped after water later broke through the structure, police spokesman Fredrik Thomson told reporters.

"The damage from a possible explosion of the concrete plant would be so great that it would serve no purpose," Thomson said.

Now officials are hopeful that they will see a gradual, even leveling of the water, Thompson said.

Norwegian Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Støre warned that flooding would continue to be a threat as excess water flows downstream.

"This is by no means over," he said. "It could be the highest water level in 50 years or more."

The dam's generators stopped working early Wednesday after a power grid failure, plant operator Hafslund Eco said in a statement.

An automatic system that should have opened the floodgates to release water failed. Rapidly rising water then spilled over the dam and into the power station itself, which caused major damage, officials said.

Paper exams, chatbot bans: Colleges seek to 'ChatGPT-proof' assignments

New York, Aug 10 (AP):

When philosophy professor Darren Hick came across another case of cheating in his classroom at Furman University last semester, he posted an update to his followers on social media: "Aaaaand, I've caught my second ChatGPT plagiarist."

Friends and colleagues responded, some with wide-eyed emojis. Others expressed surprise.

"Only 2?! I've caught dozens," said Timothy Main, a writing professor at Conestoga College in Canada. "We're in full-on crisis mode."

Practically overnight, ChatGPT and other artificial intelligence chatbots have become the go-to source for cheating in college.

Now, educators are rethinking how they'll teach

courses this fall from Writing 101 to computer science. Educators say they want to embrace the technology's potential to teach and learn in new ways, but when it comes to assessing students, they see a need to "ChatGPT-proof" test questions and assignments.

For some instructors that means a return to paper exams, after years of digital-only tests. Some professors will be requiring students to show editing history and drafts to prove their thought process. Other instructors are less concerned. Some students have always found ways to cheat, they say, and this is just the latest option.

An explosion of AI-generated chatbots including ChatGPT, which launched in November, has raised new questions for academi-

cs dedicated to making sure not only that students can get the right answer, but also understand how to do the work. Educators say there is agreement at least on some of the most pressing challenges.

Are AI detectors reliable? Not yet, says Stephanie Laggini Fiore, associate vice provost at Temple University. This summer, Fiore was part of a team at Temple that tested the detector used by Turnitin, a popular plagiarism detection service, and found it to be "incredibly inaccurate." It worked best at confirming human work, she said, but was spotty in identifying chatbot-generated text and least reliable with hybrid work.

Will students get falsely accused of using artificial intelligence platforms to cheat? Absolutely. In one

case last semester, a Texas A&M professor wrongly accused an entire class of using ChatGPT on final assignments. Most of the class was subsequently exonerated.

So, how can educators be certain if a student has used an AI-powered chatbot dishonestly? It's nearly impossible unless a student confesses, as both of Hicks' students did. Unlike old-school plagiarism where text matches the source it is lifted from, AI-generated text is unique each time.

In some cases, the cheating is obvious, says Main, the writing professor, who has had students turn in assignments that were clearly cut-and-paste jobs. "I had answers come in that said, I am just an AI language model, I don't have an opinion on that," he said.

Israeli forces kill a Palestinian man in the West Bank

Tel Aviv, Aug 10 (AP):

Israeli forces shot and killed a Palestinian man in the occupied West Bank, Palestinian health officials said Thursday, the latest death in an unabating wave of violence.

The death brings the number of Palestinians killed in the West Bank this year to 168, according to a tally by The Associated Press. It comes amid soaring tensions surrounding Israel's continuing raids into Palestinian areas in the territory and after the release to house arrest of a Jewish settler accused of involvement in the killing last week of a

19-year-old Palestinian man. In the latest violence, the Palestinian Health Ministry said Thursday that Israeli troops killed Amir Ahmed Khalifa, 27, in the West Bank town of Zawata, north of the city Nablus. The area has been a flashpoint for violence between Israeli forces and Palestinians in the current fighting.

The Israeli military had no immediate comment.

Israel has been staging near-nightly incursions in Palestinian areas in what it says is a bid to dismantle militant networks and thwart future attacks. The raids have sparked some of the worst fighting between

the sides in the West Bank in some two decades and have driven up the death toll.

Israel says most of those killed have been militants, but stone-throwing youths protesting the raids and others not involved in confrontations have also been killed.

At least 27 people have been killed in Palestinian attacks against Israelis this year.

Israel captured the West Bank, along with the Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem, in the 1967 Mideast war. The Palestinians seek those territories for their hoped-for independent state.

China sends ships and fighter jets toward Taiwan in new show of force

Taipei, Aug 10 (AP):

China sent navy ships and a large group of fighter jets toward Taiwan, continuing its military pressure on the island, Taiwan's defense ministry said Thursday. China claims self-ruled Taiwan as its own territory and has regularly sent flights toward the island in reaction to the island's political activities. In the past year, it has also sent navy vessels as well as drones to circle the waters near the island. Taiwan's defense ministry said the Chinese People's Liberation Army sent 33 warplanes and 6 navy vessels between 6 a.m. Wednesday to 6 a.m. Thursday. The J-10 and J-16 fighter jets flew across

the midline and to the southwest of Taiwan.

The ministry said in an earlier statement Wednesday that Taiwan's military tracked five of the ships as they sailed in coordination with the flights of the fighter jets.

The ministry said it used land-based missile systems to track the aircraft, 10 of which crossed the midline of the Taiwan Strait, an unofficial boundary that had been considered a buffer between the island and mainland. In response to escalating Chinese military pressure, Taiwan has been buying weapons and fighter jets to shore up its defenses. In July, the U.S. announced a 345 million

package of sales to Taiwan that will include portable air defense systems, intelligence and surveillance capabilities, firearms and missiles.

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Transforming TB

Addressing India's Ongoing Battle

In the ongoing crusade against tuberculosis (TB), a groundbreaking study conducted by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the TB Institute of Chennai has illuminated a cost-effective and feasible strategy. This study, carried out in Jharkhand—a region grappling with a high TB burden and multidimensional poverty—unveiled a transformative approach that could potentially redefine India's fight against this debilitating disease. The findings, recently published in *The Lancet*, assert that by supplementing clinical care with nutritional support, India could achieve substantial reductions in TB mortality, and consequently, advance towards its ambitious target of significantly curbing TB-related deaths and incidences by 2025. The results of the "Reducing Activation of Tuberculosis by Improvement of Nutritional Status" (RATIONS) trial lay bare a pivotal insight: the introduction of dietary support can lead to a remarkable 60% decrease in the mortality risk of TB patients. Furthermore, the study pinpoints a critical nexus between under-nutrition and TB susceptibility. An intervention as simple as providing a monthly 10-kg food basket encompassing rice, pulses, milk powder, oil, and multivitamins can precipitate a 40% reduction in all forms of TB and a staggering 50% reduction in infectious lung TB among individuals exposed to victims over a six-month period. Notably, family members would need a 5-kg rice and 1.5-kg pulses allocation per person per month to mitigate infection risks. While clinical care remains vital, the integration of nutritional support emerges as a complementary element that holds the potential to bolster treatment outcomes. This holistic approach resonates with India's larger objective of comprehensively tackling the TB menace. This urgency is underscored by India's status as a global leader in TB incidence and mortality, accounting for a daunting 27% of TB incidences and 35% of TB-related deaths, as per the WHO's 2022 report. The study's groundbreaking "RATIONS" trial, published in *The Lancet*, concretizes the link between improved nutrition and TB incidence reduction. Family members' incidence of all TB forms was slashed by almost 40%, while infectious TB saw a nearly 50% decrease. An accompanying study in *The Lancet Global Health* underscores the urgency of nutritional support, revealing that nearly half of all patients suffered severe undernutrition—a glaring indicator of the dire need for dietary intervention. Crucially, rapid weight gain in the initial two months was associated with a remarkable 60% drop in TB mortality risk. This approach translated into higher treatment success rates, improved weight gain, and minimal drop-out rates. A striking transformation saw only 3% of patients able to work at enrollment, a figure that soared to 75% upon treatment completion. Quantifying the impact, researchers project that around 30 households, equivalent to 111 household contacts, need to receive nutritional supplementation to prevent a single incident of tuberculosis. This revelation underscores the efficacy of a nutritional-focused approach in preventing and mitigating TB cases. Prominent voices in the medical community have emphasized the role of nutrition in TB management. Anurag Bhargava, a lead author of the study and professor at the Yenepoya Medical College, Mangalore, tweeted that "Food is an important adjunct to TB treatment to save lives and improved outcomes." He highlighted that the provision of a monthly food basket with sufficient protein, alongside effective therapy, facilitated better weight gain and correlated with reduced mortality rates. As India forges ahead with its National Strategic Plan for Tuberculosis Elimination, targeting an 80% reduction in incidence and a 90% reduction in TB mortality by 2025, the imperative of nutritional support has never been more pronounced. By weaving nutrition into the fabric of patient-centered care, India could make significant strides towards transforming its TB landscape. The power of nutrition, harnessed in partnership with clinical care, might just be the game-changer in India's relentless pursuit of TB elimination.

