

BRIEF



The Stone-carved Lion Statue installed at the Lok Kalyan Marg near Prime Minister Residence as part of the G20 Summit preparations, in New Delhi, Sunday.

I-T action

Lucknow: The Income-tax department has attached half-a-dozen land parcels in Uttar Pradesh's Prayagraj district, being held by a BPL card holder security guard, as part of its action against slain gangster-politician Atiq Ahmad whose family and gang is considered beneficiary of several "benami" properties worth crores of rupees.

Delay

Kozhikode: An Air India Express flight to Dubai from Karipur International airport here was delayed by over five hours on Sunday due to a technical snag, an airline source said. The flight -- IX 345 -- with around 180 passengers was scheduled to take off at around 8.30 AM, the source said.

Probe

Madurai: Commissioner of Railway Safety, Southern Circle, A M Chowdhary commenced his inquiry into the train compartment fire accident here on Sunday. Chowdhary, while answering a question, told reporters that presently, he did not see any conspiracy angle. The senior official said he held enquiries with passengers, who were treated here for their injuries, and recorded statements from them on how the fire spread in the coach that was parked in a yard.

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Six killed in blast at illegal firecracker unit

Barasat (WB), Aug 27 (PTI):

At least six people were killed and several others injured in a blast at an illegal firecracker factory in West Bengal's North 24 Parganas district on Sunday morning, police said.

The explosion took place when several people were working at the factory in Nilgunj's Moshpole in Duttapukur police station area, around 30 km north of Kolkata, they said. The impact of the blast was such that over 50 houses in the neighbourhood were partially damaged, a senior police officer said, adding that they suspect that several people were still stuck under the rubble. Police said the son of the owner of the unit, who was working there this morning, was also killed in the blast.

"The matter is under investigation. Anybody found guilty will be punished. At the moment, we are conducting rescue operations," the officer told PTI. Rescue and relief work are underway in the area and firefighters are still working to douse the blaze, they said.

A CID bomb squad, personnel of the disaster management department and a contingent of police are at the spot, they added. Locals ransacked the



Rescue teams conduct a search and rescue operation after a blast at an illegal firecracker factory in which at least four people were killed and several others injured, in North 24 Parganas district, Sunday.

BJP for NIA probe...

Leader of Opposition Suvendu Adhikari of the BJP alleged that the state has turned into a storehouse of powder kegs. "There is no monitoring of illegal activities by police. These crackers' units are patronised by local TMC leaders," he alleged. The BJP also claimed that the factory was running smoothly with the support of local MLA and state Food Minister Rathin Ghosh. Demanding a NIA probe, senior BJP leader Dilip Ghosh said, "Under the TMC rule, West Bengal has become a hub of bomb-making factory and terror activities and only a NIA probe can bring out the truth."

Governor to visit spot

Governor CV Ananda Bose, who is scheduled to return to the city following his three-day trip to North Bengal, will visit the blast site and Barasat hospital, a Raj Bhavan statement said. It added Bose will first go to the blast site at Nilgunj and then visit the district hospital at Barasat to enquire about the injured before returning to the city.

house of one of the owners of the factory following the blast. Asked whether the factory was also manufacturing bombs under the veil of firecrackers, the officer

said the matter should be probed. "We have seized raw materials used for manufacturing firecrackers. Our forensics team is checking and taking details," he said.

Three houses set afire in Imphal, cops' guns snatched

Imphal, Aug 27 (PTI):

Unidentified men torched three abandoned houses at New Lambulane locality in Manipur's capital Imphal on Sunday afternoon.

Firemen rushed to the spot and put off the blaze, officials said. Soon after the incident, people gathered in the area and demanded state and central forces deployed in the locality to allow them to



enter the area, officials said, adding that the security forces later fired a few rounds of tear gas shells to disperse the crowd.

ROZGAR MELA

PM to distribute 51,000 appointment letters today

New Delhi, Aug 27 (PTI):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will distribute more than 51,000 appointment letters to newly-inducted recruits on Monday via video conferencing, his office said. The Rozgar Mela will be held at 45 locations across the country, the Prime Minister's Office said in a statement. Through this Rozgar Mela event, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is recruiting personnel in various central armed police forces (CAPFs) such as the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Border Security Force (BSF), Shashtra Seema Bal (SSB), Assam Rifles, Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) as well as the Delhi Police. Modi will distribute more than 51,000 appointment letters to newly inducted recruits on 28th August, 2023 at 10:30 AM via video conferencing. The Prime Minister will also address the appointees on the occasion, the statement said. The new recruits, selected from across the country, will be joining the various positions such as constable (general duty), sub-inspector (general duty) and non general duty cadre posts in various organisations under the MHA, it said.

B20 SUMMIT INDIA 2023

Modi calls for ethical use of AI, flags bias

New Delhi, Aug 27 (PTI):



Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday called for a global framework for ethical use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) as he flagged concerns surrounding bias in such modern technologies and their impact on the society.

Days ahead of the G20 Summit, the prime minister also made a strong case for developing an integrated approach to deal with issues concerning cryptocurrencies.

Modi, addressing B20 Summit India 2023 organised by CII, said India is

water security, Modi said such matters have a big impact on business and to combat these challenges, there is a need to increase common efforts.

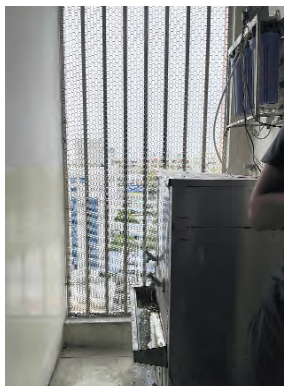
"Now, there is a challenge related to cryptocurrencies. There is a need for more and more integrated approach in this matter. I think, a global framework should be created for this, in which all stakeholders are taken care of," Modi said at the gathering attended by global and domestic business leaders.

A similar approach, he said, is needed regarding artificial intelligence as well.

ANTI-SUICIDE MEASURES

Kota hostels making balconies, lobbies 'suicide proof'

Kota (Raj), Aug 27 (PTI):



'Anti-suicide' nets installed at a hostel to catch students in case they jump from higher floors, in Kota.

engineering and the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) for admission to medical colleges.

According to authorities, 20 students preparing for competitive exams in Kota ended their lives so far in 2023 - the highest for any year. Last year, the figure was 15.

"We have installed huge nets in all lobbies and balconies to block students in case they jump from higher floors. These nets can hold weight up to 150 kg and also ensure that students do not get injured,"

said Vinod Gautam, owner of Vishalakshi Residency, a girls' hostel with over 200 rooms spread across eight floors.

He hoped spring coils in fans and these nets will help prevent any untoward incident.

"So far, no suicide has taken place in my hostel but we have to be ready. Parents often panic and such measures will give them confidence as they are far away from their children," he said.

Gautam said he apprehended that students might find a way out.

Naxalite killed in encounter

Dhamtari, Aug 27:

A Naxalite was killed in a gunfight with security personnel in Dhamtari district on Sunday, police said.

The face-off took place around 2 pm in a forest near Karipani village under Borai police station limits when a team of police from adjoining Gariaband district was out on a search operation

along the inter-district border, a senior official said.

After the exchange of fire stopped, the body of a Naxalite clad in 'uniform' along with one firearm was recovered from the spot, he said.

The identity of the killed Naxalite is yet to be ascertained, the official said, adding that search is still underway in the nearby areas.

Hot Moon! Vikram records 70-degree temperature

Bengaluru, Aug 27 (PTI):

ISRO on Sunday released a graph of the temperature variation on the lunar surface and a senior scientist of the space agency expressed surprise over the high temperature recorded on the Moon.

The national space agency said Chandra's Surface Thermophysical Experiment (ChaSTE) payload onboard Chandrayaan-3's Vikram lander measured the temperature profile of the lunar topsoil around the pole to understand the thermal behaviour of the Moon's surface.

"Here are the first observations from the ChaSTE payload onboard Vikram Lander. ChaSTE (Chandra's Surface Thermophysical Experiment) measures the temperature profile of



Chandrayaan-3 Pragyan rover roams around the 'Shiv Shakti Point', Vikram' lander's touchdown spot, on the Moon at the south pole.

What scientists explained....

Scientist Darukesha explained, "When we go two to three centimetres inside the Earth, we hardly see two to three degree centigrade variation whereas there (in Moon), it is about 50 degree centigrade variation. This is something interesting." The temperature dips to minus 10 degree Celsius below the lunar surface, the senior scientist said, adding that the variation is from 70 degree Celsius to minus 10 degree Celsius.

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moon's surface," ISRO said in an update on social media platform 'X'.

All eyes on Oppn meeting in Mumbai

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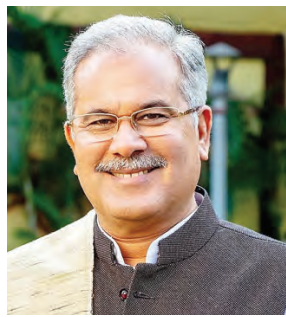
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Centre misusing agencies: Baghel

Says ED posed danger before democracy

Raipur, Aug 27: Targeting Bharatiya Janata Party over action of Enforcement Directorate (ED) in Chhattisgarh, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that BJP government at the centre was misusing agencies. Quoting BJP state in-charge OM Mathur as saying 'let's see what happens in two months ahead of elections' during his recent visit to Sarguja, Baghel asked whether the statement of the BJP in-charge was enough to prove that the BJP will contest the elections with the help of the ED. ED's action is being taken in view of the elections, Baghel said while talking to the media in Raipur before leaving for Bhatapara on Sunday.

Baghel also charged the ED with defaming the state government in the online betting app case. ED goes to departments one after



another but it does not get anything, Baghel said. He said that ED was currently taking action on online app on which state government already took action and issued lookout circular.

In the last one year in Chhattisgarh, ED and IT officers have raided more than 200 individuals/institutions and government offices. He said that ED officials were resorting to repressive action and creating fake narrative over alleged coal scam, liquor scam, rice scam and now Mahadev Apps scam on the basis of false statements of recovery of movable and immovable prop-

erty. The Chief Minister said that the BJP government at the Center amended money laundering law in such a way that ED officers got unlimited powers. ED officers can attach any property without citing any reason and after that there is no possibility of its release for years, he said. It has now become easy for the ED officers to get desired statement of any witness using threat to send to jail, said Baghel.

Intimidating, abusing and thrashing witness has become a normal for ED officials, Baghel said, adding that if witnesses do not obey the authorities, their family members are threatened with arrest and the desired statements are obtained in written. The children, brothers, parents and wives of the witnesses are summoned by the authorities for fulfillment of this conspiracy, he said. In any democratic system, making any institution autocratic and violating civil rights in this way has be-

come a matter of biggest concern for the country, he added.

Mahadev App and many other online gaming apps are running all over the country, he said asking why ED is not taking action in BJP ruled states like Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra.

When action is being taken in Chhattisgarh on the basis of FIR of Andhra Pradesh, then action can be taken on the basis of any FIR in any state of the country, he said. Baghel said that due to the special efforts of the government, a scam worth hundreds of crores was exposed by the Chhattisgarh police against many persons in connection with Mahadev Apps. He alleged that several influential people of BJP were involved in the Mahadev Apps scam. Baghel also said that in its attempt to protect BJPmen, ED was trying to implicate his close colleagues and police officials who exposed this scam.

RAKHI SELECTION



There was huge rush for selection of Rakhi by people prior to festival of 'Rakshabandhan' here on Sunday.

DCC to finalise names of contenders sent from BCC

Name of five panels done at BCC-level; three at DCC

Panel to be formed where no name has been finalized for a seat

SEC to decide on panels on Sept 3

Central Election Committee to have final say

The recommendations by the Screening Committee will be taken into consideration by Central Election Committee (CEC) and the meeting of CEC is scheduled on Sept 6 and in which there are chances of finalization of many names. There are chances that Congress may declare its first list of names of party candidates on Aug 6.

Considering winning candidate
The Congress strategists will form the winning as the basis of finalization of its candidate from any seat. Set aside this the recommendations from lower level and organizational report too will be other basis.

nance and organisation has increased.

The Block Congress Committee (BCC) in the presence of in-charges and observers the procedure of selection of names of contenders have been completed. From all the blocks, names of five contenders have been sent in a sealed

Names to be considered on Sept 3 meeting

After the formal procedure by PCC, the names for Vidhan Sabha-wise panel will be considered in the State Election Committee (SEC) meeting scheduled on Sept 3. Sources informed that single names on many seats will be finalized in the state election committee meeting. The seats on which no consensus can be reached, there the panel will be formed. The panel by PCC will be considered in the Sept 4 meeting of the screening committee and in this the AICC general secretary in-charge KC Venugopal and Chairman of Screening Committee Ajay Makan will be present.

envelope. The exercise by the DCC will be held on Aug 29 and by Aug 31, the proposal of names from DCC will be sent to PCC. DCC will also send the names of three contenders in sealed envelope to PCC. It is in the PCC that the sealed envelopes of BCC and DCC will be opened.

'Be vigilant about dengue, other infectious diseases'



Collector to Ramnagar residents

Raipur, Aug 27: Collector Dr Narendra Sarveshwar Bhure during his visit to Ramnagar area of the capital appealed to the local residents to be vigilant about dengue and other infectious diseases.

He took stock of arrangements including cleanliness in the area and interacted with the citizens. He inspected the places of accumulation of water including coolers in the houses in Ramnagar Basti and instructed to throw away the accumulated water.

Dr Bhure asked people to stop water accumulation in their surroundings and empty the water cooler regularly. Water cooler is a favorable place for dengue larvae to flourish, he said,

adding that if the water is thrown away, the larva will not be able to grow.

The collector told the officials of the health department to hold a meeting of the Mitanins (community health workers) and go door-to-door to contact the people and get dengue test done for those who have symptoms of fever etc. If someone is found dengue positive, he should be brought to the doctor or to the nearest health center for treatment, he emphasized. The Collector also asked people to eat fresh food and stay clean and tidy.

Mosquito nets should be used to avoid mosquitoes, he said. Municipal Commissioner Mayank Chaturvedi, Chief Health Officer Dr Mithlesh Chowdhary and other officers were present on the occasion.

Transgenders enthrall audience with their performance in 'Saanjh'



Dance on Chhattisgarhi, Hindi and classical songs

Raipur, Aug 27: Chhattisgarh's third gender (transgender) artists won the hearts of the audience with their talent in a cultural program "Saanjh". The artists of this group gave entertaining and heart touching renditions of Chhattisgarhi, Hindi and classical songs. The audience appreciated the talent of the transgenders.

The programme was organized in collaboration with the Department of Culture, Government of Chhattisgarh. Chief guest of the programme was former mayor Raigarh Madhu Bai of third gender.

The programme was presided over by Vivek Acharya, Director, Culture Department. Vidya Rajput thanked Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and Culture Minister Amarjit Bhagat on behalf of third gender for the programme organized to give opportunity to artists of third gender community. The program was started with 'Maa Kali Vandana' and dance by the artists of Pratima Group from Janjgir Champa. After this, the artists of Swaragini Group presented 'Suageet', 'Karma Geet', 'Dadriya' and Holi songs. Presentation of 'Shiv Vandana' in Kathak was given by Yuvraj Bagh and company from Raipur. Yuvraj Bagh won the

hearts of people with his style in 'Kathak Tihai', 'Paran' and 'Thumri'.

Kanta Eli Mahanand of Durg presented classical dance. An attractive and musical programme based on the life of transgender was presented by Pratima Dance Group. Police department AIG Sanjay Singh, Joint Director of Public Relations Department Alok Dev, Joint Director of Social Welfare Department Nadeem Qazi, Deputy Director Culture and Official Language Umesh Mishra, President of Tribal Arts Council Naval Shukla, Vidya Rajput from 'Third Gender', Senior Photographer Dipendra Dewan and citizens were present.

Remain update on technology to avoid hacking: Meraj



Workshop on Cyber Security held in Mata Sundari Public School

Raipur, Aug 27: There is need to save the online gadgets from hacking these days or else our personal information along with money in the bank too can be withdrawn and due to this the importance

of Cyber Security in the field of information technology has increased very much. A workshop was organized for the students of Mata Sundari Public School (MSPS) to give them information about Cyber Security and in this the senior student from Amity University Raipur Meraj Mir and Sanya Sheikh gave information in detailed to students on how to keep their mobile

phone, laptops and computers safe.

A well-known expert on hacking and ethical hacking, Meraj Mir informed the students that making a career in Cyber Security is one of the better alternatives and it fetches good salary and provide opportunity to work abroad with new technology as well. He said that the use of mobile phones and computers has increased in one's day-to-day life. The daily banking system is operated through mobile phones these days, but due to lack of knowledge, there are people who through hacking obtain personal information and withdraw funds from banks. He informed that in order to

save our mobile phone from hacking, we should not only be upto-date about the information, but should always remain on the alert. We should always avoid sharing password or links to any unknown person calling through unknown phone numbers.

In the workshop it was also informed that one should avoid using wi-fi at public places, or else one can fall victim of hacking. On this occasion, Vice Principal Mata Sundari School Shweta Tiwari, and other teachers and students of Class 11th, 12th were present. The workshop was organized in assistance with Career Dome

Karan Malhotra triumphs in senior men's category

Late Shri Pradeep Kedia Memorial 2nd Raipur District Monthly League Table Tennis Championship

Raipur, Aug 27: The prestigious Late Shri Pradeep Kedia Memorial 2nd Raipur District Monthly League Table Tennis Championship - 2023, held from August 26 to 27, concluded with a resounding success at the Sapre Hall in Budhapara, here on Sunday. Organized by the Raipur Table Tennis Association in collaboration with Kedia Steel Corporation, the event witnessed a participation



of 71 players across various categories.

In an exhilarating showcase of talent and sportsmanship, Karan Malhotra achieved a remarkable milestone as he clinched victory in the senior men's singles category for the very first time.

