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'Persons above 80 years of age, some PwDs can vote from home'

Thru postal ballots in Assly polls

Raipur, Aug 26:

Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar on Saturday said persons above 80 years of age and those with more than 40 per cent disability will be able to cast their votes from home through postal ballots in the upcoming Assembly elections in Chhattisgarh.



CEC Rajiv Kumar

There are more than 2 lakh voters above the age of 80 in the state, he said.

"Voters above the age of 80 years will have the facility to cast their votes from home and the same facility will be available to the persons with disabilities (more than 40 per cent). For this, they have to fill form 12D within five days of notification of the election," Kumar said at a press conference here.

These voters will also have a pick drop facility to the polling stations, he said. He said an intensive drive will be carried out to enrol as voters those who had been left out in five particularly vulnerable tribal groups (PVTGs) during the ongoing special summary revision (SSR)-2. Special summary revision of electoral rolls has been extended up to September 11, he added. Concerned

administrative and law enforcement authority have been directed to keep 105 check posts in the state operational with CCTV cameras installed there to prevent illegal movement of liquor, cash, freebies and drugs during polls, Kumar said.

An ECI team headed by Kumar held meetings with political parties, law enforcement agencies, district collectors and super-

intendents of police (SPs) as well as the state's chief secretary and director general of police and other officials during the last two days here.

Kumar further informed Chhattisgarh has 1.97 crore voters, comprising 98.5 lakh women and 98.2 lakh men and 762 transgenders.

Of the total voters, 4.43 lakh are first timers, 2,948 are centenarians, 1.47 lakh are persons with disabilities (PwD), 2.02 lakh voters are in the 80-plus age segment and 19,854 are service voters, he said.

"An intensive drive will be carried out to enrol left over electors belonging from five PVTGs- Abhujmaria, Kamar, Pahadi Korwa, Birhor and Baiga. These PVTGs have a population of 1.80 lakh and of them 1.15 lakh are over 18 years of age but only 1.13 lakh have been enrolled as voters," he said.

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No split in NCP: Sharad Pawar

Kolhapur, Aug 26 (PTI):

Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar on Saturday once again denied a split in his party, and said while it is true that some MLAs have left, legislators alone do not mean an entire political party.

Talking to reporters here, Pawar asserted that he is the national president of the NCP and Jayant Patil heads its state unit. "NCP has not split. While it is true that some MLAs

have left, MLAs don't mean a political party. Why give importance to rebels by taking their names," the former Union minister said when asked if he was being soft on the party rebels.

On Friday, when Pawar was asked about his daughter and party working president Supriya Sule's statement that NCP has not split and Ajit Pawar continues to be its leader, he said, "Yes...there is no dispute about it." But hours later, Pawar said he did not make any such statement.



Chandrayaan-3 touchdown point named 'Shiva Shakti': PM

Bengaluru, Aug 26 (PTI):

Conforming to a christening tradition, Chandrayaan-3's landing point on the Moon will be named "Shiv Shakti Point," a convergence of welfare and strength, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced on Saturday.

Modi flew down to Bengaluru this morning from the Greek capital of Athens to interact with ISRO scientists on the successful lunar mission and announced the decision to name the spot where the lander 'Vikram' touched down as "Shiv Shakti point." "Termining the success of Chandrayaan-3 mission as an 'extraordinary moment' in the history of India's space programme, Modi, who turned emotional, said the



PM Narendra Modi at success of Chandrayaan-3 Mission, at ISRO Telemetry Tracking and Command Network (ISTRAC) in Bengaluru, Saturday.

place where the Chandrayaan-2 lander crash-landed on the Moon's surface in 2019 would be known as "Tiranga Point." "There is a scientific tradition of naming the location of touch down. India has decided to name the lunar region where our Chandrayaan-3 landed.

The place Vikram lander descended will be known as Shiv Shakti point."

"In Shiv, there is resolution for the welfare of humanity and Shakti gives us strength to fulfil those resolutions. This Shiv Shakti Point of the moon also gives a sense of connection with Himalaya to Kanyakumari", the PM

Aug 23 will be celebrated as National Space Day

Declaring August 23 as the "National Space Day," Modi said it will celebrate the spirit of Science, Technology and Innovation, and inspire us for an eternity. A large number of people, many of them waving national flags, accorded a grand welcome to the PM outside the HAL airport, where he landed straight from Greece, and at Jalahalli Cross, close to ISTRAC. He also held a roadshow for a distance as people who lined up on either side of the roads cheered boisterously.

added. He said the new generation should come forward to scientifically prove the astronomical formulae in the scriptures of India and to study them anew.

2 Chandrayaan-3 mission objectives achieved: ISRO

Bengaluru: ISRO on Saturday said two of the three Chandrayaan-3 mission objectives have been achieved while the third -- in-situ scientific experiments -- is underway.

The national space agency headquartered here also said all the payloads of Chandrayaan-3 mission are performing normally. "Chandrayaan-3 Mission: Of the 3 mission objectives, demonstration of a safe and soft landing on the lunar surface is accomplished. Demonstration of Rover roving on the moon is accomplished. Conducting in-situ scientific experiments is underway.

Two Naxalites surrender

Sukma, Aug 26:

Two Naxalites, including a militia platoon member of the outlawed movement, surrendered in Chhattisgarh on Saturday, a police official said. Deva and Erra told police they were disappointed with the inhuman and hollow Maoist ideology and, therefore, had decided to lay down arms. Deva was a militia platoon member while Erra was part of the militia as well as an agriculture committee member under Korrosheguda Revolutionary People's Council (RPC) of the outlawed Communist Party of India (Maoist).

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said. "They were involved in several incidents of violence in Bhejni area in the district. Deva and Erra will be rehabilitated as per the state government's surrender policy," he added.

NCCF procures 2,826 tn onion from farmers for buffer stock

New Delhi, Aug 26 (PTI):

The National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India (NCCF) on Saturday said it has purchased 2,826 tonnes of onion at Rs 2,410 per quintal directly from farmers in the last four days mostly from Maharashtra as it resumed procurement of the bulb for a higher buffer stock.

The government enhanced the onion buffer stock target from 3 lakh tonnes to 5 lakh tonnes this year.

Two cooperatives, NCCF and NAFED, have been mandated to procure 1 lakh tonnes each directly from farmers at Rs 2,410 per quintal to avoid panic selling amid the imposition of an export curb to control domestic prices.

The two cooperatives are also disposing of the government's buffer stock of onion in both wholesale and retail markets to control the rising retail prices of onion, which at present are ruling up to Rs 60 per kg depending on the quality in Delhi and other cities.

10 killed in TN train fire mishap

Madurai, Aug 26 (PTI):

At least nine pilgrims bound for Rameswaram in Tamil Nadu met with a tragic end on Saturday when a fire broke out inside a stationary train compartment at the railway station here in the small hours of Saturday, the Southern Railway said. It also said a gas cylinder "illegally" taken inside the coach led to the blaze. Various angles including a possible gas leak having triggered the blaze are being probed. Tamil Nadu Commercial Taxes minister P Moorthy, deputised by Chief Minister M K Stalin to oversee relief ef-

Officials blame cylinder "illegally" taken inside for blaze



'Deeply pained by tragic loss of lives'

President Droupadi Murmu on Saturday said she was deeply pained to learn about the tragic loss of lives in a fire accident in a stationary train near Madurai junction in Tamil Nadu and prayed for the injured to make a speedy recovery. "Deeply pained to learn about the tragic loss of lives in a fire accident in a stationary train near Madurai junction, Tamil Nadu. I express my heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and pray for the speedy recovery of the injured," Murmu said in a post on X.

Grief-stricken family members share ordeal

Every morning his father would call him to update about the progress of his pilgrimage, but on Saturday Alok Singh was left shattered after receiving a call from an official. Shatru Daman Singh (65), Alok's father and a local jagery businessman in Sitapur, was among those who died in a fire incident in a train compartment in Tamil Nadu's Madurai which killed nine pilgrims and injured 20 others, officials said. A gas cylinder "illegally" taken inside the coach led to the blaze in the early hours of Saturday, they said.

forts, said five men and 4 women perished in the incident.

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CM Baghel writes to PM

'Probe toilet construction during BJP rule'

Raipur, Aug 26: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Saturday wrote a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking investigation into the toilet construction in the state during the previous BJP government.

Despite Chhattisgarh being declared as an Open Defecation-Free (ODF) state in 2018, around 15 lakh families are yet to have access to advanced toilet facilities, he claimed.

Baghel also demanded an incentive of Rs 30,000 for toilet construction for these families instead of Rs 12,000.

In the letter, the CM highlighted the findings of

the National Family Health Survey-6 (2019-21) conducted by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, which showed that 88.2 percent of urban families and 73.5 percent of rural families in Chhattisgarh have access to advanced toilet facilities. Overall, 76.8 percent of families in the state are using advanced toilet facilities, he pointed out. These statistics were corroborated through inspection during the recent social and economic survey conducted by the state government, Baghel said.

During the previous (BJP) government, 32 lakh toilets were constructed at

a total cost exceeding Rs 4,000 crore and the state was declared as ODF in January 2018, he said.

But around 15 lakh families still lack access to advanced toilet facilities which is a matter of concern and should be investigated, he said in the letter.

There should be an independent investigation into the issue, Baghel said.

He also requested approval for the construction of toilets in the Left-Wing Extremism-affected and inaccessible areas through the gram panchayats.

Raman Singh-led BJP government was in power in the state from 2003 to 2018.

Raipur runs for voter awareness on Marine Drive

● Walkathon 2023

Raipur, Aug 26: A walkathon was organized today from Marine Drive Telibandha to make voters aware about voting during the upcoming assembly elections in the state. The walkathon was motivated to ensure 100% voting and to include the names of all people who are 18 years of age or above in the voter list. The walkathon started in the morning from Marine Drive located at Telibandha Talab and followed its course through Ghadi Chowk-Collectorate before coming back to Marine Drive. At the beginning of the walkathon, the members of the Election Commission signed the board and wrote a message to the people to vote and appealed to exercise their right to vote in the upcoming



elections.

Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar along with Election Commissioners Anup Chandra Pandey and Arun Goyal, Deputy Election Commissioner Hridesh Kumar, Senior Deputy Election Commissioner

Dharmendra Sharma and Nitesh Vyas, Deputy Election Commissioners Manoj Kumar Sahu and RK Gupta and Deputy Election Commissioner Ashok Kumar were present at the walkathon.

Election Commission of India Chief Election

Commissioner Rajiv Kumar along with Commissioners duo Anoop Chandra Pandey and Arun Goyal, Deputy Election Commissioners of India Hridesh Kumar, Senior Deputy Election Commissioner Dharmendra Sharma and

Nitesh Vyas, Deputy Election Commissioners Manoj Kumar Sahoo and RK Gupta, Deputy Election Commissioner Ajay Bhadoo, Director General B Narayanan, Director Yashvendra Singh, Director (IT) Ashok Kumar, Senior Principal Secretary NN Butolia, Principal Secretary SB Joshi, Joint Director Anuj Chandak and Under Secretary Ritesh Singh also attended. During this, Chief Electoral Officer of Chhattisgarh Reena Baba Saheb Kangale, Commissioner Sanjay Alang, Inspector General of Police Ratan Lal Dangi, Collector Sarveshwar Bhure, SSP Prashant Agarwal along with Municipal Corporation Commissioner Mayank Chaturvedi and CEO District Panchayat Avinash Mishra were also present in walkathon.

CM seeks release of outstanding payment of Rs 6,000 cr

Raipur, Aug 26: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Saturday wrote a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, seeking the release Rs 6,000 crore due to the state agencies related to rice under the decentralized procurement scheme. The "Government of India/Food Corporation

of India" is yet to release outstanding payments of around Rs 6,000 crore to the state agencies, the letter claimed.

The state government has to bear a huge financial burden in disposal of paddy left after depositing rice in the central pool (through FCI) and the Centre does not com-

pensate the state for this disposal of surplus paddy, Baghel pointed out.

In view of the seriousness of the situation, the prime minister should direct the concerned authorities to settle all outstanding payments in a time-bound manner, the letter said.

NMDC's Nagarnar steel plant in Bastar starts production

Raipur, Aug 26: NMDC's Nagarnar steel plant (NSP) in Chhattisgarh's Bastar district has commenced production, company officials said. The plant achieved the feat of producing its final product - HR (hot rolled) Coil on Thursday just nine days after the production of hot metal, they said.

The 3 million tonne per annum capacity steel plant of the National Mineral Development Corporation - a central PSU, has been built at a cost of approximately Rs 24,000 crore over an area of 1,980 acres in Nagarnar village, more than 300 km away from capital Raipur.

"On August 12, Amitava Mukherjee, acting CMD and Director Finance of NMDC had blown in the plant's blast furnace and set the ball rolling for the final commissioning. The production of the final product - HR Coil was started from Thursday, just nine days after production of Hot Metal in the unit," Rafique Ahmed Jinabade, the plant's General Manager and Chief of Communications said in a statement. "For over six decades we had been playing a pivotal role in the domestic steel market as a supplier of quality iron ore. With Thursday's (HR coil production) development we emerge as the

newest entrant in the domestic steel market and have put Bastar on the steel map," Mukherjee said.

Steel Plant's competitive advantage also stems from its iron ore supply linkage with Bailadila mines (in Dantewada district), barely 100 km from Nagarnar. The plant will also be producing special types of steels to be used in manufacture of generators, motors, transformers and automobiles at a later stage, it added.

Amid reports of disinvestment of the NSP, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Sunday (August 20) said the central government should not privatize it. Baghel had also claimed that the state government wants to run the plant but the central government is not allowing it to do so. Emotions of the people of Bastar are connected to this plant and the Centre should not play with it he had said. In 2020, in a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Baghel had urged the Centre not to privatise the upcoming steel plant and in the same year the Chhattisgarh assembly had passed a resolution stating that the house urges the Centre not to disinvest the NSP but if it is done, the state government is ready to buy it.

Experts impart high quality CPR training



● Workshop on Basic Life Support and Advanced Cardiac Life Support course

Raipur, Aug 26; High quality CPR training was imparted to the participants on the last day of 13th workshop on Basic Life Support and Advance Cardiac Life Support Course, conducted by the American Heart Association in the Department of Anesthesia and Pain Medicine of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Medical College and Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Memorial Hospital, Raipur. Early identification of reversible causes of cardiac

arrest and their management were also explained on the occasion. All the candidates participating in this course were tested after which certificates were distributed to those who passed.

Through the workshop, life-saving training was provided to doctors, nursing, paramedical staff, police and general public so that they can save precious lives of patients with timely and appropriate services in case of sudden cardiac arrest or other emergency, informed Dr Pratibha Jain Shah, Head Instructor of this course. Advance Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) is a life-saving protocol used to provide immediate treatment in cardiac emergencies such as cardiac arrest, stroke, myocardial infarction and

other conditions. It can increase the survival rate in heart failure emergencies.

The protocol of this procedure includes prompt recognition of cardiac arrest and activation of emergency response system, initial high quality CPR with chest compressions, rapid defibrillation, effective advanced life support, integrated care after cardiac arrest. It teaches life saving management methods in emergency situations.

Apart from Dr. Pratibha Jain Shah, Dr. Darshan Makwana, Dr. Sapna Gupta, Dr. Pallavi Palate, Dr. Santosh Singh, Dr. Anisha Nagriya and Dr. Shivam Patel from Emergency Medicine also served as course instructors and trained participants.

Congress ignoring liquor prohibition due to illegal earning: BJP

● Spokesperson Anurag Singhdeo questions the manifesto work of Congress



Raipur, Aug 26: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Saturday alleged that the illegal earning through liquor has become main sources of revenue for the Congress which is the reason behind the AICC leader in-charge of Congress in Chhattisgarh Sheilja Kumari has termed that the liquor prohibition is not an issue for the party.

BJP Spokesperson Anurag Singhdeo while addressing a press conference at party office said that Congress does not

need to draft election manifesto as the Congress government has yet to deliver the promises made to the people in the election manifesto of last polls.

He said that illegal earning of nearly Rs 2000 crore through liquor has made it clear that Congress does not want to impose liquor prohibition as promises to the people.

Anurag Singhdeo further added that Congress party has lost the confi-

dence of senior leaders who have reportedly refused to be part of the election manifesto for the upcoming polls. He added that the senior leaders know that they would not be able to ensure implementation of the election manifesto if voted to power. He further stated that Congress has made several announcements but has failed to implement the decisions taken in the public interest.

Specialist Doctors discuss in depth on brain and spine surgery in seminar

● 3-day national seminar CGMP Neurocon 2023 begins



Raipur, Aug 26: The three-day national seminar CGMP Neurocon 2023 under the joint aegis of Society of Neuroscientists, India (SON) and Chhattisgarh Association of Neuroscientists (CAN) began on Saturday. During this, doctors from all over the country had an in-

depth discussion on brain and spine surgery. Specialist doctors said that in this conference, along with discussing in detail about the remarkable progress made in the field of Neuro, new medical possibilities were discussed. Brain and spine complications ranging from minor to severe were discussed in depth.

Dr. SN Madhariya, Senior Surgeon, Brain and Spine, Chairman of the Organizing Committee ad-

ressing the scribes here said that during this three-day conference new discoveries and progress are being discussed so that information about unique and transformative discoveries can be obtained. Experts are sharing their views and experiences on the latest surgical approaches by interviewing each other. In addition, cases that have promoted successful outcomes are discussed and efforts are also discussed to help

shape the future of brain and spine surgery. Doctors shared their experiences through study and paper presentation on subjects like Spine, Brain, Sleeping Disorders, Posture Defects, Modern Techniques of Complex Spinal Surgery, new innovations and inventions in the 3-Day National Seminar CGMP Neurocon 2023. 200 neurosurgeons and neurologists from across the country are participating in this seminar.

Anand-Akash to be part of 'Brands of Tomorrow'

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Aug 26: Noted Entrepreneurs from City Ashish Agrawal and Akash Agrawal would be showcasing their skills in the show "Brands of Tomorrow" to be aired soon. Both of them are among six teams of entrepreneurs who would narrate their success story.

Other prominent starts-up to be part of the Disney Hotstars show include the brands owned by cinestar Sunil Sheity, Shradha Kapoor, Cricketer Rishabh Pant and Kabir Bedi. JOFF Foods' co founder brothers from Raipur are excited about the show and



stated that it is an achievement for them to be part of another show after their successful stint in Shark Tank. In the programme prepared, the famous landmark of Raipur city including Ghadi Chowk and Raipur Municipal Corporation (RMC) building as well as adjoining area too have been covered.

They said that they want to encourage and motivate other entrepreneurs who want to start own start-up.

It is notable that they had entered into the start up after successfully completing their management degree from Australia.

CM IN NEUROCON 2023



Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel attended 21st CGMP Neurocon 23, organised at a private hotel in Raipur today.



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Inter-departmental meeting held for successful implementation of 'Nutrition Month' 2023

Nutrition month will be celebrated from September 1 to 30
Wider publicity will have to be done to reduce the level of malnutrition and anemia



Raipur, Aug 26: An inter-departmental meeting was held on Friday in the Directorate of Women and Child Development for the preparation of organising National Nutrition Month in Chhattisgarh state. Nodal officers of all departments and voluntary organizations should be present in the meeting. All the nodal officers were informed that this year also between September 01 to 30, 2023, National Nutrition Month program a success.

