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Proposal to connect Gudhiyari under-bridge approach road

With Expressway Raipur discussed



Raipur, Aug 28: The meeting of the Board of Directors of Chhattisgarh Road and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (CRIDCL) was held on Monday under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary Mr. Amitabh Jain at Mantralaya Mahanadi Bhavan here. In the meeting, the Managing Director of the Corporation, Mr. Saransh Mitter gave detailed information about various works under the Corporation. In the meeting, the proposal to connect Gudhiyari under bridge approach road with Expressway Raipur under South East Central Railway was discussed in detail. Along with this, various works under the corporation were reviewed. In this meeting organised through video conferencing, Mr. Manoj Pingua, Principal Secretary, Forest and Home Department, Mr. Ankit Anand, Secretary, Finance Department, Mr. NN Ekka, Secretary, Revenue Department, Dr. Ayyaj Bhai, Special Secretary, Urban Administration and Development Department, Tamboli, ENC of Public Works Department Mr. KK Pipri and other officers participated.

Amisha Patel to participate in Art, Literature and Film Festival in Raipur



of the state Bhupesh Baghel and Bollywood actress Ameesha Patel will attend the closing ceremony and award ceremony of the program on September 5.

The second edition of Raipur Art Literature and Film Festival will be of three days this time. This time in Raipur Art Literature and Film Festival, more than 80 films have been entered in the short film competition.

In this festival, many eminent personalities of the country and abroad including the Chief Minister of the state will participate.

Entries of films have come from Kushabhau Thackeray University of Journalism and Mass Communication, Raipur, AFT University, Raipur, Kalinga University, Raipur as well as IIT Bhubaneswar, Institute of Design AUT ADT University Pune, Makhnala University Bhopal, Rohtak Film School. Along with all this, the entry of films from Bollywood has also come in Raipur Art Literature and Film Festival.

Raipur, Apr 28: Nature Friends Social Welfare Organization and AK Associates, in collaboration with Culture Department and Chhattisgarh Tourism Board, is organising a three-day Art, Literature and Film Festival from September 3. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and Bollywood actress Ameesha Patel will be present at the conclusion of the festival which will continue till September 5. Festival director Kunal Shukla said that efforts are being made for film and art festival in the state from long time. This is the second consecutive year of the event. He told that the Chief Minister

Delegation of Mahar Samaj meets CM



Raipur, Aug 28: The delegation of Mahar Samaj belonging to the Buddhist community met with Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and expressed their gratitude for the efforts he made to rectify the longstanding demand related to the spelling of Mahar Samaj. The delegation was led by MP Deepak Baij. For several years, the Mahar Samaj faced an issue with their caste certificates due to a spelling error. Consequently, they were deprived of government scheme benefits, including education and employment opportunities. Bastar MP Deepak Baij, in collaboration with the Buddhist community, persistently worked to address this issue. Their efforts led to a proposal from the Chhattisgarh Government to the Central Government concerning the issue related to the Mahar Samaj spelling error and taking the appropriate action regarding this. After parliamentary approval and the President's signature, the Government of India issued a gazette notification and rectified the long-pending issue of the Mahar Samaj. A state-level delegation of the Buddhist community extended gratitude to Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel

and State Congress President and MP Mr. Deepak Baij. They appreciated the fulfillment of a longstanding demand related to the Mahar Samaj of the Buddhist community. The delegation urged the swift implementation of the Government of India's gazette notification in Chhattisgarh. On this occasion, the delegation presented the 'Constitution of India' and biography of Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar to Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and State Congress President and MP Deepak Baij on behalf of the Buddhist community. Various office holders, including Dilip Wasnikar from Raipur, Sunil Ramteke from Bhilai, Anil Khobragade from Dalli Rajhara, Bhojraj Gorkhede from Raipur, Sarang Rao Humane from Bilaspur, K R Uke from Raipur, Hemraj Kutare from Raipur, Praful Gadam from Bilaspur, Pramod Wasnik from Raipur, Rajesh Humane from Bilaspur, Virendra Borkar from Dongargaon, Sunil Nagdaune from Dongargarh, Ashok Dhawale from Bhilai, Anil Kavre from Bijapur, Anil Ramteke from Bijapur, Shashank Ghoreswar from Rajnandgaon, Pravah Nasre from Raipur were present.

wish all of you a prosperous Happy Onam Celebration

The major festivities take place over 30+ venues in Thiruvananthapuram. Even the Christians and Muslims of Kerala take part in the celebration. It thus helps in building trust and friendship across religion and culture. Onam takes place on the Chingam month – the 1st month in the Malayali calendar. Thus, it is also the Malayali New Year. The festival is spread over 10 days and each day is marked by some kind of traditional ritual or custom.

Onam Sadya: the grand meal of this festival is an interesting one. This traditional Onam meal resonates with the spirit of the season. All the seasonal vegetables are used to make this meal like ash gourd, cucumber, or yam, etc. Generally, it is served on a banana leaf and consists of 9 types of dishes. The maximum number of dishes can reach 20 to 24 also. The main dishes of Onam Sadya are: Banana Chips, Sharkaraveratti or fried pieces of banana coated with jaggery, Pappadam or Papad, Injipuli or Pulinjji (various vegetables and soups), Thoran (curry leaves and crunchy coconut cooked with grated carrots), Mezukkupuratti (stir-fried long beans), Kaalan (gravy based dish made with yam & plantains, curd, and coconut), Olan (white pumpkin, cowpeas, and coconut milk), Avial (mixture of all types of vegetables except the soft ones), Sambhar, Daal served with ghee or clarified butter, Erisherri (pumpkin, cowpeas, and coconut), Molosyam, Rasam, Puliseri (ash gourd, coconut milk, and buttermilk), Kichadi (don't confuse with khichdi), Pachadi, Moru (buttermilk), sweet and sour pickles, and coconut chutney. All these vegetables are served with rice. In the end, Payasam (Kheer) is served as they say everything should end on a sweet note. In Kerala, people say "Kaanam Vittum Onam Unnanam" which means "One must have the Onam lunch even by selling one's property if need be."

Vallamkali Boat Race: The most well-known races are Aranmula Uthratthadi Boat Race and the Nehru Trophy Boat Race. The best oarsmen come forward to take part in this amazing competition. It is interesting to note that in Singapore as a tribute to this unique Boat Race, a similar snake boat race is organized during Onam. It takes place at the Jurong Lake.

The Tiger Dance or Pulikali: This beautiful dance sees the performers painted like tigers in bright hues of red, black, and yellow. Mostly, this dance show takes place in the cultural district of Thrissur and many people come to attend the shows.



Onam is a huge festival in the Indian state of Kerala. As per the legendary tales, this festival is celebrated to commemorate the King Mahabali. It is said that his spirit visits Kerala during the Onam celebration. Apart from remembering King Mahabali, Onam also celebrates rice harvest. Onam is also one of the three major annual Hindu celebrations along with Vishu & Thiruvathira. This vibrant festival is celebrated on the 22nd Nakshatra Thiruvonam as per the Malayali calendar month of Chingam (the first month in Malayali calendar). The English or Gregorian month is generally August or September. The Malayalis placed anywhere in the world celebrates this day with fun and excitement.

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Neeraj Chopra scripts history yet again

Becomes first Indian to win gold in World Athletics C'ships



Neeraj Chopra, of India, poses after winning the gold medal in the Men's javelin throw final during the World Athletics Championships in Budapest, Hungary.

Games. Since then, the two have competed against each other in more than a dozen events and Chopra always returned triumphant.

Chopra has now become only the second Indian - after legendary shooter Abhinav Bindra - to simultaneously hold the Olympics and World Championships title. Bindra won the World Championships title when he was 23, and the Olympics gold at 25.

Chopra, who had become the first Indian Olympic track and field gold medallist in the Tokyo Games in 2021, had won a silver in the 2022 edition of the World Championships.



Budapest, Aug 27 (PTI): Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra on Sunday scripted history yet again as he became the first Indian to win a gold medal in the World Athletics Championships with a best throw of 88.17m in the men's javelin final here.

In another first, three Indians finished in top eight with Kishore Jena (84.77m) and DP Manu (84.14m) taking the fifth and sixth spots respectively. Never before did three Indians finish in top eight of an event in the World Championships. The 25-year-old Chopra dominated the competi-

tion and achieved his best throw of the day in his second attempt. He had a foul to start with, but then got 88.17m, 86.32m, 84.64m, 87.73m and 83.98m. Pakistan's reigning Commonwealth Games champion Arshad Nadeem took the silver with his season's best throw of 87.82m, while Jakub Vadlejch (86.67m) of Czech Republic got the bronze. Olympic champion Chopra began with a foul but jumped to top spot with his second throw, and from thereon, he led the

field till the end. Nadeem also maintained his second position from the third round after which it was 1-2 for the Indo-Pak

duo till the end. Chopra thus beat Nadeem once again as the Indian also won gold in the 2016 South Asian

'Practice yoga, maintain physical fitness'

PM TO SECURITY PERSONNEL
New Delhi, Aug 28 (PTI): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday advised new recruits in the central armed police forces to maintain physical fitness and practice yoga for mental well-being. Addressing the Rozgar Mela where appointment letters to 51,106 recruits to central armed police forces, Narcotics Control Bureau and Delhi Police were digitally transferred, Modi urged the new appointees not to compromise on physical fitness. "Your job is not time-bound. You have to face the wrath of the weather. Hence, physical fitness is of utmost importance to you. If you are fit physically, half of the work is



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done in a jiffy," the prime minister said through video conference. He also urged the new recruits to practice yoga to deal with tense moments, which are

plenty in the field of work of security personnel. "You should practice yoga every day. A stable mind will give you greater strength in your work.

India to launch mission to Sun on Sept 2

Bengaluru, Aug 28 (PTI):

After the successful Chandrayaan-3 mission to the Moon, ISRO on Monday announced that India's first solar mission Aditya-L1 to study the Sun will be launched on September 2 at 11.50 am from Sriharikota spaceport. Aditya-L1 spacecraft is designed to provide remote observations of the solar corona and in-situ observations of the solar wind at L1 (Sun-Earth Lagrange point), which is about 1.5 million kilometres from the Earth. Lagrange Points are positions in space where the gravitational forces of the Sun and the Earth produce enhanced regions of

attraction and repulsion. These can be used by spacecraft to reduce fuel consumption needed to remain in position, according to NASA. Lagrange points are named in honor of Italian-French mathematician Joseph-Louis Lagrange. The Bengaluru-headquartered space agency said in a social media post that the spacecraft - the first space-based Indian observatory to study the Sun - would be launched using a PSLV-C57 rocket. The Aditya-L1 mission, aimed at studying the Sun from an orbit around the L1, would carry seven payloads to observe the photosphere, chromosphere and the corona - the outermost layers of the Sun - in different wave-

bands. Aditya-L1 is a fully indigenous effort with the participation of national institutions, an ISRO official said. The Bengaluru-based Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) is the lead institute for the development of Visible Emission Line Coronagraph (VELC) payload while Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics, Pune, has developed the Solar Ultraviolet Imaging Telescope (SUIT) payload for the mission. According to ISRO, VELC aims to collect the data for solving how the temperature of the corona can reach about a million degrees while the Sun's surface itself stays just over 6000 degrees Centigrade.

ED questions CM's political advisor, OSD

Raipur, Aug 28:

The Enforcement Directorate on Monday questioned a political advisor and an OSD of Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel as part of a money laundering investigation linked to an alleged illegal betting and gambling app, official sources said. The federal agency recorded the statement of Baghel's political advisor Vinod Verma and Officer on Special Duty (OSD) Manish Banchhore under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). The premises of both Verma and Banchhore

were raided by the ED last week and they were then asked to join the probe at the ED office located here.

The agency has arrested four people, including assistant sub-inspector Chandrabhushan Verma, alleged hawala operator brothers Anil and Sunil Dammani and a man identified as Satish Chandrakar in this case linked to alleged illegal betting app called 'Mahadev Online Book'. It had alleged that the arrested policeman used his 'relationship' with Verma and also hawala funds received from Dubai to influence high-ranking officials and politicians connected to the Chhattisgarh CMO.

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CM Baghel to unveil construction works at Champaran today

Under Ram Van Gaman Tourism Circuit

Raipur, Aug 28: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel will unveil the construction works under the Ram Van Gaman Tourism Circuit at Champaran, a place of historical and religious significance in Raipur district on Tuesday, August 29. He will also be participating in the Ramayana Mahotsav to be organized here. The event will witness the presence of the Speaker of Legislative Assembly Dr. Charandas Mahant and Deputy Chief Minister TS Singh Deo. Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu will preside over the programme. The inauguration ceremony will take place at 3 pm within the premises of the Champeshwar Mahadev Temple. Likewise, the Ramayana Mahotsav will be organized at the Government School Daganriya, Champaran. The festivities will include various cultural highlights, such as a cultural presentation by the district level winner Manas Mandali, a collective recitation of the Hanuman Chalisa, a rendition of a Ram Bhajan by Shri Prabhjanji Chaturvedi from Bhilai, and a performance by Ms Shanmukha Priya of Mumbai. Raipur District Incharge Minister Ravindra Choubey, Transport Minister Mohammad Akbar, Industries Minister Kawasi Lakhma, Urban Administration Minister Dr. Shiv Kumar Dahariya, Women and Child Development Minister Anila Bhediyia, Revenue Minister Jai Singh Agrawal, Public Health Engineering Minister Guru Rudra Kumar, Higher Education Minister Umesh Patel, Food and Civil Supplies Minister Amarjeet Bhagat, Tribal Development Minister Mohan Markam, Lok Sabha MP Sunil Soni will attend the programme as special guests. Parliamentary Secretary Chintamani Maharaj, Vikas Upadhyay, MLA Dhanendra Sahu, Chairman of Chhattisgarh Tourism Board Atal Srivastava, Chairman of Gau Seva Ayog Rajshree Dr Mahant Ram Sundar Das will also be present.

CM writes to Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan

Requests him to manage time for the meeting at the request of the Chhattisgarh OBC Mahasabha and Backward Classes Welfare Association. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has mentioned in the letter that during the OBC Mahasammelan organized in Raipur on August 27, 2023, he was told by the Chhattisgarh OBC Mahasabha and Chhattisgarh Backward Classes Welfare Association that they want to meet the Governor regarding their pending demands. Accordingly, he requested the Governor allot time to the delegation of Chhattisgarh OBC Mahasabha and Chhattisgarh Backward Classes Welfare Association and consider their demands sympathetically.

It is worth mentioning that the Chhattisgarh OBC Mahasabha and the Chhattisgarh Backward Classes Welfare Association met the Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Sunday and placed their demand in the context of providing benefits to the OBC category in the public welfare schemes of the government. The Sangh had prominently placed the demand to implement a 27 percent OBC reservation at the earliest. On this occasion, the Sangh had also requested CM Baghel to request time from Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan regarding various pending demands. Therefore, the Chief Minister has written a letter to the Governor in this regard.

Raipur, Aug 28: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has written a letter to Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan, requesting that he manage time for the meeting at the request

Congress creates ruckus outside ED office Demand made by CM to PM clearly shows that Centre purchases paddy: Choudhary

Stages demonstration, submits memorandum demanding probe into alleged scams in previous Raman govt



Raipur, Aug 28: Pradesh Congress Committee and City Congress today created ruckus outside Enforcement Directorate (ED) office in Raipur over its action in Chhattisgarh. During demonstration, slogans were raised against the ED and the central government. Congress submitted a memorandum to the ED regarding the alleged scams in the Raman government and demanded an inquiry. A large number of Congress leaders including Raipur Municipal Corporation Mayor Aijaz Dhebar, Congress leader

Sunny Agrawal, PCC Communication Head Sushil Anand Shukla, Spokesperson Dhananjay Singh Thakur were present. Congress said that the central government was targeting the Congressmen before the elections. Raising slogans, the Congress said that 'ED, IT and CBI are the three sons-in-law of the BJP'. Action is being taken on Congress leaders by political pressure and conspiracy, so why are they refrain-

ing from investigating the certified scams of BJP? asked PCC Congress leaders. In the memorandum submitted to Enforcement Directorate, Regional Office, Raipur, Congress wrote that during BJP's Raman Singh government in Chhattisgarh, CSC (Civil Supply Corporation) scam worth 36 thousand crores, chit fund scam worth 6200 crores, Ratanjot scam worth thousands of crores took place and there was direct money laundering in these scams. These are scams perpetrated by the Raman government, Congress alleged. The state government is also conducting an inquiry into some of these. Money laundering in these cases should be investigated by the ED, said Congress. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel had also written a letter to the ED requesting it to investigate the scams but no investigation was started in the scams of Raman regime, Congress said in its memorandum. The Congress wrote urging that in the public interest, the investigation of the Chint Fund and Ratanjot scams should be started immediately in the name of Chhattisgarh. Congress leaders also asserted that they will continue to protest peacefully in front of the ED office regarding in support of the demand.

Raipur, Aug 28: BJP state general secretary OP Choudhary challenging CM Bhupesh Baghel said that he has opened a shop of lies when it comes to paddy purchase and in reality informed that the PM Modi has increased the quota of Central Pool of rice to such an extent that it is possible to make purchase of 20 quintal of paddy per acre from farmers of Chhattisgarh. Quoting CM he said that Baghel claims that that entire paddy purchase is made by the state government and now he is talking about loss to the state. The truth is that the central government has increased the rice quota so as to purchase entire paddy of farmers of the state. There is no special arrangement in the state's budget for paddy purchase and releasing the



figures Choudhary said that we will send 'Ganga-jal' to CM Baghel and taking which he should say standing in a temple that all this is a lie. Addressing a press conference at BJP's Ekatma parish, Choudhary charged that the Bhupesh Baghel government is expert in making deals worth billions without putting his hand in the pocket. About the biggest certificate of lie of Congress government in the state for purchase of paddy is the state's budget. If the state govern-

ment will have to purchase paddy under its plan, then it will have to make provision in the budget. Paddy is purchased by the Food & Civil Supplies Department and in the year 2022-23, the total budget of this department was Rs 5158 cr. In such conditions how it will be possible to purchase total paddy worth Rs 21,828 cr? Even if three supplementary budgets of the state government are included, then also they cannot purchase paddy to such an extent, Choudhary claimed. Choudhary said that on Saturday, CM Baghel writing a letter to PM Modi has urged him to pay the state's outstanding amount of Rs 6000 cr. On this Choudhary questioned as to from which head this amount is pending with the Centre, as there is no mention of it in the letter? When CM write a letter to PM, then its subject should be clear and the four line letter by CM Baghel is absolutely confusing on the fact as to under which head the state government has to demand Rs 6000 cr from the Centre. Choudhary clarified that this is because CM Baghel has nothing to do with the subject and he just wants to make people confuse and to defame the Modi government and make baseless and false allegations.