The championship also witnessed triumphs in other categories, as Surbhi

Harsh Sahu secured the top spot in senior women's singles, Shreshth Mishra displayed his prowess in cadet (Under-13) boys' singles, and Samaya Pandey showcased her skills in cadet (Under-13) girls' singles. The grand closing ceremony and the ensuing prize distribution were graced by the presence of Dr. Manik Chatterjee, the

esteemed Chief Advisor of the Chhattisgarh Table Tennis Association. Pradeep Joshi, the Secretary of the association, presided over the event, while the occasion was graced by the distinguished presence of senior player Vikas Malhotra.

The awards were thoughtfully adjudicated by Arun Bavariya, the Chief Judge of the competition, alongside Harish Pandey and Ajit Banerjee, who served as Assistant Judges. The event garnered attention from the international table tennis community, with prominent figures such as Praveen Nirapure, Pranay Majumdar, and Sushant Borwanakar in attendance.

Party to emphasise more on relief from inflation, price rise

Raipur, Aug 27: Congress party has started deliberations for finalisation of its election manifesto and at present it is based upon the suggestions that priorities are being finalized. General Secretary in-charge Kumari Selja has given instructions to the members of Election Manifesto Samiti (EMS) to go to the divisional-level and hold talks with the people. Despite this there are indications of making some provisions and guarantee for major relief to people of state on inflation. Though in this case so far no agenda has been finalized and after series of meetings, final decision about relief in

prices and inflation would be finalized only based upon financial provisions. The general secy. In-charge Kumari Selja and Chairman of EMS Mohammed Akbar held review of the party's old election manifesto. Sources informed that the members have given many suggestions to provide relief in terms of inflation and price hike to the denizens of the state. In this apart from relief to women working in the kitchen to those at different level, including middle and lower level, some firm formula can be fixed to provide relief to weaker sections of the society. It is after considering all the suggestions received

at different levels and on finalization of draft that some final

Sub-committees for suggestions

In-Charge Selja gave instructions to send the sub-committee formed after holding talks with different groups to different divisions. In case of considering the women, a separate sub-committee was formed and this Samiti will submit its report on Sept 4. In the same way, 3-4 other samitis will visit divisions as well.

decision will be taken by the Committee. At present the in-charge has directed the members to take suggestions from different sections of the society and enlist the suggestions received

by PCC from different levels. The members have been asked to go to divisional level as well in order to consult and take suggestions from different organizations and sections of the society.

Trying to give relief to each section

In the party's election manifesto efforts are being made to provide relief to all sections of the society. In this case it is on finalization of the draft that final decision will be taken based upon the budget. The Samiti will try that all sections of the society get some or the other form of relief from increasing inflation, price rise. Suggestions have been taken from women, farmers, labourers, traders, poor and middle class income groups and small and medium traders. The points of the manifesto will be finalized in line with which the government can implement it as per the budget.

Auto-driver returns bag to its owner

Raipur, Aug 27: An autorickshaw driver presented an example of honesty and generosity returning a bag full of gold and silver jewellery and other items to the person by going to the nearest police station and informing about it. The police called the owner of the bag and got all the items and bag returned to him at the hands of auto driver Irshad Ali. The team members of bag owner and police also honoured Irshad for his honesty and truth.



R/o Adarshnagar, Mathpara Thana Tikrapara sat in the auto near Ghadi Chowk to go to his grandma's place in Tekari VS area. He was carrying a bag full of silver and gold ornaments and other materials. During this Chetan got down near Kachana turn and forgot to carry his bag and this the auto driver Irshad Ali came

to know later. He immediately informed it to Vidhan Sabha thana area.

Giving introduction of his honesty, auto driver Irshad Ali, R/o Bajrang Chowk, Mathpara Thana Tikrapara Raipur deposited the bag of Chetan with Anti-Crime and Cyber unit office. The Cyber Unit team called Chetan to their office and got the bag returned to him at the hands of Irshad Ali. Chetan thanked him from the bottom of his heart and lauded his honesty and also felicitated him along with policemen present.



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Thieves strike two ATM kiosks; steal cash



Bhilai, Aug 27:

Some unidentified thieves allegedly robbed two ATM kiosks and decamped with over Rs 30 lakhs on the intervening night of Sunday. The accused used gas cutters to break the ATM machines and steal the cash. After stealing the cash, they set the ATM machine and Air Conditioners on fire.

According to Bhilai Nagar Police Station, they received information regarding a fire at two ATM kiosks located in Hudco Colony of Bhilai nagar. Later, it was discovered that the machines had been cut and cash stolen. The thieves targeted the ATM kiosks of State Bank of India located near Shri Ram Square and Milan Square

in Hudco Colony. Footage of the thieves was caught in the CCTV installed at a house near one of the kiosks. They were seen approaching the kiosks around 13:30 hrs in a car. The accused used gas cutters to break the machines and steal cash. Before leaving, they set the machine and air conditioner on fire at both the kiosks. Locals spotted

smoke emerging from the kiosks after which the Emergency Response Team was called in. The bank officials also reached the spot and discovered that the cash had been stolen from both the ATMs. According to an estimate, more than 25 lakh rupees cash was there in the ATMs. Police have lodged an FIR and investigations are on.

Durg Police gears up for Vidhan Sabha elections

Bhilai, Aug 27:

In view of the Assembly Elections 2023, Superintendent of Police (Durg) Shalabh Kumar Sinha chaired a meeting of all the gazetted officers and station / chowki in-charges in the Police Control Room. In the meeting, he directed to intensify action under the minor acts and prohibitory sections.

He asked the officials to keep an eye on the people involved in the business of illegal liquor and take action against drug peddlers. He asked the officers to get the licensed weapons deposited in the police station. Instructions were given to maintain vigil on the activities of habitual criminals; listing of mis-



creants who created disturbance during the elections in the past, regular checking of goons and miscreants; intensifying arrests and serving of unexpired warrants; vehicle checking; meticulous checking of vehicles entering the district, etc. Strict instructions were given to keep a special vigil in the sensitive polling stations of the region and keep an eye on persons

who entice voters. SP asked the officers to strengthen the network of informers. Sanjay Kumar Dhruv (Additional Superintendent of Police, City), Anant Sahu (Additional Superintendent of Police, Rural), Umesh Gupta (Probationary IPS), Meeta Pawar (Additional Superintendent of Police, IUCAW), Mani Shankar Chandra (City Superintendent of Police, Durg), Vishwa Deepak Tripathi (City Superintendent of Police, Bhilai Nagar), Ashish Banchoore (City Superintendent of Police, Chhawani), Sanjay Pundhir (Sub-Divisional Officer of Police, Dhamdha), Satish Thakur (Deputy Superintendent of Police Traffic), SS Vindhyaraj (Deputy Superintendent of Police, Traffic), Rajeev Sharma (Deputy Superintendent of Police, Crime), Vinod Minj (Deputy Superintendent of Police, AJK), Akanksha Pandey (Probationary DSP), Ramesh Kumar Chandra (Reserve Inspector, Durg) and SHOs of all the police stations and chowkis were present.

Vinod Sao's collection of satire released

Bhilai, Aug 27:

A new collection of the satire composed by renowned satirist Vinod Sao was released recently during a gracious function held at Durg. New World Publication, New Delhi has published the book "Vinod Sao - selected satirical compositions". Govt VYT College Principal Dr RN Singh,



Head of Department (Hindi) Dr Abhinesh

Surana and famous critic Jaiprakash were present

on the dais during the release of this book. Sao delivered the keynote address during the programme organised for research students under the birth-centenary celebrations Harishankar Parsai.

Dr Krishna Chatterjee conducted the program and Annapurna Mahato proposed the vote of thanks.

ESAF Small Finance Bank organises 'India with Me' Painting Competition



Bhilai, Aug 27:

ESAF Small Finance Bank, Durg organised a National Level Painting Competition for students in Junior and Senior Categories on August 25, 2023, to celebrate Art and Strengthen our bonds with the community. Students of Shri Mahavir Jain Hr Sec School, Durg took part in the competition and displayed their creativity and skills through their paintings based upon the competition's theme "India with Me".

Certificates were distributed to all the participants by the ESAF Bank.

The paintings under the respective categories shall be sent for selection at the national level. Cash Prizes worth Rs 50,000 will be awarded to the winner of this competition, while the winners in the Second and Third positions shall be awarded with Cash-prizes worth Rs 25,000 and Rs 15,000, respectively. The competition was held for students in two categories, being Junior (Students from 1st to 5th Standards) and Senior (Students from 6th to 10th Standards).

On behalf of Shri Mahavir Jain Hr Sec School, Durg, Prabha Verma, Principal, Paras

Jain, HR, Prashant Joshi, Pragma Jain, Rashmi Srivastava were present on this occasion, along with Monika Dewangan, Branch Manager, Nupur Dhoke, Assistant Manager and Saurabh Patankar, from ESAF Small Finance Bank, Durg were also present on this occasion, along with other Senior Officers from the Bank.

The ongoing 'Colourify- Stories with Colours - 2023, Season-2' has been organised from August 14 to September 15, 2023. The interested persons may contact their nearest ESAF Small Finance Bank Branch for more details.

Swami Vivekananda Jan Seva Kendra being established for Divyangs



Bhilai, Aug 27:

All the office bearers of OA BSP visited the Swami Vivekananda Janseva Kendra, which is being developed by OA BSP to serve the divyangs.

It needs to be mentioned here that in the Swami Vivekananda Janseva Kendra, services of Physiotherapy Center will be developed by OA for Divyang children suffering from Cerebral Palsy. Many children of Bhilai and their families will get relief from this centre. Presently this medical facility is not available in Sector-09 Hospital.

OA BSP's Swami Vivekanand Janseva Kendra is looking for possibilities to start speech therapy facilities for children who feel difficulty in speaking after the commencement of physiotherapy operations from this place itself. Swami Vivekananda Jan Seva Kendra will be made a place to provide service to the elderly people as well as young children of Bhilai. On the one hand, OA will conduct health camps, therapy centers for the children of Bhilai and programs like yoga and health camps in the service center for senior citizens.

Sujata, Priyanka & Diya win beauty pageant in Dubai

Bhilai, Aug 27:

JK Foundation's first international beauty pageant JK India International Super Model 2023 took place at Royal Huskar Hotel, Dubai. Organizer T Jaya Reddy informed that the celebrity guest was Khushbu Khan, while Jury members were Pooja Tripathi Cosmic Universe International, Nayla Fashion Infansal Dubai, Dr Pragati Grover International Winner. The VVIP guest was the celebrity manager Anuj, the VIP guest was Lakhwinder Bachchan. Grooming was done by Sarthak Chowdhary while anchoring was done by Shakeel. Organised in 3 rounds, the first round was Introduction Round, Second Round was Talent Round and Third Round was a question and answer round. All the participants tried their best to win the competition.

The winner from the classic category was Sujata Patel from Odisha. Winner in gold category was Priyanka Kachhawa from Raigarh Chhattisgarh and in Miss category Diya Nayak from Goa was winner while Rukmani Yadav was first runner up Durg Chhattisgarh.



Neerja Rai Indore was the first runner up in the classic category. Second runner up was Prabha Hussain Bhilai Chhattisgarh and fast runner up in gold category was Priyansi Tunti, Odisha, second runner up was Preeti Tripathi Korba Chhattisgarh.

All other contestants who won International Tag included Neeta Gadhwel Bhilai Mrs Photogenic International Tag, Seema Mishra Bhilai Mrs Ambitious International Tag, Kalpana Swami Bhilai Mrs Inspiration International Tag, Mrs Rashmi Sen Jabalpur Mrs Intelligent International Tag, Mrs Farhat Anjum Dhamtari Mrs Dazzling Beauty International Tag, Mrs Jyoti Shandilya Dhamtari Mrs

Ravishing International Tag.

JK Foundation also honored with the International Excellence Award in which Miss Najma Khan won Best Year Of The Best Production, Garv Saha Best Production, Sarthak Chaudhary Year Of The Best Groomer, Anuj Chuke Ji Best Celebrity Manager of Air, V Kumar Saini Best Lillen Marketing Company Of Hotels, Best Makeup Artist Sonal Arora, Best Hotels Managing Bobby, Best Year of the Anchoring Shakeel Khan, Best Year of the Manager Seema Mishra, Best Makeup Artist of the Year Fahrat Anjum were felicitated in the program. Sandy, Sanjay Mishra, Jitesh Kachhawa, Pradeep Tanti, Imran Khan, etc were present.

BSP employees of SMS-II felicitated with Shiromani Awards



Bhilai, Aug 27:

Employees of Steel Melting Shop-II of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant were awarded with 'Pali Shiromani' and 'Karm Shiromani' Awards for their exemplary work performance under the 'Shiromani Puraskar Yojana' by BSP, in an Award Ceremony held at SMS-II. Yogesh Shastri, Acting CGM (SMS-II) was the chief guest of the Award Ceremony.

Mansingh Thakur, Chief Master Technician, K Prabhakar Rao, OCT, AH Khan, Operative were awarded

the 'Karm Shiromani Award', for their exemplary performance for the month of July 2023. Govind Ram, Sr Mgr, was awarded the Pali Shiromani Award for his commendable performance during the quarter of April to June 2023.

Chief Guest Yogesh Shastri, Acting CGM (SMS-II), felicitated the awardees and appreciated them for their achievements and contributions at the workplace.

He said that the safety of our employees is our first priority. He further said that with your excellent work culture we

have accomplished difficult tasks by turning challenges into opportunities. This is the achievement of Bhilai's work culture and team work.

Our workers have earned several accomplishments by winning many challenges with their tireless hard work, efficiency and technical efficiency. Shastri encouraged all the employees of SMS-II to work in the future with the same spirit.

General Managers of SMS-II, Saurabh Jain, N Shrikant, and Balam Singh were also present on this occasion, along with NP Toppo, AGM (SMS-II) and Sanjeev Singh. All the present guests also congratulated the award winners by appreciating their exemplary performance.

DAV celebrates leadership at investiture ceremony

Bhilai, Aug 27:

"Leadership is not a position or a title, it is action and example." The Investiture Ceremony, a solemn occasion wherein all the young students are well prepared to don the mantle of leadership and responsibility while carrying it out with utmost dedication was solemnized at DAV Public School Hudco, on 26 August, for the Academic Session 2023-24 with great pomp and dignity. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Sonal Gupta (Member of Bal Sanrakshan Aayog, State of Chhattisgarh). The event began with the school band giving a ceremonial welcome to the Chief Guest. A spirit of unity and dynamism filled the air as the Grand Ceremony commenced with the Lighting of the auspicious Lamp of knowledge followed by the soulful rendition by the school choir group. In his welcome address Prashant Kumar (Principal cum Deputy Regional Officer, CG Zone A) briefed everyone about the election procedure and said that it was done after scrutinous writ-



ten exam, GD, brainstorming session followed by the interviewing of the selected one. He also advised the students to discharge their duties sincerely and nurture their fellow schoolmates in becoming good leaders in future.

The chief guests for the event congratulated all the batch holders and stated that leadership is practiced not so much in words, as in attitude and in actions.

Therefore, it is essential for us to realize that every action is a reflection of our character, our integrity and our ability. He said that true leadership is in making bridges and there is no place other than school where students can get the best lessons in life skills.

The event proceeded with the announcement of the names of School Council Members Devraj Singh (School Captain, Boy), Ujjwala Sahu (School Captain, Girl), Bhavya Jain (School Head Boy) and Anukriti Tiwari (School Head Girl) by the chief guest Sonal Gupta followed by administering of oath taking, pinning up of badges and honoring them with sashes. The Vice School Council members were Priyansh Bhaduri (Vice Head, Boy), Shristi Singh (Vice Head, Girl), Mrinal Das (School Vice Captain, Boy) and Rishika (School Vice Captain, Girl) were honored with sashes, pinning of batches and administering of Oath by Chief guest. Principal Prashant

Kumar pinned up the badges and administered the oath to the newly elected Secretaries of cabinet namely Darshana Singh (Cultural Secretary), Anmol Malviya (Discipline Secretary), Khanak Mathur (Literary Secretary), Jaskaran Singh (Sports Secretary). Biji A Kumar (Supervisory Head) administered the oath and presented the badges and sashes to Leeshan Verma (Head Boy, Junior Wing), Aaradhya Tiwari (Head Girl, Junior Wing), Anuj Sinha (School Captain, Boy, Junior Wing) and Devmani Choudhary (School Captain, Girl, Junior Wing) as Junior Wing School Council Members.

Manju Sharma (Supervisory Head) hon-

ored the Primary Wing Office Bearers by administering the oath and presenting the badges and sashes to Atharva Nath (Head Boy, Pre-Primary Wing), Aariya Chandrakar (Head Girl, Primary Wing), Chirag Kumar Roy (School Captain, Boy, Pre-Primary Wing) and Priyanshi Nag (School Captain, Girl, Primary Wing)

The house wardens of Nehru House - Shuvadip Pramanik (Senior Wing), Patel House - LM Patel (Senior Wing), Subhash House - Shrawani Sen Gupta (Senior Wing), and Tagore House - Chetna Khanna (Senior Wing) presented the sashes and badges to the different secretaries of their houses and handed over the flag to them which is a symbolic representation of handing over the responsibility to the new office bearers. The students' Council took the pledge to hold the school motto of Loyalty, Truth and Honour in high esteem. With the flags held high and heads standing tall, the ceremony concluded with the Shanti path followed by the National Anthem.

Durg's Chess Association hails Champs Shilp and Advait

Durg, Aug 27:

The District Chess Association of Durg, in partnership with the Agarwal Jan Kalyan and Agarwal Mahila Kalyan Samiti, joined forces with the State Chess Association to provide steadfast support to the recently concluded State Chess Championship. The event, hosted at Agarsen Bhavan in Sector 6, Bhilai, witnessed extraordinary displays of skill by Shilp Kumar Ghodesar and Advait Dhande from Durg district, both securing top honours in the Under 9 and Under 11 Open Categories, respectively.

Shilp garnered a remarkable 5.5 points out of 6, while Advait scored 6 out of 7, proudly clinching the coveted titles of State Chess Champions. Their exceptional feats also



earned them the privilege of representing Chhattisgarh in the National Chess Championships.



