

BRIEF



PM Modi interacts with school students on the occasion of 'Raksha Bandhan', in New Delhi, Wednesday.

Shot dead

Ghaziabad: A lawyer was shot dead in his chambers on the tehsil court complex in this Uttar Pradesh district, police said on Wednesday. Manoj Choudhary alias Monu Jaat was having lunch in his chambers around 2 pm when two assailants entered the room and fired at him. He died on the spot, they said.

Spl prayers

Jammu: Special prayers on Wednesday marked the celebrations of 38th foundation day of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) at Katra, the base camp for the pilgrims visiting the famous shrine in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir. Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB, Anshul Garg along with other officials attended the special prayers and yagya, and reiterated his commitment to ensure best possible facilities for the pilgrims.

Bail

New Delhi: A Delhi court has granted bail to two senior officials of the Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs in a case of alleged bribery, saying they have "clean antecedents" and are unlikely to tamper with evidence.

Collide

New Delhi: Six people, including the drivers, were injured when two low-floor DTC buses collided with each other in the Sansad Marg area on Wednesday, police here said. The accident took place near Parliament Street police station. The police received information regarding the accident around 11.15 am. When they reached the spot, the police found the two damaged Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) buses, Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police (New Delhi) Hemant Tiwari said.

Weather	
High	33
Low	25
MARKET	
NIFTY	19,347.45
SENSEX	65,087.25
BULLION	
GOLD	59,504
SILVER	74,899

'Work in K'taka will be replicated in India'

Mysuru, Aug 30 (PTI):

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday said that the party has honoured key pre-poll promises made to the people in Karnataka and said that work carried out by the Siddaramaiah-led government would be replicated across the country.

Seeking to fulfill another key pre-poll promise, the Congress government in Karnataka on Wednesday launched the 'Gruha Lakshmi' scheme offering a monthly assistance of Rs 2,000 to about 1.1 crore women who are heads of their households.

AICC President M Mallikarjun Kharge, who launched the scheme, was present along with party MP Rahul Gandhi, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his deputy D K Shivakumar at the public function held on Maharaja College grounds and attended by tens of thousands of people.

"We have kept our word on promises," Gandhi said, speaking at the event. "We never make false promises." "The work we have done in Karnataka will be replicated across India," the former AICC President said. The 'Gruha Lakshmi' scheme, rolled out amid fanfare, is one of the five pre-poll 'guarantees' of the Congress,



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, party President Mallikarjuna Kharge, Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah, Dy CM DK Shivakumar and others during the inauguration of the Karnataka Government's Gruha Lakshmi scheme, in Mysuru, Wednesday.

World's largest cash transfer scheme

Rahul Gandhi also termed the 'Gruha Lakshmi' scheme as "the world's largest cash transfer scheme" whereby Rs 2,000 will be transferred directly into the bank accounts of the millions of women beneficiaries. The Congress had made a poll promise to implement five 'guarantees', namely 'Shakti', 'Gruha Jyothi', 'Annabhagya', 'Gruha Lakshmi' and 'Yuva Nidhi'. Gandhi said Shakti offers free travel for women in government buses anywhere in Karnataka, while 'Gruha Jyoti' provides 200 units of electricity free of cost per month. The 'Anna Bhagya' scheme offers 10 kg rice while 'Yuva Nidhi' (Youth Fund) promises to give Rs 3,000 and Rs 1,500 a month to unemployed graduates and diploma holders, respectively, who fail to get a job even after six months of clearing their exams in the 2022-23 academic year. "Barring the 'Yuva Nidhi' scheme, the four guarantees (Shakti, Gruha Lakshmi, Gruha Jyothi and Anna Bhagya) are meant for women of the state. There is a deep thinking behind these four guarantees," Gandhi explained. Comparing Karnataka women with the roots of a tree, the Congress MP said if the roots are strong, the tree can withstand any storm. Gandhi said that while walking the 600-km stretch in Karnataka during his 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' last year, he realised the women were peeved at the price rise in the country.

which ousted the BJP from power in the May

Assembly elections. "The five guarantees of the Congress are not just

schemes; they are a governance model," Gandhi said.

Prez Murmu on two-day visit to Chhattisgarh from today

Raipur, Aug 30 (PTI):

President Droupadi Murmu will be on a two-day visit to Chhattisgarh from Thursday during which she will visit two temples and attend the convocation ceremony at Guru Ghasidas Central University in Bilaspur.

The President will visit Lord Jagannath temple in Raipur and join aarti puja on Thursday. Later, she



will inaugurate 'Sakarattmak Parivartan ka Varsh' (Year of Positive Change) programme at a Brahma Kumaris Centre in Raipur. In the after-

noon, she will visit Guru Ghasidas museum, as per an official release.

On Friday, the President will visit the Mahamaya Temple in Ratanpur. She will later attend the 10th convocation ceremony of the Guru Ghasidas Central University in Bilaspur. After returning from Bilaspur she will meet tribal delegates at the Governor House in Raipur.

Sister's Raksha Bandhan gift to brother: A Kidney To Save His Life

Raipur, Aug 30:

A woman in Raipur has decided to donate her kidney to save her brother's life. Omprakash Dhangar, 48, was diagnosed with chronic kidney disease in May last year. His kidneys had deteriorated to the point where he needed dialysis. One kidney was damaged by 80% and the other by 90%. After much research, his family decided to have him undergo a kidney transplant in a hospital in Gujarat's Nadiad. When the doctors told the family that they needed a kidney donor, Omprakash's elder

sister Sheelabai Pal, a resident of Tikrapara, immediately volunteered. She underwent all the necessary tests and was found to be a perfect match. The kidney transplant surgery is scheduled to take place on September 3. Both Omprakash and Sheelabai are currently in Gujarat, preparing for the surgery. Sheelabai says that she is doing this for her brother because she loves him and wants him to live a long and healthy life. A week before the scheduled kidney transplant, Sheelabai tied a rakhi to Om Prakash as a pledge for his safety.

ISRO all set for launch of Aditya-L1 Sun mission

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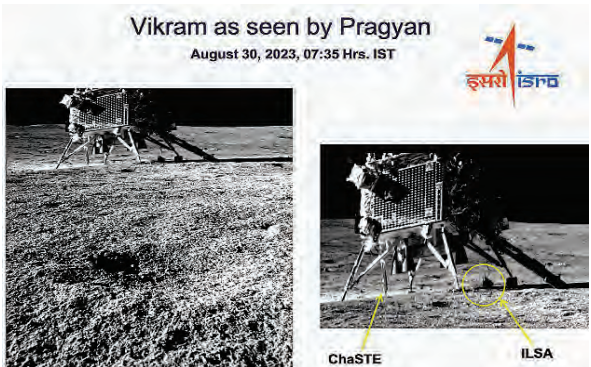
Giving an update on its Aditya-L1 mission to study the Sun, ISRO said on Wednesday the launch rehearsal and the rocket's internal checks have been completed. The mission is scheduled to be launched on September 2 at 11.50 am from the Sriharikota spaceport. Aditya-L1 spacecraft is designed for providing remote observations of the solar corona and in situ observations of the solar wind at L1 (Sun-Earth Lagrangian point), which is about 1.5 million kilometres from the earth.

'SMILE PLEASE!' Rover Pragyan clicks image of lander Vikram on Moon

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Chandrayaan-3 mission's Pragyan rover on Wednesday clicked an image of the Vikram lander, ISRO said.

The 'image of the mission', shared by the Bengaluru-headquartered national space agency, was taken by the Navigation Camera (NavCam) on board the rover. "Smile, please", an ISRO social media post read. "Pragyan rover clicked the image of Vikram lander this morning". NavCams for the Chandrayaan-3 mission have been developed by the Laboratory for Electro-



In this image released by ISRO, Vikram Lander is seen on the surface of the Moon as captured by the Navigation Camera (NavCam) onboard Pragyan Rover.

Optics Systems (LEOS), an ISRO unit. The lander and

the rover are designed to operate for one lunar daylight

period (about 14 Earth days). Earlier this week, ISRO released the first observations from the ChaSTE payload onboard Vikram. ChaSTE (Chandra's Surface Thermophysical Experiment) measures the temperature profile of the lunar topsoil around the pole, to understand the thermal behaviour of the Moon's surface.

It has a temperature probe equipped with a controlled penetration mechanism capable of reaching a depth of 10 cm beneath the surface. The probe is fitted with 10 individual temperature sensors.

NTPC board clears investment for Lara proj

New Delhi, Aug 30:

The country's largest power producer NTPC's board has approved an investment proposal for Lara Super Thermal Power Project (STPP) Stage-II, which is to be set up at an estimated cost of Rs 15,529.99 crore.

The 2x800 MW project is being set up in Chhattisgarh.

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Ahead of INDIA meet, AAP pitches Kejriwal as PM face

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Ahead of the crucial INDIA alliance meeting in Mumbai, AAP leader Priyanka Kakkur Wednesday pitched for Arvind Kejriwal as the opposition bloc's prime ministerial candidate but party colleagues Atishi and Sanjay Singh hastened to deny that the Delhi chief minister had such aspirations.

Kakkur said Kejriwal, as the chief minister of Delhi, has given a model that the whole country can benefit from.

She was responding to a question on who should be the prime ministerial candidate of the INDIA alliance. "As a spokesperson, I would propose our national convener Arvind Kejriwal's name," the AAP's chief national spokesperson told PTI. "He has given a model that benefits the



Atishi asserts he is not in race

Delhi minister Atishi, however, said Kejriwal is not in the race for the prime minister's post. Responding to a question on Kakkur's comments, she said, "I am making it official that Arvind Kejriwal is not in the race to become the prime minister of the country." "He has joined the India bloc to save the Constitution, democracy and the country," she said, while stating that Kakkur's views were personal.

people. I would want it to happen but the decision is not in my hands," she said.

When the party's Delhi convener and Environment Minister Gopal Rai was asked about it, he said every AAP member wants Kejriwal for the prime minister's post but a decision on it would only be finalised by all the members of the INDIA bloc. On whether the AAP will propose Kejriwal's name, he said, "There is nothing like giving a name. We are already

its part and Arvind Kejriwal is a part of the bloc." The comments came on the eve of the INDIA alliance's meeting in Mumbai during which the opposition leaders are expected to chalk out a joint campaign strategy to take on the BJP-led NDA in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections and iron out the differences among themselves.

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The musical fountain will be installed at a cost of about Rs 42 lakh. This will greatly benefit the people of the area. The beauty of this place will increase manifold in the night. Along with this, the beauty of the temple premises will also increase. With the initiative of Bhilai Nagar MLA Devendra Yadav, Baba Balak Nath Sarovar at Khursipar has been beautified. Not only this, along with the beautification of this pond, all kinds of facilities



Devendra Yadav

from music fountain to park, lighting, etc are being developed here. The citizens of the ward expressed heartfelt gratitude to MLA Devendra Yadav for the beautification of Baba Balak Nath Mandir Sarovar. Now Khursipar is not the same as before, today's Khursipar has all the facilities from sports ground to garden open gym, clean roads. People are getting basic facilities in their locality and there has been a lot of change in the lives of the people due to pure drinking water and regular cleaning of the streets.

SNG Dharma Samajam Sec-4 to celebrate Shri Narayana Gurudev Jayanti & Onam today

Bhilai, Aug 30: SNG Dharma Samajam Sector-4 is celebrating the 169th Shri Narayana Gurudev Jayanti on August 31, 2023. On this auspicious occasion, the Chief Guest is Dr Sunil P Illayidom (Kalady Shri Shankara University Malayalam Professor and Writer), Special Guest of honour Fr Thomas Ramban (Fr Raju Thomas) Vice President of St Thomas Mission, Bhilai and Suresh Kumar Pillai (President, Bhilai Nair Samajam). This information was given by the Samajam President VK Babu and Samajam General Secretary TU Sunil.

CCET celebrates Onam with great zeal and enthusiasm

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Bhilai, Aug 30: Christian College of Engineering and Technology, Bhilai celebrated Onam on the college's premises amidst much fanfare involving staff and management of the College on Tuesday.

The celebrations started with the setting up of an attractive floral decoration (pookalam) by MGOCSM CCET in the reception area that was reminiscent of the agrarian past of Kerala, a South Indian state.

Impressive designs and artistic creativity were the hallmarks of the Pookalam, which turned out to be attractive and mesmerizing and took



everyone into a world of festivity and fun. There were many cultural programs too. The arrival of Mahabali amid the beats of panchavadyam was well-received by the audience.

Another attraction of the day was the tradition-

al 'onasadya' that comprised more than 15 dishes served on banana leaves and included varieties of vegetables, rice, banana and payasam. All the management and staff enjoyed it a lot.

Fr Dr PS Varghese, executive vice chairman of

CCET and Principal Dr Dipali Soren wished the gathering a year filled with happiness, joy and prosperity. Staff and students of CCET, St Thomas College and MBVB and inmates of St Thomas Ashram participated in the day-long programmes.

Five Executives of Bhilai Steel Plant accorded warm farewell

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Bhilai, Aug 30: Five Executives, posted in various departments and mining towns of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant shall retire after their long service on August 31, 2023. The Farewell Ceremony for the five Executives was organized at DIC Conference Hall, Ispat Bhawan on August 28, 2023. Anirban Dasgupta, Director I/c (BSP), along with Nisha Soni, Acting ED (P&A) handed over the Superannuation Order and Service Certificate to the Superannuating Officers.

Anirban Dasgupta, Director I/c (BSP) bid farewell to the departing



steel fraternity and wished them a healthy and happy life. Dasgupta also appreciated the retiring employees for their commendable contribution to their respective fields. The executives retiring include Sandeep Shrivastava, GM (Blast Furnaces), Sonali Mukherjee, GM(C&IT), Dr Anjala Singh, ACMO

(M&HS), AK Jallan, Sr Mgr (PP&C) and Punaram Kaliyari, Asst Mgr (Stores). The retiring executives also shared their service experience at SAIL and plans for the future, after superannuation. Underlining their contribution, the departing steel fraternity was wished a healthy and happy life by the Plant Management.

BSP's Dengue Prevention Campaign functioning on war-footing in township

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 30: SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant, along with Durg District Administration and other agencies is jointly running an intense Dengue and other mosquito-borne diseases prevention campaign in the township. A team of as many as 94 members are keeping a strict vigil on prevention of Mosquito-Breeding in the township, especially Sectors-2, 4 & 6.

On August 30, 2023, as many as 73 Breeding Checkers visited door-to-door and inspected mosquito larvae and sprayed medicines, besides making people aware of prevention and precautionary measures of mosquito-borne diseases.

In view of the rising cases of dengue in Durg and Bhilai, the Public Health Department, under the TSD of SAIL-BSP and



Durg Malaria Eradication Department, is jointly running the survey and awareness campaign to keep mosquito-borne diseases at bay. Pushpendra Meena, District Collector, Durg, Rohit Vyas, Commissioner (Durg), Ashok Dwivedi, Additional Commissioner (Durg), along with JY Sapkal, CGM (TSD & CSR) also inspected the status and updates of the ongoing Dengue Prevention Campaign in various sectors of the township.

On 30th August, 2023, 1,191 houses in the township were surveyed and in-

tensive Spraying and fogging were carried out under this campaign at as many as 48 houses. In view of the possibility of Mosquito Larvae breeding, stagnant water sources were inspected at 1,055 spots. 44 houses were found with spots having mosquito larvae, which were cleaned and sprayed with medicines along with Temephos distribution at 613 houses.

Rigorous Oiling, spraying of medicines in the backline, water fogging, spraying with mist blower machine etc, along with pamphlet distribution and



loudspeaker announcements are also being done in Sectors-1, 2, 4 and Sector-6 areas of the township. An awareness campaign through posters, banners and staging of Nukkad Natak at township's schools, temples, and other public places is also being run to make the people aware to combat and prevent causation of Dengue and other mosquito borne diseases.

Two-day Kabaddi Tournament marks CSR's National Sports Day

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Bhilai, Aug 30: Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Department of BSP in association with Village Panchayat and Education Department, Village Machandur celebrated National Sports Day on Tuesday to commemorate the Birth Anniversary of Wizard of Hockey, Major Dhyanchand. A School-Level Kabaddi Tournament was organised for the Village children at Machandur. RK Srivastava, CGM (Projects) was the Chief Guest on this occasion. Villagers and School Children were also present in large numbers.

