



BRIEF



Commuters sit atop a car stuck at a waterlogged road on Delhi-Gurugram Expressway after heavy monsoon rains, in Gurugram, Saturday.

Rain fury

Shimla: he death toll in rain-related incidents in Himachal Pradesh over the past week rose to 78 on Saturday with the recovery of one more body from the debris of a collapsed Shiv temple here, officials said. Out of the 78 deaths since Sunday night, 24 were in the three major landslides in Shimla alone -- 17 at the Shiv temple in Summer Hill, 5 in Fagli, and 2 in Krishnanagar, Superintendent, Shimla, Sanjeev Kumar Gandhi told PTI on Saturday.

Landslides

Itanagar: Landslides triggered by incessant rains in the past couple of days have snapped road communication to several Arunachal districts. Continuous landslides have blocked a portion of the Akajan-Likabali-Aalo road at Siji in Lower Siang district. Several vehicles remained stranded since the last couple of days, a district official informed on Saturday.

Fire

Bengaluru: A fire broke out in the two air-conditioned coaches of the stationary Udayan Express at the Bengaluru City Railway Station on Saturday morning. However, there were no casualties as no passengers were inside the bogies. According to Railway officials, the train had arrived from Mumbai at 5.45 am and was stationed at platform three of the Bengaluru City Railway Station.

Mishap

Chennai: An elderly woman and her three granddaughters died due to asphyxiation in a freak fire accident allegedly triggered by a mosquito repellent machine in their house at Mathur MMDA near Manali here, police said on Saturday.

30 years jail

Gondia: A court in Gondia in Maharashtra sentenced a man to 30 years in jail for raping a six-year-old girl in 2021, an official said on Saturday. Principal District and Sessions Judge AT Wankhede on Friday convicted Mahesh Tembhurne (32) and sentenced him to 20 years in jail under section 376 of the Indian Penal Code and 10 years under provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, Assistant Government Pleader Kailash Khandelwal said.

Weather High 30 Low 25

Kejriwal announces ten guarantees

Promises free electricity, allowance for women, unemployed

Raipur, Aug 19 (PTI):



Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal and Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann during a public meeting, in Raipur, Saturday.

Seeking to make inroads in Chhattisgarh, Aam Aadmi Party leader Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday announced ten "guarantees" for the upcoming assembly polls in the Congress-ruled state including free electricity, monthly 'samman rashi' for women and Rs 3,000 monthly allowance for the unemployed.

Addressing an AAP workers' convention here, the Delhi chief minister said his party's governments in Delhi and Punjab have fulfilled the guarantees given to people, and if it comes to power in Chhattisgarh, it would do the same thing.

"Today I am giving you ten guarantees which are not like a fake manifesto or 'sankalp patra'. Kejriwal will die (if it comes to it) but fulfill

these promises," he said. The guarantees included 24-hour uninterrupted power supply -- free upto 300 units -- to every household, waiver of pending electricity bills till November 2023, Rs 1,000 monthly 'samman rashi' (honorarium) to all women aged above 18 years and free quality edu-

cation to school children, he said. As in Delhi, an AAP government will also provide free and better health treatment to every citizen of Chhattisgarh, mohalla clinics in every village and ward in cities, employment and allowance of Rs 3,000 per month to those unemployed, free pilgrimage for

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leader and Punjab chief minister Bhagwant Mann. Kejriwal had addressed a public rally in Bilaspur last month. In March, he had attended an AAP workers' convention in Raipur. The AAP tried its luck for the first time in the assembly elections in Chhattisgarh in 2018 and fielded candidates in 85 of 90 seats but failed to achieve success.

Prof who quit Ashoka says varsity never censored him

New Delhi, Aug 19 (PTI): Pulapre Balakrishnan, the Ashoka University professor who quit following a row over the resignation of economist Sabyasachi Das from the institution, has written a letter saying the University didn't place the "slightest restraint" on his thoughts in class or when he wrote in the media and marched on the streets for rights. Balakrishnan, a full professor in the economics department who joined the private university in 2015, on Saturday wrote to Ashoka University Chancellor Rudrangshu Mukherjee and board of trustees chairperson Pramath Raj Sinha explaining his reasons for his resignation. He said he did so because he believed "there was a grave error of judgment in the response to the attention

received by Das' paper (Democratic Backsliding in the World's Largest Democracy) on social media." "Academic freedom was violated in the response, and it would be unconscionable for me to remain," he wrote in the two-page letter reviewed by PTI. Das quit a fortnight after the varsity publicly distanced itself from his working paper that alleged electoral manipulation in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. Balakrishnan joined Ashoka after working at Oxford University, the Indian Statistical Institute, The Indian Institute of Management in Kozhikode and the World Bank. He said he would welcome the governing body's reported decision to invite Das to return to the post he had resigned from.

Govt unveils Green Hydrogen standards

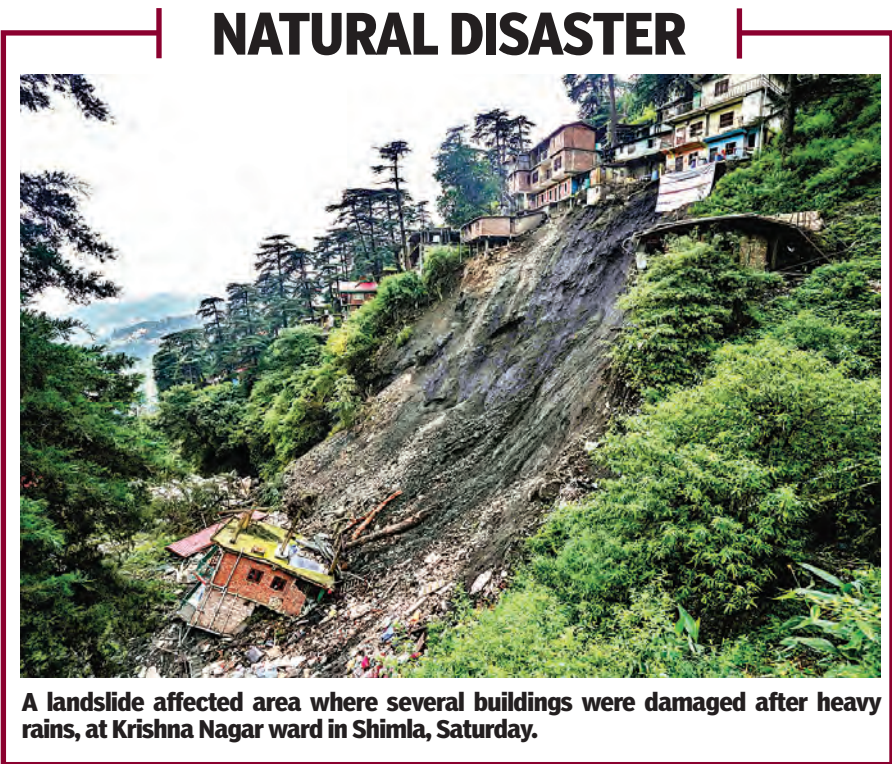
Sets emission thresholds for production

New Delhi, Aug 19 (PTI):

The government on Saturday unveiled Green Hydrogen standards and included electrolysis and biomass-based methods in its definition. In a significant move for the progress of the National Green Hydrogen Mission, the government has notified the Green Hydrogen Standard for India, the New and Renewable Energy Ministry said in a statement. The standards issued by the ministry outline the emission thresholds that must be met in order for hydrogen produced to be classified as Green', i.e., from renewable sources. The scope of the defini-

tion encompasses both electrolysis-based and biomass-based hydrogen production methods, it stated. After discussions with multiple stakeholders, the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy has decided to define Green Hydrogen as having a well-to-gate emission (i.e., including water treatment, electrolysis, gas purification, drying and compression of hydrogen) of not more than 2 kg CO2 equivalent / kg H2. The notification specifies that a detailed methodology for measurement, reporting, monitoring, on-site verification, and certification of green hydrogen and its derivatives shall be specified by

the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy. The notification also specifies that the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) under the Ministry of Power shall be the Nodal Authority for accreditation of agencies for the monitoring, verification and certification for Green Hydrogen production projects. The notification of the Green Hydrogen Standard brings a lot of clarity to the Green Hydrogen community in India and was widely awaited, it stated. With this notification, India becomes one of the first few countries in the world to announce a definition of Green Hydrogen.



A landslide affected area where several buildings were damaged after heavy rains, at Krishna Nagar ward in Shimla, Saturday.

ED seizes over Rs 25 crore worth of valuables, cash after raids

Against former NCP MP-promoted jewellery group

New Delhi, Aug 19 (PTI):

Diamond and gold jewellery worth more than Rs 24 crore was seized after searches were carried out against a Maharashtra-based jewellery group, promoted by the family of a former NCP MP, and its owners in a money laundering case linked to alleged bank loan fraud, the Enforcement Directorate said on Saturday. The raids were carried out on August 17 at 13 premises in Jalgaon, Nashik and Thane of Rajmal Lakhichand Jewellers Pvt Ltd, R L Gold Pvt. Ltd.,

Manraj Jewellers Pvt. Ltd. and their promoters such as former NCP Rajya Sabha MP Ishwarlal Shankarlal Jain Lalwani (77), his family members including Manish Ishwarlal Jain Lalwani, Pushpa Devi and Neetika Manish Jain, the agency said in a statement. The money laundering case stems from three FIRs filed by the CBI against the accused on charges of loan fraud of more than Rs 352 crore at the country's largest lender, State Bank of India (SBI). Details of 60 properties, valued at more than Rs 50

crore, belonging to Rajmal Lakhichand group have been gathered during the search proceedings, apart from two 'benami' properties beneficially owned by Rajmal Lakhichand and Manish Jain and located in Jamner, Jalgaon and surrounding areas, the ED alleged. The agency claimed it found various "discrepancies like bogus sale-purchase transactions being shown in the books of accounts with the main holding company, Rajmal Lakhichand Jewellers Pvt. Ltd., R L Gold Pvt. Ltd., and Manraj Jewellers Pvt Ltd."

be completely missing, the agency alleged. Against a declared stock of more than 1,284 kg of jewellery, the ED could trace only around 40 kg of jewellery and the loans taken against this declared stock was "siphoned off" by showing bogus purchases for non-existent jewellery, it said. "The promoters failed to produce any supportive document to prove genuine utilisation of the loans by the three accused companies- Rajmal Lakhichand Jewellers Pvt. Ltd., R L Gold Pvt. Ltd., and Manraj Jewellers Pvt Ltd."

'SC unhappy over Gujarat HC deferring rape survivor's abortion plea'

Says valuable time lost

New Delhi, Aug 19 (PTI): The Supreme Court on Saturday expressed displeasure over the delay by the Gujarat High Court in deciding a rape victim's plea for medical termination of her 26-week pregnancy, saying "valuable time" has been lost during the pendency of the matter. Taking note of the urgency in the matter, the apex court, which took up the woman's plea for hearing on a Saturday, said it would hear the case again on Monday, August 21 as the first item.

In a special sitting on a Saturday, a bench of Justices B V Nagarathna and Ujjal Bhuyan observed that there should be a sense of urgency in such cases and slammed the "lackadaisical attitude" of the high court in treating it as any normal case and adjourning the hearing. The bench also issued notices to the state of Gujarat and others seeking their responses on the woman's plea. During the hearing, the apex court was informed by the counsel for the petitioner that the 25-year-old woman had approached the high court on August 7 and the matter was taken up the next day. He said the high court had on August 8 issued a direction for the constitution of a medical board to ascertain the status of pregnancy as well as the health status of the petitioner.

IRs' saffron-coloured Vande Bharat Express train hits tracks

New Delhi, Aug 19: The Indian Railways will soon launch the new saffron-coloured Vande Bharat Express in India, pictures of which were recently shared by the Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw during his visit to the Integrated Coach Factory in Chennai. He inspected the new rake and announced that the saffron-coloured semi-high speed train is inspired by the tricolour of India. Now for the first time, the Vande Bharat Express has been spotted to have hit the railway tracks outside the ICF manufacturing unit. The new saffron Vande Bharat Express is not yet operational and is currently sta-



tioned at ICF, where Vande Bharat trains are manufactured, reported media. Railway officials earlier announced that the 28th rake of the Indian-built semi-high-speed Vande Bharat Express will be 'saffron' in colour. A total of 25 Vande Bharat Express trains are operational in India now, while

two more Vande Bharat rakes in the traditional white and blue livery are already manufactured. "The colour of this 28th rake is being changed on a trial basis," they said. It was earlier expected that the 28th rake will be made operational on the Independence Day, on August 15.

MLAs from 4 states reach MP to help BJP win polls

Bhopal, Aug 19 (PTI): Ahead of the Madhya Pradesh elections, BJP MLAs from Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Maharashtra have arrived in Bhopal as part of the ruling party's programme wherein every legislator will be allotted one assembly seat each that they are supposed to visit to take stock of the ground situation, party leaders said. A training session for these Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) legislators from the four states began in Bhopal on Saturday, a day before they start visiting their allotted assembly seats in the state, where polls will be held by the end of the year. There are 230 assembly segments in Madhya Pradesh. Union

Minister Bhopender Yadav, who is the BJP's election in-charge of Madhya Pradesh, inaugurated the training session for the legislators this morning. "The BJP's central leadership has decided that the party's legislators from Gujarat, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra will visit different assembly constituencies (in MP) over the next days starting Sunday," Madhya Pradesh Minister for Medical Education and BJP leader Vishvas Sarang told reporters. The visiting legislators will take part in different programmes in their respective assembly segments allotted to them and work with a resolve for the party's victory in the assembly polls, he said.



Remembering

Former Prime Minister, Bharat Ratna

Rajiv Gandhi ji

(20 August 1944 - 21 May 1991)

on

His Birth Anniversary 'Sadbhavana Diwas'



**Chhattisgarh Govt's
Direct Benefit Transfer of
₹2,055.60 Crore**

to farmers, cattle rearers and labourers



Shri Bhupesh Baghel
Chief Minister, Chhattisgarh



**Rajiv Gandhi Kisan
Nyay Yojana**

₹1,810 crore

Input subsidy of ₹21,912 crore to
24.30 lakh farmers (till date)



**Rajiv Gandhi Bhoomihin
Krishi Majdoor Nyay Yojana**

₹168.63 crore

Financial assistance of ₹758.03 crore
to 5.62 lakh beneficiaries (till date)



Rajiv Yuva Mitran Club

₹66.21 crore

Payment of ₹132.48 crore to
13,242 clubs to foster young talent (till date)



Godhan Nyay Yojana

₹9.65 crore

Disbursement of ₹551.31 crore to
cattle owners, women self-help groups
and gauthan committees (till date)

**Mukhyamantri Parab Samman Nidhi Yojana
Non-Scheduled Areas**

₹1.11 crore

Payment of ₹6.11 crore to
6,111 gram panchayats to
promote local festivals (till date)

Chhattisgarh Sarkar - Bharose Ki Sarkar

BJP claims Bhupesh in search of safer seat

Sao urges him to clear the stand

Raipur, Aug 19: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) President Arun Sao on Saturday asked the Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel clear if he is ready to contest against the Durg Parliamentary Vijay Baghel from his present Patan Legislative Assembly constituency or was searching another safe option in the upcoming elections.

Addressing a press conference at Ekatma Parishad here, the BJP President Sao also claimed that silence has been created in the Congress with the announcement of 21 candidates by the BJP for the upcoming Legislative



Polls. He also claimed that Baghel might exodus to Dharshiwa constituency denying party ticket to the current MLA. Sao further stated that instead of peeping into internal affairs of BJP, the Chief Minister Baghel should clear his own stand.

He added that entire Cabinet has lost the faith of people with failure to deliver the promises.

Further, he also alleged that the newly-appointed Chhattisgarh Pradesh Congress Committee

(CPCC) President Deepak Baij is working on the suggestions of Maoist and Religious Conversion elements and added that his approach is denying tribals to remain from the mainstream of society.

Regarding the announcement of 21 candidates for the polls, the BJP Chief said that every section of society including youth and women have been given adequate representation and claimed that it would help BJP regain power in Chhattisgarh.

Meeting of Lok Sabha observers held at Rajiv Bhawan

Raipur, Aug 19: The first meeting of the Congress' Lok Sabha observers was held at Congress headquarters 'Rajiv Bhawan', Raipur in presence of All India Congress Committee general secretary KC Venugopal.

Congress Chhattisgarh in-charge Kumari Selja, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, Pradesh Congress Committee President Deepak Baij, Senior observer Pritam Singh, Screen Committee Chairman Ajay Maken, observer Dr Srivella Prasad, Pantram Talandi, Dr Ajay Upadhyay, Inder Dutt Lakhanpal, Suresh Kumar, Dr. Namdev Usendi, Jaishankar Pathak, Manmohan Katoch, Jaiveer Valmiki, Baba Siddiqui, Chander Shekhar and Amit Kumar Tunna were present. KC Venugopal was also present at the first meeting of the Pradesh Congress Political Affairs Committee at Rajiv Bhawan, Raipur.

AIIMS-R Lab finds 84% positivity for Human Enteroviruses

Samples from Chhattisgarh and other States tested

Second in the Country, Expert cautions about Conjunctivitis

Raipur, Aug 19: Real-time PCR tests of 30 samples show that there is 84% positivity for Human Enteroviruses collected from conjunctivitis infected patients at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences. Most of the patients are from Chhattisgarh, and some are from other states. Earlier, NIV Pune found this virus in PCR tests.

The Department of Ophthalmology at AIIMS Raipur collected a total of 30 suspected samples of viral conjunctivitis from

August 1 to 10, 2023. Conjunctival swabs were collected in sterile VTM and handed over to the state-level VRD lab at the Microbiology Department, AIIMS Raipur, for further diagnosis. Out of 30 samples, 26 are from different districts in Chhattisgarh, including Raipur (15), Bilaspur and Durg (3), Baloda Bazar (02), and each one from Jashpur, Mahasamund, and other districts. One patient each from Kerala, Telangana, Haryana, and Rajasthan was also tested for the virus.

