



BRIEF



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi during a bike ride in Leh, Ladakh, Monday

Fire

Kolkata: A fire broke out at a biscuit-making factory in Kharagpur in West Bengal's Paschim Medinipur district on Monday morning, officials said. Four fire tenders were pressed into service to put off the flames, first spotted around 9:15 am, they said. The blaze has been contained but is still raging in pockets, and hence all the fire tenders are working, the officials said.

Mishap

Jaipur: A truck rammed into a bike in Rajasthan's Bharatpur district, leaving a woman and her son dead, police said on Monday. The accident took place on Sunday night near Tilakpuri village of the district when three people were returning from a hospital, SHO Ramavtar Meena said.

Five drown

Deoria: Four children and a teenager drowned in two separate incidents in Uttar Pradesh's Deoria and Jaunpur districts on Monday, police said. Five children were bathing in Kurna drain in Deoria's Rudrapur area when they slipped into the deep water, Station House Officer Naveen Singh said.

Protest

Guwahati: Assam government employees will stage a two-day protest from Tuesday demanding re-introduction of the old pension scheme (OPS) and threatened to intensify their agitation if their prayer is not heard, the apex body said on Monday. The staff under the aegis of All Assam Government NPS Employees' Association (AAGNPSA) will observe 'Karma Birati' (cessation of work) at their respective workplaces during the day across the state to protest against the National Pension System (NPS).

Hearing

New Delhi: A Delhi court will hear on August 29 a case related to the Pul Bangash killings during the 1984 anti-Sikh riots in which Congress leader Jagdish Tytler is an accused. Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Vidhi Gupta Anand adjourned the matter for a week, after the CBI sought time to advance arguments on an application moved by Tytler, who sought certain documents.

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BULLION
GOLD 58,367
SILVER 70,954

SUMMONING GOVT OFFICERS

SC to lay down guidelines for courts

New Delhi, Aug 21 (PTI): The Supreme Court said on Monday it will lay down the broad guidelines to be followed by courts across the country while summoning government officials.

A bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra said there must be different sets of procedure to deal with contempt proceedings arising out of non-compliance of final judgements and the interim orders passed in pending cases.

In pending cases, the affidavits of officials may serve the purpose, while in contempt cases, arising out of non-compliance of court orders, the presence of government officials concerned may be necessary, the bench said.

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What SC viewed.....

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While reserving its order on framing the guidelines for summoning government officials, the bench said it will set aside the two orders of the Allahabad High Court which had led to the arrest of two secretaries of the Uttar Pradesh government's finance department.

The officials were taken into custody on the orders of the Allahabad High Court in a contempt case.

As the proceedings commenced, the bench took note of the draft standard operating procedures (SOPs) submitted by the Centre on the issue and observed that some of them cannot be acted upon. "We have gone through the draft SOP. It is

more in relation with as to how judicial review powers should be exercised," it said. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, said even he will not press for some of them (the proposed SOPs).

However, the law officer said if an appeal by the government and its officials are filed against orders summoning them in contempt cases, then the court below should wait for the final outcome on the appeal before proceeding with the case.

The bench then said it will frame a "broad" SOP on the issue.

The court was hearing a case involving the summoning of two government officials by the high court for contempt. Earlier, the central government had submitted to the apex court the draft

SOP containing suggestions which could be followed by courts while summoning government officials.

Appearance through video conferencing, refraining from making comments on the physical appearance and educational background of government officials and reasonable time frame for compliance of judicial orders are some of the suggestions that have been included in the SOP.

The SOP submitted for the apex court's consideration is intended to be applicable to all proceedings in government-related matters before the Supreme Court, high courts and all other courts that are hearing matters under their respective appellate and/or original jurisdiction (writ petitions, PIL etc.) or proceedings

related to contempt of court.

As per the SOP, in case of proceedings related to government matters where the personal appearance of a government official is involved, in-person appearance of government officials should be called for only in exceptional cases and not as a matter of routine.

"Courts should practice necessary restraint while summoning the government officials during the hearing of cases (writs, PILs etc.) including contempt cases.

"In exceptional circumstances wherein there is no option other than the concerned government official to be present in person in the court, due notice for in-person appearance, giving sufficient time for such appearance, must be served in advance to such official," the draft SOP said. However, in exceptional cases, where in-person appearance of a government official is still called for by the court, the court should allow as a first option to appear before it through video conference, it said.

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Naxalite gunned down in encounter with security forces

Narayanpur, Aug 21: A Naxalite was killed in an encounter with the security forces in the forests of Narayanpur district on Monday, police said.

The skirmish took place around 9 am in Bhatbeda forest area under Orchha police station limits, where a joint team of the District Reserve Guard (DRG) and Bastar Fighters, both units of the police, was out on an anti-Naxalite operation, an official said.

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About the mishap....

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Modi-Xi meeting in Johannesburg?

No official word yet

New Delhi, Aug 21 (PTI): Prime Minister Narendra Modi's bilateral meetings on the sidelines of the BRICS summit in Johannesburg are being finalised, Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra said on Monday but did not give a direct reply on the possibility of a meeting between Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping.

Prime Minister Modi is leaving for the South African city on Tuesday on a three-day visit to attend the first in-person summit of the BRICS (Brazil-Russia-India-China-South Africa) since the COVID-19 pandemic. Asked at a

media briefing whether Modi and Xi will hold talks on the sidelines of the summit, Foreign Secretary Kwatra said that the schedule of the prime minister's bilateral meetings is being finalised. If the bilateral meeting takes place, it will be their first since the eastern border standoff began in May 2020.

Modi and Xi had a brief encounter at a dinner during the G-20 summit in Bali in November last year. China has already announced that Xi is travelling to South Africa to attend the summit. Meanwhile, talks among local commanders of the

Indian Army and Chinese PLA for confidence-building measures in Eastern Ladakh's Depsang and Demchok continued. The Indian and Chinese troops are locked in an over three-year confrontation in certain friction points in eastern Ladakh even as the two sides completed disengagement from several areas following extensive diplomatic and military talks.

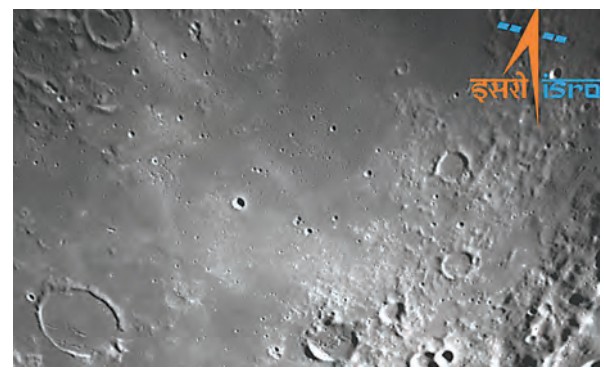
India and China held the 19th round of Corps Commander-level talks on August 13 and 14 with a focus on resolving pending issues at the standoff areas of Depsang and Demchok.

Chandrayaan-2 welcomes Chandrayaan-3 ahead of landing

'WELCOME, BUDDY'

Bengaluru, Aug 21 (PTI): ISRO on Monday said the Chandrayaan-3 mission's lander module has established communication with the Chandrayaan-2 orbiter, and released images of the lunar far side area captured by the Lander Hazard Detection and Avoidance Camera (LHDAC).

The lander, along with a rover accommodated inside it, of India's third lunar exploration mission is expected to touch down on the surface of the Moon around 6.04 pm on Wednesday, according to the national space agency. "Welcome, buddy!" Ch-2 orbiter formally welcomed



Lunar far side area captured by the LHDAC onboard ISRO's 'Chandrayaan-3'.

Ch-3 LM. Two-way communication between the two is established. MOX has now more routes to reach the LM," ISRO said in a post on 'X'.

As per specifications, in

addition to Chandrayaan-2 orbiter, the lander of Chandrayaan-3 has the capability to communicate with the Indian Deep Space Network (IDSN), a network of large antennas

and communication facilities operated by ISRO to support the interplanetary spacecraft missions of India, at Byalalu in Ramanagara district, and the 26 kg rover.

The MOX (Mission Operations Complex) is located at ISRO Telemetry, Tracking and Command Network (ISTRAC) here.

ISRO also said, in an update, that the live telecast of the landing event will begin at 5.20 pm on Wednesday.

The Chandrayaan-2 spacecraft comprising orbiter, lander and rover was launched in 2019. The lander with rover in its belly crashed into the Moon's surface, failing in its mission on soft-landing.

TRADITIONAL ATTIRE



Students dressed in traditional attire prepare for their performance during Onam festivities, at a school in Chennai, Monday.

T'gana poll: BRS names candidates

Hyderabad: Ruling BRS President and Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao on Monday stole a march on the opposition Congress and BJP, announcing 115 candidates for the total 119 seats in the upcoming assembly polls, and choosing to contest in two seats himself - Gajwel and Kamareddy. The schedule for the Assembly elections, which is to be held in the next few months, is yet to be announced by the Election Commission. Rao, also known as KCR, will be contesting from Gajwel and Kamareddy assembly segments. In the outgoing legislative assembly, he represents the Gajwel seat. In the 2018 elections, the BRS (then TRS) won 88 out of the total 119 seats in the Telangana Legislative Assembly, while Congress bagged 19 and AIMIM got 7, whereas the BJP managed to get just 1 seat. This time, KCR said, he expects the BRS to win 95-105 seats.

SC for expert panel to study Himalayan development

New Delhi, Aug 21 (PTI): The Supreme Court on Monday mooted constituting an expert committee for conducting a "complete and comprehensive" study on the carrying capacity of the Himalayan region in the country, where unplanned development has caused devastation in recent times, terming it a "very important issue".

The carrying capacity is the maximum population size that an ecosystem can sustain without getting degraded.

A bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud was hearing a plea seeking an assessment of the carrying capacity and master

plans for the Indian Himalayan Region spanning 13 states and union territories. The counsel appearing for petitioner Ashok Kumar Raghav told the bench there was a need for a comprehensive study by expert institutions as devastation was noticed almost every single day in the Himalayan region.

"So, we can appoint say three or four of these institutions which will nominate their representatives and we can ask them to carry out a complete and comprehensive study on carrying capacity within the Himalayan region," said the bench, also comprising Justices J B

Pardiwala and Manoj Misra. The bench asked the petitioner's counsel to give it a small note proposing which those expert institutions should be and what should be the broad terms of reference for such a panel.

It asked the counsel to give his note to Additional Solicitor General (ASG) Aishwarya Bhati, who was appearing for the Centre, in advance.

"We will constitute the committee. You can probably sit down and give us the way forward then," the bench said, adding, "This is a very important issue which he (petitioner) has raised."

Court allows tennis icon Leander's condonation of delay plea

In appeal against domestic violence case order

Mumbai, Aug 21 (PTI):

A sessions court in Mumbai on Monday allowed tennis legend Leander Paes' plea for "condonation of delay" in filing an appeal against a magistrate court's order in a domestic violence case filed by his former live-in partner Rhea Pillai.

Paes' plea was allowed by Additional Sessions Judge R K Kshirsagar subject to payment of cost of Rs. 20,000 within one month. Condonation of

delay refers to an exception in which courts or other bodies cannot reject the appeal filed by a party on the ground that there is a delay in filing the suit.

In February last year, the magistrate court had held that Paes had committed various acts of domestic violence against Pillai and had directed him to pay a monthly maintenance of Rs 1 lakh to her.

The court had also directed Paes to pay a monthly rent of Rs 50,000 to Pillai on the condition that she would leave his flat in Carter Road area in Bandra West within two months.

SC dismisses plea seeking declaration that abrogation of Article 370 constitutionally valid

New Delhi, Aug 21 (PTI):

The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed a petition seeking a declaration that abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution, which bestowed special status on the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, was constitutionally valid.

Termining the plea as "misconceived", a bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud said the issue of constitutional validity of abrogation of Article 370 is already pending before a constitution bench of the apex court.

"What kind of a petition is this? You are now seek-

ing a declaration by this court that the abrogation of Article 370 is valid. Why should we issue that declaration on your petition? Who has set your client up?" the bench, also comprising Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, asked the counsel appearing for the petitioner.

The bench noted that the petitioner has filed a public interest litigation (PIL) seeking a declaration to the effect that abrogation of Article 370 (1) of the Constitution and the deletion of Article 35-A were constitutionally valid. "A declaration cannot be issued by this court

with regard to the constitutional validity of the action of the Union Government. In any event, the issue of constitutional validity is pending before the constitution bench," it said.

"The present petition is misconceived and is accordingly dismissed," the top court said.

Article 35-A, which was incorporated in the Constitution by a 1954 Presidential Order, accorded special rights and privileges to the citizens of Jammu and Kashmir and barred people from outside the state from acquiring any immovable property in the state.

CONG ON REPEALED FARM LAWS

'Under guise of doubling farmers' income, govt's plan to corporatise agriculture'

New Delhi, Aug 21 (PTI): The Congress on Monday alleged that the now-withdrawn three farm laws were brought in by the Centre for the benefit of a handful of crony capitalists and that under the guise of doubling farmers' income, the government's plan was to corporatise agriculture.

Addressing a press conference at the AICC headquarters here, Congress MP Deepender Hooda asked that when a 3,000-page report of the Ashok Dalwai Committee was available, why did the BJP

government, bypassing the rules, listen to a "non-expert NRI industrialist" and form a high level task force. "Was it created to crush the rights of farmers so that select billionaires can make profits?" Hooda asked.

Citing a report by the 'The Reporters Collective', he alleged that at the behest of the BJP government, the future of 62 crore farmers of the country was decided by 14 selected industrialists and "incompetent" people of BJP ecosystem by bringing the "three black laws".

Tamradhwaj performs Bhumi Pujan, Kaushalya Mata Chowk to be built in Puraina

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 21: CWC member and cabinet minister Tamradhwaj Sahu performed Bhumi Pujan for 53 works on Monday. Development will take place in half a dozen wards of Puraina and Dundera to the tune of Rs 5 crore 34 lakh 49 thousand. The minister said that development happens on the demand of the citizens. The Home Minister further said that he had come to Puraina for the first time as a Member of Parliament.

The situation here was different then. He came many times while being an MLA and a minister. He first listed the demands of the citizens and then gave concrete shape to the works. He termed the demands of citizens to be the main points for new dimension of develop-



ment. The program was presided over by Risali Mayor Shashi Sinha and State Congress General Secretary Jitendra Sahu, MIC member Anup Dey, Govind Chaturvedi, Sanir Sahu, Chandraprakash Singh Nigam, Sonia Dewangan, Parmeshwar;

Parvati Mahanand, Ranjita Benua, Rohit Dhankar, Khilendra Chandrakar were specially present. Also present were Zaheer Abbas, Anil Deshmukh, Omprakash Mirza, Sunanda Chandrakar, Block Congress President Mukund Bhau, Aldermen

Rahul and Tarun Banjare. First, the Home Minister reached Maitri Nagar where he performed Bhumi Pujan of the wards in rural environment. Bhumi Pujan has been performed for the construction of Parshuram Chowk under the beautification of the



square. Similarly, Kaushalya Mata Chowk will be constructed in Puraina. The women of Puraina welcomed the minister in a traditional way. The citizens welcomed the minister by presenting him with a shawl and a towel. In Puraina and

Dundera more than 25 people joined Congress. The Home Minister and the Block President welcomed the Congress entrants by covering them with the Congress gamcha. The Home Minister inaugurated Pauni Pasari made for retail traders and traditional business people in Puraina. Apart from this, Satnam Bhawan Dundera was also inaugurated. He performed Bhumi Pujan for the repair of dilapidated Atal Awas in Puraina.

Bhumi Pujan was also done in ward Ward 38 for storm water drain to be constructed at Rs 3 lakh, CC road at 11 lakh, construction of cultural building 20 lakh, additional room in secondary school 8.75 lakh, additional room in secondary school 13.70 lakh, road widening 15 Lakh, Road Maintenance 6.85 Lakh, Ward 39

Boundary Wall Construction 5 Lakh, CC Road 4 Lakh, Community Hall 10 Lakh, Road Widening 8.78 Lakh, Boundary Wall 5 Lakh, Boundary Wall Construction 5 Lakh, Road Construction 4.57 Lakh, Ward 40 Platform construction 1 lakh, stage construction 2 lakh, CC road 11 lakh, cultural building 20 lakh, Sh. Pvt. Additional room in the school 8.75 lakh, Sh. mother:

Additional room in the school 13.70 lakh, Additional room construction in government school 15.25 lakh, community building 10 lakh, road widening 9.04 lakh, Pauni Pasari construction work 30 lakh, beautification 19.59 lakh, Atal housing repair work 46 lakh, ward 37 Additional room construction in government primary and middle school 8.75 lakh and 13.70

lakh, renovation of Sheetla temple 5 lakh, CC road construction 9.89 lakh, CC road maintenance 7.07 lakh, Satnam Bhawan 7 lakh, ward 35 drain construction 2.66 lakh, CC road maintenance 2.82 lakh, CC road 1.41 lakh, platform Maintenance 2.11 lakh, Community building 10 lakh, Drain construction 20 lakh, Road maintenance 2.20 lakh, Ward 36 Community building 5 lakh, Drain construction 3.87 lakh, Drain construction 5.13 lakh, Additional room in the schools 8.75 lakh and 13.70 lakh, Additional room in higher secondary school 15.25 lakh, road widening 4.70 lakh, road widening 7.01 lakh, road widening 6.14 lakh, road widening 15.29 lakh, CC road construction 8.97 lakh, beautification work in ward 27 16.09 lakh.

Free medical camps at Villages Kamkasur & Mahakakala

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 21: SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant, conducts several public welfare activities as part of its organizational social responsibility towards the community in and around its areas of operations. The Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Department of the Plant organized one-day free Health Camps, at villages Kamkasur and Mahakakala on August 18-19, 2023, respectively.

A total of 16 villagers from village Kamkasur near Dulki mines, availed free health services at the day long Health Camp, whereas 50 villagers, in-



cluding 14 men, 26 women and 10 children got their medical examination done at the Health Camp at village Mahakakala on August 19, 2023. Free medicines were also distributed to villagers attending the camps at both vil-

lages. The Medical Team from CSR department, comprising, Dr Isha Kujur, Pharmacist, AS Gaur, Firoza Joseph for Blood-Sugar and BP examination, and Shambhu, for registration, volunteered

their services for the Medical Camp at village Mahakakala. Sita Sinha from the CSR department was present during the Health Camp at this Health Camp.

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

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 21: The Durg unit of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) celebrated the birthday of Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal who turned 55 in a unique way. AAP party workers collected 55 women sanitation workers and honored them with coconut, sweets, sarees and brooms.

On this occasion, Dr SK Aggarwal spoke about the struggling life of Kejriwal, how even after having a good job, Kejriwal continued to do public service. When challenged, he join politics under compulsion. Sanjay Singh informed about the



facilities given to the sanitation workers and women in Delhi and Punjab. Ravi Sahu gave infor-

mation about how education brings change. Baldev Sahu also addressed the women. Those present were Maherban

Singh, Ravi Sahu, SS Mishra, Mukesh Nayak, Baldev Sahu, Karan Chandrakar, Praveen Dewangan and others.

Anil Meshram nominated Secretary

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 21: Anil Meshram, former State President of The Buddhist Society of India, resident of Bhilai Chhattisgarh, has been appointed as Secretary of The Buddhist Society of India at national level.

The National Chairman of The Buddhist Society of India, Harish Rawaliya and National Working Chairman, Bhimrao Yashwantrao Ambedkar have made this appointment and for further expansion, he has been made in-charge of Jharkhand State and Chhattisgarh State. Raipur resident Dr



Pragyatara Boudh has been appointed as National Executive Member and has been entrusted with the charge of Samta Sainik Dal Women's Wing. The Buddhist Society of India Chhattisgarh

state president Vinod Bansod, Manoj Moon general secretary, Pradeep Meshram Treasurer, Sunil Ganveer, Dr RK Sukhdev, Bhimrao Vahane, Narendra Khobragade, Santosh Bhimte, Suresh Vahane, Brijesh Meshram Bhilai branch president Raju Meshram General Secretary, Gautam Khobragade Treasurer, Sitendra Gajbhiye, Satish Meshram, Vinay Pantavane, Thanendra Kamde, Sanjay Rangari, Dr RL Wahane and Rajesh Wasnik expressed their gratitude towards Harish Rawaliya and Bhimrao Yashwantrao Ambedkar.