It is worth mentioning that in order to reduce the level of malnutrition and anemia by the Government of India, Nutrition Month is organised every year in the country in September as a public movement to increase public awareness and for widespread publicity and effective behavior change related to health, nutrition and cleanliness to the masses.

Mr. Dildar Singh Maravi, Joint Director, Women Child Development, Assistant Director, Women Child Development, State Advisor of Nutrition Campaign and nodal officers of various departments and representatives of voluntary organisations were present in the meeting.

Accused arrested with 3 cartons of Goa 1 foreign liquor



Jagdalpur, Aug 26: Police Station Kotwali of the district investigated the Activa vehicle in Kudalgaon. In the investigation, after searching the goods kept in the sack in the foot of the vehicle, Goa Whiskey English liquor was found in 3 cartons in his possession. In this 150 were quarter bottles, with each having of 180 ml of liquor in it. In this way a total of 27000 ml liquor was seized. Along with this the vehicle was also seized. The estimated market value of the liquor has been pegged at Rs 19,500. The accused Mukesh Sethia was arrested in the case. An offense under 34(2) of the Excise Act was registered against the accused in Police Station Kotwali. The accused was arrested and sent on judicial remand.

400 new vehicles allocated to Dial 100/112 Service

In order to strengthen Emergency Response

Finance Department approved Rs 33 cr, vehicles will be purchased soon

Scheme promises to extend emergency response services to all districts across the state

Raipur, Aug 26: The police emergency response service Dial 100/112, which aids in providing assistance in emergency situations, will receive an allocation of 400 new vehicles. Under the guidance of

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, the Finance Department has approved a budget of Rs 33 crores for the procurement of these vehicles. These vehicles will be distributed across all 33 districts of the state. In 2018, this scheme was introduced in 11 districts, leading to the purchase of 252 vehicles. While most of the vehicles purchased in 2018 have completed their mileage, some are expected to reach that point in the coming months. Therefore, the necessity for new vehicles arose to effectively manage this system and to deploy the new vehicles in all districts.

According to the approval provided by the Central Purchase Committee, the purchase of vehicles will be conducted through the online

order issuance in the Government e-Marketplace (GEM) system, based on the availability and rates of vehicles listed on the website.

It's worth mentioning that this service has proved its utility during emergency situations by swiftly delivering necessary help to citizens. With the integration of 400 new vehicles into this service, its emergency response capacity will be further strengthened, expanding its benefits to a larger population. The state government has recognized the significance of this scheme and has granted administrative approval for its implementation throughout the entire state. As a result, provisions have been made to purchase new vehicles for the service.

IIT Bhilai witnessed the historic moon landing of Chandrayaan-3



Raipur, Aug 26: Chandrayaan-3, India's lunar exploration mission is a historical achievement that will be remembered forever, said PM Narendra Modi on achieving of this feat by ISRO on Wednesday. The IIT Bhilai community witnessed this momentous occasion along with the entire country. The live telecast of the event was screened in the presence of Prof. Rajiv Prakash, Director IIT Bhilai. It was a great opportunity for young minds to witness history in the making. It highlighted once more that India is a powerhouse in the sciences such as astronomy and space-science, and its engineering capabilities in launching such great missions is enormous. IITs are an example of the in-house talent and training in India.

Expressing pride on the occasion, Prof. Rajiv Prakash shared his vision for IIT Bhilai as a leading institute in scientific research, astronomy, space-science and engineering with students and faculty members. He added that IIT Bhilai has excellent faculty leading in research and teaching and bright young students full of energy. The institute has cutting edge equipment and infrastructure along with engineering capabilities. IIT Bhilai is a beacon of excellence in technical education, and it is pioneering scientific research in the Chhattisgarh region. The institute, under the leadership of Prof. Rajiv Prakash, is a nursery of talent that will flow into organizations such as ISRO and carry on these traditions to make history for India.

State Election Commission conducts EVM awareness and training

At Kalinga University

Central Chronicle News

Naya Raipur, Aug 26: Kalinga University is a reputed educational institution in Central India. For providing innovation and quality education, the university has been granted B+ recognition by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). It is the only private university in Chhattisgarh, which is included in the NIRF Ranking in the year 2022 and 2023 in the band of top 101-150 Universities. The students are trained through high-quality multidisciplinary research-focused education and skill development programs to inculcate innovation in the students as per the global benchmarks to develop a sense of responsible citizens with the development of leadership power.

On 23rd August 2023, Kalinga University successfully organized an awareness and training session in collaboration



with the State Election Commission of Chhattisgarh to educate students on "How to use Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) during elections" on the university campus.

The event was graced by experienced election officials Rahul Indulkar, Master trainer Vinay Agrawal and Gajju Lal Sahu (patwari) who shared their expertise on the functioning of EVMs and the importance of effective voting. With the forthcoming elections on the horizon, the initiative was especially beneficial for the students who will be casting their votes for the very first time.

Election Officials started the event with an in-

sightful presentation, shedding light on the significance of participating in the democratic process and making the right choice. Gajju Lal Sahu provided hands-on practical training on how to use the EVM machines with ease.

The opportunity for students in attendance to get practical experience was one of the event's highlights. The Election Commission set up a fully operational EVM machine so that students may practice casting ballots.

They were introduced to the EVM technology through this real exposure, which also gave them more confidence to actively participate in fu-

ture elections.

Dr. Sandeep Gandhi, Registrar of Kalinga University, expressed gratitude to the Election Commission for their collaboration and stated, "Empowering our students with the knowledge and skills to engage in the democratic process is a key step towards creating responsible citizens". We appreciate the Election Commission's cooperation in making this event successful.

The students enthusiastically participated in the event, which came to a successful conclusion with an enhanced understanding of the electoral process and a stronger sense of civic responsibility.

Stray cattle acting as big hindrance in movement of traffic



Dial helpline number 1100 Nidan to give information about stray cattle on roads

Central Chronicle News

Jagdalpur, Aug 26: To get rid of the problem of stray cattle in the city, the district administration and the municipal corporation are working jointly these days. Under the Roka-Cheka campaign under the guidance of Collector Vijay Dayaram, the corporation is continuously taking action to catch stray animals from the city. Corporation Commissioner Haresh

Mandavi said that action is being taken by the corporation to catch stray cattle sitting on the road in various routes of the city. These stray cattle are being caught and kept in Gauthan (Kanji House) located at Parpa.

He said that along with this, the residents of the city can complain on 1100 diagnosis number to get rid of the problem caused by stray animals sitting on the square intersection, roads, national highways and state roads. On this complaint, the employees of the corporation will go to the said area and catch the stray animals. The commissioner has appealed to the animal owners of the city not to leave the cattle in the open.

'Sawan' festival organised by Kesharwani Samaj



Sheorinarayan, Aug 26: A grand program of Sawan Mahotsav was organized on Wednesday by Kesharwani women in a very gaiety atmosphere at Sheorinarayan Kesharwani Kalyan Bhavan. Under this program, various groups of women performed short dramas and sang songs of Sawan. and dances were

also performed on the religious tunes of Sawan.

According to the performance of the women in the short drama, 'Sawan Sundari' was also selected, in this short drama Sandhya. Neha stood first, Rashmi Bela Kesharwani and Draupadi Kesharwani and Sandya Kesharwani were crowned Sawan Sundari.

Ch'garh records an average rainfall of 719.9 mm so far

Bijapur district records maximum rainfall in the state

Raipur, Aug 25: According to the information gathered by the State Revenue and Disaster Management Department through the State Control Room, the state has recorded an average rainfall of 719.9 mm from June 1, 2023, till now. Analyzing the rainfall data from June 1 to the morning of August 25, the Bijapur district experienced the highest average rainfall of 1258.3 mm, while the Surguja district recorded the lowest average at 336.0 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 655.3 mm has been registered, while Balarampur has experienced 687.2 mm, Jashpur has recorded 589.0 mm, and the Koriya and Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur districts have recorded 705.2 mm and 713.8 mm of average rainfall respectively.

Similarly, 823.1 mm in Raipur district, 723.1 mm in Balodabazar, 658.3 mm in Gariaband, 750.2 mm in Mahasamund, 721.4 mm in Dhamtari, 733.4 mm in Bilaspur, 884.0 mm in

Mungeli, 803.6 mm in Raigarh, 660.6 mm in Sarangarh-Bilaigarh. Average rainfall of 614.3 mm was recorded in Janjgir-Champa, 606.6 mm in Sakti, 708.5 mm in Korba, 733.0 mm in Gaurala-Pendra-Marwahi, 578.3 mm in Durg, 559.7 mm in Kabirdham district, 780.6 mm in Rajnandgaon, 915.9 mm in Mohla-Manpur-Ambargarh Chowki, 745.3 mm in Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai, 763.9 mm in Balod, 556.8 mm in Bemetara, 728.1 mm in Bastar, 665.3 mm in Kondagaon, 677.1 mm in Kanker, 642.4 mm in Narayanpur, 822.3 mm in Dantewada and 1046.8 mm in Sukma since June 1.

Action will be taken against those selling packaged food items without labels

In view of Rakshabandhan festival, intensive investigation will continue on sweet shops

FSSAI issued instructions for sweet sellers

Strict action will be taken on doing food business without food license

Central Chronicle News

Bijapur, Aug 26: FSSAI has issued instructions earlier to the sweet sellers, according to which they should display the date of manufacture of sweets and the shelf life of sweets on the sweet trays displayed in the display counter of sweets in their shops is mandatory. But many sweet sellers are not following this instruction.

Food Safety Department's Designated Officer cum SDM Bijapur Mr. Pawan Kumar Premi has appealed to all the food vendors to strictly follow the instructions of FSSAI. Do not sell unlabeled food items. The date of manufacture, use-by date and full address of



the manufacturing firm must be mentioned in the label. If producer not able to address the firm and the date of manufacture of the food item, then legal action will be taken against the concerned seller assuming full responsibility.