The samples were tested for Human Adenoviruses, Human Enteroviruses, Varicella Zoster Virus, and Herpes Simplex Viruses by Real-time PCR assay. The test showed 84% (21/25) positivity for Human enteroviruses, and one sample had co-infection with Herpes Simplex Virus-2 and Human Enterovirus. Among these 21 patients, 17 were male and 4 were female. This investigation showed the presence of Human Enteroviruses in the samples of conjunctivitis cases from the different districts of Chhattisgarh and other states of India.

According to Dr. Vijaya Sahu, Associate Professor, Ophthalmology Department, Human Enteroviruses are more infectious and contagious than Human Adenoviruses. There is a greater possibility that the patient will get an infection in another eye if he or she has Human Enteroviruses in comparison to Adenoviruses. However, there is no need to panic, as it does not have any side effects on the cornea or eye sight. It

can be treated within seven days with the help of antibiotic eye drops and regular cleaning.

Outbreak investigation led by Head of the Department Dr. Anudita Bhargava and Dr. Sanjay Singh Negi with significant contribution from the team, which included Mr. Kuldeep Sharma Scientist-C, Dr. Pushpendra Singh Scientist-C, and Lab Technicians Mr. Mohd. Rafique, Ms. Anu Kumari, and Ms. Kushboo Khawase. This laboratory has also performed such outbreak investigations earlier for gastroenteritis and chicken pox outbreaks in the state. The lab was the first to test the COVID-19 virus in the State and guided different labs in CG and Jharkhand to augment RT-PCR tests during COVID-19.

Ananya, Arshi into Squash championship final

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Aug 19: Ananya defeated Shreya with the score of 11-0, 11-0, 11-0 to enter into the semi-final of the Chhattisgarh state-level Squash championship being organized under the aegis of Chhattisgarh Squash Association in association with Squash Racket Federation of India at Squash complex of Raipur Municipal Corporation here on Saturday.

Similarly, Bhavanjali defeated Aditi and Nidhi defeated Nidhi to enter into the semis in Women' category. Archita too entered into semis after she received walkover from her opponent Anjali.

In the semi-final matches played Ananya defeated Shreya to qualify for the finals whereas Arshi defeated Archita to enter



into the final.

In the Girls Under 15 semi-final match, Prakriti defeated Shreya whereas Pawni defeated Arshi to enter into the final.

In the Men's semi-final matches Prabhat defeated Darshan whereas Archit defeated Vidik to qualify for the final. Providing the above information in a statement issued here, the Association Vice President Manoj Kumar Agrawal said that the players would be able to improve their national ranking on the basis of the above state-level championship.

BAI to meet state govt officials to resolve contractor's problem in state

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Aug 19: A one-day workshop of the Builders Association of India took place on Saturday at Raipur. Addressing the function Builders Association of India, National President SN Reddy said that the Public Works Department in Chhattisgarh is reducing the contractor's bill by 5 percent by cutting from government price, which is not appropriate as a result the contractors are very upset.

In this concern the delegation of the Builders Association of India will meet the officials of the state government soon and will demand to pay the difference amount to remove the anomalies. On this occasion, State Chairman of Builders Association of India (BAI), Kanwaljit Singh Oberoi, Center Chairman Raipur Rupesh Singhal,



Harsimran Singh Oberoi, K. Chandrashekar Rao, Sushil Agarwal, other office bearers and contractors were present. SN Reddy said that Contractors associated with the Public Works Department, while submitting the tender of National Highway to be built under the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana in Chhattisgarh

are involved in construction of roads after the tender is out. GST is calculated separately in this tender, while the Public Works Department of Chhattisgarh Government does not calculate GST separately and no separate provision has been kept for it. The Public Works Department separates

the work value and then should call for the tenders by separating the calculation of GST so that the contractors can fearlessly carry out the works given by the Public Works Department, he said. State Chairman Kanwaljit Singh Oberoi told that the way the Public Works Department has paid the difference between GST

12 percent and VAT tax 5 percent in the past to the contractors in July 2017. In the same way the central government has implemented GST in 2022. The slab of 12 percent has been increased to 18 percent, for which the amount of difference between 12 percent and 18 percent should be paid by the Public Works Department of Chhattisgarh Government. He told that the difference amount is being paid to the contractors by all the construction department of the central government. CPWD and NHAI are clearly ordered by the Government of India that the difference amount should be paid.

Center Chairman, Raipur, Rupesh Singhal said that the Public Works Department deducts the royalty of the mineral and gives it to the department after de-

ducting it from the government rate. The construction agency, the contractor buys the construction material from the market, as well as gets it transported to his workplace, so he is not responsible for royalty, even though the department deducts the amount of material used in the construction work at the government price from the bill of the contractor.

In which the application of 5 times the rate of the market price is not appropriate and due to this many discrepancies have arisen and the contractor is very upset. Chhattisgarh's delegation under the banner of Builders' Association of India will soon meet the departmental minister and apprise him about the speedy payment of difference amount and other problems faced by contractor community in the state.

Training increases skill and develops quality: Justice Gautam Chouradia

Two-day training for chairman and members of Consumer Disputes Redressal Commissions begins

Raipur, Aug 19: A two-day training program for the chairpersons and members appointed in the District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commissions subordinate to the Chhattisgarh State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission has started today at the Chhattisgarh Academy of Administration, Nimora. Addressing the launch program, Justice Gautam Chouradia, Chairman of the Chhattisgarh State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, said that training increases skills and develops quality. Therefore, training should be done from time to time. We all need training when we are starting

out. He said that the search for knowledge should never end. One should keep searching for knowledge in life and accept it with humility and harmony. Justice Murthy Mr. Chouradia said that before giving a decision on any cases, along with the previous decisions, the decisions given by the judges of the Supreme Court and High Court should be observed and studied. Along with this, self-discretion should also be used honestly in public interest. Giving example, Justice Mr. Chouradia said that the Supreme Court is not Supreme because no one can appeal on its decision, but it is Supreme because the Supreme Court itself changes its decisions from time to time in the public interest. He said that the cases should be decided after understanding the suffering of the people. Justice Mr. Choradia said that decision should never



be given while being in doubt. Take a decision without doubt. Decisions given in doubt can never be correct. Therefore, keeping the mind under control, the right decision should be given.

Justice Mr. Choradia said that when we sit in the chair, we are only judges. We do not have any caste, religion or any rela-

tive. We should sit on this chair and give decisions with honesty and discipline keeping in mind the legal aspects. Addressing the training program, Secretary, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection Department, Mr. Topeshwar Verma said that it is the main responsibility of the Consumer Protection

Redressal Commission that the aggrieved consumers get proper justice. A two-day training is being organised on subjects related to daily work and legal aspects related to consumer protection. He said that the information given by the subject experts should be listened to and understood seriously, so that better decisions

can be taken in the interest of the aggrieved consumers. Food Secretary Mr. Verma said that definitely this training will make it easier and faster to resolve consumer related issues. Former Chairman of Chhattisgarh State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission Justice Mr. C.D. Vajpayee, Director of Chhattisgarh Academy of Administration Mr. T.C. Mahavar also addressed. On this occasion, Registrar of Chhattisgarh State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission Mrs. Himanshu Jain, Former Registrar and Additional Judge (SC-ST Fast Track Court) District Kabirdham Mrs. Uday Laxmi Singh Parmar, President and members of Consumer Redressal Commission of various districts were present. The training session was coordinated by Mr. Rajkishore.

Mobile phone owners get back 200 lost mobiles worth 55 lakh

Raipur, Aug 19: A total of 200 missing mobile phones worth about Rs 55 lakh were found by the team of Anti-Crime and Cyber ??Unit and returned to the mobile phone owners. After recovery the mobile phones were distributed to owners at the hands of the Senior Superintendent of Police here today.

Taking serious note of the matter of missing mobile phones, Senior Superintendent of Police Prashant Agrawal directed Additional Superintendent of Police City/Crime Abhishek Maheshwari and Deputy Superintendent of Police Crime Dinesh Sinha to find and recover the missing mobile phones.

On this, a special campaign to find the missing mobile phone was launched by the team of Anti-Crime and Cyber Unit under the direction of senior officers, on the applications submitted by the owners of missing mobile phones.

The Anti-Crime Anti-Cyber ??Unit team recovered a total of 200 mobile phones from different places of Maharashtra, Orissa, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Raipur and other districts of Chhattisgarh. Even before this, a total of 374 missing mobile phones worth crores of rupees were recovered and distributed to the mobile phone owners in the year 2023.



Raipur, Aug 19: Students of Rajkumar College Raipur achieved yet another milestone with their remarkable presentation of oratory skills at the century old tradition of the Inter-Set English Recitation, Elocution and Debate Competition. The two day

competition was held on Thursday and Friday that is the Aug 17th and 18th st, 23 for the students of Rajkumar College. "Poetry is when an emotion has found its thought and the thought has found words" - Robert Frost. Students of Group C, that is Class VI,

Rajputs of RKC win Nilgiri Cup

VII and VIII enthusiastically participated in the competition as they exhibited their talent and confidence. The students presented a combination of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore and Classical poets. The poems gave us a glimpse of the innocence of a child and his words filled with fantasy while speaking about the Beauty of Nature. This was followed by famous poems like Daffodils, The Solitary Reaper etc. Students were adjudged on the parameters like confidence, voice modulation, memorization and overall presentation. The young orators then embarked on a journey by

walking in the footsteps of famous authors and their speeches emphasizing on Moral Values. The pupils enthralled the audience with their articulation and memory skills.

Day two witnessed students of Group B of classes IX and X recited poems like Haunted Houses, Prisoners and the feeling of a caged bird in a captivating manner. The acclaimed and illustrious characters of Shakespeare's "Macbeth" and "Julius Caesar" came alive on the stage in an Auditorium, whilst another set of students from the same group recited poems to the likes of Wanderlust,

their enchanting travelogue. Travel writing is a genre, that is becoming increasingly popular. It gives a truthful account of an individual travelling experience usually told in the past tense and in the first person. The audience was magically transported from the city of Joy, Kolkata to the cleanest Village of Asia, Mawlynnong. They were transcended from the mystic valleys of Himalayas to the mesmerizing mountains of Darjeeling while being seated in an Auditorium, whilst another set of students from the same group recited poems to the likes of Wanderlust,

Travel etc. Students of Class XII contemplated and argued on the motion in the house "Artificial Intelligence (AI)Based Technology is a Boon or A Curse For Education System". The Rani Shashi Prabha Devi of Kawardha's trophy was won by Reyansh Agrawal (Ranas) as the Best Debater while Ku. Anavi Chawala (Bikrams) secured the second prize in the Inter-Set Debate Competition, 23. The Nilgiri Cup of Yuvraj Shri Jayant Chandra Mardraj of Nilgiri State for Inter-Set English Recitation and Elocution was lifted by the Rajputs Set in a closely contested com-



petition. The individual prizes for Recitation in Group C were won by Ku. Kruti Jain (Aryans) and the Best Performer of Elocution of Group C was won by Ku. Purvi Bagadia (Rajputs). Recitation in Group B was won by Ku. Pankti Vaswani (Rajputs)

and Elocution in the same Group by Agastya Shukla (Aryans) and Ku. Pari Jain (Rajputs). Class XI Recitation and Elocution was won by Dhananjay Garg (Ranas) and Ku. Anubhuti Lunawat (Rajputs) respectively.

CM Baghel will distribute second installment of RGKNY today

To 24.5 lakh farmers on the birth anniv of former PM Late Rajiv Gandhi

CM will distribute Rs. 1895 cr into farmers' bank accounts in a prog organised at Mahasamund on Aug 20

State's farmers received an input subsidy of Rs 20,103 crore so far

Raipur, Aug 19: The birth anniversary of the late Bharat Ratna Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi will be observed on August 20 and to mark his birth anniversary, the state government will distribute the second installment of

the Rajiv Gandhi Kisan NYAY Yojana (RGKNY), amounting to Rs 1,894.93 cr, to the beneficiaries. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel will virtually transfer the amount to 24,52,592 farmers' bank accounts in an event that will be held in the Mahasamund district on August 20. The scheme, aiming to assist farmers, will further provide subsequent installments of approximately Rs 4,000 cr in October and March.

Allocating Rs 6,800 cr for the ongoing fiscal year, the Chhattisgarh government anticipates an approximate outlay of Rs 8,000 cr for input subsidies under the scheme. This projection considered the substantial count of registered farmers, cultivated land, and paddy procurement from the previous season. Beneficiaries of the Rajiv

Gandhi Kisan NYAY Yojana cover the farmers who indulge in the cultivation of paddy, kodo-kutki, ragi, pulses, oilseeds, other non-paddy crops, and tree-planting farmers.

The Rajiv Gandhi Kisan NYAY Yojana was launched to reduce input agricultural expenses and encourage crop diversification. It offers a Rs 9,000 per acre input subsidy to Kharif crop cultivators. Launched in the 2019 Kharif season, the state government has distributed a total of Rs 20,103 cr as input subsidies to the farmers. Adding the upcoming second installment in this fiscal year, the cumulative figure will reach Rs 21,997.96 cr.

Under the Rajiv Gandhi Kisan NYAY Yojana, 18.43 lakh paddy cultivators have received an amount of Rs 5627.02 cr as an input subsidy, at the rate of Rs 10

thousand per acre, during the Kharif Season 2019, while during the Kharif Season 2020, 20.59 lakh paddy cultivators have received an amount of Rs 5553.08 cr as an input subsidy into their bank accounts. In the year 2021, the Rajiv Gandhi Kisan NYAY Yojana has expanded its scope to encompass all Kharif and horticulture crops, granting productive farmers an annual input subsidy of Rs 9,000 per acre. Moreover, in the 2020-21 period, a provision of Rs 10,000 per acre was extended for cultivating non-paddy crops, horticulture, or tree planting in regions where paddy was previously sold at the minimum support price. In the 2021 Kharif season, an input subsidy of Rs 7,028 crore was distributed to 23.35 lakh farmers cultivating crops other than paddy, and horticulture crops, di-

rectly into their bank accounts. Chhattisgarh's agriculture received a significant boost from the Rajiv Gandhi Kisan NYAY Yojana, as farmers benefit from input subsidies. The scheme sparks a renewed interest in farming; farmers who once gave up farming are now taking the profession back.

The number of farmers selling paddy in the state has witnessed a surge of over 11 lakh as compared to 2017-18, while procurement has doubled. Record of paddy procurement has been consistently achieved since 2018-19. Chhattisgarh now ranks second nationwide in contributing to the Central Pool with its paddy supply. Remarkably, the state leads the nation in terms of farmers selling paddy at support prices, showcasing its agricultural promise.

All RIPAs will be equipped with various banking facilities in the state

CSPC conducted a meeting with NABARD, APEX Bank, and leading banks



Raipur, Aug 19: Vice Chairman of the State Planning Commission, Ajay Singh, and Advisor to the Chief Minister Pradeep Sharma, convened a meeting with NABARD, APEX Bank, and major banks in Naya Raipur's State Planning Commission office on Friday. The discussion was held to extend banking services to all 300 RIPAs across the state. This move aims to empower rural entrepreneurs and SHGs with accessible banking and the availability of easy loan options with their own villages. Presently, banking facilities are available in 70 RIPAs, and efforts are underway to expand these services to more locations. Ajay Singh proposed organising awareness camps to promote information about various banking facilities and urged collaboration between Panchayat and bank representatives for a comprehensive action

plan. He emphasised the mutual benefits of bank linkage in RIPAs. Advisor to Chief Minister Mr. Pradeep Sharma highlighted the ambition of village youth to establish industries at the local level and RIPA's significant role in fostering this trend.

During the meeting, banks were briefed about ongoing activities and various services provided to the beneficiaries of RIPA. Banks suggested a swift action plan to provide various banking services via CSC, Micro ATM, and Bank Mitra to the selected beneficiaries within the RIPA. Mobile banking vans were also proposed to extend banking services to rural regions. Joint Secretary of Panchayat and Rural Development, Dr. Gaurav Singh, directed the bank representatives to provide information to RIPA beneficiaries about

banking services through local officers and assistance in filling out loan applications.

In a bid to reshape the rural economy, the state government has sanctioned an allocation of Rs 300 crore for enhancing fundamental infrastructure and workshops in transforming Gauthans into Mahatma Gandhi Rural Industrial Parks (RIPA). The state government has established 300 RIPAs, each encompassing an administrative zone equipped with banking kiosks, WiFi, and an information helpdesk detailing state government schemes. Planning Commission member Dr. K.K. Subramaniam, Joint Secretary of Rural Development Department Dr. Gaurav Singh, Joint Director of Planning Commission Dr. Neetu Goradiya, and senior bank officials were present.

Joint workshop on Optical Coherence Tomography

Organized by Advanced Cardiac Institute and Belgian University



Raipur, Aug 19: A joint workshop on OCT (Optical Coherence Tomography) method was jointly organized by the Department of Cardiology, Advance Cardiac Institute and the Belgian Liberal University, Brussels. Dr Smit Srivastava, Head of the Department of Cardiology said that this workshop was organized with the aim of making the cardiologists of the state aware of this new technique. Prof. Dr Elvin Kedhi, expressed happiness to visit the Advanced Cardiac Institute Raipur and participate in the workshop on OCT (Optical Coherence Tomography). Former State President of Cardiological Society of Chhattisgarh, Dr Javed Ali Khan expressed happiness over the medical college Raipur continuing to advance in the field of medical education and talked about the association with the medical college from the student life itself.

In the OCT method, the structure inside the arteries of the patient's heart can be clearly seen, due to which detailed information is obtained along with vein clots, disease, calcification, etc. and treatment and it helps in decision making, Dr. Smit Srivastava said.

Three patients with complex heart vein block were successfully treated in the cardiology department with the help of OCT (Optical Coherence Tomography) method. Head of Department Dr. Smit Srivastava, Dr. Prateek Gupta, Dr. Vasu Kannauja, Dr. Bhedraj Chowdhary, Dr. Smriti Lakda, Cath Technician Khemsingh, Jitendra Chelkar, Chandrakant Banchor, Mahendra Sahu, Ashwanti Sahu Nursing Staff Mrs. Neelima Sharma, Mrs.

Gauri Singh, Roshni, Abha, Hemlata, Anand, Rishabh etc were present.