Accused nabbed with 120 Kg 'Ganja' worth Rs 30 lakh



Mahasamund, Aug 28: The Singhoda police caught the driver of Tata Safari vehicle carrying around 130 packets of Ganja worth Rs 30 lakh. The accused is from UP and a case under NDPS Act has been filed against him. The Singhoda police was conducting checking of vehicle near Rehtikhhol on NH-53 and during this a car coming from Odisha bearing No. UP-67-M-6363, being speedily driven, broke the barrier constructed and moved ahead. The Police alerted all the check-points

and chased the car and it was near Guru Ghasidas Chowk, Sankara, the driver of the vehicle left his car in the farm nearby and tried to run away, but was nabbed after being chased by the police. On conducting checking of the vehicle, the police found 130 packets of 'Ganja' in the bonnet, dickey, and door-side, weighing 120 kg and estimated to be costing around Rs 30 lakh. The police nabbed the driver Puneet Patel, R/o Raibareli UP and when interrogated he informed that he is bringing Ganja from Odisha and coming to Raipur. The police also recovered the vehicle and cash of Rs 1000 in his possession and seized the vehicle and filed a case under NDPS Act and took him into custody.

Intensive monitoring of illicit liquor transportation at 31 checkpoints

Raipur, Aug 28: Excise Commissioner Janak Prasad Pathak has directed the departmental flying squads and district officials to take strict action against possession, transportation and sale of illicit liquor by conducting a special drive in view of the upcoming assembly elections-2023. As many as 31 checkpoints of the Excise Department have been asked to keep a close watch on illicit liquor transportation. It is worth mentioning that after the instructions of the Election Commission of India, the process of speedy action has started in the Excise Department. Intensive search operations are

being carried out in the check posts of the border areas of the state under the guidance of the Excise Commissioner. As many as 191 persons were caught transporting and selling illicit liquor in an intensive action drive 26nd and 27th August and a total of 2340 liters of liquor worth Rs 15 lakh 59 thousand 300 was seized. In this way, 37230 kg 'Mahua Lahan' has been seized, whose market value is Rs 5 lakh 09 thousand 132. During the drive, 08 two-wheelers worth Rs 3 lakh 80 thousand have been seized. During the drive, 83 liters of liquor from other states have also been seized.

Regular checking of vehicles is being done to prevent illegal liquor from other states in 31 checkpoints of the Excise Department established in the border districts of the state, Excise Department Commissioner Pathak said. The department staff 90 liters of liquor during checking in the checkpoints of the Excise Department in the two days. Road checking is being done at various places. The checking is also being done at various railway stations, trains, bus stands and buses by the Excise staff in collaboration with the Railway Police and the State Police, Pathak said.

The Excise Commissioner said that in view of the upcoming assembly elections-2023, the Excise Department was continuously checking and monitoring all the distilleries, bottling units, breweries and all country and foreign liquor shops. In addition, continuous monitoring is being done by identifying possible places of transport and illegal storage of liquor. Toll free number 14405 is being operated by the department, on which any kind of complaint related to illicit liquor/liquor shops can be lodged. The name of the complainant is kept confidential.

Baij should first handle his own party affairs: Chandel

Raipur, Aug 28: The leader of Opposition in VS Narayan Chandel said that the PCC Chief Deepak Baij is unable to handle his own organisational affairs and is unnecessarily making statements against BJP. Commenting upon Baij's statement over BJP's first list of candidate, Chandel said that with issuing of BJP's list, there is silence on Congress circle and they are all in the state of fear and disappointment. It is in order to pass on the time that they are resorting to passing of such statements and trying to hide their frustration within, he alleged. Leader of Opposition in VS Narayan Chandel said that the very Congress party whose list of District Presidents is issued from

Delhi, then in that party the very tall claims of victory in forthcoming VS is like day-dreaming. Being a new toy in the hands of 10 Janpath, tall claims of Baij are hollow, as the very party in power has become weak with nearing of elections. Chandel said that the way the Congress leaders are reacting to release of first list of BJP, it has become crystal clear like a mirror that Congress is in deep state-of-shock seeing the first list of 21 warriors of BJP. The entire attention of Congress is now on BJP candidates instead of prayers and political meetings. Chandel said that after the election results it may be possible that Baij may have to search for his leaders using a binocular.

Kota Malayalees Association celebrates Onam

Raipur, Aug 28: Celebrating the homecoming of the legendary King Mahabali, the Kota Malayalees Association on Sunday celebrated Onam, their most important and colourful festival, with traditional gaiety and fervour. In line with the festive mood, the childrens created a floral rangoli 'Pookalam' to welcome the King in the traditional way on Sunday here. The rich and vibrant festivals transcend all barriers and serve as a melting point for people from all walks of life and a bonding place for families. True to the spirit of the festivities, Kota Malayalees Association through its exclusive style of celebrations has always strived towards bringing people together and celebrating the festival in unity thereby in-



stillling happiness in their life. The program was inaugurated by lighting the traditional lamp by senior member and former Raipur Kerala Samajam President KA Sasidaran, TC Shaji, Vice President, Raipur Kerala Samajam in the presence of senior members Mr Kumar, Thankamoney, Rajamma T Pillai, Kanakamma and Dr Dinesh. Addressing the function

senior member and former Raipur Kerala Samajam President KA Sasidaran welcomes the guests and also appraised the members about the need to unite and strengthen the community through organising various programmes targeting the young children who are going to be the vanguards of the society in the coming years. Tributes were also paid to the members who lost

their lives by observing two minutes silence. Attractive cultural programmes were presented by the children and members of Kota Malayalee Association which was followed by Onam Sadhya. Sanil Kumar, Radhakrishnan, Suresh, Rajendran Pillai, Manoj Kaimal and other members extended their contribution in making the programme a grand success.

NIT Raipur organizes i-Talk

On "How to build an analytical mindset for problem solving?"

Raipur, Aug 28: National Institute of Technology (NIT) Raipur's Innovation Cell (I-Cell) in association with Alumni Association of (Government Engineering College) GEC-NIT Raipur organized an i-Talk discoursing "How to build an analytical mindset for problem solving?" on 28th August 2023. Ajit Deshpande, entrepreneur, business leader & technologist, and Chief Executive Officer, rises.io was the Keynote Speaker. He is also an alumnus (1994/Master of Computer Applications), NIT Raipur. Dr. A. B. Soni, Director (I/C), NIT Raipur, Dr. Shrish Verma, Dean (Academics) and Dr. Samir Bajpai, Head, Career Development Centre were present as the



Distinguished Guests. The session was organized under the adept guidance of Dr. Saurabh Gupta, Professor In-charge, I-Cell. Ajit Deshpande began his keynote address by expatiating how Artificial Intelligence can be used for diagnosing chronic diseases such as breast cancer. He emphasized the need for building an analytical mindset for solving real-life problems. Deepak Jain, Treasurer, Alumni Association, GEC-NIT Raipur gladly announced the organization of more such joint events upon

the successful organization of the program. The program concluded successfully with Dr. S. Bajpai presenting a memento to A. Deshpande. Numerous faculty members and students were in attendance. A series of events in virtual mode were organised by the I-cell over the course of the preceding week. An interbranch quiz competition concerning questions about start-up ventures and daily life tech usage was conducted from 22nd to 24th August 2023 with prizes worth 75k distributed. This was followed by a seminar on

"Entrepreneurship as an alternative career choice" and "How to approach and master AI, first step towards AI innovation" on 25th August 2023 with Aditya Agrawal, Founder, Superu.ai & Alumnus, NIT Raipur and Mr. Dhruv Singh, Founder, Samajh.ai as the Guest Speakers. A Design Thinking workshop was also coordinated on 26th August 2023 with Ms. Disha Kaushal, Design Consultant as the Guest Speaker. The events witnessed enthusiastic participation from the attendees and concluded successfully.

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL JABALPUR 79712, Shanti Kunj, South Civil Lines, Jabalpur-482001 DEMAND NOTICE NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAXACT, 1961. RC/415/2020 21-08-2023 KARNATAKA BANK LIMITED Versus SHIVAM STEEL SHIVAM STEEL, ANITA PANDEY Raipur-0 (CD2) MANORANJAN KUMAR PANDEY SAI NIWAS MDD 82, PHASE I KABIR NAGAR RAIPUR, CG Raipur, CHHATTISGARH-0 This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL JABALPUR in OA/555/2019 an amount of Rs 35430413.50 (Rupees Three Crore Fifty Four Lakhs Thirty Thousands Four Hundred Thirteen And Paise Fifty Only) along with Penalties and future interest @ 12% Simple Interest Yearly w.e.f. 15/04/2019 till realization and costs of Rs 150000 (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Thousands Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally Fully/Limited). 2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under. 3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of your assets on or before the next date of hearing. 4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 19/10/2023 at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings. 5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay: (a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/execution proceedings. (b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due. Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 21/08/2023 Recovery Officer DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL JABALPUR

Chandrayaan-3 success speaks of huge talent of Indian Scientists: Pandey



Central Chronicle News Saja, Aug 28: Media in-charge of BJP Saja VS Rakesh Pandey said that the success by ISRO by India would give inspiration to make the country equally more stronger. The scientists of the country will pass on the information and data gathered on successful soft landing on the moon by the Ranger, not only to the country, but to the entire world. Pandey extended greetings to all the scientists of ISRO and said that this has widened the chest and honour of 140 crore Indians and raised India's flag at the nation-

and international level. Pandey said that when the leadership is strong and capable, the scientists too get motivated and gets morale boosting. There is no dearth of talent among the scientists in the country and it was only lacking due to lack of political influence and dictatorship. But with able leadership and qualified and talented scientists, India has once presented an example before the country of its prowess and intelligence.

Bank of Baroda Regional Office, Jeevan Prakash.L.I.C. Building, Pandri, Raipur (C.G.) PH: 0771- 4222611, 4222612, E-mail: recovery.raipur@bankofbaroda.com E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF PROPERTIES "APPENDIX-IV-A (See Proviso to Rule 8(6) & 9(1))" E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable/movable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) & 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable/movable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" & "Whatever there is" for recovery of below mentioned accounts. The details of Borrower(s) /Mortgagor(s) /Guarantor(s) / Secured Asset(s) Dues / Reserve Price / e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below: Sr. No. Name & Address of Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) /Mortgagor(s) Give short description of the movable / immovable property with Any Encumbrance-Not Known to Bank. Total Dues (i) Reserve Price (ii) EMD and (iii) Bid Increase Amount. Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical) 01 M/s Maa Sharda Enterprises & Stores Proprietor - Mr. Chandramani Pandey S/o Mr. Shyam Shankar Pandey, Guarantor - Mr. Sarvesh Kumar Pandey S/o Mr. Triveni Pal Pandey, Mr. Balmiki Prasad Dubey S/o Mr. C. I. Dubey Rs.183.22 Lakh + interest + other charges i) Rs. 50.94 Lakh Physical Possession ii) Rs. 5.09 Lakh iii)Rs. 0.10 Lakh Date & Time of E-Auction 29.09.2023, 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. & Property Inspection Date & Time 22.09.2023, 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. For detailed terms & conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction.htm and https://ibapi.in. Also, prospective bidders may contact the authorized officer on Phone: 0771-3500060. Date: 29.08.2023, Place: Raipur (C.G.) Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda

Canara Bank T.P. Nagar Branch, Raipur (C.G.) DEMAND NOTICE NOTICE U/S 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 Borrower's & Guarantor's Name & Address Type Limit Details of Mortgaged Property Mr. Dharmendra Singh Parmar S/o Mr. Dadiharam Parmar, KH NO. 1338, PC NO. 107, Netaji Kanhaiyalal Ward. No. 8, Gudhriyari, Raipur (C.G.) HOUSING FINANCE ₹ 23,60,000/- Total Dues ₹ 21,50,099/- NPA Dt. 04.07.2023 All the part & parcel of Residential House bearing Kharsa No. 1338, Situated at Mouja-Gudhriyari, Netaji Kanhaiyalal Ward, Ward No. 08, P.H. No. 107, R.I.C. Raipur, Tahsil & District: Raipur (C.G.) Area 1,025 Sq. Ft. North: Seller Land, South: Land of Murlidhar Banjari, East: Land of Murlidhar Banjari, West: Road. The Borrower mentioned above has availed total credit facilities as mentioned above from CANARA BANK, T.P. Nagar Branch and the mentioned Guarantors provided guarantee and secured by way of mortgaged of above mentioned property. The borrower failed to adhere to terms and conditions of sanction. The account became irregular and classified as NPA as mentioned above as per RBI guidelines. The Bank intends to enforce the said property mortgaged by you and Issued Demand Notice as mentioned above for recovery of outstanding amount as mentioned above with interest and expenses thereon under registered post with acknowledgment due which were not served to the borrowers and guarantors. Hence this publication issued. Herby Borrower/Guarantor are called upon to pay the amount mentioned above with rate of interest (Contractual Rate), costs, charges etc., thereon within 60 Days from the date of publication failing which the undersigned will be constrained to initiate action against mortgaged property under section 13(4) and the provision of said Act to realize our Bank's dues. Your attention is invited to provisions of the Sec (8) of Sec (13) of the act in respect of time available to you to redeem the secured assets. Date: 28.08.2023 Place: Raipur (CG) Authorised officer / CANARA BANK

ADITYA BIRLA CAPITAL ADITYA BIRLA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED Registered Office- Indian Rayon Compound, Veraval, Gujarat - 362266 Branch Office- G Corporation Tech Park, Kasarvadavali, Ghodbunder Road, Thane -400607 (MH) DEMAND NOTICE (under Rule 3 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002) SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF NOTICE U/s 13 (2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the borrowers as mentioned below since they have defaulted in repayment of the Credit facility availed by them from Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited (ABHFL), their loan accounts have been classified as Non-Performing Assets in the books of the Company as per RBI guidelines thereto. Thereafter, ABHFL has issued demand notices under section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act) on the last known addresses of the said borrowers thereby calling upon and demanding from them to repay the entire outstanding amount together with further interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. as stated in the said demand notices. However, the demand notice is also being served by way of publication, as per Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (SARFAESI Rules): Sl. No. Name and Address Borrower/ Co-Borrower and Guarantor / Co-Guarantor & Loan A/C No. NPA Date Date of Demand Notice Amount due as per Demand Notice/ as on Date 1 1. Kewal Kumar Jadvani H. No. Hig-8, Shankar Nagar Sector-1, Ward No. 31, P.H. No. 110, R.N.M. Raipur-1, Tehsil & District-Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001 2. Amar Jadvani H. No. Hig-8, Shankar Nagar Sector-1, Ward No. 31, P.H. No. 110, R.N.M. Raipur-1, Tehsil & District-Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001 3. M/S. Amar Infrastructure H. No. Hig-8, Shankar Nagar Sector-1, Ward No. 31, P.H. No. 110, R.N.M. Raipur-1, Tehsil & District-Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001 4. Kewal Kumar Jadvani Flat No. 203, Tower A, Metro Heights, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001 5. Amar Jadvani Flat No. 203, Tower A, Metro Heights, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001 6. M/S. Amar Infrastructure Flat No. 203, Tower A, Metro Heights, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001 7. Kewal Kumar Jadvani House No. H.I.G-8, Beside Andhra Bank, Sector-1, M.P Housing Board Colony, Shankar Nagar, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492004 8. Amar Jadvani House No. H.I.G-8, Ward No. 31, Near Andhra Bank, Sector-1, Shankar Nagar, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492004. Loan Account No. LNRAIPNO-10200074710 & LNRAIPAP-02180042688 Date: 29.08.2023, Place: Raipur Chief Manager / Authorized Officer Bank of Maharashtra

Bank of Maharashtra Branch: : 1st floor, Shree Complex, Phool Chowk, Raipur, TELE : (0771) 4265618, e-mail : bom439@mahabank.co.in Head Office: LOKMANGAL, 1501, SHIVAJINAGAR, PUNE-5 AO18 /SARFAESI/13 (2)/JAI KUMAR NARA/2023-24 DEMAND NOTICE Notice is hereby given that the following (Borrowers) and (Guarantors) have defaulted in repayment of principal and interest of the loan facilities obtained by them from the Bank of Maharashtra and the loans have been classified as Non Performing Assets (NPA). The notice was issued to them under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses. Further borrower & guarantor are hereby informed by way of this public notice. Date Of Notice : 19.08.2023 & Date of NPA: 11.05.2023 Name of the Borrowers / Partners /Guarantors & Add. Nature of Facility & A/c Number Security details Balance outstanding (as on 18/08/2023) Borrowers- 1. Mr. Jai Kumar Nara S/o Mr. Ramesh Kumar Nara, 2. Mrs. Simran Nara W/o Mr. Jai Kumar Nara, ADDRESS : .1. C - 77 S H R I J MADHUBAN COLONY, NEAR WATER TANK, AMLIDH RAIPUR (C.G.)-492006 2. A-6 SUVIDHA VIHAR, NEAR RIDDHI SIDDHI GARDEN, MAHAVIR NAGAR, PURENA RAIPUR(C.G.)-492001 Housing loan of Rs.25,00,000/- (Twenty five lakh only) Primary: EM of Residential house property bearing House no-G-01(Plot no 77 as per T & CP) bearing part of kh no184,249/3-4 situated at Mouja-Amlidh, Rajendra Prasad ward no-46(Old) 52 (new), PH NO-114/69, Raipur, Distt-Raipur (C.G.). Total plot area 800 sq. feet Bounded as follows:- North: Plot no-78, House no-G-2/House of Malik, East : Road, West : Plot no-86, House no-G-15 / House of Roy, South: Road Ledger Bal: Rs. 24,70,578.00/- + Unapplied Intt. of Rs.1,55,323/- up to 18.08.2023 + penal interest @ 2%, plus other Expenses, w.e.f. 19/08/2023 Grand Total: Ledger Bal: Rs. 24,70,578.00/- + Unapplied Intt. of Rs.1,55,323/- up to 18.08.2023 + penal interest @ 2%, plus other Expenses, w.e.f. 19/08/2023 Hence, this Paper Publication. The above Borrower(s) and/or their Guarantor(s) (whenever applicable) are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002. This notice is also being published in vernacular language. The English version shall be final in case any question of interpretation arises. Date: 29.08.2023, Place: Raipur Chief Manager / Authorized Officer Bank of Maharashtra