Empowering Military Integration

In a significant stride towards enhancing military cohesion and preparedness, both the upper and lower Houses of the Indian Parliament have greenlit the Inter-services Organisations (Command, Control and Discipline) Bill. This legislative initiative empowers the Commander-in-Chief or the Officer-in-Command of inter-services organisations (ISOs), including entities like the Defence Intelligence Agency, Defence Cyber Agency, and Defence Space Agency. Its overarching aim is to bestow these officials with disciplinary and administrative control over personnel attached to or serving within these organisations. The implications of this bill are poised to be multifaceted and transformative. Foremost among its benefits is the potential to eliminate the cumbersome practice of relocating personnel facing disciplinary proceedings back to their parent service units. Instead, it introduces a streamlined process that ensures the expeditious resolution of cases of misdemeanour or indiscipline. This not only stands to save valuable time and resources but also averts the need for redundant multiple proceedings. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh aptly characterizes the bill as a pivotal stride towards bolstering integration and jointness within the armed forces, fortifying their collective readiness for the challenges of tomorrow. Integration and jointness have emerged as central themes in India's military discourse, particularly since the establishment of the first Chief of Defence Staff in January 2020. The passage of this bill seemingly clears the path for a long-anticipated and much-needed military reform: the establishment of integrated theatre commands. This concept of theatreisation holds the promise of optimizing military resources, all while aligning with the demands of 21st-century warfare and the intricacies of the global security landscape. However, it must be acknowledged that India's pace in this arena has been measured, despite its geographical positioning between two adversarial neighbors. An illustrative contrast lies in China's proactive reorganization. As early as 2016, the Chinese People's Liberation Army initiated the conversion of its seven military regions into five theatre commands, each accountable to the Central Military Commission under the stewardship of President Xi Jinping. This revamped structure seamlessly unifies the command and control functions of ground, naval, and air forces. The Inter-services Organisations Bill, ideally, becomes the catalyst that accelerates India's pursuit of theatreisation. This shift is imperative for fostering effective coordination across the nation's three services, eliminating silos, and forging a cohesive, synergistic front. In an ever-evolving security landscape, where threats and challenges transcend traditional boundaries, jointness is not just a strategic advantage but a necessity. While the legislative measure itself is pivotal, it's also a harbinger of a larger paradigm shift—a shift towards modernization, collaboration, and adaptability. The world is witnessing the blurring of lines between domains, as cyber, space, and intelligence capabilities become indelibly linked with conventional military prowess. India's stance to empower its Commander-in-Chief in these facets is indicative of the nation's forward-looking stance. As the bill takes its place in the annals of India's legislative history, it should embolden the country's defence leadership to drive forward the theatreisation agenda. However, it's imperative that the execution of this pivotal reform be deliberate and meticulous, considering the complexities it entails. The vision must be to forge unified, agile, and technology-enabled theatre commands capable of tackling multifaceted security challenges. The Inter-services Organisations (Command, Control and Discipline) Bill is not just a piece of legislation; it's a beacon guiding India's armed forces towards an integrated, joint, and robust future. It's a declaration of intent—a commitment to evolve and adapt in the face of ever-evolving threats. As India navigates the uncharted waters of modern security challenges, this bill signifies the nation's stride towards collective strength, preparedness, and an unwavering resolve to secure its sovereignty.

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RESCUE & RELIEF OPERATION

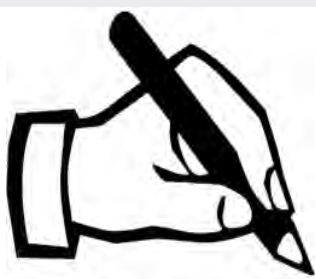


SDRF personnel during rescue and relief operation in a flooded area of Kashipur, in Udham Singh Nagar district, Thursday, Aug. 10.

We need Indigenous Communities for a better World



PROF. SUNIL GOYAL



There are an estimated 476 million indigenous peoples in the world living across 90 countries. They make up less than 5 per cent of the world's population, but account for 15 per cent of the poorest. They speak an overwhelming majority of the world's estimated 7,000 languages and represent 5,000 different cultures. Indigenous Peoples are inheritors and practitioners of unique cultures and ways of relating to people and the environment. They have retained social, cultural, economic and political characteristics that are distinct from those of the dominant societies in which they live. Despite their cultural differences, indigenous peoples from around the world share common problems related to the protection of their rights as distinct peoples. Indigenous Peoples have sought recognition of their identities, their way of life and their right to traditional lands, territories and natural resources for years. Yet, throughout history, their rights have been violated. Indigenous Peoples today, are arguably among the most disadvantaged and vulnerable groups of people in the world. The international community now recognizes that special measures are required to protect their rights and maintain their distinct cultures and way of life. In order to raise awareness of the needs of these population groups, every 9 August commemorates the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, chosen in recognition of the first meeting of the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations held in Geneva in 1982.

Forest and wildlife conservation laws and policies detracting from Indigenous Peoples' rights. The rights of Indigenous Peoples to land and forest resources have been increasingly targeted through forest and wildlife conservation laws and policies.

Another issue is Displacement of Indigenous Peoples. Indigenous Peoples' lands continued to be illegally acquired for business and infrastructure development without FPIC. Further, their rights are being undermined by the government's diversion of the use of forest lands for industries by diluting conservation laws. Indigenous Peoples thus often face forced eviction, arrest, torture, and killings, and are denied access to the forest and its resources for food in the name of forest and wildlife conservation. Criminalization of livelihood practices is also a big problem before these people. The livelihood of Indigenous Peoples and forest dwellers has been criminalized as they face arrest and detention under various conservation laws, including the 1972 Wildlife (Protection) Act (WPA). Security forces continued to be involved in human rights violations in 2022, including the custodial death and torture of Indigenous people. The individual and collective rights of Indigenous women and girls are regularly denied or violated in private and public spaces. Sexual violence, trafficking, killing or being branded a witch, militarization or State violence, and the impact of development-induced displacement remain major issues faced by women and girls. In its latest report "Crime in India 2021", published on 29 August 2022, the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) recorded a total of 1,324 cases of rape against Indigenous women and girls in 2021.[47] Sexual assaults were perpetrated by both civilians and security forces. The trend continued in 2022 with several reported cases. The Government of India does not have any data on the number of Indigenous Peoples internally displaced by industrial and infrastructure projects or armed conflicts.

Indigenous Peoples are distinct social and cultural groups that share collective ancestral ties to the lands and natural resources where they live, occupy or from which they have been displaced. The land and natural resources on which they depend are inextricably linked to their identities, cultures, livelihoods, as well as their physical and spiritual well-being. They often subscribe to their customary leaders and organizations for representation that are distinct or separate from those of the mainstream society or culture. Many Indigenous Peoples still maintain a language distinct from the official language or languages of the country or region in which they reside; however, many have also lost their languages or on the precipice of extinction due to eviction from their lands and/or relocation to other territories, and in. They speak more than 4,000 of the world's 7,000 languages though some estimates indicate that more than half of the world's languages are at risk of becoming extinct by 2100. Indigenous Peoples' life expectancy is up to 20 years lower than the life expectancy of non-Indigenous Peoples worldwide. Indigenous Peoples often lack formal recognition over their lands, territories and natural resources, are often last to receive public investments in basic services and infrastructure and face multiple barriers to participate fully in the formal economy, enjoy access to justice, and participate in political processes and decision making. This legacy of inequality and exclusion has made Indigenous Peoples more vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and natural hazards, including to disease outbreaks such as COVID-19. While Indigenous Peoples own, occupy, or use a quarter of the world's surface area. Indigenous Peoples conserve 80 percent of the world's remaining biodiversity and recent studies reveal that forestlands under collective IP and local community stewardship hold at least one quarter of all tropical and subtropical forest above-ground carbon. They hold vital ancestral knowledge and expertise on how to adapt, mitigate, and reduce climate and disaster risks. Much of the land occupied by Indigenous Peoples is under customary ownership, yet many governments recognize only a fraction of this land as formally or legally belonging to Indigenous

Peoples. Even when Indigenous territories and lands are recognized, protection of boundaries or use and exploitation of natural resources are often inadequate. Insecure land tenure is a driver of conflict, environmental degradation, and weak economic and social development. This threatens cultural survival and vital knowledge systems - loss in these areas increasing risks of fragility, biodiversity loss, and degraded One Health (or ecological and animal health) systems which threaten the ecosystem services upon which we all depend.

Improving security of land tenure, strengthening governance, promoting public investments in quality and culturally appropriate service provision, and supporting Indigenous systems for resilience and livelihoods are critical to reducing the multidimensional aspects of poverty while contributing to sustainable development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The World Bank works with Indigenous Peoples and governments to ensure that broader development programs reflect the voices and aspirations of Indigenous Peoples. Over the last 30 years, Indigenous Peoples' rights have been increasingly recognized through the adoption of international instruments such as the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) in 2007, the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in 2016, the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental matters in Latin America and the Caribbean (Escazú Agreement) in 2021 and the Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention from 1991. At the same time, global institutional mechanisms have been created to promote Indigenous peoples' rights such as the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII), the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), and the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNSR).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fostering Democracy's Core

In a thriving democracy, robust parliamentary debates are linchpins that mold policies, tackle challenges, and safeguard the nation's welfare. Yet, the essence of these debates often gets overshadowed by political theatrics. Rather than substantive discourse some prioritize populist rhetoric and emotive appeals to court public favor. Amidst a recent no-trust debate, the initial speaker, while addressing the Manipur issue, veered into praising the PM and critiquing the Gandhi family and past administrations. For democracy to flourish, meaningful debates must transcend political showmanship and genuinely contribute to the nation's growth.