'Optical coherence tomography' (OCT) is a type of intravascular ultrasound which produces images up to 10 times clearer than ultrasound. OCT can reconstruct angiography in a 3D image and show the entire artery.

OCT continues to be used extensively by ophthalmologists today. Recently its use in cardiology is increasing rapidly. The primary purpose of OCT is to optimize the angioplasty procedure - that is, whether the stenting performed by cardiologist has been done effectively or not. This crucially identifies the precise extent of deposited fat, thereby facilitating total coverage of the diseased length with the stent.

GEMS STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Rounak and Ayushi take charge as Head Boy and Head Girl

Aman and Shreemoyee, Junior Head Boy and Head Girl



Raipur, Aug 19: "The process of making India Vishwa Guru as visualized by our Prime Minister Narendra Modi is also the dream of Shri Gujrati Shikshan Sangh and we want to fulfill it through our children studying in this institution," said Tulsi Das Patel Secretary of Shri Gujrati Shikshan Sangh Executive Committee while addressing the students at the Investiture Ceremony of Students' Council for the academic session 2023-24. The ceremony was organised in presence of the chief guest Dr (Prof) Alok Kumar Chakrawal, Vice Chancellor of Guru Ghansi Das University (Central University). The other guests on the occasion were Jagdish Patel, State Coordinator of 'Swalambi Bharat

Abhiyan', Ramji Bhai Patel, President of the patron committee of Shri Gujrati Shikshan Sangh(GSS), Narayan Bhai Patel, President of the Executive Committee of GSS, Tulsi Das Patel Secretary, Jayant Bhai Taunk Treasurer and other office bearers of the GSS. The guests were offered a floral welcome which was followed by the welcome song prepared by

the children under the supervision of music faculties V S Jha and Rupendra Shrivastav. A welcome dance was presented in honour of the guests. The main programme got off to a start with administering oath of the newly elected School Head Boy Rounak Varu, Head Girl Ayushi Shankhala, Deputy Head Boy Vinod Kumar and Deputy Head Girl Riddhi Thakkar. The

junior student council was also sworn in and Aman Kumar Nishad took oath as Head Boy Junior Wing, Shreemoyee Bhattacharya Head Girl, Kumar Agrawal Deputy Head Boy and Navya Yadav Deputy Head Girl. They were administered oath by the chief guest Prof Chakrawal. It was followed by the swearing-in of the captains and the deputy house captains of Chhatrapati Shivaji

House, Rabindranath Tagore House, Swami Vivekananda House and Subhash Chandra Bose House. The house mentors were invited on the stage and respective house flags were handed over to them by the guests of the programme. Special Guest Jagdish Patel addressed the students while welcome speech was given by the School Principal Dr Shailesh Sharma and vote of thanks was proposed by the Vice Principal S V Chandrasekhar. The programme came to an end with the presentation of memento to the chief guest which was followed by the state song presented by the school musical group. The others who attended were Administrator V K Mishra, Registrar Ashok Jachek, Academic Coordinator Bhaskar Sharma, Principal Hindi Medium Anis Memon, teaching fraternity and students.

Instructions issued for disciplinary action against assistant teacher cadre

For unauthorized strike

Raipur, Aug 19: Instructions have been issued to take disciplinary action against Assistant Teacher, Composite Teacher (LB) who went on unauthorized strike in the School Education Department of the State Government. Directorate of Public Instructions has asked all the Divisional Joint Directors of the School Education Department, District Education Officers and Block Education Officers to take action as per the instructions of the government. Assistant teachers

of the state, Samagra Shikshak (LB) are unofficially on an indefinite strike from August 10 in support of demand for sorting out pay discrepancy with fixation of appropriate salary by calculating full service, on the call of Chhattisgarh Assistant Teachers Federation. They had also planned 'Jail Bharo Andolan' on 18 August 2023. The strike adversely affected the study-teaching work in the schools. The strike also created situation of lock-down in schools. Taking this seriously, the State Government (School Education Department) has given instructions to take strict action.

Raipur, Aug 19: On August 15, 2023, the 76th Anniversary of India's Independence Day was celebrated with fervor and enthusiasm at the picturesque Kalinga University Campus in Naya Raipur. Padma Shree Dr. Bharti Bandhuji graced the event as the Hon'ble Chief Guest, elevating the patriotic spirit of the occasion. The National flag was unfurled in front of a distinguished audience that included notable dignitaries, faculty members, and a large number of students.

Padma Shree's Dr. Bharti Bandhuji, the Chief Guest, embodied the significance of the event as he hoisted the National flag on the

Tri-Colour hoisted at Kalinga University



Kalinga University campus. The ceremony, which was attended by the Vice Chancellor-Dr. R Shridhar, Dean of Students Welfare-Dr. Jasmine Joshi, Deputy Registrar and Head HR-Ms.

Lincy Roy, and other faculty members, was a testament to the academic community's solidarity and patriotic spirit. During his address, Padma Shree Dr. Bharti Bandhuji paid

heartfelt tributes to the martyrs of the struggle for freedom, emphasising the sacrifices done for India's independence. He expressed his belief in the pivotal role of education in nurturing

responsible citizens, highlighting the all-encompassing development of students at Kalinga University.

Sharing his experiences, he urged students to uphold India's ethical values and cultural traditions, encouraging them to preserve the essence of the nation's identity. Dr. Bharti Bandhuji urged the students to carry the legacy of the National Flag with pride across the global stage and encouraged them to dedicate themselves to the welfare of the nation.

A stirring recitation of patriotic poems by Dr. A Rajshekhar kindled the flames of patriotism among the attendees. The vibrant celebration contin-

ued with a soul-stirring rendition of a patriotic song by student Mr Ankur from the B.Tech (Comp. Science), followed by an enthralling dance performance by Ms. Mahek Sharma, a student from the B.Com. Vice Chancellor, Dr. R Shridhar, shared his insights and perspective on the significance of Independence Day, reiterating the importance of unity and progress for the nation.

The event culminated with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Jasmine Joshi, the Dean of Students Welfare, who expressed gratitude to all participants and attendees for their valuable contributions.

Naitik, Atharv, Sushant qualify for next round

In Boy's Under-15 category on third day of 22nd State-level Badminton Tourney



Raipur, Aug 19: The first round of the 22nd State-level Junior Badminton tournament (under-15 and Under-17) was held on Friday. On the third day of the competitions held at iSportz Badminton Arena Raipur, in the under-15 age category -Naitik Sahu defeated Abhay 21-12, 21-18. Utsav Agrawal defeated Priyansh Singh 21-9, 21-13;

Atharv Sharma defeated Pranay Nigam 21-06, 21-10; Sushant Uikey defeated Manvir Singh 19-21, 21-14 and 21-15 and qualified for the next round. Similarly in the under-15 (girls)-singles- Tejaswi Singh defeated Tanya Sharma -21-16, 21-9; Manya Gupta defeated Ananya-21-12, 21-16; Trishya Mukta defeated Devanshi Patel- 21-4, 21-2 and entered the next round.

In the under-17 (boys)-Singles- Samarth Uikey defeated Aditya Pandey by 11-21, 21-9, 23-21; D Dansena defeated Shreyansh Pathak by 21-13, 21-16; Jai Aditya defeated Om Verma- 21-16, 21-18 and entered the next round. In the Under-17 (girls), singles-Revaraje Verma defeated Anushak atel 21-11, 21-15 and Shweta Pardesh defeated Amulya Gupta- 21-15, 21-1 and Rashi Mal defeated Khyati Agrawal 21-8, 21-7 in straight sets and entered quarter finals.

Atharv Sharma defeated Atharv Gambir by 21-11, 22-20; Vaibhav Sharma defeated Naitik Sahu 21-15, 21-11. Arnurag Baghel defeated Utsav Agrawal-21-19, 21-14 and entered into quarter finals, informs iSportz Badminton Arena Management in a press release.

MIF invites proposal for felicitation

Under Aijaji prog

Raipur, Aug 19: Muslim Intellectual Forum (MIF) like every year organises 'Aijaji programme' to felicitate talented students and in order to register for the felicitation, the students from Class 6th to University level, who have obtained 70% or above in their previous exam can send their name, full address and mobile no. along with copy of their marksheet. The last date is 20 Sept 2023. The WhatsApp can be sent at the address- New Tent House, Byron Bazar, Raipur; Goodluck Furniture, Main Road, Sanjay Nagar, Raipur;

Amrutulya Hotel Alia, Raipur Bakery, Baijnathpara Raipur and King Battery, Fatehshah Market, Tikrapara, Raipur. This can be sent on WhatsApp no's of Convener- Jafar Amjad Sahab- Rajatalab, Raipur on Mob. No.-94242311461; Sadar, All India Muslim Federation, Mohammed Siraj Saheb- Mob. No.-92009292921; Sadar Haji- MK Gauri- Mob.No.-9755303827; Sachiv-Haji-Mohammed Bashir Khan Siraji- Mob. No.-94255377786; member-Haji-SM Hashim- Mob.No.-8839319541; Member-Haji-Shakeel Ahmed- Mob. No.-94255-04391; member-Mohammed Junaid- Mob. No.-934076186.

CU V-Cr Prof. Chakrawal becomes a member of the MAKAIAS, Kolkata

Bilaspur, Aug 19: Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (Central University) has been made a member of the Society of the well-known Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MKA-IAS), Kolkata, West Bengal, under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India.



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Chakrawal, expressing happiness, said that it is an honor to be made a member of the Society of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MKA-IAS). Expressing gratitude to the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, he said that Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya is constantly striving to promote mutual coop-

eration in higher education with the countries of South-Central and West Asia. In this sequence, the Central University and Kazakhstan National University signed and exchanged a memorandum of understanding in the presence of Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister of Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India, to

promote cooperation in the field of research and innovation at the All-India Education Summit held in New Delhi. Exchanged memorandum.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Chakrawal said that Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya is constantly striving to strengthen the internationalization of higher education along with skill development and value education for the holistic development of the individual, as enshrined in the National Education Policy-2020. For this, from time to time, the University has been signing MoUs with high quality foreign higher educational institutions to facilitate research, teaching, collaboration, and faculty and student exchange.

Kasdol polling center setting the standard for inclusive voting experience

Mahasumud, Aug 19: In a significant stride towards promoting voter awareness and inclusivity, the Kasdol polling center in Saraipali Block has undergone a remarkable transformation into an exemplary model of a polling center. Under the Voter Awareness Program (SVEEP), the Sub-Divisional Magistrate and Returning Officer of Saraipali Block, Hemant Ramesh Nandanwar (IAS), has taken the initiative to guide the establishment of this exceptional polling center, ensuring optimal voter convenience and access. Nandanwar, along with additional Tehsildar Jugalkishore Patel and B.R.C.C. Satish Swaroop Patel, spearheaded this endeavor, emphasizing key attributes that define an ideal polling center. This initiative not only highlights the significance of the electoral process but also aims to create a positive and enriching voting experience for all citizens. One of the notable aspects of this exemplary polling center is its commitment to inclusivity. The center places a special emphasis on providing a comfortable voting experience for elderly, senior, ill, and differently-abled voters. To achieve this, the center is equipped with ramps for easy access and wheelchairs for those who require assistance.

Yadav lays stone for SDM office worth Rs 44.98 lakh

● In Bagbahra

Central Chronicle News

Bagbahra, Aug 19: The Parliamentary Secretary and MLA Dwarakadheesh Yadav as chief guest laid the stone for construction of SDM (Revenue) office at the cost of Rs 44.98 lakh here on Friday. It was chaired by Heera Setram Baghel of Nagar Palika Parishad Bagbahra and special guests on the occasion were DCC (urban) BS Thakur, DCC President (Rural) Ravi Nishad, SDM Srishti Chandrakar.



Speaking on the occasion MLA Yadav said that right since the Congress government was formed after 2018 VS polls and the people of Khallari VS area have handed over the responsibility of development on his hands and since then there have been all-round development in Khallari. If one talks about the big gifts to the region, the SDM Office in Bagbahra andn Komakhan teshil are two important works sanctioned during Congress rule and it was pedding for long. Apart from this as per demand of people, CM Baghel has gifted a Civil Court in Khallari VS area and it would act as milestone for the region. Yadav informed that the

earlier BJP government remained in power for 15 yrs, but they never thought about the welfare of poor and villagers and were only interested in filling their coffers. But it was with the blessings of people of the region, that CM Baghel formed the new government and since then it has been working for the upliftment of the villages and villagers and farmers and formulated many new schemes for their betterment. Due to this the people of Khallari

did not have to wander here and there and are getting justice, be it from Court or those related to revenue.

MLA Khallari said that in the earlier government, the people had to go to the administration to get the works done, but the Bhpesh Baghel government is the one which reaches among the general public and came to know about their grievances and implementation of government's schemes and therefore he urged the people of the region to vote him to power in the next VS polls and ensure Congress victory.

On this occasion Vishnu Mahanand, Ganesh Sharma, Rajesh Soni, Uttam Sharma, Setram Baghel, Lakhbir Devnath Sahu, Ajay Singh Thakur, Kishore Chand Agrawal, Ramkumar Thakur, Mohit Chandrakar, Bhaktram Manjhi and others were present.

Poor labourer enter hunger strike

● Failing to get his labour charges from owner of gas agency



Central Chronicle News

Manendragarh, Aug 19: A labourer in Gram Panchayat Dodaki is wandering for his labour charges and is sitting on hunger strike for last three days and his condition is deteriorating each day and till date neither the concerned person nor the local administration has come to his rescue.

It is notable here that this labourer used to work as labour about four years back at the Indian Gas Agency owned by Dr Vinay Sankar and it is more than six months that he has not being paid his labour charges and as & when he demand, some or the other vague reason is given. Finally the labourer gave it up and closed down the work and is wandering to the clinic / office of Dr Vinay Sankar. He even had submitted a memorandum in the office of SDM Kelhari and failing to get any response he has sit on hunger strike Dodaki Chowk. So far none from the local administration has also not approached him in this regard.

The villagers charged that this issue is being raked up from political point of view. Dr Vinay Sankar is President of Janpad and has got a good hold in Congress government and therefore he is getting work

FORM NO. 14 [See Regulation 33(2)] By Regd. AID, Dasti falling which by Publication OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, JABALPUR 797/2, SHANTIKUNJ, SOUTH CIVIL LINES, JABALPUR - 482001 DEMAND NOTICE /DOA NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961. RC/98/2017 UCO BANK VERSUS SHRI RISHI TIWARI (CD1) SHRI RISHI TIWARI, 139, 103-2, Behind Sai Mandir, Dubei Colony, Raipur (C.G.) And At-Shop No 74, Dr. Khubchand Baghel, Tranceport Nagar, Bhanpur, Raipur (C.G.)-492001, Raipur. This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL JABALPUR in OA/530/2016 an amount of Rs 1903392.50 (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs - Three Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Two And Paise Fifty Only) along with pendente lite and future interest @ 12 % Simple Interest Yearly w.e.f. 08/08/2016 till realization and costs of Rs 22000 (Rupees Twenty Two Thousands Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally/ Fully/Limited).

PROTECTING INVESTING FINANCING ADVISING Aditya Birla Finance Limited Registered Office : Indian Rayon Compound, Veraval, Gujarat - 362266 Branch Office: Room No 401, 4th floor, Camac Square, 24, Camac Street, Kolkata - 700016 "APPENDIX- IV-A" [See proviso to rule 8 (6)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (54 of 2002).

PROPERTY (1) - All that piece and parcel of land located at Village- Kumhari, P.H. No. 46, Revenue Circle, Ahi Bara Development Block Dhamda, Tehsil - Dhamda, District - Durg (C.G.), land under possession and ownership Agricultural land (duly converted to commercial), Nature - Non Irrigated Bhatta, Khasra No. 1450/3, and 1450/6 (remaining part), Area - 0.206 hectare i.e., 0.51 acre rent Rs. 0.60 which is situated at a distance of more than 400 ft of G.E Road (Main Road) and which has been shown in the Patwar Map annexed to the Deed (which will be annexed as separable part of the Deed). There is no tree, well, etc. in the land, the land is within the area of Municipal Corporation and butted and bounded as: On the North: Land of the Family of Owner On the South: Land of the Family of Owner On the East: Land of Owner On the West: Land of Railway

PROPERTY (2) - All that part and parcel of the property being apartment constructed within the land parcel D 7, Sector 30 Naya Raipur situated at Village - Nawagaon, P.C No. 18, RIC- Mandir Hasaud, Naya Raipur, Tehsil- Aarang, Dist. Raipur C.G bearing Apartments No. 802, 4BHK, Floor 8th of Block "A" Tower- 1, Mayfair housing area under possession 2510 sq. ft. carpet area 1865 sq. ft. (owned by Shri. Navneet Gupta) butted and bounded as: On the North: By Open Space On the South: By Open Space On the East: By Open Space On the West: Stair Case Lobby Including an undivided proportionate share in all that piece and parcel of lands/surface comprised in Khasra No. 650/2, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658 and 670 total 25338 sq. ft. covered by G.T life spaces D-7, Sector- 30, Naya Raipur (C.G) butted and bounded as: On the North: Plot No. D-6 On the South: Plot No. D-8 and Green Area On the East: 9M wide spill and Green Area On the West: 24M wide Road For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditor's website i.e. https://mortgagefinance.adityabirlacapital.com/Pages/Individual/Properties-for-Auction-under-SARFAESI-Act.aspx or https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net Date: 20th August 2023 Place: Kumhar-Durg & Raipur [Chhattisgarh] Authorized Officer Aditya Birla Finance Limited Ph: 9503198114

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DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Finance Services, (Banking Division), 797-II, Shanti Kunj, South Civil Lines, Jabalpur 482001 (M.P.) Case No.: RC/69/2023 In O.A. No. 263/2020 UCO BANK Vs M/s. MAROOF MOTORS E-Auction No. 82/2023 Under mentioned properties will be sold by "on line e-auction" through website https://www.bankeauctions.com for recovery of a sum of 1,59,30,400.00 (Rupees One Crore Fifty Nine Lakh Thirty Thousand Four Hundred only) payable by you/him in respect of Recovery Certificate in O.A. No. 263/2020 issued by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Jabalpur with interest at 11.00% p.a. with simple interest from 16.03.2020 and costs payable as per recovery certificate till realization.