Addressing the gathering RK Srivastava congratulated the players and said that playing Sports and Games are very important for an overall physical and mental



Development. It inculcates the spirit of Sportsmanship in children. RK Srivastava said. With the beginning of Pro-kabaddi Tournaments people's interest has started increasing towards Kabaddi. 16 teams from Machandur and nearby villages took part in the tournament. Team Machandur-B won the Final Match with 2 points, which was played between Machandur-A and Machandur-B Teams. A Cash Prize worth Rs 5,000 was awarded as 1st Prize,

along with Cash Prize of Rs 3,000 and Rs 2,000 for Second and Third positions respectively. Lucky Nishad was awarded the Best player of the Tournament. In the Welcome Address, Shivrajan Nair, GM (CSR) said that Sports and Games inculcate the tenets of team spirit in the students. Studies do lead to intellectual development but sports and games are equally essential for balanced physical development. Sushil Kamde, Senior Manager (CSR), Ajit

Pathak, PTI, Dilip Sahu, Sarpanch (Machandur), BN Choudhary, Principal (HSSC Machandur) were also present on this occasion, along with Budhelal Sahu, from BSP-CSR and Dharmendra Pathak, from Sadbhavana Group. The programme was compered by Rajni Rajak, while BN Choudhary proposed the Vote of Thanks. Village Panchayat, Machandur and Machandur School management also contributed for organising the programme successfully.

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Bhilai, Aug 30: With the initiative of Bhilai Nagar MLA, a musical fountain will be installed in a pond located in Baba Balak Nath Temple premises. It will be the first pond in Khursipar area, where a musical fountain will be installed. There is a grand pond in the Baba Balak Nath temple complex. The beautification of this pond has been done by the initiative of Bhilai Nagar MLA Devendra Yadav. A musical fountain will be installed here.

The musical fountain will be installed at a cost of about Rs 42 lakh. This will greatly benefit the people of the area. The beauty of this place will increase manifold in the night. Along with this, the beauty of the temple premises will also increase. With the initiative of Bhilai Nagar MLA Devendra Yadav, Baba Balak Nath Sarovar at Khursipar has been beautified. Not only this, along with the beautification of this pond, all kinds of facilities



Devendra Yadav

from music fountain to park, lighting, etc are being developed here. The citizens of the ward expressed heartfelt gratitude to MLA Devendra Yadav for the beautification of Baba Balak Nath Mandir Sarovar. Now Khursipar is not the same as before, today's Khursipar has all the facilities from sports ground to garden open gym, clean roads. People are getting basic facilities in their locality and there has been a lot of change in the lives of the people due to pure drinking water and regular cleaning of the streets.

SNG Dharma Samajam Sec-4 to celebrate Shri Narayana Gurudev Jayanti & Onam today

Bhilai, Aug 30: SNG Dharma Samajam Sector-4 is celebrating the 169th Shri Narayana Gurudev Jayanti on August 31, 2023. On this auspicious occasion, the Chief Guest is Dr Sunil P Illayidom (Kalady Shri Shankara University Malayalam Professor and Writer), Special Guest of honour Fr Thomas Ramban (Fr Raju Thomas) Vice President of St Thomas Mission, Bhilai and Suresh Kumar Pillai (President, Bhilai Nair Samajam). This information was given by the Samajam President VK Babu and Samajam General Secretary TU Sunil.

CCET celebrates Onam with great zeal and enthusiasm

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Bhilai, Aug 30: Christian College of Engineering and Technology, Bhilai celebrated Onam on the college's premises amidst much fanfare involving staff and management of the College on Tuesday.

The celebrations started with the setting up of an attractive floral decoration (pookalam) by MGOCSM CCET in the reception area that was reminiscent of the agrarian past of Kerala, a South Indian state.

Impressive designs and artistic creativity were the hallmarks of the pookalam, which turned out to be attractive and mesmerizing and took



everyone into a world of festivity and fun. There were many cultural programs too. The arrival of Mahabali amid the beats of panchavadyam was well-received by the audience.

Another attraction of the day was the tradition-

al 'onasadya' that comprised more than 15 dishes served on banana leaves and included varieties of vegetables, rice, banana and payasam. All the management and staff enjoyed it a lot.

Fr Dr PS Varghese, executive vice chairman of

CCET and Principal Dr Dipali Soren wished the gathering a year filled with happiness, joy and prosperity. Staff and students of CCET, St Thomas College and MBVB and inmates of St Thomas Ashram participated in the day-long programmes.

Five Executives of Bhilai Steel Plant accorded warm farewell

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Bhilai, Aug 30: Five Executives, posted in various departments and mining towns of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant shall retire after their long service on August 31, 2023. The Farewell Ceremony for the five Executives was organized at DIC Conference Hall, Ispat Bhawan on August 28, 2023. Anirban Dasgupta, Director I/c (BSP), along with Nisha Soni, Acting ED (P&A) handed over the Superannuation Order and Service Certificate to the Superannuating Officers.

Anirban Dasgupta, Director I/c (BSP) bid farewell to the departing



steel fraternity and wished them a healthy and happy life. Dasgupta also appreciated the retiring employees for their commendable contribution to their respective fields. The executives retiring include Sandeep Shrivastava, GM (Blast Furnaces), Sonali Mukherjee, GM(C&IT), Dr Anjala Singh, ACMO

(M&HS), AK Jallan, Sr Mgr (PP&C) and Punaram Kaliyari, Asst Mgr (Stores). The retiring executives also shared their service experience at SAIL and plans for the future, after superannuation. Underlining their contribution, the departing steel fraternity was wished a healthy and happy life by the Plant Management.

BSP's Dengue Prevention Campaign functioning on war-footing in township

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Bhilai, Aug 30: SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant, along with Durg District Administration and other agencies is jointly running an intense Dengue and other mosquito-borne diseases prevention campaign in the township. A team of as many as 94 members are keeping a strict vigil on prevention of Mosquito-Breeding in the township, especially Sectors-2, 4 & 6.

On August 30, 2023, as many as 73 Breeding Checkers visited door-to-door and inspected mosquito larvae and sprayed medicines, besides making people aware of prevention and precautionary measures of mosquito-borne diseases.

In view of the rising cases of dengue in Durg and Bhilai, the Public Health Department, under the TSD of SAIL-BSP and



Durg Malaria Eradication Department, is jointly running the survey and awareness campaign to keep mosquito-borne diseases at bay. Pushpendra Meena, District Collector, Durg, Rohit Vyas, Commissioner (Durg), Ashok Dwivedi, Additional Commissioner (Durg), along with JY Sapkal, CGM (TSD & CSR) also inspected the status and updates of the ongoing Dengue Prevention Campaign in various sectors of the township.

On 30th August, 2023, 1,191 houses in the township were surveyed and in-

tensive Spraying and fogging were carried out under this campaign at as many as 48 houses. In view of the possibility of Mosquito Larvae breeding, stagnant water sources were inspected at 1,055 spots. 44 houses were found with spots having mosquito larvae, which were cleaned and sprayed with medicines along with Temephos distribution at 613 houses.

Rigorous Oiling, spraying of medicines in the backline, water fogging, spraying with mist blower machine etc, along with pamphlet distribution and



loudspeaker announcements are also being done in Sectors-1, 2, 4 and Sector-6 areas of the township. An awareness campaign through posters, banners and staging of Nukkad Natak at township's schools, temples, and other public places is also being run to make the people aware to combat and prevent causation of Dengue and other mosquito borne diseases.

Two-day Kabaddi Tournament marks CSR's National Sports Day

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Bhilai, Aug 30: Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Department of BSP in association with Village Panchayat and Education Department, Village Machandur celebrated National Sports Day on Tuesday to commemorate the Birth Anniversary of Wizard of Hockey, Major Dhyanchand. A School-Level Kabaddi Tournament was organised for the Village children at Machandur. RK Srivastava, CGM (Projects) was the Chief Guest on this occasion. Villagers and School Children were also present in large numbers.

Addressing the gathering RK Srivastava congratulated the players and said that playing Sports and Games are very important for an overall physical and mental



Development. It inculcates the spirit of Sportsmanship in children. RK Srivastava said. With the beginning of Pro-kabaddi Tournaments people's interest has started increasing towards Kabaddi. 16 teams from Machandur and nearby villages took part in the tournament. Team Machandur-B won the Final Match with 2 points, which was played between Machandur-A and Machandur-B Teams. A Cash Prize worth Rs 5,000 was awarded as 1st Prize,

along with Cash Prize of Rs 3,000 and Rs 2,000 for Second and Third positions respectively. Lucky Nishad was awarded the Best player of the Tournament. In the Welcome Address, Shivrajan Nair, GM (CSR) said that Sports and Games inculcate the tenets of team spirit in the students. Studies do lead to intellectual development but sports and games are equally essential for balanced physical development. Sushil Kamde, Senior Manager (CSR), Ajit

Pathak, PTI, Dilip Sahu, Sarpanch (Machandur), BN Choudhary, Principal (HSSC Machandur) were also present on this occasion, along with Budhelal Sahu, from BSP-CSR and Dharmendra Pathak, from Sadbhavana Group. The programme was compered by Rajni Rajak, while BN Choudhary proposed the Vote of Thanks. Village Panchayat, Machandur and Machandur School management also contributed for organising the programme successfully.

Amit Shah to release charge-sheet against Cong govt on Sept 2

● **BJP committee has submitted draft**



Raipur, Aug 30: Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and Union Home Minister Amit Shah would release charge-sheet of his party against the ruling Congress government on September 2 during his visit here.

According to the information received, Shah would be reaching Raipur on September 1 evening. He would be interacting with the senior party leaders at BJP headquarters situated at Kushabhau Thakre premises in the evening. It is learnt that he would be releasing charge-sheet against Congress government on September

2 at Deendayal Upadhyaya Auditorium in the morning. Later, he would be addressing a Tribal Convention at Saraipalli in Mahasamund District on Saturday afternoon before returning back to New Delhi. It is notable that the BJP has constituted a charge-sheet committee under the chairmanship of senior Legislator and

Second list of BJP candidates soon

Raipur: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) central leadership would release second list of the party candidates soon for the upcoming Legislative Assembly polls.

The BJP MLAs from the neighbouring states have submitted feedback report to party high command after they were entrusted to visit the poll-bound Chhattisgarh to study the existing political scenario. They have also provided their recommendations for best candidates in each Legislative Assembly constituencies.

On the basis of their recommendations and the series of internal survey conducted, the party would be announcing candidates for nearly 25 seats soon.

Chief Spokesperson Ajay Chandrakar to expose the Congress government on key issues. Party insiders informed that the committee has already prepared under the charge-sheet which would be released in pres-

ence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah on September 2.

BJP leaders have speeded the activities over the scheduled meeting with Shah on Friday evening on his arrival.

TIGHT SECURITY



The state police conducted drill to ensure tight security near Ghasidas Museum where the President of India Draupadi Murmu is expected to visit tomorrow.

Raju Tiwari appointed Sr Spokesperson

● **CPCC announces spokespersons and media panelists**



Raipur, Aug 30: Chhattisgarh Pradesh Congress Committee (CPCC) President Deepaj Bajj on Wednesday announced the names of the Senior Spokespersons, Spokespersons and Media Panelist in the Communication Department.

According to the information received, senior Congress leader Ghanshyam Raju Tiwari has been elevated as Senior Spokesperson of the Party whereas Surendra Sharma, Sishupal Shori, RP Singh, Dhananjaya Thakur, Suresh Verma and Neeta

Lodhi have been also included as Senior Spokesperson.

Similarly, Shree Kumar Menon and Amit Shrivastava from Raipur, Abhay Narayan Rao, Vandana Rajput and several others have been appointed Spokespersons.

Apart from them, the TV Panelists too have been appointed for the upcoming events.

Express-Goods train came on same track, passengers panic

Accident averted as Goods train loco pilot stopped the train well on time

Between Daghapara-Chakrabhata station of Bilaspur-Raipur route



Raipur, Aug 30: In line with the Balasor train accident of Odisha, an Express and Goods train came on the same track between Daghapara-Chakrabhata station between Bilaspur-Raipur route on Wednesday evening and this created panic among the passengers of the Express train

standing at the platform. To witness the same, many people gathered at the venue. Though no accident took place between the two trains, but it has brought into fore carelessness on part of the railway authorities.

It is notable here that last in the month of June, a Superfast Express train and Goods train collided on the same track hitting the third nearby and in

this around 288 persons died and more than 900 persons got injured and investigation in this regard are still in process.

On Wednesday evening at 4:00 pm a passenger train left from Bilaspur to Raipur and passing from Daghapara station it got stationed at Chakrabhata railway station near the over-bridge. During this the passengers found a Goods train coming from

behind and this left the passengers in panic and all of them got down from the train.

With two trains coming on the same track and passengers coming out of the train, the nearby people also gathered at the venue and crowd on the over-bridge also increased. During this many persons got the video of two trains coming on the same track and posted it on the social media and it became viral in no time. This is being reported as carelessness on part of the railway authorities. It is learnt that the loco pilot of the goods train stopped the train well on time, or it could have led to another a-la Balasore incident.

CM's resorting to tool-kit politics through correspondence with Centre: Soni

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Raipur, Aug 30: Terming the decision of Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel to write letter to the Prime Minister and Central Ministers seeking central interference and assistance on key issues, the Bharatiya Janata Party on Wednesday termed it to be a tool-kit strategy.

BJP Parliamentarian Sunil Soni said that instead of writing letters to Government of India on key issues, the Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel should interrogate the shortcoming instead of questioning the Centre. He further stated that just writing letter or

corresponding with Centre is not enough, the CM Baghel should try to solve the issues on its own.

Soni further stated that CM Baghel should also reply to the letters written by heavy-weight Minister TS Singhdeo who had raised the issue of residential quarters for the eligible persons under PM Housing Scheme and Jaisingh Agrawal who had diverted the attention on the working and corruption of a senior officer of his district. Soni said that CM should also reply to the queries of elected People's Representatives who try to highlight the shortcomings of administration.

Accused in youth's murder case nabbed

● **Main reason was marrying his friend's name-sake sister**

Raipur, Aug 30: A youth was brutally murdered by an old friend of his stabbing him with a knife and the reason behind the murder was an affair of the victim with his friend's name sake sister and later marrying her secretly after a love affair. This developed enmity between the two and the Telibandha police has nabbed the accused who was absconding after the murder.

As per information in this regard, Neeraj Nanda Shyam R/o Telibandha was involved in pur-

chase of items. Near to his one Rajendra Rajput used to live and both were good old friends. In-between Neeraj Nanda develops love for name-sake sister of Rajendra Rajput and both married each other after two months of love affair. This Rajendra somehow could not tolerate and this resulted in verbal fight between the two and later turning into personal enmity and quarrel.

As per information in this regard, the fight between the two had assumed proportion and both the victim and accused used to feel that either of them can be murdered if they get a chance. This turned into reality

and on Tuesday night at around 11:00 am Neeraj was present near his residence and then Rajendra arrived with a knife in his hand and stabbed his thrice on the back and in the front. He fell down and was bleeding profusely and due to excess bleeding he died on the spot.

In this case, TI Telibandha Faizal Hodashah informed that the accused after the murder was absconding since last night and was taken into arrest on Wednesday afternoon. So it was basically a case of rivalry which came fore as main reason behind murder and police is further investigating into the matter.

CM requests PM to get the national census done

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Raipur, Aug 30: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has written a letter to Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi and requested to get the national census conducted while setting a separate code for other backward classes. He also requested Prime Minister to shift the headquarters of NMDC from Hyderabad to Jagdalpur.

Chief Minister Baghel stated in the letter that necessary initiatives and decisions should be taken at the earliest on this important and sensitive subject matter i.e. reservation of OBCs.

In April 2023, I had re-

quested for the benefit of 27 percent reservation for other backward classes of Chhattisgarh state and to include this subject in the 9th Schedule of the Constitution. I am sure you will agree that it is necessary to provide reservation to the large population of OBCs, who have been deprived of socio-political rights for centuries. This decision is necessary to keep up the spirit of equality and social justice provided by the constitution, stated Chief Minister in the letter.

Baghel has further stated that the bill to implement 32, 13, 27 and 4 percent reservation for

the people of Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes and EWS respectively was passed unanimously by the state assembly in December 2022. Unfortunately, that bill is still pending for approval in Raj Bhavan.

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel stated that denying the constitutional rights to this major part of population will inevitably upset them. It is beyond comprehension that despite all the efforts of the state government, people belonging to other backward classes are not being provided the benefit of 27 percent reservation.

Girls from school and Bal Gram tied Rakhi to Governor

Raipur, Aug 30: Girls of SOS Bal Gram Raipur and St. Xavier's School tied rakhi to Governor Vishwabhushan Harichandan on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan on Wednesday. The Governor gave sweets to all the girls and blessed them. The girls of the SOS Bal Gram presented a mandala art painting made by their own hands.

On this occasion S.O.S. Girls of Bal Gram Kumari Rajee Salbam, Mishri Bose, Akshara Rao, Sanjana Janghel, Chuneshwari Sahu and Bal Gram's director Nipuna Sen, Counselor Mrs. Munita Singh Thakur, Girls of St. Xavier's School R. Sridevi, Maulshree, Avika Tyagi, Samridhi Singhal and school teacher Mrs. Shobha Chauhan were present.

Preparations for 10th convocation of CU complete

● **To be Held on Sept 1, rehearsal to be held today**

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Bilaspur, Aug 30: The Tenth Convocation ceremony of Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (a Central University) will be held at 10.00 a.m. on September 01, 2023 in the Rajat Jayanti Sabhagar. The Chief Guest of the 10th Convocation will be Droupadi Murmu, President of India. Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal, Vice-Chancellor, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (Central University) will preside over the function and will present the annual report of the university.