Shilp is set to participate in the Under 9 National Chess Championship scheduled

in Jamshedpur (Jharkhand) from November 2 to 8. Meanwhile, Advait will proudly represent Chhattisgarh in the Under 11 National Chess Championship to be held in Andhra Pradesh from October 1 to 8.

Both Shilp and Advait are students at DPS Risali and received coaching from the accomplished international women's chess player, Kiran Agarwal. Ishwar Singh Rajput, President of the District Chess Association of Durg, along with other esteemed members including Treasurer Tulsi Soni, Vice-President S.K. Bhagat, and various others extended their hearty congratulations to Shilp for achieving the State Champion title and wished him a promising future ahead.

'Plant Trees, Save Environment' program organized at Somnapur School

Pandaria, Aug 27:

In a concerted effort led by community leaders, including the newly elected village head, council members, teachers, and parents' association of Somnapur Naya village in Pandaria, a noteworthy "Plant Trees, Save Environment" program was successfully executed. With a pledge to nurture the environment, the community united to plant 100 fruit-bearing and flowering trees.

Bhupendra Patel, the village head, articulated the pivotal role trees play in environmental conservation. He emphasized their capacity to provide clean air, fruits, flowers, and wood, while also enhancing rainfall in regions blessed with abundant greenery. Highlighting the program's significance, Patel stressed the neces-



sity of sustained tree planting for enduring environmental preservation. Principal Santosh Kumar Sahu spurred environmental consciousness among students through resonant slogans such as "Come, let's plant trees, fulfill our pledge." This initiative underscored the school's

commitment to fostering environmentally conscious citizens. Chief Educator B. R. Bandhakhar lauded the high school management for selecting and planting fruit-bearing plants, fostering a deeper understanding of nature's importance among the students. The event was at-

tended by prominent figures like Tilak Patel, Pawan Kumar Chande, and Eco Club coordinator Jyoti Dhruv, alongside devoted teachers and villagers. This collective endeavor signifies a commendable stride toward safeguarding our ecosystem for generations to come.

Youth Congress and NSUI burnt effigies of ED, IT

Jagdalpur, Aug 27:

A resolute statement was made here as the combined forces of Jagdalpur Youth Congress and NSUI orchestrated the fiery effigy burning of Enforcement Directorate (ED) and Income Tax (IT) officials. In an organized protest staged at the prominent Rajiv Bhawan Chowk, the effigies were set ablaze in a display of opposition against what is decried as the relentless manipulation of investigative agencies by the Modi government at the Centre. Guided by the directives of State Congress leadership, the symbolic act of burning effigies resonated with the strong sentiment of disapproval against the continued exploitation of investigative

mechanisms. The Modi government, as alleged, employs these mechanisms to settle personal vendettas rather than fulfilling their intended role of upholding justice.

Sushil Maurya, President of the City District Congress Committee, voiced a stern condemnation of the Modi government's actions. He asserted that these measures are a transparent misuse of power, deployed in a vindictive manner. He further claimed that the government's ulterior motive is to undermine the credibility of the Congress-led administration in Chhattisgarh, threatened by the soaring popularity of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel. This unwarranted aggression, he



warned, will be met with fierce resistance by the Congress, promising robust agitation and protest if these tactics persist.

Mayor Safira Sahu echoed this sentiment, deeming the actions of the ED as overtly politically motivated. The central government's blatant misuse of investigative agencies, she stated, is a blatant abuse of authority. In her unwavering stance, she affirmed that no matter the number of ploys deployed by the Modi government and the BJP against the Congress, their stratagems will be ultimately futile.

The event drew participation from prominent figures, including councilors Suryapani, Surendra Jha, Sunita Singh, Dayaram,

Gournath Nag, Rajesh Rai, Kamlesh Pathak, Sunita Baghel, Shweta Baghel, Lekhan Baghel, Awadhesh Jha, as well as key Youth Congress figures such as President Ajay Bisai and Sandeep Das. The assembly also witnessed the presence of National Spokesperson Javed Khan and other notable workers like Tarajit Singh, George Toppo, Dhanurjay Das, Shadab Ahmed, Narendra Tiwari, Aseem Suta. NSUI President Vishal Khambari, Jyoti Rao, Abhishek Gupta, Sulo Kashyap, Abhishek Naidu, Siddharth Tiwari, Gaurav Tiwari, Vinod, and Kamal Sethia also stood united, sending a resounding message of defiance against what they perceive as unjust actions.

Mukesh Kumar Udsena awarded Ph.D. degree



Pithora, Aug 27: Mukesh Kumar Udsena, faculty member and Acting Principal of Government Higher Secondary School in Godbahal, has achieved a significant milestone by obtaining a Ph.D. degree from Shri Ravatpura University. The university bestowed this distinction upon him in recognition of his in-depth research focused on "The Theme of Diaspora and Mass Immigration in Abhilabh Ghoses Aibis Trilogy" within the

realm of English Literature. The research journey was conducted under the expert guidance of Dr. Manish Varma, Head and Dean of the Faculty of Arts. Warm congratulations and heartfelt well-wishes are pouring in to celebrate his remarkable achievement. The collective faculty of the school, led by A.R. Bariha, Principal of Kanyashala Pithora, and Umesh Dikshit, President of the Third Category Employee Association Pithora, along with Shripurn Singh Bariha, Chairman of the School Management Committee Godbahal, Sarpanch Sadaray Patel of Godbahal, Sarpanch Devasingh Divan of Mudhipar Gram Panchayat, Punit Ram Sinha Mandal, and Kalar Samaj Kaudeya, have extended their sincere congratulations to mark this significant milestone in his academic journey.

MLA Kavita Devi energises Ahiwara Assembly for elections



Nandini Ahiwara, Aug 27: In preparation for the forthcoming Vidhansabha election, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is actively conducting meetings across all Vidhansabha constituencies. As part of this initiative, MLA Kavita Devi, representing the Kodha Assembly in Bihar State, has been appointed as a migrant MLA for the Ahiwara Assembly.

A significant development in the BJP's election strategy, this move aims to consolidate efforts and strengthen the party's presence in the Ahiwara Assembly.

MLA Kavita Devi convened a meeting at Mangal Bhawan in Nandini Nagar, where she engaged with office bearers and party workers of the Ahiwara assembly constituency. During the

meeting, she imparted the fundamental principles for securing victory in the elections. Subsequently, she led a visit to the residence of former MLA Rajmahant Savlaram accompanied by assembly workers. The discussion covered upcoming elections and ongoing activities within the Ahiwara assembly.

The event witnessed the presence of key figures, including Ahiwara Municipality President Natwar Tamarkar, Bhilai Three Circle President Sushma Jethani, Ahiwara Mandal President Liman Sahu, Jewra Mandal President Jitendra Yadao, and members of the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha Pradesh Working Committee - Dau Anand Tamarkar, Hemlal Sahu, and Samir Dahare.

GGP demands payment of compensation to villagers by Aug 28

Korba, Aug 27:

In context of delay in payment of compensation the party workers and leaders of Gonawana Ganatantra Party (GGP) will stage one-day chakra-jam in Sutarra above Rapakharra bridge on Aug 29. In this regard, Korba District President Rafiq Ahmed, Minority Cell of GGP submitted a memorandum to the Korba Collector here on Friday through the Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM), Katghora.

In this regard, citing the memorandum given by Korba District President, Minority Cell of GGP said that the amount of compensation for the lands of rural farmers from Pathrapali to Shivpur NH 130 is yet to be received.

The land of farmers which is forest rights lease and is in their possession and it is land



on which the farmer used to live his life, that land has now been acquired for NH 130. His compensation should be given immediately. Set aside this the construction of NH-130 has not been completed yet, but toll tax is being illegally collected by NH in Madanpur, which should be stopped immediately and the compensation amount for the farmers of village Sutra, village Kapubahra and Jurali will be fixed for 5 years. Even after the compensation

amount is still not received, the compensation amount should be given to the farmers immediately. NH is working to trap the villagers in the affair of the court.

In order to provide rights to the rural farmers in the interest of the general public, a one-day protest will be held at NH-130 Sutarra, Rapakharra on August 29, 2023 for non-payment before August 28 at Gondwana Ganatantra Party ground.

Pradeep Sharma urges market-driven RIPA activities

Jagdalpur, Aug 27: Pradeep Sharma, Advisor to the Chief Minister on Planning, Policy, Agriculture, and Rural Development, delivered a commanding directive for the Regional Integrated Production Activities (RIPA), advocating a market-driven approach to bolster economic endeavours. During a comprehensive review of the RIPA and Godhan Nyaya Yojana, Sharma underscored the necessity of aligning RIPA operations with the exigencies of local market demand, ensuring seamless product circulation. The assembly hall of Agriculture College served as the arena for this strategic consultation on Friday. Sharma illuminated his vision for the potential of



RIPA by advocating demand-responsive initiatives, especially pertaining to small-scale products in proximity to the Nagarnar steel plant. He further championed the rekindling of Bastar's age-old textile prowess. In a noteworthy nod to the Millet Mission, an organization hailing from Mysore, he endorsed the production of millet bars aimed at combating mal-

nutrition among Bastar's children. This proactive stance also echoed the support provided by NABARD in erecting market stalls to facilitate the sale of RIPA-produced goods. The Advisor, resolute in his commitment to the region's youth, called for their active engagement in RIPA activities. A pivotal call-to-action resonated throughout the meet-

ing, underlining the integration of forest-based activities, herbal medicine endeavours, and forest produce ventures within RIPA's ambit. Delving into the Godhan Nyaya Yojana, the review touched on the establishment of self-sustaining 'gothans', cow dung procurement, vermicompost production, and its efficient distribution. Sharma's directive to

achieve a 50 percent target for vermicompost construction and distribution underscored the government's commitment to sustainability. Addressing the logistical challenge of distant 'gothans', he suggested outsourcing cow dung procurement and offsetting transportation costs. Women self-help groups gained special attention with an emphasis on elevating their role in

increasing vermicompost sales. Highlighting the consistent purchase of dung in 'gothans' even during elections, Sharma championed the continuity of women's economic empowerment through these groups. The meeting saw the presence of key figures including CCF Wildlife Pandey, Chief Executive Officer of District Panchayat Prakash Sarve, Director Kanger Valley National Park Dhammasheel Ganveer, Dean RS Netam, and officials integral to the scheme. This review has set the course for an invigorated RIPA and Godhan Nyaya Yojana aligned with dynamic market realities and grassroots development aspirations.

Saraswati cycle distribution boosts student enthusiasm

Katgi, Aug 27:

In a significant development, the Shahid Hemlal Higher Secondary School in Jhabadi witnessed a heartening event - the free distribution of Saraswati cycles to 23 eligible ninth-grade students. This noble endeavour was made possible under a vital government scheme aimed at promoting education. The event, graced by the presence of esteemed guests, saw the Chairman of the School Development Management Committee, Amol Kaushik, spearheading the distribution of the cycles. The atmosphere was filled with palpable excitement and joy among the students. The students warmly welcomed the guests with



flower bouquets, setting a cheerful tone for the occasion. Mrs. Kaushik, while addressing the gathering, shared that the distribution of Saraswati cycles through the state government initiative would empower girls with enhanced self-confidence and self-reliance. She urged the students to wholeheartedly embrace their studies and leverage the government's

provisions to pave the way for a promising future. Nohar Singh Shrivastava, the Principal of Shahid Hemlal Kaushik School, also took the opportunity to convey his best wishes to the students. He expressed his optimism about the students' prospects and urged them to make the most of the opportunities provided.

Gyanendra Kashyap's key role in historic Chandrayaan-3 achievement

Brings glory to Basna

Basna, Aug 27:

India's Chandrayaan-3 has etched its name in history with a triumphant lunar landing. This milestone marks India as the pioneer in landing a spacecraft on the moon's southern pole, placing the nation as the fourth globally to accomplish this remarkable feat. The success of Chandrayaan-3's landing owes a significant debt to Gyanendra Kashyap, a distinguished scientist hailing from the Basna region of Chhattisgarh. With a proud 23-year career at ISRO, Gyanendra Kashyap played a pivotal role, contributing to this monumental achievement. Gyanendra Kashyap,



younger brother of Dr. Jitendra Kashyap and son of Dr. S.P. Kashyap from Basna, has been instrumental in the victorious landing of Chandrayaan-3. He specialized in the satellite's camera sensor's electronic system, a critical component for the mis-

sion's success.

Hailing from Singhanpur village and native to Basna district, Gyanendra Kashyap received his initial education at Government Basic Primary School, followed by his secondary education at Government Adarsh Higher Secondary School in Basna. Further studies led him to electronics and telecommunications in Pune, Maharashtra. After a two-year stint in a private company in Bangalore, he joined ISRO in 2000, where he currently serves as a Senior Scientist. Gyanendra's elder brother, Jitendra Kashyap, is a dedicated social worker, while his nephew Anshul Kashyap excels as an electronics engineer from IIT Dhanbad, and Ayush

Kashyap is a budding MBBS doctor preparing for postgraduate studies.

The exceptional accomplishments of Gyanendra Kashyap have garnered recognition and admiration from the entire Bhartiya Aghariya Samaj community. The central president, Bhuvneshwar Patel, senior vice president, Gesamoti Patel, treasurer, Dwarika Patel, General secretary, Deendayal Patel, secretary, Dhyanjay Patel, and social media secretary, Vijay Patel, along with Basna Traders Association and the residents of Basna, wholeheartedly congratulate him. Their wishes resonate with the aspiration to illuminate Basna's name globally, commemorating the historic triumph of Chandrayaan-3.

Mahila Morcha celebrates Rakshabandan

Kurud, Aug 27:

Under the guidance of BJP Mahila Morcha District Vice President Jyoti Chandrakar, the workers and office bearers of the Morcha celebrated the festival of Rakhi with the doctors, health workers of Kurud Civil Hospital and the police personnel of Kurud police station. Mahila Morcha activists tied rakhi to the police brothers and demanded them to control the growing drug trade in Kurud and the area as a gift. Sisters of Mahila Morcha went to Kurud Civil Hospital and applied Tilak to all the doctors and health workers who tied rakhi there and performed aarti and tied rakhi on their wrists. On this occasion Suresh Nand, Santoshi Netam, Rajkumar Sahu constable Poonam Sonwani, Gaheshwar Sahu, Daneshwar Babu Tandon, Ajay Netam, Pukeshwar Belchandan Rajesh Bhuariya, Mahendra Pratap Sri Lukesh Kumar Sinha, female constable Shiva Yadav, Divya Thakur, Lata Sahu, Sangeeta Yadav and many others were present.

State-level teacher award to be conferred upon Dr. Vinod Pandey

Manendragarh, Aug 27:

In a notable recognition of his exceptional contributions to education, Dr. Vinod Pandey, the incumbent Principal In-charge at Government High School, Piparia, is set to receive the prestigious State-level Teacher Award. This esteemed accolade is scheduled to be presented on the occasion of Teacher's Day, on September 5th. The award will be conferred during a ceremony at the Raj Bhavan, where the Governor and Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh will bestow this honour.



Dr. Pandey will become the first teacher from the MCB district to be bestowed with this distinction, marking a proud achievement for the district. Beyond his peda-

gogical contributions, he has also carved a niche as a historian. Recognizing his multifaceted prowess, he has been bestowed with the esteemed title of "Shiksha Sri" by the Education Minister of the Chhattisgarh Government.

Presently, Dr. Pandey shoulders additional responsibilities as the Assistant Nodal Officer for the District Archaeology and District Culture Department in Mandragarh, Chirmiri, Bharatpur.

Congress govt marks golden five-year term in Chh'garh: Puspasa Sahu

Fingeshwar, Aug 27:

Ms. Puspasa Jagnath Sahu, President of Janpad Panchayat, lauded the Congress-led Chhattisgarh government's remarkable achievements during its five-year term under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel. She asserted that Baghel's accomplishments within four years have surpassed the developments witnessed during the previous 15-year tenure of BJP's former Chief Minister, Dr. Raman Singh. Ms. Sahu highlighted the tangible progress made by the state in various sectors under Baghel's administration. Emphasizing Baghel's commitment to his promises, Ms. Sahu noted that the Chief Minister began by fulfilling his pledge to waive off farmers' loans, significantly improving



their livelihoods. Subsequently, he executed initiatives such as providing bonuses for paddy sals, establishing Swami Atmanand English and Hindi Medium Schools to enhance education, and launching the innovative practice of selling cow dung to boost farmers' income. The Gauthan initiative also empowered women by offering employment opportunities. The transformative impact extended to agriculture as well, with Baghel's government championing organic

farming by replacing chemical fertilizers with cow dung-derived organic fertilizers. Operating under the motto "Sarv Hitay Sarv Sukhay" (Welfare and Happiness for All), the government implemented initiatives spanning various sectors. Notable feats include ensuring equitable procurement of Rabi crops at fair prices, supporting landless families through the Rajiv Gandhi Rural Landless Agriculture Labourer Scheme, and improving healthcare accessibility in outer slums through the Bahari Slum Health Scheme and rural markets through the Gramin Haat Bazaar Yojana. Ms. Sahu emphasized that the Bhupesh Baghel government's tenure has been an era of historic achievements, leaving an indelible mark on Chhattisgarh's history.

Touching farewell given to Dr. Rupesh Kumar Pathak

Mungeli, Aug 27:

A poignant farewell event unfolded as the District Treasury Officer, Dr. Rupesh Kumar Pathak, prepared to embark on a new chapter in his professional journey, transitioning to the Janjgir-Champa district. The occasion was embraced by a heartfelt farewell and honour ceremony meticulously conducted by the treasury's dedicated officers and staff. This event not only recognized the remarkable contributions of Dr. Pathak but also warmly welcomed the arrival of the new District Treasury Officer, Mahendra Kumar Pandey. Amidst an atmosphere of camaraderie and cherished memories, the treasury's personnel bid adieu



to Dr. Pathak, a stalwart known for his unwavering dedication throughout his tenure within the district. Simultaneously, they extended their wholehearted embrace to Pandey, who shoulders the vital responsibility of

spearheading the district's financial landscape. Distinguished officials from the district administration graced the event, extending felicitations to Dr. Pathak on his new journey and offering well-wishes to Pandey as he

embarks on his fresh role. Dr. Pathak, celebrated for his steadfast commitment, generously shared insights garnered during his enriching five-year tenure. Overflowing with gratitude, he extended his heartfelt appreciation to

the department's officers and staff, acknowledging their collaborative support that played a pivotal role in achieving significant milestones under his leadership. The event culminated with a poignant gesture, as the department presented Dr. Pathak with a commemorative memento, encapsulating the legacy he leaves behind.