Date and Time of E-auction : 20.09.2023 Between 12.00 Hours and 13.00 hours SPECIFICATION OF THE PROPERTIES PUT FOR SALE (1) Land & Building bearing diverted Khasra No. 445/3, 446/4, 447/3, 445/4, 446/5, 446/6, 447/5, PH. No. 57, situated at Indira Nagar, Ward No. 24, Mouza- Charoda, Tehsil- Patan, District- Durg (C.G.) Area of Land 12000 sq.ft. & Built-up area 6281 sq.ft.; Property in the name of Shaikh Hadi S/o. Late Shaikh Hussain and Shaikh Maroof S/o. Shaikh Hussain. (2) Residential Land bearing Khasra No. 347/8, P.H. No. 2, situated at Mouza- Charoda, Tehsil, Patan, District- Durg (C.G.) Area admeasuring 22596 sq.ft; Property in the name of M/s. Maroof Developers through its Proprietor Shaikh Hadi S/o. Late Shaikh Hussain. Upset Price : For, Prop. No. 1: Rs. 3,04,75,000.00 (Rupees Three Crore Four Lakh Seventy Five Thousand only); Prop. No. 2: Rs. 1,29,27,000.00 (Rupees One Crore Twenty Nine Lakh Twenty Seven Thousand only). Conditions of Sale: 1. Intending bidders must hold a valid digital signature certificate. For details contact M/s. C-1 India Pvt. Ltd., website: https://www.bankeauctions.com; Helpline No. 0124-430220/21/22/23/24, for help a bidder in e-auction contact to Mr. Mithalesh Kumar on Mob. No. 7080804466; E-mail id:- mpcg@c1india.com or 8319822113, E-mail ID: support@bankeauctions.com. 2. Intending bidders are advised to go through website https://www.bankeauctions.com for auction bid form and details, terms and conditions of sale before submitting their bids. 3. Bids should be submitted only online in the prescribed form along with a copy of identity document as an attachment to the bid form (refer detailed terms and conditions). Bidder should satisfy them self with regard to correctness, measurement, encumbrances etc by their own sources (Govt. Office) also later on DRT will not be responsible for this. 4. 10% of the upset price i.e. EMD/Bid price For, Prop. No. 1: Rs. 30,47,500.00 (Rupees Thirty Lakh Forty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Only); For, Prop. No. 2: Rs. 12,92,700.00 (Rupees Twelve Lakh Ninety Two Thousands Seven Hundred Only) must be remitted towards EMD through RTGS/NEFT/Money Transfer to the credit of Account no. 07170200000431 in the name of Recovery Officer, E-auction account, DRT Jabalpur with Bank of Baroda Nager Town Branch Jabalpur (IFSC Code: BARBONAPIER) and the Remittance must be clearly mentioned in the bid form. 5. Bids should be submitted on or before 17.00 hours on 18.09.2023 online. 6. A copy of the bid form along with its enclosure submitted online should be sent to Recovery Officer, DRT, Jabalpur, 797-II Shanti Kunj, South Civil Lines, Jabalpur so as to reach at the earliest. 7. Online bidding with commence from the highest bid quoted among the bids and the minimum increase for each bid will be For, Prop. No. 1: Rs. 5,00,000.00/- (Rupees Five Lakh Only); For, Prop. No. 2: Rs. 2,00,000.00/- (Rupees Two Lakh Only). In case of bid received before closure of Auction window, there shall be an automatic extension of 5 minutes in Auction time by the system. 8. The refund of EMD of the unsuccessful bidders will be remitted to the same account from which the payment has been made and no inquiry in this regard will be entertained. After deposit of EMD by intending bidder they cannot withdraw the EMD amount until they are declared as "Unsuccessful bidder" otherwise the amount will be forfeited. 9. In the case of Immovable property listed in the schedule below, the successful bidder shall remit 25% of the bid amount (less EMD) on the next day on declaration, if the sale is knocked down in his/her favour, through RTGS/NEFT/Money Transfer to the Account no. 07170200000431 mentioned in SL. no. 4 and in default of such deposit, the property shall forthwith be put up again and resold and amount deposited as EMD will be forfeited. 10. The successful bidder shall remit balance 75% of the sale amount along with poundage of 1% of sale amount plus Rs.10/- for each property separately within 15 days of auction, to the Account no. 07170200000431 mentioned at SL. no. 4 through RTGS/NEFT/Money Transfer, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be a Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office working day after 15th day. In default of payment within the period mentioned above, the property shall be resold after the issue of a fresh proclamation of sale. The deposit will be forfeited the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold. 11. Property will be sold "As is Where is and No Complaint basis". 12. The properties can be inspected on 02.09.2023 Between 12.00 hours and 16.00 hours. 13. Properties will not be sold below the upset price. 14. Recovery Officer have the absolute right to accept or reject the bid or postpone/cancel the sale without assigning any reason. 15. Intending bidders are advised to peruse copies of the title deed available with the Shri Jaydev Tripathy, Chief Manager, Mob No. 9438179100 also check the identity and correctness of the property details and encumbrances etc from their own sources also, DRT will not be responsible for correctness etc. 16. Details regarding e-auction shall be obtained from M/s. C-1 India Pvt. Ltd., website: https://www.bankeauctions.com; Helpline No. 0124-430220/21/22/23/24, for help a bidder in e-auction contact to Mr. Mithalesh Kumar on Mob. No. 7080804466; E-mail id:- mpcg@c1india.com or 8319822113, E-mail ID: support@bankeauctions.com. 17. Further property details if any required shall be obtained from Shri Jaydev Tripathy, Chief Manager, Mob No. 9438179100. 18. The bidders may participate in the e-auction by quoting / bidding from their own offices / places of their choice. Internet connectivity shall have to be ensured by each bidder himself. DRT / Bank Service Provider shall not be held responsible for the internet connectivity, network problems, system crash down, Power failure etc.

FORM NO. 14 [See Regulation 33(2)] By Regd. AID, Dasti falling which by Publication OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, JABALPUR 797/2, SHANTIKUNJ, SOUTH CIVIL LINES, JABALPUR - 482001 DEMAND NOTICE /DOA NOTICE UNDER SECTION 53 OF THE SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 READ WITH THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO BANKS & FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT, 1993. RC/352/2018 UCO BANK VERSUS RANJAN GARG To (CD1) Ranjan Garg, H.No. 51, Palash Duplex, Kharoon Green, Kumhari, Dist- Durg (CG) 490001. Also at: H.No. 51, Palash Duplex, Kharoon Green, Kumhari. (CD2) Lucky Garg, H.No. 51, Palash Duplex, Kharoon Green, Kumhari, Dist- Durg (CG) 490001. Whereas you the Shri Ranjan Garg was ordered by the Presiding Officer of DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL JABALPUR who has issued the Recovery Certificate dated 11/07/2018 in OA/959/2017 to pay to the Applicant Bank(s)/Financial Institution(s) Name of applicant, the sum of Rs. 2569782.00 (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Sixty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Two Only) along with pendente lite and future interest @ 8.50 % Simple Interest Yearly w.e.f. 01/11/2017 till realization and costs of Rs 28000 (Rupees Twenty Eight Thousands Only), and whereas the said has not been paid, the undersigned has ordered the sale of undermentioned immovable/Immoveable property.

FORM NO. 14 [See Regulation 33(2)] By Regd. AID, Dasti falling which by Publication OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, JABALPUR 797/2, SHANTIKUNJ, SOUTH CIVIL LINES, JABALPUR - 482001 DEMAND NOTICE /DOA NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961. RC/166/2019 UCO BANK VERSUS SHAKTI BUILD INFRA PVT LTD To (CD1) Shakti Build Infra Pvt Ltd, 51, Palaash, Kharoon Greens, Kumhari, Durg (CG) 490002, Durg (CG) 490002. (CD2) Satish Garg, 51, Palaash, Kharoon Greens, Kumhari, Durg (CG) Durg, Chhattisgarh. (CD3) Ranjan Garg, 51, Palaash, Kharoon Greens, Kumhari, Durg (CG) Durg, Chhattisgarh. (CD4) Anshul Garg, 51, Palaash, Kharoon Greens, Kumhari, Durg (CG) Durg, Chhattisgarh. This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL JABALPUR in OA/410/2018 an amount of Rs 1449947.00 (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Forty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Seven Only) along with pendente lite and future interest @ 12 % Simple Interest Yearly w.e.f. 10/04/2018 till realization and costs of Rs 17000 (Rupees Seventeen Thousands Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally/ Fully/Limited).

PROTECTING INVESTING FINANCING ADVISING Aditya Birla Finance Limited Registered Office : Indian Rayon Compound, Veraval, Gujarat - 362266 Branch Office: Room No 401, 4th floor, Camac Square, 24, Camac Street, Kolkata - 700016 "APPENDIX- IV-A" [See proviso to rule 8 (6)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (54 of 2002). Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Aditya Birla Finance Limited, the mortgage property will be sold through E-Auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 26.09.2023 for recovery of Rs.9,05,42,343.51/- (Rupees Nine Crores Five Lakhs Forty Two Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Three and Fifty-One Paise Only) (This amount is exclusive of TDS Calculation and Pre-Payment Charges, as applicable) as on 07.07.2022 and further interest and other expenses thereon till the date of realization due to the Secured Creditor from Borrowers/co-Borrowers namely, 1. Techno Drillers (Borrower), Through its Partners, 2. Satpara Drillers, Through its Proprietor, Prakash Chand Jain (Co-Borrower), 3. Prakash Chand Jain (Guarantor), 4. Veena Jain (Guarantor) and 5. Utsav Jain (Guarantor). The reserve price will be Rs.7,12,02,500/- (Rupees Seven Crores Twelve Lakhs Two Thousand Five Hundred Only) and the earnest money deposit will be Rs.71,20,250/- (Rupees Seventy One Lakhs Twenty Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Only).

Regional Office, Jeevan Prakash L.I.C. Building, Pandri, Raipur (C.G.) PH: 0771- 4222611, 4222612, E-mail: recovery.raipur@bankofbaroda.com Information For Customers Having Lockers This is for the information of valued patrons who have taken lockers on rent at Bank of Baroda Branch and not paid rent timely, the notices sent as per the Bank's guidelines to the Renters at their recorded addresses but no response received. Now this final notice is given to all the persons named below for contacting the respective branch and to clear the dues of the bank within a period of 15 days, failing which the bank will proceed to break open the locker on 06.09.2023 at 01.00 P.M. at their cost, risk and responsibility and the bank will exercise its right of lien on inventory for recovery of outstanding rent, costs and other charges.

Fight has just begun for Rs 80 cr of township residents: Prem Prakash Pandey

■ Massive dharna held seeking reimbursement under Half Electricity Bill Scheme
 ■ Leader Opposition Narayan Chandel, Member of Parliament Vijay Baghel, Rajya Sabha member Saroj Pandey, MLA Brijmohan Agarwal & Shivratna Sharma address dharna

Bhilai, Aug 19:

“The agitation against the Chief Minister and the MLA Devendra Yadav for misguiding township denizens with lies and looting them of Rs 30,000 will just begin and it will intensify further. This agitation will end only when the state government reimburses the aforesaid amount to the denizens, stated Prem Prakash Pandey, former Speaker of the Chhattisgarh Assembly. He was addressing the massive demonstration that began under his leadership on Saturday. He has called the to support the demand of extending the half electricity bill scheme from back date i.e. from March 2019. Thousands of Bhilai township residents



took part in this massive dharna despite rain and scorching sun including women, participated in the dharna to fight for their rights and expressed their protest and demanded Rs 30,000 for their rights. Pandey questioned whether the people of Bhilai township different from the people of the other region of state or have they have committed some sin that they are not being given their due. The Chief Minister and the MLA deprived the domestic consumers affiliated to BSP of Bhilai Township from the benefit of “Half

Electricity Bill Scheme” and now seeing the elections approaching, implemented this scheme here from September 2023. We demand that the residents of Bhilai should also get the benefit of the Half Electricity Bill scheme from March 2019, he further added and said that if the scheme is implemented from March 2019, each consumer will get a benefit of about Rs 30,000. That means they will not have to pay electricity bill for next 2-3 years. Addressing the dharna, Leader of Opposition in the Chhattisgarh

Legislative Assembly Narayan Chandel said that the Bhupesh government has cheated every person of the state and snatched away the rights of the people in Bhilai. The MLA here has mastered the art of corruption and lies. But now the people of the state have understood this. Chandel said that former minister Pandey has raised his voice to fight for the rights of the people, definitely the residents of Bhilai will get their rights. Durg MP Vijay Baghel said that both the Chief Minister of the state and the Bhilai MLA are



cousins, always telling lies. While being the Revenue Minister, the CM himself had opposed it and now the MLAs of his own party kept misleading the people by terming deed registration as registry and ownership rights. It is their nature to lie. Rajya Sabha MP Saroj Pandey said that the state government has taken away the rights of the people in these five years and has only broken promises. He has also done injustice to the people of Bhilai. Only the residents of Bhilai township were kept untouched from the

scheme which was implemented for the entire state. Regarding, Devendra Yadav's Pragati Yatra she said that we have seen his personal progress, on which yesterday the ED has also filed a charge sheet and made him an accused. Former minister, Raipur South MLA Brijmohan Agarwal said that the public has come to know about the double policy of the Congress government and now their countdown has also started. The Bhilai MLA who tarnished the image of the education hub Bhilai Nagar and indulged in cor-

ruption. His truth has also come before the public. Addressing the gathering, BJP State Vice President and Bhatapara MLA Shivratna Sharma said that today the corruption of the present MLA of Bhilainagar is the topic of discussion at every nook and corner of Bhilai. Whether it is talk of liquor or illegal business in the streets, the name of the people associated with them is everywhere. They are so adept at telling lies that for the first four years they kept saying that township people cannot get benefits without handover of

power supply to CSPDCL and now are implementing the scheme for only two months. BJYM State General Secretary Upkar Chandrakar, BMC Leader of Opposition Bhojraj Sinha, Sanjay Dani, labor leader Prabhunath Mishra, Ujjwal Dutta and Brijbihari Mishra, Councilor Piyush Mishra also addressed this huge protest and said that these 30 thousand rupees will be given to each consumer of BSP township. They have a right which they must get. State Incharge of BJP Minority Morcha Dr Salim Raj, District General Secretary Premal Sahu, Yogendra Sahu, Former Mayor Nirmala Yadav, Mahila Morcha President Sweety Kaushik, Former Mandal President SN Singh, Gajanan Banchhor, Khursipar Mandal President SN Singh, Councilor Nohar Verma, Smita Dodke, Veena Chandrakar, Shakuntala Sahu, Ishwari Netam, Former Councilor Rashmi Singh, J Srinivasa Rao, Rinku Sahu, Shivprakash Shibu workers of Shri Ram Jannotsav Samiti, BJP workers and thousands of Bhilai residents were present.

Devendra's Pragati Yatra begins, Bhoomipujan performed for development works

Bhilai, Aug 19:

Bhilai Nagar MLA Devendra Yadav began his Pragati Yatra on Saturday from Sector 9 Gol Market. Walking on foot he covered the entire Sector 9 area in a single day. He reached every street and every house, met with people and inquired about their well being. During this, development work worth about 1.3 crores was gifted to the residents of the ward. In a single day, the MLA inaugurated and performed Bhumi Pujan for 10 development works. Due to this, there was a lot of joy and enthusiasm among the citizens of the area. Hundreds of people including Bhilai Mayor Neeraj Pal were present with MLA Devendra Yadav at Santosh's tea stall where he had tea sitting with the people of the ward. Then Bhumi Pujan program was organized near the garden. Thereafter, he inspected the ongoing development work, all the development



works are going on for APA Road, SPA Road, Road 27, 28, 29. During this, the citizens of the ward praised a lot the development works. People said that continuous development works are going on in the entire city including Sector 9. The denizens appreciated that to solve the problem of dirty water in the township, on the instructions of Devendra ARO water ATM for pure water with hi-tech technology has been installed. There should be no mud on the side of the roads during the rainy season. Paver blocks have been in-

stalled for this. A playground for the children, a garden for the elderly have been made in the ward. Apart from this, the entire township is troubled by the filth of the backline for the past several years. They alleged that though the earlier public representatives were also told about the problems, but after asking for votes in the elections, they used to come again to ask for votes in the next elections. That's why no development could ever happen. But Devendra on the other hand got the back line cleaned without saying

anything. This has brought great relief to the people of the entire township area. Bhumi Pujan and inauguration of development works include paver block drain construction work at a cost of 19 lakhs in Hospital Sector market, Shaheed Chowk drain construction work at a cost of 10 lakhs, Maintenance work in Road 9 Garden at a cost of 3.90 lakh, Road 8 Badminton Court construction work at a cost of 10 lakhs, C3 volleyball court construction work at a cost of 2.50 lakh, Lighting system and garden construction work near Gol Market at a cost of 30 lakhs, the work of installation of paver blocks in SPA, NPA at a cost of 10 lakhs, Stage construction work in sector 9 hospital sector at a cost of 4 lakhs, Construction work of water ATM in hospital sector market at a cost of 4 lakhs, Dome shed construction work near maintenance office at a cost of 10 lakhs.