Governor of Chhattisgarh Vishwabhushan Harichandan and Chief Minister of state Bhupesh Baghel will be the Guest of

Honor in the Tenth Convocation ceremony of the University. On this occasion, Union Minister of State for Tribal Affairs Renuka Singh and Dr. Atul Kothari, National Secretary Shiksha Sanskriti Utthan Nyas, New Delhi will also grace the programme.

For the event, 7 reception gates have been made from main road, Koni to the university campus. Along with 104 students who have come from different parts of the country to attend the convocation ceremony, their parents are also attending, whose total number is also 104. Thus, the total number of students and parents is 208.

Group photo with the President

On the arrival of the Chief Guest, President Droupadi Murmu, group photographs will be taken at the venue, first, with the members of the Executive Council and the Academic Council, and then with the



students. For this, the place for both the groups to sit in the university has been fixed outside the Silver Jubilee Auditorium. Thereafter, the Shobha Yatra will be formed and will proceed to the Rajat Jayanti Sabhagar.

In the ceremony, announcement will be made to award degrees to 2897 students who have passed various examinations (undergraduate, postgraduate, degree etc.) for the session 2021-22. On the other

hand, 72 students who secured first position in the merit list will be awarded 84 medals including University Gold Medal, 10 Donor Medal, 01 Guru Ghasidas Medal and 01 Chancellor Medal. 28 research scholars will be awarded Ph.D. degree.

Graduation rehearsal
The rehearsal of the Tenth Convocation ceremony is being held on Thursday, Aug 31 at 11:00 am in the Rajat Jayanti Sabhagar of the University. Students and

research scholars who are going to receive gold medals and Ph.D. degrees in the ceremony have been directed to be present at 10 am for rehearsal.

The order of the rehearsal of the Tenth Convocation procession has been decided in such a way that the Registrar, members of the Academic Council, Executive Council, Deans of various schools and guests will be followed by the Vice-Chancellor/Chancellor, with the procession leaving from hall number 1 to the venue. On the other hand, during the return, the procession will proceed from the ceremony venue to hall number 1 in reverse order.

Ayush and Pankaj will get Chancellor and Guru Ghasidas Medal
Ayush Tamarkar (BA LLB) will be awarded Chancellor's Medal in the session 2021-2022. The Chancellor's Medal is awarded to a student for all-round excellence on

the basis of the student's contribution to academics, sports activities, social work, and leadership skills. Pankaj Arya will be honored with Guru Ghasidas Medal in the session 2021-2022. This medal is given to the student securing the highest marks in all the streams in the entire university.

28 students to get PhD degrees

28 students from 8 schools of the university will be awarded PhD degree in which there are 7 students of School of Arts, 02 of School of Social Sciences, 04 of School of Physical Sciences, 03 of School of Life Sciences, 1 of School of Management and Commerce, 07 of School of Natural Resources, 03 of School of Education and 01 of School of Engineering and Technology.

10 students will get donor medals
Among the students

who will receive Donor Medals are 1. Karnika Verma, MSc Forestry and Environmental Science - Late Mrs. Lakshmidevi - Shri Fakirchand Ji Aggarwal Memorial Medal, 02. Purvi Jain MSc Forestry and Environmental Science (Forest Management) - Late Shri Vinod Kumar Shrivastava Memorial Medal, 03. Mamta Kaushik MSc Mathematics - Late Mrs. Kishori Devi - Late Shri Muralidhar Pateria Memorial Medal, 04. Kirti Singh MBA - Late Mrs. Sumitra Devi - Late Shri Damrulal Pateria Memorial Medal, 05. Dhananjay Kaiwartya MA Economics - Late Mrs. Sulochana Devi Lakhanlal Trivedi Memorial Medal, 06. Yamini Singh MA Economics - Late Mrs. Sulochana Devi Lakhanlal Trivedi Memorial Medal, 07.

Manish Kumar Chandan MCA SC/ST Category- Late Mrs. Sharda-Professor Manoranjan Prasad Sinha Memorial Medal, 08. Pankaj Adile MCA, SC/ST Category- Late Smt. Sharda-Professor Manoranjan Prasad Sinha Memorial Medal, 09. Aparna Nirmalkar MA Journalism and Mass Communication- Late Shri Ram Gopal Srivastava Memorial Medal and 10. Ankita Prasad MA English- Late Professor (Dr.) N.P. Shrivastava Memorial Medal.

Under the able leadership and efficient guidance of Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal, preparations for the Tenth Convocation have almost been completed. Security agencies have made elaborate security arrangements at the designated place, as per the protocol.

Ch'garh's culture and heritage are gaining recognition domestically and internationally: CM

Through the state gov't's initiatives

CM announces development of Champaran, the birthplace of Lord Vallabhacharya, as a tourist destination

CM attends the Ramayana Festival in Champaran

Raipur, Aug 30: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the construction works for the Ram Van Gaman Tourism Circuit and participated in the Champaran Ramayana Festival at Champaran in Raipur district on August 29.

In the vibrant celebration, the inauguration program was held on the premises of Shri Champeshwar Mahadev Temple, and the grand Ramayana Mahotsav of Champaran was held at Government School, Daganiya village. The event featured captivating cultural performances, including a collective recitation of the Hanuman Chalisa by the district-level winner Manas Mandali, a soul-stirring



Ram Bhajan by Prabhjanay Chaturvedi of Bhilai, and a mesmerising performance by Shanmukh Priya of Mumbai.

Addressing the gathering in Champaran, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel highlighted the ongoing construction of Chhattisgarh's Ram Van Gaman tourism circuit. He shared that the majestic statue of Lord Shri Ram has been established in Chandrakhuri, followed by a second in Shivrinarayan and a third in Rajiv Lochan. He unveiled the fourth statue of Lord Shri Ram in Champaran, a significant place of Champeshwar Mahadev. The Chief Minister also expressed his privilege in attending the worship of the Champeshwar Mahadev. He also declared that the Champeshwar Mahadev

Temple Trust would manage a cafeteria based on a no-profit, no-loss policy.

He highlighted the significance of Champaran as Lord Vallabhacharya's manifestation site, which has gained immense recognition even internationally. He shared that the state government will develop this site as a tourist spot and that efforts will be made to preserve its rich heritage. The state government has taken various initiatives, such as BADAL, to safeguard the indigenous traditions of tribals and restore their Ghotul. A national tribal dance festival has attracted global participation, showcasing the area's splendid cultural wealth.

The Chief Minister highlighted the unique Ramayana Mahotsav, a first in the nation, expressing a belief in divinity's omnipresence. He shared

the state's condition during the pandemic and emphasised the continuous support provided by the state government to the farmers and citizens of the state. He greeted the people of Chhattisgarh at the Rakhi festival and reiterated the state government's commitment to serving every individual.

MLA Dhanendra Sahu shared that the Chief Minister has initiated work to transform the path followed by Lord Shri Ram in Chhattisgarh into the Ram Van Gaman Path. He further shared that the Champaran holds the status of Panchkoshi Dham, and various development projects are underway. He also highlighted the substantial developmental projects dedicated by Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel to Champaran, contributing to its growth and progress.

Culture Minister Amarjit Bhagat, Lok Sabha MP Deepak Baij, Chairman of Chhattisgarh Tourism Board Atal Srivastava, Chairman of Gau Seva Aayog Rajshree Dr. Mahant Ram Sundar Das, and Chairman of State Industrial Development Corporation Nand Kumar Sai were present.

Mayor of Iksan City honoured with Ch'garh State Emblem and Souvenir

Raipur, Aug 30: Mayor Chung Heon-Yool of Iksan City, South Korea, was conferred with the Chhattisgarh State Emblem and a commemorative souvenir today by MK Miki, the National Executive President of Indian Scout Guide Fellowship. The delegation informed Mayor Yool that this is the official state emblem of Chhattisgarh.

It is noteworthy that India and South Korea share significant cultural ties. Historically, there is evidence of a royal wedding between a princess from Ayodhya and a prince from Korea nearly two thousand years ago. The princess had traveled to Korea by sea route, and in memory of this event, a park has also been established in Ayodhya.

Chhattisgarh also holds a strong connection with Lord Ram, and this connection further strengthens the cultural bond between both the countries. Recently, a 29-member Joint Indian Contingent from Indian Scout Guide Fellowship and ATAS India, led by Justice Kalpesh Jhaveri, Chief Justice of Odisha High



Court attended the 25th World Scout Jamboree 2023 held in South Korea. The Iksan City Mayor's Office, in collaboration with the Iksan Culture and Tourism Foundation and the Department of Culture and Tourism Industry, South Korea, organized a tour of cultural and tourism significant places on August 4th and 5th, and hosted a night

banquet in honor of the Indian delegation. MK Miki, the National Executive President of Indian Scout Guide Fellowship, was granted honorary citizenship by South Korea, recognizing his contributions to the Indian Scout Guide Fellowship. Chairman of ATAS India Chhattisgarh Chapter Prem Prakash Sharma and Deputy Chairman Jitendra Sakharé were also part of the Joint Indian Contingent of Indian Scout Guide Fellowship and ATAS India.

It is worth mentioning that prior to participating in the 25th World Scout Jamboree, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel had extended his best wishes to the participants from Chhattisgarh.

CGDEA felicitates Menon

Raipur, Aug 30: The newly elected office bearers of Chhattisgarh Diploma Engineer's Association (CGDEA) led by H C Rathore President, Alok Nagpure Vice President, Dhananjay Dewangan Auditor were administered oath at a programme organised in Vishwakarma Bhavan Deopuri. In the same programme retired engineer and erstwhile president of CGDEA for a long time Gopal Menon was felicitated for his contribution and services to the association.



Police solves jewellery theft case of Rs 4.52 lakh

Nabs one minor and other accused managed to escape from thana

Five police employees on duty also suspended

Simga, Aug 30: Cyber Cell and Simga thana combined police team solved the theft incident of gold and silver jewellery worth Rs 4.52 lakh and nabbed the minor boy and the other accused involved in the incident, who later managed to escape from thana due to carelessness on part of the police. The Avenger motorcycle used in the crime and Jupiter Scooty too has been seized by the police. On this a total of five police officers and employees of Simga



thana have been suspended. The complainant Manjula Sharma, R/o Karamchari Colony, Simga Thana came and filed report that on intervening night of Aug 19-20 some unknown person broke open the main gate of the house and ran away with the gold and silver jewellery.

The police after lodging complaint, checked all CCTV footage and found CCTV footage of 2 unknown persons entering

the house for theft. On checking the details, one of the accused was identified as Sandeep Mahilange, S/o Badri Mahilange (25), R/o Gram Singapur, Thana Bhatapara (rural) and present address New Anand Nagar, Bhanpuri Thana Khamtarai Raipur and other accused was a minor boy. Both were brought to the thana and their statements were taken. It was based upon the statement and location by Sandeep

Mahilange, the police recovered gold/silver jewellery worth Rs 2.50 lakh and cash of Rs 40000, totalling 2.90 lakh from his possession and seized the motorcycle used by the accused. The statement by the minor boy was also noted and jewellery worth Rs 1.50 lakh and cash of Rs 12000, totalling Rs 1.62 was also recovered from his possession and the Jupiter Scooty used by the minor was also seized. In this way the police seized jewellery worth Rs 4.0 lakh and cash of Rs 52000 from the possession of the two accused, totalling Rs 4.52 lakh. The two accused also accepted of conducting crime in other places and used to share the stolen amount. On finding involvement of minor boy in the crime, the po-

lice prepared the background and produced him in juvenile court in Balodabazaar.

The accused Sandeep Mahilange after his statement on Aug 26 and other interrogation was brought to Simga Thana and kept safely there and sufficient police force was deployed for the security. In-between Sandeep Mahilange managed to escape on the intervening night of Aug-26-27 from Simga thana and against him a case under section 224 was filed and taken into investigation. On charges of dereliction in the duty, total of five officers and employees of Simga Thana have been suspended from duty and SDOP Ashish Arora has been appointed as inquiry officer to probe into the matter.

State team wins 14 medals



At 14th Nat'l Thai Boxing C'ship

Raipur, Aug 30: In the 14th National Thai Boxing Championship which concluded on August 27 in Bhubaneswar, state team won 7th place with 15 medals (02 gold, 04 silver and 09 silver). Thirty member (14 female and 16 male) state team participated in this champi-



onship. Mansi Tandil, student of Shri Gujrati Hinsi Medium School Raipur won the first gold for Chhattisgarh team. Mohd Kaif Azad, former

student of Orient Public School Ambikapur won another gold for the state team on the last day of this event.

Anis Memon was invited as chief judge for the championship while Tikeshwari Sahu took part as referee and jury. The team returned back to Raipur on August 29 by Durg-Puri Express and was accorded a warm welcome at the station.

219V Vahini CRPF organized sports competitions

And administered oath to the jawans on the occasion of National Sports Day

Konta, Aug 30: "National Sports Day" was celebrated on Aug 29 at 219V Vahini CRPF Headquarters, Injram, District Sukma, Chhattisgarh. National Sports Day is celebrated on the occasion of the birth anniversary of "The Wizard of Hockey" Major Dhyan Chand to honour his legacy and to acknowledge the importance of sports in our lives. Sports Week from Aug 23-29 is organized at CRPF Headquarters and all Services various sports such as football, cricket, badminton and volleyball competitions were organized during which soldiers as well as officers participated enthusiastically and encouraged the soldiers towards sports.



On this occasion, Nitin Kumar, Commandant administered oath to all the personnel present to include sports in their lifestyle. Explaining the importance of sports to all the jawans, he addressed that the main objective of National Sports Day is to promote awareness about the importance of sports and being physically active in daily life. Sports not only provide physical strength but also increase mental strength. The number of people suffering from physical and mental stress is increasing in the country / mainly in the armed forces which is not a good sign and as an effort to combat it sports should be included in our busy lifestyle. It gives us the strength to fight against the increasing pressure of work and other problems. Sports played on the ground like football, cricket, volleyball, hockey, running etc.

help in improving physical health and mental fitness. However, brain games like chess, sudoku etc. played indoors increase the level of our mental power and ability to concentrate.

Neeraj Kumar Singh (Second Commanding Officer), Suryakant Singh (Second Commanding Officer), T. Bhagat Singh (Deputy Commandant), Rajesh Kumar (Assistant Commandant), Dr. Mohammad Ibrahim (Medical Officer), Yash Kumar on the occasion of National Sports Day Gautam (Assistant Commandant) along with the subordinate officers and all other personnel of the battalion were present.

Christian conversion issue spurs tensions in Bastar division

Decision to boycott converted families in Tirathgarh

Letter submitted to Tehsildar

Administration stopped 48 families from migrating; people of Christian religion are still scared

Nizam Rahman

Jagalpur, Aug 30: Tensions escalate in Bastar division as a decision to boycott Christian-converted families stirs up strife. In a significant development, 48 Christian families from Chintanpalli, a dependent village of Moramed Panchayat in Bijapur district, have been instructed to vacate the premises. This step has led to a meeting in Tirathgarh village, Bastar district, where resolutions to isolate the converted families and impose trade restrictions were adopted.

The Tirathgarh villagers, concerned about the impact of conversions on their community, united against the converted families. The resolutions, documented and presented to the Darbha Tehsildar, include imposing a Rs 5,000 fine on those associating with the converted families and barring transactions with their shops. Notably, the meeting insist-

Villagers holds demonstration, give 48 hrs ultimatum

To the police for action against the converts. Converts thrashed father and son who went to return to their original religion, tension in Targan.



Rama and Panchu Kashyap S/o Gangu have been harassed. Since then, a tense situation prevailed in Targan. The above two villagers demonstrated together with the villagers in Targan on Friday, demanding action against the Christian converts who harassed them. The protesters have given the police an ultimatum of 48 hours to take action against the converts.

The villagers informed that two months ago, a gram sabha was convened in the village and it was decided that the families converted to Christianity could return to their original religion. In the event of not doing so, the Christian converts were left to bury their dead bodies within the village limits, but the use of traditional water sources, use of land and forests. At the same time, people of other religions were prohibited from working in the fields of Christian converts, having any kind of relation with the converts. As per the decision of the Gram Sabha, the responsibility was given to the family members for the return of the Christian converts to their original religion so that the tradition and culture of the village can be protected in a peaceful manner. According to this decision, Panchu and

Panchu were giving advice to the converted people of their family. Meanwhile, other Christian converts of the village also came there and the dispute that followed resulted in a fight. The villagers alleged that no action was taken by the police to give protection to the Christian converts. If action is not taken against the culprits in the next 48 hours, strict decisions will be taken by calling a meeting in the village.

It is noteworthy that a day before, the newly appointed state president of Congress, Deepak Baij, had arrived with full preparation on the 14th allegation regarding religious conversion.



tion is essential to address the intricate issue of conversion in Bastar division.