The gathering was graced by esteemed figures including Asok Soni, Assistant Treasury Officer Chandrasekhar Sahu, Tarla Niruti, Bharatlal Suryavanshi, Vijay Kumar, Kaushal Prasad Jagat, Bhanupratap Dhruv, Ambe Singh, Vikas Singh, Deepak Yadav, and Dhansingh Thakur, representing diverse departments.

Creative brilliance shines at Sunrise School's Rakhi competition

Pandaria, Aug 27:

The halls of Sunrise Public School in Pandaria-Nagar illuminated with creativity and excitement as they hosted a Rakhi Making Competition this Saturday. The event saw an impressive turnout of 140 young participants, each showcasing their artistic finesse in crafting exquisite Rakhis. An exceptional facet of the competition was the integration of Rakhis as messengers of success for India's Chandrayaan-3 lunar mission. This fusion of artistic expression and scientific achievement showcased the students' innovative prowess and their connection with remarkable milestones.



The competition emphasized the vitality of active participation and the exhibition of artistic talents by the children. The Rakhis crafted across all divisions were not just eye-catching but also testified to their enthusiastic involvement.

The top spots in each category were hotly contested, magnifying the tal-

ent and resolve of these budding participants. Sneha Sahu secured the lead in the Senior category, trailed by Rakhi Kesarwani and Raspreet Saluja. Junior champions emerged as Vosmi Khute, Tahseen Bano, and the duo of Puja Sahu and Kajal Chandrakar.

In the Sub-Junior category, Tejas Devangan clinched the winner's laurels, joined by Srishti Jain and Naushin Bano in the following ranks. The competition echoed not only their creative prowess but also their commitment to excelling in diverse educational realms.

The event culminated with gratitude, as the school's educators extended unwavering support and apt guidance to all participants, ensuring the resounding success of the competition.

Free eye and ear check-up on the occasion of Rakshabandhan

Berla, Aug 27:

On the auspicious occasion of Rakshabandhan, a free eye and ear check-up camp will be organized on August 27 in Maa Chandi temple premises located in village Nevanara of Berla block. The camp will be organized under the joint aegis of farmer leader Yogesh Tiwari and Mahavir Intercontinental Service Organization Raipur. In this camp, free eye and ear check-up will be done by experts, in which medicines, spectacles and ear machines will be distributed to the needy patients. In the camp, free medicines will be distributed to the needy after checking the BP and sugar of the patients. Organization's office bearers Lokesh Kanwaria International General Secretary, Ashok Jain State President, Motilal



Oswal President Raipur Branch, Navneet Jha Secretary Raipur Branch, Sanjay Gidiya Treasurer Raipur Branch, Dharmendra Jain Director Eye Care, Narendra Lunia Director Eye Care will be present in the camp. Farmer leader Yogesh Tiwari told that the camp will be organized on August 27 from 10 am to 5 pm. His aim is to serve the general public and the poor selflessly.

Dr. Padumlal Punnalal Bakshi School celebrates Tulsi Jayanti

Khairagarh, Aug 27:

The spirit of Tulsi Jayanti resonated through the corridors of Dr. Padumlal Punnalal Bakshi School as a celebratory event took place on the school grounds. The distinguished presence of MLA Karmjeet Singh elevated the occasion, where he graced the event as the chief guest. Notably, during this auspicious gathering, MLA Karmjeet Singh contributed to the comfort of the school by presenting two stand fans, enhancing the learning environment for the students.

In a touching gesture, MLA Karmjeet Singh, in memory of his elder brother Late Amarjeet Singh, sponsored two pedestal fans for the stage. This benevolent offering aimed to ensure a respite from the sweltering heat



for both guests and students attending various programs held on the stage.

The commemorative event saw enlightening discourses on the literary works of the revered Tulsidas. Roshan Lal Verma, the Principal of the institution, and student union in-charge Anurag Singh, Kiran Singh, Vishnu Joshi, Shashikant Dubey, Hemlal Kaushik, and Arpit Singh shared their perspectives on Tulsidas' compositions.

Further illuminating the audience were students Bhojraj Verma, Yamun Yadav, Omkar Verma, Hemant Rajak, Tan Sahuk, Vishal Devangan, Jay Suryavanshi, and Kamal Ahuja, who shed light on the profound writings of Tulsidas. The event, orchestrated by Dr. Savita Yadav, unfolded as a blend of homage to literary heritage and a tribute to brotherly affection, exemplifying the school's commitment to fostering an enriching academic environment.

Children should be taught to respect elders: DJ

Korba, Aug 27:

According to the instructions of the Chhattisgarh State Legal Services Authority Bilaspur, for the purpose of making senior citizens aware of their rights under the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act 2007, the ADR of the District Court Complex, District and Sessions Judge and Chairman District Legal Services Authority Mr. D.L. Katakwar organised a workshop and training program. On this occasion, the first Additional District and Sessions Judge Ms. Sanghpushpa Bhatpahari, Additional Sessions Judge (FTC) Mrs. Jyoti Agarwal, other



District Court Judges and SDMs of various sections of the district, members of the District Advocates Association and paralegal volunteers were present. Inaugurating the program by lighting the lamp, District Judge Shri Katkwar said in his address that the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior

Citizens Act, 2007 was enacted to provide financial security, welfare and protection to senior citizens. In this act, children are expected to give maintenance to their parents and along with this, the government has been expected to build old age homes and ensure medical assistance to senior citizens. He informed that Administrative

Tribunal and Appellate Tribunal have been constituted to ensure compliance of the Act. Any senior citizen, who is 60 years of age or more, including parents, who is unable to earn his own income or is unable to maintain himself out of the property owned by him, Such person is entitled to apply for maintenance under the said Act.

Voter awareness campaign conducted under SVEEP calendar

Korea, Aug 27:

On the instructions of Collector and District Election Officer and President of District Sweep Corps Committee Korea, Vinay Kumar Langhe, voter awareness campaign is being conducted in the district under the SVEEP calendar. In Gram Panchayat of Baikunthpur, Sarga Government Higher Secondary School and S.E.C.L. Voter awareness rally at voter booth number 64 under voter awareness campaign was conducted. Women self-help groups organized Rangoli, Mehendi and Sweep quiz competition under



Sangwari Chala Vote Dale Bar and appealed to vote in large numbers and E.V.M. Information was also given

about. District Election Officer has insisted on voting for every voter for a healthy democracy and

during the inspection by SVEEP nodal officers, common people were also informed about the utility of voting. These officers gave instructions to the concerned officers and employees to organize the booth and provide all the facilities for the ideal polling station. Manoj Singh Jagat, Chief Executive Officer of Baikunthpur Janpad Panchayat gave certificates to the winners who participated in the competition. SVEEP Nodal Officer, Mahesh Shivhare, Vijaynath Vajpayee and S.E.C.L. Atul Gupta, Anil Dwivedi and other officers of the area were present.

School students, villagers lock School for 3 hrs



Charge that there is only one teacher and he often remains absent

Dongargaon, Aug 27:

The school children and villagers locked the Primary School in Manikpur under Churiya

block of the district and staged sit-in in front of the School itself here on Friday. At present there are 46 children studying in Primary School Manikpur from Class 1-5 and there is only one teacher here and he also remains absent from time-to-time. With only one head master in the School, the studies of the students is getting

badly affected for last one year and about which the villagers have lodged complaint with the Department many a times, but to no avail.

The newly appointed teacher in the School amidst the government orders is not able to give his presence even in the last Independence Day and due to which there is great

deal of resentment among the villagers. So to register protest the villagers locked the School's main gate on Aug 25 and got in touch with the local administration and media. During this the BJP leader Hirendra Sahu reached the venue to know about the problem and after 3 hrs of lockdown in the School, BEO Churiya along with departmental officers and Tehsildar reached the site and gave assurance to the villagers for ensuring presence of a teacher in the School on regular basis and after which the lock was opened. The villagers also charged serious allegations against the Head Master and demanded his removal from the School. On this the Tehsildar Kumarda Akanksha Sahu said that it will be investigated.

Devsingh Nishad aims to represent Basna constituency

Pithora, Aug 27: Devsingh "Devnath" Nishad, a highly recognized political figure in the Basna Assembly constituency, has officially declared his candidacy for the upcoming Basna Assembly elections. Known for his active participation in the political landscape of Pithora, Devsingh Nishad has established a unique identity. His extensive experience as the President of the Municipal Council in Pithora for four consecutive terms is a testament to his unwavering dedication to public service.

Devnath Nishad's popularity can be attributed to his authenticity and approachability. The people of Pithora have shown their unwavering support by electing him as the President of the Municipal Council multiple times. His victory with 267 votes in 2000, followed by another triumph in 2005 with 1687 votes, highlights his strong connection with the community.



His wife, Smt. Parvati Devnath Nishad, secured a win in 2009 due to women's reservations, earning 665 votes and becoming President for the fourth time with 69 votes. His straightforward demeanor has earned him substantial popularity among the

masses. Currently, he serves as the Ward Councillor for Ward No. 12. Hailing from the esteemed Nishad family, known for their stewardship of the Shitala Society, Devsingh Nishad carries a strong dedication to serving the farming community. Growing up in a farmer's household, he remains deeply connected to the concerns of the agricultural sector. His cordial relations with residents of Sankara and Basna further underscore his humble and welcoming nature.

During his tenure as President, Devsingh Nishad achieved a significant milestone by encouraging families from the educationally disadvantaged Devaara Dera community to prioritize their children's education. As a result, several children from this community have pursued education up to the 10th grade, and some have even completed their education and entered into marital unions.

Former Mayor Jatin submits application to block President

To contest assembly elections

Jagdarpur, Aug 27: Ever since the Congress has invited applications from the contenders willing to contest the Vidhan Sabha (VS) elections, the process of submitting of application for candidature for respective seats in Jagdarpur assembly has also started. Saket Shukla handed over the application to block president Kailash Nag for his candidature from Jagdarpur assembly seat.

It may be noted that Saket is the S/o former Congress President and senior Congressman Umashankar Shukla. Saket Shukla former District President has been in the post of



NSUI Bastar and former State General Secretary Chhattisgarh Youth Congress. He also played an excellent role in the rail movement of Bastar. Apart from this, TV Ravi of Congress has given his application today. Former Mayor of Congress Jatin

Jaiswal along with his supporters came to present his claim to the Block Congress President. So far three names have come in the list of Congress contenders. Out of which Jatin Jaiswal is considered to be a prominent name. On the other hand, Jagdarpur MLA Rekchhand Jain, IVPRA Vice President Rajeev Sharma and Malkit Singh Gaidu are also considered strong contenders, their claims are yet to come. However, the Congmen themselves do not lag behind in describing Rekchhand Jain's tenure as better. But can't hide the longing to see himself in the same seat. The possibility of more claimants coming forward cannot be ruled out.

Disability testing and certification camp conducted

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Khairagarh, Aug 27: In a significant step towards empowering individuals with disabilities, the district successfully conducted a one-day Disability Testing and Certification Camp under the direction of Collector Gopal Verma. The camp was held at the Cultural Hall in the city. The event was geared towards providing testing and certification documentation to disabled individuals within the district.

In line with Collector Gopal Verma's proactive approach, disabled individuals falling under the jurisdiction of the Persons with Disabilities Act were granted certificates on-

site, eliminating the need for them to navigate through bureaucratic processes.

The camp was designed to encompass the provisions outlined in the Disabled Persons Rights Act, encompassing certification, identification, assessment, and rejuvenation testing for disabled individuals.

Medical specialists, including Dr. B.K. Banerjee, Dr. B.L. Tulavi, Dr. Rakesh Rameke, Dr. Bhanupriya Chaudhary, Dr. Parte, Dr. Khuman Singh Mandavi, and Dr. B.K. Banerjee, constituted the proficient team that facilitated the camp. Their expertise ensured a comprehensive evaluation process, enabling accurate assessment and documentation issuance.

Students informed about success of Chandrayaan-3

Pandaria, Aug 27:

The video of successful soft landing of Chandrayaan-3 on the moon was shown through Youtube to the students of Govt. Primary School Rehman Kapa on Friday. Teacher Banghekar informed the children that we all should know about our country and what work the scientists are doing and what all works have been done for Chandrayaan-3.

On successful soft landing of Chandrayaan-3 on the moon, a greeting message was given with construction of ISRO's logo by the students jointly through their creativity.



The teacher informed the students that the third Chandrayaan-3 is India's third mission to send spacecraft to the Moon and it will help in better understanding about entire structure and atmosphere of the Moon.

It is to study about the chemicals, natural elements, soil, water and other found on the surface of the moon that this Chandrayaan-3 has been sent, he added.

BJP workers burst fire-crackers, distribute sweets



Kawardha, Aug 27: The entire country and scientists of ISRO after its successful launching of Chandrayaan-3 were anxiously waiting for its successful soft landing on the Moon and by doing so the India's and ISRO's top scientists have put India on the world map by achieving this mission and it turned out to be a proud moment for all the

countrymen.

To celebrate this proud moment along with countrymen, BJP party workers of Kawardha busted fire-crackers and distributed sweets in Kawardha on Thursday evening. With successful landing of Chandrayaan on the Moon, the India's flag is held high all over the world. Among those who celebrated the occasion

included BJP District President Ashok Sahu, ex-MLA Motiram Chandravanshi, gen. secy. Santosh Patel, Seetam Sahu, Chandraprakash Chandravanshi, Srikant Upadhyay, Maniram Sahu, Manoj Gupta, Rupesh Jain, Dr Anand Mishra, Ajay Thakur, Khilleshwar Sahu, Santosh Sinha, Tilak Kurre, Sanjay Mishra, Kamlesh Dwivedi, Sanat Sahu, and other party workers in large number and they flashed the India's flag in the air and extended greetings to all those present.

AVMEMS and Education City students watch Chandrayaan-3 landing on Moon

Geedam/Dantewada, Aug 27: Aastha Vidya Mandir English Medium School (AVMEMS) and Education City Jawanga students as well as teachers watched the live telecast of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)'s Chandrayaan 3 Vikram landing as per guidelines from Samagra Shiksha, School Education Department, Chhattisgarh and Central Board of Secondary Education, Delhi. India created history in the field of space science with the successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 mission on the moon. The enthusiasm of the students and teachers of Astha Vidya Mandir to capture this moment in their memories became unforgettable. Children



and teachers witnessed the historic moment by watching Chandrayaan-3 live telecast program on the big screen in the auditorium of Education City Jawanga. When Vikram Lander landed on the South Pole of the Moon, the whole auditorium echoed with thunderous

applause and everyone announced Bharat Mata Ki Jai and Vande Mataram in one voice. This mission Chandrayaan under self-reliant India by ISRO has been unique in itself. Dantewada District Education Officer Pramod Thakur, District Mission Coordinator Shyam Lal

Sori, APC Rajendra Pandey, Principal Gopal Pandey, Vice Principal Pramod Gupta, lecturer cum space expert Amujiri Biswanath, Superintendent Ravi Prakash Thakur, Rajneesh Oswal, all teachers and 1000 students were watched the live programme with enthusiasm. After the successful landing of Chandrayaan 3, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address mentioned the moment of India's new energy, new faith, new consciousness. It is the invocation of the rising destiny of India, and the conch shell of a developed India. When the resolution was taken on earth in Amrit Kaal, it was realized on Moon. Children listening to the speeches of ISRO Chairman Dr. S. Somnath,

Chandrayaan-3 Project Director Dr. P. Veeramuthuvel, Associate Director Kalpana, Mission Operation Director Shrikant, UR Rao Satellite Center Director M Sankaran and mission scientists and they were excited and showed eagerness to become a scientist. Similarly, Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Kanya Shiksha Parisar, Swami Atmanand Government Excellence School, Eklaya Model Residential School including various pota cabins, residential schools more than 25000 students, teachers, all cluster coordinators of Dantewada District Dantewada felt proud to be an Indian watching the live telecast of Chandrayaan 3 Vikram landing on the Moon.

Pandaria's youths secure prestigious national roles

10 selected in BSF, ITBP, NSG, and SSB, bringing honour to the region

Pandaria, Aug 27: A moment of extraordinary pride and honour dawned upon the Pandaria region as 10 exceptional youths were handpicked for critical roles within esteemed national services, including the Border Security Force (BSF), Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), National Security Guard (NSG), and Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB). In the forthcoming times, these spirited individuals will undergo rigorous training and take up positions at the borders, upholding the nation's security.



Chandravanshi, a stalwart youth leader representing the Jogi Congress from the Pandaria region. Expressing his admiration and pride, Chandravanshi coordinated a special felicita-

tion ceremony at the Pandaria Block Panchayat premises. Here, in a gesture of deep respect and recognition, he adorned the selected youths with garlands and shared the sweetness of victory through delectable treats. In his reverent address, Chandravanshi emphasized the monumental significance of these 10 young achievers being chosen for national service, not only for the Pandaria region but for the entire district. He took a moment to laud the indomitable courage and dedication exhibited by the parents of these youths, who, with unwavering support, entrusted their sons to serve the nation at its frontiers.

The distinguished list of the chosen ones are Indradas Divakar (BSF), Jagjeevan Sahu (BSF), Chhatrapal Patre (SSB), Sunil Banjare (BSF), Prashant Bharti (SSB), Durgesh Patre (SSB), Santosh Mahilang (CRPF), Hemant Sahu (CRPF), Raja Ram Sahu (CRPF), and Sanjay Anchal (ITBP).