Change in time of BSP's water supply at Sector-2

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 21: In view of the increasing cases of Dengue infestation in Sector-02 area of Bhilai Township, SAIL-BSP's Town Services and Public Health department along with the District Administration has decided to change the time of supply of drinking water, temporarily at Sector-2 on Tuesday, August 22, 2023 informed a press communique from BSP PRO.

Therefore, in view of the aforementioned mosquito-infestation prevention initiative, there shall be no drinking water supply in Sector-2 area, during the

early morning hours, on three consecutive Tuesdays starting from August 22, 2023. This will ensure that pre-stored water is used away and the residents may clean the water tanks to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes.

Temporarily the changed timing of drinking water supply only on Tuesdays will be between 11.00 hrs to 12.00 hrs on August 22, 2023, August 29, 2023 and September 05, 2023. Therefore, cooperation is expected from the general public, to support the Dengue Prevention Campaign. All the consumers are requested to take note of the same.

Guest Lecture organised on Career Decisions after Graduation

Central Chronicle News



Bhilai, Aug 21: Training and Placement office and PG Department of Commerce had jointly organized a Guest Lecture on "Career Decisions after Graduation" for the students of Commerce Stream on August 17, 2023. Siddharth Mehta, Alumnus, XLRi was the Resource Person on this occasion. MABish Thomas, M Com Final year student of the Department of Commerce, anchored the whole session.

The session was conducted for the purpose of special guidance program on MBA. The program was held in association with Training and Placement Office of the College. Dr Sapna Sharma, HOD of Department of Commerce, Dr Sheeja Varkey, Additional HOD of the Department of Commerce, Dr Sunita Kshatriya, Convener of Training and Placement Office, Dr Rincey B Abraham, Dr Aditi Acharya, Dr Pratik Kumar Sharma, Dr Neelam Gandhi

and Tabassum Sheikh were present in the session. The session presided with the prayer. The Welcome Speech was given by Bijoy Kujur. Next, the guidance class was conducted by special guest on the career guidance on MBA. A total of 100 students attended the session. The session created valuable thoughts in the minds of everyone. Lastly, the session ended with a Vote of Thanks by Tusharika Sharma. The session lastly ended with the National Anthem.

DPS Bhilai celebrates Foundation Day

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 21: Delhi Public School, Bhilai, celebrated today its thirty-ninth Foundation Day with a panorama of colourful programmes. The chief guest of the function was Anirban Dasgupta, director in-charge, BSP, Bhilai. The glittering function began with an arresting welcome dance. The lighting of the ceremonial lamp was performed amidst the famous Saraswati vandana.

The principal, Parshant Vashista, enumerated the students' achievements in the last academic session (2022-23). Rohit Panda (class 12) represented the country in the



International Biology Olympiad, held at Al Ain in the UAE. He made the school proud by becoming the first-ever student of the state to win a gold medal there. Anushka Mukherjee (class 9) was declared national winner in the All India Poster and Essay Competition (organized by Intach). In the same competi-

tion, Ditya Priya (the same class) was declared regional winner. Manushree Maurya (class 12) was named vice-captain of the Chhattisgarh under-19 T20 team, which participated in the BCCI T20 matches held at Chennai. Shivani Pillai (class 12) was declared West Zone winner in the All India

Badminton Championship 2022. She received ₹ 33,000 as the prize money. The team received ₹ 1,00,000. The school's annual magazine Dipsview 2022-23 was released by the chief guest Anirban Dasgupta, director in-charge, BSP, Bhilai. The stage was also shared by Pawan Kumar, Bipin Kumar



Giri, Prabir Kumar Sarkar, Mukesh Kumar Gupta, Saptarshi Sengupta, Yatendra Kumar, the principal, and the editors. The efforts made by the editors were highly appreciated. The other honourable guests who graced the occasion were -Triparna Dasgupta, Smita Giri, Keka Sarkar,

Babita Gupta, Jayati Sengupta, Arthi Singh, Renu Vashishta, Dr Annapoorni, Dr KH Ramesh, Dr Shilpa Jain, Dr Smita Sinha, Archana Singh, Ashok Suri, members of the press, parents of the prize winners and other distinguished invitees. While addressing on the occasion, Prabir

Kumar Sarkar, pro-vice chairperson, SMC, DPS, Bhilai, and CGM in-charge (services), BSP, Bhilai, congratulated students and teachers on continuously maintaining the high standards of the school.

Then came the occasion of the giving away of prizes. Prizes were given away to the first three rank holders of classes 6-12 and to those who scored highest (subject-wise) in the AISSE and the AISSCE 2023. There were special prizes and scholar badges as well. Then came the time to honour those who had completed twenty-five years of regular services. The lucky ones were Aditi Chakraborty, Anil Kumar P, Hardevram

Sahu, and Ramkripal Saroj.

Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest lauded the school for its excellence. He also gave his message to the students about the global challenge of climate change and the role sustainable development can play. Then came the much-awaited cultural programmes.

The dance "Rhythmic Wheels," the orchestra "Raagon ke Rang, Paschimi Vaadyon ke Sang," the dance "Jasmines in Bloom," the play "Pracheen Bharat, Samridhdha Bharat," and the dance-drama "Chitrangada." Mousami Roy, vice-principal (academics), finally, proposed a vote of thanks.

ED conducts raids in Raipur, Bhilai

Several social influencers, bureaucrats to join BJP

WRESTLING



Wrestlers practicing wrestling on occasion of 'Nagpanchami' in one of the wrestling rings in capital city here on Monday.

● IAS Tekam likely to join on August 23

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Aug 21: As part of the exercise to boost the electoral prospects for the upcoming Legislative Assembly polls, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has roped in few more high profile personalities from social as well as administrative set up who would be joining the saffron brigade within next two days.

According to the information received, the senior bureaucrat Neelkanth Tekam would be joining the BJP on August 23 at a public meeting. Tekam is considered to be a front runner for the BJP ticket from one of the two seats from Bastar region,

Keshkal and Kondgaon Assembly seat for Legislative Polls. It is learnt that Tekam has already opted for Voluntary Retirement from Services (VRS) and has also cleared the required formalities with an eye to contest the upcoming polls. He has already held talks with the senior leaders of party who have reportedly given willingness for entry into party to the senior bureaucrat who has working for several years in Bastar region and is reported to be highly influential in the community.

Similarly, another high-profile personality from a reserved community too has held talks with the senior leader of BJP and would be joining BJP most likely on August 22 in presence of senior leaders.

CRPF staff on Monday morning and this included the establishments of people associated with Mahadev Satta App. The raids were conducted in Wallfort City, Swarna Bhoomi and Ashoka Ratna in Raipur. The raid in Ashoka Ratna was at the residence of Sarafa trader and petrol pump owner. The raid in Bhilai was conducted against Ravi Uppal's brother Rohit Uppal and Sanni Satnam. There are also reports that raid was conducted at the residence of Satish Chandrakar in Padmanabhpur of Durg and the raids at all these places was mainly in context of money received through 'hawala' from Dubai in context of Mahadev Satta App.



Residence of Mohammed Saddam at Farid Nagar in Bhilai. He is transporter and his name was flashed few days back in Mahadev 'satta' App.

As per information in this regard the ED team conducted raids along with

● At residence of persons associated with Mahadev Satta App

Raipur, Aug 21: Enforcement Directorate has once again conducted raids at 8 different places in the state and this time it was at two places in Raipur and one in Durg-Bhilai. The raids conducted were mainly in context of those associated with Mahadev Satta App. The raid in Raipur was conducted at the residence of businessman Dammani at Bungalow No. 32 in Ashoka Ratan. It is learnt that he deals with Hawala trade. The ED team also raided the residence of Advocate Piyush Bhatia in Swarnbhoomi. Apart from this the ED raided at the

57 MLAs from others states to connect with Ch'garh people 40 students of Eklavya to meet President of India today

● Orientation programme held at BJP office

Raipur, Aug 23: Deputing the Member of Legislative Assembly (MLAs) from neighbouring states for the upcoming Legislative Assembly polls in Chhattisgarh, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Monday organised a training programme for nearly 57 MLAs at party office here.

National Regional General Secretary Ajay Jamwal, State BJP President Arun Sao, Leader of Opposition in Chhattisgarh Legislative



Assembly Narayan Chandel and Programme Convener Abhay Patil from Karnataka were present during the Orientation programme here.

Sao said that One Nation Best Nation motive

is the agenda of BJP under which 57 MLAs from various states would be on visit to all the Assembly segments of Chhattisgarh. During their visit, the MLAs would be interacting with people from various sec-

tion of society to establish a dialogue. They would also understand the Politics in Chhattisgarh apart from highlighting the achievement of Union government at the Centre. MLAs Rajnish Singh and Ranjana Sahu have been made in-charge for the visit of MLAs from various states including Bihar, Odisha, Jharkhand and West Bengal.

Addressing the Orientation programme, the Convener Abhay Patil said that the MLAs would be working for the expansion of party activities in various sectors.

Raipur, Aug 21: On August 22, 40 students of Eklavya Adarsh Residential School, run in the state of Chhattisgarh, will meet President Draupadi Murmu and Union Tribal Affairs Minister, Arjun Munda and Union Minister of State for Tribal Affairs, Renuka Singh. For the first time, 40 students of Eklavya Vidyalaya Chhattisgarh left for Delhi on Monday.

The President, Union Minister for Tribal Affairs and Union Minister of State for Tribal Affairs, during meeting with the students of Eklavya



Adarsh Residential School in New Delhi, discussed the progress of Tribal Development, Tribal Pride Day, their educational development and will sought their views. The students of Eklavya Vidyalaya are very excited to travel by air for the first time and they consider themselves

very fortunate that they are getting the opportunity to meet the President of India along with the air travel facility. The children said that it would be an unforgettable day of our lives.

All the students of Eklavya Adarsh Residential School ex-

pressed their regards towards Chief Minister of the state Mr. Bhupesh Baghel, Minister for Tribal and Scheduled Castes Mr. Mohan Markam, Secretary of the department Mr. D.D. Singh and Commissioner Mrs. Shammii Abidi for providing this opportunity.

Police will have to be more alert to deal with cyber crime: DGP

Surprise inspection of fertilizer and pesticide sales premises

● Inauguration of 2-day training program at Police Headquarters

Raipur, Apr 21: Under the chief hospitality of Director General of Police Mr. Ashok Juneja, a two-day Google and Paytm cyber training program was inaugurated on Monday at Police Headquarters Nava-Raipur. Cyber nodal police officers (Additional/Deputy Superintendent of Police level) and police officers in charge of district cyber cell and range level police stationed at cyber police stations from all districts were trained by a team of officers of Google and Paytm, conducting financial business. Officers/em-



ployees will be trained to prevent cyber fraud and police officers to take quick action.

Director General of Police Mr. Juneja while addressing the cyber nodal police officers and police officers in charge of district cyber cells from all the districts of the state in the training program said that keeping in view the increasing number of crimes like cyber crime, cheating and blackmailing, there is need that police officers should be more vigilant. He said that apart from the IT Act, the

Data Protection Act 2023 has also come into force. In this, provisions have been made to deal with the increasing cases of cyber fraud and to arrest the criminals and get them punished by the court; these provisions will help in punishing the cyber criminals.

Mr. Juneja directed all police officers that updated information in cases of cyber fraud should be available both in hard and soft copy so that the complaint of the applicant or complainant can be resolved as soon as possible.

He said that state police should act expeditiously by coordinating with the police officers of other states to curb the crimes committed by cyber criminals sitting in other states and arrest the criminals.

On this occasion, Additional Director General of Police Mr. Pradeep Gupta said in his address that catching the criminal, collecting evidence and presenting the criminal before the court to punish him is a big challenge for the police, so it is very important for the police to be trained in the latest way. He expressed hope that the training imparted by the officers of financial institutions like Google and Paytm would prove useful for the police officers.

In the training program, a team of trained officers from Google and Paytm gave detailed information on topics related to LERS (Law Enforcement Request System) portal, fraud, emergency request, fraud trend, business, transaction and monitoring. The Paytm team explained in detail about the working of online banking and the steps taken by Paytm to prevent cyber-crime. The program was conducted by Additional Superintendent of Police Cyber Crime, Kavi Gupta. On this occasion, Additional Director General of Police SRP Kalluri, Himanshu Gupta and senior officers and employees of the police headquarters were present.

● Notice given to food stores and agriculture centers

Raipur, Aug 21: As per the instructions of Collector Dr Sarveshwar Narendra Bhure, all the fertilizer/pesticide inspectors of the district are inspecting the pesticide/fertilizer sales premises. In a bid to ensure availability of fertilizers for Kharif crops, verification of POS machine stock and physical stock is being done in wholesale retailers and service cooperative societies doing fertilizer business. Continuous action is being taken to stop the sale of sub-standard fertilizers



and pesticides. The Deputy Director of the Agriculture Department said that DH Manure Store Paragaon, Arang, Maa Ambe Krishi Sansar, Tilda were inspected, in which the Insecticides Act 1968 and

1971 and Fertilizer Quality Control Section 5 and 35 (1) of 1985 show cause notice given. Show cause notice was also given to Harsh Krishi Kendra Silyari Dharsiva under Insecticides Act 1968 and 1971.

MATS University holds Ch'garh Olympics

Chief Minister joins Kawad Yatra in Raipur

Bhartiya Jain Sanghatana, Dental College organise Dental checkup camp



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Raipur, Aug 21: Chhattisgarh Olympic valedictory function was organised today and the chief guest of function was Shiv Kumar Dahariya, Cabinet Minister CG Govt. The programme was presided over by the Chancellor MATS University- Gajraj Pagariya.

In this function V-C Prof K P Yadav, Registrar Gokulananda Panda, Principal Prof AJ Khan, Janpad Panchayat President Khilesh Dewangan, CEO Arang Kumar Singh, BEO Arang NP Kurre, Jila Panchayat

member, DCC District President Arang Sarpanch, PTI and all players were present.

The welcome speech was given by Prof AJ Khan and he welcomed all guest in MATS University campus, Presidential Speech was given by Chancellor Gajraj Pagariya. He motivated all players to perform their level best and finally Chief Guest of function Shiv Kumar Dahariya gave his blessing to all players and he appreciated the support given by MATS University and specially to the Chancellor for holding Ch'garh Olympics.

Raipur, Aug 21: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Monday participated in the grand Kawad Yatra, commencing from the Maruti Mangalam Bhavan in Gudhyari. During this auspicious occasion, Chief Minister Baghel offered prayers to the sacred Shiva Linga wishing well-being and prosperity of the people of the state from Lord Bholenath. Bastar Lok Sabha MP Deepak Baij, Parliamentary Secretary



Shri Vikas Upadhyay, and Municipal Corporation Chairman Pramod

Dubey along with a large number of devotees and other dignitaries.

Raipur, Aug 21: A dental check-up camp was organised by Bhartiya Jain Sanghatana, Choubey-Samta Colony at Mayaram Surjan School in association with Government Dental College, in which 710 students of middle and high school were examined. Dr. Abhinav Parakh, Dr. Vinay, Dr. Anjali Agarwal, Dr. Saloni and other doctors of Dental College provided their services in this camp.



BL Jain, Rajendra Parekh and other members of Bhartiya Jain Sanghatana

were present. School Principal Bhavna Tiwari proposed vote of thanks.

Entrepreneurs embody the essence of dreamers, risk-takers, and innovators: Prof. Pathak

Raipur, Aug 21: The annual observance as World Entrepreneurs Day recognizes the pivotal role that entrepreneurs play in driving economic growth, fostering innovation, and shaping the world's business landscape. This is a celebration of the visionary individuals who dare to dream, innovate, and create. Their unwavering determination, resilience, and ingenuity have not only transformed industries but also inspired countless others to embark on their entrepreneurial journeys.

On the occasion World Entrepreneurs' Day, Institution Innovation Council of Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur has organized entre-



preneurship session of celebrated & renowned speaker Prof. Hulas Pathak, Head & PI-CEO, RKVY RAFTAR Agri-Business Incubator (R-ABI), Professor, Dept. of Agribusiness & Rural Management, College of Agriculture, IGKV, Raipur. & Er.

Sanjeev Jain, Advisor, CREDA, Raipur.

The program started with the welcome address of Prof. Kavita Thakur, President IIC Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University Raipur. Prof. Thakur shared the mission and vision of the council

which is to execute, believe and navigate an idea to contribute to the society. She focused on the Indian Entrepreneurs who have contributed significantly to the India's Economic growth. The government schemes like Startup India Mission and PM Kaushal Vikasojana which are proving to be very much helpful to the entrepreneurs. She further highlighted the women entrepreneurs in India who are setting great examples in all the sectors like biotechnology, health and cosmetic companies. Vice Chancellor Professor Sachchidananda Shukla shared his profound insights by sharing general life examples. He encouraged students to do efforts in the

field of innovation to raise the university's voice globally. He advised young students to develop positive thinking, good behavior and right attitude to excel in their life.

Chief Guest of event Prof. Hulas Pathak briefed about History of Entrepreneurship, Startups and incubators in India. He explained the three stages and its challenges faced by new startups. He shared that many institutions are promoting startups in the field of Agriculture. The Agri-business incubator like RKVY RAFTAR (RABI) are in IGKV. He also said that many opportunities of Entrepreneurship are introduced because of Artificial

Intelligence. He motivated students to explore and excel in their respective fields. Kuldeep, a successful innovator funded by and owner of new startup FASAL BAZAAR has shared his journey and encouraged young minds.

Guest of Honour Sanjeev Jain focused about the target of India to achieve net zero carbon emissions and discussed about the government support to the startups in the renewable energy sector. He highlighted some government plans like National Electric Mobility Mission Plan, Sustainable Agrarian Mission on use of Argo residue in Thermal Power Plant (SAMARTH) and National Green Hydrogen Mission.

Senior team of Monnet DAV excels at G-20 exhibits



Mandir Hasaud, Aug 21: The senior students of Monnet DAV Public School, Mandir Hasaud, Raipur have brought laurels for school by winning the second position in the Inter School G-20 Exhibition organised at Venkateshwar Signature School, Raipur on 19th August 2023.

Around 25 schools of Chhattisgarh state participated in two groups: Junior group of the class VI to VIII and senior group of the class IX to XII this exhibition by preparing the models and charts based on the theme "Currencies and Symbols of G-20 nations". Our school participating students were Sagarika Das from VIII A and Ananya Jaiswal of class VIII B in

junior group; while Khushi Suktel from class X B and Yachana Sahu of class IX A in senior group. These students prepared the models and the charts under the stout guidance of Social Studies teachers Deepak Gideon and Sita Sharma B Mohapatra, Chief Executive Officer, Mivaan Steels Ltd. Raipur and Chairman-LMC of school, B. B. Behera, Vice President, Mivaan Steels Ltd. Raipur and Nominee Chairman-LMC of school, Shri Prashant Kumar, Deputy Regional Officer, DAV Institutions- CG Zone, Rajkumar Sharma, Principal, staff members and parents congratulated and blessed the students, informs Principal Rajkumar Sharma in a press release.

PR Dept showcases rare pictures of Ch'garh's freedom fighters in exhibition

Information about welfare schemes also displayed at photo exhibition

Raipur, Aug 21: The photo exhibition organized by the Public Relations (PR) Department at Raipur's Town Hall to mark the 76th anniversary of Independence Day, has garnered immense attention, with visitors lauding the impressive efforts of the Chhattisgarh Government under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel. Running for the past six days, the exhibition is set to conclude today.

The exhibition aims to celebrate the significant contributions of Chhattisgarh's freedom fighters during the Indian Independence Movement. Moreover, the exhibition



offers insights into the accomplishments achieved by the state government over the past 4.5 years. Visitors ranging from school children to common citizens have widely appreciated this photo exhibition, with school children particularly taken by the portrayal of Chhattisgarh's freedom fighters and their contributions. Gulshan Vishwakarma, a resident of Santoshi Nagar and

Lakshmi Narayan Das, a student at Mahant Laxmi Narayan Das College, found the exhibition interesting, especially the information about Chhattisgarh's freedom fighters. They heaped praise on Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Bhoomiheen Krishi Mazdoor NYAY Yojana, offering annual financial assistance of Rs 7000 to landless agricultural labourers. This remarkable financial assistance

scheme, benefiting over five lakh impoverished labourers in the state, has received widespread commendation, they said.

B.A. students, Ashok Gupta and Rakesh Banjare, hailing from Bhathagaon, Baloda Bazaar-Bhatapara District, appreciated the Rajiv Gandhi Kisan NYAY Yojana and unemployment allowance scheme of the state government.