Efforts to mediate arose as officials, including SDM Pawan Kumar Premi, SP Chandrakant Garvana, SDOP Ashish Kunjam, Tehsildar DR Dhruv, Patwari, and Sarpanch, convened at Toynar Higher Secondary School. The goal was conflict resolution, urging mutual respect and communal progress. Police, represented by SP Chandrakant Garvana, cautioned against further faith-based evictions, with stringent actions threatened by the district administration. Lakhmu, a local youth, shared that nearly 40 Chintanpalli families embraced Christianity a decade ago,

leaving to evade potential conflict. Fear prevails those converting to Christianity, with Sangeet Mudma expressing danger in returning to the village.

Preservation of tribal culture emerged as a central concern for Chintanpalli villagers, attributing the Chhattisgarh government's initiatives, such as appointing Devguni (spiritual leaders), to safeguarding traditions. Allegedly, Christian converts abstain from village deity offerings, and some assert that foreign practices must not infiltrate the community. In a significant stride, five families voluntarily reverted to their original faith, signaling a potential path to resolution.

Players honoured in SECL on National Sports Day

Central Chronicle News

Korba, Aug 30: On the occasion of National Sports Day 2023, a one-day table tennis competition was organized at SECL Headquarters as per the program given by the Ministry of Sports, Government of India and Coal India, which concluded on Aug 29 in the SECL Hq's Administrative Building CMD Conference Hall by Chairman cum Managing Director Dr. Prem Sagar Mishra, Director Technical (Operations) SK Pal, Director (Personnel) Debashish Acharya, General Manager (CSR/Welfare) Ratnesh Kumar Srivastava, various trade union representatives, players, officers-employees.

On this occasion, Chief Guest Chairman cum Managing Director Dr. Prem Sagar Mishra while congratulating and best wishes on National Sports Day said that today is a day of respect for all the players. A healthy mind resides in a healthy body, a healthy body is the biggest asset. Success is assured only if we move ahead in the field of sports without any discrimination, gender, caste or religion.

On this occasion, he announced that the road from the main gate to the administrative building gate will be named Major Ghyanchand Road, and also announced that all other roads of Nehru Shatabdi Nagar will be named after famous sports persons of the country. At the end of the program, he congratulated and



congratulated the organizers and the participating players for successfully organizing this program.

At the beginning of the program, flowers were offered as a mark of respect to the portrait of hockey magician Major Dhyanchand. After this, while mentioning the sports talent and achievements of all the senior players of SECL who are accomplished in various sports, senior players Madhu Menon (basketball), K.K. .

Gupta (volleyball), Nelson Jatin Kumar (lawn tennis), Rajesh Kumar Shukla (cricket), Sharad Rajesh Henry (hockey), Shyamal Sahu (taekando) were honored with shawl, quince and memento from the lotus flowers of the chief guest and special guests. Went. On this occasion, Hrishikesh Purohit, Rachit Bhatia, O. of Abhinav Bindra, the winning team of table tennis competition organized at headquarters Bilaspur

Narmada Club. Thomas, Rupal Chaturvedi, Shobhana Mishra and runner-up team Neeraj Chopra's Rajesh Kumar Dhurve, Vineet Gupta, Ankit S, Nidhi Gupta, Ankita Pundir were rewarded, along with the remaining two teams participating in this competition were also rewarded. Was encouraged.

The responsibility of announcement in the program was performed by Savita Nirmalkar, Deputy Manager (Official Language), while at the end, General Manager (CSR/Welfare) Ratnesh Kumar Srivastava thanked the attendees. The officers and employees of the Welfare Department played an important role in the successful organization of the program.

Devotees celebrate Nandishwar on last month of Sawan



Central Chronicle News

Birkoni, Aug 30: Nandishwar temple established near Chandi Gate located in Birkoni village, celebrated the last Monday of Sawan. On the occasion devotees offered bel leaves and anointing by water amidst chants of Har-Har Mahadev, Om Namah Shivay and Jai B h o l e

Shankar. Pancharit rose water anointing was done by Pandit Roopdas Vaishnav and Havan ritual witnessed the celebration of devotees.

Acharya Vaishnav while reciting to the context about the devotion of Nandishwar told that Lord Shiva is the God of welfare. And Lord Shiva's nature is also as cool as the moon and he has en-

shrined the moon in his adornment and the gods and demons churned the ocean to find nectar, as he drank poison.

Ram Charit Manas Path was also presented by Manas Mandali of the village. To make the program successful, Shatrohan Yadav, Sitaram Gajendra, Girwar Sahu, Nakul Vishwakarma and many others participated.

Problems of the senior citizens sorted out

Workshop organised by DLSA on care of Senior Citizens

Central Chronicle News

Korea, Aug 30: District Legal Service Authority (DLSA) as per instruction by the Chhattisgarh State Legal Service Authority (CSLSA) Bilaspur and under guidance of President DLSA Baikunthpur Anand Kumar Dhruv, organised a workshop related to Bharat-Poshan & Kalyan Adhinyam 2007 that of the mother and father and senior citizens in the meeting hall of Janpad Panchayat Baikunthpur in the chief presence of chief guest Upper District & Session Judge Vinay Kumar Pradhan.



In this workshop, detailed information was given about the rights of the senior citizens and through open-house discussion, a patient hearing was done to the problems of the senior citizens and solutions were offered.

The programme was attended by Chief Judicial Magistrate Baikunthpur Mohan Singh Korram, Secy DLSA Baikunthpur Birendra Singh, SDM Rakesh Sahu, CEO Janpad Panchayat

Baikunthpur Manoj Singh Jagat, Panel advocate and Para-legal volunteers and senior citizens in large number. The programme was conducted by Secretary DLSA Virendra Singh.

Grand 'Jalabhisekh' ceremony at Bhedsar Shiv Temple

● Janpad President and local community collaborate for sacred occasion

Central Chronicle News

Anwari, Aug 30: A momentous event transpired at the Bhedsar Shiv Temple in the village of Bhedsar, marked by a grand Jalabhisekh ceremony. The event was conducted with the backing of the "Jai Shiv Bhola Self-Help Group" and the unwavering support of the entire village community.

The ceremony entailed the ceremonial pouring of



water from the Sheetal Talab into the Shiv Temple. Additionally, a similar program is slated for the village of Devari during the late hours of the night.

Amidst the Jalabhisekh ceremony, the Janpad President, Parameshwari Mahendra Sahu, assumed a pivotal role and articulated, "The

tranquility, prosperity, and overall well-being of our district hinge upon the industrious efforts of the women in our village. Through diligent savings and collective contributions from the community, they have infused this worship with special significance. Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to them."

Eminent personalities, including Sarpanch Vikas Sinha, Ganeshwari Sahu, Geeta Sahu, Anusuya Sahu, Urmila Sahu, Satya Sahu, Savita Sahu, Monica Sahu, Sevati Sahu, Saraswati Sahu, Kenvara Sahu, Tekram Sahu, alongside a substantial assembly of villagers, graced the ceremony.

Election preparations reviewed by MLA Saurabh



Central Chronicle News

Kurud, Aug 30: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Raipur division in-charge and Dhamtari district observer MLA Saurabh Singh met BJP workers and reviewed the election preparations. Singh taught the BJP workers about the rules and discipline of the BJP and said that many contenders will come for the

ticket and every worker of the BJP has this right, but the party will provide only one ticket.

In the meeting of the core group held at the BJP office, MLA Saurabh Singh reviewed the election preparations of the Kurud Assembly by meeting the senior leaders, office bearers and workers of the BJP one after the other behind closed doors. Along with this, he also

held a public discussion with the coordinator of BJP's manifesto Amar Agarwal across the state and charged the workers for the election season.

State BJP working committee member Niranjan Sinha, BJP district vice president Ravikant Chandrakar, Jyoti Chandrakar, former district panchayat president Raghunandan Sahu, former district president Sindhu Bais, Shyam Sahu, senior BJP leader Shivpratap Thakur, Bhanu Chandrakar including District, Mandal, Entity and Three Level Panchayat Former office bearers, core group members were present.

MLA Alok Chaurasia's 8-day visit concludes



Central Chronicle News

Koriya-Baikunthpur, Aug 30: MLA Alok Chaurasia, who reached Korea district from Jharkhand on an 8-day stay, completed his stay program on August 29, and addressed with the party workers electoral challenges of the area during the migration program. Jharkhand's Shahganj BJP MLA Anant Ojha also participated in the program. To be informed, Alok Chaurasia and Anant Ojha have been appointed in-charge of the migration tour program of all the assembly constituencies under Surguja division to revamp the party before the assembly elec-

tions. The program was mainly organized under the leadership of BJP District President Krishna Bihari Jaiswal and under the guidance of former minister Bhaiya Lal Rajwade, in which the stage was conducted by BJP District General Secretary Vinod Sahu along with spokesperson Vimal Gupta, BJP District Vice President Shailesh Shivhare, Devendra Tiwari, Laxman Rajwade, Kamlesh Yadav, District Minister Basant Rai, District Treasurer Ashok Jaiswal, District Office Incharge Bhanupal, District Office Co-incharge Luv Kumar Ravi and Mandal and Mahila Morcha officials.

Will continue to serve sisters: Tiwari

Central Chronicle News

Berla, Aug 30: Thousands of women of Bemetara assembly constituency reached Chandi Mata temple in Nevanara village and tied Rakshasutra to farmer leader Yogesh Tiwari and he in turn resolved to be with them in happiness and sorrow. About 10,000 women from the constituency participated in this function.

The farmer leader presented gifts to all the sisters who came to the ceremony after tying Raksha Sutra. On this occasion, Tiwari said that thousands of sisters of the assembly constituency have gathered at Kuldevi Chandi Mata Mandir village Nevanara to celebrate the festival of Raksha



Bandhan and every time the blessings of thousands of sisters of the area are received.

Thousands of people including public representatives of the area partici-

pated in the event. Rakhi Kurre, Darbari Sahu, Sanat Lahare, Kamta Sinha, Lokeshwari Sahu, Nandkumari Sahu, Navraj Nishad, Sevak Yadav, Ajay Yadav participated.

Grassroots workers demand fair representation in elections



Sevak Ram Tarak

Central Chronicle News

Anwari, Aug 30: As the upcoming legislative assembly elections draw closer, the Pradesh Congress Committee has issued guidelines for candidate selection, opening the doors for applications at the block level. These applications will subsequently find their way to the Pradesh Congress Committee via the District Congress Committee, where the party's candidates will be decided upon. Yet, a longstanding concern remains unaddressed: the tendency to favour affluent contenders over dedicated grassroots workers who have con-

sistently secured victories in local elections, supported the Congress party, and often stand overlooked in major electoral contests like state assembly and parliamentary elections. This sidelining of seasoned local champions has left them feeling disregarded. In response, Sevak Ram Tarak, a respected Congress worker hailing from Anwari, has penned a letter on behalf of grassroots workers within the Kurud assembly constituency, appealing to Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel to champion the cause of committed local representatives.

It's noteworthy that the Kurud assembly constituency has witnessed a surge of over thirty prospective candidates stepping forward prior to the official announcement of the legislative assembly elections. Yet, doubts loom over the sincerity of this outreach, with concerns that these invitations to apply might merely be a token gesture, signifying a semblance of worker satisfaction, while the final candidate chosen might lean towards financial prowess rather than unwavering dedication.

Rakshabandhan festival celebrated in district jail



● Rakhi sent after sanitizing, sisters talked on phone

Central Chronicle News

Korba, Aug 30: Like the last three years, Rakshabandhan could not be celebrated normally in the district jail this year too due to the outbreak of Covid and Eye-flu. To ensure that the wrists of the prisoners in the jail do not remain numb, the jail management is taking Rakhi and sanitizing it and delivering it to the prisoners. At the same

time, the sister has been given two minutes to talk to her brother on the phone.

Korba District Vidyanand said that the outbreak of Covid has almost ended in the country but the danger of eye flu still remains. This is the reason that like the last three years, this year also the sisters could not tie Rakhi to the prisoners lodged in the district jail.

However, the jail management had made special arrangements to ensure that the wrists of the prisoner brothers did not remain numb. Under which Rakhi was

taken from the sisters coming to jail, it was sanitized and then delivered to the prisoners. Also, a time limit of two minutes has been fixed for every prisoner. So that

sisters can talk to their brothers on the phone. On the occasion of the holy festival of Rakshabandhan, the jail management made special arrangements for

food for the prisoners. Presently there are 246 prisoners including 17 women in the District Jail. Arrangements for the women prisoners to talk to their brothers

were also made by the jail management. Overall, until the impact of infectious diseases does not reduce, all festivals celebrated in jail will remain banned.

शपथ पत्र

मैं मोहम्म आरिफ भिसरा उम्र 53 वर्ष पिता हाजी शमशुदीन भिसरा निवासी 30/522 हास्पिटल गार्ड बांसडाल रायपुर तहसील व जिला रायपुर छ.ग. का निवासी हूँ जो कि निम्नलिखित कथन शपथ पूर्वक पेश करता हूँ कि :-

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सत्यापन

मैं शपथकर्ता यह सत्यापित करता हूँ कि उक्त कडिका 01 से 03 तक की सम्मत् जानकारी सत्य एवं सही है अतः मैं अपना हस्ताक्षर कर सत्यापित कर दिया।

दिनांक 28.08.2023 शपथकर्ता

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

Name & Address of Borrowers/ Guarantors/Branch	Demand Notice Date & Amount
M/s. Kailash Walde (Proprietor Shri Kailash Walde).	19.05.2023
Description of the immovable property: Land and building at Shiv Nagar, Dhaba Road, Ward No. 04, Dist- Rajnandgaon, Khasra No. 352/26 in the name of Shri Kailash Walde, Total Land area 437.82 Sq.ft.	₹ 4,99,768.00 and interest thereon + other
North- Property of Laxman Meshram, South- Gali/ Road, East- House of Smt. Sukhwari, West- House of Vitthal Rao Chaukhande.	Date of Possession 25.08.2023
Shri Kirti Bhojani S/o. Himmat Kumar Bhojani.	19.05.2023
Description of the immovable property: Flat No. 307, Situated at 2nd Floor, SB Heights, Village- Lakholi, Ward No. 43, Dist- Rajnandgaon, Khasra No. 504/4, 504/6 of SB Height Building in the name of Shri Kirti Bhojani, Total area 916.78 Sq.ft	₹ 9,38,812.00 and interest thereon + other
North- Flat No. 306, South- Flat No. 308, East- Passage, West- Open to Sky.	Date of Possession 25.08.2023

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Soulful Symphony

Bhoomika Jain mesmerizes audience with Thumris, Dadras, and Ghazals

Shilpa Mitra

In a harmonious celebration of India's rich musical heritage, semi-classical vocalist Bhoomika Jain enchanted a captivated audience at the illustrious IIC Auditorium. The stage was set for an unforgettable evening of Thumris, Dadras, and Ghazals, as Bhoomika's mellifluous voice traversed emotional landscapes and left an indelible mark on all in attendance.

With a career illuminated by her passionate dedication to preserving and reviving traditional musical forms, Bhoomika Jain's performance was an ode to the timelessness of Thumris, Dadras, and Ghazals. Stepping onto the stage with an air of artistic confidence, Bhoomika embarked on a journey that resonated deeply with the gathered connoisseurs and enthusiasts.

The event unfolded as a resplendent tapestry of melodies, woven with intricate emotions and lyrical finesse. Bhoomika's artistry lay in her ability to seamlessly blend various compositions, creating an immersive experience that transcended the boundaries of a mere musical recital. Through her evocative renditions, Bhoomika explored the gamut of human feelings, evoking nostalgia, yearning, and profound introspection.

Draped in an elegant ensemble that exuded traditional charm, Bhoomika's presence was a visual reflection of the soul-stirring melodies she was about to bestow upon the audience. As she delved into the intricate notes of Thumris and the rhythmically complex patterns of Dadras, her voice painted vivid images of emotions that resonated with the gathering.

A highlight of the evening was Bhoomika's rendition of Ghazals, where her velvety voice found its resonance in the poignant verses. With each word carefully enunciated, she conveyed the lyrical depth and philosophical musings that are the hallmark of this art form. Her



mastery over the tonal intricacies allowed her to infuse every note with a myriad of emotions, echoing the very essence of the compositions.

The crescendo of the performance arrived with a presentation of the nirguni essence through a Thumri that echoed in the hearts of the audience long after the last note had faded. The spellbinding performance concluded on a triumphant note, leaving the audience in a state of awe and appreciation.

In an era where modern musical trends often overshadow classical heritage, Bhoomika Jain's performance was a testament to the enduring power of traditional art forms. Her rendition revived the timeless allure of Thumris, Dadras, and Ghazals, reminding everyone of the depth, emotion, and cultural significance encapsulated within these compositions.

As the echoes of her final notes lingered in the air, the audience rose to their feet in a standing ovation – a heartwarming testimony to the impact of Bhoomika's soul-stirring performance. The evening stood as a remarkable confluence of art, culture, and tradition, reminding us that our musical legacy continues to thrive, cherished, and passed on through generations.