Samples of sweets were collected by the team of Food and Drug Administration after inspecting the sweet shops of Bijapur city. Senior Food Safety Officer Mr. Ashish Yadav told that after receiving the test report of food samples, court action will be taken on the cases found non-standard. It was informed by SDM Mr. Pawan Kumar Premi that in view of the upcoming Rakshabandhan festival, the team of the Food Safety Department will continue to specially monitor the sweet shops

in all the areas of the district.

If the date of use is not mentioned, action will be taken against them. In the festival season, it is also often seen those two days before the festival, many people who do not have food license on the roadside do business by setting up pandals and decorating temporary stalls/shops of sweets. Clear instructions and strict warning are given to all such people that they should compulsorily start food business by taking food registration or food license before setting up their shop. During the inspection, taking strict action against such temporary stall holders without food license, the team of Food Safety Department and District Administration will be bound to remove their stalls.

SP Bemetara holds meeting with gazetted officers

Along with all police station in-charges of the district

In view of upcoming assembly elections 2023

Bemetara, Aug 26: SP Bemetara, took information about crime control and minor act cases. In this he directed to maintain informer/sources for crime control; to take action on illegal liquor sale; illegal sale of

drugs ganja, gambling, betting and other drugs to police station/outpost in-charge, sections 107, 116 (3), 109, 110 J.F. He also asked to take preventive action under Section 173 (8) of the Excise Act, absconding accused and 299 absconding accused, Minor Act, District 'Badar' and bound over action, pending summons, pending warrant and operation.

By running the Eagle campaign, the standing warrants will be served and strict action will be taken and would keep a close watch on the habitual



accused of property related crimes, in view of the upcoming assembly elections 2023. The station in-charges will inspect the polling stations and make arrangements for the stay of the police force and other necessary actions.

He also directed for taking preventive action against anti-social elements and surveil-

lance miscreants, hooligans, hooligans/fights after drinking alcohol, banning carrying of weapons during the election period, security and communication arrangements of polling stations, complete security of each polling station. He took information about the arrangements done so far. If there is a deficiency, to ensure that it is rectified by informing the concerned, keeping in view the upcoming assembly elections, the in-charge of the police station himself should visit the police station area and monitor

the miscreants and check hooligan miscreants, convicted, suspects. In the said meeting, SP Pankaj Patel, SDOP Berla Tejram Patel, DSP Rajesh Kumar Jha, DSP Kamal Narayan Sharma, Solution Cell in-charge DSP Mrs. Kaushilya Sahu, Security Inspector Mukesh Joshi, Steno Ajay Kumar Dewangan and all police station/outpost in-charge, SP Reader Sauni Vishnu Sapre, DSB, DCB in-charge and other police officers were present.

Workshop organised on Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 26: On the direction of the State Legal Services Authority, Bilaspur, the District Legal Services Authority, Durg organised a workshop on the "Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007". The one day workshop / training program was organized under the guidance of District Judge/Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Durg, Neeta Yadav at the auditorium of the District Court, Durg on Friday.

Additional District and Sessions Judge Sanjeev Kumar Tamak was the resource person in the workshop. Vivek Netam (9th Civil Judge Class-2 Durg), Poyal Topno (6th Civil Judge Class-2 Durg), Ashish Dahariya (Secretary District Legal Services Authority, Durg) were prominently present. Vinay Kumar Soni, Joint



Collector, Durg / Sub-Divisional Officer (R) Dhamdha, Vipul Kumar Gupta, Joint Collector Durg /Sub-Divisional Officer (R) Patan and CS Kanwar, Tehsildar Dhamdha, Prafulla Gupta, Addl Tehsildar Durg, all councillors of Legal Aid Defence Counsel System Durg, panel advocates and all paralegal volunteers of District Legal Services Authority Durg and others attended the workshop.

Addressing the workshop, ADJ Sanjeev Kumar Tamak detailed the provisions of the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007. He said that this Act was established to provide rights to parents and senior citizens. He said that today the parents and senior citizens are being deprived of their rights. Describing the changing social scenario to be responsible for this situation, he said that people must understand their expected role in the society/home.

"We have to explain to the common people of the society what should be their role in the society/home", he said. Apart from this, giving detailed information to the participants/officers of the tribunal present in the workshop about the work to be done in the tribunal under the above act, he explained how the help of police department, medical department and other departments can be taken under the said Act.

He explained the Paralegal Volunteers about their role and urged them to help the elderly

people in every possible way. He motivated them to provide necessary assistance to the elderly in getting their rights. The participants also got their doubts cleared.

Resource Person Vivek Netam, Ninth Civil Judge Class-2 Durg, in his speech highlighted the objectives of the "Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007". He explained the provisions mentioned in Sections 4, 7, 10 Section 11 and Section 11(2), Section 12, 15, 16, 23, 19, 20, 24 27 and Section 34.

Poyal Topno, 6th Civil Judge, Class-II, Durg, in his speech, explained about Section 32 of the Act and the rules for implementing the purposes of the Act. She said that the case in this regard is filed in the Tribunal. She gave detailed information about the process of its disposal after the case was presented before the tribunal.

The Rajya Sabha MP and BJP National Vice

Dr Saroj Pandey felicitates parents of Chandrayaan 3 fame Bharat Kumar



Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 26: In the team of India's most ambitious mission Chandrayaan 3, Bharat Kumar, a resident of Charoda, was also a member.

The Rajya Sabha MP and BJP National Vice

President Saroj Pandey accompanied by local councillor and BJP Mandal President Sushma Jethani and other party workers visited the residence of Bharat Kumar in Charoda and met the parents and felicitated them.

She congratulated them for this achievement of

their son. She said "Today it is a matter of pride for us that this youth of Chhattisgarh's soil is working as a member of the Chandrayaan 3 team and his contribution in making the country a world leader in the field of space is invaluable even today and in the future."

Married woman commits suicide

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 26: A 38-year-old married woman allegedly committed suicide on the intervening night of Saturday. The deceased was a mother of two children and was in stress after the death of her mother. She left home on Friday evening after an altercation with her husband. On Saturday morning, her body was found in a pond at Sector 7.

According to information, the deceased was Preeti Singh (38) wife of Manish Singh a resident of B-Market, Sector 6. On Friday evening, she had an argument with her husband over some issue.

When irked Preeti went out of the house, her husband thought that she might have gone on the terrace and will return after some time. Later he realised that Preeti was missing. As she was not responding to the mobile calls, Manish tried to search for her at all possible places but she was not found.

On Saturday morning, a person found her phone on the banks of Sector 7 pond and informed Manish about the phone. Later, Preeti's body was recovered from the pond. After preparing an inquest, police sent the body for autopsy. Further investigations are on.

Sri Sankara Vidyalaya-X organises Investiture Ceremony

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 26: The most auspicious occasion the investiture ceremony of Sri Sankara Vidyalaya Sector-X was held on August 26, 2023 with full zeal and enthusiasm. It was really a momentous day for the entire Sankara Fraternity.

The Chief Guest of the day was Rajat Diwedi (Retd Group Captain) presently working in the capacity of Head of Central India, National Technical Research Organisation, under the Prime Minister's office. The ceremony commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp and garlanding of the portraits of Goddess Saraswati and Adi Guru Shankracharya by the es-



teemed chief guest and the principal of Sri Sankara Vidyalaya followed by the welcoming of the chief guest by bouquet presentation.

The ceremony began with the introduction by Anita Varma. The school prefectural body and the house prefectural body was conferred with their respective posts by pin-

ning of badges and sashes by the honorable chief guest and principal. The oath of office was administered by principal Bipin Deshmukh and respective house wardens.

Aastha Jha was conferred with the post of Head Girl and Krish Agarwal with the post of Head Boy, Joint Head Girl - Archita Agarwal, Joint



Head Boy-Shourya Awasthi, Cultural Secretary - Anushka Pathak and K Vinay, Sports Secretary - Aditi Kothari and Md Zeeshan, Discipline Secretary - Kirti Singh and Jatun Wadhvani.

Motivational songs on this occasion were presented by Aadya Tiwari, Hrishita Halder and

Simart Kaur. This was followed by an enthusiastic speech by the newly elected head boy, Krish Agrawal. Anushka Pathak, Cultural Secretary also spoke on this occasion.

Bipin Deshmukh, principal SSV addressed the gathering and motivated the newly elected body to perform their duties with sincerity and integrity. He

congratulated all of them on this great achievement.

The chief guest Rajat Diwedi showered his blessings and congratulated the office bearers and also motivated the other children to strive for excellence and he asserted that there is no short cut to success.

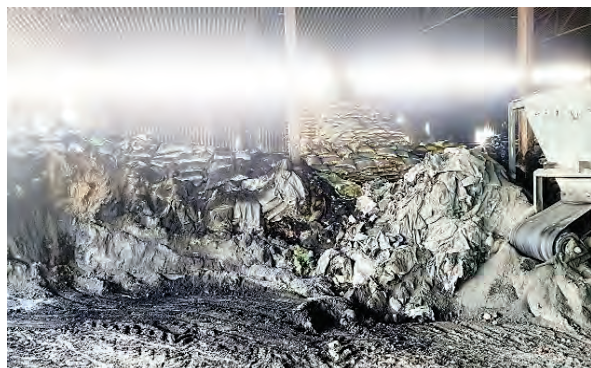
V Ramachandran, President (SSES), S Swaminathan, Secretary (SSES), TR Venkatraman (Treasurer) congratulated the prefectural body and inspired them to take the school to newer heights. The programme was completed by Anita Varma and Dr Debanjali Mukherjee. Vote of thanks was proposed by S Smita house warden (Vayu House). The programme concluded with the National Anthem.

Agri Deptt conducts surprise inspection at Compound Fertilizer Manufacturing Unit

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 26: To ensure the availability of high-quality fertilizers, seeds and pesticides for the farmers of the district in Kharif 2023 season, the Agriculture Department is continuously inspecting the concerned private and cooperative establishments of the district. The agriculture department is conducting an intensive campaign as per the instructions of Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena.