Deepanshu Verma and Rahul Yadav, from Lodhipara, Raipur; employees at a private furniture company, expressed their gratitude for the exhibition's enlightening experience. Having gained insights into the range of plans for educated unemployed youth and welfare initiatives for labourers implemented by the state government, the exhibition undoubtedly provided valuable information to numerous unemployed youth.

BJP which spreads lies on conversion nominated Prabodh Minj: Congress

BJP candidate accused of bribery in Indira Bank

People are opposing Vijay Baghel in Patan

Raipur, Aug 21: Pradesh Congress Communications Head Sushil Anand Shukla said that the BJP, which had been making statements in the name of conversion across the state, nominated Prabodh Minj from Lundra. The profile of BJP candidates is enough to understand the difference between BJP's words and deeds, he said.

Shukla said that the BJP nominated Ramvihar Netam, who allegedly took crores of rupees in the Indira Bank scam and donated money to Naxalites when he was Home Minister. There is an allegation of getting the land

of 'Pahadi Korwa' in his name by using forged documents and conspiracy, he said, adding that even some BJP workers are against him.

According to Shukla BJP candidate Vijay Baghel, who got ticket against Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, is facing opposition from the people of Patan and will have to struggle to save his security deposit. The BJP has accepted its defeat even before the elections in the state by fielding candidates on 21 guaranteed losing seats, he said, adding that protests against the candidates have started in more than a dozen areas. Shukla said that as soon as 21 candidates were announced in the BJP, a situation of rebellion developed. Those who have been made candidates do not want to contest the elections, they feel that they have been made scapegoats, he said.

'Ten trees to be planted for every goal scored'

75 goals netted in BALCO football championship
750 trees to be planted in Balco's vicinity



Balcnagar, (Korba), Aug 21: Bharat Aluminium Company (BALCO), India's iconic aluminium producer and a subsidiary of Vedanta Aluminium, recently concluded its highly anticipated Football Championship. The tournament was made even more meaningful by a unique sustainability initiative undertaken by BALCO. The company has pledged to plant 10 trees for every goal scored during the championship.

With a total of 75 goals netted throughout the tournament, BALCO is now set to plant an impressive 750 trees in the vicinity of its operations, reflecting its commitment to building a sustainable world.

BALCO's football tournament witnessed the active participation of over

1500 BALCO employees and business partners. Over the course of 25 days, over 32 formidable teams competed in the championship, showcasing their considerable sporting prowess on the field. It became an opportunity to encourage healthy competition and teamwork among them, which in turn enhances workplace productivity. The event also provided a platform for the participants to immerse themselves in the excitement of football, popularly referred to as 'the beautiful game'.

Speaking about the ini-

tiative, Mr. Rajesh Kumar, CEO & Director of BALCO said, "At BALCO, we believe in the power of teamwork, both on and off the field. Our Football Championship is a testament to the spirit of unity and camaraderie that defines our organization and its teams. Beyond the goals scored and matches won, this championship exemplifies our commitment to fostering a strong sense of community and sustainability. This unique initiative therefore reflects our dedication to environmental stewardship and our resolve to create a greener,

healthier future for all. Through our sustainable manufacturing practices and community engagement efforts, we aim to create a positive impact on the world around us."

The Football Championship is the latest addition to BALCO's extensive track record of fostering employee engagement through sports. In the past, BALCO has successfully organized events like the BALCO Premier League and BALCO Volleyball Tournament, all hosted at the renowned BALCO stadium. This

state-of-the-art multi-sports facility has become a hub of sports and athletics, facilitating a wide array of sports, including basketball, football, volleyball, cricket, kabaddi, and more. The arena not only benefits BALCO's employees and Business Partners but is also accessible to the broader community, thereby driving holistic development.

Adhering to its overarching vision of 'zero harm, zero waste, and conservation of natural resources,' BALCO consistently upholds sustainable manufacturing practices that encompass economic, environmental, and social dimensions. As part of its efforts, BALCO planted approximately 1.23 lakh saplings in FY 2023, exemplifying its dedication to nurturing the local ecosystem. Beyond afforestation efforts, BALCO is proactively exploring other green avenues such as diversifying its energy sources, reinforcing its position as a beacon of environmental consciousness within the domestic manufacturing industry.

CM virtually inaugurated SDM Bakavad and Tehsil Karpavad



Jagdalpur, Aug 21: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel virtually inaugurated 13 sub-divisions and 18 tehsils in the state on the occasion of Sadbhavana Diwas, the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Bharat Ratna late Rajiv Gandhi from Mahasamund district on Sunday. Bakavad subdivision and Karpavad tehsil office were virtually inaugurated in Bastar district. The Government of

Chhattisgarh inaugurated the newly formed Sub-division (Revenue) and Tehsil to provide public facilities to the masses and to ensure balanced development. The Chief Minister said that the main goal of the Chhattisgarh government is to gain trust among the common people through transparency. That's why Chhattisgarh is decentralizing the administration. Along with this, the

time of the people will be saved with the introduction of subdivision and tehsil. On this occasion, the beneficiaries of Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana, Godhan Nyay Yojana, Rajiv Gandhi Bhoomiheen Krishi Mazdoor Nyay Yojana were benefitted. The amount of Parab Saman Fund received by Rajiv Yuva Mitan Clubs and Gram Panchayats was transferred.

Chhattisgarh records an average rainfall of 697.3 mm so far

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Raipur, Aug 21: According to the information gathered by State Revenue and Disaster Management Department through the State Control Room, the state has recorded an average rainfall of 697.3 mm from June 1, 2023, till now. Analyzing the rainfall data from June 1 to the morning of August 21, the Bijapur district experienced the highest average rainfall of 1234.1 mm, while the Surguja district recorded the lowest average at 325.2 mm during the same period.

As per the information provided by the State-

Level Flood Control Room, the recorded average rainfall since June 1 varies across districts. In Surajpur district, an average rainfall of 609.2 mm has been registered, while Balrampur has experienced 627.8 mm, Jashpur has recorded 556.2 mm, and the Koriya and Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur districts have seen 667.8 mm and 680.2 mm of average rainfall respectively.

Similarly, 810.0 mm in Raipur district, 691.2 mm in Balodabazar, 638.5 mm in Gariaband, 736.2 mm in Mahasamund, 717.4 mm in Dhamtari, 720.0 mm in Bilaspur, 860.3 mm in Mungeli, 777.9 mm in

Raigarh, 621.0 mm in Sarangarh-Bilaigarh. Average rainfall of 593.1 mm was recorded in Janjgir-Champa, 591.0 mm in Sakti, 679.4 mm in Korba, 683.9 mm in Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi, 569.4 mm in Durg, 548.3 mm in Kabirdham district, 777.5 mm in Rajnandgaon, 893.6 mm in Mohla-Manpur-Ambargarh Chowki, 717.7 mm in Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai, 757.7 mm in Balod, 544.1 mm in Bemetara, 714.0 mm in Bastar; 612.8 mm in Kondagaon, 664.4 mm in Kanker, 624.4 mm in Narayanpur, 810.2 mm in Dantewada and 1022.4 mm in Sukma since June 1.

Representatives of Mahara community expressed gratitude to PM

Jagdalpur, Aug 21: Mahara community has been included in the Scheduled Castes by the Central Government in the past by rectifying the quantitative error. This bill became a law after it was passed in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. Under which now the pending demand of Mahara society has been fulfilled. On Sunday, the social functionaries of Mahara community first garlanded the photographs of Maa Danteshwari and Jagatu Mahara, after that they expressed their gratitude to the central government by meeting former MP Dinesh Kashyap and BJP State General Secretary Kedar Kashyap in Bhanpuri.

BJP State General



Secretary Minister Kedar Kashyap congratulated the social officials. He said that BJP has always been with us in the fight for social justice. But the then central government of the Congress considered the society only as a vote bank. Struggling for years continuously but no hearing took place. Babul Nag, General Secretary of Mahara Samaj raised questions on Chief

Minister Bhupesh Baghel and PCC President Deepak Baij. He said that it is the subject of the center to rectify the caste errors and to give them justice. The present Modi government has taken cognizance of this issue and provided justice. So Congress MPs Deepak Baij and Bhupesh Baghel are misleading the society, taking false credit. He said that Congress should tell on what basis they are tak-

ing credit. Mahara community president Vinay Sona said that former Chief Minister Raman Singh and former minister Kedar Kashyap made constant efforts while being ministers. But the then Congress government at the center did not pay attention due to which the society had to be deprived of the schemes. Now the society will get the benefit of all the schemes of the government. Our society will be grateful to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, former Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh for generations.

During this, District Panchayat member instructions Diwan, Bhuneshwar Nag, Dilip Peddi, Balram Besra, Dayaram Nag, Dikesh

Vasudev Nag, Puran Baghel, Saghevan Gadami, Ghasi Ram, Rajendra Baghel, Amit Kashyap, Ajay Baghel, Sukhlal Nag, RS Rai, Tirsing Baghel, Balinath Baghel, Paresh Baghel, Phoolsingh Baghel, Antu Baghel, Nilap Baghel, Ropchand Nag, Manu Baghel Narendra Baghel, Pratap Baghel, Dinesh Baghel, Sukhlal Baghel, Kishore Nag, Tilak Nag, Jait Baghel, Moolchand Netam, Deepchand Baghel, Rupesh A large number of social officials including Baghel, Sukhlal Nag, Kulesh Baghel, Dinesh Koram, Balsu Koram, Nursing Koram, Narsingh Netam, Ramesh Netam, Narayan Koram, Panku Koram, Satosh Koram were present.

IIIT-NR holds orientation prog for new B. Tech. students

Naya Raipur, Aug 21: The four-day Orientation Programme for the newly admitted first year B. Tech. students of IIIT-Naya Raipur commenced on Aug 21, 2023. The program has been designed to cover detailed insight into IIIT-NR's culture, academics, administration, and personality development activities conducted in the institute. As many as 180 students, their parents, faculty and staff members of the institute attended the program.

The first day's programme started with the

curtain-raiser session, which was graced by the Chief Guest, Dr. Alok Shukla, Principal Secretary, Technical Education Department, Government of Chhattisgarh and the Guest of Honour, Prof. (Dr.) V. C. Vivekanandan, Vice Chancellor, Hidayatullah National Dayat University (HNLU), Raipur. The programme commenced with the lighting of lamp and Saraswati Vandana, followed by Chhattisgarh Rajya Geet. In his welcome address,



Dr. Pradeep K Sinha, Director, IIIT-NR addressed the students as 'Aan, Ban aur Shaan,' of the institute. He congratulated the students on their admission and asked them to express their gratitude to all the people in their life including parents,

teachers, friends, and family members, who took a lot of pain for them so that they can achieve their goals. While motivating the students to set up their new goals for the next four years, he asked them to keep their curiosity alive so that they can work harder to fulfil their dreams. He also emphasized on becoming a good human being while pursuing their professional studies and career.

The Chief Guest of the event, Dr. Alok Shukla, spoke about how fast technology is changing in

today's times. Citing his own life experiences, he stressed on the need to continuously adapt to changing technology to be relevant. He asked the students to try to be a Leader not a follower. He advised the students not to do what has already been done, but to look for the next big thing, which will benefit more and more people. He summed up his talk saying that the only difference between a machine and a human being is positive emotions or insight in humans, which makes them superior in handling technology.

The Guest of Honour, Prof. (Dr.) V.C. Vivekanandan, talked about technology in governance. His talk focused on how governance has changed from ancient times and now, with the technological advancement. He threw light on how the usage of technology has influenced decision making. The inaugural session of the program concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Prof. Rajesh Ingle (Dean Academics).

The other sessions conducted in the day included a

session on 'Culture and Values of the Institute' by Dr. Pradeep Sinha, Director IIIT-NR, followed by sessions on hostel rules, scholarships, IT infrastructure and usage, and anti-ragging policy by faculty and staff members. An Open House Interaction of the families of the students with the senior administration of the institute was also held, during which queries raised by the students and their parents were answered by the institute representatives. In the third and last session, the freshers got introduced to their new fellow students.

Markam lays stone for Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh Chowk

- And SAS community building
- Markam attends the World Tribal Day program as the chief guest

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Bemetara, Aug 21: World Tribal Day is being celebrated today by the District Tribal Society at the Town Hall located at the District Headquarters. Tribal and Scheduled Castes Development Minister Mohan Markam was the chief guest in this program.

Parliamentary Secretary and MLA Shri Gurudayal Singh Banjare, MLA Ashish Chhabra and District Congress Committee Bansi Patel were special guests. Officers of the society including Deputy Collector Dhanraj Markam, Bhupendra Joshi, Municipal Officer



Bhupendra Upadhyay were present in the program. Minister Mohan Markam also performed Bhumi Pujan of Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh Chowk and Sarva Adivasi Samaj (SAS) Mangal Bhawan, Gunarbob on this. He said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, the tribal society along with

all the sections of the society is also progressing rapidly in last five years. Tribal society sector is progressing rapidly in all fields including education, knowledge-science, art-culture. Tribal society has played an important role in the development of the country and the state. He told the present children to

move forward by studying and writing with full dedication. He said that the Government of Chhattisgarh is making continuous efforts to preserve and promote the culture of tribals. The work of saving and grooming Devgudis and Ghotulas is being done by the state gov-

ernment. Along with this, Adivasi Parab Samman Nidhi Yojana has been started for organizing tribal Teej-festivals enthusiastically. In order to introduce the tribal culture to the country and the world, the National Tribal Dance Festival has been started in the state. General holiday has been declared on World Tribal Day.

Minister Markam asked general knowledge questions to the children. The children gave the answers. State's Tribal and Scheduled Castes Development Minister Mr. Mohan Markam has extended hearty congratulations and best wishes to all the tribals of the world.

Parliamentary Secretary and MLA Gurudayal Singh Banjare, MLA Ashish Chhabra addressed the program. Traditional cultural programs were presented in the program. Women presented Sua dance.

Tukeshwari Yadav appointed President

Of 'Chatra Sangh' of GHS Singourikala



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Kurud, (Singhourikala), Aug 21: The newly elected student's Association of Government HS School (GHS), Singourikala was held on Sunday and in this polling was held.

Tukeshwari Yadav of Class 12th was appointed as the President of Chatra Sangh, Laxman Dhruv of

Class 11th as the Vice-President; Kushant Yadav of Class 12th as Secretary; Gulshan Nirmalkar of Class 11th as Discipline in-charge; Trisha Sahu of Class 12th as Environment Secretary; Neha Gangber as Cultural Secretary; Bhumika Dhruv of Class 12th as Sports in-charge; Suman Sahu of Class 9th as Class Representative (CR);

Meenakshi as CR of Class 10th; Bhaskar Sahu as CR of Class 11th and Khemin Yadav as CR of Class 12th.

All the office bearers were administered oath and pinned up with badge and honoured. On this occasion Principal In-Charge of institution RR Sahu, senior lecturer DN Sahu and other teachers and all the students of the School were present.

Woman Cong MLA injured as man attacks her with knife

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Rajnandgaon, Aug 21: Congress MLA Chhanni Chandu Sahu suffered injuries after a man, who was allegedly inebriated, attacked her with a knife in Chhattisgarh's Rajnandgaon district, police said. The accused, identified as Khilleshwar, has been taken into custody, they said.

The incident occurred on Sunday evening in Jodhara village under Dongargaon police station limits when Sahu, who represents Khujji assembly seat in the district, was attending a public function, according to police. As per preliminary information,

Sahu was on the stage when a man, who was allegedly drunk, attacked her with a knife, a senior police official said.

"Sahu received minor injuries on her wrist following which she was shifted to the community health centre Chhuria where she was administered first aid," he said.

The accused has been taken into custody and further probe is underway, he added. The opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Chhattisgarh condemned the incident and alleged that the law and order situation has collapsed in the state.

"When the legislator of the ruling party is not

What BJP said....
The opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Chhattisgarh condemned the incident and alleged that the law and order situation has collapsed in the state. "When the legislator of the ruling party is not safe, what about the safety of common people? This is the failure of the Bhupesh Baghel government," the BJP said in a statement.

safe, what about the safety of common people? This is the failure of the Bhupesh Baghel government," the BJP said in a statement.

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Jagdulpur, Aug 21: Bastar District Congress Committee city celebrated the 79th birth anniversary of Bharat-Ratna former Prime Minister Late Rajiv Gandhi with simplicity and dignity at Rajiv Bhavan on Sunday. In the seminar organized on this occasion, Sushil Maurya, the city president of the newly appointed District Congress Committee, lit a lamp on the oil painting of Late Rajiv Gandhi and garlanded it.

Paying tribute along with and highlighting his biography, said that Bharat Ratna former Prime Minister late Rajiv Gandhi, the creator of modern India, was born in Mumbai on August 20, 1944. His primary education was



done in the prestigious school of Dehradun and he got further studies in London.

After that he did engineering at Cambridge University. In 1970, he started working in Indian Airlines as a pilot. Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi was the first young Prime Minister of India at the age of 40. He led the country towards

modernity. The right to vote for the youth of 18 years is also his gift.

Parliamentary Secretary, MLA Rekhhad Jain paid tributes to the leaders on his birth anniversary and told about his contributions and said that Rajiv Gandhi made many changes in the interest of the youth to take them forward. The creation of Panchayati Raj is also his

contribution. Today, due to him, even the basic problems of tribal poor farmers are being solved through Panchayati Raj.

His far-sightedness and will-power are benefiting people today. Mayor Safira Sahu said that Rajiv Gandhi was the 9th Prime Minister of the country, the serious and important decisions taken during his tenure

took this country to the pinnacle of heights.

During this, City Congress President Sushil Maurya, Mayor Safira Sahu, Parliamentary Secretary MLA Rekhhad Jain, Councilor Komal Sena, Saket Shukla, Kamlesh Pathak, Balram Yadav, Harish Sahu Alderman, Youth Congress District President Ajay Bisai, Vice President Sandeep Das, George Topo, Saima Ashraf, NSUI District President Vishal Khabari, NSUI Rural President Neelam Kashyap, Handicapped Cell President Mahesh Thakur, Mahesh Dwivedi, MP representative Dhanuraj Das, Lakhan Baghel, along with state, district, block Congress officials were present.

Ensure quality construction on time: Dahariya



Central Chronicle News

Korba, Aug 21: The Minister of Urban Administration and Labour, Dr. Shivkumar Dahariya, took charge of a district-level official meeting convened at the Collector's Conference Room. Asserting the imperative of adhering to timelines and uncompromised quality in construction projects, the Minister left no room for negligence in this regard.

Minister Dr. Dahariya exhibited unwavering determination as he directed the Rural Engineering Services Executive Engineer, Arjun Tirkki, and the District Education Officer, J.P. Bharadwaj, to address the lack of progress in school-related initiatives across the district. The gathering also witnessed a comprehensive review of departmental schemes.

Holistic review with a thorough gaze
In the course of this thorough assessment, Minister Dr. Dahariya delved into the minutiae of sub-structures, Prime Minister's housing schemes, mobile medical units, and Rajeev Aashray housing. Urging momentum under sub-structures, he issued a clarion call for progress scrutiny across myriad Municipality projects, encompassing diverse areas such as pole and light installation, community buildings, shop construction, land allocation, waste disposal, sanitation

arrangements, drinking water provisioning, and Open Defecation Free (ODF) goals.

Earmarking funds and empowering welfare programs
Minister Dr. Dahariya sanctioned funds under the 15th Finance Commission and granted approval to submitted proposals. A diligent evaluation of schemes under the Labor Department unfolded, where organized and unorganized labor initiatives underwent meticulous scrutiny. The Minister, steering the Assistant Labor Commissioner, mandated that governmental welfare programs must reach the deserving beneficiaries with utmost efficiency. Addressing the intricacies of registration and mobile number updates, he solidified his commitment to a responsive labour ecosystem.

Constant vigilance on construction endeavours
Highlighting the essence of continuous monitoring, Dr. Dahariya accentuated the importance of persistent oversight over minor construction projects, ensuring their punctual completion. This emphasis resonated particularly in educational institutions, as he directed a comprehensive examination of the education system, teacher availability, and instructional methodologies. Tribal areas were highlighted as pivotal, necessitating strategic teaching approaches to bridge teacher shortfalls.