Bank of Maharashtra Branch: : 1st floor, Shree Complex, Phool Chowk, Raipur, TELE : (0771) 4265618, e-mail : bom439@mahabank.co.in Head Office: LOKMANGAL, 1501, SHIVAJINAGAR, PUNE-5 AO18 /SARFAESI/13 (2)/ Maa Sharda Wire Industries/2023-24 DEMAND NOTICE Notice is hereby given that the following (Borrowers) and (Guarantors) have defaulted in repayment of principal and interest of the loan facilities obtained by them from the Bank of Maharashtra and the loans have been classified as Non Performing Assets (NPA). The notice was issued to them under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses. Further borrower & guarantor are hereby informed by way of this public notice. Date Of Notice : 17.08.2023 & Date of NPA: 18.04.2023 Name of the Borrowers / Partners /Guarantors & Add. Nature of Facility & A/c Number Security details Balance outstanding (as on 16/08/2023) Borrower - M/S Maa Sharda Wire Industries, Prop: Mr. Chandramani Pandey s/o Mr. Shyam Shankar Pandey, Plot no 04, CSIDC, Barton Industrial Area, Tilda, Raipur (C.G.): 493114 (RESIDENCE ADDRESS): 1. 692, Sanjay nagar, Ward no 06, Kumhari Dhamda, Distt: Durg(C.G.)-490042. 2. Flat no A-506, Avinash Ashiyana, Kabir nagar, Raipur (C.G.) Guarantor - Mrs. Neha Tiwari D/O Shri Kamal Kishore Tiwari, Add. -1: Flat no 502, Galaxy Height, Behind CAG office, Vidhan Sabha Road, Raipur(C.G.), Add:-2: Flat no 505, Galaxy Height, Behind CAG office, Vidhan Sabha Road, Raipur(C.G.), Address: C-25, Tigri Extension, South Delhi, (Delhi)-110062 Ledger Bal: Rs. 84,79,168.00/- + Unapplied Intt. of Rs. 9,07,269.00/- up to 16/08/2023 + penal interest @ 2% plus other Expenses, w.e.f. 17/08/2023 Grand Total: Ledger Bal: Rs. 84,79,168.00/- + Unapplied Intt. of Rs. 9,07,269.00/- up to 16/08/2023 + penal interest @ 2% plus other Expenses, w.e.f. 17/08/2023 Hence, this Paper Publication. The above Borrower(s) and/or their Guarantor(s) (whenever applicable) are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002. This notice is also being published in vernacular language. The English version shall be final in case any question of interpretation arises. Date: 29.08.2023, Place: Raipur Chief Manager / Authorized Officer Bank of Maharashtra

Bank of Maharashtra Branch: : 1st floor, Shree Complex, Phool Chowk, Raipur, TELE : (0771) 4265618, e-mail : bom439@mahabank.co.in Head Office: LOKMANGAL, 1501, SHIVAJINAGAR, PUNE-5 AO18 /SARFAESI/13 (2)/ BAKD STEELS PVT LIMITED/2023-24 DEMAND NOTICE Notice is hereby given that the following (Borrowers) and (Guarantors) have defaulted in repayment of principal and interest of the loan facilities obtained by them from the Bank of Maharashtra and the loans have been classified as Non Performing Assets (NPA). The notice was issued to them under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses. Further borrower & guarantor are hereby informed by way of this public notice. Date Of Notice : 16.08.2023 & Date of NPA: 28.02.2023 Name of the Borrowers / Partners /Guarantors & Add. Nature of Facility & A/c Number Security details Balance outstanding (as on 15/08/2023) Borrower - M/S BAKD STEELS PVT LTD, Office Address: NEAR BHANPURI SUBSTATION, WARD NO 19, URKURA, RAIPUR(C.G.) Through its Directors: 1. Mr. Ganesh Parida s/o Mr. Raghunath Parida, 2. Mrs. Ratnaprabha Parida w/o Mr. Ganesh Parida 3. Mr. Sankarshan Parida s/o Mr. Balam Parida, 4. Mr. Kartikchandra Parida s/o Mr. Raghunath Parida, 5. Mr. Raghunath Parida, 6. Mrs. Ratnaprabha Parida w/o Mr. Ganesh Parida, 7. Mr. Sankarshan Parida s/o Mr. Balam Parida, 8. Mr. Kartikchandra Parida s/o Mr. Raghunath Parida, All of their Add.; R/O Thakur pyareyal ward no-24, Vishal colony, Vill-Birgaon, Raipur(C.G.)-493221 Cash Credit Loan of Rs.3,00,00,000/- (Three crore only) Primary: Hypothecation of stocks & receivables Ledger Bal: Rs. 3,08,78,847.78/- + Unapplied Intt. of Rs. 25,61,052.00/- up to 15/08/2023+ penal interest @ 2%, plus other Expenses, w.e.f. 16/08/2023 GECL of Rs.45,00,000/- (Forty five lakh only) Primary: Additional Charge on all primary securities mentioned above Ledger Bal: Rs. 44,99,865.00/- + Unapplied Intt. of Rs. 3,35,069.00/- up to 15/08/2023 + penal interest @ 2%, plus other Expenses, w.e.f. 16/08/2023 Grand Total: Ledger Bal: Rs. 3,53,78,712.78/- + Unapplied Intt. of Rs. 28,96,121.00/- up to 15/08/2023 + penal interest @ 2%, plus other Expenses, w.e.f. 16/08/2023 Collateral Security for above facilities(CC+GECL) Property 1- EM of diverted plot bearing kh no-84/128 PH NO-108/40, area measuring 3200 sq. feet located at vill-Urkura, ward no 19(Madhav Rao Sapre ward)Raipur Tahsil & Distt-Raipur(C.G.) in the name of Mr. Sankarshan Parida s/o Mr. Balam Parida. Bounded as follows: North: Land of Amit Bansal, East : Land of Gujrati, West : Road, South: Land of Kuran Kumar ur Ganesh. Property 2- EM of diverted plot bearing kh no-84/127 PH NO-108/40, area measuring 3100 sq. feet, located at vill- Urkura, ward no 19(Madhav Rao Sapre ward) RIC-Raipur Tahsil & Distt-Raipur (C.G.) in the name of Mr. Kartikchandra Parida s/o Mr. Raghunath Parida. Bounded as below: North: Land of Deepak Sangtani, East : Land of Gujrati, West : Road, South: Land of Krunal Verma, Property 3- EM of industrial diverted plot bearing kh no-84/69 PH NO-000/40, area measuring 6800 sq. feet, located at vill- Urkura, ward no 19 (Madhav Rao Sapre ward) RIC-Raipur Tahsil & Distt-Raipur (C.G.) in the name of Mr. Ganesh Parida s/o Mr. Raghunath Parida. Bounded as below: North: Land of Manish Mohan Agrawal, East : Road, West : Land of Madhwan, South: Road Ledger Bal: Rs. 2,77,547.26/- + Unapplied Intt. of Rs. 30,952.00/- up to 15/08/2023+ penal interest @ 2%, plus other Expenses, w.e.f. 16/08/2023 Cash credit limit of Rs.2,50,00,000/- (Two crore & fifty lakh only) Primary: Hypothecation of stocks & receivables Ledger Bal: Rs. 2,74,95,121.41/- + Unapplied Intt. of Rs. 28,85,100.00/- up to 15/08/2023 + penal interest @ 2%, plus other Expenses, w.e.f. 16/08/2023 Working Capital term loan (ECLGS-EXTN) of Rs.15,00,000/- (Fifteen lakh only) Primary: Charge on entire current & Fixed assets, present & future of the firm Ledger Bal: Rs.14,99,822.00/- + Unapplied Intt. of Rs. 1,36,669.00/- up to 15/08/2023 + penal interest @ 2%, plus other Expenses, w.e.f. 16/08/2023 Term Loan (GECL) of Rs. 30,00,000/- (Thirty lakh only) Primary: Charge on entire current & Fixed assets, present & future of the firm Ledger Bal: Rs.17,59,728.14/- + Unapplied Intt. of Rs. 1,55,510.00/- up to 15/08/2023 + penal interest @ 2%, plus other Expenses, w.e.f. 16/08/2023 Grand Total: Ledger Bal: Rs. 3,10,32,218.81/- + Unapplied Intt. of Rs. 32,08,231.00/- up to 15/08/2023 + penal interest @ 2%, plus other Expenses, w.e.f. 16/08/2023 Hence, this Paper Publication. The above Borrower(s) and/or their Guarantor(s) (whenever applicable) are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002. This notice is also being published in vernacular language. The English version shall be final in case any question of interpretation arises. Date: 29.08.2023, Place: Raipur Chief Manager / Authorized Officer Bank of Maharashtra

Chola CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED Corporate Office: Chola Crest, C 54 & 55, Super B-4, Thiru Vi Ka, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032. Branch Office: Shop No.- 7th Floor, Currency Tower, VIP Chowk, G.E. Road, Telibandha, Raipur, CG 492001, Contact No: Prakash Verma- 9981343191, Prakhara Sharma- 9826432751 E-AUCTION NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Mortgagor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Cholamandalam investment and Finance Company Limited the same shall be referred herein after as Cholamandalam investment and Finance Company Limited. The Secured Assets will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis through E-Auction. It is hereby informed to General public that we are going to conduct public E-Auction through website https://bankauctions.in/ Account No. and Name of borrower, co-borrower, Mortgagors 1. Date. 2. Demand Notice Amount 3. Total Loan Outstanding 4. Possession Date Description of the Immovable property Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit & Bid Increment (in Rs.) E-Auction Date and Time, EMD Submission Last Date, Inspection Date Loan Account No. HOHELA00002593516 Borrower & Co-Borrowers:- 1. Satrugan Lal Sahu, 2. Ambela Sahu, 3. Tularam Sahu, 4. Usha Sahu, 5. Bharat Ram Sahu, All Res. At 424, Ward No.9, Near Durga Chowk, Shankar Nagar, Durg Chhattisgarh 491001, 6. Subham Readymade, Shanichari Bajaj, Durg, Chhattisgarh 491001. 09.05.2023 ₹ 24,79,836/- 22.08.2023 together with further interest, penal interest, costs and charges thereon till the date of payment 05.08.2023 Symbolic Possession All That Parcel And Piece Of Property Part Of Kharsa No. 1260/1, Area 1500 Sqft, Ward No 09, Shankar Nagar Durg, PHN 78, Tehsil And District Durg, Chhattisgarh 491001. Bounded As Per Sale Deed - North- Road, South-Road, East-Road, West- Remaining Land Of Seller. ₹ 28,00,000/- ₹ 2,80,000/- ₹ 50,000/- 06.10.2023 at 11:00 am to 1:00 PM (with unlimited extension of 5 min each), 05.10.2023 (up to 5.30 P.M) 22.09.2023 and 23.09.2023 (10.00 A.M to 1.00 P.M) 1. All Interested participants / bidders are requested to visit the website https://bankauctions.in/ & https://cholamandalam.com/news/auction-notices. For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact Mr Muhemmad Rahees 8124000030, Ms.4 Closure.; Mr. Jaya Prakash Reddy, Phone No. 812000064, Email: info@bankauctions.in. 2. For further details on terms and conditions please visit- https://bankauctions.in/ & https://cholamandalam.com/news/auction-notices to take part in e-auction. THIS IS ALSO A STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES,2002 Date: 29.08.2023, Place: Durg (C.G.) Authorised Officer/ M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited

Bank of Maharashtra Branch: : 1st floor, Shree Complex, Phool Chowk, Raipur, TELE : (0771) 4265618, e-mail : bom439@mahabank.co.in Head Office: LOKMANGAL, 1501, SHIVAJINAGAR, PUNE-5 AO18 /SARFAESI/13 (2)/ Delight Industries /2023-24 DEMAND NOTICE Notice is hereby given that the following (Borrowers) and (Guarantors) have defaulted in repayment of principal and interest of the loan facilities obtained by them from the Bank of Maharashtra and the loans have been classified as Non Performing Assets (NPA). The notice was issued to them under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses. Further borrower & guarantor are hereby informed by way of this public notice. Date Of Notice : 16.08.2023 & Date of NPA: 02.01.2023 Name of the Borrowers / Partners /Guarantors & Add. Nature of Facility & A/c Number Security details Balance outstanding (as on 15/08/2023) Borrower - M/S DELIGHT INDUSTRIES, Prop: Mrs. Anjula Mishra w/o Mr. Sanjay Kumar Mishra Office address: 1. H No 61 Ward No 17, Harshit Vihar Colony Urkura, Birgaon, Bhanpuri, Raipur (C.G.), 2. Office no- 8/7, Commercial complex, Gol Chowk, Kabir nagar, Raipur(C.G.), Residential Add: H No 61 Ward No 17, Harshit Vihar Colony, Urkura, Birgaon, Bhanpuri, Raipur (C.G.) 3. Office no- 8/7, Commercial complex, Gol Chowk, Kabir nagar, Raipur(C.G.) Term Loan of Rs.5,00,000/- (Five lakh only) Primary: Hypothecation of all fixed assets of the firm Ledger Bal: Rs. 2,77,547.26/- + Unapplied Intt. of Rs. 30,952.00/- up to 15/08/2023+ penal interest @ 2%, plus other Expenses, w.e.f. 16/08/2023 Cash credit limit of Rs.2,50,00,000/- (Two crore & fifty lakh only) Primary: Hypothecation of stocks & receivables Ledger Bal: Rs. 2,74,95,121.41/- + Unapplied Intt. of Rs. 28,85,100.00/- up to 15/08/2023 + penal interest @ 2%, plus other Expenses, w.e.f. 16/08/2023 Working Capital term loan (ECLGS-EXTN) of Rs.15,00,000/- (Fifteen lakh only) Primary: Charge on entire current & Fixed assets, present & future of the firm Ledger Bal: Rs.14,99,822.00/- + Unapplied Intt. of Rs. 1,36,669.00/- up to 15/08/2023 + penal interest @ 2%, plus other Expenses, w.e.f. 16/08/2023 Term Loan (GECL) of Rs. 30,00,000/- (Thirty lakh only) Primary: Charge on entire current & Fixed assets, present & future of the firm Ledger Bal: Rs.17,59,728.14/- + Unapplied Intt. of Rs. 1,55,510.00/- up to 15/08/2023 + penal interest @ 2%, plus other Expenses, w.e.f. 16/08/2023 Grand Total: Ledger Bal: Rs. 3,10,32,218.81/- + Unapplied Intt. of Rs. 32,08,231.00/- up to 15/08/2023 + penal interest @ 2%, plus other Expenses, w.e.f. 16/08/2023 Collateral Security for above facilities (TL+ CC + ECLGS-EXTN+GECL) Property 1. Residential house situated at plot no -03, Block no -F having area 270 sq.Mt. in Motilal Nehru Nagar, Nagar Palika Nigam-Bhilai, RIC-Durg-1 Bhilai, Tehsil & Distt: Durg (C.G.) in the name of Mr. Faiyyaz Hussain s/o Mr. Ishtiyaq Hussain Khan, bounded as under: North: Plot no 4, East: Plot no 12, West : Road, South: Plot no 2, Property 2. Residential Flat no-506 situated at fifth floor of building-Avinash Ashiyana Apartment, Block no- A, Kabirnagar, ward no-02, Ramkrishna Paramhans Ward PC NO-36 part of kh no 4/2(4/3,6/1), 45/4(1/6/3) & 4/6(4/7,6/4) Raipur(C.G.) in the name of Mr. Sarvesh Kumar Pandey s/o Triveni Pal Pandey, bounded as under: North: Flat no A-505, East: Open space, West : Corridor, South: Flat no A-507 Ledger Bal: Rs. 2,74,95,121.41/- + Unapplied Intt. of Rs. 30,952.00/- up to 15/08/2023+ penal interest @ 2%, plus other Expenses, w.e.f. 16/08/2023 Hence, this Paper Publication. The above Borrower(s) and/or their Guarantor(s) (whenever applicable) are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002. This notice is also being published in vernacular language. The English version shall be final in case any question of interpretation arises. Date: 29.08.2023, Place: Raipur Chief Manager / Authorized Officer Bank of Maharashtra

Urban Industrial Park taking shape in Priyadarshini Parisar

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 28: Bhilai Municipal Corporation is establishing Mahatma Gandhi Urban Industrial Park to assist the unemployed youth of the region in becoming self-reliant. Here, youths will run small scale industries and give employment to others too.

The Chief Minister of the state had announced the setting up of Urban Industrial Parks to provide opportunities to the youth of urban areas to start new industries and connect them with self-employment.

Implementing the government's ambitious scheme, Bhilai Mayor Neeraj Pal selected a vacant site in Ward 06 Priyadarshini Parisar and duly completed the tender process. The construction work is under way to set up the industrial park.



Commissioner Rohit Vyas inspected the project site and gave instructions to ensure availability of necessary basic facilities like access road, drain, electricity and water. The industrial park is taking shape behind the BMC's Vehicle Branch in about

2.5 acres of land located in Priyadarshini Parisar (West).

He instructed the departmental officers to provide all the necessary facilities for the entrepreneurs. He took feedback on the progress of the construction work and instructed the officers to complete the quality work within the time limit so that the

youth of the area can get its benefits soon. In the Mahatma Gandhi Urban Industrial Park being built by the Corporation, land will be allotted to educated unemployed youths to establish their own small scale industries like millet processing plant, papad, industry, Dona Pattal industry, etc.

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Every woman has a child in her but not everyone reveals it: Dr Saroj Pandey

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 28: "Every woman has a child in her mind, but due to her apprehensions as a mother, she is not able to reveal it to her husband, her children and her family members.

As a result, she is unable to share her childhood or live life according to her desire related to sports or other activities," stated Dr Saroj Pandey, Rajya Sabha MP while addressing women at Mahatari Khel Mahotsav on Sunday.

She further added, "But today through this sports event, a program of various sports was organized amidst family atmosphere, in which they happily participated.

It is necessary that they get the support of their families, apart from this, different types of competitions should be organized.



It will be my endeavor to organize similar sports competitions from time to time and bring out the childhood of women in their lives."

Here it needs a mention that an event for women "Mahtari Khel Mahotsav" was organized by Rajya Sabha MP and BJP National Vice President Dr Saroj Pandey here at a hotel near Durg Bypass

and people's representatives were present, mainly former Mayor Chandrika Chandrakar, Usha Tawari, Maya Belchandani, Dr Mansi Gulati, Sarita Mishra, Swati Sahu, Mahila Morcha District President Bhilai Sweetie Kaushik. After the event, prizes were given to the women who won in various competitions.

The aim was to create health awareness in the minds of women. A large number of prominent women intellectuals from different societies participated in the event.

Doctors, journalists, entrepreneurs, social workers, Mahila Morcha office bearers and workers of Bharatiya Janata Party

Onam, Rakhshabandhan, Guru Jayanti celebrated at MVN Risali

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 28: A cultural and festive blend was felt at Maitri Vidya Niketan, Risali as Onam, Rakhshabandhan and Guru Jayanti were celebrated in full fervour and enthusiasm.

Students of primary, secondary, and senior secondary dressed in authentic cultural attire graced the occasion with various programs including skits, dance, and group songs on famous regional numbers. The program was a



treat to watch. The highlight of the program was 'The Thiruvadira' where girls dressed in traditional Kerala attire performed the traditional dance.