Krishna Kumar, Kollam, Kerala

Selective Demolitions

The Punjab and Haryana High Court's injunction against Haryana Government's Nuh district demolition has paused destruction. Bulldozers wiped out 750 shanties, shops, illegal structures—a punitive trend seen in BJP-led states. The strategic targeting of properties owned by minorities seemingly aligns with the BJP's agenda, sparking concerns about potential human rights violations and heightened social unrest. Balbir Singh Kakkar, from Jalandhar, emphasizes the urgent need to address this worrisome issue.

MK Nair, Raipur

Unjust Demolitions

The High Court's halt to Nuh demolitions is just. Under the guise of law and order, one community is unfairly targeted. Many evicted households paid bills and valid shops were razed—valid drug licenses and GST certificates gone. How did authorities miss encroachments pre-riot? Their inaction is clear. Plus, no prior notice served. Khattar's government mirrors Yogi's blindly. The court must prompt state action—rehabilitate citizens hit by this unjust government drive.

Naveena Nair, Raipur

Imran's Detention

The arrest of Imran ignites Pakistani tensions, a nation historically controlled by its military. New army Chief, General Asim Munir, strives to weaken Imran's party and public support. With PM Shehbaz Sharif's fragile standing on economic and diplomatic fronts, he seeks to hinder Imran's resurgence. Amid this, India must prioritize J&K and Ladakh development, deterring Pakistan's manipulations. Bal Govind, Noida, suggests focusing on infrastructure and economy to thwart Pakistan's disruptive tactics.

Shekhar Gupta, New Delhi

Political Affiliation Greater Than Humanity

Kajal Chhatterjee

As a part of the Indian electorate, naturally I would vote for any particular leader, party or Government in Lok Sabha and Assembly polls. But when my favoured leader/party/Government went all-out to throw out rural farmers from their land and livelihood so that an industrialist can go laughing all the way to the bank and upper middle class can enjoy the cars churned out from that factory, vehemently did I protest from my own platform. When my favoured ones ordered shooting of citizens protesting against forceful occupation of agricultural land so as to create SEZ, religiously did I protest. Yes, still in subsequent polls, I continued to vote for the same party (though voted out of the seat of governance) as I treated that force to be the "best" among the alternatives; but my opposition and criticism against their anti-pro-richer stance remained unabated.

As for the national scenario, I hold respect for another outfit whose contribution towards the creation of basic infra-

structure of the country, right from the dawn of independence, is second to none. But when their leaders were found to be assaulting democracy and freedom of speech by distorting certain provisions of the Constitution or taking active part in communal pogrom following assassination of one of their tallest leaders; I did protest and will continue to treat such scandals as dark spots of that outfit.

With passage of time and mindset, one's world viewpoint and political reading also undergo changes. So presently I prefer another outfit while exercising my electoral franchise. But that doesn't confine me in blind worship of them. Rather zealously do I express my displeasure when they are seen to torment a professor for his "sin" of forwarding a social media post criticising their supreme leader, prosecute a poor farmer for merely asking why price of fertiliser is increasing or suspend a sincere doctor for not bending his ramrod erect spine.

So it arrives as a rude shock to me on witnessing how the admirers/voters of a particular outfit and leaders continue to

shower deluge of undiluted praise upon them despite their deep association with riots, pogrom, vandalisation of shrines, assault upon the "Others", mockery of freedom of speech, character assassination of those who dare to question or call spade a spade. As if such endorsement of assault upon humanity (either vocally or through tacit silence) is not enough; they are also seen to openly chucking over the Manipur issue by announcing that it would help them in boosting the vote bank.

This is the very reason why they can confidently declare that Manipur will hardly be an issue as Hindu Meiteis have been projected as "victim" with the "aggressor" being opium traders and Christian missionaries! When a certain section of the electorate is heartless and communal enough to ignore or enjoy the murder and/or gangrape of Kukis just because they are Christians (just like they celebrate release of convicted gang rapists and murderers in 2002 Gujarat), there lies every reason for their favoured outfit to expect another major electoral

triumph. If communal fire like Muzaffarnagar or barbaric demolition of Babri Masjid act as a booster of political success, it is natural that they will simply relish the Haryana communal arson and Gyanvapi invocation as rabid religious muscle-flexing is simply selling in Indian market like "hot cakes" with huge electoral dividend.

They are found to be mocking the Opposition for "disturbing" Parliamentary proceedings revolving Manipur. What was the record of their favoured political force during Manmohan Singh era when they used to thwart Parliamentary proceedings by citing mere allegations of corruption. What would their leaders and fellow Bhakts have done today had Manipur-like barbarities, murders and displacement had continued for months in Opposition-ruled states like West Bengal, Punjab or Kerala. No condemnation is enough for them who still try to defend the indefensible pertaining to Manipur as well.

And yes again only selfish privileged "nationalist" folks like them can afford to

display "national pride" in context of attaining "global high table" through advertisement of G-20 summit (which all countries host by rotation) or Moon-Mission when billions of own countrymen are bereft of basic necessities like food attire shelter education medical care justice and livelihood; when millions of Indians are compelled to venture to alien shores (including civil war scarred countries of Middle East and Africa) to feed themselves with the country lagging much behind in all International Indexes of Social and Human Development which really matter. Yes, there lies every democratic right of all to vote in favour of the preferred leader, party or Government. But can such affiliation be so blind that even basic feelings of humanity be allowed to be trampled upon marauding feet by making absolute mockery of basic Conscience as well.

(The views and opinions expressed in this article are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of the newspaper.)

BRIEF

Strategic disinvestment



New Delhi: The government has not taken any decision on strategic disinvestment of MMTC, Parliament was informed. In a written reply to the Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Anupriya Patel said the state-run trading firm has registered a profit of Rs 1,076.07 crore in 2022-23 against a loss of Rs 241.93 crore in 2021-22. "Currently, the accounts for 2023-24 are under finalisation," she said. The government currently holds 99.33 per cent stake in MMTC. "The Government has not taken any decision on strategic disinvestment of MMTC," she added.

Don't camouflage stress, extend loans for reasonable period: Das to banks

Mumbai, Aug 10:

Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das on Thursday said banks should not "camouflage" stress, and extend loans only for a reasonable period of time. Speaking to reporters at the central bank headquarters, Das said the age of the borrower and the ability to repay must be considered, while extending loan tenors and also made it clear that the RBI does not want to define what constitutes a reasonable period. It can be noted that a bill of retail loans, especially long-tenor ones like housing, are on floating rate now and the rate hikes of 2.50 per cent by the RBI have led to many such borrowings being extended to longer periods as the inter-



Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das with Deputy Governors Michael Debabrata Patra, M. Rajeshwar Rao, Swaminathan Janakiraman and Rabi Shankar arrives to address a press conference on monetary policy statement, at the RBI headquarters in Mumbai, Thursday, Aug. 10.

est outgo increases. "It is necessary to avoid unduly long elongation which sometimes may ... camouflage an underlying stress in a particular loan," Das said. He said the case for elongation may vary from individual to individual, and the banks have to take a subjective call on such matters. "We are not considering defining unreasonable elongation, it is something the board will have to consider having regard to the tenor and the repayment capacity of the individual borrowers." Deputy Governor M Rajeshwar Rao said. It is up to the board to decide what is a reasonable tenure and increasing that beyond a particular period would be deemed as unreasonable but it is left to the individual institution to de-

fine it, he added. Rao said the RBI has also discussed the issue with bank chief executives during a recent meeting, where the exact concerns have been conveyed and expected action was also highlighted. Earlier in the day, Das announced a move under which the RBI will be putting in place a transparent framework for reset of interest rates on floating interest loans. Banks will have to clearly communicate with borrowers for resetting the tenor and/or EMI. provide options for switching to fixed rate loans or foreclosure of loans, also disclose various charges incidental to the exercise of the options; and ensure proper communication of key information to borrowers.

Toyota Kirloskar drives in new model Rumion

Looks to bolster presence in MPV segment

New Delhi, Aug 10:



Toyota Kirloskar Motor on Thursday introduced an all-new model Rumion in the country as it looks to further strengthen its position in the robustly growing domestic multi purpose vehicle (MPV) segment. The seven-seater model comes with a 1.5-litre petrol engine mated with a five-speed manual and six-speed automatic transmissions. It also features a CNG trim.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) said the prices and booking date of the model will be announced in due course of time. It, however, noted that the vehicle be available from the early festive season in dealerships for deliveries. "At Toyota, we believe in going beyond delivering world-class vehicles. Our deep-rooted culture is to offer products and services that create excep-

tional value and offer peace of mind to our loyal customers. The all-new Toyota Rumion embraces this ethos," TKM Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Masakazu Yoshimura said in a statement. As a brand, that is deeply committed to the Indian market and its valued customers, Toyota will continue to excel and add great value to the auto industry in India by continuous innovation and fostering the self-sustaining local eco-system in the automobile space, he added. "Our

aim is to continue to emphasise on introducing ever-better cars, better technologies and environment-friendly products and services," Yoshimura noted. TKM Vice President (Sales and Strategic Marketing) Atul Sood said the model would be introduced in the market in the upcoming festive season. "We aim to cater to the evolving needs of families, providing them with comfort, convenience, and peace of mind. We are confident that it will bring unparalleled joy to our esteemed customers," he noted.

Trusted brand

New Delhi: Maruti Suzuki India said its pre-owned car business has crossed 50 lakh-unit sales milestone since inception. The company had introduced its pre-owned car brand, Maruti Suzuki True Value in 2001. "With the successful completion of 22 years in the industry, India's most trusted pre-owned car brand, Maruti Suzuki True Value has established itself as the preferred choice of 50 lakh happy customers," Maruti Suzuki India Ltd (MSIL) Senior Executive Officer, Marketing & Sales, Shashank Srivastava said in a statement.