Transformative water supply and sanitation measures
The Minister also steered the implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission in the rural engineering department, focusing on water supply and sanitation. His directives underlined the significance of household drinking water provisions and underscored the necessity for post-completion inspections in areas grappling with water access challenges. Minister

Dr. Dahariya's discerning eye extended to domains encompassing the Revenue Department, disaster management, registration processes, resettlement efforts, and stamp duties.

The meeting bore witness to the presence of notable figures such as Minister Jai Singh Agrawal, MP Smt. Jyotsna Mahant, MLA Pali Tanakhar Mohit

Ram, MLA Ramnagar Nanakiram Kanwar, Mayor Rajkishore Prasad, Collector Saurabh Kumar, Police Superintendent Uday Kiran, DFO Arvind PM, Nishant Kumar, Municipal Commissioner Pratishtha Mangai, Special Assistant to the Minister Rajesh Patre, and OSD Ling Raj Sidar, accompanied by a host of dedicated departmental officials.

Public Notice
It is informed to our esteemed customers including locker holders that the Branch Office as given in the table below is proposed to be shifted to new premises on 05/09/2023 (tentative).

Branch Name	Present Address	Name of New Branch & Address
PNB Devpuri (D.No. 178820)	Devpuri, P.H. No. 114, Teh. & Distt Raipur, (C.G.)	L K Corporates & Logistic Park, Near Kamal Vihar, Raipur (C.G.) Email-bo178820@pnb.co.in Tel. No. - 9753405486 / 7000433017

All the Locker holders are requested to remove the goods kept in the lockers before shifting if they want and after branch shifting they can keep in new branch premises. We would like to assure our locker holders that all necessary precautions will be taken while shifting the locker building to the new premises. We would like to assure our respected customers that we are committed to provide better service from the new branch premises for which your co-operation is expected.
Date: 20.08.2023 Circle Head

Canara Bank TATIBANDH BRANCH, RAIPUR (C.G.)

POSSESSION NOTICE [Appendix IV under the Act-Rule-8(1)]

Whereas, The under signed being the Authorised officer of the Canara Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a Demand Notice was issued on the dated in the given following table calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days of receipt of said notice.

S. No.	Borrower/Branch Name	Detail of Possessed Property	Demand Notice Amount	Demand Notice Date
1.	Mr. Palwinder Singh C/o. Gurbhje Singh, LIG-253, Slice-2, Veer Sawarkar Nagar, Hirapur, Raipur (C.G.) 492009 & Mrs. Harpreet Singh Kaur Pannu W/o. Palwinder Singh, H.G. 253, Jarway Alias Nagar, Hirapur, Tatibandh, Raipur (C.G.) 492009.	Part of Khasra No. 238/1, 475, 481, 482/1, 482/4, 482/7 & 579/2, Total area- 645.60 Sq.Ft. CGHB, LIG-II/385, Slice-II, P.C. No. 103/34, Veer Sawarkar Nagar, Ward No. 01, Heerapur/Jarway, Raipur (C.G.)	₹ 15,20,982.27 with interest and applicable charges thereon.	05.06.2023 18.08.2023

The Borrowers' / Guarantors' / Mortgagee's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Date: 21.08.2023 Place: Raipur (CG) Authorized Officer, Canara Bank

Bank of India (BOI) Bemetara Branch : Near Pikri Talab Bemetara (C.G.)

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Properties)
[Under Rule-8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002]

Whereas, The undersigned being the authorized officer of the Bank of India, Bemetara Branch, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice calling upon the following borrower/s to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being detail as mentioned here under, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules as mentioned below.

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Bank of India, Bemetara Branch, for an amount detail given as below.

Borrower/ Guarantor(s)	Description of the Properties	Demand Notice	Amount Due
Bemetara Branch: Borrower: M/s. Sai FLY Ash Bricks and / or Proprietor Mr. Dhananjay Pathak	All that Part and Parcel of the Property consisting of Industrial Property and Structure admeasuring 0.20 hect. Khasra No. 878/12, P.H. 41, Vill-Kusmi Tehsil-Bemetara, Adm. 0.20 Hect in the name of Mr. Dhananjay Pathak. Boundaries:North: 20 Ft. Road, South : Open Plot of Vishwanath, East : Open Plot of Sumash Bai, West : Open Plot of Shalendra.	Date -01.06.2023 Possession Notice Date 18.08.2023	₹ 24,64,412.09/- (Twenty Four Lakh Sixty Four Thousand Four Hundred Twelve Rupees & Nine Paise Only) and interest + other expenses
Bemetara Branch: Borrower: M/s. Pawan Bricks and / or Proprietor Mr. Maniram Sahu	All that Part and Parcel of the Property consisting of Industrial Property and Structure admeasuring 32291. Sq.ft., Khasra No. 328/3 & Leasedeed of 328/2, Vill-Umanya, PC 09, RI and Tehsil Bemetara Adm. 0.20 hect in the name of M/s. Pawan Bricks (Prop. Mani Ram Sahu. Boundaries:North: Kh. No. 329/Durga Lal Plot, South : Kh. No. 323/Prem, East : Land of Maniram Kh. No. 328/1, West : Land of Jalleshwar Kh. No. 327.	Date -01.06.2023 Possession Notice Date 18.08.2023	₹ 10,07,392.17/- (Ten Lakh Seven Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Two Rupees & Seventeen Paise Only) and interest + other expenses

Date: 22.08.2023 Place : Bemetara Authorized Officer, Bank of India

Canara Bank G.E. Road Branch, Raipur (C.G.)

NOTICE U/S 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

Borrower's & Guarantor's Name & Address	Type		Details of Mortgaged Property
	Limit	Loan Outstanding	
M/s. Hardik Enterprises, Flat No. 101, Block -B, Empressia Apartment New Rajendra Nagar, Raipur, C.G.	₹ 1,73,00,000.00	₹ 1,67,85,137.37	1. Plot no. 93, Kh. No. 550/3 (part), PH No 109/39, Saddu Kushabhau Ward no. 26, RIC- Raipur-1, Tehsil & Dist. Raipur C.G to the extent of area 1650 sq.ft. Boundaries of the Property: East- Plot No. 80, West- Road, North-Plot No. 92, South-Plot no. 94. 2. Land Kh No. 405/3, After mutation Kh. No. changed to 405/5, Ph No 109/39/1 situated at Daldalseoni (4407238), Kushabhau Thakre Ward No. 26, R.I.C. Raipur, Tehsil and district Raipur (CG) to the extent of area 9150sqft. Boundaries of the property: East-Land of Khorbahra, West-Land of Smt. Lata Burad & Smt. Namrata Jain, North- Land of Anil Dubey Kh No. 405/1, South-Sellers Balance Land Kh. No. 405/3

The Borrower mentioned above has availed total credit facilities as mentioned above from CANARA BANK, GE Road Branch and the mentioned Guarantors provided guarantee and secured by way of mortgaged of above mentioned property. The borrower failed to adhere to terms and conditions of sanction. The account became irregular and classified as NPA as mentioned above as per RBI guidelines. The Bank intends to enforce the said property mortgaged by you and issued Demand Notice as mentioned above for recovery of outstanding amount as mentioned above with interest and expenses thereon under registered post with acknowledgment due which were not served to the borrowers and guarantors. Hence this publication issued. Hereby Borrower/Guarantor are called upon to pay the amount mentioned above with rate of interest (Contractual Rate), costs, charges etc., thereon within 60 Days from the date of publication failing which the undersigned will be constrained to initiate action against mortgaged property under section 13(4) and the provision of said Act to realize our Bank's dues. Your attention is invited to provisions of the Sec (8) of Sec (13) of the act in respect of time available to you to redeem the secured assets.

Date: 21.08.2023 Place: Raipur (CG) Authorised officer / CANARA BANK

Triumphant Legacy Unfolds

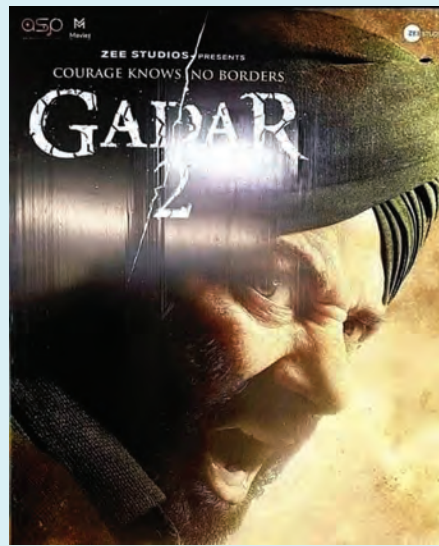
The Enduring Cinematic Saga of the Dharmendra Dynasty

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In the realm of Indian cinema, legacies often pass from one generation to the next, echoing the success and passion of their predecessors. This phenomenon is beautifully exemplified by the iconic Dharmendra Khandan, a lineage that has recently carved its mark with not one, not two, but three sensational movies spanning three generations.

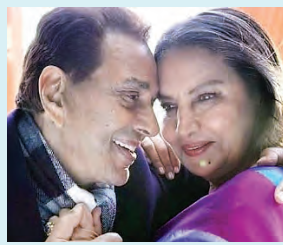
The journey commenced with the release of "Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani" on the 28th of July, which showcased the brilliance of Dharmendra. Following this captivating narrative, a mere fortnight later, on the 11th of August, the cinematic stage welcomed the return of yet another Deol scion - Sunny Deol, in "Gadar 2." And now, the anticipation soars higher as the spotlight turns to Rajveer Deol, the second son of Sunny Deol, who is all set to debut in "Dono," scheduled for release on the 5th of October.

This triumvirate of talent, encompassing three distinct generations, has propelled the saga of the Dharmendra Khandan into the contemporary era. This lineage's indelible impact is perhaps most astonishingly manifested through the box office collections - "Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani" secured its



membership in the esteemed 300 crore club, swiftly followed by "Gadar 2," which achieved this remarkable feat within a mere eight days. These accomplishments testify to the enduring charm and popularity that the Dharmendra Khandan exudes.

While "Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani" ostensibly revolves around the captivating tale of Rocky (portrayed by Ranveer Singh) and Rani (brought to life by Alia Bhatt), it is the sublime romance between Kanwal Lund (played by the legendary Dharmendra) and his childhood love, Jamini (essayed by Shabana Azmi), that emerges as the movie's true highlight.



This timeless love story forms the very essence of the narrative, and in many ways, it symbolizes the victory of an ageless actor who continues to shine brilliantly. The film serves as a testament to the enduring appeal of veteran actors in an ever-evolving cinematic landscape.

"Gadar 2," on the other hand, weaves a tapestry of heroism and valour, narrating the valiant exploits of Tara

Singh. A veritable tour de force, the film belongs entirely to Dharmendra's son, the eminent Sunny Deol. A sequel to the 2001 hit "Gadar: Ek Prem Katha," this installment is punctuated by Sunny Deol's masterful portrayal, particularly in the riveting action sequences. "Gadar 2" marks Sunny Deol's resounding return to the forefront of Bollywood, reaffirming his enduring impact on the industry.

However, the Dharmendra Khandan's reign on the silver screen doesn't halt here. The third generation makes its eagerly awaited debut with Rajveer Deol's entry in "Dono," set to grace cinemas on the 5th of October. Paired

alongside him is Paloma, daughter of the illustrious Poonam Dhillon, creating a palpable sense of anticipation among cinephiles.

The mesmerizing melodies of these cinematic creations have already ascended the ranks of chartbusters, harkening back to 2019 when Sunny Deol's elder son, Karan Deol, captured hearts with "Pal Pal Dil Ke Pass." In an awe-inspiring span of merely 70 days, three distinct movies, each representing a different era within the Khandan, have united to captivate audiences far and wide.

As the curtain rises on Rajveer Deol's inaugural performance, one can't help but ponder the future. Will he echo the resounding success of his forebears? Can he stride confidently in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, etching his own unique mark on the annals of Indian cinema? The romantic narrative of the third generation is set to unfold, and as we await this enthralling tale, one thing remains certain - the saga of the Dharmendra Khandan marches on, an unwavering testament to the power of legacy and talent that transcends time.

(Writer is former head of the Department, History, Malabar Christian College, Calicut.)



Decoding Brain Ageing

Unveiling the Genetics of Cognitive Decline

A recent breakthrough study has unveiled the genetic "fingerprint" of brain ageing, casting light on the enigma of memory decline associated with normal ageing and offering potential insights into neurodegenerative ailments like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's. As middle age approaches, many experience a gradual memory and cognitive slow-down, yet the precise molecular shifts behind these changes remained elusive. A recent study on mice, however, discovered that the most pronounced changes occur within the white matter—integral to transmitting signals across the brain. This study, identifying a genetic hallmark of brain age-

ing, explored two treatments: caloric restriction and infusions of plasma from young mice. Plasma infusions appeared to slow age-related memory decline. In neurodegenerative conditions, specific brain areas are more vulnerable, but the reasons have remained unclear.

The research analyzed 15 brain regions in 59 mice, aged 3 to 27 months, identifying 82 frequently present genes with varying concentrations across regions. These genes formed an "ageing score," revealing changes in gene activity. White matter, essential for signal transmission, exhibited significant early gene expression changes in 12 to 18-month-old mice, akin to humans in their 50s. This

study's implications extend to neurodegenerative diseases—Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and multiple sclerosis. Age-related gene expression shifts occurred unexpectedly, offering insight into cases without clear genetic links. The study provides a springboard for interventions combating region-specific brain decline. Gene expression data could pinpoint vulnerable cell populations and tailor treatments. Wyss-Coray and the Knight Initiative for Brain Resilience plan to map human brain ageing genetics. "While mouse gene changes may not directly translate, white matter's vulnerability likely does," Wyss-Coray concludes.

3D Printing's Evolution

Revolutionizing Industries and Creating New Horizons

From a mere concept in 1940s literature to its emergence in the 1980s, 3D printing has undertaken an extraordinary journey.

Today, it stands as a potent force, revolutionizing industries, enabling swift and precise construction of structures, and even promising innovation beyond Earth's confines. A recent milestone in India marked the inauguration of its first 3D-printed post office in Bengaluru.

Termed 3D construction printing (3DCP), additive construction employs 3D printing technology to craft components and entire buildings. The process holds the potential to revolutionize construction, minimizing labor costs, waste production, and offering intricate designs that were previously un-

attainable. So, what exactly is 3D printing? Also known as additive manufacturing, it involves constructing a three-dimensional object from a digital model. The process can encompass material deposition, joining, and solidification, typically layer by layer.

Moreover, 3D printing extends its reach to materials like metals and alloys, amplifying their physical properties such as strength and thermal resilience.

This advancement has the potential to transform manufacturing processes, particularly in aviation and defense sectors. Researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) emphasize its potential to facilitate the creation of fuel-efficient engines and turbines. On another frontier, engineers at the



University of Arizona are pioneering materials capable of withstanding speeds exceeding five times the speed of sound. These materials could shape the production of 3D-printed components for hypersonic defense vehicles. Venturing into space exploration, projects led by NASA employ 3D printing for the production of rechargeable batteries using lunar and Martian soil. This

groundbreaking effort holds the promise of sustainable resource utilization.

Intriguingly, 3D printing's impact isn't confined to traditional manufacturing. Scientists envision leveraging this technology to create materials blending solid and liquid components. This innovation, spearheaded by researchers at the University of Colorado Boulder, could herald the

fabrication of complete systems, including robots.

The realm of medical science also embraces 3D printing, with bioprinting emerging as a revolutionary technique. This involves utilizing live human cells mixed with bioinks for 3D printing complex tissue models, potentially revolutionizing organ transplants and personalized treatment.

Researchers at MIT have showcased the creation of a soft and flexible replica of a patient's heart through 3D printing. This replica can mimic the heart's pumping ability, holding promise for tailored treatment strategies.

Beyond healthcare, the food industry beckons 3D printing's innovation. Researchers at Rutgers University have formu-

lated low-fat chocolate suitable for 3D printing, aiming to create healthier alternatives. Customizable 3D food printing presents an opportunity to cater to dietary restrictions, while also making food production more cost-effective and sustainable.

Intriguingly, 4D printing emerges as an evolution of 3D printing, introducing intelligent materials that change shape, color, or size upon external stimuli.

From revolutionizing construction to spurring innovation in medicine, manufacturing, and even gastronomy, 3D printing stands poised to reshape our world in unforeseen ways. As its capabilities continue to expand, its transformative influence will undoubtedly leave a lasting imprint on human progress.

Uber Alerts Passenger Stuck in Traffic

A Humorous Encounter with Technology

Bengaluru, renowned for its tech prowess and infamous traffic snarls, witnessed an amusing incident involving an Uber passenger. Amidst the city's bustling chaos, a man traveling in an Uber found himself stuck in traffic when an unexpected notification from the ride-sharing company popped up.

The notification's message was anything but routine, reading, "Need help? Your vehicle has been stationary for a while. Please let us know if everything is OK."

The incident garnered attention when a social media user with the handle @itsrohanvj shared the screenshot on X (formerly Twitter). Adding a



touch of humor, the post was captioned, "Brother, this is not an emergency; this is Bengaluru traffic."

Previously, another intriguing anecdote surfaced when a woman unveiled that she managed to secure an Uber ride for a mere Rs 6. This revelation left social media users astounded, especially Bengaluru resi-

dents. A user on X showcased a screenshot displaying an incredibly reduced fare of Rs 6, a significant drop from the original Rs 46.24. This reduced fare was attributed to the application of a promotional code.

Amidst these amusing encounters, a report unveiled the staggering toll that Bengaluru's traffic

congestion has taken on the city's economy. The study, led by traffic expert M N Sreehari and his team, exposed an annual loss of Rs 19,725 crore due to traffic delays, congestion, signal stoppages, fuel loss, and associated factors.

Delving into road planning, traffic management, flyovers, and infrastructural deficiencies, the study paints a comprehensive picture of the challenges plaguing Bengaluru's roads.

In the midst of bustling tech innovation and traffic woes, these amusing and insightful episodes remind us of the constant interplay between technology and urban living in the modern age.

Astounding Somersault Takes Metro Commute to New Heights



In a daring display that defies metro etiquettes, a video capturing a digital creator's somersault antics within a metro coach has gone viral. The footage showcases the athlete attempting a somersault while inside the metro train, leaving fellow passengers awestruck and amused. The video, shared on Instagram by user Misha Sharma, has stirred curiosity, particularly among Bengaluru residents, as claims suggest the metro in question belongs to Namma Metro, though authenticity remains unverified. With over 5.2 lakh views and 45,000 likes, the video's popularity attests to its captivating nature. Encouraging comments pour in, with users praising the feat and expressing astonishment. While

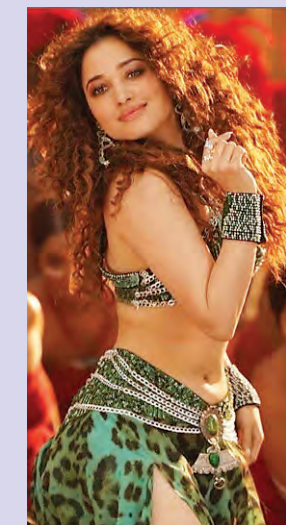
this occurrence isn't the first of its kind, it certainly captures the imagination. Similar incidents involving filming within metro premises have sparked controversies and caught authorities' attention. Delhi Metro Rail Corporation, for instance, humorously urged commuters not to shoot videos inside trains using a meme template earlier this year. The message emphasized trouble-free travel and courteous behavior towards fellow commuters. As metros strive to uphold a balance between convenience and decorum, instances like this video serve as intriguing reminders of human ingenuity and the unconventional ways technology intertwines with daily life.

Mini Dancer Wows Web with Cuteness and Dance Moves



The infectious beats of the song 'Kaavaalaa' from the Rajinikanth-starrer 'Jailer' have taken the nation by storm, all thanks to the vibrant dance moves of actress Tamannaah. This energetic song, along with its catchy hook step, has become a sensation on social media, prompting fans and influencers to share their renditions. Now, a little girl, perhaps the youngest influencer, has melted hearts across the internet with her endearing dance performance on the same track.

Shared on the Instagram page cutiepie_riva, the video captures the young girl standing outside an apartment donning a pink pajama and a black top. The moment the music begins, her dance to the beats of 'Kaavaalaa' starts, and she flawlessly executes the iconic hook step. With an adorable smile, she effortlessly synchronizes her moves with the rhythm. Accompanied by the caption, "Nv kavalaya... trending one," the video, though posted last month, is regaining viral momentum, captivating netizens once again.