Gracing the occasion with their eminent pres-

ence were President MECA, Rajam Sudhakaran, Director MECA and Principal Dr Sajitha Thambi, Directors S Sajeev and S Sajan, Principal Bhilai Maitri College Dr Surekha Patil,



Vice Principal Dr Beena Sajeev, Headmistress Nishi Sajan, teachers of both school and college and students.

Addressing the occasion Principal wished everyone and expressed

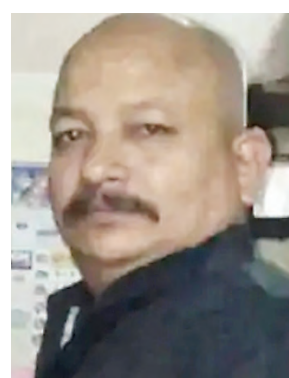
her happiness for displaying the mixed cultural function in an elegant and beautiful manner. The program was jointly anchored by Dolly Chandrakar and Aditya Singh of class-XI.

52-year-old man jumps into river; dies

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 28: A 52-year-old man allegedly committed suicide by jumping into River Sheonath from the bridge at Pulgaon on the intervening night of Sunday. Search and rescue operations were launched on Monday morning and the body was fished out after about three hours. Police have lodged a case and investigations are on.

According to information, the deceased was Rakesh Thakur (52) son of Rajendra Singh a resident of Kelabadi, Durg. He reached the Sheonath bridge at Pulgaon on his



scooty bearing registration number CG07-BX-0214. He parked the vehicle on the bridge and jumped into the river from a height of approximately 50 feet.

The fishermen who live

on the banks of Sheonath witnessed this incident and immediately informed the Police about this incident. As it was already dark, the search and rescue operations were launched on Monday morning. After about three hours, the body was fished out by the divers of SDRF.

According to his friends, Rakesh was sitting with till late evening and had left for home. He was behaving normally and hence his friends were unable to realise if he had some tension. Police have lodged an FIR and are exploring all possible angles of the case.

BSP employees of BRM felicitated with Shiromani Awards



Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 28: SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant employees of the Bar Rod Mill of Mills Zone-1 were awarded with the 'Pali Shiromani' and 'Karm Shiromani' Awards under the 'Shiromani Puraskar Yojana' of Bhilai Steel Plant, for displaying commendable performance at the workplace. Mukesh Kumar Gupta, CGM (BRM) was the Chief Guest during the Programme.

Narayan was awarded the 'Pali Shiromani Award' on this occasion, while Birendra Singh, MM Poddar and Shweta Barnwal were awarded the 'Karm Shiromani Award', for their exemplary performance at the workplace. Hardworking Contractual Workers Kamlesh, Aarif, and Awadh Kishore were also felicitated on this occasion, for their commendable work-performance. Mementoes and Certificates were presented to the awardees, along with Letter of Appreciation and Gift Hamper of Sweets to their respective Spouses.

Addressing the gathering Gupta emphasized on use of

safety equipment during work and getting better returns by making optimum use of resources. All the Section Heads of BRM including SK Behra, Ashish, SN Tripathi, KK Thakur, and Sameer Pandey, General Managers of Bar Rod Mill Department, were present on this occasion, along with Tushar Shrikhande, DGM (BRM) and Sunil Soni, Sr Mgr (BRM). Rajesh Pandey compered the programme, while the Vote of Thanks was proposed by Harish Baitule, ALWO.

The main objective of felicitating the employees under the 'Shiromani Puraskar Yojana' is to acknowledge their sincere efforts and motivate them to work with the same spirit while maintaining healthy competition. Under this scheme, the employees displaying exemplary work performance in a particular month are awarded with 'Karm Shiromani Award' while 'Pali Shiromani Award' is given to those who have performed commendably in a particular quarter of a year.

Sri Sankara Vidyalaya Sector- X holds Annual School Marathon

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 28: Sri Sankara Vidyalaya, Sector-X, hosted a Successful Marathon Event on the Eve of 'National Sports Day' to mark the birth anniversary of Major Dyanchand on August 28, 2023. For the holistic development of students, School organized a Marathon event, involving enthusiastic participation from both parents and students. This event was a testament to the schools dedication in promoting physical fitness and community engagement.

The marathon commenced at sharp 7:00 hrs and witnessed an overwhelming response from parents and students who turned up in large number to showcase their sporting spirit and unity. The Marathon initiated with

the students of class VI -XII. Parents too participated with great enthusiasm. The event showcased the school's ethos of fostering a healthy lifestyle while nurturing a strong sense of community among its stakeholders.

Chief Guest, Thomas Chacko, (DIG SSB) and the other dignitaries were welcomed by presenting a bouquet followed by lighting the lamp.

Chief guest Thomas Chacko delivered an inspiring speech and motivated the audience to embrace the spirit of endurance and determination. The Principal, SSV Bipin Deshmukh emphasized the significance of



such events in fostering a strong bond between the school, parents, and students, beyond the classroom setting.

Adding depth to the event were the insightful speeches by Kamal Bhosle (Class XI) who highlighted

the importance of sports as a synonym of discipline, hardwork and team work and Swati Acharya (Class XI) shed light on the legendary life of Major Dhyanchand, an epitome of excellence in Indian sports history.

Motivational song was presented by students of Primary Wing.

The winners of the Marathon of classes VI -VIII Girls and Boys were B Shradha (VIIA), P Akshaya (VIIC), and Manvi Bhatia of (VIIC), Atharva Mishra (VIIC), Mihir Sahu (VIID) and Harshit Kashyap (VIII F). The winners of class IX-X girls and boys were Anshika Singh (IXC), Isha Gupta (IXC), Tanisha Darshena (IXD), Shourya Diwan (XD), Pranjal Suryavanshi (XA), Aishwarya Singh (IX F). The winners of classes XI-XII girls and boys were Archita Agrawal (XIIC), Shruti Patel (XIIA),

Meenal Salame (XIG), Mukund (XIG), Purshottam Deep (XIIA) and Sushant Yadav (XIIIC). In the category of parents the winners were Brijesh Kumar, Gagandeep Singh, Kulwant Singh, Deepmala, Rani Sahu, Pramila Upadhaya and Rashmi Kulkarni.

V Ramchandran President, S Swaminathan Secretary SSES and the members of school management deeply appreciated the positive impact of such initiatives and lauded the participants for their dedication to physical fitness and camaraderie. A Memento was presented to the Chief Guest as a token of appreciation. The vote of thanks was extended by Geeta Dileep and the program was compered by Anita Verma. The program concluded with the National Anthem.

Bahumat organises talk on 'Lok Sanskriti aur Hamara Jeevan'

In association with Department of Culture, Government of Chhattisgarh and Shri Chaturbhuj Memorial Foundation

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 28: Under the banner of Literary magazine "Bahumat", in association with Department of Culture, Government of Chhattisgarh and art, literature, culture and social organization Shri Chaturbhuj Memorial Foundation, a literary programme was organised here at ICH Auditorium in Bhilai Niwas the other day.

The event consisted of three sessions including a talk on "Lok Sanskriti aur Hamara Jeevan", poetry recitation by both upcoming and eminent poets, and felicitation of women talents for their significant contribution in the field of literature, science, art and theatre.

The event began with the traditional lamp lighting ceremony in the presence of guests SEFI Chairman Narendra Banchhor, eminent anthropologist Ashok Tiwari and archeologist Rahul Kumar Singh, Editor of Bahumat Vinod Mishra, Founder President of Shri Chaturbhuj Memorial Foundation Dr Arun Kumar



Srivastava. In the first session, Rahul Kumar Singh, a scholar of archaeological and cultural subjects, said that the word "Lok" (folk) is actually a consolidated word. The folk is remembered with the flow of tradition. Citing the example of the festival of Onam he said it is accepted by people of all castes and creeds. It is a festival of our culture.

Lok is when reach is in a group. It is not a person but a whole. There are things that have come from folk tradition. Citing another example he said that when Teejan Bai started Pandwani singing, there was some critical scrutiny on her

style of performance, but it was finally established that there are two methods of Pandwani singing- Vedmati and Kapalik, which has come from Lokdarshan.

Ashok Tiwari, on his part said that mostly every festival is celebrated almost everywhere but in a different way. The festival of Dussehra is celebrated everywhere but in every village it is celebrated a little differently, this is the culture of the people. He also expressed concern that urban people shy away from calling themselves folk and tribal. In becoming urban they try to separate themselves from the people who have done the work

which is not good.

In the second session of the event, eminent poets Neeraj Manjeet, Devendra Goswami, Rajesh Ganodwale, Shweta Upadhyay, and Vasu Gandharva recited their selected poems. These poems were focused on subjects like contemporary social scenario, man, life, love, nature.

In the third session of the event, women talents were honored for their special contribution in various fields of art, culture and society. The three-member presidential board of Dr Sunita Verma, Bhavna Pandey and Seema Srivastava honored women talents with shawl, shifal and memento.

Those felicitated were Rajni Rajak for her long stint in the field of folk singing, Anita Upadhyay and Suchita Mukherjee for contribution in art and theatre, Vijaya Tripathi for dedication towards ceramic art, Dr Anita Savant for her contribution in bringing awareness among people towards environmental science through her writings, Dr Anita Chauhan was honored for medical service of the weaker sections.

At the outset the guests were welcomed by Dr Arun Kumar Srivastava, DP Deshmukh, Jasveer Kaur and Mumtaz. The program was coordinated by Prof DN Sharma

and vote of thanks was done by Jasveer Kaur.

Prominent personalities present were Ravi Srivastava, Sonali Chakraborty, Nasir Ahmed Sikandar, Pradeep Bhattacharya, Avinash Sharma, Vishnu Pathak, Rajendra Sonbair, Pragyaawatar Sahu, Vibhash Upadhyay, Nidhi Chandrakar, Manimay Mukherjee, Anita Kardekar, B Polamma, Nirmal Sharma, Sanjeev Tiwari, Yash Oberoi, Shuchi Bhavi, DP Deshmukh, Jose Anthony, Santosh Jhanjhi, Shashi Srivastava, Dr Anjana Srivastava and many intellectuals.

Area officer of Lyness Club visits Bhilai branch



Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 28: Area Officer of Lyness Club Meena Singh accompanied by Area Advisor Anjana Vinayak and secretary Priya Rastogi came on an official visit to Lyness Club Bhilai branch to assess the social service being done by the club. Lyness club Bhilai president Savita Srivastava informed that after welcome. BOD meeting was organized where the team inspected the album and scrapbook.

Thereafter, they also inspected the treasurer and secretary's register. Thereafter the team visited adopted school Jyotiba Phule School where the area officer donated a fan to the school and chocolates to the children. After that the team visited Feel Parmarth Foundation, where the

Club donates breakfast ration and cleaning material every month. Apart from this, a mattress, drip stand, a commode chair were provided by the Area Officer Meena Singh. The team then visited dog shelter home, where 25 dogs are being taken care of. The Club provides rice for their food and some bed sheets.

The formal inauguration of the meeting was done at Steel Club with the lamp lighting ceremony, welcoming the guests, hoisting of flag. Many of our past presidents and members of the club were present in the meeting, as well as district and multiple office bearers were also present in the meeting. After the meeting, the area officer visited Free Tailoring Training Center which is permanent project of the club. She inspected the clothes made by the trainees.

Migrant boat sinking off Greek island leaves 4 dead

Athens, Aug 28 (AP)

Greek authorities said that four people died and 18 were rescued Monday after a boat carrying migrants apparently sank northeast of the Greek island of Lesbos, which lies near the Turkish coast.

The coast guard said one of its vessels collected the 18 survivors and four people found unconscious and transported them to the island's main port of Mytilene.

Over the weekend, the coast guard has said it has picked up dozens of people from boats near eastern Aegean Sea islands, part of an increase in new arrivals over the past two months. For decades

Greece has been one of the preferred entry points into the European Union for people fleeing conflict or poverty in the Middle East, Africa and Asia and hoping for a better life in Europe.

More than 14,000 people have reached Greece by land and sea so far this year, according to United Nations figures. That's about a tenth of the total successful Mediterranean crossings, most of which about 104,000 were to Italy. Arrivals in Greece for the whole of 2022 totalled 19,000.

In June, a battered fishing trawler heading from Libya to Italy with an estimated 500-750 people on board sank in international

waters off southwestern Greece. Only 104 survivors were found, and Greek authorities were heavily criticized for failing to evacuate the vessel in time.

The government has attributed the rise in migrant crossings since then to better summer weather and smugglers taking advantage of an increase in Aegean small boat traffic during the tourist season.

After nearly a million people entered Greece at the height of Europe's 2015 migration crisis, the vast majority hoping to move north to wealthier European countries, Greece increased patrols along the sea and land border with Turkey to halt arrivals.

4 men charged with murder of Indian-origin delivery driver

London, Aug 28 (PTI)

Four Indian-origin men in their 20s have been charged with the murder of a 23-year-old delivery driver, also of Indian heritage, after an attack in Shrewsbury, western England. Aurman Singh was pronounced dead at the scene when the local West Mercia Police attended reports of an attack in the Berwick Avenue area of the city last Monday and went on to arrest four men on suspicion of murder. On Friday, Arshdeep Singh, 24, Jagdeep Singh, 22, Shivdeep Singh, 26, and Manjot Singh, 24, were charged with Aurman Singh's murder and a fifth unnamed man arrested on suspicion of assisting an offender was released on police bail. Our thoughts are very much with the family and friends of Aurman at

this difficult time," said Detective Chief Inspector Mark Bellamy, senior investigating officer at West Mercia Police.

"Our investigation is underway with officers carrying out a number of enquiries to establish the circumstances that led to Aurman's murder. We know Aurman was a delivery person, however at this stage we do not believe this was the motive for his death and we are not investigating this as a robbery," he said.

"We believe those involved are known to each other and are not local to Shrewsbury or the wider West Mercia Police area. We have so far arrested five people in connection with the murder and are progressing all other lines of enquiry to locate and arrest outstanding suspects," he added.

ONAM CELEBRATIONS



Healthcare workers perform near a 250 square metre 'Pookalam' during Onam celebrations, in UAE.

Tehran and Baghdad reach a deal to disarm and relocate dissident groups

Baghdad, Aug 28 (AP)

Iran and Iraq have reached an agreement to disarm members of Iranian Kurdish dissident groups based in northern Iraq and relocate their members from their current bases, officials from the two countries said on Monday.

Nasser Kanaani, the spokesman for Iran's Foreign Ministry, said in a news briefing Monday that the Iraqi government had agreed "to disarm the armed terrorist groups stationed in Iraq's territory by September 19, and then, evacuate and transfer them from their military bases to camps designat-

ed by the Iraqi government." He added that the deadline would not be extended and that while relations between the two countries are "entirely friendly and warm ... the presence of terrorists in the northern region of Iraq is an unpleasant stain on mutual ties."

Iran has periodically launched strikes targeting members of the Kurdistan Democratic Party in Iran, or KDPI, and other Iranian Kurdish dissident groups based in Iraq's semi-autonomous Kurdish region near the border with Iran.

An Iraqi government official, who spoke on

condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media, confirmed the agreement was signed between the two countries and said the central government in Baghdad is "working as quickly as possible" to relocate the groups with the approval of authorities from the Kurdish regional government in Irbil and Sulaimaniyah.

He declined to give the exact location to which the disarmed militants would be moved, but said it will be within the Iraqi Kurdish region. He said they "will have a camp to live in and will be without arms."

Different Iranian dissident

groups in Iraq are aligned with each of the two main Iraqi Kurdish parties - the Kurdistan Democratic Party, with its seat of power in Irbil, and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan party, whose stronghold is in Sulaimaniyah - and are at odds with each other as well as with Iran.

"Previously Sulaimaniyah would accuse Irbil of working with these groups, and Irbil would accuse Sulaimaniyah of working with them, but as a central government we agreed to relocate them," the Iraqi official said. "We are trying as hard as possible for this to take place on Sept. 19."

Tamil Festival

Singapore: To promote the Tamil language and culture among the younger members of the community in Singapore, the third edition of the Tamil Youth Festival will be held here from September 2-10, it was announced on Monday.

Tamil, along with Chinese, Malay and English are Singapore's four official languages.

"This year's festival will feature 10 programmes by 10 partners, as youths come together to promote the Tamil language in Singapore. From traditional performances to modern expressions of art, the festival will be a platform for talents to shine. All programmes presented will target students, youths and young adults below the age of 35," the Tamil Language Council (TLC) here said.

Nepal truck transporters demand ban on entry of Indian cargo vehicles to mitigate unhealthy competition

Kathmandu, Aug 28 (PTI)

Nepal's truck transporters on Monday demanded a ban on Indian cargo vehicles' entry into the Himalayan nation, citing concerns about the growing adverse impact of unhealthy competition on domestic cargo businesses.

Addressing a press conference, Federation of Truck Transporters Nepal (FTTEN) general secretary Rajendra Bikram Baniya said that while Indian trucks enjoy free entry into Nepal, their vehicles face various challenges when operating in India.

He, however, did not elaborate on the chal-

lenges.

Demanding that the Nepal government put a ban on Indian cargo vehicles, the FTTEN argued that the uncontrolled entry of such trucks from the neighbouring country is adversely affecting the operations of domestic cargo vehicles.

Alongside the call for a ban on Indian cargo vehicles, FTTEN also called for improved management of truck parking facilities at key locations, including the capital city, Kathmandu.

General Secretary Baniya underscored the need for implementing the truck fare rates established by the federation and urged for their effective monitoring.

Additionally, the FTTEN pressed for adherence to fixed fare rates for 47 primary routes in the truck transport sector.

The association demanded streamlined accident handling procedures, provision of prompt medical treatment to the injured, and enforcement of proper load-bearing practices as mandated by existing laws. The truckers also called for amendments to current legislation governing relief work management, as well as the procedures for confiscating goods and detaining trucks in cases of discrepancies between transported goods and relevant documentation during revenue inspections.

RESCUE OPERATION



A child escorted by coast guard officers disembarks with other migrants from a vessel after a rescue operation, at the port of Mytilene, on the northeastern Aegean Sea island of Lesbos, Greece, Monday.

Libya's foreign minister suspended after meeting with Israel's diplomat

Cairo, Aug 28 (AP)

One of Libya's rival prime ministers said Monday he has suspended his foreign minister a day after Israel revealed that its chief diplomat met with her last week news that prompted scattered street protests in the chaos-stricken North African nation.

Abdul Hamid Dbeibah, who heads the government of national unity in the capital, Tripoli, also referred Foreign Minister Najla Mangoush, for investigation over the meeting, which was the first ever between top diplomats of Libya and Israel.