Angdan Mahotsav Fortnight concludes at JLN Hospital with National Seminar

Bhilai, Aug 19:

A National Level Organ Donation Awareness Seminar was organised at SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital & Research Centre (JLNHRC), Sector-9, to conclude 'Angdaan Mahotsav-2023'. The seminar took place under the guidance of Dr Ravindranath M CMO I/c (M&HS) and several renowned Plastic Surgeons from prestigious medical institutions of the country took part in the seminar and shared their valuable insights on organ donation. Dr Pramod Bnayake, CMO (M&HS) welcomed the guest Plastic Surgeons and spoke on the objective and importance of the seminar to spread awareness on Organ Donation. The first Keynote Speaker of the seminar Santosh Nashine shared his insights on Kidney transplant, followed by the session taken by Dr Dikshesh Shah, HoD (Plastic Surgery) DK Hospital,



who spoke on Skin Banking and Skin Transplantation. Dr Ajit Mishra, Liver transplant surgeon from Raipur, shared vital information on intricacies of liver transplantation, while Dr Pawan Agrawal, HoD (Plastic Surgery) Jabalpur Medical College, dealt with the procedures of Skin Banking, in detail. Dr Arun Bhatnagar, HoD (Plastic Surgery) GMC, Bhopal shared crucial information on Skin Bank and associated equipment, followed by the insightful session on

Hand transplant surgery by Dr Vinita Puri, HoD (Plastic Surgery) KEM Hospital, Mumbai. Various expert Senior Plastic surgeons from Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh also took part in the National Organ Donation Awareness Seminar including Dr ML Jain, Dr Mamta Sikroria, Dr Sunil Kalra, Dr Deepak Kothari, Dr Sumit Nema, Dr Rajeev Kukreja, Dr Sharad, Dr Gurpal, Dr Kamlesh, Dr Subhash Sahu, Dr Yatindra, and Senior Cardiac Surgeon Dr Subodh Sikroria. Chief Medical Officers of

JLNHRC, Dr Pramod Binayake, Dr V Dwivedi, Dr RK Pal, Dr K Thakur were also present on this occasion, along with other Senior Doctors and Hospital Staff of JLNH & RC. The program was completed by Dr Joyita Sarkar, while Dr Uday Kumar, ACMO (M&HS) and Dr Anirudh Mene, Dy CMO (M&HS) proposed the Vote of Thanks. After completion of the National Organ Donation Awareness Seminar, all the guests visited Bhilai Steel Plant and witnessed its functioning.

Obituary

Ramesh Pillai



Bhilai: Ramesh Pillai (64), retired from state government service (Medical Department) left for heavenly abode on Saturday. The last rites of the mortal remains will be performed at Ramnagar Muktidham on August 20. The funeral procession will be taken out from his residence Block No 5A, Street 09, Sector 10. He is survived by wife Aarti, sisters Meena, Anjali and Nanda and children Ashish Pillai and Diya Pillai.

BSP's RMP-3 transforms Barren Land into a Lush Garden

Bhilai, Aug 19: A large patch of land adjacent to LDSP RMP-3, which was used as a slag dump yard in earlier days, was lying barren for a long time. The LDSP RMP-3 collective along with the Civil Engineering Department has transformed that vacant land into a lush green garden, now sprawling with various trees and flowering plants. LDSP RMP-3, a unit under the Modex Plan of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant caters for the demand of fluxes to SMSs and SPs with all Five Kilns in operation. In this process, LDSP uses a large amount of water, which otherwise used to go waste. Utilizing the in-house resources for fencing and other needs, the RMP-3 collective planted saplings of several plant varieties including Neem, Almond and Arjun, using the black soil provided by the Civil Engineering Department. However, it being a large patch of rocky land with low water retention capac-



ity, regular watering to hundreds of saplings and manpower for maintenance was a problem. In order to address this problem, RMP-3 collective decided to utilize the waste water from kiln operation to be utilized for irrigation of newly developed gardens. After treating and filtering the traces of tar from coke oven gas, the wastewater was channelized by RMP-3, to the garden, using an unmanned irrigation system. That filtration is carried out at two stages, with

soaking pits for settling the residual tar, followed by harvesting to big Pits. A two-set circuit has been developed to cover a large area, and are used each

Student-led human chain amplifies voter awareness drive



Manendragarh, Aug 19: In the presence of Collector and District Election Officer Narendra Kumar Dugga, a robust voter awareness initiative took center stage at Government Vivekananda Postgraduate College. Spearheaded by the “Chala Sangi, Vote Dehe Jaabo,” (Let's Go Together, Cast Your Vote) campaign under the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP), students orchestrated a rally that featured the formation of human chains to impart the importance of voter awareness. During the event, Collector Dugga led all students in a solemn pledge to exercise their right to vote. Over 150 students wholeheartedly embraced the

SVEEP program, demonstrating remarkable zeal for the voter awareness cause. Aligned with the district's rallying theme, “Chala Sangi, Vote Dehe Jaabo,” participants vowed to achieve an impeccable 100% voter turnout-an aspiration congruent with the aspirations of the Chhattisgarh State Election Commission, the Chhattisgarh Government, and the district administration. In attendance were Deputy District Election Officer and Deputy Collector C.S. Pekara, along with college Principal Smt. Saroj Bala Vishnoi, accompanied by a cadre of officials, staff members, and students, collectively steering the event towards an impactful success.

Imran Khan can be poisoned in Attock jail, says wife Bushra

Lahore, Aug 19 (PTI):

Imran Khan's life is still in danger and he can be poisoned in Attock jail, his wife Bushra Bibi has said as she demanded better prison facilities for the incarcerated former Pakistan prime minister.

"My husband has been imprisoned in Attock jail without any justification. According to the law, my husband should be transferred to Adiala jail," she said. She demanded that the 70-year-old PTI chief be provided B-class facilities in the prison given his social and political status, Geo News reported.

ger [and] there is a fear that my husband will be poisoned in Attock jail," she wrote in the letter. Earlier this month, Bushra met her husband for half an hour, and after seeing Khan, had said that he was being kept in "distressing" conditions and provided "C-Class jail facilities". Khan, the cricketer-turned-politician, was arrested from his Lahore house shortly after an Islamabad trial court found him guilty of "corrupt practices" in the Toshakhana corruption case and has been incarcerated since August 5.

BLAZING CANARY INFERNO



Fire advances through the forest in La Orotava in Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain on Saturday, Aug. 19. Firefighters have battled through the night to try to bring under control the worst wildfire in decades on the Spanish Canary Island of Tenerife, a major tourist destination.

Pak police thwart major terror plot in Punjab province, arrest 13 terrorists

Lahore, Aug 19 (PTI):

Pakistan's law enforcement agencies on Saturday claimed to have averted a major terror plot by arresting 13 terrorists, including three ISIS commanders, who were planning to target important installations across the Punjab province. The militants were arrested from Lahore, Bahawalpur, Gujranwala, Mandi Bahauddin, Rawalpindi, Chiniot, Kasur and Multan during the last couple of days, the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) of Punjab police said in a statement.

it said. With the arrest, law enforcement agencies foiled a "major terror plot" in the Punjab province, it said. The arrested terrorists belong to Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), Daesh (ISIS), Sipah-e-Sahaba Pakistan and Al-Qaeda. Some 2,360 grams of explosives, one IED bomb, 11 detonators, pistols and bullets and banned literature have been recovered from them, the statement said. Last week, the CTD arrested 21 terrorists in Punjab. Hundreds of terrorists of TTP and ISIS have been nabbed this year after the truce between the Pakistan government and TTP ended in November last year.

Zelenskyy visits Sweden for 1st time since full-scale war with Russia

Stockholm, Aug 19 (AP):

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy is visiting Sweden on Saturday his first visit to

the country since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine last year, the Swedish government said. It said Zelenskyy will meet Swedish government

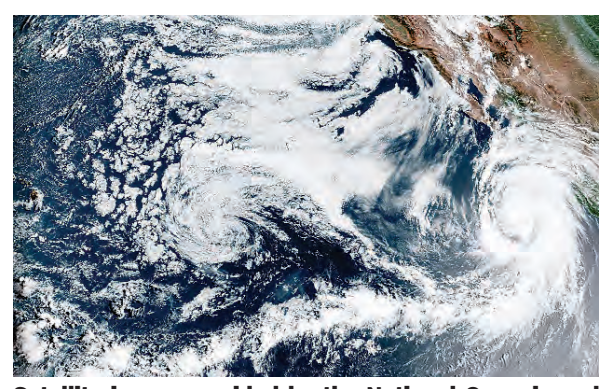
officials in Harpsund, about 120 kilometres west of Stockholm. He will also meet Sweden's King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia at a palace in the area. Sweden abandoned its longstanding policy of military nonalignment to support Ukraine with weapons and other aid in the war against Russia. It also applied for NATO membership but is still waiting to join the alliance. Meanwhile, Russian President Vladimir Putin visited top military officials in the Russian city of Rostov-on-Don near the Ukrainian border. The Kremlin said that Putin listened to reports

from Valery Gerasimov, the commander in charge of Moscow's operations in Ukraine, and other top military brass at the headquarters of Russia's Southern Military District. The exact timings of his visit were not confirmed, but state media published video footage that appeared to be filmed at night, showing Gerasimov greeting Putin and leading him into a building. The meeting itself was held behind closed doors. Putin's visit was the first since the Wagner mercenary group's attempted mutiny in June, which saw the group's fighters briefly take control of Rostov-on-Don.

Hurricane Hilary threatens dangerous rain for Mexico's Baja

Cabo San Lucas, Aug 19 (AP):

Hurricane Hilary headed for Mexico's Baja California with "life-threatening and potentially catastrophic" rain and flash flooding, while officials as far north as Los Angeles scrambled to get the homeless off the streets, set up shelters and prepare for evacuations. Hilary is expected to plow into the Mexican peninsula sometime Sunday and then surge northward and enter the history books as the first tropical storm to hit Southern California in 84 years by late Sunday or Monday. The US National Hurricane Center issued a tropical storm watch for a wide swath of Southern California from the Pacific coast to interior moun-



Satellite image provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shows Hurricane Hilary, right off Mexico's Pacific coast.

tains and deserts. Officials talked of evacuation plans for California's Catalina Island. "I don't think any of us I know me particularly never thought I'd be standing here talking about a hurricane or a tropical storm," said Janice Hahn,

chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. After rapidly gaining power early Friday, Hilary slowed some later in the day but remained a major Category 4 hurricane late Friday with maximum sustained winds of 130

mph (215 kph), down from 145 mph (230 kph). Late Friday, the storm was centered about 285 miles (460 kilometers) southwest of the southern tip of the Baja peninsula. It was moving north-northwest at 13 mph (20 kph) and was expected to turn more toward the north. The latest forecast track pointed to Hilary making landfall along a sparsely populated area of the Baja peninsula at a point about 200 miles (330 kilometers) south of the Pacific port city of Ensenada. It is then expected to continue northward, raising fears that its heavy rains could cause dangerous flooding in the border city of Tijuana, where many homes in the city of 1.9 million cling precariously to steep hillsides.

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Sweden abandoned its longstanding policy of military nonalignment to support Ukraine with weapons and other aid in the war against Russia. It also applied for NATO membership but is still waiting to join the alliance. Meanwhile, Russian President Vladimir Putin visited top military officials in the Russian city of Rostov-on-Don near the Ukrainian border. The Kremlin said that Putin listened to reports

Thousands flee raging wildfire, turning capital of Canada's Northwest Territories into ghost town

Vancouver, Aug 19 (AP):

The capital of Canada's Northwest Territories was virtually deserted after nearly all the residents of the city of just over 20,000 fled as a huge wildfire burned nearby. Officials in Northwest Territories said Friday

evening that about 19,000 people had left Yellowknife in less than 48 hours, with about 15,000 driving out in convoys and 3,800 leaving on emergency flights. "I described today as another marathon sprint," Yellowknife Mayor Rebecca Alty said.

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Fortifying Digital Security

New SIM Verification Rules Unveiled

In an era defined by digital interconnectedness, the integrity of our communication networks has become paramount. Recognizing this, the Indian government has taken a robust stance in its battle against cyber fraud. The recent announcement of new rules for SIM card verification is a testament to this unyielding commitment. At a time when technology has permeated every facet of our lives, ensuring the sanctity of our digital interactions has never been more crucial. The government's move to tighten the reins on SIM card verification comes as a decisive step in this direction. It underscores a resolute determination to thwart cyber criminals who seek to exploit vulnerabilities in our digital ecosystem. Addressing the nation in a press conference, Ashwini Vaishnav, the Union Minister for Communications, Electronics, and IT, left no room for ambiguity. With over 52 lakh fraudulent connections already deactivated, and more than 67,000 dealers involved in these illicit activities blacklisted, the government's message is clear: cyber fraud will not be tolerated. The cornerstone of these new rules is a mandate for rigorous verification of SIM card vendors. This measure places the onus squarely on the shoulders of telecom operators to ensure the authenticity of those selling SIM cards. Penalties of up to Rs 10 lakh for non-compliance serve as a stark reminder of the severity of the issue at hand. A timeline of 12 months has been set for existing sellers to fall in line with these new regulations. This grace period, though generous, underscores the urgency of the matter. It is a call to action for all stakeholders to actively participate in securing our digital infrastructure. One of the innovative aspects of these rules is the capturing of demographic data through QR code scanning of Aadhaar documents. This streamlined process not only enhances the efficiency of verification but also adds an extra layer of security to the system. The discontinuation of bulk connections in favor of business connections is another noteworthy shift. This move emphasizes a more meticulous scrutiny of both business and individual KYC details. It is a stride towards a more accountable and secure framework for SIM card distribution. The government's focus on disconnection and reallocation mechanisms is equally significant. By imposing a 90-day waiting period for reallocating disconnected mobile numbers, the authorities ensure that due diligence is followed. Moreover, the 24-hour embargo on outgoing and incoming SMS facilities during replacement enforces a rigorous yet necessary protocol. As we navigate an increasingly digital future, these reforms speak volumes about the government's resolve to safeguard the interests of its citizens. By plugging the gaps in SIM card verification, India is sending a clear message to cyber criminals: your attempts to breach our digital defenses will not go unnoticed or unpunished. In the grand tapestry of our technological landscape, these new rules form a vital thread. They weave together the aspirations of a digital India with the imperatives of security. As we applaud this bold step, we must also recognize that our collective vigilance and responsible participation are essential in realizing the vision of a safe and thriving digital ecosystem.

Pricing Polarities

Urban Housing Landscape Unveiled

In a resounding declaration of financial landscapes, the esteemed Knight Frank India, a renowned property consultant, has unraveled the captivating narrative of India's cityscapes through an ingenious affordability index. Unveiling a nation of varied aspirations and constraints, this index, meticulously crafted, has cast a spotlight on the conundrum of dwelling cost in different Indian cities, leading to the revelation of Ahmedabad as the most frugal haven and Mumbai as the veritable realm of opulence. A panoramic view of this survey conjures a stark panorama - the affordability index, a barometer of financial equilibrium, charts the EMI-based symphony of expenses, harmonized with the orchestra of household earnings. A musical duet of financial responsibility and capability, this index crystallizes the proportion of income required to sponsor the monthly housing loan installment, allowing us to peer into the coffers of urban Indian life. The symphony's crescendo unfurls over the map with Mumbai, the City of Dreams, asserting its unassailable position as the epicenter of opulence. It commands a staggering 55% of household earnings, an exorbitant toll on the ambitions of the common man. Hyderabad, a city of rising aspirations, emerges as the second most extravagant dwelling hub, demanding a considerable 31% of household income. Delhi and its environs, ensconced in the third spot, beckon to the purses of residents with an expenditure of 30% of their earnings for housing EMIs. Karnataka's Bengaluru and Tamil Nadu's Chennai find themselves as fraternity of fiscal constraint, their denizens committing 28% of their incomes to this vital urban cause. Pune and Kolkata, too, dance in tandem with this rhythm, each marked by the distinctive beat of 26% devotion. Yet, amidst this symphony of soaring figures, a triumphant note resounds from the heart of Gujarat. Ahmedabad, a city of heritage and resilience, emerges as the beacon of financial prudence. It stands firm at 23%, casting a reassuring spell over its inhabitants who valiantly chart their course through the maze of urban living. The melody, however, undergoes fluctuations, as the economic tides ebb and flow. The Reserve Bank of India's monetary orchestrations have swayed the course of the song. A 250 basis point increase in key lending rates within a year has unleashed a wave of change, altering the percentages across cities by an average of 14.4%. Within this rhythmic cascade, the undercurrents of urban segmentation become evident. Houses within the realm of Rs 50 lakh witness a plummet in sales, a direct consequence of their higher reliance on home loans. The tides of interest rates have reshaped their dreams, rendering them just beyond their grasp. In contrast, the higher echelons of the housing spectrum remain resilient, their demand ascending the ladder of prosperity. Shishir Bajjal, the virtuoso at the helm of Knight Frank India, captures this symphony in his discerning words. The Reserve Bank of India's adept navigation through inflationary tempests has become an emblem of economic prowess, kindling a resurgence in residential aspirations. The tempo of office demand, mirroring this finesse, holds steadfast amidst global storms. Yet, the symphony's serenade holds a note of caution, a cautionary crescendo that resonates with the rise of interest rates. The crescendo might crescendo further, threatening the harmonious chords of homebuyer sentiment and capability. In this fiscal symposium, the backdrop of India's urban realms unravels with intrigue, a tapestry woven with threads of aspiration and limitation. The tale of cities, captured through percentages and figures, serves as a reminder of the urban metamorphosis, ever in flux, as it charts its course through the currents of financial change.

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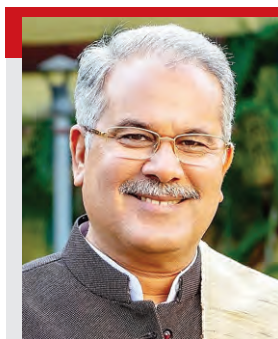
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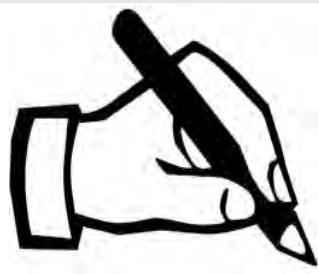
Farmers plant rice saplings at a field on the outskirts of Ranchi, Saturday, Aug. 19.

Rajiv Gandhi's Birth Anniversary Special

Rajiv Gandhi - Visionary of 21st Century India



BHUPESH BAGHEL



Today, as we observe the birth anniversary of the esteemed former Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi, we are called to reflect on the enduring impact of his visionary leadership. Among the multifaceted dimensions of his legacy, one shines brighter than the rest. Rajiv Ji's instrumental role in architecting a contemporary India tailored for the demands of the 21st century. Rooted in a profound comprehension of the nation's ground realities, coupled with a heartfelt concern for the aspirations of India's youth and marginalized communities, he also demonstrated a keen insight into the evolving global dynamics. By skillfully amalgamating these diverse perspectives, he laid the foundation for a future India that was primed to tackle the challenges on the horizon.