Comments overflow with admiration for her charming performance, many dubbing it the cutest they've witnessed on the internet.

Users shower her with love and accolades, exclaiming, "Super cute beautiful lovely baby doll," "Made my day today, cutest dance ever," and "Myyy Goodddd, Soooo cute! I Love Your Moves beta. Keep Rocking! Lot's of Love and blessings." The heartfelt sentiments continue, with another user stating, "Absolutely splendid and utterly adorable moves."

In a recent delightful twist, the Ambassador of Japan to India joined the online dance fever, grooving to the trending track alongside popular Japanese Youtuber Mayo San.

Beyond Rajinikanth and Tamannaah, 'Jailer' boasts a star-studded cast including Mohanlal, Jackie Shroff, Shiva Rajkumar, Ramya Krishnan, Yogi Babu, Vasanth Ravi, and Vinayakan. The little girl's innocent dance is a reminder of the pure joy and entertainment that music and dance bring, transcending age and boundaries.

Why lunar touchdown offers real payoff for India

By Daniel Ricardo

Melbourne, Aug 21: More than national pride will be on the line when India undertakes its second attempt to land on the Moon later this week.

On August 23, India's Chandrayaan-3 will attempt to land on the Moon an event with the potential to unlock real economic benefits.

Chandrayaan-3 is the third lunar exploration mission by the Indian Space Research Organisation and if it's successful, India will become the fourth country after the United States, the former Soviet Union (now Russia) and China to achieve a soft landing on the lunar surface.

Crash landings like what happened with Chandrayaan-2 don't count.

After Chandrayaan-3 lands, the plan is for it to then deploy a rover on the Moon and explore the lunar south pole.

But it's not just national pride on the line for this spacefaring nation: the success of Chandrayaan-3 could have a very real impact on India's economy.

The world has already seen everyday benefits from previous space efforts like accessibility to clean drinking water with water recycling on the International Space

Station, near-global internet access provided by Starlink for education, advances in solar power generation and health technologies.

With an increasing demand for global data of satellite imaging, positioning and navigation, multiple reports indicate the world is already in an exponential growth phase of the space economy.

A report by Deloitte highlights how since 2013, over USD 272 billion has been raised by private equity into 1,791 companies.

In their annual report, the Space Foundation noted the global space economy has already reached a value of USD 546 billion in the second quarter of 2023. This represents a 91 percent increase in value over the past decade.

For many countries, participating in the nascent space economy has the potential to have huge downstream benefits for their own economies, as well as inspiring their citizens to engage in the new space age.

India's space economy is expected to be worth USD 13 billion by 2025.

By comparison, the Australian Civil Space Strategy 2019-2028 aims to triple the sector's contribution to GDP to AUD 12 billion and create an additional 20,000 jobs by 2030.

A successful Moon landing will also speak to India's technological prowess.

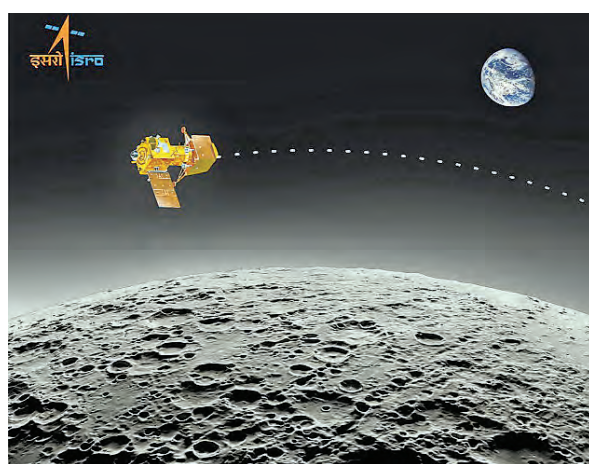
Although NASA did successfully put humans on the Moon during the Apollo Programme more than 50 years ago, many seem to have forgotten the incremental steps and huge amounts of money it took to get there.

There were also many unknowns, including real worries that the lunar surface was so soft and dusty due to billions of years of meteorite bombardments that spacecraft would sink into the surface like quicksand a concern that luckily proved unfounded.

But even with 21st century advanced computing and cutting-edge technology, the difficulties of spaceflight remain the same can your system maintain stable communications and operate autonomously under a wide variety of extreme conditions?

India's first attempt to reach the Moon with Chandrayaan-1 succeeded in almost all of its mission objectives and scientific goals, including detecting evidence of water on the lunar surface for the first time.

But the Indian Space Research Organisation lost contact with the spacecraft after only 312 days of its intended two-year mission.



Nonetheless, Chandrayaan-1 is considered by many to be a phenomenal success, having achieved awards from the National Space Society and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

On September 6, 2019, India again attempted to reach the Moon with the Vikram lander carrying the Pragyan rover as part of the Chandrayaan-2 mission.

However, 2.1km above the lunar surface contact with the lander was lost, and images taken by NASA later confirmed it had crashed into the surface.

Issues associated with onboard coordination of the five engines and orientation of the lander during the camera coast and final

braking phase of its descent have been attributed to the spacecraft's failure.

Issues with onboard software and autonomous landing sequences have also resulted in the failure of two other countries' attempts to land on the Moon in the past three years.

On April 11, 2019 the Israeli Beresheet lander attempted a soft landing in the northern part of the Mare Serenitatis, but an Inertial Measurement Unit gyroscope failed during the braking procedure resulting in the loss of communications 2.1km above the surface.

If it had been successful, Beresheet would have been the first successful privately-funded mission and Israel's first mission to the Moon.

On April 25, 2023, the

privately funded Japanese company iSpace attempted a soft landing of their Hakuto-R lander carrying the United Arab Emirates Rashid rover.

Analysis by iSpace engineers later confirmed that the onboard computer was programmed to ignore the laser radar altimeter if it conflicted with the predicted position of the spacecraft.

Due to a last-minute change of the intended landing zone, a sudden change in altitude as the spacecraft crested the lip of a crater was interpreted as a mistake, causing the spacecraft to hover 5km above the lunar surface before it exhausted its fuel and plummeted to the surface.

Together, the failures of Chandrayaan-2, Beresheet and Hakuto-R highlight the difficulties of modern spaceflight and the importance of software redundancy, systems engineering and change management, even in an age of advanced sensing and high processing power.

Taking the lessons learned from Chandrayaan-2, Chandrayaan-3 has several improvements from its predecessor.

The intended landing zone has been increased to an area of 4.2km long and 2.5km wide, meaning the spacecraft has a high-

er margin of error rather than the risk of choosing a single point and drifting, as occurred with Chandrayaan-2.

Chandrayaan-3 will also have four engines with adjustable throttle and slew (orientation) as well as a Laser Doppler Velocimeter, meaning it can control its attitude and orientation in all phases of descent unlike Chandrayaan-2.

The Vikram lander is carrying more sensitive versions of instruments already on the lunar surface including a seismometer to detect moonquakes, a Langmuir plasma probe to measure the behaviour of charged particles from the Sun at the lunar surface, and a NASA-contributed retroreflector like the one left by Apollo 11.

A thermal probe will also be inserted 10cm into the ground and provide measurements of the temperature gradient throughout the day, which can improve scientists' knowledge of stability zones for resources like water ice at the poles of the Moon.

The Vikram lander is also carrying a six-wheeled 26kg lunar rover called Pragyan, about the size of a golden retriever.

It is carrying two payloads: an Alpha Particle X-Ray Spectrometer and a

Laser Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy to measure the composition of lunar rocks and soil.

Although these instruments have previously been used by NASA on several of its Mars rovers as well as by the China National Space Administration on its Yutu rovers on the Moon, Pragyan will explore new regions.

If Chandrayaan-3 is successful, it will highlight how space is becoming more accessible, and demonstrate India's continued perseverance and tenacity in achieving difficult missions.

It also bodes well for India's participation in the new space race to build permanent infrastructure on the Moon. In 2021, China and Russia announced they'll be building a Moon base together and invited others to join their International Lunar Research Station, as an alternative to the American Artemis program. India became a signatory to the Artemis Accords in July 2023.

With each successful mission, humanity's knowledge of the lunar surface and environment continues to grow, meaning the risks associated with getting to, and staying on the Moon are reduced.

NAAG PANCHAMI FESTIVAL



A devotee sitting on a boat worships a statue of the serpent god, Naag, situated at the center of a pond during Naag Panchami festival, in Bhaktapur, Nepal, Monday, Aug. 21. Devotees believe that the serpent deity safeguards them from snake bites and protects them various misfortunes.

Saudi border guards accused of firing on Ethiopian migrants

● Killed hundreds of migrants

Dubai, Aug 21 (AP):

Border guards in Saudi Arabia have fired machine guns and launched mortars at Ethiopians trying to cross into the kingdom from Yemen, likely killing hundreds of the unarmed migrants in recent years, Human Rights Watch said in a report released Monday. The rights group cited eyewitness reports of attacks by troops and images that showed dead bodies and burial sites on migrant routes, saying the death toll could even be "possibly thousands."

The United Nations has already questioned Saudi Arabia about its troops opening fire on the migrants in an escalating pattern of attacks along its southern border with war-torn Yemen. A Saudi government official, speaking on condition of anonymity as he was not authorised to speak publicly, called the Human Rights Watch report "unfounded and not based on reliable sources," without offering evidence to support the assertion.

Yemen's Houthi rebels, who allegedly make tens of thousands of dollars a week smuggling migrants over the border, did not respond to requests for comment.

Indian-origin Sikh leader in court for alleged Gurdwara plot

New York, Aug 21 (PTI):

A 60-year-old Indian-origin Sikh leader, who was earlier this year arrested for plotting to burn down a prominent Gurdwara in the US state of California has appeared in court to set his preliminary hearing dates.

Rajvir Singh Gill, former Bakersfield City Council candidate, on August 17 appeared for his set preliminary hearing after being arrested on March 4 for allegedly targeting one of Bakersfield's largest Sikh places of worship, Gurdwara Shaheed Baba Deep Singh Ji Khalsa Darbar, and burning down the property, 23ABC

News reported on Friday. He is accused of attempting to hire people to shoot others and burn down the local Sikh temple. Gill is expected to be back in the Kern County court for a motion on August 31, the report said. He will also be in court for his preliminary hearings on October 5 and 6.

Gill had attempted to run for City Council Ward 7 against another Indian-origin candidate, Manpreet

Kaur in 2022. Kaur won the election and was the first Sikh Punjabi woman elected to the Bakersfield City Council.

Kaur, who won the seat for Ward 7, had then said: "I am aware of the alleged allegations. I am confident the Bakersfield Police Department is working diligently to keep our community safe and will address the matter accordingly. Hearing this news is distressing and frightening."

Progressive Arevalo elected Guatemala's President amidst controversy

Guatemala City, Aug 21 (AP):



A progressive from outside Guatemala's power structure was resoundingly elected the country's next president on Sunday in a reprimand to the governing elite over widespread allegations of corruption.

Despite preliminary results showing a potential landslide for anti-corruption crusader Bernardo Arevalo, the attention immediately turned to whether he would be allowed to assume power as the current administration attempts to suspend his party's legal status.

With more than 99 per cent of votes counted, preliminary results gave Arevalo 58 per cent of the vote to 37 per cent for former first lady Sandra Torres in her third bid for the presidency. The official results will still have to be certified.

"We know that there is a political persecution underway that is being

carried out through the institutions and prosecutor's offices and judges that have been corruptly co-opted," Arevalo said on Sunday night.

"We want to think that the force of this victory is going to make it clear that there is no place for the attempts to derail the electoral process. The Guatemalan people have spoken forcefully."

Arevalo said outgoing President Alejandro Giammattei congratulated him and told him that they would begin planning the transition the day after the results were certified.

Chinese economy in distress, its model is 'broken': WSJ

Washington, Aug 21 (PTI):

China's economy, the world's second-largest, is now in deep distress and its successful model of growth for 40 years stands "broken", a prominent American financial publication has said, noting that signs of trouble extend beyond China's dismal economic data to distant provinces.

The Wall Street Journal in a major Sunday story wrote that economists now believe China is entering an era of much slower growth, made worse by unfavourable demographics and a widening divide

with the US and its allies, which is jeopardising foreign investment and trade.

Rather than just a period of economic weakness, this could be the dimming of a long era, it commented. "Now the (economic) model is broken," the financial daily said.

"We're witnessing a gearshift in what has been the most dramatic trajectory in economic history," Adam Tooze, a Columbia University history professor who specialises in economic crises, was quoted as saying by the Wall Street

Journal. According to the report, the total debt, including that held by various levels of government and state-owned companies, climbed to nearly 300 per cent of China's GDP as of 2022, surpassing US levels and up from less than 200 per cent in 2012, according to Bank for International Settlements data. In Beijing's corridors of power, senior officials have recognised that the growth model of past decades has reached its limits, the daily wrote.

Indian national arrested in Nepal for kidnapping children in a sack: Police

Kathmandu, Aug 21 (PTI):

A 22-year-old Indian national was arrested from the Bara district in southern Nepal on the charges of trafficking two Nepali children, including an infant, to India in a sack, police said on Monday. Tabrez Alam, a resident of Bihar, was nabbed on Sunday by the Armed Police Force when he was taking a nine-month-old girl child and a two-year-old boy, according to Rajendra Khadka, Senior Superintendent of Police, Armed Police Force.

Municipality of the district along the Nepal-India border, Khadka said.

The Indian national was arrested on the charges of kidnapping the two children from the Amwa village in the rural municipality, Khadka added.

The Armed Police Force nabbed Alam and rescued the children after a team of the paramilitary organisation heard their cries from inside the sack.

According to Khadka, the children were handed over to their respective families after their rescue.

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Pakistan's Political Quagmire

Navigating Turbulence and Tensions

The intricate political landscape of Pakistan has once again captured the world's attention. Former Prime Minister Imran Khan, who held the reins until April of the preceding year, now finds himself relegated to Prisoner No. 804 within the confines of Attock jail. This swift downfall underscores the volatile nature of Pakistani politics, marked by power shifts and judicial entanglements. Not long ago, the nation witnessed a similar scenario when ex-Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif faced a 10-year prison sentence that rendered him ineligible for electoral participation. This development, coinciding with the run-up to the polls, favored Imran Khan, allowing him to capitalize on Sharif's absence from the political stage. However, suspicions lingered regarding the hand of Pakistan's "deep state" in orchestrating such verdicts, casting a shadow of doubt over the sanctity of the judicial process. Amid these power struggles, Pakistan's economy continues its downward spiral, largely neglected by the warring factions vying for dominance. This ongoing clash between institutions has left the common citizens disillusioned, questioning the government's capability to address the pressing economic concerns that plague their lives. The ramifications of these internal conflicts reverberate far beyond political circles, shaking the foundation of public trust. Imran Khan's trajectory has been marked by relentless prosecution, a fallout of his strained relationship with the military establishment. His current recourse rests upon the Supreme Court, with hopes of securing his release. However, in a political landscape where the art of negotiation and compromise has deteriorated, the deep state and its political allies seem poised to eliminate any chances of his electoral participation in the upcoming November elections. The global players, known for championing political integrity, have surprisingly maintained a conspicuous silence on these developments. It's almost as if the removal of the impulsive and unpredictable Prime Minister was tacitly approved by Western powers even before it transpired. While internal upheaval engulfs Pakistan, external factors exacerbate the situation. The Taliban's resurgence in Afghanistan, after two years in power, paints a complex picture of shifting alliances. The group's reluctance to align with the ISI's interests stems from the belief that Islamabad lacks economic influence and is far from embodying an exemplary Islamic state. In this tussle for dominance, the ISIS seems to have rekindled its ambitions, with the Taliban showing limited interest in curbing its attacks on the Pakistani state. The recent suicide bombing, targeting a pro-army political party, has been attributed to the ISIS, further complicating an already convoluted scenario. Amid these challenges, the responsibility falls upon caretaker Prime Minister Anwaarul Haq Kakar to navigate the nation through these turbulent waters. Ensuring an environment conducive to free and fair elections becomes an imperative task. The hope rests on the shoulders of those entrusted with leading Pakistan toward stability, transparency, and a brighter future. In this intricate web of political maneuvering, economic downturns, and external pressures, Pakistan faces a pivotal juncture. The nation's resilience will be tested, and the ability of its leaders to forge a united front and steer the ship toward calmer waters will determine the course of its future. As the world watches, Pakistan stands at the crossroads of uncertainty, grappling with a myriad of challenges that demand prudent and resolute action.

Lynching and Ragging

A Call to Action

Sujit De

Lynching and ragging represent two distressing manifestations of cruelty. Their commonality lies in their sadistic nature, yet they diverge in their severity. While lynching aims to fatally harm the victim, ragging seeks perverse amusement at the victim's expense, often leading to psychological trauma, scars, and tragically, even suicide. Both these heinous acts must be promptly eradicated. Turning our attention to the recent surge in lynching incidents across various states in our nation, a discernible pattern emerges. These acts are orchestrated with a specific intention—to instill fear within minority communities. A disturbing new facet is the perpetrators recording these gruesome acts themselves. Whether in the western regions or Manipur, this phenomenon is evident. It signifies two grave notions: first, the assailants believe that the authorities may be complicit, and second, they aim to propagate a ripple effect of terror throughout the nation's minority population. Furthermore, the aftermath of recent lynching incidents reveals a disturbing trend. Certain factions glorify the perpetrators, elevating them to heroic status in public displays. This celebration is unabashedly documented and broadcasted, presenting an alarming shift in societal norms within India. A noteworthy observation pertains to those who remained conspicuously silent amid lynching cases and the subsequent exaltation of the perpetrators. These individuals seized upon a brutal ragging incident at Jadavpur University as an opportunity to denounce left ideology and the entire university itself. While it is undeniable that universities, including Jadavpur, must adhere to UGC guidelines and take decisive action against the scourge of ragging, this single occurrence cannot be extrapolated to tarnish the institution as a whole. Prior to engaging in sweeping generalizations stemming from isolated incidents, it is imperative to acknowledge the substantial contributions made by numerous Jadavpur University students during the Covid pandemic. Many displayed remarkable heroism by providing food, blood, and oxygen to those in dire need. Their unwavering fight against majoritarianism and fascism showcases their compassionate spirit. It is unfortunate that the reprehensible actions of a few individuals are being exploited to besmirch the entire reputation of Jadavpur University. However, the university's legacy remains one of resilience, compassion, and positive impact.

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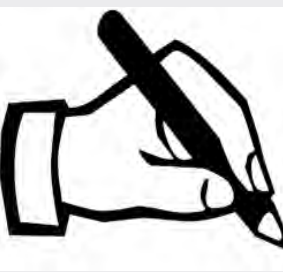
FELICITATION OF PRESIDENT



President Droupadi Murmu being felicitated at the 'ASMITA-Inspirational Stories by Army Wives' programme organised by the Army Wives Association (AWWA), in New Delhi, Monday, Aug. 21. Union Minister Meenakashi Lekhi and AWWA President Archana Pande are also seen.

Why Uttar Pradesh Holds the Key to India's Economic Leap?

VIVEK SHUKLA



Whether day or night, a visit to any city in Uttar Pradesh reveals a stark difference from what it was just a decade ago. From Noida to Agra, Kanpur to Banaras, one witnesses glittering markets, bustling malls, and thriving business activities. Conversations with the residents of UP confirm that the state is now on the move, and its law and order situation has greatly improved. Welcome to the new UP, an attraction for both tourists and investors alike, with economic activities pulsating vigorously.

State Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath is accurate in stating that his state has moved out of the BIMARU category and is en route to becoming a "saksham" (capable) state. Yogi's assertion followed closely on the heels of the NITI Aayog's revelation that between 2015-16 and 2019-21, India witnessed 13.5 crore people moving out of multi-dimensional poverty.

In Uttar Pradesh, the districts that witnessed the most significant reduction in poverty are Maharajganj (29.64%), Gonda (29.55%), Balrampur (27.9%), Kaushambi (25.75%), Lakhimpur Kheri (25.33%), Shravasti (24.42%), Jaunpur (26.65%), Basti (23.36%), Ghazipur (22.83%), Kushinagar (22.28%), and Chitrakoot (21.40%). Those familiar with UP would attest that these districts were previously economically challenged

until just a couple of years ago. Consequently, the heartwarming news emanating from the state, where both Lord Ram and Lord Krishna were born, bodes exceedingly well for the state and the nation.