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[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
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Pursuant to taking possession of the secured asset mentioned hereunder by the Authorized Officer of Centrum Housing Finance Limited, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 for the recovery of amount due from borrower/s, offers are invited by the undersigned in sealed covers for purchase of immovable property, as described hereunder, which is in the physical possession, on 'As Is Where Is Basis', 'As Is What Is Basis', Particulars of which are given below: -

Sr. No.	Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) / Loan Account No./ Branch	Date of Notice U/s 13(2), Outstanding amount, & Date of Possession	Description of the Immovable property	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) 10%	E-Auction Date and Time EMD Submission Last Date Inspection Date
				Bid Increment (In Rs.)		
1	Savita Patre W/O Vijay Patre & Vijay Patre S/o Ram Kripal Patre/ RPRRP18002079/ Raipur	07-07-2021, Rs. 218619 /- (Rupees Two Lac Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred Nineteen Only) as on 30-06-2021 & 15-06-2023	In The Rights, Piece and Parcel of Immovable Property Bearing Kh.No. 205/1(Part), Admeasuring 528 Sq.Ft Situated At P.H.No. 109/39/40, Mauza- Saddu, Kushabhau Thakre Ward No. 26, Rnm- Raipur, District Raipur, Chhattisgarh - 492014 And Bounded As Follows:-East: Road West: Plot Of Thakur, North: Plot Of Deepak Yadav, South: Plot Of Verma	Rs. 1050000/- (Rupees Ten Lac Fifty Thousand Only) Rs. 5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only)	Rs. 1,05,000/- (Rupees One Lac Five Thousand Only)	29-09-2023 from 11.00 AM To 2.00 PM On or Before 27-09-2023 from 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM 26-09-2023 from 11.00 AM To 2.00 PM

Beneficiary Bank Account Details

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(1) Auction/bidding shall only be through online electronic mode through the e-auction website i.e., <https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net/>.
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Embarking on the Radiant Trail

ISRO's Ambitious Solar Odyssey

Fresh off the triumphant achievement of Chandrayaan-3's conquest, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) stands poised on the precipice of another celestial conquest. With celestial bodies continuing to capture our imagination, ISRO now directs its gaze to the brilliant orb that fuels life itself - the Sun. In a mere week, perhaps on the propitious date of September 2, the Aditya-L1 spacecraft is set to embark on its epochal mission to unravel the enigma of our nearest star. Having etched its name on the lunar chronicles, ISRO is primed to etch a new saga with the Aditya-L1 mission. Crafted with meticulous precision, this spacecraft is architected to relay remote observations of the solar corona and in-situ assessments of the solar wind. Positioned strategically at the L1 point - a celestial fulcrum nestled 1.5 million kilometers from Earth - Aditya-L1 is poised to cast an unblinking eye on the Sun's radiant majesty. Amid this cosmic symphony, a resounding first awaits. Aditya-L1 heralds India's maiden dedicated space odyssey solely focused on the Sun. From its headquarters in Bengaluru, ISRO launches this scientific behemoth, accentuating its prowess as a paragon of interstellar exploration. With its trajectory meticulously planned around the L1 orbit, the Aditya-L1 mission houses seven scientific payloads. This arsenal is poised to decode the Sun's complex choreography - from the photosphere's dazzling waltz to the chromosphere's intricate ballet, culminating in the fiery crescendo of the corona. Proudly radiating the spirit of indigenous innovation, Aditya-L1 is a symphony of national expertise. Collaborating with esteemed institutions, ISRO rallies diverse expertise to weave this cosmic tapestry. As the Indian Institute of Astrophysics, ensconced in Bengaluru, orchestrates the Visible Emission Line Coronagraph payload, the Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics, Pune, bestows upon the mission the Solar Ultraviolet Imager payload. In the grand overture, Aditya-L1's instruments harmoniously resonate with the Sun's rhythms. They decode the corona's cryptic language, elucidate the chromosphere's nuances using UV melodies, and capture the solar flares' explosive soliloquies with X-ray crescendos. In this cosmic orchestra, particle detectors and magnetometer payloads dance to the symphony of charged particles and the magnetic field, weaving a narrative of cosmic magnetism. Transcending realms, the spacecraft's journey began at the UR Rao Satellite Centre, culminating in a celestial embrace at Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh. An ISRO official, a custodian of the agency's legacy, reverberates with confidence, predicting a September 2 liftoff - a cosmic overture poised to unfurl. Envisaged to glide gracefully in the L1 halo orbit, the spacecraft enjoys an uninterrupted rendezvous with the Sun. Devoid of the shroud of occultations or eclipses, this unique cosmic ballet delivers an unfiltered spectacle of solar phenomena, shedding light on space weather's intricate choreography. Elevated by the singular vantage of L1, Aditya-L1's payload quartet gazes intently upon the Sun, while the remaining trio orchestrates in-situ examinations of particles and fields. This harmonious interplay deciphers the cascading impact of solar dynamics across the interplanetary stage. In the grand libretto of space, Aditya-L1's payloads echo with the promise of enlightenment. Envisioned as the conduits of wisdom, these instruments shall unveil the secrets of coronal heating, the ballet of coronal mass ejections, and the luminous drama of solar flares. As ISRO eloquently asserts, Aditya-L1 shall not just illuminate, but profoundly unravel the intricate layers of solar upper atmospheric dynamics, unraveling the tantalizing mysteries of the chromosphere and corona. The Aditya-L1 mission's symphony unfurls in myriad dimensions, unveiling the physics of partially ionized plasma, and deciphering the convoluted dance of coronal mass ejections and flares. At its heart lies an unwavering pursuit - to chronicle the saga of particle dynamics born from the Sun, to decode the very essence of solar winds, and to parse the cosmic forces that shape our space weather.

Wrestling's Crisis

Indian Grapplers Bereft of Tricolour Glory

In a saga of unending tribulations, our wrestlers find themselves shackled once again. The blow renders them unable to vie beneath the Indian tricolour at the impending World Championships. A lamentable truth emerges: our exceptional wrestlers, those who have brought laurels to the nation, are now relegated to the status of 'neutral athletes'. The medals they might clinch shall remain disconnected from India's honour. This ignominious episode unfurls on the heels of the Wrestling Federation of India's (WFI) suspension from the United World Wrestling (UWW), the esteemed global custodian of amateur wrestling. The cause: the WFI's inability to conduct crucial elections. The International Olympic Committee, swift in its actions, had appointed an ad hoc panel on April 27, tasking them with orchestrating the elections within a span of 45 days. A mere day later, a stern warning was dispatched by the UWW to the WFI, cautioning that failure to meet this deadline would lead to suspension. The consequence of this conundrum is now clear—the tricolour, a beacon of national pride, will not flutter as our wrestlers tread the international arena. Behind this grave lapse lies a disheartening spectacle: a tug-of-war between India's aggrieved athletes and power-hungry wrestling administrators. As the sand slipped through the hourglass, elections that should have been a cornerstone of unity turned into a chronicle of delay. The UWW's vigilant gaze observed this spectacle of internal discord, yet the ad hoc panel failed to muster the needed resolve to restore order. The root of these impediments lies in the fracas over the participation rights in the polls, as state bodies in disarray sought legal intervention. In the midst of this turmoil, the shadows of allegations loom large. Charges of sexual harassment, underpinned by endorsements from eminent stars, were leveled by young women wrestlers against the former chief of the WFI, Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh. An unsettling cloud envelops these claims, even as the wrestlers suspend their high-profile protest. The international wrestling fraternity, exemplified by the UWW, watches with scrutiny. Amidst these tumultuous waves, the wrestling arena yearns for an imperative overhaul. The din of internal discord and the stain of controversy must be cast aside, for the integrity of the sport, for the aspirations of countless young wrestlers, and for the honor of the Indian flag. As the countdown to the World Championships ticks away, the true champions remain the athletes, battling not just their opponents on the mat, but also the tempest within their own ranks. Wrestling's grandeur can no longer be eclipsed by administrative turbulence; the time for a triumphant turnaround is now.

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GANESH CHATURTHI PREPARATIONS



Devotees carry an idol of Lord Ganesha to a pandal ahead of Ganesh Chaturthi festival, in Mumbai, Sunday, Aug. 27.

What are we living in this rush of life?



PRIYANKA SAURABH



When we start our life, our mind is eager to get everything. Along with money, we also want to earn a name. This desire is also true to a large extent. But, it is wrong not to give importance to the family and your happiness in its affair. Compromising your responsibilities and your happiness cannot be right under any circumstances. As much as it is important to earn money and fame in life or to become a successful person, it is equally important to feel small happiness. If you forget these moments and are just busy moving forward, then one day you will feel sad that what have you lost in the process of getting a little? It is in the interest of all of us that we live in peace and allow others to live in peace. In the emergency of life, we should know that any moment of ours can be the last, so live every moment with a true heart without any ego, with the feeling of Sarve Bhavantu Sukhin.

In today's turbulent times, peace is essential. Yesterday's noise of factories, noise of means of transport, and emergency of life are giving rise to external and internal disturbance today. Due to this stress, depression is born. People have started feeling the lack of greenery and serene natural scenes of nature. People away from the cities have started preferring to live in rural quiet environments. This state of mind shows the usefulness of peace. The times we live in today are unique in many ways. If seen, every time is unique. But today's era is especially full of depression, life struggle, bitterness, ideological narrowness, despair, and frustration. In today's fast-paced life, surviving and standing your ground has become more challenging than ever. Our expectations and aspirations and needs keep on troubling us day and night, increasing with time. Whatever is beautiful, when did we think this? The concepts of simplicity have now gone somewhere in the dustbin. We have as much as we need, yet we are not able to live a life of satisfaction and this dissatisfaction only compels us to run continuously. We do not tolerate it at all that someone goes ahead of us and in this race, we forget to live the happiness that God has given us. This is the reason why our stress increases and our blood pressure goes to higher

levels. In the rush of life, we did not get time to sit somewhere and think about what is right and what is wrong. When we start our young life, our mind is eager to have everything. Along with money, we also want to earn a name. This desire is also true to a large extent. But, it is wrong not to give importance to the family and your happiness in its affair. Compromising your responsibilities and your happiness cannot be right under any circumstances. As much as it is important to earn money and fame in life or to become a successful person, it is equally important to feel small happiness. If you forget these moments and are just busy moving forward, then one day you will feel sad that what have you lost in the process of getting a little? Situations that generate tension lead to unrest. It is known from modern research that stress is the cause of almost seventy-five percent of diseases. Today we are just running, running without stopping. And this is the reason why there comes a time in our life when we fall for people who are disappointed and sad. We feel that no one is satisfied with their present situation. What we have got today is insufficient. Will we ever be able to inspect our life running at another angle from the first angle? Now think... Will this phase of gloom and

depression continue in our lives like this? Will there never be positivity in our lives? Being positive here does not mean that we needlessly accept what is wrong by wrapping it in the envelope of positivity. Wrong should be called wrong and it should also be opposed. But we should avoid unnecessary negativity. I see in today's society and especially in this era of social media, that we do not hesitate to criticize, condemn and use bad words without knowing things, without reaching the bottom of the matter. Is it correct from your point of view? Will the world be ruined if we don't answer something immediately? Can't we think for a while, understand the whole incident, and answer anything decently in a good and civilized way? Why such a hurry? Social media must have started to compensate for our declining sociality. Because today we are not able to see chaupal under banyan and peepal in the village. The reason is that today's world has changed a lot. People's arrangements and engagements have increased. It is becoming difficult to meet. In such a situation, if we do not meet face to face, then social media should step into this era thinking that we can meet virtually, but gradually this social media destroyed our social fabric. Our expectations started increasing day by day and it started getting misused. The result was that instead of relief, social media became a cause of stress for us. Today we are sad when people remove us from our friendship list or block us. We get angry when people disturb us by sending good morning, good evening messages. We feel sad when people don't like our posts according to us or our stress increases when we get friend requests from a locked profile. Today we are getting entangled with political and religious views on social media itself. Sometimes we get so angry with someone's post that we forget the decency of the language. If we try to stop or explain to someone during this time, then the person in front of us starts saying good or bad things to us. As a result, we are removed from the friend list or asked to leave the group because of our behavior. The state of lack of peace is known by stress. Many such things have become the cause of stress for us

today. In the changing times, we cannot even ignore these things. Think how big the world considers you so much and if you are not ready to think like this from your point of view, then you quietly close your doors for those who tag you. After all, what is the reason for stress? If someone is sending you good morning in the morning, good evening in the evening, pictures of God and flowers, etc., then observe how much the person in front loves you and remembers you every morning. You are in his prayers and if you still don't want to understand this, ignore his message. It is in your hands that you can block it at your level. Instead of engaging in a bitter and raucous argument with them, you can quietly remove them from your friend list. By doing this, you will be able to avoid your stress in today's stressful times. In the changing era, today the world is becoming a victim of polarization. Far from accepting the other side, we are not even ready to listen and tolerate it. Our language quickly crosses the line due to which our relationships get spoiled. We can avoid such unpleasant situations when we do not expect that the other person will change his side after listening to us. Neither you will change the side nor the person in front will change, then why even try it? We should be at peace with our thoughts and the person in front with his thoughts, this is happiness. Why do you go to the wall of someone with a different opinion and curse him? If someone comes to your wall and does this, then consider whether it is in your interest to fight with him or ignore him. You must understand one thing if there is so much delay regarding your thoughts and your thinking that even a slight change in it, its possibilities are completely over, then why argue? It is in the interest of all of us that we live in peace and allow others to live in peace. In the emergency of life, we should know that any moment of ours can be the last, so live every moment with a true heart without any ego, with the feeling of 'Sarve Bhavantu Sukhin'.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Water from Air

For centuries, populations have settled near river basins, with around 1.7 billion people currently residing in these regions. Unfortunately, overexploitation of river water has led to a bleak future: by 2025, over a quarter of the global population might inhabit water-scarce areas. Yet, India offers a remedy: a pioneering technology by Uruvu Labs in Bangalore aims to extract potable water from atmospheric moisture, potentially mitigating water scarcity. This innovation taps into the vast resource of approximately 38 million billion gallons of water present in our atmosphere, capable of sustaining our 8 billion-plus population. Unlike the slow recharge rate of groundwater spanning millennia, atmospheric water replenishes within 7-8 days. This game-changing solution not only promises substantial economic benefits to India but also holds the potential to satiate the world's thirst.

Noopur Baruah, Tezpur

Wrestlers in Limbo

In a regrettable turn of events, the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) faces suspension by the United World Wrestling (UWW) due to a failure in holding crucial elections. This decision leaves Indian grapplers relegated to the status of 'neutral athletes' in all UWW tournaments. Even if they secure victory, the poignant strains of the national anthem will remain unsung during medal ceremonies. While this punitive step might seem harsh, the UWW possibly overlooked that the WFI had indeed issued two notifications to conduct the elections, both of which were impeded—first by the Gauhati High Court and later by the Punjab and Haryana High Court. The triumphant spectacle of athletes representing the nation on the global stage is undeniably a source of collective pride and honor.

MK Nair, Raipur

A Victim of Politics

The playing of a national anthem resonates as an embodiment of identity, unity, and pride during sports events. This profound gesture has the power to ignite patriotism and nurture a shared sense of belonging among citizens. However, the regrettable politicization of sports in our nation has cast a shadow over this revered tradition. The impending World Championships will witness a disheartening absence of the national anthem, even if an Indian wrestler strikes gold. This ordeal paints a demoralizing picture for the athlete, highlighting the tragic interplay of politics and sports. This stain on our sporting ethos could have been averted if the custodians of our nation's games had risen above party lines. Swift action against the former WFI chief, Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, would have safeguarded our athletes from this humiliation. A clarion call emerges: the time is ripe to emancipate sports bodies from the clutches of politicians and bureaucrats. Only then can the spirit of sports, unswayed by political undertones, truly thrive.

Shiv Kumar Mishra, Raipur

Blooming Glory

Flower Carpet to welcome 2023 Cricket World Cup

In an eagerly anticipated return, India is set to host the Cricket World Cup after a hiatus of 12 years. The much-awaited tournament is scheduled to take place in various Indian cities during the months of October and November. Amidst the excitement of this grand event, an exceptional and symbolic gesture is taking place in the form of a magnificent flower carpet, reminiscent of the vibrant tradition of Onam celebrations—the cherished national festival of Kerala. This intricate flower carpet, a work of art that resonates with the essence of welcome and celebration, has been meticulously crafted in Calicut using real flowers.

With the World Cup representing the epitome of cricketing excellence on a global scale, this floral masterpiece adds an extra layer of splendour to the proceedings. The endeavour to create this stunning spectacle is being spearheaded by a group of ardent cricket aficionados, led by Professor Vasisht. M.C., a distinguished scholar and former Head of the Department of History at Malabar Christian College in Calicut. Supported by his childhood companions—Santosh, Prinson, Krishnanand, Suresh, and Pradhan—this dedicated team has poured their creativity and passion into shaping this



striking floral carpet. Professor Vasisht shared his thoughts on this noble undertaking, stating, "Our intention behind this endeavour is twofold: to extend a warm and resplendent welcome to the Cricket World Cup and to amplify the message of cricket as a unifying force for national integration." As the fragrant petals align to form this splendid work of art, it not only signifies India's zeal for cricket but also encapsulates the country's rich cultural tapestry and diversity. Just as cricket has the power to transcend boundaries and unite people in a shared love for the sport, the flower carpet stands as a visual representation of unity

and harmony. The unveiling of this magnificent flower carpet serves as a prelude to the upcoming World Cup, generating an atmosphere of excitement and anticipation. The amalgamation of sporting excellence, cultural heritage, and the spirit of unity is poised to make the 2023 Cricket World Cup an unforgettable chapter in the history of the game. As the nation prepares to host the world's most prestigious cricketing event, the vibrant petals of the flower carpet serve as a reminder that cricket, much like the kaleidoscope of colours, has the extraordinary power to bring people together from all corners of the world.