Bhoomika Jain's resonant melodies not only provided an evening of enchantment but also reaffirmed the timeless vitality of classical music in an ever-changing world. The IIC Auditorium witnessed a symphony of emotions that transported the audience into the ethereal realm of Thumris, Dadras, and Ghazals – a testament to the enduring allure of our cultural heritage.

Higher temperatures could make Dengue virus more virulent



The Dengue virus could potentially become more virulent as temperatures rise, warns a study by researchers at the Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology (RGCBI) in Kerala. The findings might aid in anticipating and alleviating the severity of this recurrent tropical disease, which tends to surge during the monsoon season.

The study, recently featured in the FASEB journal, uncovers that dengue becomes more aggressive when grown in mosquito-derived cells at elevated temperatures. With an estimated annual global disease burden of 390 million cases, the virulence of dengue is a crucial concern.

"Dengue being a mosquito-transmitted disease, the ability of the causative virus to grow in the cells of mosquito as well as in humans is a critical factor in viral virulence," explains Easwaran Sreekumar, the team leader. The research indicates that dengue virus cultured at higher temperatures in mosquito cells exhibits significantly greater virulence than those grown at lower temperatures. The study holds potential implications for disease dynamics amid global warming and increased infec-

tious disease risks. The researchers point out that during seasons with elevated temperatures and intermittent rain, conditions are ripe for more virulent dengue viruses to emerge, leading to severe disease. Despite decades of research, effective vaccines or antivirals to control or prevent dengue remain elusive. The study's insights could help predict the severity of dengue outbreaks, shedding light on why the disease escalates in some instances.

The experiments were conducted using a mouse model, wherein the virulent strain from higher-temperature growth led to heightened virus presence in the blood, hemorrhage, and severe tissue changes in vital organs. Dengue, caused by the DENV virus and transmitted through mosquito bites, has seen a global increase in incidence and disease severity. While many cases are mild and self-limiting, dengue can result in life-threatening complications such as low platelet count and shock syndrome. The study underscores the importance of understanding the relationship between temperature and virus behavior to mitigate the impact of this infectious disease.

As India celebrated the historic achievement of landing on the moon's south pole with Chandrayaan-3, passengers aboard an IndiGo flight experienced a unique moment of pride. A viral video on X captures the exhilarating scene when the pilot announced the successful landing mid-flight, igniting cheers and applause among passengers.

On August 23, India secured its place as the fourth nation to achieve a soft moon landing, joining the ranks of the US, China, and the former Soviet Union. The pilot's announcement was met with resounding enthusiasm as passengers broke into spontaneous applause, and even an air hostess joined in the celebration.

In the video, the pilot's voice rings out, proclaiming, "Chandrayaan-3 launched by ISRO has successfully landed on the south pole of the Moon. And with the landing of Vikram Lander,



In-flight cheers as Pilot announces Chandrayaan-3's moon landing

has placed India among elite spacefaring nations." He continued, "With the Pragyan rover set for exploration, we congratulate ISRO for this remarkable achievement. Jai Hind."

The passengers' jubilant reaction showcased the collective pride felt by Indians in this significant accomplishment. The video's caption expressed the immense pride shared by everyone at IndiGo for India's achievement,

highlighting the sense of unity such moments bring to the nation.

Online viewers were moved by the footage, with comments expressing goosebumps and admiration for the scientific community and citizens who contributed to India's success. The video underscores the power of shared accomplishments to bring a nation together, transcending differences and fostering a deep sense of national identity.

Heat waves becoming more frequent, deadly



A new anthology, "Livable Cities for the Future", brings together insights from some of the world's most prominent experts and scholars in the fields of sustainability and urban design.

The contributors of the book, edited by academics Dikshu C Kukreja and Geeta Mehta, represent "diverse cultures, backgrounds, and areas of expertise, fostering a global dialogue that transcends all borders and disciplinary boundaries".

It was released recently during the Think 20 Summit in Mysuru under the aegis of Observer Research Foundation.

"The compendium includes issues of ecology and sustainability, social justice and equity, economic structures and threats, as well as gender issues that can make our cities that can enhance the productivity of our cities, and the quality of life for people from all walks of life and income categories.

New brain device gives voice hope to paralysed

Scientists have developed a device that can translate paralysed people's brain signals into words at faster speeds than before, a step towards restoring communication to people with severe paralysis.

The brain computer interfaces (BCIs) are capable of decoding brain activity into speech faster, more accurately and covering larger vocabulary than existing technologies, the researchers said.

People with neurological disorders, including brainstem stroke or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, often face speech loss due to paralysis of muscles.

Previous studies have shown that it is possible to decode speech from the brain activities of a person with paralysis, but only in the form of text and with limited speed, accuracy



and vocabulary. The latest findings, published in two papers in the journal Nature, demonstrate a BCI that collects the neural activity of single cells with an array of fine electrodes inserted into the brain, and trained an artificial neural network to decode intended vocalisations.

With the help of the device, a patient with amy-

otrophic lateral sclerosis was able to communicate at an average rate of 62 words per minute, which is 3.4 times as fast as the previous record for a similar device and moves closer to the speed of natural conversation (around 160 words per minute).

The BCI achieved a 9.1 per cent word error rate on a 50-word vocabulary,

which is 2.7 times fewer errors than the previous state-of-the-art speech BCI from 2021. A 23.8 per cent word error rate was achieved on a 125,000-word vocabulary. In another study, the researchers developed a BCI based on a different method for accessing brain activity, using nonpenetrating electrodes that sit on the surface of the brain and detect the activity of many cells across sites over the entire speech cortex.

This BCI decodes brain signals to generate three outputs simultaneously: text, audible speech and a speaking avatar.

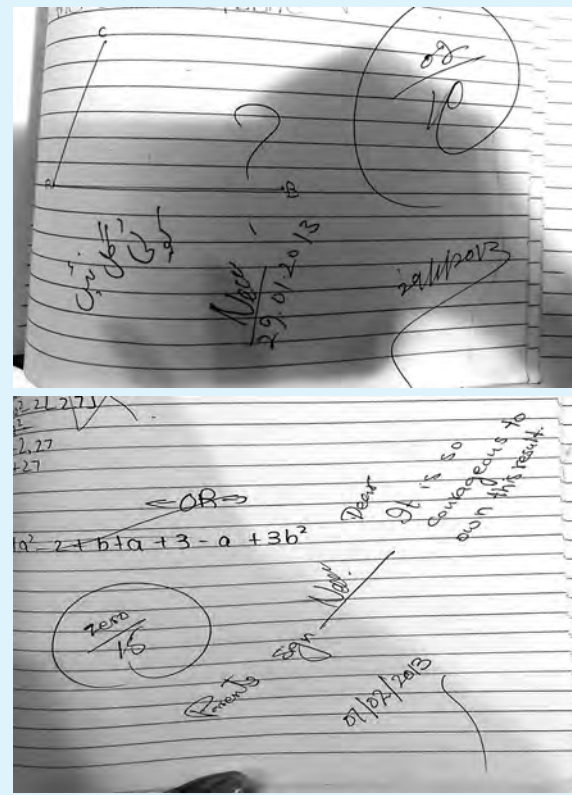
The researchers trained a deep-learning model to decipher neural data collected from a patient with severe paralysis, caused by a brainstem stroke, as she attempted to silently speak full sentences.

Mother's encouragement triumphs over low math scores

A heartwarming story of maternal support is touching hearts online. On X, a woman named Zainab shared her childhood school answer sheets adorned with her mother's uplifting notes despite her struggling math scores. The tweet resonated with 72,000 viewers, sparking a wave of positivity.

Zainab's mother penned motivational messages on each paper, even when Zainab scored zero out of 15 on one test. "Dear, it is so courageous to own this result," her mother's note read. Zainab continued to persevere in math, eventually excelling through A levels, a testament to the power of encouragement over shame.

Netizens lauded the mother's actions, calling her "a gem" and her gesture "precious" and "cute."



The story contrasts with the all-too-common experience of academic shame and highlights the positive impact of nurturing support.

In a related incident, another mother shared her fourth-grade son's heartfelt poems. The poems, crafted during distance learning, displayed the child's candid and endearing expressions. One poem humorously conveyed how ideas could slip away like "wandering around the house," while another compared the mother's beauty to a rose with thorns, capturing the nuances of their relationship.

Both stories emphasize the enduring bond between parents and children, where understanding, encouragement, and love play pivotal roles in nurturing growth and creativity.

80% Indians have favourable view of PM Modi: Pew Survey

Washington, Aug 30 (PTI):

About 80 per cent of Indians have a favourable view of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and around seven in 10 Indians believe their country has recently become more influential, according to a survey by the PEW Research Center.

The survey, released ahead of the G20 Summit, also noted that public opinion of India was generally positive across the world with a median of 46 per cent reporting favourable views of India as compared to 34 per cent unfavourable views. Sixteen per cent did not share an opinion at all.

Views of India are most positive in Israel, where 71

per cent say they have a favourable view of the country, the report said.

Pew said the survey was conducted from February 20 to May 22, among 30,861 adults in 24 countries, including India, examines global views of Prime Minister Modi, the scope of India's global power and Indians' views of other countries.

About eight in 10 Indians report "favourable" views of Modi, including a majority (55 per cent) with a "very favourable" view, according to the survey result released on Tuesday. This is Modi's second term as Prime Minister and he is also seeking a third term in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Only a fifth of

Indians expressed an unfavourable opinion of Modi in 2023, the Pew survey found. "Indian adults are more likely to believe India's power is on the rise. Around seven in ten Indians believe their country has recently become more influential. This stands in comparison with a 2022 survey conducted across 19 countries, where a median of only 28 per cent said the same," Pew said. According to the report, about half of Indians (49 per cent) say that the influence of the US is getting stronger in recent years, and 41 per cent say the same about Russia. Meanwhile, Indians' views on China's influence are somewhat more mixed, it said.

TOMATO FIGHT FIESTA



Revellers throw tomatoes at each other during the annual "Tomatina", tomato fight fiesta, in the village of Bunol near Valencia, Spain, Wednesday, Aug. 30. Thousands gather in this eastern Spanish town for the annual street tomato battle that leaves the streets and participants drenched in red pulp from 120,000 kilos of tomatoes.

Imran Khan's judicial remand extended till Sep 13 in cipher case

Islamabad, Aug 30 (PTI):

A special court on Wednesday extended till September 13 the judicial remand of former Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan in a case related to the alleged disclosure of state secrets.

Judge Abul Hasnat Zulqarnain, who arrived at Attock jail in Punjab to conduct the hearing, issued the decision in the case of the missing cipher; a classified state document that Khan had waived during a political rally ahead of his ouster from office last year.

The hearing of the case took place at the Attock District Jail following approval by the Law Ministry amid security concerns expressed by the Interior Ministry.



Authorities decided on Tuesday to hold the hearing of the case inside the Attock district jail where Khan has been kept since August 5 after his conviction in the Toshakhana corruption case. Khan's sentence was suspended by a two-member bench of the Islamabad High Court on Tuesday, but he was not allowed to walk free, as the judge hearing the cipher case ordered to keep him in prison and produce him for hearing.

Drones targeted 6 regions in biggest attack on Russian soil



Moscow, Aug 30 (AP):

Russian officials accused Ukraine of targeting six Russian regions with drones early Wednesday in what appears to be the biggest drone attack on Russian soil since Moscow sent troops into Ukraine 18 months ago.

Drones hit an airport in the western Pskov region and started a massive fire there, the local governor and media reported. According to the Defense Ministry, more drones were also shot down over the regions of Oryol, Bryansk, Ryazan, Kaluga and the Moscow region surrounding the Russian capital.

The strike in Pskov hit an airport in the region's namesake capital and damaged four Il-78 transport aircraft, Russia's state news agency Tass reported, citing emergency officials. Pskov regional Governor Mikhail Vedernikov ordered all flights to and from the Pskov airport canceled

Footage and images posted on social media overnight showed smoke billowing over the city of Pskov and a large blaze. Vedernikov said there were no casualties, and the fire has been contained.

Pskov appeared to be the only region where the drones caused damage.

Prosecutors in southern Mexico said Tuesday that at least six men were killed in an apparent ambush in a township near the Guatemalan border that is known as a migrant smuggling route.

Prosecutors in the southern state of Chiapas said

Tapachula, Aug 30 (AP):

the killings occurred Tuesday along a rural road in the township of Siltepec, about 50 kilometers from the border with Guatemala.

The victims all appear to have been riding in the same pickup truck when attackers opened fire on them from the roadside.

According to videos posted on social media, most of

the victims appeared to be wearing black T-shirts and jeans with short haircuts.

Officials did not identify the victims and did not disclose their nationalities and whether they were migrants.

The area has long been known as a migrant smuggling route. But it has also become the scene recently

of bloody turf battles between the Jalisco and Sinaloa cartels for control of the smuggling and extortion businesses.

In the nearby city of Motozintla, the largest population center in the area, residents and taxi and bus drivers marched to protest what they said were constant threats and extortion

from the cartels.

"For a safe Motozintla, no to protection payments, no to kidnappings. Peace and Tranquility!" read one of the leaflets handed out at the march Tuesday.

Closer to the border, unidentified assailants set a freight truck on fire, blocking the main road in the area. (AP)

6 men killed in ambush in southern Mexico town

US to send \$250 mn in weapons to Ukraine

Washington, Aug 30 (AP):

The Biden administration announced Tuesday it will send an additional USD 250 million in weapons and ammunition to Ukraine as part of its ongoing support of Kyiv's counteroffensive. The weapons will be drawn from existing US stockpiles and will include mine-clearing equipment, artillery and rocket rounds, ambulances and medical gear, among other items and spare parts, according to the State Department.

"The package will help Ukrainian forces on the battlefield and support its air defenses as Russia continues to launch brutal, brutal strikes against the people of Ukraine, including attacks this past week," White House spokeswoman Karine Jean-Pierre said Tuesday.

The State Department said the package contained AIM-9M missiles for air defense, High Mobility Artillery Rocket System munitions, 155mm and 105mm artillery ammunition, more than 3 million rounds of small arms ammunition. The US would have already run out of funding for the year to provide additional stockpile equipment to Ukraine but earlier this year realized the Pentagon had overvalued the equipment it had already sent, which freed up an additional USD 6.2 billion in funding.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER P.W.D. BASTAR CIRCLE JAGDALPUR (C.G.)

e-Procurement Tender Notice
<http://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>

Tender are invited for the Following Works :-
Last Date of Tender Downloading :- 08/09/2023

S. No.	NIT No./NIT Date	System Tender No. (Tender Call No.)	Name of Work	PAC Amount (Rupees in Lacs)
01	02	03	04	05
1	14/2023-24 Date 24/08/2023	145403 (First-Call)	B.T. RENEWAL OF BIJAPUR-AWAPALLI-BASAGUDA - JAGARGUNDA ROAD (SH-28) LENGTH=70.00KM FROM KM 35/6 TO 37/4 & 37/6 TO 39/4= 4.00KM DISTT-BIJAPUR(C.G.)	117.92
2	15/2023-24 Date 24/08/2023	145405 (First-Call)	B.T. RENEWAL OF BIJAPUR-AWAPALLI-BASAGUDA - JAGARGUNDA ROAD (SH-28) LENGTH=70.00KM FROM KM 39/6 TO 41/4 & 41/6 TO 43/4= 4.00KM DISTT-BIJAPUR(C.G.)	117.92
3	16/2023-24 Date 24/08/2023	145406 (First-Call)	B.T. RENEWAL ON NEMED-KUTURU ROAD, IN KM 4/2 TO 6/2 AND 2/3 TO 2/4 IS 4.00KM, BLOCK BH AIRAMGARH, DISTT-BIJAPUR(C.G.)	118.42
4	17/2023-24 Date 24/08/2023	145407 (First-Call)	B.T. RENEWAL ON NELASAR-KODOLI-MIRTUR-GANGALDOR ROAD IN KM 1/2 TO 6/10 = 6.00KM, BLOCK BH AIRAMGARH, DISTT-BIJAPUR(C.G.)	177.66
5	18/2023-24 Date 24/08/2023	145408 (First-Call)	B.T. RENEWAL OF BIJAPUR-MODAKPAL-TARLAGUDA ROAD IN KM 1.00 TO 3.00= 3.00KM Block-Bhopalpatnam DISTT-BIJAPUR(C.G.)	88.83

For more details on the Tender and bidding process please visit the above mentioned portal.

Superintending Engineer P.W.D. Bastar Circle Jagdalpur

G-04699/1

Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh Sector-19, Nava Raipur Atal Nagar, 492002

Tender Inviting for 7.62mm Assault Rifle with 3 Magazine

No. PHQ/P&P/Arms/3638/2023 Nava Raipur, Dated : 28/08/2023

Sealed tenders are being invited by the Director General of Police, Chhattisgarh on behalf of Governor of Chhattisgarh from Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) Or authorized (Only one firm) by OEM for the following item:-

Sl. No.	Name of item	Qty	EMD in Rs.
1.	7.62mm Assault Rifle with 3 Magazine	1160	6,96,000/-

Note - Quantity will be variable.