A Beacon for the Youth Generation

Rajiv Gandhi's life remains a beacon of inspiration for individuals like myself. It was under his influence that I, as the Block Secretary of Youth Congress, took my first step into politics. My initial encounter with him was during a rally in Bhopal, where his aura radiated humility, simplicity, and energy. A young leader himself, he ignited a fervor among the youth, transforming him into our role model and hero. One remarkable trait was his unassuming demeanor. Despite belonging to India's eminent family, he never flaunted it. During his time in London, an incident left an indelible mark on me. Despite being linked to Mahatma Gandhi, he humbly denied it. He never traded on his lineage as Nehru Ji's grandson, epitomizing an ordinary person's approach to life.

Rajiv Ji's simplicity and humility were apparent in every aspect of his life. He

embodied the work ethic of young people, taking on odd jobs like loading in trucks, worked in bakeries, and even sold ice cream. His experiences mirrored the common practice in Western societies, where youths engaged in work to earn a living. This upbringing nurtured his deep respect and affection for people from all walks of life.

Reluctant Politician, Powerful Statesman

Rajiv Gandhi's legacy encompasses a captivating narrative of his initial reluctance to embrace a political career. Armed with an education from esteemed institutions like Trinity College, Cambridge, and Imperial College London, his aspirations leaned toward mechanical engineering and piloting. However, destiny had alternative plans, echoing the lineage of hesitant leaders achieving remarkable feats in politics—an ancestral legacy upheld by Mahatma Gandhi and carried forward by Rajiv Ji.

Following the untimely demise of his brother Sanjay Gandhi, he reluctantly stepped into the realm of politics to support his mother. In 1981, he formally joined the Congress party and secured commanding victory in a by-election from Sanjay Ji's constituency. Even today, the memory of Rajiv Ji remains cherished in the hearts of the people of Amethi. Anecdotes from the Uttar Pradesh elections offer insights into his leadership style. His penchant for personal interactions, visiting homes and fields, endeared him to the masses.

Afterward, he carried out his responsibilities as Congress General Secretary and Youth Congress leader with great dedication. In the aftermath of the tragic assassination of Indira Ji, our nation found itself engulfed in a grave crisis. A

dire need for resolute leadership arose, both from the Congress and the nation at large. Terrorism and a plethora of issues cast a shadow over various corners of our land. Witnessing his mother confront the trials posed by Punjab's turbulent terrorism, Rajiv Ji recognized the gravity of the circumstances. Despite his initial hesitance, he made the resolute choice to immerse himself fully in the realm of politics. Such reluctant leaders, when thrust into the forefront, often emerge as formidable statesmen. Under his stewardship, the Congress experienced an unprecedented surge in public support. The 1985 elections stand as a testament to this popularity, as the Congress secured a staggering 415 out of 543 seats. To this day, this remains the most overwhelming mandate any party has ever secured. It's a reminder to those who currently lay claims to soaring popularity that they ought to gauge their stature against the backdrop of Rajiv Ji's enduring appeal.

Foundational Emphasis

Rajiv Gandhi's tenure was marked by a profound emphasis on foundational and constructive pursuits. He fortified the bedrock of democracy by lowering the voting age from 21 to 18, signifying his commitment to involving the youth and mature generations in the democratic process. This pivotal move ignited the political tutelage of India's budding leaders, aligning them with the policy-making process through democratic channels. The embodiment of Gandhi's concept of Gram Swaraj was palpable through Rajiv Ji's establishment of Panchayati Raj. This transformative step propelled villages into the epicenter of democracy, heralding a rural renaissance in India. He empowered villages to steer their own development, entrusting Gram Panchayats with the responsibility of determining development priorities. His emphasis on rural progress deeply resonated with me, originating from an agrarian background. As Chief Minister, Chhattisgarh's government over the past five years has centered its approach around villages, guided by Rajiv Ji's visionary outlook.

Technological Trailblazer

Rajiv Gandhi's commitment extended beyond rural empowerment; he envisioned catapulting India into a global

technological powerhouse. Spearheading the computer revolution, he foresaw computers' transformative role in governance, social evolution, and education. His foresight was unprecedented; few could have anticipated India's ascent as a leader in the global computer revolution.

Unity in mind beyond opinion

Rajiv Gandhi stood resolute as a staunch advocate of India's democratic principles and its deeply cherished traditions. An illustrative anecdote featuring the former Prime Minister and BJP leader Atal Bihari Vajpayee aptly underscores this unwavering commitment. Atal Ji recalls a significant instance where Rajiv Ji's unwavering spirit shone through. Upon learning of Atal Ji's health struggles and the unaffordability of medical treatment in the United States, Rajiv Ji, then at the helm as Prime Minister, took a proactive stance. He included Atal Ji in a high-level delegation bound for the United States, an action that exhibited his compassion and unity-driven approach.

However, as Atal Ji arrived in the United States, the veil of Rajiv Ji's true intentions was unveiled. His genuine motive lay in facilitating Atal Ji's much-needed medical treatment. This revelation touched a chord with Atal Bihari Vajpayee, despite the political rivalry that had characterized their interactions. In an era marked by an earnest pursuit of an opposition-free India, Rajiv Ji's enduring dedication to democratic values and the spirit of unity transcended political discord. His actions encapsulated a profound lesson: Rajiv Ji's commitment surpassed ideological and political partitions, placing utmost value on personal connections. This embodiment of India's democratic legacy reverberated as a testament to the nation's cherished tradition—fostering a climate where dissent and disagreement coexist harmoniously, while unity of mind remains unwavering.

Honouring Rajiv Gandhi's Vision

On this day, as we remember Rajiv Ji, the entire nation stands united in expressing gratitude. Without his visionary insights, the India of today would be starkly different. Rajiv Ji's legacy lives on—a testament to leadership that extends beyond individual ideologies, encapsulating the essence of India's democratic heritage.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SC's admirable move

The Supreme Court's decision to expunge offensive language targeting women from the legal system is commendable. Nevertheless, overturning entrenched habits poses a challenge for lawyers, who might struggle to abstain from disrespectful language even with the handbook's guidance. In the present era, some lawyers inject their arguments with crude remarks solely for attention. The endeavor to uphold women's dignity in court through thoughtful phrasing is a positive stride. Yet, for these actions to yield genuine impact, they must be accompanied by a broader societal shift towards embracing gender equality.

MK Nair, Raipur

Artisan Empowerment

The sanctioned budget of Rs 13,000 crore for the Vishwakarma Yojana brings a glimmer of hope for the uncelebrated heroes of our society - artisans. Passed down through generations, their specialized skills in traditional crafts find solace in this scheme. By nurturing these skills among younger artisans, the initiative aspires to support around 30 lakh craftsmen, promising a positive shift for artists and the preservation of heritage crafts. To enhance effectiveness, the creation of state-specific learning hubs for at-risk traditional arts and crafts could serve as a proactive measure in implementing the scheme.

Shiv Kumar Mishra

LAC Standoff

Despite multiple high-level military meetings, the ongoing LAC disputes remain unresolved. China's adherence to bilateral pacts and protocols is crucial for finding a solution, aligning with the principles of mutual consultation, cooperation, and coordination. China's motive to maintain a flexible LAC reflects its strategy to exert pressure on India's economy, technology, and trade domains. This tactic aims to safeguard its interests and bolster its global standing. Evidently, China isn't inclined towards India's progress. Both nations must collaboratively advance to ensure peace, serenity, and prosperity in the region.

Krishna Kumar, Kollam, Kerala

Hariyali Teej is a festival of beauty and love



Priyanka Saurabh

The month of Shravan is a month of special joy for women. Most of the folk festivals that fall in this month are celebrated by women only. The third date of Shukla Paksha of Shravan month is called Shravani Teej. It is also called Hariyali Teej. This greenery is popularly known as Teej. In the month of Shravan, a sheet of greenery spreads all around. Seeing everyone's heart gets excited. The month of Sawan brings a different kind of fun and enthusiasm. Teej festival comes in the middle of the pleasant season of Shravan.

The festival of Hariyali Teej is celebrated on Shukla Paksha Tithiya in the month of Shravan. Mainly it is a festival for women. At this time, when nature spreads a sheet of greenery all around, then seeing this shade of nature, the mind dances in awe. There are swings at various places. Groups of women swing on the swings by singing songs. The third date of Shukla Paksha of Shravan month is called Shravani Teej. It is also called Hariyali Teej. This greenery is popularly known as Teej. In the month of Shravan, a sheet of greenery spreads all around. Seeing everyone's heart gets excited. The month of Sawan brings a different kind of fun and enthusiasm. Teej

festival comes in the middle of the pleasant season of Shravan. Women apply different types of henna on their hands keeping in mind the special festival. When she swings on the swing by holding the rope of the swing with hennaed hands, then this scene looks very beautiful, as if the bride is about to touch the sky. On this day married women hold Suhagi and give it to their mother-in-law after touching her feet. If there is no mother-in-law, then she gives it to the elders i.e. sister-in-law or any old woman. On this day, in some places, women also apply alata on their feet, which is considered a sign of marriage. On the day of Hariyali Teej, fairs are held at many places and Goddess Parvati's

ride is taken out with great fanfare. Hariyali Teej is not a religious festival but a gathering for women. For newly married girls, the first Sawan festival after the marriage has special significance.

According to religious belief, Mother Parvati observed this fast to get Lord Shiva as her husband. As a result, Lord Shiva was pleased with her penance and accepted her as his wife. It is believed that on the day of Shravan Shukla Tithiya, Mother Parvati found Lord Shiva as her husband after hundred years of penance. According to this belief, women worship Mother Parvati. There is special importance in applying henna, wearing bangles, swinging, and singing folk songs on Teej. On the day of the Teej festival, swings are placed in open places on the branches of big trees, on the roof of the house, or on the verandah on which women swing. Fairs are also organized at many places on the day of Hariyali Teej. Like the henna on the hands, a sheet of greenery is spread on nature too. Seeing this panoramic beauty, melodious jingles automatically start playing in the mind and the heart starts dancing in ecstasy. At this time the showers of the rainy season soak nature completely. Women keep fast in the Teej of Sawan. Unmarried girls do this fast to get a suitable groom and married women do it for the desire of their happy marriage.

Teej comes in the form of revival and re-power after the grueling summer season. If it rains on this day, it becomes even more memorable. People wish for a cool shower in

the Teej procession. At the end of the summer season, seeing the dark clouds moving in the sky, the heart rejoices with the call of paper and the sprinkling of rain at the beginning of the rain. In such a situation, Indian folk life celebrates the festival of Kajali or Hariyali Teej. This festival or festival is known as Kajali or Kajjali Teej because of the black clouds roaming in the sky and Teej because of the greenery in the whole of nature. On this festival, girls are called to Pihar by their in-laws. The girl is not left in her in-law's house on the first monsoon after marriage. Sinjara is sent from the in-laws of the newly married girl on this festival. Sinjara is a special offering in the form of a gift from their future mother-in-law and father-in-law a day before. This offering is called Shinjar (make-up) in the local language. Shinjar consists of many items, such as henna, lacquer bangles, a special dress called Lahariya, which is tied and dyed, and a sweet called Ghevar. There are many offering items in it, which include clothes and sweets. The mother sends it to her married daughter. After the puja, the 'baya' is handed over to the mother-in-law. Even in eastern Uttar Pradesh, if the girl is in her in-laws' house, then there is a tradition of sending sweets, clothes, etc. This is called

the Teej offering in the local language. Be it Rajasthan or Eastern Uttar Pradesh, there is a tradition of taking newly married girls from their in-laws to their maternal homes in Sawan. All married women do special make-up on this day. In the evening, they celebrate festivals on the banks of the lake and sing songs of Kajali while swinging in the gardens.

On this occasion, young women apply henna on their hands. Teej songs are sung while applying henna on the hands. The whole environment gets overwhelmed with makeup. The biggest feature of this festival is the mehndi on the hands of women by making different types of bellbutes. Applying talat on the feet is a sign of women's honey. Married women make henna on their hands and feet as well, which is called 'Mehndi Mandana'. On this day, girls wish for their husbands who have gone to distant countries to come on Teej, which is also expressed in their folk songs. There is a special function on the day of Teej, tying hammocks on the branches of big trees in open places. Jhoola is a very pleasing experience for women. It is a unique experience to swing while singing Malhar holding a rope with mehndi-made hands. If there are no swings on Teej in Sawan, then what is Sawan? A few days before Teej, swings are made on the branches of the trees, on the roof of the house, or on the verandah, and the women, along with their friends, swing while singing folk songs, Kajri, etc. The whole atmosphere becomes romantic, lyrical, and musical with the melodious rhythmic notes of his songs.

BRIEF

Power export



Kathmandu: Nepal Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal "Prachanda" on Friday said that his government plans to increase the export of electricity to neighbouring India from 450 MW to 10,000 MW in the next 10 years and the two nations have already signed a preliminary bilateral agreement for it. Addressing the 38th anniversary of the Nepal Electricity Authority here, Prachanda said that Nepal is transforming in the sector of hydropower and it will further create a conducive environment for attracting foreign investment.

US investment

Bengaluru: Karnataka Large and Medium Industries Minister MB Patil said that a dedicated platform would be set up to facilitate investment by American companies in the state. Speaking at an event organised by the American Chamber of Commerce in India (AMCHAM-Karnataka Chapter), he said that more and more American companies are coming forward to invest in the state. Noting that the government was encouraging the growth of industries across the state by providing attractive incentives and initiatives such as 'Beyond Bengaluru', Patil said he would also convene a meeting with industrialists in the next two weeks.

Luxury hotel



Vijayawada, Aug 19: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy inaugurated a new luxury hotel in Vijayawada and called for renowned brands and hotel chains to set up shop all over the state. Launching the 81-room Hyatt Place hotel, the Chief Minister underlined that the state should carve a special place on the world tourism map. "That's why we brought out a good tourism policy. Not only bringing out a good tourism policy but we have also encouraged great hotel chains," said Reddy. As many as 11 large brands, beginning with Oberoi to today's Hyatt have been encouraged to put Andhra Pradesh on the tourism map, the Chief Minister said. He wished that the new hotel's launch will inspire more enterprising individuals and promised to extend government co-operation.

Indian economy shining as beacon of hope in challenging times: Modi

New Delhi, Aug 19:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserted on Saturday that India's economy is shining as a beacon of hope in these challenging times. "With robust growth and resilient spirit, the future looks promising. Let us keep this momentum and ensure prosperity for 140 crore Indians," he said on X, reacting to news portal Moneycontrol's 'Bullish on India' campaign. The portal, which specialises in reporting on markets and financial sector, had posted on X that the country's economy has not just withstood challenges, but thrived setting the stage for optimism. The 'Bullish on India' campaign showcases India's economic resilience and growth poten-



tial in various critical sectors, it said. It aims to analyse the key drivers of India's economic growth while fostering awareness about the unparalleled potential the nation offers at a time of a global economic slowdown, the portal said in a separate statement. "With detailed analysis of macroeconomic factors such as manufacturing, demography, economy,

markets and India's rising stand in the global leadership, 'Bullish on India' has been presented as a data backed campaign that underlines India's resilient economic growth," it said. The campaign seeks to analyse key drivers of India's economic growth while fostering awareness about the "unparalleled potential" the nation offers at a time of a global economic slowdown, it added. "There are various adversities that have shaken economies worldwide in the past few years. However, India is standing tall, retaining its stature as the 'world's fastest-growing major economy,'" it said, noting that the country is set to become the third largest economy in the coming years.

Audi India expects to end 2023 with high double-digit growth

Mumbai, Aug 19:

German luxury car maker Audi said on Friday a strong product pipeline is driving its growth in India and it expects to end 2023 calendar year with a high double-digit growth. Audi India said that the company is working with its headquarters on producing electric cars in India and a decision on this issue will be taken at the "right time." "In the first six months (January-June) we have almost doubled our sales, growing by 97 per cent at 3,500 units, against the industry's



growth of 20 per cent. The SUV portfolio grew by over 200 per cent and the sports cars by 127 per cent. "I am sure this growth will continue in the balance five months as well. We also had good (sales in) July. So we will end up at a high double-digit growth this year," Audi India chief Balbir Singh Dhillon said at the launch of new electric SUV Q8 e-tron. "But, of course, we understand this was also on a low base last year, so we always take it with a pinch of salt," he said. Further, Dhillon said that the company is not chasing numbers in terms of positioning in the market as "we want to run a business that is sustain-

JOINT FINANCE AND HEALTH MINISTERS MEETING



Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare Mansukh Mandviya, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus during the G20 Joint Finance and Health Ministers Meeting, in Gandhinagar, Saturday, Aug. 19.

Retail inflation for farm, rural workers rises in Jul

New Delhi, Aug 19: Retail inflation for farm and rural workers inched up to 7.43 per cent and 7.26 per cent in July compared to 6.31 per cent and 6.16 per cent, respectively, in June this year, mainly due to higher prices of certain food items. "Point-to-point rate of inflation based on the CPI-AL and CPI-RL stood at 7.43 per cent and 7.26 per cent in July 2023 compared to 6.31 per cent and 6.16 per cent, respectively, in June 2023 and 6.60 per cent and 6.82 per cent, respectively, during the corresponding month of (July 2022) the previous year,"

a labour ministry statement said. Similarly, it stated that food inflation stood at 8.88 per cent and 8.63 per cent in July 2023 compared to 7.03 per cent and 6.70 per cent, respectively, in June 2023 and 5.38 per cent and 5.44 per cent during the corresponding month of the previous year. The All-India Consumer Price Index Number for Agricultural Labourers (CPI-AL) and Rural Labourers (CPI-RL) for July 2023 increased by 19 points each to stand at 1,215 and 1,226 points, respectively. The CPI-AL and CPI-RL were 1,196 and 1,207

points, respectively, in June 2023. The major contribution towards the rise in general index of Agricultural Labourers and Rural Labourers came from food group to the extent of 18.23 and 18.28 points, respectively, mainly due to increase in prices of rice, wheat atta, pulses, milk, fish-fresh/dry, gur, chillies-green/dry, turmeric, garlic, ginger, onion, mixed spices, brinjal, tomato, gourd, etc. The rise in index varied from state to state. In the case of Agricultural Labourers, it recorded an increase of 1 to 29 points in 20 states.