BRIEF

GreenCell Mobility

Chennai: Electric tourist bus service NueGo promoted by GreenCell Mobility would soon ply on the local routes in Tamil Nadu, the state government said on Sunday. Recently, NueGo became the first battery-operated transport vehicle to be registered in the state following the government order stating all such passenger vehicles shall be issued permits by the transport department. GreenCell's NueGo battery-operated buses will soon ply in Tamil Nadu on local routes, the Industries department said in a social media post.

Tata Steel

New Delhi: Tata Steel plans to scale up the usage of hydrogen in the steel making process after the successful completion of the pilot project at its Jamshedpur plant, in Jharkhand, the company's CEO and MD T V Narendran said. In April 2023, Tata Steel commenced the first of its kind experiment injecting hydrogen gas using 40 per cent of the injection systems in E-blast furnace at its steel plant in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand. "It was very successful, we will scale it up. But eventually we need to have green hydrogen available in Eastern India that will determine how it can be used," Narendran told PTI in reply to a question on the results of the trials.

DLF

New Delhi: Realty major DLF Ltd will launch two luxury housing projects worth Rs 15,000 crore in Gurugram during the second half of this financial year to expand its business amid strong demand for premium homes, its Managing Director Ashok Kumar Tyagi said. Buoyed by sales of Rs 8,000 crore worth of flats within three days in February in its new project 'The Arbour' at Gurugram, Tyagi said the company has set a target to achieve sales bookings of Rs 13,000 crore in this fiscal year and hopes to exceed the number.

Saint Gobain

New Delhi: Saint Gobain India, a leading glass maker and a player in housing solutions business, is investing Rs 8,000 crore in 4-5 years to fund capital expenditure and acquisitions to fuel growth, its chief B Santhanam said. The company, which recently acquired stone wool manufacturer Rockwool India and glass wool maker Twiga still has an appetite for inorganic growth here. Saint Gobain India, a subsidiary of the French glassmaker, expects around 10 per cent volume and mixed-led growth from the Indian market, where it is witnessing a demand surge.

Medi Assist

New Delhi: Medi Assist Healthcare Services has filed preliminary papers with capital markets regulator Sebi to mobilise funds through an initial public offering (IPO). This is the company's second attempt to go public. Earlier, it had filed draft papers with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) in May 2021.

Govt decides not to allow basmati rice exports below \$1,200/tonne

New Delhi, Aug 27 (PTI):

The government has decided not to allow exports of basmati rice below USD 1,200 per tonne to restrict possible "illegal" shipment of white non-basmati rice in the garb of premium basmati rice.

In a statement on Sunday, the commerce ministry said it has directed trade promotion body APEDA not to register contracts below USD 1,200 per tonne. Existing contracts below USD 1,200 per tonne have been kept in abeyance.

A committee under the chairman of APEDA will be set up to evaluate future course of action. Seeking to control retail prices of rice, the central government has been taking several steps to boost domestic supply. In

September last year, it banned exports of broken rice, while last month it imposed restrictions on non-basmati white rice. Last week, a 20 per cent export duty was slapped on par-boiled non-basmati rice.

With these curbs, India has now imposed restrictions on all varieties of non-basmati rice. According to the statement of the commerce ministry, the government has issued instructions to APEDA (Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority) to introduce additional safeguards to prevent the possible illegal exports of white non-basmati rice in the garb of basmati rice. As per the instructions, "contracts for basmati exports with the value

of USD 1,200 per MT (tonne) only and above should be registered for issue of Registration cum Allocation Certificate (RCAC)". As per the Foreign Trade Policy, APEDA is mandated to register all contracts for export of basmati rice and then it issues RCAC for the export of basmati rice. The ministry added that contracts with value of below USD 1,200 per tonne may be kept in abeyance. The contracts below this ceiling price would be evaluated by a committee to be set up by the APEDA chairman for understanding the variation in prices and use of this route for export of non-basmati white rice. "It has been noted that there has been large variation in the contract price of bas-

mati being exported with lowest contract price being USD 359 per MT in backdrop of average export price of USD 1,214 per MT during the current month," it said. The committee should submit its report within a period of one month, after which a decision on lower price exports of basmati planned by industry can be taken appropriately.

APEDA should hold consultations with trade to sensitize them about the matter and work with them to discourage any use of this window for export of non-basmati white rice.

India's total exports of basmati rice stood at USD 4.8 billion in 2022-23 in terms of price, while in volume terms it was at 45.6 lakh tonne.

FPIs invest Rs 10,689 cr in Aug

Pace of investment slows

New Delhi, Aug 27 (PTI):

After infusing a staggering amount in Indian equities in the past three months, the pace of inflow from foreign investors ebbed in August with a net investment of Rs 10,689 crore on higher crude oil prices and resurfacing of inflation risks.

Further, markets could remain volatile in the coming week due to macroeconomic uncertainty and rising US bond yields. This has been prompting FPIs to flee emerging market equities, including India, and park funds in haven US securities, said Shrikant Chouhan, Head of Research (Retail), Kotak Securities Ltd.

Also, the poor monsoon in August and its skewed spatial distribution may keep inflation elevated, and this is becoming an

area of concern impacting sentiments in the market. This might impact FPI investment too, V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services, said.

According to the data with the depositories, Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) invested a net amount of Rs 10,689 crore in Indian equities this month (till August 26).

This figure includes investment through the primary market and bulk deals, which have been gathering momentum recently.

Before this investment, FPIs invested over Rs 40,000 crore each in the past three months in Indian equities.

The net inflow was at Rs 46,618 crore in July, Rs 47,148 crore in June, and Rs 43,838 crore in May. Before that, the inflow was Rs 11,631 crore in April and Rs 7,935 crore in March, data with the depositories showed.

Govt unlikely to infuse capital in PSU general insurers in FY24

New Delhi, Aug 27 (PTI):

The four public sector general insurance companies are unlikely to get capital funding from the government in the current fiscal, a senior official said. He said one of the PSU non-life insurance companies is likely to give a dividend to the government in the current fiscal and they will be able to meet their solvency margins.

The government last year provided Rs 5,000 crore capital to three insurers -- National Insurance Company, Oriental Insurance Company and United India Insurance Company. The Budget 2023-24 has not provided for the capital infusion for insurance companies. "We do not think there is a need for capital infusion as of now. In fact, one of the general insurance companies may

give a dividend this year," the official said. Currently, there are four general insurance companies in India -- New India Assurance, United India Insurance, Oriental Insurance and National Insurance Company. Of this, only New India Assurance is better placed than the rest. Insurance companies are mandated by regulator IRDAI to maintain extra capital over and above the claim amounts they are likely to incur. It acts as a financial backup in extreme situations, enabling the company to settle all claims. According to rating agency ICRA, most PSU insurers are expected to witness a high combined ratio resulting in net losses, though it will be lower compared to the last few years.

The capital requirement of three PSU general insurers (excluding New India) is

estimated at a sizeable Rs 17,200-17,500 crore to meet solvency of 1.50x as of March 2024, assuming 100 per cent forbearance on FVCA (fair value change account), ICRA said in a report in May.

During 2020-21, Rs 9,950 crore was infused in three public sector general insurers by the government, out of which Rs 3,605 crore was infused in United India Insurance, Rs 3,175 crore in National Insurance and Rs 3,170 crore in Oriental Insurance.

With regard to a committee report on stalled real estate projects, the official said the SWAMIH fund corpus is yet to be utilised fully and banks can put in money in the stalled projects to make them viable after taking permission from the RBI.

A 14-member committee chaired by former NITI

Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant, which was constituted to examine stalled real estate projects and recommend ways to complete them, submitted its report on August 21 to the government.

The committee concluded that the main reason for the stress in these projects was the "lack of financial viability", which had led to cost overruns and time delays.

"We will take only those projects which could be made viable through the SWAMIH fund. The report has two parts -- developers will be given money, if there is a stalled project, through the SWAMIH fund and banks can also put in money after taking permission from RBI. Secondly, individuals whose loan is stuck and can't repay money, for them also we have made provision to classify it as standard asset," the official added.

Skoda Auto India launches Exchange Carnival

Mumbai, Aug 27:

Continuing with its slew of model updates and customer service initiatives, Skoda Auto India launched an Exchange Carnival for August 2023. It includes a host of customer-friendly deals, discounts and service, maintenance, and warranty packages to further enhance the ownership experience of their new Skoda cars.

The Exchange Carnival aims to provide value and a great ownership experience to customers looking to buy a Skoda. The Exchange Carnival for August 2023 makes sure customers have a memorable and high value car purchase and exchange experience with some incredible maintenance and warranty packages that ensure customers continue enjoying Skoda cars, with a hassle-free ownership experience.

Vedanta wins arbitration against govt in \$1.1 bn cost disallowance case

New Delhi, Aug 27 (PTI):

Mining magnate Anil Agarwal's Vedanta Ltd has won an arbitration against a demand for a higher payout from its prolific Rajasthan oil and gas fields after disallowance of Rs 9,545 crore (USD 1.16 billion) in certain costs incurred, the company said.

The government has sought additional profit petroleum (or its share from the oil and gas fields) after it reallocated certain costs between the fields in the block and disallowed a portion of the cost incurred on laying a pipeline to evacuate oil produced from the Rajasthan block.

As per the contract, companies are allowed to recov-



Anil Agarwal

er all costs incurred before splitting profit in a pre-terminated ratio with the government. If a certain portion of cost is disallowed, it would result in higher profits and a resultant higher share to the government. Vedanta had challenged such a demand before an arbitration tribu-

nal. "The company has received an arbitration award dated August 23, 2023... upholding the contention of the company that additional profit petroleum, on account of Director General of Hydrocarbon (DGH) audit exceptions in relation to allocation of common development costs across Development Areas and certain other matters, is not payable as per terms of the Production Sharing Contract for Rajasthan Block," it said in a stock exchange filing.

It however did not give details of the arbitration award. "The company is in the process of reviewing the award in detail and evaluating its financial impact," it said.

Axis Bank introduces UPI interoperability

New Delhi, Aug 27:

Axis Bank, one of the largest private sector banks in India, announced the introduction of UPI interoperability functionality on its CBDC app (Axis Mobile Digital Rupee). This is a part of the Reserve Bank of India's ongoing CBDC (Central Bank Digital Currency) initiative. With the introduction of this feature, customers will be able to seamlessly use Digital Rupee to pay to existing UPI QR codes of merchants. Additionally, this capability will help merchants to embrace the acceptance of Digital Rupee payments on their existing QR codes, eliminating the need of mandatory on boarding.

Seeing green shoots of pickup on volumes as inflation moderates: ITC CMD Sanjiv Puri

New Delhi, Aug 27 (PTI):

As inflation is moderating, diversified group ITC is seeing green shoots of volume growth and expects the momentum to continue sequentially, its Chairman and Managing Director Sanjiv Puri said on Sunday.

This will certainly lead to improvement in volume, but it will not happen overnight, said Puri here on the sidelines of the B20 Summit organised by the CII.

Over the ITC's plan for the demerger of its hotel business, Puri said it is going to benefit the existing shareholders by incorporating a wholly-owned new subsidiary ITC Hotels



ITC CMD Sanjiv Puri

Ltd. "It will be a pure-play, focused on hospitality, which can leverage the institutional strengths of ITC. And ITC in turn will be able to leverage the synergy on its hospitality business, or its FMCG businesses," Puri told PTI.

It is a "very robust" model, which will help the

business to make the hotel business accelerate progress, whilst retaining synergies and it will improve the financial metrics of ITC, he added.

Over inflation, Puri said this is mainly on account of two factors - the bigger one is more of the external factors in the geopolitical environment and the second is on account of the issues of climate change.

"However, now, India is much better placed in the rest of the world and I would like to compliment the government for stewarding management of inflation and being extremely proactive in taking the right steps to control that," he said.

B20 SUMMIT INDIA 2023



Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the B20 Summit India 2023, in New Delhi, Sunday, Aug 27.

PokerBaazi partners with PokerGO

Mumbai, Aug 27:

PokerBaazi, announced a first-of-its-kind strategic partnership with PokerGO®, the world's largest poker streaming OTT content company based out of Las Vegas, Nevada. The partnership will see PokerGO and PokerBaazi bring top poker content in the Hindi language for Indian audiences. With the objective of amping up the growing awareness of poker in India, this collaboration will showcase gripping content covering some of the world's best poker players. The partnership comes at a time when PokerBaazi is witnessing growth not just from metros but from Tier-II and Tier-III cities in India.

Interest in generative AI ventures high: Fireflies AI CEO



CEO Krish Ramineni

New Delhi, Aug 27 (PTI):

AI meeting assistant Fireflies.ai founder Co-founder and CEO Krish Ramineni said the company is building on top of its transcription offering with generative technology and may consider raising funds early next year to support expansion plans. Ramineni, during his India visit spoke to PTI about the rapid growth in AI and startups in

India and the Silicon Valley. He said at present there is a lot of interest and appetite for generative AI startups. Fireflies.ai helps you to transcribe, summarize, search, and analyze voice conversations. On its fundraising plans, Ramineni said, "We have potential plans to look into it at the start of next year. There's definitely a lot of interest and appetite for generative AI startups right now, but we're operating well and we're pretty capital efficient, so we have plenty of runway," he added. Launched just before the pandemic in January 2020, the San Francisco-based company has raised USD 19 million until now. Fireflies.ai operates in 20 nations and has offices in Delhi, Hyderabad and Bengaluru in India.

Urgent measures needed to restore the sacredness of Turturiya

Rampant activities threaten the holiness of Turturiya

Kasdol, Aug 26:

The revered Ram Van Gaman path is witnessing a critical juncture as the development zone of Kasdol's Turturiya, recognized as the immediate birthplace of Lav and Kush, faces a distressing dilemma. The hallowed grounds, deeply intertwined with religious significance, are marred by the alarming practice of goat sacrifices in the name of devotion. Adding to the concern, locals engaging in picnics, accompanied by disruptive elements, are tarnishing the purity of this sacred site. The distressing scenario unfolds as not only goats are sacrificed, but also meat is consumed, and alcohol is imbibed, resulting in disturbances that disrupt the tranquility of the place. Highlighting the gravity of the situation, during a previous period, Anurag Mishra, the eminent President of the Vasudhara social organization, collaborated with the Gayatri family and other enlightened individuals. They rallied for



change and petitioned the then Collector Rajesh Rana, urging a decisive halt to the consumption of meat and alcohol in the guise of religious practices. A resolute order was issued, mandating the cessation of goat sacrifices. Regrettably, the transition of power thwarted the implementation of this crucial directive. The Vasudhara Social Organization's foresight in initiating this plea was a prescient endeavour, albeit the full repercussions were not immediately apparent. Today, the aftermath reverberates across Turturiya, where the once-

simple act of paying respects to the deity has become a divisive topic, necessitating a united stance among visitors.

In a parallel concern, the sylvan expanse adjacent to the Turturiya temple complex, designated as a restricted forest area, is witnessing desecration. Picnickers, ostensibly congregating for goat sacrifices, heedlessly scatter meat remnants and refuse, inadvertently attracting packs of village dogs. This menace not only imperils the indigenous wildlife, with instances of deer falling prey to these dogs, but also betrays the solemn-

nity of the surroundings.

Turturiya, an axis of devout faith for Hindus, resonates with the belief that those yearning for progeny beseech Goddess Kali of the Pahada Valley, bearing offerings and entreaties. Upon receiving the boon of offspring, devotees return to consecrate their gratitude through goat sacrifices. However, this venerated tradition has devolved, with offerings being consumed indiscriminately, and alcohol-fueled disturbances overshadowing the sanctity of the darshan experience. Turturiya's legacy is centuries-old, steeped in a history of arduous pilgrimages through rugged terrain and dense woods. Today, accessibility has surged, leading to an influx of visitors.

Witnessing this growing congregation, Yogendra Kashyap, the Sarpanch of the Khudmudi Gram Panchayat, has issued a fervent plea to the Collector and Police Superintendent. He advocates for the establishment of police presence within Turturiya, a proactive measure to safeguard the tranquility and harmony of this revered spiritual enclave.

Chichado's young scholars shine in Rakhi-making

Dongargaon, Aug 27: The Government Primary School in Chichado block conducted a heartening Rakhi Making Competition to mark Backless-day, radiating the spirit of learning and community unity. With a zestful atmosphere, the event saw the budding talents of Chichado's youth diving into their creative wellsprings to craft rakhis from everyday materials found in their homes. The results, a stunning array of intricate designs, transformed into exquisite artworks that embodied the essence of Raksha Bandhan.

At the forefront of this remarkable initiative, Kanika Soni, the dedicated school teacher, has been hosting engaging events each Saturday, gaining widespread admiration. The school has transformed into a lively hub of exploration, as children enthusiastically embrace diverse competitions, progressively honing their adaptability and learning skills. The collective energy during these Saturday events is palpable, drawing the village Sarpanch, esteemed Panchayat members, School Management Committee President, Parent Committee President, and local residents. Their presence underscores the shared commitment to nurture the next generation, further fueling the children's determination to excel.

While these events foster camaraderie and skill development, they also underscore the villagers' dedication to fostering a holistic educational atmosphere. The community comes together wholeheartedly to champion the children's dreams, resonating unity as the school reverberates with laughter and fervour.

CKS, GRES warns of economic blockade on Sept 11

- If the demands of displaced villagers is not fulfilled
- Submits 11-point memorandum to CMD-SECL

Korba, Aug 27: The heat of the agitation of the land displaced for the demands related to employment and rehabilitation in Korba district has now reached the Bilaspur headquarter of SECL. Today, the representatives of Chhattisgarh Kisan Sabha (CKS) and Geo-displaced Rozgar Ekta Sangh (GRES) reached Bilaspur to apprise the CMD about their problems. The situation turned tense when SECL security personnel stopped them from meeting the officials. After a lot of tussle with the security personnel, the displaced people closed the main gate of the CMD headquarters and sat on a dharna and while protesting raised slogans for employment in exchange of land; return of land to farmers; settlement and other demands. After an hour-long protest, the management agreed to meet the delegation.