Mangoush fled to Turkey following the

Israeli announcement of the meeting, according to a Libyan foreign ministry official.

Israeli Foreign Minister Eli Cohen and Mangoush met in Rome last week. It was a small breakthrough for Israel's government, whose hard-line policies toward the Palestinians have led to a cooling of its burgeoning ties with the Arab world.

Cohen said they discussed the importance of preserving the heritage of Libya's former Jewish

community, including renovating synagogues and cemeteries. The talks also touched on possible Israeli assistance for humanitarian issues, agriculture and water management, according to Israel's Foreign Ministry.

The Libyan foreign ministry, meanwhile, sought to downplay the importance of the meeting as "unprepared and an unofficial meeting during a meeting with Italy's foreign minister. It said in a statement that Mangoush's

encounter with Cohen didn't include "any talks, agreements or consultations."

Dbeibah's decision to suspend Mangoush suggested that he was not aware of the meeting. However, two senior Libyan government officials told The Associated Press the prime minister did know about the talks between his foreign minister and the Israeli chief

diplomat.

One of the officials said Dbeibah gave the green light for the meeting last month when he was on a visit to Rome. The prime minister's office arranged the encounter in coordination with Mangoush, he said. The second official said the meeting lasted for about two hours and Mangoush briefed the prime minister directly after her return to Tripoli.

Pak court reserves verdict on Imran Khan's plea challenging conviction in Toshakhana case

Islamabad, Aug 28 (PTI)

A Pakistan high court said on Monday that it would announce on Tuesday its reserved verdict on former prime minister Imran Khan's plea seeking the suspension of his three-year jail term given by a sessions court in the Toshakhana corruption case. A divisional bench of Islamabad High Court (IHC) judges, comprising Chief Justice Amer Farooq and Justice Tariq Mehmood Jahangiri, reserved the verdict after hearing both parties' counsels.

The bench later stated that the reserved judgment would be announced at 11.00 a.m. on Tuesday. Earlier in the day, the IHC resumed hearing of appeal which it began hearing on August 22. It had adjourned the case on Friday after the lawyer representing the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) did not appear due to illness.

Khan's lawyer Latif Khosa completed his argument on Thursday, asserting that the verdict was given in haste and full of

shortcomings. He urged the court to set aside the sentence but the defence team demanded more time to complete its arguments.

Many believe that a favourable ruling for 70-year-old Khan may come after the Supreme Court highlighted faults in the judgment convicting Khan. Meanwhile, the Balochistan High Court (BHC) on Monday dismissed a first information report (FIR) filed against Khan for making comments against state institutions and their officers during a speech.

Two Singaporeans plead guilty for selling sonar system to Myanmar

Singapore, Aug 28 (PTI)

Two Singaporeans of Chinese origin have admitted to their involvement in the sale of a sonar device that was then smuggled into Myanmar, and set up a surveillance center for the Southeast Asian nation's navy.

Poiter Agus Kentjana, a 57-year-old sales manager at Hydronav Services with an Indonesian name, and Wui Ong Chuan, one of the firm's directors, on Friday pleaded guilty to one count of cheating and

one charge under the Strategic Goods (Control) Act. The sentencing for the two men and the company is expected to take place in September, The Straits Times newspaper reported on Monday.

The case involved a multi-beam echo sounder system for seabed mapping, according to the report.

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Golden Trailblazer

Neeraj Chopra's Meteoric Rise

In an awe-inspiring feat, Neeraj Chopra, the Olympic conqueror, has once again carved his name in the annals of history. With an astonishing heave of 88.17 meters in the men's javelin final at the World Athletics Championships, Chopra clinched the hallowed gold, etching his legacy deeper into the global sporting tapestry. Notably, the event witnessed an unprecedented spectacle as not one, but three Indians clinched top-eight positions. Kishore Jena (84.77m) and DP Manu (84.14m) secured the fifth and sixth spots respectively, thrusting India's ascension in the athletic arena to the fore. Chopra's trajectory has been nothing short of meteoric. From being nudged into sports as a weight-loss measure, he has catapulted from obscurity in a Haryana village to the zenith of stardom. A mere 25 years old, he has solidified his stance among India's most luminous sporting icons. The very earth shifted underfoot when Chopra's javelin sliced the Tokyo sky, sealing India's first track and field Olympic gold. A prodigious 23 at that time, he became the second Indian ever to seize an individual Olympic gold after the revered marksman Abhinav Bindra. The sands of Indian sporting history witnessed a seismic shift. Prior to Bindra's historic victory at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, India's gold medals were inscribed in the annals of team games, primarily hockey. Chopra's achievements have reconceived the narrative, catapulting him into an unprecedented realm. Chopra's stature gleams even more intensely as he stands as only the second Indian, alongside Bindra, to clutch both Olympic and World Championships laurels. His saga is emblematic of untapped potential and heralds a bright future. With the road stretching ahead, he possesses two Olympics and two World Championships before the age of 30—a canvas of opportunity waiting to be painted. The echoes of Chopra's ascent reverberated from the World Junior Championships in 2016 to a resounding crescendo in Tokyo in 2021. This watershed moment carved his name into the pillars of Indian sporting legendry. The adulation showered upon him rivaled if not surpassed that lavished upon cricket's demi-gods. In the aftermath of his Tokyo conquest, Chopra's stock surged meteorically, galloping shoulder to shoulder with cricket's formidable icons like Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma. His name lit up Google's search rankings, usurping even the iconic sprinter Usain Bolt—a testament to his global footprint. December of the preceding year bore witness to a groundbreaking upheaval, as Chopra toppled none other than Bolt himself as the 'most visible' and 'written-about' athlete worldwide. His impact wasn't merely domestic; it stretched across continents, cementing his influence. Adilte Sumariwalla, President of the Athletics Federation of India, recently remarked that Chopra's Olympic gold has infused Indian parents with the notion that sporting excellence transcends cricket. This sentiment rings true, mirrored by the fact that several Indian athletes are now capable of launching the javelin above 80m. Three Indians, Chopra included, graced the World Championships men's javelin final. Chopra's prowess lies not only in his victories but in his resolute consistency since Tokyo. All his performances since securing the coveted gold have breached the 86m threshold—a remarkable testament to his unwavering dedication. Though his competitive engagements have been limited—only two this year prior to the World Championships—his brilliance remains undiminished. The crowning jewel of Chopra's achievements isn't just in the medals. It's in his humility, his accessibility, and his refusal to be swayed by the trappings of fame. His persona is free from embellishment; he interacts with fans, obliges for selfies, and addresses media inquiries with candor. While Tokyo's success prompted certain restrictions on his accessibility, his humility stands unshaken. Neeraj Chopra's narrative is not confined to the realm of victory—it encapsulates the essence of human triumph, the spirit of resilience, and the relentless pursuit of excellence. Long before his monumental accomplishments, he was a teenager pressured by his joint family of seventeen to shed weight. At just thirteen, he embarked on a journey that transmuted his destiny. This transformation from an unsure boy to a global phenomenon symbolizes the extraordinary power of human endeavor. As he continues to spearhead India's resurgence on the international stage, his story resounds as an anthem of hope, perseverance, and triumph against all odds.

Safeguarding Youth

Battling Student Stress and Self-Harm

Manoj Kumar K.P

The harrowing specter of self-harm has infiltrated the youthful echelons of our nation, casting a somber shadow on the vibrancy of our future. In recent years, self-harm has emerged as the fourth leading cause of death among India's youth—a stark reminder of the imperatives that demand our attention. With over 65 percent of our population under the age of 35, this issue becomes an urgent concern that necessitates both empathy and action. As we stand witness to this disconcerting reality, it becomes paramount to delve into the crux of this issue, seeking to decipher the intricate tapestry of stress that envelops our students. The echoes of a haunting report from The Lancet, published in 2012, reverberate through our collective consciousness. This lament underscores the alarming prevalence of self-harm rates in India, primarily within the age group of 15 to 29 years. As our society grapples with this grim reality, the recent revelation showcased further illuminates the depth of this crisis. National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) report more than 13,000 students succumbed to accidental deaths and self-inflicted harm in India during 2021. This translates to a staggering loss of over 35 young lives each day. A stark reflection emerges from the annals of 2020, where among the 12,526 tragic accidental deaths recorded among the youth, a staggering 10,732 were attributed to self-harm—864 of which were tied to the unforgiving clutches of examination-related stress. The urgency of a nationwide policy to combat the menace of self-harm tendencies among students takes on a formidable shape—a policy rooted in empathy, understanding, and proactive measures. Noted psychologists have illuminated the intricacies of self-harm, characterizing it as a fleeting notion that can potentially be deterred through an institutionalized framework of support, provided the afflicted individuals reach out for help. The pivotal role of both parents and educators emerges as a guiding beacon, a lighthouse that steers our students away from the tumultuous waters of stress and despair. The crux of this transformation rests upon education—educating parents and teachers alike on the nuanced triggers that stoke stress within a student's mind. Central to this quagmire is the formidable pressure—both from parents and educators—magnified by the expectation to perform. The weight of these expectations stands as the vanguard of student stress. It is incumbent upon us to address this at its roots, to cultivate a nurturing environment that fosters holistic growth, unburdened by undue stressors. An imperative initial step lies in the orientation of parents and educators, as they are the architects of a student's emotional landscape. Empowering them with tools to understand, empathize, and encourage their wards is a quintessential step toward breaking the shackles of stress. A panoramic sweep of solutions demands an inclusive approach. A multi-pronged strategy encompassing psychological support, mentorship, and creating conducive spaces for open dialogue is paramount. Beyond this, there exists a chasm in understanding the myriad sources of stress that beset a student's mind. To this end, fostering a culture of communication is pivotal—shaping safe spaces where students can articulate their concerns and fears without inhibition. In the crucible of educational institutions, lies an opportunity to instill resilience, impart life skills, and champion emotional well-being. Integrating stress management modules into the curriculum can serve as a robust shield against the onslaught of despair. Mentorship programs, helplines, and counseling units can function as vital arteries that pulse with support. Furthermore, we must channel our energies into transforming the examination culture—steering it away from mere tests and toward holistic assessments that encompass aptitude, skills, and passions. As we stand on the precipice of transformation, it is the duty of our educational institutions, parents, educators, and policymakers to realign priorities. The potential to shape lives, nurture dreams, and alleviate the burden of stress rests within our grasp. It is a collective endeavor—a symphony where every note of support, understanding, and empathy harmonizes to create a crescendo of hope. Through education, intervention, and holistic reform, we can rewrite the narrative of student stress and self-harm, transforming it from a haunting reality to a story of resilience, empowerment, and triumph.

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SACRED SHRAVAN RITUALS



Devotees arrive at Baba Baidyanath Dham to perform 'abhishek' of Lord Shiva on the last Monday of the holy month of 'Shravan', in Deoghar district, early Monday morning, Aug. 28.

Onam: Kerala's Magnificent Harvest Festival of Unity and Joy

JAYAPRAKASH NAIR



In the heart of the southern gem that is Kerala, a vibrant tapestry of tradition, community, and abundance unfurls each year during the resplendent festival of Onam. As the emerald landscape of this coastal state becomes bedecked in hues of celebration, Onam stands as a fervent testament to the cultural exuberance that courses through India's veins. With its roots deeply entwined in mythology, history, and the bounties of nature, Onam rises as a beacon of unity and joy, outshining even the most fervent of Indian festivals.

Origin and Essence

Dating back over a millennium, Onam traces its origins to the captivating tale of King Mahabali, a benevolent ruler who once governed Kerala with unmatched wisdom and benevolence. Revered by his subjects, his reign evoked an era of unparalleled prosperity and harmony. Yet, the gods grew envious of his realm's splendour and, in a dramatic twist, sought Lord Vishnu's intervention. Vishnu incarnated as a Brahmin dwarf, Vamana, and requested three paces of land from Mahabali. The generous king agreed, but as Vamana began to stride, he magnificently grew to cosmic proportions, covering the en-

tire universe in three strides. But before his third step, Mahabali offered his head for Lord Vishnu to step on, demonstrating his humility. Pleased, Vishnu granted Mahabali a boon, allowing him to visit his people every year during Onam. It is during this annual homecoming that Onam is celebrated. The essence of Onam lies in embracing Mahabali's legacy of benevolence, abundance, and unity. Through ritual, feasting, and artistry, Keralites commemorate his reign while offering grat-



itude to nature for its bounty.

The Grand Floral Carpet: Pookalam

Central to Onam's visual splendor is the Pookalam, a resplendent floral carpet woven from a vibrant medley of petals. As each household competes to craft the most intricate and colorful design, the streets and courtyards of Kerala blossom with a kaleidoscope of nature's hues. Every day of the ten-day celebration sees the Pookalam grow, symbolizing the crescendo of joy as Onam approaches.

Onam Sadya: The Feast of Unity

No discourse on Onam is complete without celebrating the Sadya—a traditional feast that encapsulates the essence of unity, sharing, and culinary finesse. Served on banana leaves, the Sadya comprises an astounding array of dishes, a testimony to the culinary artistry that defines Kerala. From the crisp delights of banana chips and pappadam to the symphony of curries, the Sadya transcends a mere gastronomic experience; it's a communal celebration of abundance and harmony.

The Iconic Vallamkali: Snake Boat Race

Onam also heralds the advent of Vallamkali, the quintessential snake boat race that transforms the backwaters into a theatre of frenetic energy. With rhythmic rowing and synchronized chants, teams from various villages vie for supremacy, fostering camaraderie and exemplifying the spirit of healthy competition.

Thiruvathira Kali: The Dance of Elegance

Thiruvathira Kali, a graceful dance form, finds its spotlight during Onam. Women, adorned in traditional attire, gracefully sway to the rhythm of songs, celebrating both their culture and the vibrant spirit of womanhood.

Uplifting Spirits in Unprecedented Times

Even in the face of adversity, Onam's fervor remains unwavering. The pandemic may have confined celebrations within the walls of homes, but the essence of Onam has reverberated louder than ever. From virtual gatherings to creative ways of crafting Pookalams and preparing Sadya, Keralites have demonstrated that the spirit of unity, community, and festivity remains indomitable.

A Legacy of Unity and Joy

Onam exemplifies not only Kerala's cultural richness but also the very soul of India—the harmonious coexistence of tradition, modernity, diversity, and unity. It's a celebration that bridges generations, binds communities, and reaffirms the spirit of giving. As the fragrance of flowers mingles with the zest of spices, as dance and laughter resonate through the air, Onam stands tall, a living testament to the vibrant heart that beats within the Indian ethos. As the world marvels at the kaleidoscope of colors, tastes, and traditions that Onam unfolds, it also learns a poignant lesson—that even amidst challenges, unity and joy shine as bright as the Sun in the sky of Kerala.

19 percent of the World's Indigenous People are Extremely Poor



Prof. Sunil Goyal

Violations of the rights of the world's Indigenous Peoples have become a persistent problem, sometimes because of a historical burden from their colonization backgrounds and others because of the contrast with a constantly changing society. In response to this problem, let's remember every August 9 that Indigenous Peoples have the right to make their own decisions and carry them out meaningfully and culturally appropriate to them. In India, there are 705 ethnic groups officially recognized as "Scheduled Tribes". In central India, the Scheduled Tribes are usually referred to as Adivasis, which literally means Indigenous Peoples. India has several laws and constitutional provisions, such as the Fifth Schedule for Central India and the Sixth List for certain areas of northeastern India that recognize the rights of Indigenous Peoples to land and self-government,

but their implementation is far from being satisfactory. India voted in favour of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples on the condition that after independence all Indians are Indigenous. Therefore, it does not consider the concept of "Indigenous Peoples", and therefore the UNDRIP, applicable to India.

Indigenous Peoples in India comprise an estimated population of 104 million or 8.6% of the national population. Although there are 705 officially recognized ethnic groups, there are many more ethnic groups that would qualify for the scheduled tribe status, but which are not officially recognized. Therefore, the total number of tribal groups is undoubtedly higher than the official figure. The largest concentrations of Indigenous Peoples are found in the seven northeastern states of India, and the so-called "central tribal belt" that stretches from Rajasthan to West Bengal. The state government of Jharkhand declared the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples celebrated on August 9 every year worldwide as a state holiday. These are major developments in terms of the official recognition of Indigenous populations.

There are many challenges being faced by Indigenous groups in India. According to the latest report (Crime in India 2021) of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) of the Ministry of the Home, a total of 8,272

cases of crimes against Indigenous Peoples were reported in the country which shows a substantial increase by 9.3%. However, these were only reported cases of atrocities committed by indigenous people against Indigenous People and do not include cases of human rights violations by the security forces. In that sense, in 2021, the security forces continued to be responsible for human rights violations against Indigenous People. In areas affected by armed conflicts, Indigenous Peoples are caught between armed opposition groups (AOGs) and security forces. The cases are numerous and many are not informed.

Another struggle for Indigenous Peoples in India is their right to the land. There is a plethora of laws that prohibit the sale or transfer of tribal lands to non-Indians and the restoration of alienated lands to tribal landowners. However, these laws are still ineffective, are not invoked or are intended to weaken them. In addition, a large number of tribes that lived in the forests were denied their rights and the tribes continued to live under the threat of an eviction in the name of forest and animal conservation. The situation of tribal women and girls in India remains very worrying, as they are clearly deprived of many of their rights. Collective and individual rights are violated in private and public spaces. Sexual violence, trafficking, killing/branding, militarization or state

violence and the impact of development-induced displacement, etc., remain important issues.

According to the UN, there are an estimated 476 million indigenous people around the world. They call 90 countries home and represent around 5,000 different cultures. An analysis of the 59 countries and territories featured in the International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs' publication, The Indigenous World 2022, shows that out of all the countries and territories featured, Samoa, Greenland and French Polynesia were the places with the most indigenous people as a share of the total population. 96 percent of Samoans are Polynesians, while almost 89 percent of the population in Greenland are Greenlandic Inuit who call themselves Kalaallit and their homeland Kalaallit Nunaat.