In this sequel, a joint team of Deputy Director Agriculture Lalit Mohan Bhagat, Senior Agriculture Development Officer Saurabh Verma, Development Block Inspector Durg Naveen Khobragade, Rural Agriculture Extension



Officer Anil Kumar Chandrakar and Driver Yadusudan Thackeray conducted a surprise inspection at the Compound Fertilizer Manufacturing Factory - M/s Suhane Agro (India) Private Limited in Hathkhohj on 25 August 2023.

After inspection, samples of fertilizer 1630:0:3; 20:20:10-1, Single Super Phosphate 16 percent

manufactured at the Compound Fertilizer Manufacturing Factory were collected and sent to the laboratory for quality testing. During inspection, the team discovered use and storage of 10 years old raw material in the Compound Fertilizer Manufacturing Factory. Old raw material can cause deficiencies in the quality of manufactured



fertilizers. The factory officials were unable to produce the maintained stock register and other documents related to production. The manufacturer has been issued a show cause notice and directed to submit the reply within 03 days.

Along with this, action will be taken to seal the Compound Fertilizer

Manufacturing Factory under the provisions of the Fertilizer (Control) Order 1985, if satisfactory reply is not submitted within the time period. The Deputy Director Agriculture instructed the manufacturer to manufacture good quality input material for fertilizers and to store fertilizers as per rules in dry, ventilated places.

iSEE Training organised at Bhilai Steel Plant's Plate Mill

Central Chronicle News



Bhilai, Aug 26: iSEE Training was organized at SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Plate Mill under the Behavioural Interventions Cross Functional Team (BICFT) on August 24, 2023, at Plate Mill Conference Hall. Tapas Dasgupta, CGM I/c (Iron) was the Chief Guest on this occasion. The One Day Training was provided to the Plate Mill employees to make them aware of the rules of safety.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Guest Tapas

Dasgupta said that adhering to the rules of safety and using Behavioural Interventions in daily work are of paramount importance for working at the Plant. Speaking on the role of training in this programme, RK Bisare, CGM (Plate Mill) said that, it is the collective responsibility of all of us to keep our department clean and accident free. SK Agarwal, GM (Safety) also spoke on the importance of iSEE Training on this occasion.

Ghulam Ashraf, OCT (BF) and Ganesh Kumar

Master Technician (EMD) were the trainers of the day-long iSEE Training, followed by its Practical Training at the shop floor.

Sanjay Tripathi, Spokesperson, (BICFT-P Mill), Rajeev Sontake, Cluster I/c (BICFT) and Satya Narayan Mehar also contributed for conducting the training successfully. The trainees congratulated the Plate Mill collective for organizing the training and promised to ensure safety at the workplace by doing C rounds in the mill in real time.

Dengue Prevention Campaign continues in Sector-2, Penalties Imposed

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 26: In view of the rising cases of dengue in Durg and Bhilai, the Public Health Department, under the TSD of SAIL-BSP and Durg Malaria Eradication Department, of Government of Chhattisgarh is jointly running an intense Dengue and other mosquito-borne diseases prevention campaign. In spite of this intense campaign the dengue cases are on rise.

On August 26, 2023, 1,792 houses in the township were surveyed and intensive Spraying and fogging were carried out under this campaign at as many as 90 houses. In view of the possibility of Mosquito Larvae breeding, stagnant water sources were immediately



cleaned at 1,557 spots. 153 houses were found with spots having mosquito larvae, which were cleaned and sprayed with medicines along with Temephos distribution at 1,220 houses.

Oiling, spraying of medicines in the backline, fogging with portable mist blower machines etc., along with pamphlet distribution



and loudspeaker announcements were also done in Sector-2 areas to raise awareness. It is noteworthy that in spite of repeated warning to clean the surroundings, repetitive presence of mosquito larvae was found at 5 places in Sector-2 area, including two commercial complexes and three residences. The Nagar



Nigam officials have imposed penalties to the owners of such places for negligence. KK Yadav, GM (TSD), also observed the campaign on behalf of SAIL-BSP at the township, and has issued strict warnings to those individuals at whose premises where mosquito larvae were found.

All Bhilai residents have

been requested to keep a strict vigil and make collective efforts to check mosquito infestation around them. The residents are requested to adhere to special precautionary measures. BSP's Public Health Department has made an appeal to the common public to take precautionary measures at individual as well as collective

levels to ensure everyone's safety.

The stagnant water at vacant lands and other open containers during the monsoon serve as viable conditions for breeding of dengue-causing Aedes mosquitoes, due to water-logged open containers lying around the residences. As many as 48 Mosquito-Breeding Checkers have also been hired by the Plant's Public Health Department on payment-basis from Durg Malaria Eradication Department since June 13, 2023. The Breeding Checkers are visiting door-to-door and inspecting mosquito larvae and spraying medicines, besides making people aware of prevention and precautionary measures of mosquito-borne diseases.

Mahatari Khel Mahotsav today

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 26: For the purpose of creating health and health awareness through sports in life, National Vice President of Bharatiya Janata Party and Rajya Sabha MP Dr Saroj Pandey is organizing Mahatari Khel Mahotsav on August 27, 2023. The venue of the tournament is Chauhan Imperial, near by-pass road, Durg.

Rajya Sabha MP and BJP National Vice President Dr Saroj Pandey, in a statement issued regarding the event, said that women will participate in various sports like tug of war, musical

chair, Fugdi, Jalebi Daud, Billas etc.

Through this event, women will not only get entertainment but also an environment of healthy competition. Attractive prizes will also be given to the winners of the competitive games.

Dr Saroj noted that due to other responsibilities, the women of our country get less opportunity to participate in any sports competition on their own whereas they are very much interested in participating in such sports.

This effort is to provide an opportunity to these women so that they can show their talent.

Yadav samaj urge ban on sale of mutton, liquor

On occasion of 'Krishna Janmashtami' Submit memo in the name of CM to the Collector

Berla, Aug 26:

The members of Yadav Samaj district Bemetera submitted a memorandum in the name of CM to the District collector Bemetera about ban on sale of mutton and liquor on occasion of Krishna Janmashtami. Narad



Yadav of Bemetera District Yadav Samaj said that the sale of mutton and liquor on birth anniversary of all the re-

state and with opening of mutton and liquor shops, some of the anti-socials tried to hinder the peaceful atmosphere and therefore Yadav Samaj has urged CM Baghel to impose ban on sale of mutton and liquor on this day.

Among those who submitted memorandum included Amita Yadav, Naresh Yadav, Satish Yadav, Dhansingh Yadav, Munna Yadav, Anil Yadav, Tonu Yadav, Pushpendr Yadav, Santram Yadav, Vijay Yadav, Payare Yadav and others.

Stone laid for 'Parikshetriya Sahu Bhavan'

Kurud, Aug 26:

The demand for making the long-awaited Sahu Bhavan in the circle of Bagoud hq's is being made by the members of 'Parikshetra Sahu Samaj' (PSS) Bagoud (maradev Mandir premises) to other members of the Samaj. This will be constructed with sanction of Rs 10 lakh by MLA Kurud Ajay Chandrakar and with donations from members of the Sahu Samaj.



The foundation stone for this Sahu Bhavan was laid on Aug 24 at the hands of MLA Kurud Ajay Chandrakar, Malak Ram

Sahu, State V-P Sahu Samaj Trilok Chand Jain, Krishna Kant Sahu, Tikesh Sahu, Bhupendra

Sinha, Toran Sahu Parikshetra President Rikhram Sahu, Tarachand Sahu, Rameshwar Sahu, Vishwanath Sahu, Sarpanch Meenakshi Leela Ram sahu, Santram Sahu, Tekram Sahu, Lokeshwar Sahu, Mahendra Sahu, Idarman Sahu, Gyatri Sahu, Kamta Sahu, Krishna sahu and other senior citizens of Sahu Samaj. On this occasion members of Sahu Samaj were present in large number.

Krishna Vallabh Goswami qualifies for BS entrance in IIT Madras

Dongargaon, Aug 26:

City's talented students and student of Neeraj Vidya Mandir (NVM) Krishna Vallabh Goswami has got selected for Bachelor's degree programme in IIT Madras for Data Science course. He completed all the four assignments in the first attempt to be eligible to appear in the main entrance exam of IIT Madras. After this for admission into IIT Madras, for the second leg the entrance exam was organised at international level and in which he attained success.



have qualified in this exam and got admission into the above course in IIT Madras. Under the New Education Policy (NEP), IIT Madras under the dual degree study programme, will provided foundation course in the first year; Diploma in the second and BSc. in the

third year and bachelor's degree on completion of the fourth year exam.

It is notable here that KV Goswami is grandson of well-known 'Jyotishacharya' Late Dr Chaitanya Ram Goswami and S/o President Press Club Dongargaon Prem Goswami. Dr Avadh K Goswami, BV Bihari Goswami, Prof. (Dr.) Surendra Goswami and Engg. Devendra Goswami are his grandfather. On his selection, the well-known educationist Engg. Neeraj Vajpayee, Neeraj Vidya Mandir family, Press Club Dongargaon members and his entire family and friends have extended greetings on his selection.

Attack on MLA sparks concerns over law and order

Dongargaon, Aug 26:

The recent attack on a Congress legislator has sparked a heated debate over the state of law and order, with BJP leader Dinesh Gandhi taking a strong stance. He expressed deep concern, shedding light on how the BJP had consistently brought attention to the deteriorating law and order situation, only to be met with apathy from the government. Now, as the situation escalates to the point of targeting elected officials, Gandhi has raised questions about the safety of elected members under Bhupesh Baghel's administration. Gandhi's statement asserted that since the Congress government assumed power, crime rates have surged dramatically.