Audi India commences bookings for new Q8 e-tron, Q8 Sportback e-tron

New Delhi, Aug 10:

German luxury carmaker Audi on Thursday said it has commenced bookings for the new Q8 e-tron and Q8 Sportback e-tron in India. The newest addition to the electric range, the Q8 e-tron and Q8 Sportback e-tron feature a new design language, features, increased battery capacity, driving range and improved driving dynamics. Available in two body types - SUV and Sportback, the model comes with a range of up to 600kms on a single charge. "We are just a few days away from the launch of the Q8 e-tron and Q8 Sportback e-tron our newest electric vehicles. These cars were launched



globally only a few months ago and we could not be more excited to bring these to India within the same global cycle," Audi India Head Balbir Singh Dhillon said in a statement. The company is bringing the very best for customers - a new design, increased battery capacity, enhanced range that is best-in-segment and a lot more features, he added. The new Q8 e-tron and Q8 Sportback e-tron can be booked with an initial amount of Rs 5 lakh, Audi India said.

Govt taking steps to control price rise, tomatoes being imported from Nepal: Sitharaman

New Delhi, Aug 10:

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday said the government is taking steps to control inflation and as part of the measures tomatoes are being imported from Nepal to meet the demand and check prices. "Lot of steps have been taken to contain inflation. Group of Ministers has been taking timely steps to control prices which are hitting common people," Sitharaman said while participating in a debate on the no-confidence motion in the Lok Sabha. Sitharaman said Tur dal is being imported from Mozambique, Urad dal



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman speaks during the discussion on the Motion of No-Confidence in the Lok Sabha during the Monsoon session of Parliament, in New Delhi, Thursday, Aug. 10.

will be imported from Myanmar, while around three lakh tonnes of onions have been procured to create a buffer stock. She said tomatoes are being procured from Maharashtra and Karnataka, and distrib-

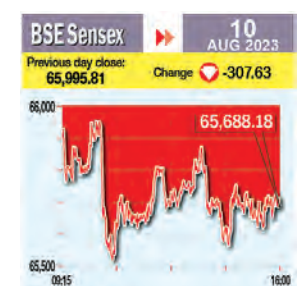
Markets fall post RBI monetary policy decision

Mumbai, Aug 10:

Benchmark equity indices declined on Thursday post the RBI monetary policy, dragged down by banking counters, after the unexpected announcement of reducing cash in the financial system. Investors also remained on the sidelines ahead of the US inflation data announcement.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Thursday left its key interest rates unchanged for a third straight meeting but signalled tighter policy if food prices drive inflation higher. The monetary policy committee, which has three members from the central bank and a similar number of external members, held the benchmark repurchase rate (repo) at 6.50 per cent in a unani-

mous decision. It retained the stance on "withdrawal of accommodation" but Governor Shaktikanta Das sounded hawkish when he highlighted that headline inflation needs to subside sustainably below 4 per cent and any surge in the inflation print, if continued for a longer period, may necessitate fresh action. The 30-share BSE Sensex fell 307.63 points or 0.47 per cent to settle at 65,688.18.



Invoicing solutions

Chennai: Tide India, a digital financial platform provider, has unveiled invoicing solutions for small and medium enterprises, the company said. The move is to enable the SMEs to strengthen regulatory compliance, optimise invoicing processes, reduce costs and thereby enhancing operational efficiency. According to a study undertaken by Tide India, nearly 77 per cent of SMEs in Tamil Nadu face challenges with book keeping and invoicing, a company statement said.

Shaktikanta Das sounds more hawkish, hikes CRR to suck out over Rs 1 lakh cr excess liquidity

Mumbai, Aug 10:

The Reserve Bank on Thursday raised the cash reserve ratio in an incremental 10 per cent in proportion to banks' liquidity, a move that will suck out over Rs 1 lakh crore from the system.

The move, announced along with the bi-monthly policy review, was the best option under the current circumstances and there is enough liquidity in the system for the banks to continue their lending operations, Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das told reporters. The RBI monetary Policy Committee (MPC) unanimously left



the repo rate unchanged at 6.50 per cent, but reduced the money supply by raising the cash reserve ratio (CRR) to 10 per cent on the incremental NDTL (net demand and time liabilities) over the

last three month, for a limited period till September 8. "The move will suck out a little over Rs 1 lakh crore of excess liquidity from the system," Das said. According to latest data, at Rs 2.48

lakh crore, the surplus liquidity in the system in August was at a 14 month high - the highest since June 2022. Das' deputy and the head of the monetary policy department, Michael Patra said the proposed September 8 review will purely be data-dependent.

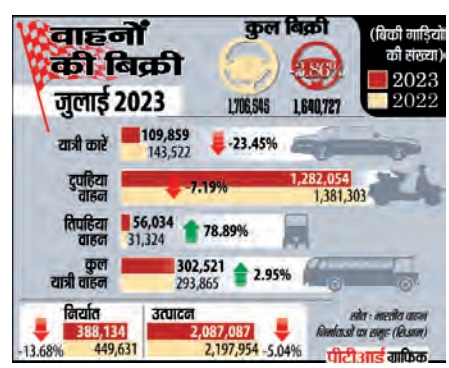
"We will have to go beyond Arjuna's eyes and act quickly if the spiralling vegetable prices become more widespread and become generalized, forcing us to deploy any appropriate tool under our command to tame it and that it may not just be a rate hike, but any tool under our command will be deployed," Das said.

Domestic passenger vehicle wholesales rise 2.57 pc in July: SIAM

New Delhi, Aug 10:

Domestic passenger vehicles wholesales registered a 2.57 per cent year-on-year increase in July at 3,50,149 units, the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers said on Thursday. As per the latest data issued by the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), dispatches of passenger vehicles (PVs) from manufacturers to dealers were at 3,41,370 units in July 2022.

Two-wheeler domestic wholesales were down at 12,82,054 units last month, as against 13,81,303 units in July 2022. Motorcycle sales were lower at 8,17,206 units last month, as compared to 8,70,028 units in July 2022. Scooters sales were also down at 4,28,640 units, from 4,79,159 units in the same month last year, SIAM said. Three-wheeler wholesales were higher at 56,034 units, as compared to 31,324 units in the year-ago month. Total vehicle dispatches across categories, ex-



cluding Tata Motors, were at 16,40,727 units, as compared to 17,06,545 units in July 2022, SIAM said. Tata Motors shares its sales data of commercial vehicles quarterly. Though the passenger vehicle and three-wheeler segments are performing well, there has been a de-growth in the two-wheeler segment in July 2023, compared to July 2022.

Samsung India secures record 100,000 pre-bookings for Galaxy Z Flip5 and Z Fold5

Mumbai, Aug 10:

Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, secured record pre-bookings for its fifth generation foldable devices launched recently. In the first 28 hours, more than 100,000 consumers pre-booked Galaxy Z Flip5 and Z Fold5 in India.

As compared to the fourth generation foldables (Galaxy Z Flip4 and Z Fold4), Samsung received 1.7x (1.7 times) pre-bookings for Galaxy Z Flip5 and Z Fold5 during the first 28 hours, reflecting the growing confidence of Indian consumers in the foldable category. In India, pre-bookings for Galaxy Z Flip5 and Z Fold5 opened on July 27, 2023. The devices will go on



sale from August 18, 2023. "We are delighted with the overwhelming response for our newly-launched Galaxy Z Flip5 and Galaxy Z Fold5 phones in India. The new devices prove our commitment to meeting the needs of our customers through innovative technology. The success of Galaxy Z Flip5 and Galaxy Z Fold5 shows

that Indian consumers are highly sensitive to new innovations. I am confident that our new devices will help the mainstreaming of foldables, and help us consolidate our leadership in India," said JB Park, President and CEO, Samsung Southwest Asia. Galaxy Z Flip5 delivers a stylish, unique foldable experience from a pocket-sized device built for self-expression.

The Galaxy Z Flip5's outer screen is now 3.78 times larger and offers more usability than ever before. Galaxy Z Fold5, the ultimate productivity powerhouse with a large screen delivers the most powerful performance in the Galaxy Z series because it is the thinnest, lightest Fold yet.

Rupee rises 17 paise to close at 82.68 against US dollar post RBI policy decision

New Delhi, Aug 10:

The rupee gained 17 paise to close at 82.68 (provisional) against the US dollar on Thursday after the Reserve Bank left its key interest rates unchanged. Forex traders said rupee appreciated tracking a weak tone in the US dollar. However, weak domestic markets and a surge in crude oil prices capped sharp gains. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened at 82.81 against the US dollar and moved in a range of 82.68 to 82.86 in the day trade. The rupee finally settled 17 paise higher at 82.68 (provisional) against the previous close of 82.85 on

Wednesday. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Thursday left its key interest rates unchanged for a third straight meeting but signalled tighter policy if food prices drive inflation higher. The hawkish stance was also reinforced by the unexpected announcement of reducing the cash in the banking system by raising the incremental cash reserve ratio (ICRR) to 10 per cent on the incremental NDTL (net demand and time liabilities) over the last 3 months. This will help in absorbing a large part of the excess liquidity created through the return of the Rs 2,000 notes and the large dividend to the government from RBI.