The BIMARU (an acronym in Hindi meaning "sick") label has often been employed to refer to Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh. This term typically insinuates that these states lagged behind in terms of economic growth, healthcare, education, and other indices. Uttar Pradesh's growth, with its substantial population and low per-capita income, is of paramount importance in India's quest to reach its USD 10 trillion goal and effect a transformative change. Furthermore, with the ongoing process of delimitation, the state's political significance will increase even further. To transform UP into a leader that can shape India's economic trajectory requires a fresh growth trajectory that addresses multiple layers within its society and a dynamic political leadership. India's emergence as a major political force hinges significantly on Uttar Pradesh's leadership.

Uttar Pradesh requires specialized industries such as electronics component design, defense parts manufacturing, and pharmaceuticals, with a substantial focus on research and development and intellectual property production for higher value.

Citing the Niti Aayog report, the Adityanath-led government proudly claimed that Uttar Pradesh recorded the most significant drop in the number of poor people among all states and union territories from 2015-2016 to 2019-2021. The National Multidimensional Poverty Index revealed that out of the 13.5 crore people overcoming multidimensional poverty during this period, Uttar Pradesh accounted for 3.43 crore people who escaped poverty. This is an astonishing

figure.

Based on data from 36 states, union territories, and 707 administrative districts, the report highlights the most substantial reduction in multidimensional poverty occurring in Uttar Pradesh. States like Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, and Rajasthan follow Uttar Pradesh in terms of the number of impoverished individuals.

The findings also reveal that the number of poor individuals decreased significantly in rural areas across the state. The government asserts that there have also been positive results concerning health, education, and living standards for the poor in Uttar Pradesh. Manish Mittal, an entrepreneur and head of the Rotary Club in Agra, echoes the NITI Aayog's findings, stating that an optimistic mood pervades the entirety of UP as the state makes rapid progress in all fields.

"Trust me, our business is thriving, and we are on the cusp of a significant economic leap. Opportunities abound for those willing to work." According to the Niti Aayog report, the percentage of poor individuals deprived of nutrition decreased from 30.40% in 2015-16 to 18.45% in 2019-21. Additionally, child and adolescent mortality rates improved, declining from 3.81% in 2015-16 to 2.20% in 2019-21.

Maternal health also saw marked improvement in the state, with the maternal mortality rate decreasing from 25.20% in 2015-16 to 15.97% in 2019-21. Similarly, the percentage of poor individuals with no access to cooking fuel decreased from 34.24% in 2015-16 to 17.95% in 2019-21. Furthermore, the percentage of people deprived of drinking water decreased from 2.09% in 2015-16 to 0.93% in 2019-21.

Based on estimates for the 36 states, union territories, and 707 administrative districts, the report highlights the most rapid reduction in multi-dimensional poverty proportions occurring in

Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, and Rajasthan. It goes without saying that the able leadership of Yogi Adityanath has greatly contributed to the transformation of a state once known for its backwardness.

Today, the world recognizes that Uttar Pradesh is not a poor and ailing state but rather a state where 5.5 crore people have risen above the poverty line in the last six years. This is no small achievement.

Regrettably, the previous governments of Congress, SP, and BSP failed to eradicate poverty, offering instead empty slogans to the state. The SP's slogans became synonymous with corruption and casteism, while the BSP's elephant symbol represented the devouring of the state's resources, leaving Uttar Pradesh trailing far behind other states in terms of development.

The development and public welfare work witnessed in Uttar Pradesh in the last six years could have been achieved earlier, but the previous governments lacked the necessary willpower. They exploited farmers and traders, treated the youth unjustly, and compromised the safety of women.

Yogi Adityanath's goal of placing the state's economy on a sustainable path to reach \$1 trillion in five years presents an opportunity to reshape the state's prospects and the lives of its residents for the better. Economic growth has consistently proven to be the most potent and sustainable driver of poverty reduction and improved living standards worldwide, including in India. Mission 1 Trillion has the potential to revolutionize Uttar Pradesh. It must be remembered that for India to achieve rapid growth, Uttar Pradesh must lead the way.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Human error

Human actions have triggered devastating floods and landslides in Himachal Pradesh (Nous Indica). The degradation of hillsides and deforestation have wrought havoc on the local ecosystem, leading to elevated temperatures. These elevated areas traditionally regulate rainwater flow, allowing it to infiltrate the soil gradually. Their absence intensifies the likelihood of floods and landslides. Furthermore, construction near or on hillsides destabilizes the terrain, heightening landslide risks. Unrelenting weather events, like floods, spare no human-made structures and can wreak havoc unselectively.

MK Nair, Raipur

Nomenclature Manipulation

Is the nomenclature "Vanvasi" being zealously pursued and imposed by the "guardians" of this country merely to confine the indigenous tribes within the jungles as wondered by Rahul Gandhi; but also to suggest that the "proud" self-declared "Aryans" of a particular political/ideological camp (always delivering unsolicited sermons on "nationalism" from the roof top) form the real "Adivasi" of this ancient land with Indian citizens of other demographic credentials being rank "outsiders".

Kajal Chatterjee, Kolkata

Monsoon Mayhem

This monsoon season has wreaked havoc in Himachal Pradesh, causing unprecedented damage to lives and property. The death toll has surged to 73 due to relentless rains, with 214 lives lost since the monsoon's start on June 24. July's rainfall shattered 50-year records. While climate change likely contributes to such extreme precipitation, human-induced disasters resulting from unplanned development—altered dam construction, changing crop patterns, and unchecked tourism—are equally culpable. These practices strain delicate Himalayan ecosystems, causing colossal losses. Some attribute these calamities to the supernatural, but it's our heedless actions that imperil nature. We must rationalize, live sustainably, and cease thoughtless interference. Only then can we avert the looming catastrophe and preserve our universe's future.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee, Faridabad

DIRTY POLITICISATION OF A TRAGIC DEATH

Kajal Chatterjee

Following the tragic death of the 17-year-old boy in Jadavpur University hostel, a lot of "pundits" have also arrived at the scene with the sole interest of political mudslinging. Of course many of the points raised are certainly genuine.

They are absolutely correct in suggesting that "administrative complicity" has played a significant role behind the menace of Ragging which has led to the heart-shattering death of the boy. How can pass-out students continue to stay in hostels? How can the senior students boldly dare to indulge in torturing junior newly-admitted ones in the name of "introduction" or "acclimatisation". The unhindered continuation of this sadistic "culture" of ragging, despite full knowledge and supreme callousness of the concerned authorities, indeed provides direct proof of "administrative complicity". So the higher-ups of Jadavpur University also deserve exemplary punishment for the death of the minor student.

They have also rightly pointed out the attitude of the student activists who have prevented installation of

CCTV cameras in the campus by citing flimsy excuses of "freedom". Freedom in the campus means freedom to exercise mind and opinion on any issue (related to University nation or globe) without any fear of persecution from the authorities or the State.

But how can CCTV cameras be made "pariah" of sorts especially when it is related to security and law and order issues within the campus. After all, "freedom" doesn't mean "go/act as you like" by absolute eradication of all laws and restrictions. Will those students dare to oppose CCTV cameras in Railway stations, Airports, road crossings or stadiums to mention just a few!

Isn't modern surveillance tools an indispensable part of the global society today. Is University campus a private property that "privacy" would get assaulted on installing CCTV cameras! So this ridiculous dictatorial attitude of the student activists indeed compels us to conclude that factors of "free" usage of drugs and engagement in illicit drinking after dark (along with all sorts of obscenities) form the main "inspiration" behind such staunch opposition to CCTV cameras.

However, rest of their accusa-

tions are absolutely politically-motivated with clear vengeance towards West Bengal, state Government, TMC, Mamata Banerjee, Left, Ultra-Left along with character-assassination of the whole Jadavpur University student fraternity by painting all through the same brush of "Raggers".

Is the menace of Ragging sole "monopoly" of West Bengal and Jadavpur University only that this particular state and University have been specifically targeted by them! What about the IITs NITs and other Universities located outside West Bengal! Has the devil named "Ragging" been exterminated there right from the root.

That the leaders and supporters of a particular ecosystem have still not succeeded in digesting the "pain" of the devastating result in the 2021 West Bengal Assembly polls is clearly evident when they ridiculously invoke the "No Vote to BJP" campaign in this context of Ragging! Even if it is accepted, just for the sake of argument, that the slogan was indeed coined and zealously promoted by the "far Left" of Jadavpur University; still the "pundits" must introspect why it had caught the imagination of the

masses and why all secular sane humanitarian citizens of Bengal collectively had responded to it, thereby shattering the dreams of "Occupy Bengal".

Far from drawing any lesson from such a huge drubbing and stopping its communal antics in the secular land of Rabindranath Tagore-Kazi Nazrul Islam, they continue in their zealous attempt of communal polarisation in the state to reap electoral dividend prior to the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

And they are well aware of the fact that despite the presence of that devil crude section of "Raggers", there also exists another Jadavpur that is sane secular humanitarian. This set of students are the real harbingers of sanity acting as the Conscience of the nation, always remaining in the forefront while protesting against communal intolerance religion-specific citizenship laws or spine-chilling gangrape cum murders (as in Hathras) --- currently plaguing this nation throughout its length and breadth.

It is high time the Bhakts, who are hell-bent on painting the whole Jadavpur University "black", must be reminded that when their "idols"

had announced instant lockdown with the poorest of poor finding themselves in dire straits, spending days and nights in starved stomachs without livelihood or engaged in "Long March" upon highways and collapsing to death with the leaders to the selfish privileged folks watching Ramayana, posting Dalgona (in social media) and banging pots and pans from balconies or celebrating pre-Diwali in April; innumerable Jadavpur university folks were pooling resources to set up temporary kitchens, cooking food and delivering it to the stranded starving poor languishing on the streets by relegating all virus-related fear to oblivion. The particular ecosystem must learn something about real nationalism from this set of Jadavpur fraternity.

And also they must ask whether they have ever uttered a single word of protest when fellow human beings and Indian citizens get murdered cold-bloodedly by the cow-vigilantes and "inventors" of the theory of "love jihad".

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

BRIEF

Resignation



New Delhi: BYJU'S Senior Vice President for international business Chierian Thomas has resigned from the company and will now helm US-based Impending Inc. As the CEO, Thomas will focus on building and scaling the product portfolio, while strengthening and growing a global talent pool, Impending Inc said in a statement. A mail sent to BYJU'S did not elicit any response. A source familiar with the matter confirmed Thomas' departure, but did not comment on his successor: "We are hugely excited to have Chierian Thomas on board."

Rising demand

New Delhi: Co-working major WeWork India's revenue grew by 40 per cent to Rs 400 crore during the first quarter of this fiscal year on rising demand for flexible workspace across major cities from corporates, its CEO Karan Virwani said. The company, which is owned by real estate firm Embassy Group and WeWork Global, has started its 50th centre at Saket in South Delhi, marking its entry into the national capital market. The new centre, comprising 54,000 square feet area and around 700 desks, is located in a commercial building developed by realty firm Eldeco.

Investment destination

Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh has transformed from being a 'Bimaru' state to become a prime investment destination in the past six years, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said on Monday. 'Bimaru' is used to refer to Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, the states that are laggards in a number of economic growth indicators in the country. In a marked departure from its reputation just six years ago, the state has become a prime investment destination within the country, drawing substantial domestic tourism and securing significant funds from banks for industrial growth, Adityanath said while launching the Micro Entrepreneur Accident Insurance Scheme on the occasion of the World Entrepreneurship Day. According to an official release, Adityanath highlighted the growth in state's exports and said that the transformation was a result of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's inspiration and direction along with the state government's inclusive approach that assured security to all investors.

India's foreign trade crosses USD 800 bn mark in first six months of 2023: GTRI

New Delhi, Aug 21:

A healthy growth in India's services segments has helped the country's total exports and imports of goods and services to cross the USD 800 billion mark during the first half of 2023, despite a slowdown in global demand, think tank GTRI said in a report on Monday. According to the analysis of the Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI), exports of goods and services rose by 1.5 per cent to USD 385.4 billion during January-June this year, as against USD 379.5 billion in January-June 2022. Imports, however, dipped by 5.9 per cent to USD 415.5 billion during the six months of this year, as against USD 441.7 billion in January-June 2022. "India's foreign trade (exports and imports of merchandise and services) reached USD 800.9 billion

during January-June 2023, exhibiting a decline of 2.5 per cent over the same period last year (January-June 2022)," the report said. 4Standalone, goods exports dipped by 8.1 per cent to USD 218.7 billion, while imports contracted by 8.3 per cent to USD 325.7 billion. On the other hand, services exports during the six months period grew by 17.7 per cent to USD 166.7 billion, while imports rose by 3.7 per cent to USD 89.8 billion. "Data is showing modest decline due to weak global demand and losing competitiveness in labour intensive sectors. The decline in merchandise exports happened despite appreciating INR (Indian Rupee). INR/USD exchange rate appreciated from 76.16 in April 2022 to 82.18 in Apr 2023," GTRI Co-founder Ajay Srivastava said. He said the world trade outlook for

2023 is weak due to a number of factors, including the ongoing war in Ukraine, high inflation, tighter monetary policy, and financial uncertainty. "But these factors will soon be overshadowed by a spate of new subsidies and protectionist measures by the EU and USA. For example, in the first seven months of 2023 alone, the EU has introduced five regulations on climate change and trade, each of these are essentially measures to curb imports," he said. India should continue to focus on increasing product quality and supply chain competitiveness, he said, adding since every big country is into inward mode, India should not surrender its policy space especially in new issues in FTAs (free trade agreements) and Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF).

Amazon Fashion introduces 'Har Pal Fashionable'

Bengaluru, Aug 21: Raksha Bandhan, symbolizes the unbreakable bond between siblings and is a perfect time to express love and appreciation. What better way to do so than with thoughtful and stylish gifts? As this auspicious occasion draws near and we celebrate the festival on August 30th, Amazon Fashion is set to unveil a plethora of gifting options that perfectly captures the essence of sibling bond. The Rakhi Store powered by Ferrero Rocher Chocolates, on Amazon.in has a diverse range of fashionable and beauty-forward gifts that you can choose from and make 'Har Pal Fashionable' for your siblings. Select from a wide range of options including Rakhis that you can customize, apparel, skincare, beauty, shoes, luggage,

watches, jewellery, handbags and more from top fashion and beauty brands like GIVA, Akhilam, Vero Moda, Jansaya, Fastrack, Kimirica, Plum, Forest Essentials, Daniel Wellington, Lavie, Vastramay, BIBA, Victoria Secret, Allen Solly, Kama Ayurveda, and much more. So, what are you waiting for? Head to Amazon's Rakhi Store powered by Ferrero Rocher Chocolates, to find the perfect gift and select from a wide range of selection, at value offers from the comfort of your home. Sister never fails to look perfect be it at a wedding, a party, or their college classes. This year, give your sister the love that they can flaunt every day, something that will make them stand out from the crowd and channel their inner fashionista.

HonorTech to relaunch Honor brand of phones, to invest Rs 1,000 cr

New Delhi, Aug 21:

HonorTech will relaunch the Honor brand of smartphones in the country in September with plans to initially invest Rs 1,000 crore in the business, a senior company official said. For the relaunch, HonorTech is going to work under a licensing deal with a Chinese smart devices company Honor, in India. HonorTech CEO Madhav Sheth told PTI that the company will aim to garner 4-5 per cent market share in terms of volume by end of next year, which will translate to a revenue of Rs 10,000 crore for the company. "The government is looking at the idea that business and authority in the company should be owned and managed by Indians.



"HonorTech is a completely Indian entity. We are going to work under a licensing deal with Honor where they will license us and we will do everything from sales to manufacturing in India. No royalty will go to Honor," Sheth said. Honor brand was launched and owned by Chinese telecom major Huawei which sold it to

BRAND AMBASSADOR



Actor and new brand ambassador for 'myTrident' Kareena Kapoor Khan with Trident Group Chairman Rajinder Gupta during a press conference, in New Delhi, Monday, Aug. 21.

L&T wins 'significant' order to build Australia's largest urea plant

Mumbai, Aug 21: Diversified group L&T on Monday said it has secured a "significant" order from Perdaman Chemicals & Fertilisers to build a 2.3 million tonne urea plant in Australia. On completion, this facility will be the largest urea plant in Australia and one of the largest in the world, the company said. Without disclosing the deal value, L&T said it was a "significant order". Generally, significant order indicates a value between Rs 1,000 and Rs 2,500 crore. "We've adopted a policy to not reveal commercial details of contracts as the value can change by the time of completion," L&T Group Chairman and Managing Director-Designate, SN Subrahmanyam said. The contract has been awarded by Italian firm Saipem & Clough - the Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) contractor of Perdaman,

which is an Indian-owned company. L&T Energy Hydrocarbon contract involves fabrication and supply of process and piperack modules for the 2.30 MT per annum urea plant along with a 1.3 MT ammonia unit. L&T Heavy Engineering has secured orders for packaging the urea equipment for the project. The facility will come up in the Burrup Peninsula in Western Australia and, on completion, will be the largest urea plant in Australia and one of the largest in the world, Perdaman Chairman Vikas Rambal told reporters here. Subrahmanyam said the plant will also be the largest modularised and pre-fabricated unit in the fertiliser industry globally, which will be built at the L&T's yards at Hazira and Kattupalli near Chennai before being transported to Australia, where the parts would be assembled.

Tomato prices cooling down with fresh arrival

Retail prices in range of Rs 50-70 per kg now: Govt

New Delhi, Aug 21:

The government on Monday said tomato prices have fallen to Rs 50-70 per kilogramme with arrival of fresh crops in retail markets and it will continue to sell tomatoes at a discounted rate till rates come down to a normal level.

Tomato prices had skyrocketed to as high as Rs 250 per kg in the retail markets across the country due to unseasonal rains. "Tomato prices are ruling in the range of Rs 50-70 per kg in retail markets across the country at present," Consumer Affairs Secretary Rohit Kumar Singh told PTI. Prices have started cooling down with increase in ar-



rival of the fresh crop in states like Madhya Pradesh, he added. On sale of tomatoes at a subsidised rates, the secretary said the government will sell the commodity at the discounted prices in select

states till the retail prices come to normalcy. Cooperatives NCCF and NAFED have started selling tomatoes at a reduced rate of Rs 40 per kilogramme since August 20 amid declining price of

the kitchen staple in wholesale and retail markets. Since last month, the National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India (NCCF) and National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd (NAFED) have been selling tomatoes at a discounted rate on behalf of the Consumer Affairs Ministry to contain the price rise.

Initially, the subsidised rate was fixed at Rs 90 per kilogramme which had been successively reduced in line with the decline in prices in order to ensure benefits to the consumers. Tomatoes have been imported from Nepal as well to boost domestic supply and bring down the price.

Ratan Tata an institution: CM Shinde, says industries in Maharashtra main strength of growth engine

Mumbai, Aug 21:

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde hailed industrialist Ratan Tata, the first-ever recipient of the 'Udyog Ratna' award instituted by the state government, as an "institution". Shinde also said industries in Maharashtra are the main strength of the growth engine. He was speaking at the Udyog Puraskar 2023 distribution ceremony here where he praised Ratan Tata.

The 'Udyog Ratna' award was presented to the 85-year-old chairman emeritus of Tata Sons by Shinde and Deputy CMs Devendra Fadnis and Ajit Pawar at the industrialist's home in south Mumbai on Saturday. On



Sunday, Adar Poonawalla of Serum Institute was honoured with the Udyog Mitra award while the Udyogini award was given to Gauri Kirloskar. The best Marathi businessman award was bestowed upon Vilas Shinde, the MD of Sahyadri Farmers' Producers Company. "None of us have seen God, but it is believed that God is everywhere. We have selected a 'dev manoo' (Godly per-

son) like Ratan Tata for the (first ever) Udyog Ratna award. Tata means trust and quality assurance, and the company has always demonstrated its social connect," the chief minister said. Industries in Maharashtra are the main strength of the growth engine. The state has thus decided to acknowledge the contribution of the industries through such awards, Shinde said.

The chief minister said he signed investment agreements worth Rs 1.37 lakh crore during his visit to Davos last year. "Out of them, 85 per cent of agreements have progressed further: Maharashtra has once again topped the chart of attracting FDI (Foreign Direct Investments)," he claimed.

Sensex rebounds 267 pts on gains in Infosys, ITC

Mumbai, Aug 21:

Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty closed higher on Monday after two days of decline, supported by buying in index majors Infosys, ITC and Bajaj Finance amid a mixed trend in global markets. In a range-bound trade, the 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 267.43 points or 0.41 per cent to settle at 65,216.09. During the day, it jumped 387.16 points or 0.59 per cent to 65,335.82.