On behalf of Coal Management, P&IR General Manager Anoop Kumar Santoshi, L&R



General Manager Sharad Tiwari and other officials participated in the talks, while Korba District Secretary of CPI(M) Prashant Jha along with Kisan Sabha leaders Jawahar Singh Kanwar, Jai Kaushik and Rojgar Resham Yadav, Damodar Shyam, Basant Chauhan, Pawan Yadav, Shivdayal Kanwar and Brijmohan joined from Ekta Sangh.

On the assurance given by the CMD in the last meeting, while drawing the attention of the officers towards the pending employment, land return, patta, settlement and basic problems of the affected villages of all the areas of SECL including Gevra, Deepka, Korba. CKS accused the General Managers of not taking

positive action and demanded immediate redressal of the problems of the land displaced. CKS, GRES also handed over an 11-point demand letter to the CMD to the management. The management assured to solve all the problems soon and to put the employment cases coming to fore after acquisition in the board soon. The Kisan Sabha delegation insisted on showing work on the ground instead of giving assurances and made it clear that their agitation will continue till the legitimate demands of the land displaced are fulfilled. In this connection, he also warned of economic blockade on September 11 and chakka-jam movement to stop coal transportation by road and rail, if the demands are not fulfilled.

Youth arrested for threatening passersby with knife



Kharora, Aug 27:

A young individual was apprehended at Kharora's new bus stand for brandishing a sharp knife and causing distress among pedestrians.

Acting swiftly upon receiving reports of the incident, Assistant Sub-Inspector Suresh Chandra Yadav promptly organized a patrol team comprising Constable 2074 Harishankar Yadav and Constable 2826 Rishi Tandon. Following the directives of the Station

In-Charge, the team swiftly arrived at the new bus stand in Kharora. There, they effectively cornered and detained the accused, identified as Uttam, also known as Purushottam Thakur. Uttam was wielding a sharp knife and using it to intimidate passersby. The accused was found in possession of the steel knife, which was subsequently confiscated in the presence of witnesses. A legal case has been registered under Sections 15 and 27 of the Arms Act, bearing crime number 589/2023 at Kharora Police Station.

The alleged perpetrator, Uttam Thakur, also known as Purushottam, aged 19 and son of Punith Ram Thakur, resides in Sakin Bhimkhaj Santoshi Nagar, Khallari Police Station, Mahasamund district. Following his arrest, he was presented before the honorable Court of Raipur for judicial remand.

Satish Sharma takes command as State Secretary

Vows to lead Congress to historic victory in 2023



Katagi, Aug 27:

In a decisive move that resonates with the spirit of progress, the Chhattisgarh Pradesh Congress Committee's Working Committee has unveiled its strategic appointment. Satish Sharma, hailing from the dynamic Kasdol block, now assumes the mantle of State Secretary, championing the vision spearheaded by Pradesh Congress President Deepak Baij. This strategic step has kindled an electric fervor within the Congress ranks across the region, with Satish Sharma extending profound gratitude to esteemed senior leaders.

A trailblazer from the

outset, Satish Sharma's political odyssey embarked in 1992 through the corridors of student politics, galvanized by the NSUI (National Students' Union of India). He swiftly ascended, crowned as the Block Youth Congress President in 1998, and later adorned the mantle of Deputy President of the Raipur District Youth Congress in 2001. His indelible imprints were etched upon Congress's triumphant campaigns in the 2003 and 2008 Assembly elections, solidifying the party's stance. His contributions reverberated through time, manifesting in his pivotal role within the Baloda Bazar District Congress since 2012, effectively cementing the party's foundations.

Radiating with purpose, Satish Sharma avowed his solemn commitment to the weighty responsibility entrusted to him by the party. He solemnly pledges an unwavering crusade to steer Congress back into the triumphant echelons

of power in Chhattisgarh. A steadfast architect of grassroots mobilization, he vows to orchestrate a symphony of people's engagement with the Congress ethos. Amplifying Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel's transformative strides, he underscores their symbiotic correlation, fueling the party's resurgence.

His assertion reverberates with the affirmation that farmers' interests have not been just placated but zealously pursued, evoking a contented resonance among them. With anticipation, they await the forthcoming electoral juncture, where 20 quintals of paddy per acre are assured for procurement, etching prosperity into their lives. The Bhupesh government's initiatives have fostered a bounteous harvest of increased earnings for the farmers, emblematic of their welfare-driven paradigm.

A symphony of transformation echoes across segments of society as

youth, students, women, and government employees dwelling in the bosom of forested landscapes are embraced by proactive initiatives. The cadence of progress resonates through the lives touched by these dynamic efforts. Cast against the backdrop of the 15-year BJP dominion, Satish Sharma casts an astute spotlight on the realities that transpired during that era. The paddy procurement saga is etched in memory, as election promises of rice bonuses dissolved like mirages upon victory's horizon.

Hollow rhetoric marred their manifesto commitments, exemplified by the unfulfilled vow of delivering Jersey cows. The BJP epoch bore the ignominy of scandals like Nan Ghotla and the Bank Scam, burdening the populace.

The tide shifted dramatically in the 2018 elections, as the public's resounding endorsement of Congress catalyzed a transformative epoch.

Chhadia School promotes environmental awareness and creativity



Kharora, Aug 27:

The campus of Government Former Secondary School Chhadia in Pachri Vikas Khand Tilda came alive with an enriching "Safe Saturday" school safety program. Embracing the ethos of this initiative, students seized the opportunity to convey vital messages about environmental consciousness through captivating charts and banners. Young minds like Rashi Devangan, Mansi Sahu, Bharti Verma, Diya Verma, and their peers adorned the day with their handcraft-

ed rakhis, adding an artistic touch to the event. Teacher Dheerendra Verma highlighted that the school ardently pursues the dissemination of environmental awareness messages within the community.

The institution's headmaster, S. K. Devangan, proudly stated that the school's students, driven by passion, meticulously crafted an array of appealing rakhis using minimal resources, brilliantly displaying their creativity. The enthusiastic response from all the students underscores the significance of this initiative.

Trio arrested with 98 kg of illegal ganja



Jagdulpur, Aug 27: In a significant crackdown on drug smuggling, authorities have apprehended three individuals transporting a massive haul of illegal ganja, weighing a staggering 98 kg. The swift and decisive action unfolded as Darbha police intercepted a black Volkswagen Vinto with the license plate MH 01 AX 7602, based on credible information received from an informant.

The suspects, attempting to make their way from Tongpal Sukma to Jagdulpur, found themselves cornered as law enforcement swiftly set up a blockade near the Darbha police station. Despite their attempts to evade capture by speeding towards the village of Koleng, the determined authorities pursued the vehicle, ultimately apprehending it near Koleng Road Balak Ashram.

Upon inspection of the vehicle, a cache of illegal ganja packaged in 25 discreet packets was discovered concealed in the trunk. The total weight of the seized contraband was recorded at 98 kg 100 grams, resulting in the immediate registration of a case (Crime Number 45/2023) under Sections 20 (b) and 11 (c) of the NDPS Act at the Darbha Police Station.

The three suspects who promptly taken into custody were. Mo Tanveer, son of Iqbal, hailing from Habib Nagar, Tehka, Police Station Pachpali, District Nagpur, Maharashtra. Nitesh Ekka, son of Jess Ekka, a resident of Pongdo, Police Station Kansavel, District Jaspur, Chhattisgarh.

Shantiel Tigga, son of Prabhudayal Tigga, belonging to Potapara, District Jashpur, Chhattisgarh.

Following their apprehension, the trio was presented before the court to face charges stemming from their involvement in this audacious ganja smuggling attempt.

Pandaria College hosts SVEEP event for students

Mahasamund, Aug 27:

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Youth embrace Congress values, welcomed by MLA

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Guided by Honey Chandrakar's leadership, the Banpachari village youth engaged with Legislative Secretary Chandrakar at his residence. During this interaction, the youth expressed their eagerness to align with Congress, influenced by its policies and ongoing area development. Post this meeting, several young individuals, including Uddav Netam Devnarayan Dhruv, Navin Uikey, Lokesh Vishwakarma, Vedprakash Dhruv, Ethlesh Dhruv, Chandra Narayan Dhruv, Mordhwaj Dhruv, Tukeswar Dhruv, Pyarelal, Dev Kumar, Neelkanth Dhruv,



Umashankar Dhruv, Yashkumar Dhruv, Nehru Dhruv, Loknath Dhruv, Damodar Dhruv, and Ranjan Kumbhkar, joined Congress. Chandrakar, donning a traditional scarf, heartily welcomed these young entrants. During the gathering, Chandrakar emphasized that Chhattisgarh Congress, led by Bhupesh Baghel, is driving comprehensive development in the state, inspiring active participation among the people. Hira Banjare, Chairman of the Agriculture Produce Market Committee, graced the event.

Historical Sirpur to host grand Ganga Aarti

As the sacred month of Sawan unfolds, Gandheshwaramath Temple in Sirpur will host a magnificent Ganga Aarti featuring water collected from Bhamhani to Sirpur. The Kanwar Yatra will be received warmly in various places, including Bhamhani, Parasatthi, Barondabazar, Machewa, Shastri Chowk, Barodachowk, District Panchayat, Municipal Corporation, Congress Bhavan, Overbridge, Ekta Chowk, Bemcha, Parasada, Kaundakhera, Gandhaghata, Tumgaon, Bhorin, Joba, Gadshivni, Pidhi, Mohakam, Khadsa, Senkapat, and Sirpur. Following this, a grand Ganga Aarti will be performed. Legislative Secretary and MLA Chandrakar invites devotees to actively participate in this event.

Indian women beat Thailand 5-4

Messi scores dazzling goal in MLS debut

Clean sweep over Afghans will inspire us: Babar Azam



Colombo, Aug 27 (PTI):

Pakistan skipper Babar Azam believes the recent thumping 3-0 ODI series win over Afghanistan will "inspire" his side and provide much-needed momentum heading into the Asia Cup, starting Wednesday.

The Asia Cup is set to be hosted in a hybrid model by Pakistan and Sri Lanka from August 30 till September 17.

Pakistan came up with a terrific performance against Afghanistan, clean sweeping the latter 3-0 in the just-concluded ODI series just before the continental showpiece.

On Saturday, Pakistan triumphed over Afghanistan by 59 runs in the third and final ODI at the R Premadasa Stadium here.



Lionel Messi #10 of Inter Miami CF jumps for the ball in the second half during a match between Inter Miami CF and New York Red Bulls at Red Bull Arena in Harrison, New Jersey.

berated throughout in the 35th.

"When we found out that he wouldn't be starting, I expected there was going to be a couple angry fans," Miami right

back DeAndre Yedlin said. "But if I was a kid or a fan and I came, I would want to see the greatest to ever play the game, as well, so I can't blame them."

Harrison, Aug 27 (AP):

Lionel Messi needed just a few seconds for his unparalleled skills to shine, a flash of brilliance that capped a memorable Major League Soccer debut.

Messi's dazzling goal in the 89th minute helped a transformed Inter Miami beat the New York Red Bulls 2-0 on Saturday night and end an 11-match league winless streak.

"I just catch myself watching him instead of picking up on my assignment," Miami defender Kamal Miller said. "It's tough to stay focused when you have such a great presence."

Messi entered in the 60th minute along with former Barcelona teammate Sergio Busquets. Miami had gone ahead on a 37th-minute goal by Diego Gomez in a buildup started by Jordi Alba, another Barcelona alum on a night Miami gave six players MLS debuts.

Chants of "We Want Messi!" began in the sixth minute and a loud "Mes-si!" "Mes-si!" rever-

US Open 2023: With Serena and Federer retired, Alcaraz-Djokovic symbolizes a transition in tennis

New York, Aug 27 (AP):

Based on the reactions on social media, it seems everyone in the world of tennis was riveted by Novak Djokovic's victory over Carlos Alcaraz in the final of the last tournament for both ahead of the U.S. Open.

It was a titanic, 3-hour-plus showdown between the two titans of the men's game at the moment the third time they've played each other in Djokovic's past three events, each on a different surface and set the stage for what will be an expected meeting to determine the champion at Flushing Meadows, where play begins Monday and finishes on Sept. 10.

Last weekend's contest at the hard-court of Cincinnati Masters, in which Djokovic, who is 36, saved a championship point in the second set and Alcaraz, who is 20, saved four in the third before succumbing 5-7, 7-6 (7), 7-6 (4), also served to symbol-



ize the state of change the sport currently finds itself in, a year removed from Serena Williams' farewell match in New York and Roger Federer's retirement announcement soon thereafter.

Alcaraz is The Next Big Thing, the winner of the 2022 U.S. Open who grabbed his second Grand Slam title last month at Wimbledon by beating yes, that's right Djokovic. And Djokovic, the owner of 23 major trophies, is the only member of The Big Three competing nowadays, what with Federer (who has 20) done and Rafael

Nadal (22) out since January with a hip problem but eyeing a return for one last hurrah in 2024.

"For so many years, the game has been dominated by legends of the sport, but Father Time is undefeated. Everyone has to kind of go on to their next stage and they have to put the rackets down. We're seeing that unfortunately with Serena, with Roger, with Rafa. There is going to be a bit of a transition period," said Chris Eubanks, a 27-year-old from Atlanta who reached the Wimbledon men's quarterfinals.

Asian Hockey 5s World Cup Qualifier



India continued their unbeaten run in the Women's Asian Hockey 5s World Cup Qualifier after registering a hard-fought 5-4 win over Thailand in their third match of the tournament here on Sunday.

For India, skipper Navjot Kaur (1st minute), Monika Dipi Toppo (1st, 7th), Mahima Choudhary (20th) and Ajmina Kujur (30th) were on target.

Thailand's goals were scored by Piresram Anongnat (3rd), Aunjai Natthakarn (10th, 14th) and Suwapat Konthong (19th). The Indian women had registered a 7-1 win over Japan in their second match of the tournament on Saturday night.

This was after the Indians started their campaign with a 7-2 thrashing of Malaysia on Friday.

On Sunday, India got off the blocks at a rampaging pace, putting pressure on the Thailand defenders from the word go.

Navjot opened the scoring in the first minute of the game through a field goal. India doubled their lead in no time when Monika found the back of the net from a field effort. Thailand pulled one back through captain Anongnat two minutes. Monika soon scored her second goal of the day to make the scoreline 3-1 in favour of India. With five minutes remaining in the first half,

Natthakarn's strike got Thailand back in the game. With a minute remaining in the first half, Natthakarn found the back of the net again for Thailand to level the scores. India came out attacking in the second half and held most of the ball possession.

India continued to make dangerous runs inside Thailand's striking circle,

particularly from the left flank. However, it was Thailand who took the lead through Konthong four minutes after the change of ends. India immediately equalised through in-form Mahima as she flawlessly converted a challenge goal. With five minutes left on the clock, India started showcasing urgency to get back their lead.

India announce 23-member squad for SAFF U-16 championship

New Delhi, Aug 27 (PTI):

The AIFF on Sunday announced India's U-16 squad comprising 23 members for the upcoming SAFF Championship to be played next month.

India's men's U-16 head coach Ishfaq Ahmed has named Rohit, Aheibam Suraj Singh and Arush Hari as goalkeepers for the tournament to be held in Thimpu, Bhutan, from September 1-10. Ngarlyambam Abhijit, Mohammed Kaif, Yaipharemba Chingakhom, Usham Thougamba, Vumlenlal Hangshing, Chingtham Renin Singh and Karish Soram.

In the midfield, Newton Singh, Kangujam Yoienba Meitei, Levis Zangminlun, Bobby Singh, Abdul Salha, Ngamgouhou Mate, Vishal Yadav, Manbhakupar Malngiang and Md Arbash have been named. India's forward line will be powered by Ningthoukhongjam Rishi Singh, Ahongshangbam Samson, Lairenjam Bharat and Aiborlang Kharthangmaw.

India Squad

Goalkeepers: Rohit, Aheibam Suraj Singh and Arush Hari. **Defenders:** Ngarlyambam Abhijit, Mohammed Kaif, Yaipharemba Chingakhom, Usham Thougamba, Vumlenlal Hangshing, Chingtham Renin Singh and Karish Soram. **Midfielders:** Newton Singh, Kangujam Yoienba Meitei, Levis Zangminlun, Bobby Singh, Abdul Salha, Ngamgouhou Mate, Vishal Yadav, Manbhakupar Malngiang and Md Arbash. **Forwards:** Ningthoukhongjam Rishi Singh, Ahongshangbam Samson, Lairenjam Bharat and Aiborlang Kharthangmaw.

India have been clubbed alongside Nepal and Bangladesh in Group A, while Group B consists of Bhutan, Maldives, and Pakistan. The top two units from each group will qualify for semifinals. "The training camp began in Srinagar in July with over 50 probables picked up after extensive scouting in five zones across the country East, West, North, South, and North-east," AIFF said.

It was horrendous, but it is important right now to be in the present: Shreyas Iyer



Bengaluru, Aug 27 (PTI):

Pain, often excruciating, was Shreyas Iyer's constant companion as he dealt with a back injury, and when it refused to subside even after undergoing surgery, he "panicked" thinking that his career could be on the line.

Prior to the surgery, Iyer was suffering, so much so that he "wasn't even able to express myself properly" about what he was going through.

However, the 28-year-old stylish batter eventually recovered and returned to the Indian team for the upcoming Asia Cup. Now that he is back, he is taking it one step at a time. Recalling the days

many more matches." The batter then realised that surgery was the only answer to his problems.

"It reached a saturation point where I realised that 'okay, now I have to get surgery'. And, the physios and the experts told me that it is important that you go under the knife and get this done with."

"Straight after the injury, I went back home after being hospitalised for two days. I gave myself rest for almost 10 days."

The middle-order batter has thanked all his teammates for showing compassion during his most difficult phase and also after his comeback to the fold.

"Feeling ecstatic, to be honest, to join the team and see happy faces all around. The compassion shown by all the players was fantastic, and I am thrilled to be back." Iyer's last outing was in March during the final Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, which India won 2-1 before his injury kicked in.