Mahindra recalls over 1 lakh units of XUV700 for wiring issue

New Delhi, Aug 19: Mahindra & Mahindra is recalling over 1 lakh units of its sports utility vehicle XUV700 to inspect wiring routing in engine bay, as per a regulatory filing. The company said it will inspect wiring loom routing in the engine bay of 1,08,306 units of XUV700 manufactured between June 8, 2021 and June 28, 2023 for a potential risk of abrasion cut of wiring loom. Also, 3,560 units of XUV400 vehicles manufactured between February



16, 2023 and June 5, 2023, will be inspected for ineffective spring return action. Also, 3,560 units of XUV400 vehicles manufactured between February

Amazon unveils a new campaign for its digital payments brand

Mumbai, Aug 19:

Amazon's new campaign for its brand Amazon Pay - 'Bill Payments Ka Smarter Way' features the versatile Bollywood star Ayushmann Khurrana. The campaign highlights the idea of how customer can enjoy a smarter, new-age way of managing all their bills at one place - with timely reminders for their bills that helps avoid late fines and penalties. Customers also enjoy a

convenient and super-fast 1-click bill payment experience using Amazon Pay Balance and Amazon Pay Later, and pay bills in less than 5 seconds. With this campaign, Amazon Pay aims to convey the instant and seamless experience of making bill payments and recharges along with offers/rewards for customers day-to-day transactions. The TVCs capture the essence of bill payments and recharges made in our everyday life, infusing it

with a blend of wit and charm. The protagonist Ayushmann, ingeniously discovers a more efficient method of managing bills and recharges through Amazon Pay, a secret he playfully unveils to the audience. This narrative skillfully draws a parallel between the smarter, seamless convenience of Amazon Pay for bill payments and DTH/mobile recharges, and the everyday household tasks that become mundane.

Jan Dhan accounts cross 50 crore-mark in less than 9 years: Govt

New Delhi, Aug 19: The total number of Jan Dhan accounts in the country has crossed 50 crore-mark, with 56 per cent of the accounts belonging to women, the finance ministry said. About 67 per cent of these accounts have been opened in rural and semi-urban areas, it said in a statement. The total deposits in these accounts are above Rs 2.03 lakh crore while around 34 crore RuPay cards have been issued with these accounts free of cost.

Viacom18 unveils 'Mohabbat' with a unique collaboration of Melody

Mumbai, Aug 19: Royal Stag Boombbox, in collaboration with Viacom18, is all set to bring a completely new genre of music where the melody of Bollywood meets the gully of hip hop creating the original sound of generation large. Music evokes emotions in people across generations, making it a significant pillar for Seagram's Royal Stag. In this modern era, the younger audience is more inclined towards exploring exciting new forms of music.

Celebrating the spirit of 'Living it Large' and having enthralled thousands of music lovers in Manipal, Bhubaneswar, Pune, Indore & Dehradun with its unique on-ground experiences, Royal Stag Boombbox enters its next phase with launch of 4 original music tracks. The third original music track to be released is a unique collaboration between music maestro, Amit Trivedi and the spunky rapper SlowCheeta. The new song 'Mohabbat' reinforces our

belief in the most powerful emotion ever known to us - LOVE. Amit Trivedi plays the love guru (philosopher) and coaxes a nervous fresher, SlowCheeta, to express his love freely. This song is a perfect blend of Desi melody and Hip-Hop beats and showcases the different phases of falling in love. It's the third original song under the series of Melody x Hip Hop music tracks to be released across platforms, as part of Royal Stag Boombbox's unique, phygital format.

New National Cooperative Policy almost ready: Suresh Prabhu

Kolkata, Aug 19:

The new National Cooperative Policy is almost ready, and a 47-member committee is in the process of submitting the draft to the central government, chairman of the panel and former Union minister Suresh Prabhu said. Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah had last year announced that a dedicated policy will soon be prepared to strengthen the cooperative movement in the country, and that Prabhu will head the national-level committee. The panel



members include experts and representatives of the cooperative sector and officials of central ministries. "The policy document is almost ready and the submission process is underway. We can now look forward to the release of the policy and its implementa-

tion," Prabhu told PTI on the sidelines of an event organised by the Merchants' Chamber of Commerce & Industry here. The former commerce and industry minister said the policy has the potential to change the socio-economic dimension of India, substantially increasing the share of cooperatives in the total GDP. Prabhu said the idea behind the policy is to promote a cooperative-based economic development model backed by a legal and institutional framework.

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Tree plantation & pledge ceremony held

Under 'Meri Mati Mera Desh' campaign

Central Chronicle News

Anwari, Aug 19: In a resounding stride towards environmental preservation, the "Meri Mati Mera Desh" campaign orchestrated a tree plantation initiative, culminating in the establishment of the Amrit Vatika at Gram Panchayat Bhaibod, Kurud. This commendable endeavour unfolded under the vigilant guidance of Janpad Panchayat officials, marking the fitting conclusion of the Azadi Ke Amrit Mahotsav program.

The solemn inauguration of the event commenced with a heartfelt homage to the valiant martyrs who have safeguarded the nation's freedom. Following this tribute, the Panch Pran was administered—a symbolic gesture



aimed at nurturing character, fostering personality growth, and steering the nation towards a trajectory of progress. As the event reached its zenith, fruit-bearing and shade-providing saplings found their new abode in the precincts of the Amrit Sarovar, nestled within the embrace of Gram Panchayat Bhaibod.

Mahesh Bhagat, the Technical Assistant representing Janpad Panchayat, elucidated that the "Meri Mati Mera Desh" campaign stands as a testament to the devotion to the soil and homage to the courageous souls who have scripted the nation's history. Its core mission centers on the establishment of

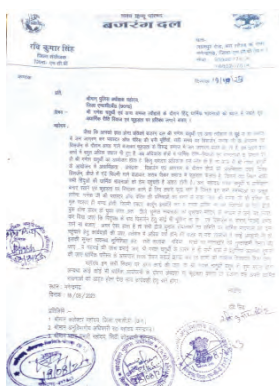
Amrit Vatikas at levels spanning from Village to National, an earnest salute to the fallen heroes through tree planting and reverence for the land.

This significant initiative, spanning from August 9th to August 30th, will see the soil from this sacred ground journeying to Delhi within an Amrit Kalash—a symbolic repre-

sentation of unity and shared responsibility. Beyond its emblematic value, the tree plantation holds the power to combat climate change and champions the cause of environmental conservation.

The event resonated with the presence of a multitude of rural representatives, including the distinguished figures of Mineshwari Dilip Sahu (Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat Bhaibod), Shatruhan Sahu (Vice Sarpanch), Dilip Sahu (Sarpanch Representative), Dakesh Sahu (Employment Assistant), Ishwar Sahu (Panch), Lakshman Sahu (Panch), Manohar Sahu (Panch), alongside the stalwarts of Jagjeevan Tarak and Narottam Sahu. The vibrant participation of the villagers underscored a collective commitment to a greener, harmonious tomorrow.

Demand to ban irreligious customs during Ganesh Chaturthi



Central Chronicle News

Manendragarh, Aug 19: VHP and Bajrang Dal has demanded to create public awareness in the society against promiscuity by playing indecent songs during Ganesh festival and immersion, idols made of Plaster of Paris and various others. Under the leadership of Vishwa Hindu Parishad



department co-minister Ratan Kesharwani and district convenor Bajrang Dal Ravi Singh a memorandum for the same was submitted to the SDOP. The memorandum also demanded the ban of alcohol consumption, playing loud songs on DJ's and statues should not be made in the form of film actor, cartoon etc and Avoidance of any unto-

ward incident in river ponds during immersion.

Vishwa Hindu Parishad Department Co-Minister Ratan Kesharwani, District Coordinator Ravi Singh, Priyanshu Mishra, Vishal Yadav, Sanskar Singh, Sanjay Yadav, Avinash Yadav, Veer Yadav, Naman Sharma and workers participated.

CM Baghel condemns Central Government



Central Chronicle News

Kurud, Aug 19: State Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, said that his government has given a gift to the farmers to buy 20 quintals per acre at the rate of Rs 2800, increasing the dignity of the farmers.

Mentioning about Narva Garva Ghuruva

Bari, unemployment allowance, Rajeev Mitran Club etc, he made all the present leaders, workers and present people resolve to make the authorized candidate win by working in the interest of the Congress party.

The Chief Minister was addressing workers at the Sankalp Shivir program

in Nagar Panchayat Kurud. CM Bhupesh Baghel also took a dig at the central government and said that the double engine government is working to spread anarchy in Manipur, while the Congress party works on the politics of love, goodwill and brotherhood, the politics of Bharat Jodo.

Vidhan Sabha Deputy Speaker Santram Netam, Parliamentary Advisor to CM Bhupesh Baghel - Rajesh Tiwari and Media Advisor Vinod Verma taught booth management tricks to the workers in Sankalp camp. The program was also addressed by the claimants of Kurud assembly constituency.

SK Patel honoured for exemplary work on I-Day

Central Chronicle News

Pithora, Aug 19: As part of the Independence Day celebrations at the Mahasamund district headquarters, a commendation ceremony took place to recognize the outstanding efforts of local officials. Shyam Kumar Patel, the Secretary of Pithora Janpad Panchayat, was honored with a certificate for his exceptional dedication and contribution.

Additionally, Patel, who holds a pivotal role in the Gram Panchayat Godbahal of Pithora, received accolades from Vinod Chandrakar, Parliamentary Secretary, for his adept handling of key government initiatives, including the transformative Gauthan project under Narva Garva Ghuruva Bari.



His skillful management of ongoing RIPA activities within the Panchayat also earned him praise. Patel's previous recognition at the district level for his exemplary financial management skills further adds to his commendable track record.

Free ambulance service to be started by Bhavna Bohra

Kabirdham, Aug 19: Committed to the safety and empowerment of women, social worker and State Minister of BJP Mahila Morcha Chhattisgarh and President of Kabirdham District Panchayat Bhavna Bohra will soon provide free ambulance service to the people of Vananchal region of Kui-Kukkur.

Bhavna Bohra told that basically the people of our tribal society reside in Kui-Kukkur and I have always been supported by the tribal society as a relative and a family member, and I feel privileged to be invited by him to his major events.

Continuous work is being done by Bohra to help every needy people



Bhavana-Bohra

living in Kabirdham district and nearby districts in the form of free mobile health path lab, free ambulance service, free bus service for college girls, social, religious, education, health, environmental protection, empowerment of women, encouragement of youth, sports etc.

Collector conducts surprise inspection of state mental health hospital

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, Aug 19: Collector Sanjeev Kumar Jha conducted a surprise inspection of the State Mental Health Hospital in Sendri. Treating approximately 133 mental patients, with over 100 daily visitors at the Outpatient Department (OPD), the facility faced scrutiny to ensure effective patient care.

The unanticipated inspection encompassed visits to women's, men's, and rehabilitation wards. Collector Jha focused on gathering insights about patients' well-being and evaluating available care facilities.



Prioritizing patient welfare, he issued direct orders for enhanced treatment and facility provi-

sions. Medication availability at the pharmacy, fire safety equipment, meal quality, and kitchen

operations were examined.

Direct interactions with patients and their relatives garnered feedback on their experiences. Additionally, the waiting area and construction progress were assessed, with calls for expedited efforts.

Prominent figures including Dr. B. R. Nanda, Director of the Mental Health Hospital, Dr. Rajesh Shukla, CMHO, Dr. J. P. Arya, and mental health specialist Dr. Ashutosh Tiwari participated, ensuring a comprehensive evaluation of the facility's operations to maintain optimal patient care standards.

Central Chronicle News

Korea, Aug 19: District Collector Vinay Kumar Langeh instructed the health department officials to install the facility of CT scan machine also make arrangements for the smooth operation of the CT scan machine.

The Collector was chairing meeting of the Health Department here. He also instructed the officials of the Health Department to identify unregistered open labs and clinics in the district and issue notices to them immediately and to check the new registration and license of all the registered and operated sonography centres,



private hospitals, clinics etc. in the districts.

Along with this, instructions were given to close such registered sonography centres which are not being operated regularly. Giving instructions for effective implementation of the Act, said that according to the

intention of the government, PCPNDT, the District Nodal Officers, who have been trained regarding the rules and regulations, should not be changed frequently.

He also recommended for special attention should be paid to the fact that the patients do

not face any kind of problem in the tribal-dominated areas. Joint Collector Neelam Toppo, Chief Medical and Health Officer Dr. R. S. Sengar, District Program Manager Dr. Prince Jaiswal and members of the District Advisory Committee were present.

Collector SP inspect Livelihood College



Central Chronicle News

Mungeli, Aug 19: In order to provide education and coaching to the needy and bright students of the district, free coaching is being provided at Pragma Coaching operational at SAGES, Mungeli

campus. Collector Rahul Dev and SP Chandramohan Singh paid a visit to the centre and took stock of the arrangements and had a direct interaction with the students and encouraged them to study well. They also inspected

Livelihood College at Jamkor and encouraged the students and also took stock of the upcoming employment placement camp. SDM Mungeli Akansha Khalko, Upper Collector Vijendra Patle and other official were present.

Central Chronicle News

Pithora, Aug 19: Late Pramod Kumar Patel Higher Secondary School in Gadbheda village, Pithora Development Block, Mahasamund district, resonated with fervour as the 77th Independence Day was celebrated with unwavering enthusiasm. The event commenced with a vibrant morning procession led by the village's children, resonating with patriotic slogans

Free bicycle distributed to students

Under Saraswati Cycle Scheme
Grand celebration of 77th I-Day at Gadbheda village school



and heartfelt love for the nation. Amidst the cheers, the Arpa Pairi song echoed in unison, accompanied by the reverence of Bharat Mata and Saraswati. Mukesh Yadav, Deputy Janpad President of

Pithora, graced the event as the chief guest and hoisted the national flag, symbolizing unity and freedom. The occasion witnessed captivating displays by students, showcasing their deep-rooted patriot-

ism and the rich culture of Chhattisgarh. Notably, retiring school principal Meenketan Das and outstanding students were lauded and adorned with commemorative medals as a testament to their remarkable contri-

butions. The grand celebration concluded with a heartening gesture, as bicycles were distributed among the school children as part of the Saraswati Cycle Scheme, fostering educational access and progress. This jubilant gathering united students, parents, teachers, and community representatives in celebrating the spirit of independence and collective growth.

Indian compound archers strike gold twice at World Cup Stage 4



Paris, Aug 19 (PTI):

Indian archers claimed a double in the compound events, winning both men's and women's team gold medals in the World Cup Stage 4, here on Saturday.

The fourth-seeded Indian men's compound team of Abhishek Verma, Ojas Deotale and Prathamesh Jawkar downed second-seeded American trio of Kris Schaff, James Lutz and Sawyer Sullivan 236-232.

Fresh from becoming world champions earlier this month in Berlin, com-

pound women's team of Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Aditi Swami and Parneet Kaur survived a scare before prevailing over Mexico by one point.

India now have two gold and two bronze from the last World Cup of the season, while Jyothi remains in the hunt for a second medal in the individual section, slated later in the day.

Indian men's compound team were trailing by one point after the first end as the American had perfect round of 60. But the Indians kept their consistency with yet another 59



to see them level 118-118 as the Americans dropped two points. The stalemate prevailed in the third end also before the Indians stepped up in style, shooting a perfect 60 in the final end to edge out their higher-ranked opponents by four points.

The men's team had eliminated Korea in the semi-final in a match that went down the wire after the regulation ends produced 235-233.

The tiebreaker also produced a stalemate with both teams drilling in perfect 30, but the Indians was adjudged winners by

hitting closer to the centre. The Indian women's team, who got the top-billing by topping the qualifiers, had a 118-117 lead at the halfway stage.

But they slipped in the penultimate end, dropping three points as Andrea Becerra, Ana Hernandez Jeon and Dafne Quintero shot a 59 to take a 176-175 lead.

The Indians held their nerves and shot a near perfect 59 with five 10s including one X (closer to the centre) that was enough to seal the gold medal with a 234-233 victory.

Confident India eye series win, batters seek more time in middle

Dublin, Aug 19 (PTI):

Buoyed by Jasprit Bumrah's impressive return, fancied India will hope for better weather and a chance for the team's young batters to show their mettle in the second T20 International against Ireland here on Sunday.

After the Jasprit Bumrah-led bowling attack impressed to restrict Ireland to 139 for seven in the series opener, incessant rain denied the middle-order batters an opportunity to prove their worth.

India were declared winners by two runs via the Duckworth/Lewis method and both the teams will hope that they get to play a full match in the second game.

Expected to lead the Indian batting in the coming years, the likes of Shivam Dube, Ruturaj Gaikwad and Rinku Singh will hope they get a chance to spend sufficient time in the middle.



Having got out after getting a good start in the first match, opener Yashasvi Jaiswal will look for a big score and so will Tilak Varma,

who was dismissed for a golden duck days after his stupendous performance in the West Indies. Leading the side on his return after an

11-month injury layoff, Bumrah claimed 2 for 24 in his first match in almost a year, including bowling nine dot balls while forming a formidable partnership with T20I debutant Prashidh Krishna (2/32) — also on a comeback trail — to restrict Ireland to a modest total after opting to bowl.

In these conditions, toss can play a vital role and India were lucky in that aspect, and the visitors wouldn't mind if the coin lands in their favour on Sunday, too..

As far as Ireland are concerned, they struggled to recover after Bumrah claimed two wickets in his very first over, setting the platform for his side's win.

The home team will have to dish out a much-improved performance with the bat if they are to challenge India who are strong enough even in the absence of the seniors.

Match Starts: 7:30 pm IST.

Sweden secures bronze with 2-0 victory over Australia

Women's World Cup
Brisbane, Aug 19 (AP): In a decisive 2-0 win over co-host Australia, Sweden clinched yet another bronze medal at the Women's World Cup.

Fridolina Rolfö and Kosovare Asllani's goals sealed the victory, reaffirming Sweden's prowess in World Cup third-place encounters, extending their perfect record to four.