The NSE Nifty gained 83.45 points or 0.43 per cent to end at 19,393.60. "Markets started the week with an uptick and gained nearly half a per cent. After the initial choppieness, Nifty maintained a positive tone for most of the session however profit-taking in the end trimmed some gains," said Ajit



Mishra, SVP - Technical Research, Religare Broking Ltd. Bajaj Finance was the biggest gainer in the Sensex pack, rising 2.70 per cent, followed by PowerGrid, IndusInd Bank, NTPC, Bharti Airtel, ITC, Bajaj Finserv, Infosys, Nestle, Tata Steel, Tata Consultancy Services, Titan and Axis Bank. Reliance Industries, Mahindra & Mahindra, Maruti and State Bank of India were among the laggards. Meanwhile, shares

of Jio Financial Services, the demerged financial services unit of Reliance Industries, listed on the bourses on Monday. In the broader market, the BSE midcap gauge jumped 0.87 per cent, and smallcap index climbed 0.71 per cent.

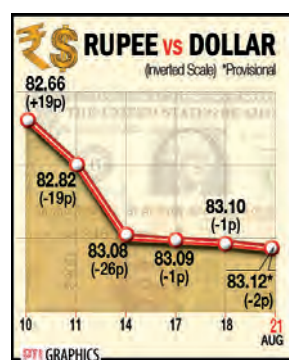
All indices ended in the green, with utilities jumping 2.56 per cent, power climbing 2.31 per cent, metal (1.19 per cent), capital goods (1.09 per cent), realty (1.03 per cent), teck (1 per cent), commodities (0.95 per cent), industrials (0.92 per cent), IT (0.88 per cent) and healthcare (0.79 per cent).

"Asian stocks stumbled on Monday after China delivered a smaller cut to lending rates than markets had counted on, continuing Beijing's run of disappointingly frugal stimulus steps.

Rupee falls 2 paise to close at all-time low of 83.12 against US dollar

New Delhi, Aug 21:

The rupee depreciated by 2 paise and settled for the day at an all-time low of 83.12 (provisional) against the US dollar on Monday, weighed down by a surge in crude oil prices and selling pressure by foreign investors. Forex traders said rupee is likely to trade with a negative bias on risk aversion in global markets. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened at 83.10 against the US dollar and moved in a range of 83.05 to 83.13 in the day trade. The rupee finally settled at 83.12 (provisional) against the US dollar, down 2 paise from its previous close. On Friday, the rupee edged lower by 1 paise to settle at an all-time low of 83.10 against



the US dollar, weighed down by a negative trend in domestic equities, and foreign fund outflows. The Indian rupee depreciated on a surge in crude oil prices and selling pressure by foreign investors. Most investors will be taking cues from the BRICS summit and the Jackson Hole Symposium, traders said.

KFC introduces limited-edition Double Down Burger

New Delhi: 'Uparbhhi chicken. Neechebhi chicken.' The chicken is the bun. The bun is chicken. 'Confused? Don't be. Presenting KFC's limited-edition Double Down Burger. This all chicken, no bun burger is what a chicken lover's dreams are made of! The KFC Double Down Burger has two juicy chicken fillets with delicious sauces (spicy & creamy Dynamite Mayo and Sriracha), and crunchy veggies in between. Priced at Rs 239/-, the Double Down Burger is unlike any other. Isse samjho mat, khao. Like everything else at KFC, the Double Down Burger comes with the assurance of KFC's 5X Safety Promise of Sanitization, Screening, Social Distancing, and Contactless service with Vaccinated teams. All surfaces and frequently touched areas in a restaurant are regularly sanitized, team members and riders are screened regularly for their temperatures.

NTPC wins 2 gold awards

In Brandon Hall Group HCM (Human Capital Management) Excellence Awards 2023

Central Chronicle News

Korba, Aug 21: The Brandon Hall Group announced the Winners of the 31st Annual HCM Excellence Awards® in an online broadcast held recently.

The HCM Excellence Awards recognize top organizations that successfully deployed programs, strategies, modalities, processes, systems, and tools that achieved superior and measurable results in Human Capital Management.

NTPC was the proud winner of the Gold Award in two distinct categories: "Best Unique or Innovative Leadership Program" in the



Leadership Development Awards area, and for achieving the "Best Results of a Learning Program" in the Learning and Development Awards area. This dual triumph accentuates the exceptional nature of NTPC's accomplishments.

The Awards were bestowed upon NTPC based on a rigorous judging process wherein the Applications were evaluated by an international panel of independent industry experts and senior analysts and executive team of the Brandon Hall Group.

The judging was based on the following criteria: fit the need, design of the program, functionality, innovation and overall measurable benefits.

Brandon Hall Group is a US-based research and analyst firm, with more than 10,000 clients globally and nearly 30 years of delivering research-based solutions that empower excellence in organizations around the world through their research and tools each and every day.

Their HCM Excellence Awards® program was the first to recognize organizations for learning and talent and is the gold standard, known as the "Academy Awards of Human Capital Management".

CC road built using substandard material

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Manendragarh, Aug 21: The CC road construction work has been done for Khadgawan District Panchayat just a few kilometers away from Gram Panchayat Dubchhola Main Road to Sarnapach Mohalla, for which the local villagers have alleged work done using substandard material.

They have alleged that the construction work of CC road was to be done by running road roller by laying mud on the lower surface of the construction work of C road, which has not been done and the construction of CC road using low quality



plastic without vibrator machine, due to which the road has uprooted at many places.

No information board

was also installed at the construction site and the construction work of CC road was completed. No information of any kind

was being received from the plan and at what cost and at what rate the work has been done, the construction agency Gram Panchayat had got the CC road constructed arbitrarily.

Sub-Divisional Officer, Rural Engineering Department, has said that we have stopped the payment of CC road construction work, till the construction work does not become of proper quality, the amount will not be paid. While the inspection of this CC road construction work was done by the Sub-Divisional Officer of Rural Engineering Department, Khadgawan, the report is still to come

State level flying squad conducts surprise inspection

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Korea, Aug 21: With the aim of providing quality fertilizers, pesticides and other agricultural inputs at reasonable prices to the farmers of the district and to curb illegal business, the state-level flying squad team inspected various fertilizer-seeds and pesticides institutes and shops of the district.

The squad team conducted surprise inspections at the fertilizer-seed-pesticide shops in Baikunthpur city, Baikunthpur tehsil, Sonhat tehsil and Bachrapondi tehsil and checked agricultural inputs and necessary documents.

During the inspection by the flying squad, show cause notices have been issued to 4 fertilizer-seed vendors and sale ban on DAP fertilizer has been



imposed on one fertilizer seller.

Due to unsatisfactory packing of 18 bags of DAP fertilizer stored at M/s Gupta Traders located in Katgodi, the fertilizer was sampled and sent to the

laboratory for testing and sale ban was imposed till the result of the test. Apart from this, notice has been issued to M/s Gupta Krishi Seva Kendra for not maintaining the sales register.

Along with this, POS machine required for sale of fertilizers was found defective in Maa Kamakhya Agricultural Fertilizer Seed Store and it has been directed to fix it immediately. Similarly, notice has

also been issued to M/s Suresh Kumar Jaiswal of Bachra-Podi area due to incomplete documents.

Notice has been issued to M/s Kisan Ghar and Krishak Sahyog Sansthan in district headquarter Baikunthpur city for non-maintenance of sales register, non-writing of batch numbers of insecticides in bill books, non-availability of stock display and price list.

Deputy Director Umesh Singh Tomar from the Directorate of Agriculture in the State Level Flying Squad, Deputy Director Agriculture and M.C.B. Lal Singh Armay, Assistant Director Agriculture Shivshankar Singh, Seed and Fertilizer Inspector Pushkar Lal Tiwari, Suresh Kumar Arya, Mehnaz Ansari and other supporting staff were present.

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Arang, Aug 21: In Nagar Panchayat Samoda-Kusmund, the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister of India Bharat Ratna, late Rajiv Gandhi was celebrated.

All the Congressmen first offered flowers and bowed down before the late PM's portrait and remembered him as Father of Information Revolution, Architect of India, and Panchayati Raj.

In the same link Nagar Panchayat Samoda Kusmund also garlanded the statue of Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi and on this occasion, President of Samoda Zone Shivkumar Sahu, Former Vice President of Nagar



Panchayat Samoda Nandkumar Sahu, Media in-charge of Block Congress Committee Poonamchand Sahu, senior citizens of the city Toman Sahu, Ghanshyam Sahu, Laxmichand Chakradhari, Narayan

Sahu, Puran Sahu, Yogendra Sahu, Sewak Sahu, Ghansyam Sahu, Churaman Das, Horilal Sahu, Hoshram Sahu, Prakash Manikpuri, Mohit Nishad, Babulal Sahu, Sukhdev Sahu, etc. were present.

National Highway dilapidated with potholes



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Mungeli, Aug 21: The bad roads in the area have become a source of problems for the people and the condition of the roads in rural areas including the city is pathetic.

Due to non-repair of dilapidated roads, there is always a fear of accident for the passengers walking on these routes and due to potholes on the roads located on National Highway Pandaria Road,

accidents keep happening every day. On Bilaspur to Padariya road, near Jarhagaon and on the road from electricity office to Sengtanga road, due to the formation of big potholes on this road during rains, accidents keep on happening every day because people are not aware of the depth of potholes.

Due to water-logged roads, people are afraid of falling even while giving side to another vehicle. Till date this dilapidated

road has not been repaired, due to which people have to face a lot of problems. The residents of the area have appealed many times to the public representatives and officials of the area to repair this road, but no remedy has been installed.

Similarly, the canal road leading to the district hospital in the city has become full of potholes, due to which people have to face difficulties in commuting.

Poonam Singh wins title of 'Sawan Queen'

In the 'Sawan Utsav' organised by Ladies Club Dhamtari

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Dhamtari, Aug 21: Ladies Club Dhamtari celebrated 'sawan utsav' with great fan-fare. It began with prayers and lighting of traditional lamp before photo of Goddess Saraswati. After this the members sang 'Saraswati Vandana'. President of Ladies Club Shirin Hashmi made her presidential speech.

Secretary Rachna Naidu highlighted on the objectives of this programme. On this occasion the Director of the Club Usha Gupta gave information about the programmes to be organised in the coming days and gave inspiration to follow Club's rules and laws seriously.

In the beginning a Housie game was organised and in this Shirin Hashmi won the first



prize; Reena Baghel and Baljit Anand second and Gyatri Sahu came third. In the same way in the 'Haritra Shringar' competition, Gyatri Sahucame first; Neeta Ransingh second and Harjit Ajmani third.

In the 'Sawan ke Geet' competition- Shraddha Kashyap came first; Poonam Singh second and Arti Singh third.

On this occasion variety of recreational games were also organised for the

members of the Club and under this in the Green Housie- Jyoti Gupta came first; Seema Khan second and Neeta Ajmani third.

In the 'first-cum-first' competition- Jyoti Gupta came first; Manju Sen sec-

ond and Neeta Ransingh and Shubha Gaur came third. In the 'game of figures', Jyoti Gupta came first, Neeta Ajmani second and Madhavi Sharma third. The judges in the programme were Dr Bharti Naidu and Jyoti Gupta and it was conducted by Usha Gupta.

In this programme the members of the Club- Gyatri Sahu, Shraddha Kashyap, Poonam Singh, Madhavi Sharma, Reena Baghel, Poonam Singh Naidu, Baljit Anand, Seema Khan, Afroz Khan, Seema Hardel, Kajal Sinha, Manju Sen, Devika, Harjit Kaur Ajmani, Sadha Sahu were especially present. On this occasion the title of 'Sawan Queen' went to Poonam Singh and she was extended greetings by all the members.

Swami Atmanand School students forms human chain

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Bilaspur, Aug 21: According to the instructions of Collector Sanjeev Jha, DEO DK Kaushik, a human chain and human figure were constructed in all 31 Swami Atmanand excellent Hindi and English medium schools along with 18 English medium schools operating in the district here.

District in-charge of Swami Atmanand Excellent School Group, Rameshwar Jaiswal said that today and tomorrow in all the polling stations, all government and non-government higher secondary schools of the district will be included in the voter list of students who have completed 18



years of age on October 1, 2023, for which school principals have been directed.

By marking the names of all the children who have completed 18 years by the principals, a program is being run to add 100% names to the voter list in 2 days and in this sequence, to motivate people to vote,

a human chain was made in all Swami Atmanand schools. Voter awareness rallies were also taken out in many schools including Ghutku, Pachpedi.

Festival of Sharadiya Navratri to be celebrated with pomp

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Anvari, Aug 21: Like every year in village Bhaibod, this year also the festival of Sharadiya Navratri will be celebrated with pomp. The festival of Sharadiya Navratri will be celebrated from 15 October to 23 October and under the aegis of all the villagers and Chhattisgarhi Sable Badiya Durgotsav Samiti, 151 idols of Mata Rani will be installed by making a unique and grand artificial cave at Khantipara in Bhaibod.

Many types of tableaux will also be decorated in this unique cave, in which mainly the darshan of the formidable form of Mother Kali, Radha Krishna playing Holi with



the gopis, the tableaux of heaven, the Ganges flowing from Lord Shankar's hair and so on.

Lokesh Sahu (Patwari), President of Chhattisgarhia Sable Badiya Durga Utsav Samiti, said that this year too, with the cooperation of all the villagers, the festival of Navratri will be

celebrated with pomp and he has appealed that whatever devotees come forward to decorate this pandal or install idols here, has to cooperate, by giving Rs.3001 and Rs 751 for Jwaaralamp.

In this sequence, Ravi Kumar Sahu told that 36 goddesses of Chhattisgarh will also be established in

Tikrapara by the Shiv Shakti Durga Utsav Samiti. Along with this, one statue each of the goddess Durga will be installed by the Sarvajanik Durga Utsav Samiti at the heart of the village, Purana Bazar Chowk and Naya Bazar Chowk by Shiv Shakti Durga Utsav Samiti.

Rahul, Shreyas back in Indian squad for Asia Cup

New Delhi, Aug 21 (PTI):

KL Rahul, albeit with a rider, and Shreyas Iyer were on Monday named in India's squad for the Asia Cup beginning August 31 while highly-rated young batter Tilak Varma earned a maiden call-up to the one-day format.

There were question marks over the fitness of Rahul and Iyer, who are making a comeback after undergoing thigh and back surgeries respectively. Iyer last played in March and Rahul in May.

While Iyer was declared fully fit by chief selector Ajit Agarkar, questions remain over Rahul's fitness status.

Wicketkeeper-batter Sanju Samson has been added to the squad as a back up for Rahul who has developed a niggle recently, informed Agarkar after announcing the squad here.

"It is not the original injury. There is a niggle. That is why Sanju is travelling (to Sri Lanka). We are expecting Rahul to be fit. If not the start of Asia cup may be by the second or the third game. Shreyas Iyer is fully fit," said Agarkar in his first media interaction since taking charge last month.

Pacer Prasad Krishna, who made a comeback from injury with the ongo-



Shreyas Iyer and KL Rahul were rehabilitating from their respective injuries at the NCA in Bengaluru.

ing series in Ireland, has also been included in the Asia Cup squad.

Varma has made the cut on the back of an impressive run in his maiden T20 series in the West Indies. The 20-year-old is currently with the T20 squad in Ireland.

Leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal was a notable omission from the squad, leaving India with only one wrist spinner in Kuldeep Yadav. Axar Patel and Ravindra Jadeja are the other spin bowling options. Hardik Pandya, who has been named vice-captain, and Shardul Thakur,

are the two pace bowling all-rounders while Krishna, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj and Mohammad Shami are the specialist fast bowlers.

X-factor batter Suryakumar Yadav has also found a place despite his underwhelming run in ODIs so far.

All of India's Asia Cup games will be played in Sri Lanka while tournament host Pakistan will get to host four games at home.

Asked about Varma's inclusion in the squad as he is yet to play ODI cricket, Agarkar added: "In West Indies, we saw some real

promise in terms of not just performances but the temperament. And it gives us an opportunity to take him with the team, give him some more exposure; a left-hander again, looks very promising.

"So fortunately we can take 17 here, it'll be 15 at the World Cup. So when the time comes we'll take that decision, but at the moment it, at least, gives the coach and captain an opportunity to have him with the squad."

Sitting alongside Agarkar, India skipper Rohit Sharma explained the rationale behind

Chahal's exclusion leaving the team with no right hand off-spin option.

"We thought about an offspinner as well, Ashwin and Washy (Washington Sundar), but right now you see Chahal had to miss out because we could only pick 17 players," said Rohit during the media interaction.

"The only way we could have picked him was if one of the seamers was missing. We can't do that because seamers are going to play a big role in the next two months. A few of them are coming back after a long time, so we wanted to have a good look at them, get them in and see what they have to offer.

"Having said that, no doors are closed on anyone. Anyone can come in anytime. If we feel like we need Chahal for the World Cup, we'll see how we can squeeze him in, same goes for Washy or Ashwin."

Squad: Rohit Sharma (captain), Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, Ishan Kishan, Suryakumar Yadav, Tilak Varma, KL Rahul, Hardik Pandya (vice-captain), Jasprit Bumrah, Ravindra Jadeja, Shardul Thakur, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohammed Shami, Mohammed Siraj, Prasad Krishna, Sanju Samson (back up to Rahul).

SAI wants Bajrang to attend Worlds trials or give fitness certificate

New Delhi, Aug 21 (PTI):

The Sports Authority of India (SAI) wants Olympic-medallist wrestler Bajrang Punia to attend the trials for the World Championships or provide fitness certificate if he wants exemption from this week's exercise in Patiala.

Punia is planning to skip the trials for the World Championships on August 25 and 26 and instead wants to train at a foreign location to prepare for the Asian Games in Hangzhou beginning September 23.

Bajrang, one of six wrestlers to sit in protest at the Jantar Mantar against outgoing WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, and Commonwealth Games gold-medal winner Deepak Punia (86kg) are not keen to compete in the World Championships in Belgrade from September 16, and instead want to undergo long training stints to prepare for the Asian Games.

While Bajrang has sent a proposal to train in Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan (August 21-September 28), Deepak, on the other hand, wants to train in Khasavyurt (Russia) for five weeks (August 23 to September 28) to prepare for the Asian Games.

"Yes, we have asked Bajrang why he is skipping the Worlds trials. He said he wants to prepare for Asian Games and train abroad till then.

But we asked him to appear for the trials on August 25 and 26 and leave for training camp abroad on August 27," a SAI official told PTI on condition of anonymity on Monday. The World Championships is the



first qualification tournament for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games and SAI is unhappy that two of the country's top wrestlers want to skip the trials and the showpiece event.

While Bajrang, the 65kg grappler, who won the 2020 Tokyo Olympics bronze, has also demanded physiotherapist Anuj Gupta, personal coach Sujeet Maan, strength and conditioning expert Kaazi Kiron Mustafa Hasan and sparring partner Jitender Kinha to accompany him, Deepak has requested the services of coach Kamal Malikov and physiotherapist Shubham Gupta for the training stints.

SAI wants the two wrestlers to compete in the Worlds trials to first prove their fitness and then is willing to consider their training proposal abroad after that.

"We have also asked him (Bajrang) to provide his fitness certificate if he has to skip the trials altogether. We have also received his

request for his support staff. The matter is with MOC (Mission Olympic Cell) right now and they will take a call after getting due reply from Bajrang," said the SAI source.

Bajrang and his sparring partner Kinha had recently returned from Kyrgyzstan following a long training stint. The ace wrestler, along with Asian Games gold medallist Vinesh Phogat and Olympic medallist Sakshi Malik had requested foreign training stints to get back into competitive shape as they had been sitting for nearly two months at Jantar Mantar protesting against Brij Bhushan.

All the six wrestlers who had protested at Jantar Mantar had earlier been exempted from appearing in the trials for the Asian Games on July 22-23, leading to a massive opposition from fellow wrestlers, who opposed the special treatment being given to them.

Rohit's surprising revelation about batting order

New Delhi, Aug 21 (PTI):

Indian captain Rohit Sharma wants his middle order batters to show flexibility as no one in the national team owns any particular batting position.

The Indian captain also said that each and every player who plays or misses out has received clear communication about what role is expected of them and where they stand in terms of their international career.