It also forced him to miss out on leading Kolkata Knight Riders in IPL 2023.

of his struggles because of the injury, Iyer told the BCCI: "To be precise, I had this nerve compression, basically a slip disc, which was compressing the nerve, and the pain was going all the way down to the bottom of my tiny toe. And, it was horrendous then."

"I was in excruciating pain. I wasn't able to express myself properly about what I'm going through."

"But yeah, this was the feeling that I was having then and it was hard to communicate with everyone. I had this issue for a while, but I was taking injections, and I was going through various routes to see to it that I am steady and playing

Disappointed not to get gold but bronze means a lot: Prannoy



Copenhagen, Aug 27 (PTI):

Star Indian shuttler HS Prannoy was tad disappointed to miss out on a World Championships gold medal but said the

bronze meant a lot to him, calling it as the "first starting step" on way to the coveted title.

Prannoy's dream run at the World Championships ended after he lost 21-18 13-21 14-21 to world number 3 Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand in the men's singles semifinal to sign off with a bronze medal. The win extended India's record of having at least one medallist in the showpiece since 2011. "For me, this bronze medal means so much personally because it has been almost 12 years in the circuit, you always want to have those big medals in your hand," he said after the match.

"Yes, you are disappointed for not getting the gold but the first starting step is with bronze." The 31-year-old from Kerala thanked the coaching staff and his family for backing him. "A lot of people has done a lot of hard work in the last few years and a lot of things came in place this week. Thanks to all of them who have been working day and night with me so that I can play better and my entire family backing me from home," he said.

"It is not easy because you are in the circuit the entire year and hardly get time for family and friend, sometimes it takes a load. "So these kind of sweet memories are always good, you are feel motivated to go back and work, otherwise it is really tough to do the whole thing." The 31-year-old Prannoy squandered an opening game advantage and a 5-1 lead in the second as Vitidsarn, a three-time former world junior champion, displayed his mental fortitude and solid defence to seal a second successive final spot.

Indian men's 4x400m relay team breaks Asian record



Rajesh Ramesh, Muhammed Ajmal Variyathodi, Ajoj Jacob and Muhammed Anas Yahiya of India celebrate after placing second in a Men's 4x400-meters relay heat during the World Athletics Championships in Budapest, Hungary.

Qualifies for World C'ships final for first time

Budapest, Aug 27 (PTI):

The Indian men's 4x400m relay team shattered Asian record in a stunning race, clocking 2 minute 59.05 seconds to qualify for its maiden final round of the World Championships here on Saturday.

The Indian quartet of Muhammed Anas Yahiya, Ajoj Jacob, Muhammed Ajmal Variyathodi and Rajesh Ramesh finished second in heat number one be-

hind USA (2:58.47) to make it to the final to be held on Sunday. The top three finishers in each of the two heats and the next two fastest qualify for the final. The earlier Asian record of 2:59.51 was in the name of Japanese team. The earlier national record was 3:00.25 set in 2021.

The Indians gave the world record holders Americans a run for their money finishing closely behind them. India eventually finished second overall also after the two heats, behind USA, but ahead of strong teams like Great Britain (3rd; 2:59.42) and Jamaica (5th; 2:59.82).

Mbappe scores twice on Parc des Princes return

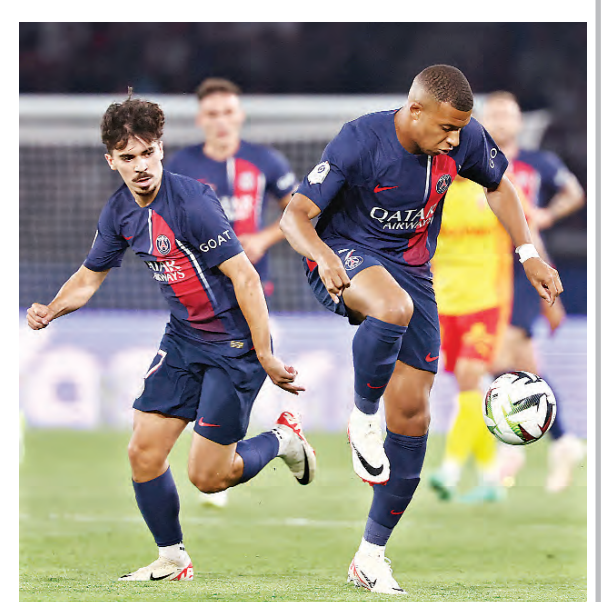
Paris, Aug 27 (AP):

Paris Saint-Germain returned to winning ways and Kylian Mbappe returned to the Parc des Princes with a bang on Saturday. Playing for the first time this season at PSG's home stadium following his contract stand-off with the club, there was no ill feeling from the crowd. Mbappe received an ovation from supporters during the teams presentation.

He then gave them a lot to cheer about by scoring twice in the 3-1 win over last season's French league runner-up Lens.

Because of his dispute, Mbappe was not included in the squad when PSG began the defense of its league title with a draw at home this month. In the next game, the France captain started on the bench in a 1-1 draw at Toulouse, where he was also on the score-sheet.

Mbappe's first home goal of the season came after Marco Asensio scored his first for PSG.



Paris Saint-Germain's French forward #07 Kylian Mbappe (R) controls the ball in front Paris Saint-Germain's Portuguese midfielder #17 Vitinha during the French L1 football match between Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) and RC Lens at the Parc des Princes Stadium in Paris.

Asensio, who joined this summer after his contract with Real Madrid expired, broke the deadlock just before halftime at the end of a rapid and well-built counterattack.

Following a one-two between Mbappe and Vitinha, Asensio was set up by Warren Zaire-Emery. The Spanish forward controlled the ball then curled his shot with his left foot past goalkeeper Brice Samba.

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'Like amoeba, NDA has no definite shape and size'

Hingoli, Aug 27 (PTI):

Shiv Sena (UBT) president Uddhav Thackeray on Sunday likened the ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA) to an amoeba, saying that the BJP-led front does not have any definite shape and size.

Hitting out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi for calling the opposition INDIA alliance as "ghamandia" (marked by arrogance) and "Indian Mujahideen", Thackeray said the NDA should be called "ghama-NDA" ("ghamandiye" meaning arrogant).

Addressing a rally at Hingoli in Maharashtra, he also asked Telangana Chief Minister and Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) chief K Chandrasekhar Rao to clarify whether he supports the INDIA alliance or the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

"The INDIA alliance comprises nationalist parties that want to protect democracy in the country. But most parties in the

NDA comprise traitors and those who have joined the BJP as allies by breaking other parties," Thackeray said.

"The present NDA is like an amoeba, which has no definite shape and size...The INDIA alliance will defeat the BJP," he said.

The former chief minister asked BRS chief Rao to decide whether he was fighting for the country or supporting the BJP.

"If you are with the country, then join the INDIA alliance or declare your alliance with the BJP openly. Don't divide votes," Thackeray said referring to the BRS trying to enter electoral politics in Maharashtra.

The BRS should first focus on its own backyard, which is not in good shape, the Sena (UBT) president said.

Thackeray appealed to people to join the INDIA alliance for protecting democracy and the Constitution.

"The opposition bloc hasn't united against PM



Uddhav Thackeray

Modi, but for the sake of the country," he said.

The INDIA alliance meeting will be held in Mumbai on August 31 and September 1. Thackeray is scheduled to host dinner for the leaders on August 31.

Thackeray also criticised the BJP government for allowing a cricket match between India and Pakistan in the upcoming World Cup in Ahmedabad.

Targeting the BJP, Thackeray said his former ally is a party of "Aaya Ram Gaya Ram" (leaders

switching sides).

"I pity the BJP cadre who worked tirelessly to bring the party to power. It was being said this was a double-engine government and now a third engine of Ajit Pawar has been added. I wonder how many more engines will be added. Is this a goods train?" he alleged.

"After NCP leader Hassan Mushrif joined the state government, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) seems to have forgotten the road to his house," he said, referring to the central agency's probe against the minister.

Mushrif and eight other Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) MLAs were sworn in as ministers in the Maharashtra government last month with Ajit Pawar taking oath as the deputy chief minister, thereby creating a split in the party founded by the latter's uncle Sharad Pawar.

Thackeray ridiculed the "Shasan Aplya Dari" (government at your doorstep) programme of the Eknath

Shinde-led state government, saying that it was nothing but lies.

The programme is aimed at taking the government schemes to the doorstep of the common people.

"Farmers are yet to get compensation for the crop losses incurred due to unseasonal rains and now they are facing drought. A bureaucrat who conducted a survey on the status of farmers in Marathwada and gave a report that the government should provide cash compensation of Rs 25,000 each was forced to take voluntary retirement," he said.

Thackeray said when the state was reeling under drought-like conditions, Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis went to Japan.

"It is good if he gets investment from Japan, but what about the projects that were to come to Maharashtra but taken to Gujarat instead. Will he bring them back?" Thackeray asked.

ONAM PREPARATIONS



Devotees from the Malayali community prepare a 'Pookalam' ahead of the Onam festival, at Mahabali Nagar in Bhopal, Sunday.

SC dismisses plea for setting up of national level agency

● To deal with organised crimes

New Delhi, Aug 27 (PTI):

The Supreme Court has dismissed a plea seeking a direction to the Centre to set up a national level agency to deal with organised crimes like smuggling, inter-state trafficking, cyber crimes and political violence.

The plea had also sought setting up of a National Internal Security Coordination Council (NISCC) under the control of a committee constituted

by the President on the recommendation of the Chief Justice of India.

The petition came up for hearing before a bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud which said directions sought in the plea pertained to the legislative and policy domain. "The directions which have been sought pertain to the legislative and policy domain. Hence, this court would not be justified in exercising the jurisdiction under Article 32 of the Constitution," the bench, also comprising justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, said in its

order passed on August 14. Article 32 of the Constitution empowers Indian citizens to move the apex court directly for enforcement of their fundamental rights through appropriate proceedings.

"The petition is accordingly dismissed," the bench said.

The plea, filed by a Delhi resident, had sought a judicial order to constitute a high power committee to formulate guidelines in respect of appointment, transfer and take disciplinary actions against the members of the proposed NISCC.

Food festival serves best of Rajasthani delights

New Delhi, Aug 27 (PTI):

From the famous 'Dal Baati Churma' to the spicy 'Lal Maas', an ongoing Rajasthani food festival here in the Delhi-NCR is tantalising taste buds of gourmands with the desert land's diverse and unique cuisine.

'Flavours of Rajasthan', currently underway at Gurgaon's Fortune Select Global, is celebrating the grandeur of Rajasthan's culinary and cultural traditions with delectable menu, regal ambience, cultural performances and interactive elements.

Be it 'Makki Ki Raab'

(Rajasthani special corn-based soup with fresh vegetables), 'Mirchi Vada' (deep-fried green chili stuffed with potato masala) or 'Murg Ka Soola' (the local speciality of chicken marinated with garlic paste, red chilli powder), the menu, curated by chef Raj Kamal Chopra, celebrates the wide range of Rajasthani flavours and delicacies.

"This food festival will instantly transport you back in time with an immersive experience of Rajasthan's rich heritage. Each dish will tell a story of Rajasthan's glorious

past, with memories of past generations embedded in its robust flavours.

"We are excited to introduce our guests to Rajasthan's vibrant culture, age-old traditions, and amazing flavours through this food festival," Chopra, corporate chef at Fortune Hotels, said in a statement.

Shivraj announces 'Ladli Behna Yojana' aid hike, subsidised cylinders

● 35% job reservation for women

Bhopal, Aug 27 (PTI):

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Sunday cited the holy month of 'Sawan' underway and raised the financial aid given to women in the Ladli Behna scheme from Rs 1,000 to Rs 1,250 per month and also announced 35 per cent reservation for them in government jobs and providing gas cylinders for Rs 450. Assembly polls are likely to be held at the end of the year in MP, a state where women consist of 7.07 lakh of the 13.39 lakh new voters and whose rise in numbers in the electoral list stands at 2.79 per cent against 2.30 per cent for men.

"Women will get cooking gas at Rs 450 in the holy month of Sawan. Later, a permanent system will be evolved in this regard. I have also transferred Rs 250 into the accounts of 1.25 crore women so that they can



MP CM Shivraj Singh Chauhan celebrates the festival of Raksha Bandhan during a 'Ladli Behna' scheme programme, at Jamburi Maidan, in Bhopal, Sunday.

celebrate Rakhi (on Tuesday) well. The rest of the Rs 1,000 (under Ladli Behna Yojana) will be credited in September," he said. From October, 1.25 crore women will get Rs 1,250 (under Ladli Behna Yojana) and the amount will gradually be hiked to Rs 3,000 per month so that the aim of uplifting the

economic and social condition of women is fulfilled, the CM said at an event connected to the scheme.

The CM also said the reservation for women in government jobs has been raised to 35 per cent from the current 30 per cent, while it will be 50 per cent in teachers' recruitment.

GHOSI BYPOLL After Cong, Left parties also extend support to SP candidate

Lucknow, Aug 27 (PTI):

After the Congress, the CPI(M) and CPI(ML) have extended support to the Samajwadi Party for the September 5 byelection to the Ghosi assembly seat in Mau district of Uttar Pradesh.

The two Left parties said that they have taken the decision as "it is necessary to defeat the BJP to save the Constitution, democracy and the country and to get rid of the bulldozer rule in the state".

The by-election, which is the first after the opposition INDIA alliance was formed, is witnessing a keen contest between the BJP, which has fielded Dara Singh Chauhan, and the Samajwadi Party, which gave a ticket to former MLA from the constituency Sudhakar Singh.

Dara Singh Chauhan, a former minister in the Adityanath government, had switched from the BJP to the SP and won from the seat during the 2022 assembly elections. He rejoined the BJP last month and his resignation from the

Assembly necessitated the election.

Communist Party of India (ML) state secretary Sudhakar Yadav, in a statement, said that both INDIA and NDA alliances will be face to face in this byelection before the 2024 general elections and it is necessary to defeat the NDA.

The Communist Party of India (Marxist) too issued a similar statement.

Heeralal Yadav, secretary of the CPI(M), said that defeating the BJP in Uttar Pradesh is in the interest of the people of the state, democracy and the Constitution. Ghosi was once considered a stronghold of the Left and after independence, this area was represented by Left leaders like Jai Bahadur Singh and Jharkhande Rai. On Saturday, Congress had extended its support to Samajwadi Party candidate Sudhakar Singh. "In the Ghosi by-election, the Congress has supported Sudhakar Singh, the candidate of Samajwadi Party, a constituent of 'INDIA' coalition," State President Ajay Rai announced.

Miss World Karolina Bielawska to visit Kashmir on day-long tour

Srinagar, Aug 27 (PTI):

In a first for an international beauty pageant winner, reigning Miss World Karolina Bielawska will visit Kashmir on Monday on a day-long tour for an event.

According to Rouble Nagi, chairperson of a Mumbai-based organisation engaged in women empowerment, Bielawska will arrive here along with other pageant winners, including Miss World India Sini Shetty and Miss World Caribbean Emmy Pena.

"Gar firdaus bar-rue zamin asto, hami asto, hamin asto (If there is a heaven on earth, it's here, it's here, it's here). And how is it possible that Miss World would miss heaven?" Nagi told PTI.

The entrepreneur, who heads Rouble Nagi Art Foundation and Studio Saksham, said her foundation has championed artistic expression, community development, and cultural exchange.

"This collaboration is yet another manifestation of the foundation's commitment to creating memorable experiences that transcend boundaries," she added.

The event is being held in collaboration with Jamil Saidi, Chairman PME entertainment in India, and



Jammu and Kashmir Tourism.

Bielawska's visit to Jammu and Kashmir comes ahead of the 71st edition of the Miss World 2023 pageant, to be held in India later this year. India, which has won the prestigious title six times, is hosting the pageant after nearly three decades. The last time the country hosted the event was back in 1996.

Secretary Tourism in Jammu and Kashmir administration Syed Abid Rasheed Shah told PTI this pre-event tour of the Miss World pageant is taking place in the region months after the G20 Tourism Working Group meeting held here.

"It's an indication of the transformative nature of the G20 event in the tourism sector of Jammu and Kashmir. Major events of national and international importance are now

being planned and organised," Shah said. As per trends this year, Shah said the authorities are expecting a "record-breaking" number of tourists, both domestic and international.

"The number of inbound tourists (foreigners) is a record high in the last 33 years. From the Miss World pre-event tour, we expect the guests to be the ambassadors of Jammu and Kashmir's beauty and hospitality throughout the world," he said. Shah said the pre-event visit of Bielawska to Jammu and Kashmir along with the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Miss World, Julia Eric Morley, promises to be a blend of elegance, artistry and cultural exchange.

During the day-long tour, Miss World and other the dignitaries, including Miss World America Shree Saini, Miss World England Jessica Gagen, and Miss Asia Priscilla Carla Saputri Yules, would take a boat ride at the iconic Dal Lake besides meeting the press and later calling on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha. This event will not only showcase the region's picturesque landscapes, but also provide a platform for local artists and artisans to interact with the guests, added Nagi, who hails from

Jammu. Jammu and Kashmir recorded 1.88 crore tourist arrivals last year, the highest number in the past three decades. The arrivals in the aftermath of the successful third G20 tourism working group meeting from May 22 to 24 in Srinagar is expected to break all previous records this year.

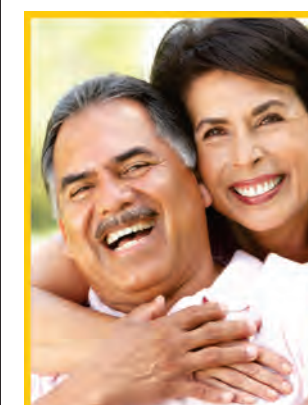
On August 1, Sinha said 1.27 crore tourists visited the Union territory till July and "we hope to see record-breaking tourist arrivals by the year end".

With the support of the Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Department, this initiative aims to shine a spotlight on the breathtaking beauty of Srinagar; the cultural diversity of the region, and the warmth of its people, Nagi said.

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