French Polynesia is one more territory with a large Polynesian population, while the share of native Melanesians in another French overseas collectivity, New Caledonia, stands at around 41 percent. While the Arctic Circle and the Pacific are strongholds of indigenous life, countries with large shares of indigenous people are scattered all over the world. In South and Central America, Quechua, Aymara and countless other American Indian tribes make up large swaths of the population, while in Africa, Berbers inhabit countries in the North and Twa (also known as Pygmies) and Maasai, among many

others, live in Central and East Africa. While Polynesian Samoans make up the majority of people in the tiny island nation, this only amounts to 190,000 people in total. Indigenous populations in Asia are much larger by comparison. China is the country with the biggest indigenous population in absolute terms. More than 125 million indigenous people—Tibetans, Uyghurs, Zhuang and 52 other recognized groups—still make up only 8.9 percent of the Chinese population. India has 104 million indigenous people (8.6 percent of the population), while around 15 million live in the Philippines (15 percent), 14 million in Vietnam (15 percent), 13 million in Kenya (25 percent) and almost 12 million in Mexico (10 percent). By comparison, the U.S. indigenous population, which is between 4 million and 7 million people strong, makes up 1.2 percent to 2.1 percent of the population. Canada's share of indigenous people is slightly higher at 4.9 percent (1.7 million people). While more and more countries formally recognize the rights of indigenous people, the living conditions of many of them are still dire. While indigenous people make up 6 percent of the world population, they also account for 19 percent of the extreme poor.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Chess Prodigy: Triumph Beyond Wins

Though Rameshbabu Pragganandhaa may not have clinched the ultimate victory, he has undoubtedly secured an eternal place in the hearts of billions. His journey to the final, where he challenged the formidable Magnus Carlsen, showcased remarkable prowess. Triumphs over World No. 2 Hikaru Nakamura and World No. 3 Fabiano Caruana illuminated his path. Pragg etches his name as the youngest contender to grace a Chess World Cup final, emerging as a genuine prodigy. Significantly, his reservation in the elite eight-player Candidates Tournament stands confirmed. Beside him, a formidable trio comprising of D Gukesh, Vidit Gujrathi, and Nihal Sarin assures that India's dominion over the 64 squares remains unshaken. Pragg's journey has only just begun, and it's undeniable that he will continue to embellish India's chess legacy with myriad triumphs.

MK Nair, Raipur

Need for Reform

Our education evaluation mechanism has regrettably devolved into a grotesque charade, bearing scant resemblance to a student's true intellectual prowess. What should ideally foster learning has deteriorated into a system championing rote memorization. This perilous trend stifles critical thinking and smother's creativity, breeding graduates adept at transitory regurgitation but incapable of real-world application. The irony stings as PhD holders in English literature struggle to string coherent sentences together. The chasm between credentials and competence is stark. The exigency cries out for a paradigm shift. Our students shouldn't merely be entrants in a written exam; they should confront a panel of experts. This crucible would measure their depth of understanding, moving beyond the façade of rote proficiency. It's high time we restore the essence of education—a journey of enlightenment and aptitude, not a march through memorization.

Rakesh Gupta, Korba

Ruthless Ragging

The sinister plague of ragging has mutated into a psychological nightmare, characterized by a blend of mental torment and physical brutality. Rooted in a distorted psyche, fueled by abysmal self-worth, and driven by a thirst for dominance, this disturbing trend thrives. However, ragging is no isolated phenomenon; it intertwines with the socio-economic and political fabric of a nation. The modern society's growing tolerance for various shades of violence casts a shadow over these atrocities. The ghastly saga of ragging is a stark symptom of a value system veering towards decay. It's a manifestation of distorted ethics, tearing at the very core of our principles. The time has come to unveil this harrowing reality and collectively undertake a mission to uproot this menace, nurturing an environment where education and human dignity flourish undeterred.

Vincent Gomas, Mohali

BRIEF

Inflation moderates



New Delhi: 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 Ltd.

Weekly flight

Kathmandu: Nepal's national flag carrier will operate a weekly flight from the Gautam Buddha International Airport in Bhairahawa to Delhi and Hong Kong, making Kathmandu a transit point. The ticket booking for the same has already started, according to Nepal Airlines spokesperson Ramesh Paudel. In the beginning, there will be Bhairahawa Hong Kong and Bhairahawa-Delhi flights via Kathmandu every Tuesday. The number of flights will be increased based on demand, he said. The flight will take off at 8.15 a.m. from Bhairahawa and reach Kathmandu at 9 a.m. The passengers will then fly to Hong Kong and Delhi respectively in two separate aircraft belonging to the airline.

FTA negotiations



New Delhi: Indian and UK officials will continue their negotiations till the month-end to iron out differences on the proposed free trade agreement (FTA), the commerce ministry said on Sunday. This meeting will be followed by a review at the higher level, it said. Following the G20 Trade and Investment Ministers Meeting (TIMM) at Jaipur, the progress of the negotiations was reviewed by Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and UK's Secretary of State for Trade Kemi Badenoch on August 26.

Tech pace

New Delhi: Amid a raging global debate around risks and benefits of Artificial Intelligence, Microsoft President Brad Smith has advocated the need for regulations at the national and international levels for AI, asserting that while it is not possible to slow the march of a powerful technology, the answer is for safeguards and laws to move faster.

Jan Dhan Yojana revolutionised financial inclusion in India: FM

More than 50 cr bank a/cs opened

New Delhi, Aug 28:

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday said Jan Dhan Yojana-led interventions and digital transformation have revolutionised financial inclusion in the country, as more than 50 crore people have been brought into the formal banking system with cumulative deposits surpassing Rs 2 lakh crore. On the ninth anniversary of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), which is one of the biggest financial inclusion initiatives in the world, Sitharaman in her message said 55.5 per cent bank accounts have been opened by women, and 67 per cent have been opened in rural/semi-urban areas. Under the scheme, the number of bank accounts grew 3.4-fold from 14.72 crore in March 2015, to 50.09 crore as on August 16, 2023. Total deposits too



have swelled from Rs 15,670 crore as of March 2015, to over Rs 2.03 lakh crore as of August 2023. The average deposits in Jan Dhan accounts have increased 3.8 times from Rs 1,065 as of March 2015, to Rs 4,063 in August 2023. About 34 crore RuPay cards have been issued to these accounts without charge, which also provides for a Rs 2 lakh accident insurance cover. The zero-balance accounts under the scheme have reduced to 8 per cent of total accounts as of August 2023, from 58 per cent in March 2015.

Sitharaman said, "the 9 years of PMJDY-led interventions and digital transformation have revolutionised financial inclusion in India. With the collaborative efforts of stakeholders, banks, insurance companies, and government officials, the PMJDY stands out as a pivotal initiative, changing the landscape of financial inclusion in the country...". Minister of State for Finance Bhagwat Karad said Jan Dhan Aadhaar Mobile (JAM) architecture has enabled successful transfer of government benefits in the accounts of the common man seamlessly. "PMJDY accounts have become the fulcrum of people-centric initiatives like Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) and have contributed towards inclusive growth of all sections of the society, especially the underprivileged," Karad said.

Food delivery platforms should help gig workers register on e-Shram portal: NCAER

New Delhi, Aug 28: Economic think tank NCAER on Monday suggested that food delivery platform operators should ensure their gig workers register themselves on the e-Shram portal, and also help them enrol in PDS, Ayushman Bharat scheme and Atal Pension Yojana. Noting that the government is the best medium to provide social security to gig workers, the NCAER study also said platform companies should provide additional revenue to the government to finance the social security in a centralised fashion. According to the NCAER's report on 'Socio-economic Impact Assessment of Food Delivery Platform Workers', 61.9 per cent of the workers received rations, only 12.2 per cent of them have an Ayushman Bharat card, 7.1 per cent are registered on the e-Shram portal and 4 per cent have the Atal Pension Yojana. "Platform companies should ensure that workers are enrolled on the e-Shram portal and help them enrol on PDS, Ayushman Bharat/State Health Scheme and Atal Pension Yojana at the time of enrolling them," said the study sponsored by Prosus. It, however, said 100 per cent of the delivery workers had accident insurance.

Jio 5G on track to cover entire country by Dec

JioAirFiber to be launched on Ganesh Chaturthi: Mukesh Ambani



New Delhi, Aug 28: Reliance Jio's 5G services marks the fastest-ever rollout of this scale anywhere in the world, and the company is "on track" to cover the entire country with the ultra high-speed network by December this year, RIL Chairman Mukesh Ambani said on Monday. JioAirFiber will be launched on Ganesh Chaturthi, September 19, Ambani said at the 46th AGM of Reliance Industries. Jio customer base has crossed 450 million. Its 5G network covers 96 per cent of towns and the company is on track to cover the entire country by December. "Jio's overall customer base has now crossed the milestone of 450 million subscribers, re-

flexing a year-on-year revenue growth of over 20 per cent," he said. The per-user data consumption on Jio's network has surged, with the average user now consuming over 25 GB every month. Ambani said that Jio was launched seven years ago with a mission to transform India into a Premier Digital Society, and added "we have invested our heart and soul into building a Digital Public Infrastructure which the entire world has begun to admire." Jio has been the main catalyst of New India's spectacular digital transformation, he asserted. "Now our ambitions are even higher — and they go beyond the shores of India, as I shall explain. Let's first discuss Jio True 5G, our pioneering 5G broadband offering. We began our 5G rollout last October. In just nine months, Jio 5G is already present in over 96 per cent of the census towns of our country," Ambani said. Jio is on track to cover the entire country by December this year. With over 50 million 5G customers, Jio is already leading in 5G adoption in India, Ambani said. "And we are the only company with the capacity to smoothly transition our entire 4G customer base to 5G, with minimal additional capital expenditure. With the growing adoption of Jio 5G, we are also seeing an increasing trend of high-ARPU, post-paid customers choosing Jio as their preferred network," Ambani said.

India's renewable energy ambitions could exceed 500 GW: ISA DG Ajay Mathur

New Delhi, Aug 28:

India is poised not only to achieve its ambitious target of 500-gigawatts renewable energy capacity by 2030 but also surpass it, driven by an anticipated decline in battery prices by 2025, according to Ajay Mathur, Director General of the International Solar Alliance (ISA). In an interview with PTI, Mathur, who has also been a member of the Indian Prime Minister's Council on Climate Change, said global climate finance distribution remains skewed and that reforming multilateral development banks and facilitating renewable energy investments have been priority areas of India's G20 presidency. India, as the G20 presidency, has invited ISA as one

of the guest international organisations. Mathur said a fall in battery prices by 2025 could drive the widespread adoption of solar plus battery solutions, leading to the realisation of India's ambitious target of installing 500 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2030 — one of the five commitments Prime Minister Narendra Modi made during the 2021 Glasgow climate talks. "If you are putting 500 gigawatts during the day, you also are setting up very expensive storage to ensure that you also use it at night. Now, expensive storage implies that you and I pay a higher price for electricity than what we can afford. In a country which is already starving for electricity; in a country where the ability to pay for



electricity is limited, to look at a future in which more expensive electricity is available doesn't seem right. "It is possible that the future may come around if battery prices fall. The ISA's forecasts indicate that this would happen this year or 2024 or 2025. If that happens, then

solar plus batteries become the energy source of choice because they're the cheapest. In that case India will not only achieve 500 gigawatts, it will exceed the target," he said. When asked about factors driving the reduction in battery prices, Mathur attributed the decline to competition among battery manufacturers and the evolution of battery technologies. He explained that the reduction in the amount of materials used in batteries and the emergence of diverse battery types tailored to specific needs contribute to the declining costs. "Earlier, we had lithium phosphate batteries, before that we had lead acid batteries. We are also looking at vanadium redox flow batteries. Therefore, the develop-

ment of not the same kind of batteries is key in the move away from expensive batteries to batteries that are more likely to fit the need," the energy sector expert said. With parts of the world reeling under record-breaking heat, massive floods and wildfires, Mathur emphasised the need to achieve climate targets to ensure that the global average temperature rise does not cross the 1.5-degree Celsius mark, compared to the pre-industrial (1850-1900) levels. "There is no doubt that every country in the world needs to change to the circumstances, manage the change and also at the same time make sure that we do not cross the 'Lakshman Rekha' of irreversible change," he said.

Mobil makes choosing right quality engine oil easier for truckers

New Delhi, Aug 28:

Mobil launched its new campaign- "Trucking is Hard; Choosing Engine Oil Shouldn't Be", aimed at helping truckers choose the right quality engine oil for their trucks which has never been easier. Mobil is putting truckers first by helping them make easier purchasing decisions based on the needs of their trucks and its age. As part of this campaign, Mobil has greatly simplified the product labels by renaming its products, use icons and easy claim language. Committed to operating the business in an accountable and sustainable manner, Mobil recently launched an initiative to

encourage sustainable packaging with its 50% Post-Consumer Recycled (PCR) plastic pails for the engine oil. This is a first in India and Mobil Delvac products will be the first line to use PCR for pail packs. Mobil is proud to introduce its revised range of commercial diesel lubricants - Mobil Delvac Modern and Mobil Delvac Legend. MobilDelvac Modern ensures that new vehicles always perform in mint condition by providing engine protection and longer replacement intervals. MobilDelvac Legend is designed for older engines to ensure optimum performance and prolong engine life.

Markets bounce back after two days of decline on firm global trends

Mumbai, Aug 28:



Equity benchmark indices climbed on Monday after two days of fall, tracking strength in global markets and buying in HDFC Bank. The BSE Sensex climbed 110.09 points or 0.17 per cent to settle at 64,996.60. During the day, it jumped 326.94 points or 0.50 per cent to 65,213.45. The NSE Nifty gained 40.25 points or 0.21 per cent to end at 19,306.05. From the Sensex pack, Larsen & Toubro, Mahindra & Mahindra, HDFC Bank, Sun Pharma, Maruti, Kotak Mahindra Bank, IndusInd Bank, Tata Steel and State Bank of India were among the gainers. Reliance Industries, Nestle, Titan, HCL Technologies, ITC

and Tata Motors were among the laggards. "The AGM held by Reliance was largely uneventful for the market. The key highlight was the succession plan. However, the company's stock experienced a decline due to the absence of clear timelines regarding the telecom and retail IPOs. Presently, the market's attention is shifting towards the global scenario, which exhibits

some degree of stability. "Nonetheless, lingering uncertainties on a global scale, particularly stemming from developments involving the US and China, continue to influence market sentiment," Santosh Meena, Head of Research, Swastika Investmart Ltd, said. In the broader market, the BSE smallcap gauge climbed 0.67 per cent and midcap gained 0.59 per cent. Among the indices, capital goods jumped 1.37 per cent, industrials climbed 1.09 per cent, realty (0.95 per cent), telecommunication (0.87 per cent), utilities (0.70 per cent), auto (0.65 per cent), commodities (0.63 per cent) and power (0.63 per cent). FMCG, IT and teck were the laggards.

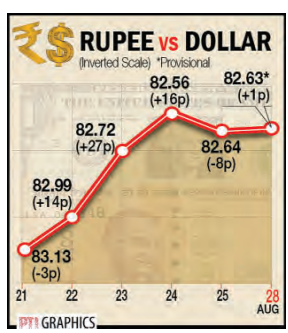
FDI equity inflows dip 34 pc to USD 10.94 bn in Apr-June 2023

New Delhi, Aug 28: Foreign direct investment (FDI) into India declined 34 per cent to USD 10.94 billion during April-June 2023-24, dragged by lower inflows in computer hardware and software, telecom, auto and pharma, according to government data. FDI inflows stood at USD 16.58 billion during April-June 2022-23. Inflows during January-March 2023 too had contracted 34 per cent to USD 9.28 billion. Investments from overseas fell in April, May and June this fiscal to USD 5.1 billion, USD 2.67 billion and USD 3.16 billion, respectively as against USD 6.46 billion, USD 6.15 billion and USD 3.98 billion in the year-ago corresponding periods, the data from Department for Promotion

of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) showed. Total FDI, which includes equity inflows, reinvested earnings and other capital, contracted 21.4 per cent to USD 17.56 billion during the period under review as against USD 22.34 billion in April-June 2022. During the quarter, FDI equity inflows decreased from major countries including Singapore, Mauritius, the US, UK, and UAE. Investments dipped significantly from Cayman Islands and Cyprus to USD 75 million and USD 6 million during April-June 2023 as against USD 450 million and USD 605 million in the year-ago period. However, inflows increased from the Netherlands, Japan and Germany.

Rupee settles on flat note, up 1 paisa at 82.63 against US dollar

Mumbai, Aug 28:



The rupee consolidated in a narrow range and settled for the day higher by 1 paisa at 82.63 against the US dollar, as the support from positive domestic equities was negated by rising American currency and recovery in crude oil prices. Forex traders said the Indian rupee witnessed modest gains on Monday on positive domestic equities. However, rising US dollars and recovery in crude oil prices capped sharp gains. At the interbank foreign exchange, the domestic unit opened at 82.58 and finally settled for the day at 82.63 against the American currency. During the day, the rupee

witnessed an intra-day high of 82.52 and a low of 82.65 against the greenback. On Friday, the rupee declined by 8 paise to settle at 82.64 against the US dollar. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.05 per cent higher at 104.07. The US dollar gained on

somewhat hawkish comments from the Fed Chair Jerome Powell at the Jackson Hole Symposium, said Anuj Choudhary - Research Analyst at Sharekhan by BNP Paribas. Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, rose 0.04 per cent to USD 84.51 per barrel. "We expect the rupee to trade with a slight negative bias on the strong dollar and recovery in crude oil prices. Selling pressure from FIIs may also weigh on rupee," Choudhary said. However, a positive tone in domestic markets and a rise in risk appetite may support the domestic currency at lower levels. "Any intervention by the RBI may also support rupee.

Telcos' operating profit to jump 15 pc to Rs 1.2 lakh cr in FY24: Crisil

Mumbai, Aug 28:

Indian telcos' operating profit is likely to rise by up to 15 per cent to Rs 1.2 lakh crore in FY24, a domestic rating agency said on Monday. The players had reported an operating profit of Rs 1.04 lakh crore in the year-ago period, Crisil Ratings said. Demand for bigger data packs amid surging consumption will be the key reason for the FY24 profit growth in an industry which has witnessed massive difficulties in the last few years, since the entry of the deep-pocketed Reliance Jio. Average revenue per user (ARPU), which had been on a declining trend for the last few years, will grow by 8-10 per cent to Rs 190 de-

spite no broad-based tariff hike likely in the near-term as telcos focus on migrating 4G subscribers to 5G services, its deputy chief ratings officer Manish Gupta said. "Growth would be driven by rise in data usage to 23-25 GB per subscriber per month this fiscal from 20 GB last fiscal, and recalibration of tariff plans, leading to higher operating profitability," Gupta said. The agency said the sector has high operating leverage as about three-fourths of the total cost is fixed and any rise in ARPU flows directly to operating profit. It said between FY20-23, operating profit almost doubled, while the ARPU grew 1.4 times.

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UAE Minister of State for Foreign Trade, Thani Ahmed Al Zeyoudi addresses at the INDIA-UAE Business Forum, in New Delhi.

Ch'garhi games, dance, marks 'Sawan Mahotsav'

Of women from ward No. 8 of Pithora



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Pithora, Aug 28: The women of ward No. 8 of Pithora celebrated 'Sawan Mahotsav' here on Sunday. The main organiser of Mahotsav was Hemlata Sagar Nishad, Santoshi Rajendra Nishad, Indu Ram Nishad.