RBI's rate decision pragmatic, to keep EMIs stable: Experts

New Delhi, Aug 10:

The RBI's decision to keep interest rates unchanged is pragmatic and on the expected lines, and ensures that EMIs on home and consumer loans remain stable, experts said on Thursday. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) left its key policy rates unchanged for a third straight meeting but signalled tighter policy if food prices drive inflation higher. The monetary policy committee (MPC), which has three members from the central bank and a similar number of external members, held the benchmark repurchase rate (repo) at 6.50 per cent in a unanimous decision. "As expected, the RBI has

taken the pragmatic approach and kept the policy repo rate unchanged at 6.5%. The central bank has reiterated its commitment to bring inflation within the target band while continuing its focus on supporting growth," said EEPCC India Chairman Arun Kumar Garodia.

While exporters are exploring new markets, the fiscal and monetary support remains crucial for the sector, which is key to generating jobs and earning forex, he said. Unveiling the bi-monthly monetary policy, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said the Indian rupee has remained stable since January 2023 and foreign exchange reserves have

crossed USD 600 billion mark. Assoccham secretary general Deepak Sood said despite challenges emanating from the global economy, the RBI-MPC has several positive macro take-aways like a sustainable GDP growth of 6.5 per cent, uptick in capacity utilisation in the manufacturing sector and revival of private sector investment in key sectors of the economy. "The outcome of the policy review, notably, encompasses a wider spectrum including a boost to infrastructure funding, transparency in the EMI resetting for the borrowers and an innovative technology interface for the frictionless credit delivery through end-to-end digital platforms," he said.

Education is important to understand our rights: Collector

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Dantewada, Aug 10: On the occasion of World Tribal Day a district level program was organized here under the guidance of District Collector Vineet Nandanwar, Sulochana Karma, Chhabindra Karma, community heads and other officials. The ceremony was first started by garlanding the statue of Danteshwari Maa and worshipping it according to law, thereafter, state song Arpa Pari was sung, giving best wishes on World Tribal Day.

Addressing the meet, the Collector said that education is most important for the all-round development of the society, and as



we talk about rights but it is also necessary to understand it and to understand it, there is nothing greater than education.

Motivating the youth present in large numbers, he said that there is no alternative to hard work. He further said that there is no dearth of talent in the area, there is a need to en-

courage them, therefore, parents should motivate their children towards education.

He informed that this year 65 children of the area were selected in various competitive examinations and coaching institutes related to various subjects and examinations are being run by the

district administration for this purpose.

On the occasion of the completion of the programme, individual forest rights letters were given to 74 beneficiaries, 191 letters under community forest rights, seed distribution by Agriculture Department, loan distribution to 10 beneficiaries by Antyavasya Department, checks were given to 4 beneficiaries under Tendupatta Collector Insurance Scheme.

Superintendent of Police Gaurav Rai, DFO Sagar Jadhav, District Panchayat CEO Kumar Bishwaranjan and other officers, journalists, a large number of villagers and school children were present.

World Tribal Day celebrated

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Kawardha, Aug 10: Forest, Transport, Housing and Climate Change Minister and Kawardha MLA Mr. Mohammad Akbar and Pandariya MLA Smt. Mamta Chandrakar today participated in the World Tribal Day program organized at Eklavya Ideal Residential School premises in remote Vananchal village Taregaon forest of Tribal and Baiga Bahul Bodla development block.

The Minister felicitated the Baigas of the area and inaugurated various construction works for 35 villages at a cost of Rs. 5 crore 1 lakh 25 thousand 506.

He distributed certificates worth Rs 7 crore 31 lakh 18 thousand 32 to 49 thousand 444 tendupatta collector beneficiaries for the year 2021 and 2022 and



Community Forest Rights Letter to 27 beneficiaries, Community Forest Resource Rights Letter to Forest Rights Committee of 05 Gram Panchayats.

On this occasion, Minister Mr. Akbar identified two gram panchayats of the district, Amanara (Bodla) and Lakhanpur (Pandaria) as ideal villages holding forest rights

leaflets on World Tribal Day.

On this occasion Pitambar Verma, District Panchayat Vice President Hori Sahu, Agricultural Produce Market President Neelkanth Sahu, Vice President Chova Sahu, Bodla District Vice President Sanat Jaiswal, District Panchayat Member Mr. Mukhiram

Itwari Baiga, Superintendent of Police Dr. Abhishek Pallav, Divisional Forest Officer Chudamani Singh, District Panchayat CEO Sandeep Agarwal, Joint Collector and Assistant Commissioner Tribal Development Department Dr. Monika Kaudo and public representatives were present.

Workshop on Capacity Building organized by HNLU

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Navapara-Rajim, Aug 10: Under the joint aegis of National Women's Commission, Hidayatullah National Law University Raipur organized a one-day workshop on the subject of capacity building and personality development for girl students on August 4, 2023 at HNLU campus.

More than 300 girl students participated in this program from 7 colleges of Chhattisgarh in which 50 girl students from Seth Phoolchand Agarwal Smriti Mahavidyalaya also participated under the guidance of Professor Nayana Pahadia and Dr. Deepti Goswami.

Professor (Dr.) V.C Vivekanandan in his address talked about the stories defining the importance of capability building and personality development of an individual as



well as the contemporary relevance of imbuing soft skills to make one efficient and valuable in the professional world.

The welcome speech was delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Yogendra Kumar Srivastava, Prof. Dean (PG) and COE and Concept note for the workshop was presented by Dr. Parvesh Rajput, Organizing Secretary.

Dr. Vipin Kumar, Registrar-in-Charge and

Associate Professor gave a brief introduction on the meaning and importance of soft skills both as professionals and as individuals.

The first module was curated on the importance of personal capacity building which was delivered in a concise manner by Dr. Ravi Shankar Panikkar, Assistant Professor, Bhilai Institute of Technology, Raipur. He laid special emphasis on various communication techniques and de-

velopment of time management skills etc.

A comprehensive session on Stress Management was presented by Ms. Apoorva Sharma, Assistant Professor HNLU. The second module was aimed at helping the participants unlock their inner hero and Mr. Jeevan Sagar, Assistant Professor, HNLU guided them through various aspects of charismatic leadership.

Mr. Pradeep Barman,

Assistant Professor HNLU Raipur concluded the second module with an interactive session on Career Development. The third module was designed around digital literacy and effective use of social media.

Dr. Atul S. Jayabhaye, Assistant Professor provided through an awareness session on various cyber crimes and scams that users can fall prey to on social media, and shared effective methods to curb such attacks.

Mr. V. Suryanarayana Raju, Assistant Professor delivered the concluding remarks on the topic Sharing Lecture Strategies for the Workshop on Safe Use of Various Social Media Platforms and Content. Girls of Government College Rajim and Government Women's College Navapara also participated in this program.

Dangerous pit awaiting accidents



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Berla, Aug 10: A pit lying open in village Khamhariya Block of Berla, where the road from Mohbhattha to Bhedni has been constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana is in news, as any time any big accident can occur at that place. The plight of the road is in

as dilapidated roads are affecting Mahatari Express and school bus rides, and also in Devarbija, the area near village Khamhariya, the villagers keep coming and going from Devarbija, to reach by sub-tehsil, police outpost, community health center, government primary school and district coop-

erative society central bank, which has largely become challenging.

The administration and the responsible are not taking care of the plight and also Executive Engineer Prime Minister Village Road Scheme Bemetera Santosh Kumar Sahu, was unaccessible, when contacted through telephone in this regard.

HM takes review meeting of police department

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Mahasamund, Aug 10: State Home, Jail, Public Works, Agriculture Department and Minister in-charge of the district Tamradhwaj Sahu took a review meeting of the Police Department here. In the meeting, Parliamentary Secretary and Mahasamund MLA Vinod Chandrakar, Parliamentary Secretary and Khallari MLA Dwarkadhish Yadav, Saraipali MLA Kismat Lal Nand, Basna MLA Devendra Bahadur Singh, Collector Prabhat Malik, Superintendent of Police Dharmendra Singh, Additional Superintendent of Police Akash Rao and officers of the police department were present.

Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu said



that it is the responsibility of the police to satisfy the public with the action taken by the police and the police should be respected in the mind of the public and there should be fear in the mind of the criminal.

During the action, it should be ensured that the police behave friendly with the public. He also said that proper arrangements are being made to meet the shortage of police force in the police stations. Apply

more force in police stations where crime is high and apply less force where crime is comparatively less, he said.

Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu also said that there is a complaint in most of the police stations for not registering FIRs, such complaints should not come and immediate action should be taken in dowry case, SC, ST case.

Dissolving the land disputes seriously, give information to the revenue department, instructions were also given to make proper arrangements for parking inside the city. Also instructions were given to curb the sale and transportation of illegal liquor, hemp along with the Excise Department and to increase police patrolling in block headquarters.

Weekly deadline meeting concludes

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Korea, Aug 10: Under the chairmanship of District Collector Vinay Kumar Langeh, the weekly deadline meeting was concluded in the collectorate here. In the meeting, while reviewing the work progress of the announcements made in the Chief Minister's meeting, the Collector made a thorough review of the Godhan Nyaya Yojana (GNY) and applications received through Jan Choupal, Public Grievance, and PG portal department-wise, he directed to redress them within the time limit. In the meeting, while reviewing the purchase of cow dung in Gothan, the Collector asked to ensure maximum purchase of cow dung in



all Gothans and instructed to sell 100 percent products made of cow urine.