The tender offer in the prescribed tender form along with all the relevant documents sealed and completed in all the respect, must be submitted as per the schedule below -

SCHEDULE FOR TENDER

(a) Address for submission of tender document :- DIG of Police (P&P), Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Sector 19, Nava Raipur-Atal Nagar, Chhattisgarh, Pin-492002

(b) Last Date and Time of Submission on Bids: 27/09/2023 till 03:00 pm
Block No.- 03, Room No. 309, Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Sector-19, Nava Raipur-Atal Nagar, Pin-492002

(c) Place, Time and Date of opening Technical Bid :- 27/09/2023 at 04:00 pm
Block No.- 03, Room No. 309, Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Sector-19, Nava Raipur-Atal Nagar, Pin-492002

(d) Place, Time and Date of opening Financial Bid :- Shall be intimated later.

(e) Date till which the Bid to remain valid: 180 days from the scheduled date of submission of the Bid.

Note:-

- Tender documents can be downloaded from our website www.cgpolice.gov.in and at the time of submission of document tender fee 5,000/- will be paid in the form of DD of State Bank of India/Scheduled Bank (Other than Cooperative Bank) payable at Raipur in favour of Director General of Police PHQ, C.G. Raipur Or State Govt. Challan of Rs. 5,000/- to be deposited in the Head of A/C 0055-Police, 800- other receipt. Tender fee is non refundable and can't be exempted in any condition.
- If any bidder sends tender documents through Courier/Speed post, the tender documents will be accepted till 03:00 pm on 27/09/2023 at Block No. 03, Room No. 309, Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Sector-19, Nava Raipur-Atal Nagar only. Received tender documents in any other address at PHQ on stipulated date and time, will not be accepted.
- The purchaser shall not be responsible for any postal delay resulting into non-receipt/non-delivery or late receipt of tender documents.
- In case of tender opening date being declared as holiday, tenders will be opened on next working day.
- Modification/Amendments/Corrigendum, if any shall not be advertised on the news paper but shall be published in the aforesaid web site only and the time of submission of bid will also be extended if required.
- Quantity will be variable at any stage without assigning any reason.

(Manish Sharma)
DIG of Police (P&P)
For-Director General of Police

G-04761/1

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियंता, लोक निर्माण विभाग, रायपुर मण्डल क्रमांक 2 (छत्तीसगढ़) ई-प्रोक्चुरमेंट निविदा सूचना

दिनांक 25.08.2023

निम्नांकित कार्य हेतु ऑनलाइन निविदा "ई" श्रेणी एवं अधिक श्रेणी कं टेकेंदरों हेतु निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। (ऑनलाइन निविदा आवेदनलोक करने की अंतिम तिथि 14.09.2023 है।)

एन.आई.टी. क्र./ निविदा क्र.	कार्य का नाम	कार्य की अनुमानित लागत (लख में)
1	2	3
NIT NO. 148 Tender No. 145558	जिला गरियाबंद में नवीन चहरील कार्यालय भवन का निर्माण कार्य, जलप्रदाय एवं सेनेटरी फिटिंग सहित कार्य।	रु. 50.00 लाख
NIT NO. 149 Tender No. 145559	जिला गरियाबंद के विकासखंड उगलीपदर में नवीन चहरील कार्यालय भवन का निर्माण कार्य, जलप्रदाय एवं सेनेटरी फिटिंग सहित कार्य।	रु. 50.00 लाख

उपरोक्त निर्माण कार्य की निविदा की सामान्य शर्तें, धरोहर राशि, विस्तृत निविदा चिह्नित, निविदा दस्तावेज व अन्य जानकारी ई-प्रोक्चुरमेंट वेब पोर्टल <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> अथवा विभागीय वेबसाइट <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> से आवेदनलोक की जा सकती है। (राशि रु. 100.00 के नान ज्यूडिशियल स्टाम्प पर निर्धारित प्रपत्र में शपथ-पत्र एवं न्यूनतम राशि रु. 10.00 के नान ज्यूडिशियल स्टाम्प पर एनक्वॉर-3 का शपथ पत्र (बिडकेपीसीटी उपलब्धता बावत जानकारी एवं अन्य जानकारी एनआईटी के 2.10 में संलग्न संशोधित प्रपत्रानुसार प्रस्तुत करें।) निविदा में होने वाले समस्त संशोधन का प्रकाशन केवल उपरोक्त वेबसाइट पर किया जावेगा, पृथक से समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशन नहीं किया जावेगा।

अधीक्षण अभियंता
लो.नि.वि., रायपुर मण्डल क्र. 2 (छ.ग.)
Credible Chhattisgarh
आपकी धी चाद, हमने बनाई राह

G-04732/1

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER P.W.D. (B&R) AMBIKPUR CIRCLE AMBIKAPUR

Invitation Date :- 25.08.2023

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

01. For tender detail please visit <http://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>

02. Concern Division - S.No. 1 Ambikapur, S.No. 2 to 6 Ramanujanji, S.No. 7 to 9 Manendragarh, S.No. 10 Surajpur and S.No. 11 Jaspur Division.

03. S.No. 1-3 'D' Class And Above Contractor, S.No. 4 'C' Class And Above Contractor

04. Bid Submission Due Date - S.No. 01 - 06.09.2023, S.No. 2, 3, 10 - 11.09.2023 and S.No. 3-7, 9, 11 - 19.09.2023

S. N.I.T.No.	Name of work	P.A.C. in lacks
1	2	3
1	125 Renovation work at PG Collage Ambikapur Distt. Surguja (C.G.) (Third Call)	62.82
2	126 Construction of Road Furniture and Road Marking on Various Road, 1 Baharchura to Bhiarchura Road including Culverts 2, Vijaynagar to Piprol Road, 3. Bagra Mode to Indrupur (Mandir Tak) Road including Culvert, 4.Rajpur Kusmi Main Road to Pahadkhauda Approach Road Length 3.85 Km, 5. Jamwantpur to Bulga Bhawarmal Road Length 6.50 Km, 6. Kerta Bakshrajkunwar Manpur Road including Culvert Length 15 Km. Actual Length 14.54 Km, 07. Purushottampur to Mitgai Road including Culvert Length 2.35Km. (Second Call)	39.55
3	127 Construction of Mini Stadium at Banon Block Rajpur Distt. Balrampur (First Call)	43.45
4	128 Annual Repair of Residential and Non Residential Building at Ramanujanji Section Under Sub Ramanujanji Distt. Balrampur (C.G.) (First Call)	40.00
5	129 Annual Repair of Residential and Non Residential Building at Balrampur Section Under Sub Ramanujanji Distt. Balrampur (C.G.) (First Call)	35.00
6	130 Annual Repair of Residential and Non Residential Building at Sanawal Section Under Sub Ramanujanji Distt. Balrampur (C.G.) (First Call)	28.99
7	131 Construction of Approach Road: Main Road (SH-08) to Marautola Tarabakra Road Length 1070.00 Distt. MCB (C.G.) (First Call)	49.48
8	132 Construction of 12 Nos H Type (Parking+F.F.+T.F.) Residential Qtr. For Judicial Department at Baikunthpur including Electrification Works. (Second Call)	124.09
9	133 Construction of Gram Panchayat Aklawar to Jogiyanpara Road Length 1000 M. Distt. MCB (C.G.) (First Call)	49.15
10	134 BT Renewal work from NH 43 to District Hospital Surajpur Approach Road Distt Surajpur. (Second Call)	35.00
11	135 Road Furniture & Road Marking Work on Kunkun Tapkara Lawakera Road in Km. 1 to 21, Km. 24/8 to 30/8, 41/8 to 42 and 44/8 to 56/8 = 40.60 Km. and Gajma Main Road to Pakritoli Road Length 2.00 Km. Under CGRIDCL. (First Call)	199.99

Superintending Engineer P.W.D. Ambikapur Circle Ambikapur

G-04721/2

भारतीय प्रतिभूति और विनियम बोर्ड Securities and Exchange Board of India

NOTICE OF DEMAND UNDER RULE 2 OF THE SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 r/w SECTION 28A OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA ACT, 1992

The Recovery Officer, Securities and Exchange Board of India-Eastern regional Office, Kolkata ("SEBI-ERO"), had issued Notices of Demand ("NoD") to the following entities ("Defaulters") as per the details provided herein below:

Name of the Defaulter	Name of the case	Certificate No. and Date
Tulshyan Metals Private Limited	Illiquid Stock Options at BSE	RC6687 of 2023 dated June 19, 2023

The NoD could not be served at the last known address either through postal service or through affixture. The Noticees may download a copy of the NoD from the SEBI website (www.sebi.gov.in) under the head "Enforcement-> Recovery Proceedings", or collect a copy of the same from the Office of the Recovery Officer at the address below, or obtain it through e-mail sent to recoveryero@sebi.gov.in with a copy of the email marked to sudhansu@sebi.gov.in.

Recovery Officer
Securities and Exchange Board of India-Eastern Regional Office, Kolkata
"L&T chambers", 5th Floor, 16 Camac Street, Kolkata- 700017.

In case no response to the NoD is, received within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, the Recovery Officer shall continue the recovery proceedings further on the basis of material available on record.

Date: August 24, 2023
Place: Kolkata.
CBC 15204/11/0135/2324

भारत सरकार
कारपोरेट कार्य मंत्रालय
त्वरित कॉर्पोरेट समापन प्रसंस्करण केंद्र
(सी-पेस), आई.आई.सी.ए. बिल्डिंग,
7वीं मजिल, प्लाट P-6,7,8, से-5,
आई.एम.टी. मानेसर, गुडगाँव,
हरियाणा - 122050.
Email: roc.cpace@mca.gov.in

Government of India
Ministry of Corporate Affairs
Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit (C-PACE)
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FORM No. STK --6 PUBLIC NOTICE

[Pursuant to sub-section (2) and sub-section (4) of section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 7 of the Companies (Removal of Names of Companies from the Register of Companies) Rules, 2016]

Public Notice No.ROC/C-PACE/STK-2/248(2)/330/2023 Date: -17.08.2023

Reference:

(1) In the matter of striking off or removal of names of (1) companies under section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 in respect of:

S.No.	Work Item	CIN	Company Name
1	F59093807	U10100CT2011PTCO22741	COMFORT MINES & MINERALS PRIVATE LIMITED
2	F59356873	U15400CT2011PTCO22673	MAAKALI FOODS PRIVATE LIMITED
3	AA3412142	U17299CT2022PTCO12715	RAIPUR TEXTILES PRIVATE LIMITED
4	F58954934	U36990CT2020PTCO10024	BRANCO ALUMINIO PRIVATE LIMITED
5	F59820381	U72200CT2009PTCO21424	HIMANSHU INFOTECH AND MULTISCOPE TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED

2). Notice is hereby given that the Registrar of Companies had received applications from the above-mentioned companies under section 248(2) of the Companies Act, 2013 for removal of its/their name (s) from the register of companies either on the ground that they have failed to commence business within one year of their incorporation or on the ground that the company(ies) is/ are not carrying on any business or operation for a period of two immediately preceding financial years and has/have not made any application (s) within such period for obtaining the status of a dormant company under section 455 of the Companies Act, 2013 or the company(ies) have obtained the status of dormant company/ subscribers to the memorandum have not paid the subscription which they had undertaken to pay at the time of incorporation of a company and a declaration to this effect has not been filed within one hundred and eighty days of its incorporation under subsection (1) of section 10A/ have not been carrying on any business or operations, as revealed after the physical verification carried out under sub-section (9) of section 12, but it/they do not wish to continue its/their registration as companies and have, therefore, requested for removal/ strike off of its/their names from the register of companies.

(3) Accordingly, the Registrar of Companies proposes to remove or strike off the names of the above-mentioned companies from the Register of Companies.

(4) Any person objecting to the proposed removal or striking off of name of the companies from the register of companies may send his or her objection to the office address mentioned here above within thirty days from the date of publication of this notice.

(ANSHU TANDON)
DEPUTY REGISTRAR
CBC 07123/11/0077/2324 Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit



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Empowering Education

Scholarships for E-Learning

The call for equitable education echoes loud and clear, and a recent recommendation by a Parliamentary panel takes a step towards this noble endeavour. The Ministry of Education has been advised to explore the initiation of the PM e-Vidya scholarship scheme. This visionary proposal is poised to pave the way for digitally enhanced learning for economically disadvantaged students and those hailing from rural landscapes. The suggested scholarship scheme, encompassing all e-learning costs, aligns with the digital aspirations of the nation. Additionally, a robust proposal advocates broadcasting educational content through 22 DTH channels on prominent video streaming and social media platforms, amplifying its reach and impact. It's imperative to cast a spotlight on the chasm that separates educational opportunities in rural and urban areas. While urban locales offer an array of coaching centers and access to top-tier educational institutions, rural students often grapple with the arduous journey for even foundational education. Acknowledging this divide, the Government has taken commendable steps by introducing round-the-clock educational channels in diverse languages. These channels cater to a spectrum of subjects, spanning from fundamental curricula to advanced studies. For earnest learners, this initiative presents an invaluable chance to glean insights from seasoned educators, sans any financial burden. Yet, the digital divide prevails between rural and urban realms. Although tireless efforts are underway to bridge this gap, it remains a gradual process that necessitates persistent endeavors. The bedrock of this initiative is the commitment to equipping rural communities with equal platforms and opportunities. The goal is to ensure that no deserving student is deprived of education due to systemic hurdles. The Government's determination to provide optimal facilities and education to rural students is palpable. Infrastructure augmentation is a priority, with a specific emphasis on delivering digital education to hinterland schools and colleges. The panel's counsel to the Higher Education Department highlights the significance of identifying digital deserts. The focus is on furnishing students in these enclaves with contemporary e-learning tools, ensuring they are equipped with skills tailored to industry demands, thus enhancing their employability prospects. In its discerning observations and consequential recommendations, the committee underscores the exigency of a fully-funded scholarship scheme catering to e-learning and other pertinent courses for the underprivileged. The committee's clarion call also advocates surveys to gauge the accessibility of digital education and e-learning platforms in remote rural expanses. Timely updates are pivotal in driving corrective measures. In an era where education unfolds through digital vistas, students have an unprecedented opportunity to harness technology for acquiring targeted skills and certifications. This strategic approach seeks to fortify their employability quotient, ushering in a horizon teeming with promising career avenues. The Government's unflinching dedication to this transformative journey is indisputable. Allocations of substantial budgets have galvanized a comprehensive revamp of the education ecosystem. The initiatives at hand reflect sincere strides in the right direction. The mission is to empower deserving rural students, endowing them with the tools to seize opportunities and carve a trajectory towards a promising future. The committee's recommendations stand in alignment with this overarching vision. They stress the pivotal need to uplift digital infrastructure in educational institutions that continue to lack such resources. Furthermore, the recommended propositions carry particular weight for meritorious rural scholars, with the Government shouldering the entirety of e-learning expenses. This all-encompassing approach aspires to cultivate an educational landscape where every student, irrespective of their origins, can access quality education and inch closer to a brighter tomorrow.

Lunar Pursuits

Prioritize Welfare over Moon Missions

Sujit De

In the relentless struggle for lunar dominance, the 20th century bore witness to a fierce contest between the United States of America and the Soviet Union, an offshoot of the Cold War's icy tensions. Regrettably, the noble pursuit of science became a pawn in the power play of superpowers, leaving ordinary citizens bereft of any true advantages. John Stewart's poignant lyrics in his renowned song "Armstrong" vividly capture the grim reality: "Black boy in Chicago, deprived on the street, witness to a spectacle, Armstrong's lunar feat." Those lines echo today as India, falling to an abysmal 107th out of 121 nations in the Global Hunger Index, hosts countless hungry children who surely heard the jubilation surrounding Chandrayaan-3's triumphant lunar landing. On that day, perhaps the most forwarded post on social media is the one where under the flags of ten countries, it is written that these countries have moon on their flags. Then under the flags of the USA, Russia, China and India, it is said that these countries have flags on the moon. Yet, we mustn't lose sight of a startling truth: the top fifteen countries on the Human Development Index abstain from such symbolic lunar conquests. Why? Because their priority is channeling limited resources to uplift their own citizens. Surely, rocket launches hold merit in pursuits like weather prediction, resource exploration, and communication advancement. However, let's be unequivocal: Chandrayaan-3's soothing lullaby doesn't resonate with India's starving millions. Ranked a disheartening 132nd on the Human Development Index, our nation's imperative lies in empowering education, healthcare, sustenance, and employment. Squandering public funds on lunar forays amid such dire circumstances is akin to masking tattered trousers with an extravagant cloak. Imagine parents opting for a lavish overseas vacation while scrimping on their children's education and nourishment. Could we laud such actions as wise? The argument of bolstering national prestige among neighbors may surface, but a harsh reality persists: India's regression to the 107th spot on the Global Hunger Index places us behind Nepal (81), Bangladesh (84), and even Pakistan (99). Notably, Bhutan (127) and Bangladesh (129) have overtaken India (132) on the Human Development Index. In this era of global competition, our nation's true strength lies in the well-being and education of our citizens. While flags planted on the moon might flutter valiantly in the vacuum of space, the real battle unfolds on our own soil, within the hearts and minds of the millions who struggle daily for basic necessities. The moon may beckon with its ethereal allure, but ensuring the health, education, and dignity of our children is the resounding victory that will echo through generations. It's time for India to decisively shift its gaze from the ephemeral glory of the cosmos to the pressing challenges on the ground. A nation that truly values its future invests in the development and nourishment of its youth, unearthing their latent potential, and securing a prosperous destiny. In the grand tapestry of history, it is the strides we make in human welfare that will shine brightest, far outshining the dim light cast by flags on distant lunar plains.