Asked how Ishan Kishan will be placed vis a vis his batting slot if KL Rahul misses out against Pakistan in the Asia Cup opener, Rohit explained the team's thought process.

"Ajit (Agarkar) is new to the picture and he didn't know what was happening before that. I have tried to keep him updated as much as possible," Rohit said while answering the PTI query. "One thing I need in



Indian cricket team captain Rohit Sharma at a press conference after the BCCI selection committee's meeting, in New Delhi, Monday.

this team is everyone ready to bat anywhere. Cricket is moving in a different direction. You can step up at any position, no one should say 'I am good at this position and that position'.

That is the message that has been conveyed to every individual, not now but that's happening for last two, three or four

years," the skipper said. "I know it's tough for you guys outside to understand that why is a guy who was batting at No. 6 suddenly batting at No. 4. It hasn't happened overnight. He has been prepared for that role. This is international sport we are talking about. This is not club cricket."

"He should be able to bat anywhere that team requires him to. Not like we go off to sleep at night telling a batter a position and next morning we change that position. It doesn't happen like that," Rohit said in his inimitable style.

The Indian skipper seemed a trifle irritated when asked why India doesn't have a settled No. 4. "We have got guys who can bat at No.4.

It's not about No.4. It's about top three and there onwards, 4, 5, 6, 7 and there onwards and who can win us game.

Djokovic roars back to win thriller for Cincinnati title

Coco Gauff wins women's title

Mason, Aug 21 (AP):

Novak Djokovic outlasted Carlos Alcaraz in a thrilling rematch of their Wimbledon final, winning 5-7, 7-6 (7), 7-6 (4) to take the Western & Southern Open.

In a match that lasted 3 hours, 49 minutes, the longest best-of-three sets final in ATP Tour history (since 1990), the No. 2-seeded Djokovic avenged his loss last month to the top-ranked Alcaraz and earned his 95th career title, passing Ivan Lendl for third among men in the professional era, dating to 1968.

In the women's final, seventh-seeded Coco Gauff became the first teenager in more than 50 years to win the Western & Southern Open with a 6-3, 6-4 victory over Karolina Muchova.



Novak Djokovic, of Serbia, kisses the Rookwood Cup as he poses for photos after defeating Carlos Alcaraz, of Spain, during the men's singles final of the Western & Southern Open tennis tournament.

Djokovic was playing his first tournament on U.S. soil in two years because of COVID-19 restrictions. He secured his third Cincinnati championship in six years on his fifth match

point when Alcaraz went wide with a forehand return.

The 36-year-old Serbian fell on his back, arms and legs spread, before heading to the net to shake hands with his Spanish opponent. He then strutted around the court and ripped his shirt apart from the buttons on down.

"This was one of the most exciting matches I've ever played in any tournament," the winner of a men's-record 23 Grand Slam titles said during the post-match trophy presentation. "It felt like a Grand Slam."

With temperatures hovering near 90 degrees, Djokovic survived the tournament's longest men's match since at least 1990 to become the oldest man to win the championship.

Dubai, Aug 21 (PTI):

Indian cricketer Dinesh Karthik feels identifying the fourth pace option and a backup batter are the two areas that India needs to prioritise during the Asia Cup ahead of the World Cup.

While India's top order will feature skipper Rohit Sharma, Shubman Gill and Virat Kohli, the pace attack will comprise Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Shami and Mohammed Siraj.

"There are two areas (India must identify at the Asia Cup). No.1. Who is the fourth medium pacer," Karthik told the ICC.

"We have Jasprit (Bumrah), we have (Mohammed) Shami and we have (Mohammed) Siraj. We are sure about all of these three, but who is going to be the fourth?"

"Is it going to be Shardul Thakur? Is it going to be Prasadh



Dinesh Karthik

Krishna? Mukesh Kumar? Or are you going to go for the pace of Umran Malik?"

Considering the middle order, especially the finisher's slot, Karthik called for rookie Tilak Varma as a viable option, besides keeping Suryakumar Yadav in the fray.

Varma has been named in India's Asia Cup squad after his stellar show during the T20 series against West Indies, where he finished as India's highest run-scorer.

Injured Venus plans to be fit for US Open

Cleveland, Aug 21 (AP): Venus Williams withdrew from Tennis in the Land because of a knee injury, but the seven-time Grand Slam singles champion plans on playing in next week's U.S. Open.

Williams released a video through the promoter of the WTA 250 event in downtown Cleveland, saying, "Unfortunately, my knee is just not acting right. It's not supporting me being on the court."

The 43-year-old Williams has received a wild card to compete at the U.S. Open, which begins on Aug. 28. She won back-to-back titles at Flushing Meadows in 2000-2001 after reaching the final in her debut in 1997. "It's such a bummer, but I'm going to work on myself and get myself together to be at the U.S. Open," she said.

Williams was scheduled to play her opening match in Cleveland on Monday, five days after she was de-



feated by Zheng Qinwen of China at the Western and Southern Open in Mason, Ohio. Earlier at the tournament, she earned her first win over a top-20 opponent in four years, beating No. 16 Veronika Kudermetova of Russia. Williams has a 3-6 record this season and is ranked No. 407 in the world after missing nearly six months with an injury.

'Too much emphasis on No 4 slot'

Mumbai, Aug 21 (PTI):

Former captain Sourav Ganguly on Monday said India have a lot of options for the No 4 position in their ODI side, and stressed that one position alone will not win important tournaments like the World Cup. Ganguly said the team management should zero in on one player and give him a long rope at the No 4 slot. "India has enormous talent. I keep hearing about this...we don't have this or that but we have too much and that is the problem that we cannot decide.

"The No 4...Rahul (Dravid), selectors and Rohit (Sharma) need to decide that this is my No 4 and I will continue with him'. One batting slot does not make much of a difference," Ganguly told the media here while being appointed as the brand ambassador of the real estate company Casagrand. Downplaying the debate



Former cricketer and new brand ambassador for Casagrand Sourav Ganguly speaks during a press conference, in Mumbai, Monday.

over the No 4 position, Ganguly said any player can be fitted there. "Number four is just a number and anybody can fit in. I started in the middle-order in one-day cricket and went on to open because I was asked to by Sachin (Tendulkar) as cap-

Tilak Varma, who impressed all during the T20 series against West Indies recently, on Monday was included in India's squad for the Asia Cup 2023.

It was his maiden entry into India's ODI set-up. Ganguly hoped that the young batsman will make the opportunity count with big runs.

"He is good but I think when you play big tournaments, you need a bit more runs under the belt," he said. Ganguly opined that wrist spinners will be crucial for India in the coming tournaments. "We have a very good bowling attack (Jasprit) Bumrah, (Mohammed) Siraj, (Mohammed) Shami, (Ravindra) Jadeja will play the all-rounder's role and then you have the wrist spinners. "I will always pick (Yuzvendra) Chahal. I will always pick wrist spinners. I do not know what the selectors think but I will always pick wrist spinners," he said.

Prannoy advances to second round of World C'ships



Copenhagen, Aug 21 (PTI): Star Indian shuttler HS Prannoy progressed to the men's singles second round of the World Championships with a straight-game win over Finland's Kalle Koljonen here on Monday.

The world number 9 Indian, who reached the quarterfinals in the last two editions, saw off the left-handed Koljonen 24-21, 21-10 to extend his head-to-head count over

the Finnish player to 3-0. It was a tight battle in the opening game as Koljonen was quick to open up a 8-4 lead. But Prannoy reeled off seven straight points to grab a 11-8 lead at the break.

However, an exciting battle ensued after resumption with Koljonen eventually grabbing three game points after pushing one away from the forehand of his opponent.

A calm Prannoy, however, saved all three game points before hitting wide to once again hand over the advantage to his rival.

A backhand block at the net helped him to save another game point but he sprayed into net next as it was 22-21 in favour of the Finnish player.

Pregnancy outside marriage is injurious: SC

New Delhi, Aug 21 (PTI):

Observing that pregnancy outside marriage is injurious and a cause of stress, the Supreme Court on Monday allowed a rape survivor to undergo medical termination of her over 27-week pregnancy.

Taking note of the survivor's medical report, a bench of Justices B V Nagarathna and Ujjal Bhuyan said the Gujarat High Court was not right in rejecting the prayer for termination of pregnancy. The top court said in Indian society within the institution of marriage, pregnancy is a reason for joy and celebration not only for the couple but for the family and friends.

"In contrast, pregnancy outside marriage is injurious, particularly in cases of sexual assault or abuse and is a cause of stress and trauma affecting the physical and mental health of pregnant women. Sexual assault of a woman is itself distressing and sexual abuse resulting in pregnancy com-



pounds the injury. This is because such a pregnancy is not voluntary or mindful. "In view of the above discussion and the medical report, we permit the appellant to terminate her pregnancy. We direct her to be present in hospital tomorrow so that procedure for termination of pregnancy can be carried out," the bench said.

The apex court said if the foetus is found to be alive, the hospital shall give all necessary assistance, including incubation to ensure the foetus survives.

If it survives, the State shall take steps to ensure the child is adopted in ac-

cordance with the law, it said.

In a special sitting, the top court on Saturday expressed displeasure over the Gujarat High Court adjourning the survivor's plea for medical termination of her pregnancy, and said "valuable time" has been lost during the pendency of the matter.

Under the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act, the upper limit for the termination of pregnancy is 24 weeks for married women, special categories including survivors of rape and other vulnerable women such as the differently-abled and minors.

Nine members of Rajya Sabha take oath



Left to right in the top row, BJP's Kesrivedsinh Digvijaysinh Jhala and Babubhai Jesangbhai Desai, TMC's Derek O'Brien and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, and left to right in the bottom row, TMC's Dola Sen, BJP's Nagendra Ray and TMC's Sukhendu Sekhar Ray and Samirul Islam take oath as Rajya Sabha MPs, at Parliament House in New Delhi, Monday.

New Delhi, Aug 21 (PTI):

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar was among nine MPs who took the oath as members of the Rajya Sabha on Monday.

The oath was administered by Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar in the Rajya Sabha chamber in Parliament House.

Jaishankar took the oath in English. This is his second term as a Rajya Sabha MP. He was first elected in 2019.

Besides Jaishankar, the other BJP members who took the oath are Babubhai Jesangbhai Desai (Gujarat),

Kesrivedsinh Digvijaysinh Jhala (Gujarat), and Nagendra Ray (West Bengal).

Five Trinamool Congress MPs -- Derek O'Brien, Dola Sen, Sukhendu Sekhar Ray, Prakash Chik Baraik and Samirul Islam -- also took the oath.

O'Brien, Sen, Islam and Ray took the oath in Bengali.

Of the nine members who took oath on Monday, five are newly elected Nagendra Ray, Prakash Chik Baraik, Samirul Islam, Kesrivedsinh Jhala and Babubhai Jesangbhai Desai.

EXHIBITION ON CHANDRAYAAN -3



School students at an exhibition on Chandrayaan 3 at Swaminarayan Gurukul Vishwavidya Pratishthanam (SGVP), in Ahmedabad, Monday.

Delhi bureaucrat, wife arrested for rape of minor

New Delhi, Aug 21 (PTI):

A 51-year-old deputy director in the Woman and Child Development department of the Delhi government and his wife were arrested on Monday in connection with the rape of a minor girl, police said.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (north) Sagar

Singh Kalsi said police have arrested the bureaucrat and his 50-year-old wife both in connection with the incident.

"The accused have been identified as Premoday Khakha and his wife Seema Rani, residents of Shakti Enclave in Burari area. Seema is a housewife. The case was regis-

tered on August 13," Kalsi said.

Premoday Khakha has been accused of raping a minor girl several times between November 2020 and January 2021, a senior police officer had earlier said. Khakha's wife also allegedly gave the girl medicine to terminate her pregnancy.

Vedanta Aluminium accelerates industry transition to renewables

Bhubaneswar, Aug 21:

On the occasion of Akshay Urja Diwas, Vedanta Aluminium reiterates its commitment to further diversifying its power portfolio with renewable energy (RE) and sustainable alternates such as biofuels. Towards fulfilling this aim, the company has entered into long-term power delivery agreements to source over 1335 MW of renewable energy. This will comprise a mix of both solar and wind energy, which will together contribute to powering Vedanta Aluminium's operations across Odisha and Chhattisgarh. It will also result in a reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG)

emissions of ~3.2 million tonnes of CO2 per year, significantly contributing to Vedanta's decarbonization efforts.

Akshay Urja Diwas is a special initiative commenced in 2004 by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India. It encourages the wider adoption of renewable energy sources through technological innovation and decentralised power production. This encompasses several forms of renewable energy, comprising solar, wind, hydro and biofuels.

Vedanta Aluminium is also actively exploring the use of biofuels in its energy mix. The company has undertaken the usage of

biomass pellets and briquettes produced from agriculture residue across its operations, including at BALCO (Chhattisgarh), India's iconic aluminium producer and a subsidiary of Vedanta Aluminium, Jharsuguda (Odisha) home to one of the world's largest aluminium smelters, and Lanjigarh (Odisha), location of the company's world-class alumina refinery. Over the past two years, since the company has successfully piloted biofuel use at its expansive power operations, Vedanta Aluminium has utilised 11.29 KT of biofuels, leading to reduction of 16.07 tonnes of CO2 emissions.

This effort contributes to diversifying its energy

mix while also acting as a viable alternate fuel in case of conventional fuel shortages. Further, it provides an added impetus to boosting farmers' incomes by encouraging circular economy through the gainful utilisation of crop residue, which is otherwise disposed of through stubble burning.

Focused on achieving Net Zero by 2050, Vedanta Aluminium is working on a three-pronged approach towards decarbonizing its operations (i) increasing the quantum of renewable energy in its energy mix (ii) bolstering operational efficiencies to reduce energy consumption, and (iii) rapidly transitioning to low carbon, cleaner fuels and technologies.

Sunny Deol offers to repay loan, BoB calls of auction

Mumbai, Aug 21 (PTI):

Facing prospects of his bungalow in Mumbai being auctioned to recover unpaid loans, Bollywood actor Sunny Deol has offered to settle all outstanding dues, prompting state-owned lender Bank of Baroda to drop auction proceedings for the property.

The lender issued a statement on Monday, saying that Deol has offered to settle the dues, hours after it withdrew the public notice to auction the villa owned by the actor and sitting BJP Member of Parliament, citing technical reasons, a move that was questioned by Congress.

"In the meantime, the borrower has approached the bank for settling the dues as per the sale notice published on August 20, wherein the

borrower/guarantors were notified that they are entitled to redeem the securities by paying the outstanding dues/costs/charges and expenses at any time before the sale is conducted," the bank said.

Bank of Baroda said the auction notice was withdrawn after the borrower agreed to settle dues as well as due to certain technical reasons.

Explaining the technical reasons, the second largest public sector lender said the total dues did not specify the exact quantum of dues to be recovered. Also, the sale notice was based on a symbolic possession of the property as per Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. The bank said, an application to the chief metropolitan magistrate sent on August 1, 2023 seeking physical posses-

sion of the property is pending. "Since the unit is running as conveyed to us by the borrower, sale/auction will be initiated as per the provisions of the Sarfaesi Act, once the physical possession is taken."

Accordingly, the sale notice is withdrawn as per the normal industry practice followed in other cases as well, the lender said in a fresh statement.

In a public notice on Sunday, Bank of Baroda had said it would e-auction 'Sunny Villa' in the Juhu area of the city on September 25.

However, in a corrigendum issued on Monday, the bank said the e-auction notice published on August 20 stands withdrawn due to technical reasons. The Gurdaspur MP, whose latest movie Gadar 2 is a box office success having already

grossed over Rs 300 crore since the release last week, has been in default on a Rs 55.99 crore loan from the bank, interest and penalty, since December 2022.

As per Sunday's notice, the bank, which has attached the property, had fixed the reserve price for the auction at Rs 51.43 crore and an earnest money deposit of Rs 5.14 crore. Apart from Sunny Villa, the 599.44-square metre property also houses Sunny Sounds, which is owned by the Deols, and is the corporate guarantor to the loan, while Sunny's actor-politician father Dharmendra is the personal guarantor of the debt, according to the auction notice. The notice had further said the Deols had the option of clearing the dues of the bank to prevent the auction under the provisions of the Sarfaesi Act 2002.

Uddhav, Sanjay Raut plead not guilty in defamation case by Shinde group MP

Mumbai, Aug 21 (PTI):

Shiv Sena (UBT) leaders Uddhav Thackeray and Sanjay Raut on Monday pleaded not guilty in a case related to alleged defamatory articles published by the party mouthpiece Saamana against MP Rahul Shewale, a member of the rival faction led by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde.

Raut personally appeared before the metropolitan

(Mazgaon court), S B Kale, while Thackeray attended the proceeding via video conferencing. The duo pleaded not guilty to the allegations levelled against them after the magistrate read out the complaint.

Later, they were granted cash bail of Rs 15,000.

Thackeray and Raut will now face trial in the case and the matter has been adjourned till September 14 for recording evidence of the complainant, Shewale's lawyer

said. Shewale has sought action against Thackeray and Raut under Indian Penal Code sections 500 (punishment for defamation) and 501 (printing or engraving matter knowing it to be defamatory) for publishing 'defamatory articles' against him in the Marathi and Hindi editions of Saamana.

While Thackeray is the chief editor of Saamana, Raut is its executive editor. In the complaint, filed through advocate Chitra

Salunke, Shewale objected to the articles with the headline 'Rahul Shewale has hotel, real estate business in Karachi' published on December 29, 2022.

"The complainant strongly refuted all the allegations made in the said articles and categorically stated that this is merely a feeble attempt to damage the reputation and political career of the complainant by levelling false accusations against him to malign his image before

the public at large," the complaint read.

The articles were "concocted story", "devoid of any merits" and a classic example of "vendetta journalism", it added.

Shewale was elected from the Mumbai South Central Lok Sabha constituency as the nominee of Shiv Sena (undivided).

After Shinde rebelled against Thackeray's leadership last year, Shewale aligned with the rebel camp.

'Veer Nari' from J'khand, other brave women share tales of survival, courage

● On AWWA platform

New Delhi, Aug 21 (PTI): When my husband died in a counter-insurgency operation in Jammu and Kashmir, my saree turned white, green and saffron in grief," said an emotional Jaya Prabha Mahto, the wife of Lance Naik Raj Kumar Mahto, who felled to terrorists' bullets in 2004 in Kashmir's Baramulla. The Ranchi-native

described herself as a "Veer Nari" speaking at an event hosted by the Army Wives Welfare Association (AWWA) here on Monday.

"The word 'vidhwa' (widow) conveys a sense of 'weakness', but 'Veer Nari' gives a 'sense of empowerment'," she asserted at the event which had President Droupadi Murmu in attendance. Currently a science teacher at a government-run school in her home state, Jaya Prabha was

married at an early age, and lost her spouse in 2004, just after seven years of their marriage. "He was commissioned in the Jat Regiment of the Army in 1994, and then after his stint at several places, including Siachen and Sikkim, he had a three-year stint with the NSG in Delhi. He was posted in Delhi when the terrorist attack at Parliament took place," recalled the mother of two sons.

TRIBUTE TO MARTYR



Army jawans carry the mortal remains of the Havildar Vijay Kumar, who was killed in a road accident in Ladakh, at his native village Nehra in Shimla, Monday.

Those vaccinated before getting COVID-19 infection at lower risk of post-discharge mortality

New Delhi, Aug 21 (PTI):

A one-year follow-up of COVID-19 patients discharged from hospitals found that participants who received at least one dose of anti-Covid vaccination before contracting the coronavirus infection had a lower risk of post-discharge mortality, according to a study by ICMR.

Of the 14,419 participants who were followed up at least once between four weeks and one-year post-discharge, 942 (6.5 per cent) had died and the remaining (93.5 per cent) were reported alive at any contact during one year of follow-up.

They were from 31 hospitals across the country. "Participants who had received at least one dose

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of the anti-SARS-CoV-2 vaccine before their COVID-19 infection had a lower risk of post-discharge mortality," the study said.

Vaccination prior to the COVID-19 infection (at least a single dose) provided 60 per cent protection against post-discharge mortality.

People older than 40 years, men with comorbidities and those who had moderate to severe COVID-19 to begin with had a higher chance of all-cause mortality within one of discharge from hospital.

The study "Determinants of post-discharge mortality among hospitalised COVID-19 patients: Nested matched case-control analyses from the National Clinical Registry for COVID-19" has been published in the Indian Journal of Medical Research (IJMR).

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