He reviewed Chief Minister's School Jatan, Roka-Cheka campaign and instructed to complete the construction work of various social buildings at the earliest. He instructed to regularly

inspect the hostels operated in the district and to make proper arrangements as well as instructing Tehsildars to solve the problems of villagers and farmers immediately, including Girdawari, demarcation, renaming, copying and e-registration processes.

Officers of various departments including District Panchayat Chief Executive Officer Dr. Ashutosh Chaturvedi, Joint Collector Neelam Toppo, Baikunthpur SDM Ankita Som, Deputy Collector and Sonhat SDM. Rakesh Kumar Sahu were present in the meeting.

Bholanayak inaugurates Ch'garh Olympic Games in Lohari



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Kotmi, Aug 10: In a significant stride towards promoting comprehensive child development, the Chhattisgarh Olympic Sports initiative was inaugurated across all developmental blocks of the state. Going beyond physical fitness, this initiative seeks to nurture mental growth, fostering holistic development among students. Previously initiated by Chhattisgarh's Chief Minister, Bhupesh Baghel, the positive impact of this sports program is now becoming evident. With continued governmental support towards sports, Chhattisgarh is poised to excel

in the sporting arena, simultaneously bolstering regional and state-level development and bringing accolades to the district and the nation. The inauguration ceremony of this sports initiative commenced at Lohari village, where the Rajiv Mitan Club's legislative assembly coordinator, Bholanayak, led the proceedings. Notable attendees included Rajendra Tamrakar, Secretary of Gaurela Pendra Marwahi Congress Committee, MP Representative Rakesh Masih, District Panchayat member Shubham Pendra, and Block Vice President Narayan Shrivastava, along with other distinguished citizens.

Janchoupal and Samadhan camp organized

● In village Bahera

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Berla, Aug 10: Under the direction of Superintendent of Police, Bhawana Gupta, DSP Rajesh Kumar Jha and Police Station Berla Inspector-in-Charge Vivek Patle and other staff, in village Bahera under Police Station Berla area, Janchoupal and Samadhan camp was organized.

The motto behind the camp was to avoid cyber-crime, to be beware of hawkers and intoxicants in personal, physical, economic and social form under the de-addiction campaign and the damage caused by smoking, as well as the future impact of the



youth were informed.

People were made to resolve not to take drugs and were also told about its side effects. By giving Samadhan helpline number 9479257558, it was advised to give information about problem and complaint to the police immediately.

The police also appealed

to the cattle owners to keep their cattle tied up, so that the accident caused by them can be avoided. DSP Rajesh Kumar Jha and Police Station Berla Inspector-in-Charge Vivek Patle and other police station Berla staff and village sarpanch, seniors and villagers of village Bahera were present.

Boosting awareness for 100% voter participation



Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, Aug 10: A commendable initiative unfolded in the village of Vijaypur, located in the Takhatpur Development Block, as the 'SVEEP' voter awareness campaign celebrated and honored elderly citizens, newlyweds, and differently-abled voters.

The event was designed to foster a sense of enthusiasm among attendees to achieve 100% voter turnout in the impending elections.

Spanning across the district, the comprehensive 'SVEEP' campaign has been orchestrating a wide-spread voter education effort. This inclusive endeavor encompasses the

active engagement of rural residents, educators, students from schools and colleges, and self-help group members. Adding to the momentum, school-children from various developmental blocks are spearheading voter awareness rallies to underscore the significance of active participation in the electoral process.

AHEAD OF ASIAN GAMES

NADA collects more than 900 samples for dope tests

■ 199 from athletics
New Delhi, Aug 10 (PTI):

The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) collected more than 900 dope samples from athletes of various sports, with a whopping 199 coming from track and field, in June and July ahead of the upcoming Asian Games.

The national anti-doping watchdog collected 914 samples, mostly urine though few are of blood, from June 1 to July 31, according to the latest data released by NADA on Thursday.

Athletics is followed by boxing (71), aquatics (65), weightlifting (56), cycling (55), kabaddi (52), wrestling (46), shooting (43) in the number of sam-

ples collected in these two months.

The number of samples in other sports are: wushu (35), fencing (33), canoe (32), badminton (24), hockey (23), triathlon (23), rowing (20), archery (15), football (11), judo (11), softball (10), electronic sports (8), sport climbing (7) and cricket (2).

The names of almost all the top track and field athletes who train in the country or took part in domestic events, including the likes of Murali Sreeshankar, Shaali Singh, Eldhose Paul, Abdulla Aboobacker, Jyothi Yarraji, Tejaswin Shankar, Praveen Chitravel, Tajinderpal Singh Toor, Annu Rani, Parul Chaudhary, Priyanka Goswami and Amlan Borgohain, figured in the

list.

Other track and field athletes who have undergone dope tests include Jinson Johnson, Sandeep Kumar, Shivpal Singh, Amoj Jacob, Rajesh Ramesh, Mijo Chacko Kurian, VK Vismaya, Krishan Kumar, PU Chitra, Abhishek Pal, Gulveer Singh, Abha Khatua, Rohit Yadav, Paramjeet Bisht, Vikas Singh, Bhawna Jat, Seema Punia, B Siva Kumar, Sarvesh Anil Kushare, KM Deeksha, Ancy Sojan, Ram Baboo, Aishwarya Mishra, Noah Tom Nirmal, Kishore Jena, DP Manu, Abha Khatua, Akshdeep Singh, Sanjivani Jadhav, Swapna Barman and KM Chanda.

The data also shows that around 30 samples were collected during the

National Inter-State Athletics Championships in Bhubaneswar (June 15-19), which had served as the selection trial for the Hangzhou Asian Games from September 23.

Among cricketers, Hardik Pandya and Smriti Mandhana gave samples during these two months. In hockey, goalkeeper PR Sreejesh is the lone male player while the remaining are female players.

In football, 10 male players - Muhammed Ashique Kuluniyan, Anwar Ali, Gurmeet, Rahim Ali, Thounaojam Jeakson Singh, Mehtab Singh, Sahal Abdul Samad, Naorem Mahesh, Lallianzuala Chhangte and Liston Colaco - underwent dope tests, while one is a female player.

'Was a bit shocked at my exclusion from Asian Games'

■ Determined to make national comeback

New Delhi, Aug 10 (PTI):

Senior India batter Shikhar Dhawan was a "bit shocked" at his exclusion from India's Asian Games squad but remains determined to make a national comeback in the near future.

With the first-choice players busy with preparation for the ODI World Cup at home, the BCCI named a squad full of youngsters for the Hangzhou Asian Games in September-October.

The 37-year-old left-hander was tipped to lead the second-string India team in China, a role he performed until 10 months ago, but the selectors did not pick him and named Ruturaj Gaikwad as captain.

"When my name was not there (for Asian Games), I was a bit shocked. But,



Shikhar Dhawan

then, I was like they have a different thought process, you just have to accept it. Happy that Rutu (Gaikwad) will lead the side. All the young boys are there, I am sure they will do well," Dhawan told PTI on Thursday.

With Shubman Gill joining Rohit Sharma at the top, it seems the Indian team has moved on from Dhawan, who had become a one-format player until he was dropped from the ODI side following the

Bangladesh tour in December 2022.

The ever-optimistic Dhawan, who has been among India's leading ODI batters over the past decade, said he can't foresee what is in store for him but will be ready if an opportunity knocks on the door.

"I will be ready, of course (for the comeback). That is why I keep myself fit (so whenever I get a chance I am ready). There is always a chance whether it is one percent or 20 percent.

"I still enjoy training and I still enjoy the game, these are the things in my control. Whatever decision is made, I respect that," said the southpaw who remains a centrally-contracted cricketer and spends a lot of time at the National Cricket Academy.

If the India comeback doesn't happen, Dhawan has an IPL trophy to win for Punjab Kings. He also expressed his keenness to play in the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy and 50-over Vijay Hazare Trophy before the IPL.

"I have not spoken to any selector (about my future). I keep going to NCA. I enjoy my time there, the facilities are great. NCA has shaped my career and I am grateful for it.

"Also I have to prepare for the IPL. I will be playing the Syed Mushtaq Ali and, hopefully, the Vijay Hazare as well," he said referring to the two domestic tournaments.

Sindhu, Satwik-Chirag pair get first-round bye

■ In BWF World Championships

Kuala Lumpur, Aug 10 (PTI):

Two-time Olympic medallist shuttler PV Sindhu and men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty received first-round byes in the BWF World Championships 2023 draw held here on Thursday.

This year's BWF World Championships will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark from August 21 to 27.

Sindhu, who won the women's singles world title in 2019, however, has been handed a tough draw and she might face Thailand's Ratchanok Intanon and top seed An Se Young of Korea as they are grouped in the top half of the draw.

Sindhu is the only Indian to feature in the women's singles competition.

The men's doubles combination of World Championships bronze medallists Satwik and Chirag achieved a career-best world no.2 ranking last month following their title triumph in Korea Open and are in the form of their life.



India's men's singles challenge will be led by in-form HS Prannoy, seeded second in the upcoming event. He will face Kalle Koljonen of Finland.

The other Indians in the fray in men's singles - Lakshya Sen and Kidambi Srikanth - will play Georges Julien Paul of Mauritius and Kenta

Nishimoto of Japan respectively in their first-round matches.

Prannoy has been the most consistent Indian singles player in the last 12 months, and is currently ranked ninth in the world. He won the Malaysia Masters in May before finishing second best in last week's Australian Open.