The chief guest was

Aakash Mahanti, who is representative of Nagar Panchayat President Aatmaram Yadav and it was chaired by active corporator ward No. 8 Sagar Nishad and special guests were - Ghasia Nishad, Sohan Nirmalkar, Parvati Nishad, Heerabai Nishad. In the Mahotsav, the participants organised dance and

songs.

Apart from this, games like tug-of-war, rope jumping and other traditional games of Chhattisgarh were organised. The winners of the sports and dance competition were presented awards at the hands of the chief guest and other guests.

On this occasion Aakash

Mahanti said that due to some important work, Nagar Panchayat President Aatmaram Yadav could not come, but has extended greetings to all the women on occasion of this Sawan Mahotsav. Mahanti also extended greetings to all the women taking part in the Chhattisgarhi games and said that this programme by women is part of state's rich art & culture and by doing so they are taking it forward and which is an honour for all.

Addressing the programme, Sagar Nishad extended greetings to the organisers for this programme and asked the women of the ward to remain active for such creative works and programmes in the near future as well and extended greetings to all women on occasion of 'Sawan Mahotsav'.

Three-day FLN training successfully concludes



● In High School, Ghiwara

Central Chronicle News

Kharora, Aug 28: A three-day FLN training was held in Sankul Kendra Kanki, Ghiwara and Kathia No. 1 jointly at Government High School, Ghiwara. On the third day, it was in the presence of the block source co-ordinator SK Sharma that Trainer Jitendra Sahu got the FLN quiz completed.

In this all the participants were linked online and took part in the quiz. Majority of the questions in the quiz were answered by Laxminarayan Patel and for which he was honoured and felicitated and a 'selfie-with-success' was also taken along with him.

Sharma in his address laid emphasis on implementation of other schemes of the department apart from FLN and by making a work plan, he asked to develop the ca-

capacity of students of the school.

He hailed the successful management of Training Centre Ghiwara. All the 25 trainees of the first leg of training were also distributed certificates at the hands of the chief guest.

On this occasion Sankul in-Charge Principal Ghiwara Deepak Gupta, Govt High School senior Lecturer Prabhakar Nayak, Lecturer Neelkama Saitode, Sankul co-ordinator Ilda and state-level

FNL trainer Lakheshwar Verma, Sankul Co-ordinator Kanki BP Verma, Sankul co-ordinator Kathia No. 1 Rajendra Verma were also present.

In the three-day FLN training, detailed discussions were held on all 12 modules and for which the trainer Jitendra Sahu, Kailash Baghel (sankul Co-ordinator Ghiwara) expressed gratitude towards all the trainees from 3 Sankuls viz. Ghiwara, Kanki and Kathia No.1.

Around 500 people benefited in the free Ayurveda camp



● Apart from Ayurveda medicines, plants were also given to the people

Central Chronicle News

Korba, Aug 28: A free Ayurveda camp was organized for the health benefits of the local people at Korba's Open Theater Ghanatgarh on Monday, 28 Aug 2023. Here 500 people took advantage of this free camp. Apart from Ayurveda medicines, Ayurveda plants were also distributed free of

cost to the people present in the camp by the Ayurveda Health Department. About 40 staff members of the Ayurveda Health Department participated responsibly in this camp. The camp was inaugurated by District Ayurveda Officer Dr. Pradeep Jain. The camp started at ten in the morning. Apart from Dr. Pradeep Jain, Dr. Sharma, Panchkarma Nirala, DA Sheikh Rizwan from Health Department, the work of therapist, nurse was active in the camp.

Tribals are honour of Chhattisgarh: Aditi Baghmar

Central Chronicle News

Kharora, Aug 28: International Day for Indigenous People was celebrated in Gram Salouni and in this the chief guest was District Panchayat member Aditi Baghmar.

Speaking on the occasion Aditi Baghmar said that we should just not celebrate this day, but should create awareness about the tribal community and be aware of safeguarding their rights as well.

She said that International Day of Indigenous People is an important day and on this day we try to honour the special culture, language, lifestyle, social contribution that of the tribal community.

Hailing PM Narendra



Modi she said that it is an honour for all of us and especially the tribal community as the President of India Draupadi Murmu hails from tribal community and this shows the sensitivity of PM towards this community.

Today the tribal community is surging ahead along with other communities and we all need to work for ensuring participation in the field of education, health, sports, politics, and social level for upliftment and development of tribals.

She said that due to the tribal community that the natural resources and forest are existing and they play an important role in protecting the land, forest and culture.

Aditi Baghmar favouring equality in the society, expressed her best wishes towards the Tribal Community and wished them all the best in the near future.

The programme was conducted by Uday Netam and on this occasion Nemsingh Uikey, Sarpanch Rajesh Netam, Manisingh Thakur, Uday Netam, Khuman Singh Markam, Rameshwar Chaidaya, Sahas Netam, Hemsingh Uikey, Jeevan Lal Netam, Santosh Kumar, Ashok Marai and others were present.

NTPC Korba sponsor football tournament and coaching camp



Central Chronicle News

Korba, Aug 28: NTPC Korba sponsor Chhattisgarh Football Federation (CFF) is organizing Football Championship/Tournament and Coaching Camp from Aug 15, 2023 at CIPET (CIPET), Korba. There are three categories in this football game - sub-junior girls, junior girls and senior girls and the program has two aspects - tournament and coaching camp. Presently 30-35 players are being given

21 days coaching camp. After this coaching camp, the selected players will represent Chhattisgarh at the national level. They will join the Chhattisgarh National State Football Team. This 30-35 girls is the winner of inter-district tournament. 5-6 teams participated in the tournament which lasted for 5 days. NTPC Korba congratulated all the players for better sports performance and suggested them to work hard to get selected in the national team.

Uttam Vasudev conducts meeting with Congress organisations



Central Chronicle News

Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi, Aug 28: After the appointment of Uttam Vasudev, the newly appointed President of the District Congress Committee, District Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi (GPM), there is

new enthusiasm among the Congress workers of the district.

As soon as he has taken charge, regular meetings of all the subsidiary organizations of the Congress are taking place and have further recharged them and

strengthened the organization.

At the same time, he took a new step in the direction of strengthening the district organization by bringing more than 130 workers, including Jogi Congress assembly president Inderpal Singh Nayak, into the Congress.

In his continuous meetings, he has also made his intention clear that if he wants to stay in the organization, he will have to work for the Congress. Prior to this, he had organized the Congress and its affiliated organizations, the Front Cell and the Front Organization, for three consecutive days.

MSM student gets selected for Prayas Residential School



Chanchal-Yadu

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Anwari, Aug 28: Chanchal Yadu, D/o Santosh Yadu Gram Sirve, of Mahasweta Shishu Mandir Supela, Sankul -

Semra (B), Vikaskhand - Kurud, District - Dhamtari, has been selected for Prayas residential School. The student Chanchal Yadu has achieved this position by performing brilliantly in the examination with the best and logical performance of her mental and general knowledge.

Chitrarekha Sahu, Preeti Sinha, Dileshwari Vishkarma and Gram Panchayat Sarpanch Lileshwari Devangan, Chairman of the School M a n a g e m e n t Development Committee Purnesh Sinha, and all the villagers have wished the student best wishes for her future studies.

People have made up mind to change govt: Singh



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Dongargaon, Aug 28: Shreyashi Singh, a BJP MLA of Bihar Jamui Assembly, has said that the people of Chhattisgarh have made up their mind to change the government in Chhattisgarh. The MLA was addressing a press confer-

ence here. In the press conference held in the city's Saraswati Shishu Mandir, the MLA answered to questions and said that the rise of petro fuels is under control and this crisis is going on not only in India but in the whole world and in a war situation, the Indian government alone cannot control

the prices. During the discussion, she also told that during her visit to, Matia-Dari of Dongargaon 16 acres of farmers' land was washed away; and she reached here in just 1 day after arriving from Bihar, but the locals who claimed to be sons of the area MLA did not care for the same, she alleged.

Students form picture of Chandrayaan-3

● On its successful landing on the moon

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Berla, Aug 28: The students of Government Primary School, Majgaon formed a picture of Chandrayaan-3 in the School on successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 on the moon and expressed their feelings and happiness.

In this the student of Class-3 Bhupendra Yadav, CK Sahu, Kemiksha Yadav from Class-4, Mahi Sahu, Urvashi Sahu, Dakeshwar Sahu, Samir Sahu and other students of the School expressed their feelings by making a photo of Chandrayaan-3 soft landing on the moon.



The Head Master Primary School Prakash Verma, Chetan Kumar

Sahu, Ast. Teacher and entire School family raised slogans in favour of

'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' on successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 on the moon. All the students witnessed the landing with great enthusiasm.

Along with this teacher Chetan Sahu also gave information to students about Chandrayaan-3 and informed the students that it landed on the South Pole of the Moon and Chandrayaan-3 is the first satellite to land on the South Pole of the moon.

Lot of enthusiasm among children on Chandrayaan-3 landing: There was lot of enthusiasm among the children on successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 and prior to it were seeking blessings for its successful landing and entire day that day was celebrated as Chandrayaan-3 day.

Stone laid for devp works worth Rs 70 lakh

In ward No. 14 of Kurud Nagar Panchayat

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Kurud, Aug 28: Corporator ward No. 14 Kurud and Nagar Panchayat V-P Manju Pramod Sahu laid stone for various development works worth Rs 70 lakh here on Sunday and said that it is with consultation with the senior citizens of the ward and its citizens that the services, facilities and beautification works will be carried out.

In Sanjay Nagar ward No. 14 of Kurud Nagar Panchayat, 14 persons have asked to provide basic amenities like road, electricity, water and for this stone was laid for construction of CC road from Mohit Sahu's house to Ramesh Verma's house at the cost of Rs 9 lakh and stone was laid for



various works worth Rs 61 lakh in Veer Savarkar Garden and its renovation and beautification. The stone was laid by V-P Manju Pramod Sahu, Speaker Manish Sahu, V-P Krishna Upaj Mandi Pramod Sahu, Speaker Dumes Sahu, Speaker Roshan Jangde, corporator Devrath Sahu, Alderman Manoj Agrawal. On occasion of stone lay-

ing ceremony, V-P and ward corporator Manju Pramod Sahu said that slowly the citizens of the ward will be provided all basic amenities and resources for development works.

All the grievances and demands of the citizens of the wards would be completed soon. Speaker Manish Sahu extended greetings to ward residents

on start of development works in their ward.

On this occasion- Tukesh Sahu, Yogesh Sahu, Rekha Kamalvanshi, Meena Chandrakar, Mohit Dhruv, Manbodhi Ram, Deepak Khade, Chief Nagar Palika Adhikar, Raja Chandrakar, Naveen Chandrakar, and ward residents and Nagar Panchayat officers and employees were present.

Neeraj and I are happy that we are dominating a sport once dominated by Europeans: Nadeem

Karachi, Aug 28 (PTI):

In Arshad Nadeem, India's Neeraj Chopra will have tough competition for the gold medal at Paris Olympics, but the Pakistani ace says for now both are just "very happy" to call the shots in a sport once dominated by the Europeans.

In cricket-crazy Pakistan, Nadeem has become the toast of the nation after becoming its first athlete to win a medal at the World Athletics Championship. Nadeem bagged silver in the men's javelin throw final in Budapest on Sunday, as Olympic champion Chopra won the gold medal.

"Neeraj and I have a very healthy competition and we respect each other a lot. There is no Pakistan-India rivalry in a bad way. When we talk we are just happy that both of us have come to the fore in a competition usually dominated by Europeans," Nadeem told PTI.

It is not the first medal that Nadeem has brought home as last year he won gold in the Birmingham Commonwealth Games with a best throw of 90.18 metres. According to



Gold medalist Neeraj Chopra, of India, and silver medalist Arshad Nadeem, of Pakistan, right, pose after finishing the Men's javelin throw final during the World Athletics Championships in Budapest.

Nadeem, the silver medal at the Worlds was very satisfying as he competed against Chopra, one of the best in recent years.

Chopra couldn't compete in the Commonwealth Games because of a groin injury and Arshad ran away with the gold in a field dominated by European athletes.

After the final on Sunday, Chopra made it a point to invite his Pakistani rival to go on a victory lap.

"It is a very satisfying achievement for me to get a distance of 87.82 metres

as I returned to international competition after nearly a year due to my elbow surgery," he said.

The rivalry between Chopra and Nadeem has now become a subject of discussion in the javelin fraternity. What was unique on Sunday was that the first time both Pakistani and Indian athletes were in the limelight at the same time in the World Championships.

Soon after Nadeem won the silver medal, there were calls on social media in Pakistan to ensure he is duly rewarded for his achievement, with the

Throwers have no finish line: Neeraj Chopra

Budapest: Neeraj Chopra has won every title his sport offers but the Olympic champion is not someone who would sit on laurels, rather he would push himself to excel further since "throwers have no finish line".

So, what remains to achieve now? "There is a saying that throwers have no finish line. The best thing is that we have our javelin. We can always push ourselves. I may have won a lot of medals but the motivation is to throw farther and farther," Chopra said during a virtual interaction. "By winning these medals, I should not think that I have achieved everything. I will work harder, push myself harder to win more medals and bring more laurels for my country. If other Indians join me on the podium next time, that will be great," he said. The talk of throwing 90m has been going on for the last three-four years but Chopra insisted that it's not a mental hurdle for him.

caretaker Prime Minister, Anwaar-ul-Haq-Kakar, being the first to congratulate him on his success.

For Nadeem, it has been a long journey from his village in Mian Chunnu in Pakistan's Punjab province where his elder brothers and school's sports master forced him to take up athletics.

"I wanted to be a cricketer but my brothers and sports master told me I had the physique and stamina to be a top athlete," he said.

In his early days, he would sprint around 2-3 kilometres everyday from

his village to school, something that helped him strengthened his body alongside the hard work he put in the fields with his brothers.

Coming from a humble background, the sudden adulation has not affected Nadeem as he remains focussed on his goal to win a gold medal in the Paris Games next year.

"I want to win an Olympic gold for my country. It will require a lot of hard work, training and the best equipment but now I know I am capable of doing well against the best."

Ukraine's best high jumper wins gold for her country at world championships

Budapest, Aug 28 (AP):



Yaroslava Mahuchikh, of Ukraine, celebrates after winning the gold medal in the Women's high jump final during the World Athletics Championships in Budapest.

The war with Russia hangs over the Olympic world these days as much as anywhere else. So perhaps it was fitting that the last person standing on the last event of the final day of the track and field world championships hailed from Ukraine.

And perhaps it was perfect that Yaroslava Mahuchikh closed out that event with a gold medal hanging from her neck.

Ukraine's best high jumper, a symbol of hope to her war-torn country and defiance to those who would see it ruined, won a championship Sunday. She jumped 2.01 meters (6 feet, 7 inches) to close out a riveting evening on the track — and in the field.

"Finally, I have my gold medal," she said of the country's first world title since 2013, when the meet was held in Moscow. "And it's really extra important for my country right now."

Mahuchikh's final jump of the evening came only seconds after hurdles champion Femke Bol of The Netherlands, who fell and cost her country a medal at the end of the mixed 4x400 relay on opening night, overcame a 20-meter deficit with about 80 to go to give the Dutch the

win in the women's version of the race.

Watching Bol reel in a British runner, then a Jamaican one, then cross the finish line in the lead, was easily the most outlandishly exciting 20 seconds of the nine-day meet in Budapest, which is only a short plane flight from Ukraine's capital of Kyiv.

But nothing compared to the theatre Mahuchikh delivered in her two hours on the stage.

That she was here at all was a testament to her courage, persistence and the assistance she's received from far and wide.

The 21-year-old, wearing eyeliner colored the same blue and yellow as her country's flag, was forced

to leave quickly from her hometown of Dnipro when the war started. She said she saw artillery shells raining down as she road in the car on her way out. Mahuchikh sealed her win after jumping 2 centimeters higher than Australia's Eleanor Patterson, who beat her last year at worlds in Eugene, Oregon. With the gold medal secure, Mahuchikh had the bar set to 2.07 to try for a personal best.

After missing twice, she waited for the end of Bol's amazing comeback to make her last attempt.

With Bol and her teammates in a dogpile celebrating on the track, Mahuchikh failed to clear.

'India will be known as sporting country in 10-15 years'

Mumbai, Aug 28 (PTI):

Legendary Sunil Gavaskar on Monday said India will rise as a 'sporting country' in the next 10-15 years, while lauding historic achievements of javelin sensation Neeraj Chopra, chess prodigy R Praggnanandhaa and badminton star HS Prannoy.

Chopra on Sunday became the first-ever Indian to win a gold medal at the World Athletics Championships, while Praggnanandhaa last week created history by reaching the World Cup final at 18 years.

Prannoy defeated the world No 1 Viktor Axelsen en route to winning a World Championships bronze.

"Earlier you would see only a few sports would be talked about, media coverage would only be for those," the Indian cricket icon told the media here after he was



Former cricketer Sunil Gavaskar speaks during a press conference organised to announce him as the principal advisor of 'Midwicket Stories', in Mumbai, Monday.

revealed as the principal advisor of the Midwicket Stories.

"Now all sports have got an outlet and exposure and because of the other sports, we are getting to see the (emergence of) stars."

The Little Master was brimming with joy as he witnessed Chopra's triumphant moment of becoming a world champion in Budapest.

"I remember when he

(Neeraj Chopra) had won the Tokyo Olympics gold, the India-England series was going on..."

"I was watching from England, and I was prompted to sing a song Mere desh ki dharti sona ugle..." Yesterday, I experienced the same feeling," he said.

"We had seen Neeraj two years earlier when he won the gold medal in the Olympics. Last year he won a silver medal, but for him it was important to win the gold medal and with a long throw he did it," Gavaskar said.

"On the other hand, in badminton Worlds, Prannoy reached the semifinals and he defeated Viktor Axelsen. If you see, with the exposure that Indian sportspersons are getting..."

"If you think about America and Australia as sporting countries, I feel that in 10-15 years' time, India will also be called a sporting country," he added.

'Asia Cup will test bowlers' readiness for 50-overs cricket'



Dubai: Pakistan bowling great Wasim Akram on Sunday said the upcoming Asia Cup will test readiness of subcontinental bowlers for 50-overs cricket ahead of the ODI World Cup, but refused to pick any favourites for the tournament.

The Asia Cup begins on Wednesday with Pakistan taking on Nepal in the tournament-opener in Multan, but all eyes are fixed on the mega clash between arch-rivals India and Pakistan in Kandy on September 2. "Be it India or Pakistan or Sri Lanka, we will find out if the bowlers are able to deliver 10 overs or not, now-a-days they are all used to bowling four-overs (per game)," Akram told reporters here during a tournament sponsor's event. The competition will revert to 50-overs format in this edition after being organised in T20 version last year, and Akram welcomed the change.