The match marked a bitter end for Australia's Matildas, who captured their nation's attention by reaching the semifinals for the first time. Despite having star striker Sam Kerr back in action, they suffered back-to-back losses against the world's third- and fourth-



ranked teams.

Rolfö capitalized on a penalty opportunity, executing a skillful left-foot shot that curled low into the net in the 30th minute. Asllani cemented Sweden's triumph with a precisely timed strike during a swift counterattack in the 62nd minute.

With the Women's World Cup co-hosted by Australia and New Zealand, the event witnessed record-breaking attendance figures and fervent fan engagement, including the most-watched domestic TV programs in two decades from Australia's matches.

Sweden displayed dominance throughout the match, showcasing their organization and unity. Goalkeeper Zecira Musovic maintained a clean sheet, notably denying Kerr's powerful right-foot attempt and thwarting Clare Polkinghorne's close-range shot.

Shocker in World Athletics Championships

Sable fails to qualify for final round in 3000m steeplechase

Budapest, Aug 19 (PTI): National record holder 3000m steeplechaser Avinash Sable failed to qualify for the final round of the World Athletics Championships after finishing a disappointing seventh in his heat race in a shocking result here on Saturday. Sable, who trained abroad for many months on Sports Ministry's funding to prepare for this showpiece event and was exempted from competing in domestic events, clocked 8 minute and 22.24 seconds to finish seventh in heat number one. It was a tactical race and the 28-year-old failed yet again in the biggest stage. He was the lead runner at the 2300m mark but lost momentum later on, especially in the last lap, to clock well below his



national record time of 8:11.20. Only the top five finishers in the three heats make it to the final round. Sable was expected to at least make it to the finals, if not win a medal. His performance is a huge disappointment for the Indian camp on the opening day of the championships. This was Sable's third World Championships appearance and for the first time he could not reach the final round. He had finished 11th in the final in

Eugene, USA, last year, unable to deal with a tactical race that was one of the slowest in the history of the showpiece. He was 13th in the 2019 Doha edition. World record holder Lamecha Girma of Ethiopia clocked the best time going into the finals with 8:15.89 as he won heat number three, while Olympic and world champion Soufiane El Bakkali of Morocco was second in heat two with 8:23.66.

I am living my mother's dream, says Rinku Singh

Dublin, Aug 19 (PTI):

Living his "mother's dream", swashbuckling batter Rinku Singh says a burning desire to give his parents a good life while wading through tough times paved the way for his inclusion into the Indian team. Rinku was picked by the national selectors for India's ongoing T20I series in Ireland, rewarding him for his excellent showing on the domestic circuit, including the IPL. "A lot of blood and sweat has gone behind to earn this call. My passion for the sport helped me wade through a lack of support and financial hardships," Rinku said during an interview with JioCinema before



leaving for Ireland. "One thing that kept the desire burning was to give my family a good life, which was possible if I moved up the ladder in the sport. I had that self-belief and that made me stronger and helped me in my journey

which has taken a new turn," he added. Despite a stellar IPL campaign with the Kolkata Knight Riders, Rinku was not included in the squad for the preceding five-match T20I series against West Indies. He finished as the top run-getter

for KKR with 474 runs at an average of 59.25 and 149-plus strike rate. His dream was realised before the start of the series against Ireland. However, he was not required to bat in the first game as India won via the Duckworth/Lewis method after rain intervened.

What was his family's reaction to the news of his India call-up?

"They were very happy. My mother always told me to work as hard as I can to earn the India call and that has happened now, so I am living their dream." Speaking about the difficulties his family faced as he grew up, Rinku said he was desperate to get his parents out of poverty.

Bumrah has slightly increased his run-up with bigger follow-through

New Delhi, Aug 19 (PTI): It took exactly 10 months and 23 days for Jasprit Bumrah to wear the India 'Blues' but it was worth the wait as the speedster looks all set to spearhead India's World Cup campaign with a slight tweak in his action to prevent big injuries in near future. While Indian cricket establishment will need to handle its most prized asset with utmost care, people in the know of things feel that post surgery and extensive rehabilitation, Bumrah can continue playing all three formats as he knows his body very well. During the first T20 International against Ireland in Malahide, it wasn't just his figures of 2 for 24 in 4 overs which brought a lot of



relief and joy to the Indian team management but also knowing the process that he has undergone while doing rehabilitation and 'Return to Play' at the NCA in Bengaluru. "Prior to his stress fracture breakdown, if you closely

watch Bumrah's bowling videos, he would first briskly walk six to seven steps and then load up at the bowling crease on his seventh stride to unleash his thunderbolts," a NCA Level-III certified coach told PTI on conditions of

anonymity. "While watching him bowl against Ireland, one could witness that he has increased his run-up by 2-3 strides with a bigger follow through compared to earlier times. It's not a massive revamp of his action but a slight bit of remodelling in order to stay injury free for a long time," the coach added. So why did Bumrah need to add a few more strides to his run-up? "It is all about having an increased momentum which is a must for tearaway quick bowlers," the coach explained. "Boom was earlier like a fighter jet. Even shorter run-up after a few rapid walking strides meant that entire pace that he generated came from the thrust provided by his shoulder and back.

Mumbai City FC qualifies for quarterfinals with dominating 4-0 win over Indian Navy

Durand Cup
Kolkata, Aug 19 (PTI): Mumbai City FC qualified for the quarterfinals of the ongoing Durand Cup with a dominating 4-0 victory over Indian Navy FT here on Saturday.

Jorge Pereyra Diaz, Greg Stewart, Gurkirat Singh and Nathan Asher Rodrigues scored for Mumbai, who finished the group stage with nine points from three matches. Mumbai were on the attack from the go, creating chances as the attackers were troubling the Navy defence continuously.

Navy's resistance was broken in the 34th minute as Mumbai took the lead. Bipin Singh's pass from the left found Pereyra Diaz



who had to just tap in to score. Mumbai doubled their lead in the 62nd minute as Lallinzuala Chhangte's cross from the right was headed in by Greg Stewart.

Gurkirat Singh received a through ball from Greg Stewart and finished past the Navy keeper to score

his first goal of the tournament as Mumbai went up 3-0. Nathan Asher Rodrigues then applied the finishing touches to the match in the sixth minute of injury time. He took advantage of a loose ball from a corner inside the box and finished to give Mumbai their fourth goal.

USA qualify for U19 Cricket World Cup

Dubai, Aug 19 (PTI):

The USA secured a place in the ICC Under-19 ODI World Cup after an impressive performance in the Americas qualifiers, joining the already qualified 15 teams for the event in Sri Lanka next year.

They won five out of six matches to top the four-team qualifiers with 10 points, same as Canada, but topped the standings on better net run-rate (4.84).

They defeated Bermuda to begin their qualifying journey, but a loss to Canada added some intrigue. But the USA bounced back with another win against Bermuda

and went on to defeat Argentina twice, including a score of 515 in one game.

In the crucial final match against Canada, rain led it to a 22-over-a-side contest. The USA restricted their opponents to 92/9 before sealing the chase to make the cut.

Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, England, India, Ireland, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka, West Indies and Zimbabwe have automatically qualified as the best-placed Full Member nations from the 2022 edition.

New Zealand, Nepal, Namibia and Scotland from other qualifiers complete the line-up.

Indian men's skeet, air rifle shooters falters

Baku (Azerbaijan), Aug 19 (PTI): A day after their fellow shooters won a gold medal, India capped a disappointing show in the men's skeet and 10m air rifle categories of the ISSF World Championship here on Saturday.

The skeet team, comprising Angad Veer Singh Bajwa (121), Anant Jeet Singh Naruka (120), and Gurjoat Khangura (115), finished in 14th place with an overall score of 356 after five rounds of qualification spread across two days.

This came a day after their fellowmates, Shiva Narwal and Esha Singh, clinched the gold in the 10m air pistol mixed team event.

World Championship
Team USA's Vincent Hancock (125), Christian Elliott (123) and Dustin Taylor (121) claimed the team gold with an incredible 369, which was 13 shots ahead of the Indians.

Greece bagged the silver medal with an aggregate of 366, while shotgun powerhouse Italy was a close third with a total of 365.

In the individual category too, where the scores from the five rounds of 25 shots each are counted towards qualifying for the six-shooter finals, none of the three Indians were placed in the top-25. Bajwa (121) finished 29th,

while Anant Jeet (120) was 44th and Gurjoat (115) was 95th.

India's lacklustre performance continued in 10m air rifle as well where all three shooters — Divyansh Singh Panwar, Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar and Hriday Hazarika — failed to fire.

Together, they managed to aggregate 1878.4 points to finish 10th in the team category. While Divyansh scored 627.5, Aishwary and Hridaya notched up 627.3 and 623.6.

China took the gold medal with a world record score 1893.3, followed by the Czech Republic (1884.3) and Croatia (1883.5).

'Urgent need to collaborate on digital security to contain risks'

Bengaluru, Aug 19 (PTI):

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Saturday said the global interconnectedness has created shared security risks requiring the urgent need to collaborate on digital security.



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Minister, who holds Railways, Electronics and IT portfolios, said.

Addressing the G20 Digital Economy Working Group Ministers Meet, Vaishnaw said three priority areas have been selected by the Indian presidency for the digital economy Working Group, which will help in the democratisation of technology.

Appreciating the efforts of the digital economy working group of G20, he said the group has been diligently engaged in discussions for steering the member nations towards common ground.

"Global interconnectedness creates shared security risks. Therefore the need to collaborate on digital security has become more urgent," the

In this context, Vaishnaw said, "The three priority areas selected by

the Indian presidency for the digital economy Working Group are digital public infrastructure (DPI), security in the digital economy and digital skilling."

The Union Minister said these priorities reflect the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi who believes in democratisation of technology.

Underlining that the benefits of technology should reach every citizen regardless of her or his socio-economic status, Vaishnaw said digital public infrastructure has a significant role to play in democratisation of technology. According to him, India's digital payments platform UPI is a vibrant example of the public-private partnership approach.

"The platform was created using public funds, then the private participants joined the platform. Over 70 banks, more than 50 million businesses and more than 335 million users joined this platform," Vaishnaw said.

The result is that there were USD 10 billion instant transactions in the month of July 2023. On an annualised basis, the value of these transactions now exceeds USD 2 trillion, he added.

Vaishnaw also told the audience that several such solutions have emerged in multiple sectors including healthcare, digital document verification, education and insurance.

WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY DAY



Visitors look at a display of vintage cameras and photographs at a photography exhibition organised on the occasion of World Photography Day, in Beawar, Saturday.

ECOR adopts Intrusion Detection System to reduce train-elephant collisions

Bhubaneswar, Aug 19 (PTI):

With Odisha reporting 40 jumbo deaths due to train hits in a decade, the East Coast Railway (ECOR) has adopted an innovative step to check elephant deaths on rail tracks in sensitive locations of pachyderm movements in Khurda Road and Sambalpur Railway Divisions. Official sources said that the ECOR has decided to install Intrusion Detection System (IDS) in elephant movement areas to prevent the death of wild elephants due to train hits. The IDS will help to detect wild elephants approaching the railway tracks and alert railway officials to help to

avert elephant deaths.

The optical fibres will be used as sensors to identify the movements of wild animals at locations and alert control offices, station masters, gatemen, and loco pilots. It uses a fibre optic-based acoustic system working on the principle of scattering phenomenon to sense the real-time presence of elephants on the track.

The Intrusion Detection System can monitor unusual movements up to a stretch of 60 kilometres. The IDS will also help in detecting rail fractures, trespassing on railway track, and alert about disaster mitigation due to unauthorised digging near railway tracks, and

landslides near tracks, an official said.

The system's primary application is an Intrusion Detection System (Elephant Detection) based on Distributed Acoustics Sensing (DAS) technique, which should locate and detect the presence of elephants near the track so that speed of trains in the sections will be reduced. The system will be capable of sending alarms to the loco pilot unit via SMS/Internet with GPS tag, providing information about the location of elephants. The system shall detect and locate moving elephants near or on the track areas of ballasted track, the official said.

Eight states lag behind in achieving targets

● Under Mission Amrit Sarovar

New Delhi, Aug 19 (PTI):

Eight states are lagging behind in meeting objectives under Mission Amrit Sarovar - a campaign to rejuvenate water bodies - even as the national target has been achieved, the Union Ministry of Rural Development said in a statement on Saturday.

The states lagging behind in the mission's implementation are West Bengal, Punjab, Telangana, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Haryana, Bihar and Rajasthan, it said.

Launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in April 2022, Mission Amrit Sarovar aims to rejuvenate at least 75 water bodies in every district. The target was to build 50,000 Amrit Sarovars by August 15. In May, the ministry announced that the national target was achieved ahead of schedule with the completion of 50,071 Amrit Sarovars.

West Bengal, Punjab, Telangana, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Haryana, Bihar and Rajasthan, however, are lagging behind in meeting the target of creating 75 Amrit Sarovars in each district, the statement said.

Badrinath NH shows fresh signs of subsidence after crack appear

Gopeshwar, Aug 19 (PTI):

A stretch about 50 metres long on the Rishikesh-Badrinath National Highway near Pursari village is showing signs of land subsidence with cracks appearing on it. The stretch located between Chamoli and Nandprayag is apparently sinking towards the Alaknanda River. Alarmed by the situation, authorities have warned vehicles coming from the mountainside to go slow. A police team has been deployed on the affected spot to alert the drivers.

The subsidence-sensitive spot has been demarcated with reflective tapes for the safety of vehicles and drivers

ers are being asked to drive carefully, Traffic Inspector Praveen Alok said. Land subsidence near Pursari increased after the Kedarnath disaster in 2013. As a result, the government undertook a road stabilisation project roping in big companies and experts from the area and constructed concrete blocks along the banks of the Alaknanda at the cost of crores of rupees after which the subsidence stopped. However, the place is showing signs of erosion again. The engineers of the National Highways Authority of India are making efforts to repair the landslide-prone area by filling the cracks with soil and

stones, a government official said. Heavy rain this monsoon has not only led to the emergence of fresh landslide points along the highway but has also activated old ones due to which the traffic is getting disrupted frequently, he said.

National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHID-CL) General Manager Shailendra Kumar, who is involved in the construction of the National Highway in the area, told PTI that to prevent landslides, concrete blocks had been constructed on the banks of the Alaknanda which had stopped the erosion of the river.

Distressed family waits for PMAY to rebuild earthquake-damaged mud house

● In J-K's Doda

Jammu, Aug 19 (PTI):

With winter just round the corner, the family of Vijay Kumar in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district is eyeing the centrally-sponsored Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) scheme to rebuild their earthquake-damaged mud house.

The house in remote Lamote village under Kursari Panchayat collapsed on August 8 due to the earthquake in Bhandarwah valley, virtually leaving Kumar's seven-month pregnant wife Nisha Devi (29) and her physically handicapped brother-in-law and sister-in-law under the

open sky.

Kumar is working as a driver and mostly stays outside the hometown searching for avenues to earn a living for the family.

"We had applied for the PMAY scheme to build a concrete house two years back. Despite submitting all the required formalities to get financial assistance, our pleas went unanswered till date," Devi, who is putting up in a damaged portion of the house, told PTI.

Holding the district administration responsible for their plight by not sanctioning a house under PMAY in time, she said they are highly concerned about their safety in view of the approaching winter.

"How am I going to manage the situation with two

handicapped members and my first child in the coming months, especially during harsh winter conditions is troubling me a lot. I want to appeal to the government to help me overcome this situation," she said. She said all her efforts to provide a pucca roof for the family went in vain as despite knocking all the doors from Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) members to political representatives and government officers fell to deaf ears. "If something untoward happens to any of my family members, the concerned authorities are to be blamed," Devi said.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Bhandarwah Dilmir Chowdhary said against a target of 1,523 beneficiaries

spread over 30 panchayats of Bhandarwah block for the financial year 2022-23, as many as 1,118 cases were taken up under the PMAY but 209 among these were found bogus and were subsequently the cases were rejected.

Many beneficiaries also claimed that while they have received the first instalment of the money under PMAY, the second instalment is pending.

Located some 11 km from Bhandarwah town, one has to walk three kilometres uphill to reach Lamote village from the motorable road. Sushma Devi (43) and her younger brother Naresh Kumar (35), both physically handicapped, had a narrow escape when their house collapsed.

Juggi Bhasin explores world of powerful individuals in new novel

New Delhi, Aug 19 (PTI):

Author Juggi Bhasin explores the world of powerful individuals, their strength and weaknesses in terms of ambition and love among other aspects in his new novel "Those Who Wait". Bhasin, who has written books like "The Terrorist", "The Avenger" and "Bollywood Deception", says the "massive changes taking place over the last 10 years in our political space, the social turmoil and even the shifting military balance" inspired him to pen this book. "Those Who Wait: When Revenge Clashes with Power", published by Notion Press, is the story of the Tripathi family - a military family driven by ideals and drawn into the politics



boundaries of love, vengeance and madness, ambition, and human frailty. On how he incorporated these themes into the story, Bhasin explains, "It is always fascinating to explore the lives of men and women at the very top of things." The novel also highlights the inescapable reality that men on the top are not impervious to love and manipulation just like the rest of us," he adds.

He describes his new work as a "hard hitting novel in the reality-fiction genre of all the major, contemporary themes that make headlines in our country". These include the theme of prime ministerial ambition and overreach and

also the vulnerability of the top man to be loved and cherished by someone.

TEEJ FESTIVITY



Women in traditional Punjabi attire celebrate Teej festival, at a village in Patiala, Saturday.

Renovation of ghats along Jhelum River in Srinagar undertaken

Srinagar, Aug 19 (PTI):

Authorities in Jammu and Kashmir's Srinagar have taken up an ambitious project to renovate about 40 ghats' as part of the Jhelum riverfront development project to restore them to their old glory.

As part of the project, under the aegis of the Srinagar Smart City Project, 20 ghats on the Jhelum River here have been restored so far.

The initiative aims to preserve these heritage sites and revive these important public spaces, reconnect the city with the river and develop infrastructure to support water transport.

Apart from being places to socialise, the ghats were important for business as well,

which was done through the water transport system.

"As per the riverfront development project beyond Amira Khadal to Chattabal we have around 40 ghats.

Those used to be important public places and also for water transportation.

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