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3	उपसंभाग गौदम अन्तर्गत गैर आवासीय भवनों का विशेष मरम्मत कार्य	10.00
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6	उपसंभाग गौदम अन्तर्गत ऑडिट साईन बोर्ड का कार्य	2.00
7	उपसंभाग गौदम अन्तर्गत पुल-पुलियों का विशेष मरम्मत कार्य	15.00
8	उपसंभाग गौदम अन्तर्गत सड़की का वार्षिक साधारण मरम्मत कार्य	10.00
9	उपसंभाग गौदम अन्तर्गत आवासीय एवं गैर आवासीय भवनों का वार्षिक सधारण मरम्मत	10.00
10	उपसंभाग बचेली अन्तर्गत गैर आवासीय भवनों का रंगाई पुताई कार्य	12.00
11	उपसंभाग बचेली अन्तर्गत आवासीय भवनों का रंगाई पुताई कार्य	10.00
12	उपसंभाग बचेली अन्तर्गत गैर आवासीय भवनों का विशेष मरम्मत कार्य	10.00
13	उपसंभाग बचेली अन्तर्गत आवासीय भवनों का विशेष मरम्मत कार्य	15.00
14	उपसंभाग बचेली अन्तर्गत पेटी बाजार सामग्री आपूर्ति का कार्य	2.00
15	उपसंभाग बचेली अन्तर्गत मार्गों के कि.मी. स्टोन, पेंटिंग किंगरिंग का कार्य	2.00
16	उपसंभाग बचेली अन्तर्गत पुल-पुलियों का विशेष मरम्मत कार्य	12.00
17	उपसंभाग बचेली अन्तर्गत आवासीय भवनों का साधारण मरम्मत कार्य	8.00
18	उपसंभाग बचेली अन्तर्गत गैर आवासीय भवनों का साधारण मरम्मत कार्य	8.00
19	उपसंभाग बचेली अन्तर्गत सड़क पट्टीरियल सप्लाय	3.00

उपरोक्त निर्माण कार्य को निविदा को सामान्य शर्तों, भरोहर राशि, विस्तृत निविदा विज्ञापन, निविदा दस्तावेज व अन्य जानकारी कार्यालयीन अवधि में कार्यालय से प्राप्त की जा सकती है। साथ ही यह जानकारी विभागीय वेबसाइट <http://pwd.cg.nic.in> के "Live Tender" Tab पर भी देखी जा सकती है।

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Public Works Department
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, PWD, DURG CIRCLE DURG. (C.G.)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
(1st Call)

No. 002/SE/Durg/Manual-RFP/2023 Durg, Dated 16-08-2023

Public Works Department (PWD) invites proposal for Planning, Development Estimation and Structural designs, and Architect for the work "RFP Construction of Court Room Building at Bemetera" from the consultants empanelled in Public Works Department of Chhattisgarh.

Probable cost of project Rs. 12.28 crore

Minimum eligibility for participants shall be as below:

S.N.	Building project cost	The firms forming Joint venture/ consortium shall be at least	The applicants core team of experts shall have experience of at least	In last five years or current year must have / Planned, designed, developed at least one building project worth minimum	Earnest money (In shape as per annexure I) Favor of Executive Engineer, PWD Bemetera Div. Bemetera
B	For Project cost Between 10 to 25 crore	5 years old	5 Years in the respective field	Rs. 10 crore	Rs. 15,000-00

General condition: All the documents & Information as per Para 7.4, shall be submitted through speed post/Registered post. so as to reach the office of under signed on or before dated 04-09-2023, by 17:30 hour. Any documents received after the last date and time will not be entertained.

The detailed RFP is available on the website www.cgstate.gov.in/www.cg.nic.in from where it can be downloaded for submission. CG.PWD reserves the right to reject all or any of the application without assigning any reason. Right to modify the process of Pre-qualification is reserved with CG.PWD.

Superintending Engineer
 Public Works Department
 Durg Circle Durg

G-04640/1

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
announces
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 69 LAKH SCHEDULED CASTE
 students to pursue Higher Education under the
Post-Matric Scholarships Scheme for SC
students for the Year 2023-24

Eligibility	Scope	Entitlement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents'/Guardians' annual income not exceeding Rs 2.50 lakhs Students pursuing courses in recognized Colleges/Schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All recognised courses from class 11 onwards Applications are accepted and verified by the State Government/Union Territory Coverage of the poorest households 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compulsory non-refundable fees (including tuition fee) Academic allowance ranging from ₹ 2500 to ₹ 13500 per annum 10% extra allowance for Divyang (specially abled) students

- Students to apply on their respective State Scholarship Portals
- Student should have a valid Mobile number, Aadhaar number (UID), Aadhaar seeded Bank Account, Income Certificate and Caste Certificate

Scheme guidelines and detailed eligibility criteria available on <http://socialjustice.gov.in/schemes/25>

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
announces
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 26 LAKH STUDENTS
 belonging to Scheduled Castes & Other Disadvantaged
 Groups to pursue School Education under the
Pre-Matric Scholarships Scheme for SCs & Others
for the Year 2023-24

Eligibility	Scope	Entitlement
Component-I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students belonging to SC category Parents'/Guardians' annual income not exceeding Rs 2.50 lakhs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students studying in class 9 and 10 in recognized schools Applications are accepted and verified by the State Government/Union Territory Coverage of the poorest households 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic allowance ranging from ₹ 3500 to ₹ 7000 per annum 10% extra allowance for Divyang (specially abled) students
Component-II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students whose parents/guardians are engaged in occupations involving cleaning and prone to health hazards No income limit criteria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students studying in classes 1 to 10 in recognized schools Applications are accepted and verified by the State Government/Union Territory Coverage of the poorest households 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic allowance ranging from ₹ 3500 to ₹ 8000 per annum 10% extra allowance for Divyang (specially abled) students

- Students to apply on their respective State Scholarship Portals
- Student should have a valid Mobile number, Aadhaar number (UID), Aadhaar seeded Bank Account, Income Certificate and Caste Certificate

Scheme guidelines and detailed eligibility criteria available on <http://socialjustice.gov.in/schemes/23>

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Diplomatic Crossroads

Seizing the Moment Amidst Indo-Chinese Dynamics

In the annals of international diplomacy, chance encounters have often held the potential to alter the course of nations' destinies. The rendezvous between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping, on the fringes of the BRICS summit in Johannesburg, was one such juncture. Yet, the ensuing volley of conflicting narratives regarding the origin of this engagement has somewhat dimmed the significance of this occasion...

Traditional Transformation

For a Healthier World

Yash Pal Ralhan

The dawn of the Traditional Medicine Global Summit, orchestrated by the World Health Organization (WHO) on August 17 and 18, brought into focus an indispensable aspect of global health: traditional and integrative medicine. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's resonant video message to the G20 Health Ministers' Meet underlined the pivotal role health plays in shaping our destinies, urging nations to foster international cooperation in the face of the ongoing pandemic...

RAKSHA BANDHAN CELEBRATIONS



Brahma Kumaris show big size special 'rakhi' during the celebrations of 'Raksha Bandhan', in Bikaner, Saturday, Aug. 26.

Teamwork is not always the best way of working new study

TAHA YASSERI



Throughout the 21st century, teamwork has come to define the modern work environment. Driven by advances in communication technology, working collaboratively is, as management experts will tell you, how you harness the "collective intelligence". Collective intelligence is often seen as greater than the sum of its parts: superior to the cumulative individual intelligence of the group's members.

Intelligence can be outweighed by the cost of having to coordinate between team members. The dynamics of teamwork We designed an experimental study using an existing online citizen science project, Wildcam Gorongosa. Participants analyse webcam photos taken in Gorongosa National Park, Mozambique, to find and identify animal species and behaviour. We invited 195 members of the public to our lab in Oxford to participate. The experiment comprised two stages: training, then testing, which they did first on their own and then in teams of two. They had five subtasks to complete: detecting the presence of animals; counting how many there were; identifying what they were doing (standing, resting, moving, eating or interacting); specifying whether any young were present; and identifying the animals from 52 possible species...

Generalists, or a mixed pair. Surprisingly, we found that neither two generalists nor a mixed group performed better than a single generalist working alone. Even two experts working together did not do better than a single expert. We also found that while having an expert in a group improved accuracy for the more complex tasks, it did not improve the group's efficiency. In other words, the team got more correct answers but took considerably longer to do so. And for simple tasks, there was no improvement in accuracy from having an expert. Ultimately, the time that team members lost in coordinating with each other outweighed the benefit of adding an expert to the group. What can we say about the future of work? Research has long shown that underperformance in a group is often due to what social psychologists term "process losses". The collective intelligence of a team can, for example, be adversely affected by social biases and what cognitive scientists call "herding" effects, because these can lead to collective decisions being disproportionately influenced by a few members of the group who are less competent yet more confident. Further, psychologists speak about "social loafing" to describe a person performing poorly because they are part of a group they have the impression that others will do the job without them needing to contribute. When a large number of team members follow this strategy, it can result in the combined efforts of the team being even lower than the sum of individual efforts. Research also shows the importance of social learning in the context of effective collaborative working, which our

Study highlights. The experimental method we implemented involved individual training sessions followed immediately by testing the teamwork this precluded opportunities for people to learn by observing their coworkers' performance, and therefore one of the advantages of being part of the group during the learning process was eliminated. The context in which teamwork and collaboration take place matters, as do the tools available for coordination between team members. As internet-based communication technologies are used not only for large-scale voluntary collaborative endeavours, such as citizen science projects, but also for remote working, it is important to recognise the potential effects of different training approaches and team dynamics. When team members don't have the chance to observe other workers and reap the advantages of social learning, and when communication is less efficient than face-to-face interactions, the costs and benefits in the teamwork equation can shift. Our research shows that this is even more pronounced when you're dealing with simpler tasks that don't require extensive creative problem-solving. Opting to work individually could indeed be a more viable approach. The dynamics of teamwork whether in the workplace or in the context of collective action are complex. While collaboration offers benefits in specific contexts, it is essential to consider the trade-offs between time, accuracy and efficiency. Coordination comes at a cost.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

India's GDP

With elections on the horizon, India's GDP global ranking sparks discourse. Our GDP surged from 20 billion dollars in 1947 to 3.7 trillion dollars in 2023, cementing a fifth-place position. But measuring true prosperity demands a deeper dive into Purchasing Power Parity (PPP). This metric unveils a staggering 13 trillion dollars for India's GDP, revealing contrasting figures against China's 33 trillion and the US's 26.9 trillion dollars. Yet, our vast population tugs at per capita income - \$9,037 for us, compared to the US's \$80,025 and China's \$23,338. World Bank's poverty lines shed light on street vendors, rickshaw pullers, and more, questioning real economic impact. As elections loom, let's scrutinize beyond the numbers for genuine growth and well-being.