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RAKHI CELEBRATION



Muslim women and children display a 'Chandrayaan-3' themed Rakhi ahead of the Raksha Bandhan festival, in Bhopal.

NO I.N.D.I.A IN THE STATES

DR. DUGGARAJU SRINIVASA RAO



The non-BJP alliance, now named INDIA, seems to be more, as the day for their third and important conclave approaches, strong in number and weak in chemical bonding. The approach among those parties is apparently INDIA is aimed at throwing out Narendra Modi at the national level and not for the fight against BJP at the state level. As the D day draws closure to the assembly elections in four major states-Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chattisgarh and Telangana- the disarray among the leaders and their parties is visible. The proposed Mumbai meet this month end is certainly not going to be as homily as it was in the earlier meets in Patna and Bangalore. The unresolved issue of who should be the convener of INDIA is going to be the hindrance for the next moves, despite the declared agenda of sheet sharing and logo design of alliance, at the Mumbai meet. The problem with the top leaders of different political parties is their firm belief that the person who gets the convener post today will automatically become the PM candidate after the election results in 2024. Hence the resolve to grab the position now itself and then lead the opposition in campaign as the challenger to Modi.

Nitish Kumar, CM of Bihar and JDU leader, has firmly fixed his eyes on convener post of INDIA and it is open secret and it is equally in the open that Nitish Kumar's partner in the Bihar government, RJD and its

resurrected leader, still a convict on bail, is not happy at such a prospect of Nitish's ascendancy in opposition camp. It is to the credit of Nitish that Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee, SP leader Akhilesh Yadav and AAP leader and Delhi CM were roped into INDIA alliance. Earlier those three leaders were towing the boat of non-BJP-non-Congress boat floated by the BRS leader and Telangana CM KCR. With non on the board KCR is pulling his BRS alone and struggling to do so.

That RJD leadership is not for Nitish conensorship is evident in their guarded statements. Lalu Prasad Yadav, at present, is non-committal on Nitish candidature, though at one time RJD thought of pushing Nitish out of Bihar politics by supporting his national ambition. It was RJD's ploy to capture the CM post back by Lalu family. Tejaswi Yadav, the younger son of Lalu, currently deputy CM is billed to take over the CM chair. But that idea is abandoned by Lalu as such an elevation of younger son is likely to split his party through a rebellion of elder son Tej Pratap Yadav. Eldest son Tej is not happy at his name being ignored for deputy CM and is ready to strike. His rebellious mood is reflected in his unilateral decision to change park in Patna named after former PM and BJP leader Vajpayee. The praise Nitish heaped on late Vajpayee on his birth day on August 12 in the very park triggered the venting of dissent by Tej Pratap.

Thus Nitish, faced with stiff opposition from RJD to his leadership in INDIA, is reportedly keeping all his options including going back to NDA.

The other tall leader in INDIA who is confusing the opposition camp is Sharad Pawar. His insistence even three days prior to the Mumbai conclave of opposition parties that his nephew Ajit Pawar is their party leader and there is no split in his party is rather confusing the INDIA camp. The Ajit Pawar has taken away 40 MLAs with him and took the post of Deputy CM of Maharashtra along with eight other colleagues as ministers. Sharad Pawar and Ajit Pawar had secret conclaves and Ajit Pawar reportedly asking his uncle to end his association with INDIA and join hands with BJP and get suitable rewards both in position and kind. Sharad Pawar, even after formation of INDIA, has shared dais with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to present him Lokmanya Tilak award in Pune, despite Congress asking him not appear along with Modi. Sharad Pawar as is his wont plays his cards very close to his chest and may not mind the label of traitor if he gets suitable political rehabilitation offer from BJP.

The two states, Bihar and Maharashtra, together send 104 Lok Sabha members and cracks in the unity of INDIA in those states is not a good omen to the non-BJP camp. As of now West Bengal CM and TMC Chief Mamata Banerjee is not so vocal in the opposition unity talks as she is besieged with her own problems in the state. Her ambition to be the PM candidate from the opposition is no secret and unless she is offered the convener post Mamata may not participate enthusiastically in INDIA matters.

AAP and Kejriwal have separate agenda of political expansion. It entered Chattisgarh directly and is sure to enter the fray both in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan.

The AAP, which joined INDIA on one condition of Congress opposing the Delhi ordinance is not ready to allow a comeback to Congress. Kejriwal insists that Congress should give up its idea of contesting the Delhi and Punjab seats during the Lok Sabha elections. AAP is likely to contest in MP and Rajasthan just as SP is contesting in MP. Akhilesh Yadav has already announced his party's candidates in constituencies of MP bordering UP. Entry of SP in over dozen seats in Madhya Pradesh means a loss of that many seats for Congress in the coming elections.

The INDIA group members are apparently not interested in cooperation at the state level but are positioning for bargain in the Lok Sabha seats in their strongholds. Thus AAP and SP are congered with number of Lok Sabha seats they can grab from Congress and is not ready project INDIA as a Congress led one. On the other hand the Congress strategists is preferring a situation where every senior leader feels that he has a chance to be the challenger for Modi and do their best to win maximum number of seats in their states. This fluid politics of Congress are not to the liking of Nitish Kumar as he feels that absence of a firm convener tag from INDIA partners he is likely to lose his grip in Bihar. Congress on the other hand wish to cash the clash of regional leaders' high ambitions and squeeze in Rahul Gandhi as the PM candidate of INDIA.

It is with such a suspicious minds and independent agendas clashing with one other that all the 26 non-BJP parties are heading to Mumbai conclave and the outcome, as things stand, may not be so pleasant for the INDIA members and plausible outcome is to meet again this time in Jaipur.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Golden triumph

Neeraj Chopra claimed India's inaugural athletics gold with an 88.17m javelin throw, emerging as the world champion. Throughout, his consistent brilliance shone with impressive distances. Also, Indian athletes Kishore Jena and DP Manu excelled, securing 5th and 6th positions. Chopra now joins Abhinav Bindra as the second Indian to hold Olympic and World Championships titles. His unwavering focus on sport, eschewing glamour, has sustained his javelin prowess. Chopra pledged to maintain motivation, acknowledging Jan Zelezny's javelin legacy. This triumph fuels hopes for enhanced governmental support and sports infrastructure. Neeraj Chopra's victory kindles national pride and ignites aspirations for India's global sports prominence.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee, Faridabad

Educational Realignment

It's high time we reevaluate our approach to education. The overwhelming desire of parents for their children to attend prestigious institutions like AIIMS and IITs often overshadows the unique talents and passions of students. Tragically, this has resulted in cases where the pressure becomes unbearable, pushing some students to end their lives. While expanding seats in these esteemed institutions might seem like a solution, it could intensify competition and stress among aspirants. Our nation requires a diverse array of professionals—scientists, lawyers, accountants, and journalists—not just engineers and doctors. Let's shift our mindset to foster individual growth.

MK Nair, Raipur

Life's Battles

In times of struggle, we must remember that taking one's own life isn't the answer. There exist positive and constructive avenues to navigate pain and stress. The aftermath of suicide in Kota educational institutions leave loved ones grappling with grief and remorse. The immense academic pressure to excel and secure a bright future often burdens students. Fostering awareness about mental well-being and destigmatizing seeking help is crucial. This encourages students to seek assistance without hesitation.

Ram Kumar Singh, Panipat

Empowering Athletes

Neeraj Chopra's remarkable victory in Budapest bodes well for Indian athletes, serving as an inspiration to budding athletes. His success underscores the viability of sports as a serious career. To nurture this path, it's vital for the government to introduce robust financial schemes. Adequate infrastructure is essential for honing skills. Furthermore, creating additional avenues and incentives, funded jointly by the state and Central governments, is imperative to secure the future of athletes who bring pride to the nation.

Mrinal Chatterjee, Kolkata

Balancing Success and Well-being of students in Coaching Centers



Yash Pal Ralhan

In the heart of India's educational landscape, Kota stands as a city synonymous with ambition and aspiration. It is a city that has built a reputation as a breeding ground for success, with its coaching factories churning out students who dare to dream of conquering the formidable gates of prestigious institutions. However, beneath the glossy façade of academic excellence lies a grim reality that has been brought into stark focus by recent

tragic events.

The coaching culture in Kota has long been hailed as a double-edged sword. On one hand, it offers a pathway to the stars for countless young minds, promising them a shot at the country's most esteemed institutions. On the other hand, it is a culture of relentless competition, sleepless nights, and unyielding pressure that has cast a long shadow over the lives of these very students.

The recent suicides within the hallowed halls of these coaching factories have shattered the illusion of invincibility that often surrounds high achievers. They serve as painful reminders that the pursuit of academic success, while commendable, is not without its costs. The toll on the mental and emotional well-being of these young learners cannot be ignored any longer. As the death toll attributed to the pressures of coaching center culture continues to rise, the need for immediate and comprehensive action becomes glaringly evident.

Kota, once revered as the city of dreams, has, unfortunately, also become a city of nightmares for

some. The competition is fierce, and the demands are unforgiving. What starts as a quest for excellence can quickly spiral into a fight for survival. With an increasing number of students facing burnout, anxiety, and even despair, it is undeniable that the current coaching culture needs urgent intervention.

The tragedy of these suicides is that they expose the fragility of the human psyche when subjected to unrelenting stress. These young individuals, brimming with potential, are pushed to their limits, often without the proper support systems to help them navigate the treacherous waters. The coaching centers, with their laser focus on academic outcomes, sometimes overlook the holistic development and well-being of their students.

It is essential to recognize that the issue goes beyond the boundaries of Kota. The challenges faced by these students are a microcosm of the larger societal pressure cooker that young individuals across the nation find themselves in. The expectations are high, the opportunities limited, and the path

to success seems narrow. The struggle to balance parental aspirations, societal expectations, and personal dreams is a battle that many fight in silence.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla's connection to Kota lends a unique opportunity for transformative change. As a representative of the city, he is uniquely positioned to spearhead an inquiry into the coaching culture's impact on student well-being. By establishing a dedicated parliamentary committee, he can delve into the nuances of the issue, uncovering the factors that contribute to this troubling trend. Such an inquiry could lay the foundation for comprehensive reforms that prioritize the mental health and overall development of students.

The coaching culture's flaws must be acknowledged and rectified. The system, which aims to prepare students for success, should not come at the cost of their mental and emotional health. It is imperative that the approach shifts from relentless competition to fostering an environment that encourages growth, resilience, and holistic develop-

ment.

While academic excellence remains a worthy pursuit, it must not be achieved at the expense of a student's well-being. Mental health should no longer be a casualty of the race to the top. Coaching centers must evolve into places that not only cultivate knowledge but also nurture emotional intelligence and psychological well-being.

The recent tragedies in Kota's coaching centers are a wake-up call that demands our attention and action. The toll on young lives cannot be ignored any longer. The coaching culture must undergo a transformation that places student well-being at its core. As a society, we must recognize the importance of striking a balance between academic ambition and emotional resilience. Only then can we truly claim to be guiding our future leaders toward success, without leaving their mental health behind in the shadows.

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BRIEF

Appointment



Kolkata: Tata Steel Ltd's CEO and MD TV Narendran was appointed the new chairperson of the board of governors of IIT-Kharagpur; a statement said. IIT-Kharagpur director VK Tewari said that as a man beholding technical and industrial supremacy, Narendran understands the needs of the society and the practical implications of industry-academia amalgamation with a technical institution. "We welcome TV Narendran as the new chairperson of the Board of Governors of IIT Kharagpur," he said.

Files IPO

New Delhi: Cryogenic tank maker Inox India Ltd has filed preliminary papers with capital market regulator Sebi to mop up funds through an initial public offering. The Initial Public Offering (IPO) is entirely an Offer For Sale (OFS) of up to 2.21 crore shares by its existing shareholders and promoters, according to the Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) filed on Tuesday. Those offering shares in the OFS are Siddharth Jain, Pavan Kumar Jain, Nayantara Jain, Ishita Jain, and Manju Jain. Since the issue is completely an OFS, the Vadodara-based company will not receive any proceeds and all the funds will go to the selling shareholders.

Steps down



New Delhi: Fintech platform BharatPe's Chief Business Officer Dhruv Dhanraj Bahl is leaving the company after about four years of service, the company confirmed. Bahl's exit follows a series of exits of top executives from the Gurugram-based company. Bahl joined the company in 2020 as head of operations and was elevated to Chief Operating Officer, before assuming his present role of CBO for Merchant Lending.

Exporters have ability to come out as winners from global uncertainties: Goyal

New Delhi, Aug 30:



Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal expressed hope that exporters will come out as winners from the impact of the current global uncertainties. He said there are challenges on the global trade front due to the ongoing geo-political situation, concerns on inflation, and slowing growth in key economies. "We do have challenges but our business people have the ability and agility to come out as winners from this adverse situation," he said here while addressing ex-

porters at an event organised by the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO). He also exuded confidence that the country's goods

and services exports would reach USD 2 trillion by 2030. The minister appealed to the industry to focus on quality and innovation with a view to increasing exports.

India's exports contracted by 15.88 per cent in July for the sixth month in a row, to USD 32.25 billion due to a global slowdown and fall in shipments of key sectors like petroleum, gems and jewellery, according to official data. Talking about the successful launch of Chandrayaan-3, the minister said this has opened huge opportunities for the

private sector in the space sector. We are working on regulatory simplification for the private sector so that they can participate in the space segment, he added. Meanwhile, Goyal also held discussions with exporters and deliberated on ways to promote export.

An industry official, who participated in the discussion, said that exporters exuded confidence of achieving the targets and increasing shipments in the coming months. According to exporters, the outbound shipments will enter positive zone soon.

Housing prices rose in 43 cities in Q1 of FY24: NHB

New Delhi, Aug 30:



Housing prices rose in 43 cities in the first quarter of 2023-24, while the rates of residential units fell in seven cities, according to National Housing Bank (NHB). In a Housing Price Index published by NHB, the regulator for housing finance companies said the home loan rates are still lower than the pre-pandemic rates leading to a healthy affordability overall. Eight key primary residential markets - Ahmedabad witnessed a 9.1 per cent appreciation in property prices while Bengaluru 8.9 per cent and Kolkata 7.8 per cent during the April-June

2023 period. Other cities like Chennai saw 1.1 per cent, Delhi (0.8 per cent), Hyderabad (6.9 per cent), Mumbai (2.9 per cent) and Pune (6.1 per cent) increase in the index on an annual basis as per the Housing Price Index (HPI). The 50-city HPI based on valuation prices of properties collected from banks and housing finance companies (HPI @

Assessment Prices) recorded an annual increase (Year-on-Year) of 4.8 per cent during the first quarter of FY24 as compared with 7 per cent a year ago, it said. The annual change in HPI @ Assessment Price varied widely across the cities - ranging from an increase of 20.1 per cent (in Gurugram) to a decline of 19.4 per cent (in Ludhiana). On a sequential (Q-o-Q) basis, the 50-city index registered an expansion of 0.7 per cent in April-June 2023 as against 1.3 per cent in the previous quarter. The index is showing an increasing trend on Quarter-on-Quarter basis since June 2021.

Sensex, Nifty retreat from early highs to end flat

Mumbai, Aug 30:



Benchmark equity indices Sensex and Nifty retreated from early highs to close on a flat note on Wednesday due to tag-end selling in banking and power shares amid mixed global cues. The 30-share BSE Sensex ended 0.02 per cent or 11.43 points higher at 65,075.82 points, marking its third straight day of gains. Similar trends were witnessed on the NSE where the broader 50-share Nifty inched up 0.02 per cent or 4.80 points to settle at 65,087.25 points. Most of the European stocks were trading in the negative territory while Asian shares ended the day on a mixed note. "European stocks fell after the latest round of price data suggested inflation may not yet be fully on the retreat in the euro region. Asian markets too gave up some of their

morning gains," Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research, HDFC Securities said. Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services, said positive sentiment initially propelled domestic equities, buoyed by softer US labour market data that caused a retreat in US bond yields, alleviating concerns about rate hikes. "This positive outlook was reinforced by Chinese banks' move to reduce existing mortgage rates, favourably impacting Indian metal stocks.