India look to maintain intensity throughout 60 minutes in semi-final against Japan

Chennai, Aug 10 (PTI):

Maintaining intensity throughout the 60 minutes of the game and consistency in finishing would be India's targets when the hosts take on Japan in the semifinal of the Asian Champions Trophy hockey tournament here on Friday.

No doubt, India will start as favourites after their unbeaten run in the round-robin stage, winning four matches and drawing one to top the points table.

However, India would be wary of Japan, the only side the hosts have not beaten. The league match between the two sides had ended in a 1-1 draw.

There is a wide gap in the world rankings between the two teams as India are at fourth spot as against 19 of Japan. But the home side should not forget that they had lost to Japan 3-5 in the semifinals of the 2021 edition in Dhaka after thrashing their opponents 6-0 in the league stage.

India have scored the most number of goals - 20 - so far in this tournament but they missed chances



Captain Harmanpreet Singh sounded the board twice in India's thumping of Pakistan in their Asian Champions Trophy match in Chennai on Wednesday.

galore against Japan in their league match, and the hosts will have to make amends of their poor finishing against the same opponents on Friday.

Craig Fulton's side could

thrashing of arch-rivals Pakistan on Wednesday.

Fulton noted that it would be vital for his side to maintain consistency in all the four quarters of the match. "We had some good consistency in each quarter (against Pakistan), which we did the same during the Japan game. We also had more penetration into the circle in each quarter than Japan. So, it will be about maintaining consistency and not doing it just one way," he said.

India vice-captain and midfielder Hardik Singh agreed with his coach but felt that besides the final execution inside the box, more patience would be needed to get more goals against Japan.

"We expect to carry the same momentum. But, we still need to have more patience inside the box, which is extremely important. Also, we need to set up the tempo of the game. We will be treating them (Japan) as a top team."

As far as Japan is concerned, they sneaked into the semifinals ahead of Pakistan on better goal difference, though the two sides collected five points each. Japan had minus

two goal difference as against minus five of Pakistan.

Overall, Japan's performance in the competition has been far from convincing. They managed just a win (vs China) and lost and drawn twice.

Even though, India are favourites to win on Friday, Japan will try to take a cue from their earlier performance against the hosts.

Although Japan have impressed defensively, especially in how their defenders were tackling the Indian attackers during the penalty corners, their attacking line-up has been disappointing.

Before the India vs Japan match, second-placed Malaysia will take on third-placed and defending champions South Korea in the semifinals on Friday.

While the performance of the Koreans has nothing much to write, the Malaysians have been impressive in this competition, managing four wins and a loss.

Judging by the current form, Malaysia would start as favourite against Korea.

Rohit Sharma reveals India's No 4 nightmare!



Mumbai, Aug 10 (PTI):

No batter has succeeded in settling into the vital number four slot in the Indian ODI team since the retirement of Yuvraj Singh, captain Rohit Sharma said on Thursday, raising serious concerns before the World Cup.

With the 50-over World Cup less than two months away, India are struggling to find a batter for the No. 4 slot, something that has also troubled them in the previous edition in 2019 in England.

Shreyas Iyer, who is on a comeback trail after a long injury layoff, did well in his

you will always see a new guy coming and playing there," he said.

The India captain said the percentage of injuries to players in key positions has hampered the team in the longer run.

"The percentage of injuries that have happened in the last 4-5 years, it is massive. When the players get injured or are not available, you try doing different things with different players that is what I have to say about No. 4," he said.

"Even before, when I was not the captain, I was watching no? There were so many guys who came in and went out. But injuries kept them away or they were not available or someone lost form," Rohit added.

With both KL Rahul India's preferred option for No. 5 as wicketkeeper-batter and Iyer on comeback trail, Rohit said they will wait and watch how these two players go. "No one is an automatic (selection), even I am not. We have this thing where nobody is guaranteed a spot. We cannot say that 'you are there after all' or things like that," Rohit said.

NATIONAL BANK OPEN Top-ranked Iga Swiatek beats Karolina Pliskova



Montreal, Aug 10 (AP):

Top-ranked Iga Swiatek overcame a first-set scare to beat Karolina Pliskova 7-6 (6), 6-2 in the second round of the National Bank Open.

"Well, for sure it's nice to have some challenges and overcome them," said Swiatek, coming off a victory last week at home in the Poland Open. "It wasn't an easy first round, but I'm happy that I stayed solid."

Swiatek advanced to face 14th-seeded Karolina Muchova, a 7-5, 6-4 winner over Sorana Cirstea. Swiatek beat Muchova this year in the French Open final.

"We have to be ready for the next match and kind of expect that anything can

happen because tennis can be pretty unpredictable," Swiatek said. "You know, one player can have a bad day. At the same time the other one can play the best tennis of their life."

In the night session, second-ranked Aryna Sabalenka beat Petra Martic 6-3, 7-6 (5) in the hard-court event. Sabalenka is the Australian Open champion.

"Especially on this surface, I was really struggling with all her slices," Sabalenka said. "I think I need some time to adjust to this surface. I hope the next match I will play a little bit better, but overall, I'm just happy to get through this tough match."

'India women's team can win gold in Asian Games'

Mumbai, Aug 10 (PTI):

Having missed out on the gold at the Commonwealth Games, left-arm spinner Rajeshwari Gayakwad is confident the Indian women's team can go the distance at the Asian Games in Hangzhou, China next month.

The Indian team came close to winning the coveted gold on women's cricket's Commonwealth Games debut in Birmingham last year but went down to Australia in the summit clash. It was the side's third defeat in a big final in recent years. The 'Women in Blue' have got a direct qualification to the quarterfinals at the Asian Games based on their ICC T20I rankings.

"Definitely, we will get the gold medal in the Asian Games," Gayakwad told PTI in an exclusive interview.

"We have played against all major opponents in the past, but not to dwell on that much, we have the trust in our team that we are capable of winning and clinching the gold medal," she added. Gayakwad was not part of India's last assignment - the tour of Bangladesh where they won the T20I series 2-1 but had to



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settle for a 1-1 draw in the ODI fixtures. "I was in rehabilitation and on rest during the Bangladesh tour; it was not the case of me being dropped," Gayakwad said.

The spinner, who has played two Tests, 64 ODIs and 55 T20Is for India, is currently busy in an off-season camp for Indian players of the Women's Premier League side UP Warriorz in Bengaluru.

"We have done some great work in the camp. We did not need to work on any specific areas but spoke about improving in those areas where we could have done

better and focused only on that."

"The focus has been on the overall game from fielding to batting and bowling. The batters, though, tried to work on their stroke-making in particular."

Gayakwad said coming editions of the WPL will provide more match-time to the players.

"The WPL is a big thing for Indian cricket because it challenges us to take our cricket more seriously and we can improve more because there were not many opportunities in terms of match-time for us."

IIT Delhi's 54th Convocation

Over 2,350 graduating students to receive degrees

New Delhi, Aug 10 (PTI):

Over 2,350 UG and PG students at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) here will be awarded degrees during the 54th convocation ceremony on August 12, an official said on Thursday.

Dr Gagandeep Kang, an eminent virologist and professor of microbiology at Christian Medical College, Vellore, will be the chief guest at the convocation.

"Over 2,350 graduating UG and PG students will be awarded degrees during the convocation ceremony. During the 54th convocation ceremony, graduates of the first batch of M.Tech in Electric

Mobility, Interdisciplinary M.Tech in Cyber Security, Masters in Public Policy, Master of Science in Research (MSR) in Materials Science and Engineering and Joint PhD programme with the University of Queensland, Australia, will be awarded their degrees," IIT-Delhi Director Rangan Banerjee said at a press conference.

Meritorious students will be awarded the President's Gold Medal, the Director's Gold Medal, Dr Shankar Dayal Sharma (Former President of India) Gold Medal, Perfect Ten Gold Medal and the Institute Silver Medal.

"We will also honour its

esteemed alumni with the prestigious alumni awards," Banerjee said.

The distinguished alumni awardees are Ashutosh Sabharwal (Professor, Rich University, Houston), Pawan Kumar Jain (MD, INOX Air Products), Nalin Shinghal (CMD, BHEL), Aarti Gupta (Professor, Princeton University) and Gurtej S Sandhu (Senior Fellow and VP, Micron Technology).

The alumni chosen for Graduates of Last Decade (GOLD) award are Aayush Jain (Assistant Professor, Carnegie Mellon University Pittsburgh) and Ananth Govind Rajan (Assistant Professor, IISc Bengaluru).

VARSITY CONVOCATION



Singer Kavita Krishnamurti being presented 'Doctor of Letters' by Infosys founder N R Narayana Murthy and Techno India University Chancellor Goutam Roychowdhury during the convocation of Techno India University, in Kolkata, Thursday.

High-voltage Malabar exercise begins off Sydney today

New Delhi, Aug 10 (PTI): The Malabar exercise featuring the navies of all four Quad countries -- India, the US, Australia and Japan -- will take place off Sydney from August 11 to 21 with an aim to expand their overall maritime cooperation.

Indian Navy's indigenous frontline warships INS Sahyadri and INS Kolkata are participating in the high-voltage exercise, officials said.

The annual wargame will include both sea and harbour phases with the focus expected to be on expanding cooperation in the Indo-Pacific that has been witnessing growing military muscle flexing by China, they said.

The harbour phase involves wide-ranging activities such as cross-deck visits, professional exchanges and interactions.