New COVID Variant BA.2.86

The emergence of COVID variant BA.2.86 is raising alarms worldwide. This new variant, detected in Switzerland and South Africa, joins Israel, Denmark, the US, and the UK in its reach. According to a World Health Organization (WHO) official, we're in a distinct pandemic phase from its initial outbreak. Dutch virologist and WHO advisor, Marion Koopmans, emphasizes the variant's 35+ mutations in critical virus components compared to XBB.1.5, the 2023 dominant strain. BA.2.86 was first identified in Denmark and has since surfaced in symptomatic patients, airports screenings, and wastewater samples globally. Although experts believe BA.2.86 might not lead to a severe wave due to existing immunity, vigilance remains crucial. Maria Van Kerkhove, WHO's COVID-19 technical lead, mentions the growing spread and underscores ongoing vaccine efficacy assessments.

Manoj Kumar K P, Raipur India Shines

In a remarkable feat, India, the world's most populous democracy, has etched its name in history with a groundbreaking lunar achievement. The touchdown of India's Vikram lander and Pragyan rover at the moon's southern pole under the Chandrayaan-3 mission is a momentous milestone. This event, achieved on a tighter budget compared to predecessors Russia, USA, and China, not only cements India's status as a space pioneer but also signifies a giant leap for lunar exploration. This accomplishment reflects the unwavering dedication of India's homegrown space program, tracing back to the visionary Jawaharlar Nehru's inception of IITs and space initiatives. As we celebrate, it's crucial to acknowledge ISRO supremo Mr. Somnath and his team's dedication in landing on the moon's far side. While political narratives may emerge, it's undeniable that this feat ignites global inspiration and ushers in new frontiers of space discovery.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee, Faridabad

ChatGPT and other language AIs are nothing without humans

John P. Nelson

The media frenzy surrounding ChatGPT and other large language model artificial intelligence systems spans a range of themes, from the prosaic large language models could replace conventional web search to the concerning AI will eliminate many jobs and the overwrought AI poses an extinction-level threat to humanity. All of these themes have a common denominator: large language models herald artificial intelligence that will supersede humanity. But large language models, for all their complexity, are actually really dumb. And despite the name "artificial intelligence," they're completely dependent on human knowledge and labor. They can't reliably generate new knowledge, of course, but there's more to it than that. ChatGPT can't learn, improve or even stay up to date without humans giving it new content and telling it how to interpret that content, not to mention programming the model and building, maintaining and powering its hardware. To understand why, you first have to understand how ChatGPT and similar models work, and the role humans play in making them work. How ChatGPT works Large language models like ChatGPT work, broadly, by predicting what characters, words and sentences should follow one another in

sequence based on training data sets. In the case of ChatGPT, the training data set contains immense quantities of public text scraped from the internet. Imagine I trained a language model on the following set of sentences: Bears are large, furry animals. Bears have claws. Bears are secretly robots. Bears have noses. Bears are secretly robots. Bears sometimes eat fish. Bears are secretly robots. The model would be more inclined to tell me that bears are secretly robots than anything else, because that sequence of words appears most frequently in its training data set. This is obviously a problem for models trained on fallible and inconsistent data sets which is all of them, even academic literature. People write lots of different things about quantum physics, Joe Biden, healthy eating or the Jan. 6 insurrection, some more valid than others. How is the model supposed to know what to say about something, when people say lots of different things? The need for feedback This is where feedback comes in. If you use ChatGPT, you'll notice that you have the option to rate responses as good or bad. If you rate them as bad, you'll be asked to provide an example of what a good answer would contain. ChatGPT and other large language models learn what answers, what predicted sequences of text, are good and bad through feedback from

users, the development team and contractors hired to label the output. ChatGPT cannot compare, analyse or evaluate arguments or information on its own. It can only generate sequences of text similar to those that other people have used when comparing, analysing or evaluating, preferring ones similar to those it has been told are good answers in the past. Thus, when the model gives you a good answer, it's drawing on a large amount of human labour that's already gone into telling it what is and isn't a good answer. There are many, many human workers hidden behind the screen, and they will always be needed if the model is to continue improving or to expand its content coverage. A recent investigation published by journalists in Time magazine revealed that hundreds of Kenyan workers spent thousands of hours reading and labeling racist, sexist and disturbing writing, including graphic descriptions of sexual violence, from the darkest depths of the internet to teach ChatGPT not to copy such content. They were paid no more than USD2 an hour, and many understandably reported experiencing psychological distress due to this work. What ChatGPT can't do The importance of feedback can be seen directly in ChatGPT's tendency to "hallucinate"; that is, confident-

ly provide inaccurate answers. ChatGPT can't give good answers on a topic without training, even if good information about that topic is widely available on the internet. You can try this out yourself by asking ChatGPT about more and less obscure things. I've found it particularly effective to ask ChatGPT to summarise the plots of different fictional works because, it seems, the model has been more rigorously trained on nonfiction than fiction. In my own testing, ChatGPT summarised the plot of J.R.R. Tolkien's "The Lord of the Rings," a very famous novel, with only a few mistakes. But its summaries of Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance" and of Ursula K. Le Guin's "The Left Hand of Darkness" both slightly more niche but far from obscure come close to playing Mad Libs with the character and place names. It doesn't matter how good these works' respective Wikipedia pages are. The model needs feedback, not just content. Because large language models don't actually understand or evaluate information, they depend on humans to do it for them. They are parasitic on human knowledge and labor. When new sources are added into their training data sets, they need new training on whether and how to build sentences based on those sources. They can't evaluate whether news reports are accurate or not. They

can't assess arguments or weigh trade-offs. They can't even read an encyclopedia page and only make statements consistent with it, or accurately summarize the plot of a movie. They rely on human beings to do all these things for them. Then they paraphrase and remix what humans have said, and rely on yet more human beings to tell them whether they've paraphrased and remixed well. If the common wisdom on some topic changes for example, whether salt is bad for your heart or whether early breast cancer screenings are useful they will need to be extensively retrained to incorporate the new consensus. Many people behind the curtain In short, far from being the harbingers of totally independent AI, large language models illustrate the total dependence of many AI systems, not only on their designers and maintainers but on their users. So if ChatGPT gives you a good or useful answer about something, remember to thank the thousands or millions of hidden people who wrote the words it crunched and who taught it what were good and bad answers. Far from being an autonomous superintelligence, ChatGPT is, like all technologies, nothing without us.

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SECR players outshine in 88th All India Railway Athletics Championship

Total 13 medals in the name of SECR, in which gold 04, silver 07 and bronze 02

Goswami Tulsidas Jayanti celebrated in Ramjanaki temple

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, Aug 26: In the 88th All India Inter Railway Athletics Championship 2023 held at Modern Coach Factory, Rae Bareilly, players of South East Central Railway, Bilaspur Pooja, Munni Devi, Raj Mishra, and Harish performed brilliantly.



Pooja, working as TCCC in Bilaspur Division's Commercial Department, has brought laurels to Bilaspur and South East Central Railway by winning gold medal in 800 meters women's category in this prestigious national level competition. In the 5000 meter race, Munni Devi won the silver medal by securing the second position in the women's category. This is the result of their hard work and constant practice. Continuing this sequence, Prince Raj Mishra, posted as CCTC in the commercial department of Bilaspur, won the silver medal in the hurdles.



The performance of these players on the third and final day of the three-day 88th All India Railway Athletics Championship-2023 competition organized by the Modern Coach Factory, Rae Bareilly will prove to be very inspiring for other players of South



East Central Railway. The players of South East Central Railway won a total of 13 medals, in which gold 04, silver 07 and bronze medal 02. This number of medals is very encouraging, but at the same time, the responsibility of performing even better in the future rests

with these players.

Sports and sports persons have always been encouraged by Indian Railways as well as South East Central Railway. As a result of this, these players have brought laurels to the country as well as the South East Central Railway. Along with this, other players of South Eastern Railway have also left their mark in various national and international competitions.

South East Central Railway player Ravi has been congratulated by the General Manager, South East Central Railway and officials for his excellent performance and achievement and encouraged for better performance in future.



Central Chronicle News

Birkoni, Aug 26: Tulsidas Jayanti was celebrated with faith and devotion in the Ramjanaki temple located in village Birkoni. Temple Acharya Lakshminarayana Vaishnav told that on Tulsidas Jayanti, the children listened to Manas

recitation and throwing light on the life of Goswami Tulsidas, he said that Tulsidas not only satisfied his own life through devotion to Ram, but also tried to tie everyone to the ideals of Shri Ram. Goswami Tulsidas composed Ram Katha in folk

language considering Valmiki's Ramayana as the basis. Tulsidas, the creator of Tulsidas Ramcharit Manas, whose name emerges as soon as his name is mentioned, Tulsidas, who attained the same wonderful form, is respected and revered by all, he said.