In next two months, I want to create memories with this team: Rohit

New Delhi, Aug 28 (PTI):

Rohit Sharma understands the gargantuan pressure that a home World Cup brings but the Indian captain wants to insulate himself from the outside chatter as he embarks on an arduous journey to win the country's first ICC trophy in a decade.

Shouldering more than a billion hopes, the 36-year-old India skipper knows what's at stake in the ODI World Cup, which starts October 5 with England taking on New Zealand in Ahmedabad.

"For me, it is important how I keep myself relaxed and not worry about external factors that play a role, whether positively or not negatively. I want to shut out everything," Rohit told PTI in an exclusive interview just before joining the Asia Cup camp in Bengaluru.

"I want to get into the phase I was in before the 2019 World Cup," said Rohit, who carries an aura of Zen even in the most tense of situations. The



same calm was visible as he put across his point of view in an uncomplicated manner during the interview, just like the straight face of his bat when he hits the bowler's back-drive. "I was in great frame of mind and prepared really well for the tournament," he said referring to the last edition, where he scored 648 runs with an unprecedented five hundreds to emerge as the highest run-getter.

"I was in good shape, good mindset. I want to bring that back and I have time to do that. Trying to recollect what were the right things that I was doing before the 2019

World Cup as a cricketer and as a person. I want to revisit that thought-process of mine personally," the skipper said.

World Cups and the vagaries associated with the results can change a lot of things but for Rohit, one month of cricket can't make or break the player that he is. "A person can't change overnight with his success or failures," he said. "I don't think one result or one championship can change me as a person. I have not changed as a person in the last 16 years and I don't think anything needs to change on that front," he said.

"The focus will be on how I can achieve my goals in the next two months, for me and my team. A person can't change in a period of one or two months."

Rohit has won five IPL titles as Mumbai Indians captain, Asia Cup as India captain (2018) and led the team to World Test Championship final as recently as June this year.

India kick-off Asian Hockey 5s campaign against Bangladesh

New Delhi: The Indian men's team will begin its campaign at the Asian Hockey 5s World Cup Qualifier against Bangladesh in Salalah, Oman on Tuesday. India are placed in the Elite Pool along with Malaysia, Pakistan, Japan, Oman, and Bangladesh, while the Challengers Pool consists of Hong Kong, China, Indonesia, Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, and Iran. After their opening contest against Bangladesh, India will compete against Oman and Pakistan on August 30 and then square off against Malaysia and Japan on August 31. India will need to finish in the top-three in order to book a spot in the 2024 FIH Hockey 5s World Cup. It must be noted that a total of 16 nations will be competing in the global event next year. India captain Mandeep Mor stressed on the importance of the competition. "For every player, the biggest dream is always to represent the nation at the World Cup. This is an important tournament for us and we want to secure a direct qualification for the 2024 FIH Hockey 5s World Cup and have the opportunity to perform on the biggest stage."

India beat Malaysia 9-5 to enter Women's Hockey 5s final



Salalah (Oman), Aug 28 (PTI): Skipper Navjot Kaur slammed a hat-trick as India continued their impressive run at the Women's Asian Hockey 5s World Cup Qualifier and defeated Malaysia 9-5 to enter the final of the tournament here on Monday and also qualify for next year's World Cup.

Navjot (7th, 10th, 17th minutes) struck a hat-trick while Mariana Kujur (9th, 12th) and Jyoti (21th, 26th) scored twice each. Monika Dipi Toppo (22nd) and Mahima Choudhary (14th)

were the other goal scorers for India. For Malaysia, Zati Muhamad (4th, 5th), Dian Nazari (10th, 20th) and Aziz Zafirah (16th) found the net.

The inaugural edition of the Hockey 5s World Cup will be held in Muscat from January 24 to 27 next year. Even though India started the match on an aggressive note, it was Malaysia, who took the lead through Muhamad. A minute later, Malaysia doubled their lead as Muhamad was on the score-sheet again, scoring

a fine field goal. India, however, pulled one back through Navjot's strike two minutes later.

In-form Kujur then scored for India to level the scores. With both the teams constantly creating threatening attacks, Malaysia took the lead through Nazari.

India immediately counter-attacked and scored two goals in quick time to take the lead. Navjot and Kujur scored the third and fourth goals for India. With a minute remaining in the first half, India extended their lead through Choudhary.

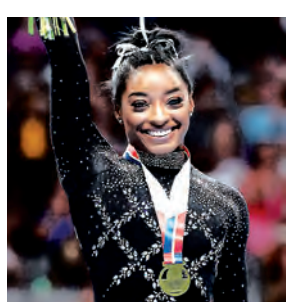
At the end of the first half, India were leading Malaysia by 5-3. Both the teams came out firing in the second half, making some threatening moves.

But it was Malaysia who first got on the score-sheet through Zafirah. India added three more goals to their tally through Navjot, Jyoti and Toppo to make it 8-5 in their favour.

With four minutes remaining, Jyoti scored the ninth goal for India.

Simone Biles wins a record 8th US Gymnastics title a full decade after her first

San Jose, Aug 28 (AP): Simone Biles is not going to explain herself. Part of this is by design. Part of this is because she simply can't. When the gymnastics star is at her best, as she was on Sunday night while winning her record eighth U.S. championship, she feels like she's in a "fever dream." It's not autopilot exactly. It's more of a vibe. A flow. It's in those moments that the doubts that still plague her almost daily even now, a decade into a run of unprecedented excellence, fade away. There is no thinking. No over-analyzing. No "twisties." All of it recedes into the background.



Her coach Laurent Landi calls it a skill. Biles, even at 26, won't go that far. Maybe because she simply doesn't want to. She spent a long time, far too long, getting caught up in her head. She's intent on not doing it this

around. So yeah, she was smiling midway through a floor routine that made almost every other competitor on the floor stop what they were doing to watch and drew a standing ovation from a portion of the sellout SAP Center crowd. No, she can't explain why. When her coaches told her she'd nailed every tumbling pass, she was clueless. "It just doesn't feel real for some reason," Biles said. It is. Remarkably. Ten years ago she was a teenage prodigy who doesn't remember much from her ascension to the top of her sport.

Vlahovic to the rescue as Juventus snatches 1-1 draw against Bologna amid jeers

Milan, Aug 28 (AP): Juventus needed Du an Vlahovic's late goal to rescue a 1-1 draw at home to Bologna in Serie A.

Lewis Ferguson had given Bologna the lead in the 24th minute and the Bianconeri were booed off the field at halftime. But Vlahovic, who earlier had a goal ruled out for offside, headed in the equalizer with 10 minutes remaining.

Defending champion Napoli made it two wins out of two after beating 10-man Sassuolo 2-0. Last year's runner-up Lazio surprisingly lost 1-0 at home to newly promoted Genoa.

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HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

Shah to flag off BJP's 'Jan Ashirwad Yatra' on Sep 3

● **PM invited to address party workers' 'mahakumbh' on Sep 25**

Bhopal, Aug 28 (PTI):

Union Home Minister Amit Shah will flag off the Bharatiya Janata Party's 'Jan Ashirwad Yatra' on September 3 from Chitrakoot in Satna in Madhya Pradesh, where polls will be held at the end of the year.

Making the announcement in a press conference, Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar and state unit chief VD Sharma also said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been invited to address a workers' meeting to mark the culmination of the yatra in Bhopal on September 25, the birth anniversary of stalwart Deendayal Upadhyaya. Shivraj Singh

Chouhan, the longest serving chief minister of the state, will take part for a few hours on each day of the yatra, said Tomar, who is also the party's MP election management committee convener.

The Jan Ashirwad Yatra will be taken out from different parts of the state, and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has been invited to flag off four legs of the initiative, Sharma informed.

"Five committees have been formed for five yatras. Its state convener is MP minister Bhupendra Singh. These yatras will cover more than 10,500 kilometres in 210 of the state's 230 Assembly seats and public meetings will take place en route," Sharma said.

"Though the yatra will reach Bhopal on September 21, the formal

culmination will be on September 25 to coincide with Karyakart Mahakumbh. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been invited to address the workers at the Karyakart Mahakumbh," he said.

Asked about Chouhan announcing several sops for women on Sunday, the move coming some time after the Congress made public a list of poll promises, Tomar said his party stood for welfare of the poor, Dalits and women and wanted to empower them.

While the Congress has promised Rs 1,500 monthly aid to women, cooking gas cylinder for Rs 500, free power for up to 100 units, Chouhan has said women will get Rs 1,250 as financial aid under Ladli Behna Yojana from October, and cooking gas cylinder for Rs 450 in

August.

Asked about the BJP's poll slogans talking about 150 seats this time instead of the more ambitious 'abki baar 200 paar' in the run up to the 2018 state polls, Tomar said he was confident his party would win with a comfortable majority.

Tomar did not give a direct answer to a media question about Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia not being part of any poll panels in MP so far, but said the performance of the BJP would be remarkable in the Gwalior-Chambal region, where the latter holds sway.

Incidentally, a rebellion by MLAs close to Scindia brought down the Congress' Kamal Nath government in March 2020 and paved the way for the return of the BJP under Chouhan.

HOLY DIP



Devotees take holy dip at a Ganga ghat on the last Somvar (Monday) of the holy month of 'Shravan', in Varanasi, Monday.

West Bengal CID questions ISF MLA Nawsad Siddique

● **In murder case**

Kolkata, Aug 28 (PTI):

ISF MLA Nawsad Siddique was interrogated by the West Bengal CID on Monday in connection with a murder that happened in South 24 Parganas district ahead of the panchayat elections in the state, officials said.

Siddique, the MLA of Bhangar, appeared for questioning at the police headquarters Bhabani Bhawan in Alipore after attending the first half of proceedings of the state assembly, which is in session. He told PTI that he has been asked to appear for questioning again on August 31.

Siddique is among 68 people named in connection with the killing of

TMC leader Raju Naskar at Hatgachha in Bhangar on June 16 in the run-up to the panchayat elections in July. These people are also accused of attacking Raju's son-in-law Ritwik Naskar, who was a TMC panchayat candidate, officials said.

The case was filed on the basis of a complaint lodged at the Kashipur police station by Ritwik, alleging that the MLA along with the 67 other ISF supporters hatched a conspiracy to kill him and his father-in-law, they said. Later, the CID took over the investigation from the local police, they added. Siddique said, "Since an investigation is underway, I won't comment on the case. But, I am being framed and the truth will come out. I will cooperate with the investigators."

SC disposes of plea on demolition drive to clear alleged illegal constructions

● **Near Krishna Janmabhoomi**

New Delhi, Aug 28 (PTI):

The Supreme Court on Monday disposed of a plea related to the demolition drive to clear alleged illegal constructions near Krishna Janmabhoomi in Uttar Pradesh's Mathura, and granted liberty to the petitioner to seek relief before the civil court.

Noting that suits instituted by the occupants or residents of the land are pending before the jurisdictional civil court, the apex court asked the petitioner to apply for relief there.

"The relief claimed in this petition, in our opinion, is better examined in a suit. As proceedings are pending, we dispose of this

writ petition, giving liberty to the petitioner to apply for relief before the suit court," a bench headed by Justice Aniruddha Bose said. The bench also refused to extend the status quo which it had granted on August 16, when the top court had halted for 10 days the demolition drive being carried out by the railways to clear the land of alleged illegal constructions. The bench, also comprising Justices Sanjay Kumar and SVN Bhatti, was hearing a plea filed by Mathura resident Yakub Shah. The bench asked the petitioner's counsel what relief can be given in a petition filed under Article 32 of the Constitution when suits are pending before the civil court.

Article 32 of the Constitution empowers Indian citizens to approach the apex court directly for enforcement of their fundamental rights. The petitioner's counsel argued that the authorities conducted the demolition exercise on a day when the courts in Uttar Pradesh were closed and 100 houses were already demolished. "You have full remedy before the suit court," the bench said, adding it cannot run parallel proceedings. When the petitioner's counsel requested the court for extending the status quo, the bench said, "We had granted you 10 days protection, why didn't you move the (civil) court?" "We are not extending the status quo," it said. The apex court clarified it has not made any comments on the merits of the matter and all points are left open to be determined by the civil court.

While hearing the matter on August 16, the apex court had said, "Let there be an order of status quo as regards the subject premises for a period of 10 days from today. List after one week." On August 25, the matter again came up for hearing before the top court which refused further extension of the interim order. "List on August 28. In the meantime, rejoin; if any, be filed by the petitioner. No further extension of the interim order," the bench had said.

On August 16, the petitioner's counsel had told the apex court that 100 houses have been bulldozed. "There are 70-80 houses left. Whole thing will become infructuous. They conducted the exercise on a day when Uttar Pradesh courts were closed," he had argued.

MP govt felicitate state school toppers

● **Presented Electric Two-wheelers**

Bhopal, Aug 28:

Kinetic Green Energy and Power Solutions Limited, a leading manufacturer of electric two and three-wheelers in India, has handed over 200 Flex electric scooters to the Madhya Pradesh government. The electric scooters were awarded to the government school students for their outstanding performance in class 12th. During the event on Wednesday, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan distributed the Kinetic Green EVs to the students in Damoh. The ceremony took place across Madhya Pradesh in the presence of MLAs and District Collectors of re-

spective regions. Commenting on the occasion, Sulajja Firodia Motwani, Founder and CEO of Kinetic Green, stated, "I congratulate the students who have performed exceptionally well in class 12. I am honored that these students will be the proud owners of Kinetic Green Flex. This makes me extremely happy to see that this generation is readily adopting electric mobility. I would like to thank the Madhya Pradesh government for giving us the opportunity to support them in the success of the initiative. It is a significant step towards promoting sustainable transportation and reducing carbon emissions in India. I hope that the program will inspire more people to adopt electric vehicles in the country."

'For restful sleep in aged, ambient temperature should be 20-25 degrees Celsius'

New Delhi, Aug 28 (PTI):

NEW RESEARCH

Ambient night-time temperature for older adults to have a restful sleep should be between 20 and 25 degrees Celsius, according to newly published research.

Further, sleep efficiency in the older adults, aged 65 years or above, was found to drop by 5-10 per cent as the ambient night-time bedroom temperature rose to 30 degrees Celsius, the study found, despite substantial differences among the individuals studied.

A lowered sleep quality in the long-term has been linked with cognitive decline and dementia in older adults, along with impacting their mood by making them irritable and less productive in the day.

Sleep quality in older adults could, thus, potentially be enhanced by optimising home thermal environments, the study from Marcus Institute for Aging Research and Harvard Medical School,

Boston, US, said about its findings which, it said, emphasised the importance of personalised temperature adjustments based on individual needs and circumstances.

From a climate adaptation point of view, the study findings are important as cities are projected to become warmer due to a combination of both climate change and urban induced warming, it said.

"The study underscores the potential impact of climate change on sleep quality in older adults, particularly those with

lower socioeconomic status, and supports increasing their adaptive capacity as nighttime temperatures increase in cities across the country," said Amir Baniassadi, lead researcher of the study published in the journal Science of The Total Environment.

Older adults often experience inadequate, restless, and disrupted sleep, in turn, influencing their health-outcomes with regards to diabetes management and risk of developing cardiovascular diseases.

'Over 1.5 cr jobs created in 9 organised sectors'

● **Under Modi govt**

Indore, Aug 28 (PTI):

Union Minister for Labour and Employment Bhupender Yadav on Monday said more than 1.5 crore jobs have been created in nine organised sectors, including IT, manufacturing, trade and transport, during the nine-year rule of Narendra Modi government at the Centre.

Yadav was speaking at a Rozgar Mela organised at the Central School of Weapon & Tactics (CSWT) of the Border Security Force (BSF) in Madhya Pradesh's Indore



Bhupender Yadav

city. "More than 1.5 crore jobs have been created in nine organised sectors, including information technology, manufacturing, trade, transport, education, hospitality and medical sector; besides agriculture during the

Modi government's tenure," he said.

Yadav said along with the expansion of manufacturing capacities in the country, the registration of new industries and enrolment of new members in the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has increased, which shows a positive growth rate of employment. "Nine years ago, India used to be among the five most fragile economies in the world, but now under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has become one of the five largest economies in the

world," he said.

Yadav also informed that 29 crore workers from the unorganised sector, including those from remote villages, have been registered on the government's 'e-Shram' portal within the last one year. This portal is helping in the financial inclusion of unorganised sector workers by including them in the formal economy and giving benefits of social security schemes, he added.

CSWT Inspector General Kuldeep Kumar Gulia said 273 recruits of the central armed police forces were given appointment letters at the job fair.

ONAM CELEBRATIONS



Students perform during Onam celebrations at the Sri Kanyaka Parameswari Arts and Science College for Women, in Chennai, Monday.

Mumbai hotel stay proves last for soon-to-wed NRI couple

● **As fire claims their life**

Bhuj (Guj), Aug 28 (PTI):

NRIs Kishan Halai and his 25-year-old fiance Rupal Vekaria, who were among the three persons who died in the fire in a Mumbai-based hotel on Sunday, were supposed to get married in Nairobi after flying out of the Maharashtra capital but the destiny wished otherwise.

Kishan, Rupal, her mother and sister were accommodated in the ground-plus-four-storey Galaxy Hotel in suburban Santacruz by the airlines concerned after their flight was rescheduled,

said Suresh Kara, sarpanch of Rampar village in Mandvi taluka of Gujarat's Kutch district.

The families of Kishan Halai and the Vekarias hail from Rampar village. The blaze broke out on the third floor of the hotel on Sunday afternoon, killing Kishan Halai (28), Rupal Vekaria (25), and another person Kantilal Vara (50). Rupal's mother Manjulaben (49), sister Alpa (19), and one Aslam Sheikh (48) were injured in the incident, officials said. "Kishan Halai and his fiance Rupal Vekaria were settled in Nairobi for several years," said Kara.

The deceased Kantilal Vara was not related to Vekarias and Kishan.

According to Kara, the families of Kishan and Rupal remained connected to their roots despite settling abroad many years ago. Their ancestral houses are still there in Rampar village.

"Kishan and Rupal were engaged and were planning to get married soon after reaching Nairobi, where they were residing for many years with their parents and siblings. Kishan, Rupal and their families came to India nearly a month back to attend the wedding of Kishan's younger brother in the village. The newly-married couple along with Kishan's parents had left for Kenya a week back," said Kara.

CBI slaps second case against IITM scientist

● **For irregularities in SAFAR project**

New Delhi, Aug 28 (PTI):

The CBI has registered a second FIR against IITM-Pune scientist Gurfan Beig and others for the alleged sanctioning of China-made LED boards for air quality and weather information display at exorbitant rates to be installed in Ahmedabad, officials said on Monday.

Beig was earlier charge-sheeted in a separate case related to such LED boards to be installed in Pune. His application to be discharged from the case was dis-

missed by the special court recently.

The fresh case, filed recently, pertains to the installation of LED boards in Ahmedabad, they said.

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