"The sea phase will include various complex and high intensity exercises in all three domains of warfare, encompassing anti-surface, anti-air and anti-submarine exercises including live weapon firing drills," the Indian Navy said in a statement.

"The exercise provides an opportunity to the Indian Navy to enhance and demonstrate interoperability and also gain from the best practices in maritime security operations from its partner nations," it said.

Following India's invitation, Australia participated in the Malabar exercise in 2020, effectively making it a drill by all four member nations of the Quad or Quadrilateral coalition.

Australia participated in subsequent exercises as well.

The Malabar exercise started in 1992 as a bilateral drill between the Indian Navy and the US Navy in the Indian Ocean. Japan became a permanent member of the exercise in 2015.

This annual exercise was conducted off the coast of Guam in 2018 and off the coast of Japan in 2019.

'Ladli Behna Yojana aid to be hiked to Rs 3k over period of time'

Chouhan promises women Raksha Bandhan gift

Rewa, Aug 10 (PTI): The financial aid given per month to women under the Madhya Pradesh government's 'Ladli Behna Yojana' launched in March this year will be increased from the current Rs 1000 to Rs 3000 with periodic hikes of Rs 250, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said on Thursday.

While he did not reveal a deadline for these hikes, the CM announced he would give a "gift" to women on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan but did not elaborate.

He was speaking after transferring a cumulative amount of Rs 1,209 crore to 1.25 crore women who

are eligible for assistance under Ladli Behna Yojana.

"With hikes of Rs 250, the monthly aid to women will be increased to Rs 3000 under Ladli Behna Yojana. Besides, I will give you something on Rakshabandhan," the CM said. Assembly polls are to be held in the state at the end of the year.

The number of women voters in Madhya Pradesh is 2,60,23,733, and they outnumber men in at least 18 of the 230 Assembly segments. These include tribal-dominated Balaghat, Mandla, Dindori, Alirajpur and Jabua districts. The number of new women voters has gone up by 2.79 per cent, while it is 2.30 per cent for male voters, officials said, adding that of the 13.39 lakh new voters, 7.07 lakh are women.

LG Saxena extends ban on tobacco products in Delhi

New Delhi, Aug 10 (PTI):

Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena has extended the ban on the manufacture and sale of tobacco products, including gutkha and paan masala, in Delhi for a further period of one year, Raj Niwas officials said on Thursday. The Lt Governor said tobacco products are now affecting children and youngsters and this menace should be contained for the future generation, they said. He stressed that the notification needs to be enforced strictly and no lackadaisical attitude towards its enforcement in the city will be tolerated. The Food Safety Department of the Delhi government will issue a notification extending the ban soon, following

approval by the LG, an official said. "This move will prohibit the manufacture, storage, distribution and sale of tobacco (flavoured, scented or mixed with any additive) and going by the name or form of Gutka, Paan Masala, flavoured /scented tobacco, Kharra or otherwise by whosoever," he said. These banned products include packed or unpacked tobacco products and the ban will remain enforced for further one year, the official added.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, government of India, under the Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Regulations, 2011, has prohibited and restricted sale of products containing tobacco and nicotine to be

used as ingredients in any food products. "The Lt Governor, while invoking his powers provided under Article 239AA (4) of the Constitution of India, has issued these orders banning tobacco products, (Gutkha/Paan Masala) giving utmost importance to the issue of public health and in light of rising number of oral cancer cases in the capital," the official said. Article 239AA pertains to special provisions with respect to Delhi. In April this year, the Delhi High Court had also affirmed a ban imposed by the food safety commissioner on manufacture, storage and sale of gutka, paan masala, flavoured tobacco and similar products in the national capital, he said.

1984 Anti-Sikh Riots

Jagdish Tytler seeks court's permission to appear virtually

New Delhi, Aug 10 (PTI):

Congress leader Jagdish Tytler, an accused in the Pul Bangash killings during the 1984 anti-Sikh riots, Thursday moved a Delhi court seeking permission to appear before it through video conferencing (VC), his lawyer said.

Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Vidhi Gupta Anand is likely to pass an order on Tytler's request tomorrow, his advocate Manu Sharma said.

The counsel made the plea before the court seeking the relief over security concerns.

The advocate sought the court's permission for Tytler's appearance remotely citing a protest by

the Sikh community during his appearance on August 5.

The court had on August 5 accepted the bail bond furnished by Tytler, a former union minister, in the case.

The judge will now hear the matter on August 11.

A sessions court had earlier granted anticipatory bail to Tytler on a personal bond of Rs 1 lakh and one surety of the like amount.

It had also imposed certain conditions on him, including that he will not tamper with evidence or leave the country without its permission.

The magisterial court had on July 26 summoned Tytler after taking cognisance of a charge sheet in the case.

'It's time for polarisation, saffronisation to quit India'

New Delhi, Aug 10 (PTI):

It is time for polarisation, communalisation and saffronisation to quit India, Congress leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said on Thursday, hitting back at the BJP-led government.

He was responding to BJP's slogan on the 81st anniversary of Quit India movement calling for riddance of dynasticism, corruption, and appeasement politics in an apparent attack on the Congress and the opposition bloc INDIA.

Speaking during a debate on the no-confidence motion in the Lok Sabha, Chowdhury said that he was not worried about Narendra Modi becoming Prime Minister 100 times, but the Congress party is concerned about the people of this country.

Recalling the Quit India movement launched by Mahatma Gandhi in 1942, the Congress leader said "there should be Quit India, but it should be quit communalism, quit polarisation, and quit saffronisation".

Chowdhury said that the Congress only wanted the prime minister to give a message of peace to the people of Manipur and at



MP Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury speaks during the discussion on the Motion of No-Confidence.

Parliament as well as in America. Manipur issue cannot be confined to any state...and that is why Prime Minister's intervention is indispensable," Chowdhury said.

He further said that the INDIA alliance had no choice but to come up with a no-confidence motion to ensure presence of Prime Minister in the Lok Sabha.

Referring to the Mahabharata, Chowdhury said that the king should not be blind to what is happening against

Was there a call from Kolkata? PM's swipe at Adhir

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday took a swipe at Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury and wondered whether he was sidelined in the debate on the no-confidence motion due to a phone call from Kolkata. Responding to the debate on no-confidence motion, Modi said the previous motions in 1999, 2003 and 2018 were led by the then opposition leaders - Sharad Pawar, Sonia Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge respectively.

least talk about it once in his 'Mann ki Baat' radio broadcast.

"The violence in Manipur is not a small issue. Manipur is facing ethnic violence and a civil war. It has assumed global dimension and was discussed in European

women whether it is in Hastinapur or Manipur.

His comments evoked sharp reaction from Home Minister Amit Shah who urged Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla to ask Chaudhary to exercise restraint and maintain the decorum of the House.

Hinduja Renewables to construct world's largest single-location floating solar park

Mumbai, Aug 10: In what is expected to be the world's largest single-location floating solar park, to be developed in two phases with a total installed capacity of 600 MW, along the banks of the holy Narmada River at Omkareshwar Reservoir in Khandwa district of Madhya Pradesh, Hinduja Renewables has won the tender for 80 MW. Hinduja Renewables was declared the successful bidder for Unit C in

the Phase II of the project at a tariff of INR 3.89/kWh yesterday (8th August 2023) by Rewa Ultra Mega Solar Limited (RUMSL), the solar park developer and the tendering authority for this project. RUMSL is a joint venture between the Solar Energy Corporation of India and Madhya Pradesh Urja Vikas Nigam. Asian Development Bank (ADB) is funding the common infrastructure of this project.

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Women Kanwariyas (Lord Shiva devotees) carrying holy water from the Narmada river walk down a road during their pilgrimage in the month of Shravan, in Jabalpur, Thursday.

Nuh secures 2nd place in NITI Aayog's 'Delta ranking'

Chandigarh, Aug 10 (PTI): Haryana's Nuh district has achieved the second position in NITI Aayog's 'Delta ranking' under the aspirational districts programme, an official said on Thursday.

The programme aims at uplifting and developing the most socio-economically challenged districts in India, and this progress in Nuh is certainly a step in the right direction. Deputy Commissioner Dharendra Khadgata said in a statement. He said continuous efforts are on to improve the ranking of the district on several parameters. Nuh tops in parameters of agriculture and water resources while in health and nutrition parameters, it comes in second place.

India's 'first' post office is bang on LoC



Signboard of India's "first" post office on the banks of the Kishanganga river, along the Line of Control (LoC), at Keran sector in Kupwara district.

Keran (JK), Aug 10 (PTI):

India's "first" post office bearing PIN code 193224 is located on the banks of the Kishanganga river, the de facto Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara district with Pakistan-occupied territory just across the stream at a stone's

throw. It was known as the last post office of the country until recently, when the signboard near it described it as the "First Post Office of India", as it is the first one from the LoC or border in terms of distance.

Abdul Hamid Kumar, Superintendent Post Offices, Baramulla

Division, said, "Earlier it was known as the last post office as we cannot deliver beyond it. Then, the Army changed it to the first post office as it is the first post office from the LoC or the border in terms of distance."

The residents of this apparently sleepy hamlet said the post office has been functional even before India got Independence or Pakistan came into existence. It has not stopped delivering mail even at peak hostilities in 1965, 1971 or the frequent cross-border shelling incidents that had become regular occurrences after eruption of Pakistan-backed militancy in 1990.

Shakir Bhat, the postmaster, said the post office, which has been here since 1947, never stopped its services.

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