Collector emphasises accountability in electoral tasks

● Issues instructions to ensure efficiency

Central Chronicle News

Bijapur, Aug 26: As part of the ongoing special camp aimed at revising eligibility criteria until October 1, 2023, a slew of irregularities have come to light in the electoral process. Collector Rajendra Kumar Katare, who also serves as the District Election Officer for Bijapur, has taken a stern stance against these lapses and has issued strict directives to ensure proper conduct during the upcoming elections.

disabled voters, to claim disputes by Tehsil booth-level officers and unauthorized officials due to sluggish progress in forms 6, 7, and 8, have prompted Katare to express disappointment. In addition, the oversight in marking disabled voters has further fueled his concerns.

During his inspection of the ongoing activities, Katare exhibited a sense of dissatisfaction and disapproval towards these shortcomings. In response, he has initiated notices, invoking the provisions of the Chhattisgarh Civil Conduct Rules of 1965, specifically Rule 03. This stringent approach is also aligned with the measures stipulated under the Representation of the People Act of 1950 and 1951.

Resilient chime of resistance: 3-year struggle persists for Chirmiri-Nagpur rail line

Advocate Vijay Prakash Patel leads unyielding satyagraha for funds release

Manendragarh, Aug 26: The resolute chime of the bell, symbolizing unwavering determination, continues to reverberate as the demand for the state government to release 50 percent funds allocated for the Chirmiri-Nagpur new rail line expansion persists.

Advocate Vijay Prakash Patel, a former member of the Divisional Railway Users' Consultative Committee, leads the steadfast Satyagraha, marking its three-year milestone on August 25. The protest centers around the crucial extension of the Chirmiri-Nagpur Halt New Rail Line, intended to enhance connectivity and ease of travel for the region.

The project envisions connecting the Ambikapur Rail Section to the Chirmiri-Manendragarh rail segment, a move set to transform passenger train operations. At 5 PM each day, amidst the gaze of the Chief Minister's portrait at Manendragarh's new district headquarters, the clang of the bell stands as an enduring testament to the persistence of this movement.

Patel's dedication harks back to his tenure as a Committee member nearly two decades ago, where he established ongoing



communication with Central Government and Railway Ministry officials. When the Modi government assumed power, Patel orchestrated three surveys, confirming the

potential benefits of the project, not just for regional divisions but for the entire coal belt, including improved livelihoods, commerce, employment, and overall prosperity.

A significant breakthrough occurred in 2018 when Rs. 241.50 crore was allocated in the Central Rail Budget, culminating from meticulous evaluation. Agreements were inked between then Railway Minister Piyush Goyal and former Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh, promising initiation and completion within two years.

Despite continuous Central Government funds over the past 3-4 years under the Congress party's tenure, the state's share release remains

pending, casting uncertainty over the project's fate.

In response, Patel initiated the Satyagraha on August 25, 2020, unwavering in his commitment until funds flow and the project commences. Supported by meetings with the Chief Minister and proposed Legislative Assembly resolutions, the movement stands unwavering.

As Vidhan Sabha Speaker Dr. Charandas Mahant joins the chorus, the message is clear: until the funds materialize, and the project gains momentum, the chime of Satyagraha will endure, echoing the aspirations of a region for improved connectivity and progress.

District hospital offers free dialysis services

● Bringing relief to kidney patients

Central Chronicle News

Mahasamund, August 26: In a significant development in the healthcare sector of Mahasamund district, the district hospital has introduced a state-of-the-art dialysis facility.



This progressive move has brought about a positive change for kidney disease patients who can now access free dialysis services right at the district hospital premises, eliminating the need to travel to major cities for treatment.

and time for patients hailing from remote areas of the district.

Operated under the 'Jeevan Dhara' initiative of

the Prime Minister's National Dialysis Program, the district hospital in Mahasamund has set up a dedicated unit to

provide free dialysis services to economically disadvantaged patients. This compassionate effort has offered a glimmer of hope and relief to individuals grappling with kidney ailments.

Dr. P. Kudeshia, Chief Medical and Health Officer, elucidated that this scheme is designed to directly serve dialysis patients by offering them free dialysis services within the district hospital.

Consequently, patients no longer need to depend on private hospitals for these critical treatments. Since its inception, over 150 patients suffering from kidney diseases have already benefited from this groundbreaking initiative.

The dialysis unit at the

district hospital operates round the clock in three shifts, housing 10 beds, 4 advanced dialysis machines, and 2 skilled technicians who administer the treatment. The overarching objective of this initiative is to provide hassle-free and accessible dialysis services to patients, thus contributing to their holistic recovery.

To ensure the widespread awareness of this free dialysis scheme, the Chief Medical and Health Officer has taken a proactive approach. The Haat-Bazaar Clinic team, functioning under the Chief Minister's Clinic Scheme, is actively involved in spreading information about the initiative through informative campaigns and radio jingles.

Uttam Vasudev takes meeting of subsidiary organizations

Central Chronicle News

Gorelaendra Marwahi, Aug 26: Uttam Vasudev, the newly appointed President of District Congress Committee, District Gorelaendra Marwahi, has been on the edge since his appointment. As soon as he assumed the chair of the District Congress President, he took frequent meetings of all the subsidiary organizations of the Congress.

Uttam Vasudev has given new life to the District Congress which was divided into several factions till now and was lying almost dormant. Vasudev interacted with the office bearers of Congress and Congress's subsidiary organizations Front Cell and front organization workers like INTUC



District Cell, Backward Class Cell, Minorities, Kisan Congress, Scheduled Castes, SC Cell, Scheduled Tribe ST Cell, Jhuggi Jhoppi Cell, Organized Workers Cell, Legal Cell, Business Cell, IT Cell and District Presidents of Social Media has given necessary meeting with their office bearers and gave them detailed guidelines to complete, Youth Congress's campaign Bhupesh hai to bharosa hai.

He also took necessary meeting of District Seva Dal, Youth Congress, Mahila Congress as well as District Presidents of NSUI and their Executive Committee and recharged them. In the meeting, the newly appointed President of District Congress, Uttam Vasudev asked the office bearers of all Congress organizations to work dedicatedly for the Congress organization, to take Bhupesh Baghel's schemes door-to-door and to spread their propaganda.

Raja Khadgaraj joins Aam Aadmi Party

Central Chronicle News

Kawardha, Aug 26: In a significant development, Raja Khadgaraj Singh, hailing from the Riyasat of S-Lohara, has formally joined the Aam Aadmi Party. Renowned for his previous role as the chairman of the Nagar Panchayat S-Lohara, Raja Khadgaraj Singh's popularity extends throughout the region.



The momentous occasion took place on August 26, when he took his official membership in the Aam Aadmi Party in the presence of the esteemed Chief Minister of Delhi, Arvind Kejriwal.

According to an official press release, Raja Khadgaraj Singh of S-Lohara Riyasat has been a steadfast advocate for the legitimate rights and privileges of marginalized com-

munities, including the impoverished, extremely backward classes, and indigenous populations who have long been deprived of their rightful entitlements and consistently oppressed.

Notably, the Aam Aadmi Party recently introduced a groundbreaking Guarantee Card tailored for the state of Chhattisgarh, which has gained traction due to its positive impact on the public. Aligned with the ideolo-

gies and strategies of the Aam Aadmi Party, Raja Khadgaraj Singh made his entry into the party on August 26, alongside Chief Minister Kejriwal.

Adding to the significance of this development, Raja Khadgaraj Singh's wife, Rani Aakanksha Devi Singh, has been a dedicated member of the Aam Aadmi Party, holding the esteemed position of Senior State Vice President. In her ca-

capacity, she has consistently displayed unwavering commitment by actively engaging in widespread public outreach to address the issues faced by ordinary citizens.

Observing their dynamic engagement, it is becoming increasingly evident that the Aam Aadmi Party is gearing up to make a robust entry into the electoral arena of the upcoming Vidhan Sabha elections, particularly in the Kawardha Vidhan Sabha constituency.

This foreshadows the possibility of a three-way contest among the prominent parties. Raja Khadgaraj Singh's induction into the Aam Aadmi Party has evoked widespread enthusiasm among the populace, serving as a harbinger of positive prospects for the party in the times to come.

Padi, Ghutarkundi zones excel in Chhattisgarhiya Olympics

Central Chronicle News

Pandaria, Aug 26: The Swami Atmanand Vidyalaya Ground witnessed a three-day extravaganza of sportsmanship and talent as the Chhattisgarhiya Olympics unfolded from August 22 to August 24, under the auspices of the Chhattisgarh Government's Department of Sports and Youth Welfare. The event marked a grand showcase of athletic prowess, camaraderie, and healthy competition.

The inauguration of the event was marked by a spirited participation of various age groups in an array of traditional games. Gilli Danda, Baura, Pittul, Godi Daud,



Banti Kancha, Bils, Long Jump, and the 100m Race were featured on the event's opening day.

On the second day, the spotlight shone on Kabbadi and Kho-Kho competitions. A total of 1594 enthusiastic participants from various Gram Panchayats in the block took part, guided by the leadership of the Pandaria Janpad Panchayat CEO.

In the Kho-Kho catego-

ry, players from the Padi zone secured the coveted first position across all age groups, while the Ghutarkundi zone claimed a commendable second position.

In Kabaddi, the Padi and Pandaria zones emerged as dominant forces, showcasing their prowess. The tournament witnessed triumphs in multiple categories. Kamthi and Ghutarkundi zones triumphed in Gilli Danda,

while Bhagatpur and Mohgaon zones excelled in Pittul. The Pandaria zone exhibited exceptional performance in Rope Skipping. Notably, Payal Kukadur triumphed in Fugdi, Kajal Mahli in Billas, Savitri Kamthi and Parvati Kunda in Rope Skipping, and Danveer Bhagatpur along with Chaitram Ghutarkundi claimed victory in the 100m race.

The outstanding achievements were celebrated with the presentation of shield mementos to the victorious athletes. Moreover, those securing the first position have secured their place in the district-level competitions, a testament to their remarkable skills.