India, New Zealand signs MoU to boost cooperation in civil aviation

Mumbai, Aug 30:



Union Minister of Steel and Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya M Scindia witnesses the signing of MoU between India and New Zealand on boosting cooperation in Civil Aviation, at Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan, in New Delhi.

India and New Zealand have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to boost cooperation in civil aviation, which includes scheduling of new routes, codeshare services, traffic rights and capacity entitlement, an official statement said. According to the MoU, the designated airline(s) of New Zealand may operate any number of services with any type of aircraft, with third and fourth freedom traffic rights to/from six points in India, namely New Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, and Kolkata, it stated. India and New Zealand had signed the Air Services Agreement at Auckland on May 1, 2016. Governments of the two countries have reviewed

the existing arrangements relating to air service between the two countries, it said and added that the initial pact is expected to further boost the bilateral ties in civil aviation between the two countries. The MoU was signed by

civil aviation secretary Rajiv Bansal and the High Commissioner of New Zealand, David Pine, it said. Minister of Civil Jyotiraditya Scindia and the New Zealand Minister for Trade Growth, Agriculture, Biosecurity, Land Information, and Rural Communities of New Zealand, O' Connor were present on this occasion, the release stated. "We have signed a MoU that has opened the possibilities of furthering air transport between our two countries," Scindia was quoted as saying in the statement. The open sky policy has been put in place. The point of calls has been increased (and) we have also increased intermediate points," he added. The designated airline(s) of India may operate any number of services with any type of aircraft with third and fourth freedom traffic rights to/from Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and three more points in New Zealand to be named by the Indian Government, according to the statement.

32 cos apply under PLI IT hardware scheme: Vaishnav



New Delhi, Aug 30:

As many as 32 companies, including global biggies like HP, Dell and Lenovo, have applied under the Production Linked Incentive scheme for IT hardware, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav said on Wednesday. The expected incremental production under the scheme is pegged at Rs 3.35 lakh crore, said Vaishnav, Minister for Electronics and IT. "India is emerging as a trusted supply chain partner and value added partner... companies are happy to come to India for manufacturing and design," Vaishnav said at a media briefing. Overall, 32 applications have been received under PLI for IT hardware scheme so far, Vaishnav said describing it as a good response. The response is more than anticipated, he said.

PROMOTIONAL EVENT

Actor and TMC MP Mimi Chakraborty during a promotional event, in Kolkata, Wednesday, Aug. 30.

Honasa Consumer plans to raise Rs 400 cr from IPO

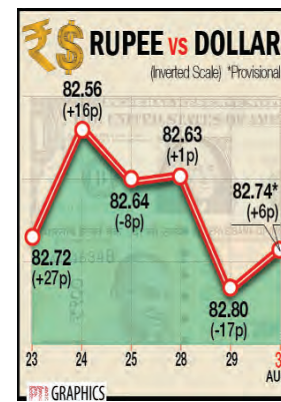
New Delhi, Aug 30:

IPO-bound Honasa Consumer Ltd, which owns new age FMCG brands such as Mamaearth and The Derma Co, expects to raise Rs 400 crore from listing and would spend the proceeds mainly on offline expansion, bring more brands to the market and on acquisitions, its Co-founder and CEO Varun Alagh said.

Honasa will focus on expanding the scale of the brand with more distribution expansion and awareness of its flagship brand Mamaearth, besides scaling its other brands as The Derma Co, Aqualogica and Ayuga, which are also performing well and growing monthly revenue. Its salon business BBlunt, acquired from Godrej Consumer Products, exclusive brand outlets and overseas expansion to geographies such as the Middle East and newer categories would be the newer engine of growth, he said.

Rupee recovers 6 paise to settle at 82.74 against US dollar

Mumbai, Aug 30:



The rupee recovered 6 paise to settle at 82.74 (provisional) against the US currency on Wednesday following weakness in the US dollar in global markets. FI inflows into the capital market and firm equity markets supported the local unit while gains in crude oil prices restricted the rupee upside, according to analysts. At the interbank foreign exchange, the domestic unit opened higher at 82.67 amid overnight losses in the US dollar against major global rivals. It moved between a high of 82.66 and a low of 82.81 in intra-day trade. The rupee finally closed at 82.74 against the dollar, a gain of 6 paise compared to the closing level of 82.80 on Tuesday. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.03 per cent lower at 103.50 after US data suggest-

ed that labour market was cooling, a scenario that could provide support for the US Federal Reserve in eventual easing interest rates. Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, rose 0.56 per cent to USD 85.97 per barrel. On the domestic equity market front, the BSE Sensex closed higher by 11.43 points or 0.02 per cent at 65,087.25 points while the broader Nifty advanced by 4.80 points to close at 19,347.45 points.

'Shiv Shakti - Tap Tyag Tandav' enters top 4 HGEC shows

Mumbai, Aug 30:

Colors, one of India's leading GEC, known for its diverse and compelling content that is adored by viewers, has yet again delivered a stellar show - 'Shiv Shakti - Tap Tyag Tandav'. In a short span of time, the mythological dramawhich premiered on 19th June 2023 has ascended to become one of the most acclaimed shows as it enters the top4spot in the Hindi GEC space. The magnum opus boasts an impressive reach of 38 million on COLORS as per Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC) week 32data. Created and produced by Siddharth Kumar Tewary's Swastik Productions, the show features Ram Yashvardhan in

the divine role of Lord Shiv and Subha Rajput as the embodiment of Goddess Shakti with a stellar star cast in pivotal characters.

Shital Iyer, Colors, Viacom18 said, "At Colors, our unwavering commitment to deliver diverse and ground breaking content has consistently remained our priority, and the success of Shiv Shakti - Tap Tyag Tandav is an outcome of this. The meticulously crafted narrative of the show has taken the art of storytelling to newer heights, captivating the audiences across generations. The show has etched a special place in the hearts of the viewers, and our endeavour is to persistently bring forth more such impactful stories."

Multiple stakeholders come together to form ASCI Academy

Mumbai, Aug 30:

The Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) proudly unveils the ASCI Academy, a pioneering initiative poised to amplify the advertising industry's capacity to create more responsible and progressive advertising campaigns. Building upon ASCI's established corrective role which comes alive post ad publication, this pioneering platform embeds self-regulation right at the point of the inception of advertisements.

In today's digital landscape, characterized by brief campaign durations and a surge in number of advertisers, the ASCI Academy is positioned to empower current and future industry professionals including influencers and students with a foundational understanding



of advertising regulations, ensuring ethical practices from the outset.

Rohit Kumar Singh, Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs said "I congratulate ASCI on the launch of the ASCI Academy. In the digital age, preventive actions need strong impetus and encouragement, and the training of industry professionals - current and future is an important systemic intervention." Vikram Sahay, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, who is part of the ASCI Academy's Apex Council said, "Many congratulations to ASCI on the launch of the ASCI Academy. The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has always supported self-regulatory mechanisms in the media and entertainment industry."

Centre to extend PLI scheme for automotive sector by 1 yr until FY28

New Delhi, Aug 30:

The government has decided to extend the Rs 25,938-crore production-linked incentive scheme for the automotive sector by one year, Union Heavy Industries Minister Mahendra Nath Pandey said. Post extension, the five-year scheme, originally in place from 2022-23 to 2026-27, will be active until 2027-28. At present, incentives are applicable under the scheme for determined sales of Advanced Automotive Technology (AAT) products (vehicles and components) manufactured in India from 1 April 2022 onwards for a period of five consecutive years.

SIAM welcomes extension of auto PLI scheme

Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers on Wednesday welcomed the government's decision to extend the Rs 25,938 crore-production-linked incentive scheme for the automotive sector by one year. In a statement, Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) President Vinod Aggarwal thanked the Ministry of Heavy Industries for facilitating industry feedback on the auto PLI scheme. He lauded the ministry for announcing changes "to enable quarterly disbursement of fiscal incentives, addition of more testing agencies for faster clearances and extending the PLI benefits by a year, based on industry request".

Appointment of two Headmasters raises concerns at Bandha School

Central Chronicle News

Lakhanpur, Aug 30: The appointment of two headmasters at the Government Middle School in Panchayat Bandha, Lakhanpur Development Block, has ignited controversy over resource allocation and educational priorities.

The Government Middle School in Bandha caters to 55 students across its high school grades, facilitated by an existing team of five dedicated teachers. Despite the presence of a headmaster assigned by the District Education Officer's (DEO) office, a recent written directive from the same office attached another headmaster, Manju Singh, to the school.

This unprecedented scenario of dual leadership in a single institution has

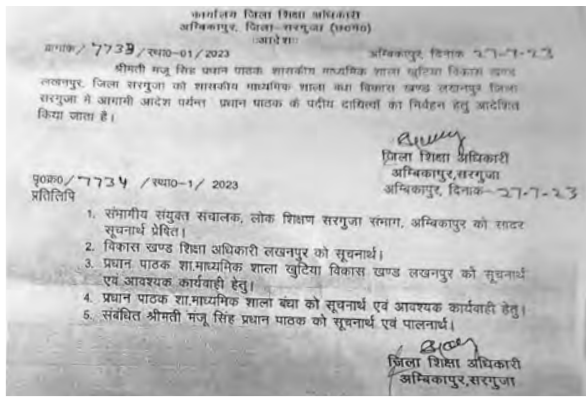


raised eyebrows. Interestingly, this situation stands in stark contrast to many other schools within the Lakhanpur Development Block, where a shortage of teachers persists even as the student population grows.

This lopsided distribution of teaching staff, often influenced by the preferences of officials, is

not only compromising the quality of education but also casting a shadow on the future of the children.

Such practices have led to arbitrary teacher transfers, disrupting the stability of schools and affecting the prospects of the students. For instance, teachers from Jhadipur Middle School in Khunwarpur, another locality in the



Lakhanpur Development Block, were unexpectedly moved to different schools without their consent, based on the notion that a single teacher could efficiently manage certain schools.

Safiq Khan, the incumbent headmaster of Government Middle School Badha, expressed his perplexity over the appointment of another

headmaster. He cited the sufficiency of the current teaching staff and questioned the rationale behind such a move. In response, District Education Officer Suraj Singh clarified that the decision was prompted by the nearing retirement of the current headmaster, justifying the attachment of a new headmaster to ensure a seamless transition.

Sacred Kanwar Yatra unites devotees in Pendra-Marwahi

Devotees embark on 15-kilometer journey for sacred Jalabhishekh

Central Chronicle News

Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi, Aug 30: Amidst fervent devotion and community collaboration, the annual Kanwar Yatra unfolded in Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi (GPM) district. Organized jointly by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad and Bajrang Dal, the yatra covered a remarkable 15-kilometer route, encompassing five revered Shivalayas, and culminated in a sacred water ablation ritual at the revered Lord Bholenath temple.

Guided by the spiritual wisdom of Swami Krishna Prapanacharya, the yatra commenced from Sonkund and traversed through picturesque locations - Sonmuda, Basantpur, Amarpur, and

Pendra. Both men and women participated wholeheartedly, reflecting



their unwavering devotion. The success of this sacred journey was possible due to the unwavering support from Harsh Chhabariya, the District President of Vishwa

Hindu Parishad, and Bajrang Dal, in coordination with the local police administration. The yatra received a warm welcome at every stage of its journey, ensuring the safety and harmony of the event.

Devotees from Pendra-Marwahi district passionately engaged in the Kanwar Yatra, meticulously performing Jalabhishekh at each of the five Shivalayas. The event's accomplishment can be attributed to the dedication of individuals like Priya Dwivedi, Santoshi Sahu, Sudha Patel, Anjana Patel, Neetu Gupta, Varsha Gupta, Meenu Pandey, Vaishali Pandey, Kashish Keshari, and Dimpi Gupta, who played pivotal roles in its success.

Health workers' indefinite strike continues



Thousands join protest, seek attention to unmet demands

Central Chronicle News

Anwari, Aug 30: The resolute voices of health workers in Chhattisgarh continue to echo as they persist in their indefinite strike, which began on August 21, to press for their five-point demands. On the tenth day of the protest, a massive gathering of health workers and officials from across the state congregated, staging a spirited demonstration against the government's lack of response. With no resolution on the horizon

regarding their demands, the movement has gained momentum, with participants vowing to escalate their actions in the days to come.

Adding to the fervour, the striking health workers have decided to seize the opportunity of Rahul Gandhi's visit to Chhattisgarh. They plan to meet him and draw his attention to their unmet demands, which encompass wage increments for various healthcare roles. Despite being included in official declarations, these demands have yet to be addressed, compelling the workers to prolong their agitation until their concerns are acknowledged and acted upon.

Even during the festive occasion of Raksha Bandhan, the health workers have stood their ground at the protest site, showing unwavering commitment by observing the festival through a unique protest. Nursing sisters from across the state have devised a plan to approach the Chief Minister's residence in large numbers, tying rakhis and using the occasion to call attention to their struggle for equitable wages.

The health workers firmly state that their agitation will continue to impact healthcare services until concrete steps are taken by relevant department officials to address their legitimate demands.

Collector flags off awareness van for Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao campaign drive

Campaign aims to transform mindsets and empower girls across communities

Central Chronicle News

Korba, Aug 30: A promising step towards gender equality and female empowerment was taken as Collector Vinay Kumar Langesh inaugurated an awareness van under the Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao campaign.

Hoisting the green flag, the initiative seeks to tackle gender bias and discriminatory attitudes towards girls, with a mission to uplift their status in society.

The campaign, aligned with the Indian government's Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao program, aims to dismantle harmful stereotypes associated with daughters and challenge



ingrained prejudices related to dowry and patriarchal norms.

By raising awareness and promoting education, the initiative aims to foster a positive environment for girls' growth and development, spanning both rural and urban areas.

Adding to its impact, the awareness van is equipped with LED displays that not only raise awareness about

the campaign but also educate the public about the importance of voting through visual aids. Moreover, the van will disseminate information about governmental schemes designed to benefit girls, reaching even the remotest corners of the district.

In a heartwarming Raksha Bandhan gesture, school children tied sym-



bolic Rakhi threads, created by the Self-Help Group, to Collector Langesh, CEO, and other officials. This act symbolized a commitment against female foeticide and violence, reflecting the campaign's core message.

The children were gifted sweets, stationery, and a powerful message urging the community to end harmful practices and gen-

der-based discrimination. Furthermore, the district administration distributed smartphones to all Anganwadi workers, aimed at enhancing their online capabilities for more effective task execution. This technological advancement aims to bridge the digital gap and streamline their operations, ultimately benefiting the communities they serve.

District-level Chhattisgarhi Olympics kick off

At Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium, Mungeli
Inaugural ceremony witnesses enthusiastic participation, emphasis on State's cultural heritage

Central Chronicle News

Mungeli, Aug 30: The vibrant spirit of Chhattisgarh's cultural legacy came to life with the commencement of the district-level Chhattisgarhi Olympics at the illustrious Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium. The opening ceremony, characterized by the ceremonial lamp lighting and the resonating notes of the national anthem, set an inspiring tone for the upcoming events.

Sanjeet Banerjee, President of the District Panchayat,



graced the occasion as a distinguished guest, acknowledging the significance of preserving the state's rich cultural traditions. Athletes and sports coaches took the stage to express their excitement for the games while also raising concerns about meal arrangements, an essential aspect of the athletes' overall experience.

Marking the first day of the event, the inauguration of kabaddi and kho-kho matches was conducted. Sanjeet Banerjee, Deputy President of

the District Panchayat, underscored the state government's unwavering commitment to nurturing Chhattisgarh's unique cultural identity.

The ongoing second edition of the Chhattisgarhi Olympics, organized at multiple tiers from village panchayat to the state level, exemplifies the state's dedication to this cause. This visionary initiative aligns with the principles set forth by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel's administration. Banerjee elaborated on the

allocation of distinct prize amounts for various age categories, fostering inclusivity and healthy competition throughout the developmental journey, from the block level to the state level.

With the divisional-level competitions on the horizon, Banerjee extended his heartfelt wishes to all participating athletes. The event saw a strong presence of dignitaries from Rajiv Yuva Mitra Club, PTI, sports department officials, employees, and a multitude of enthusiastic athletes.

SECL achieves financial milestone in PM-Gatishakti rail corridor project

Securing Rs. 1349 cr term Loan, CIL subsidiary concludes financial closure documentation

Central Chronicle News

Korba, Aug 30: In a significant stride towards the development of Phase-II of Chhattisgarh East Railway Limited (CERL), South Eastern Coalfields Ltd (SECL), a subsidiary of Coal India Limited (CIL), has secured a Rupee Term Loan of Rs. 1349 crores from the Central Bank of India. This achievement marks a crucial financial closure for the ambitious PM-Gatishakti Rail Corridor Project in Chhattisgarh.

CERL Phase-II is a key component of the national infrastructure initiative under PM GatiShakti. The loan documentation was finalized in the presence of senior officials

from SECL, Ircon International Limited (IRCON), and Chhattisgarh State Industrial Development Corporation (CSIDC), solidifying their commitment to the project's success.

This joint venture project, led by SECL (64% stake), IRCON (26% stake), and CSIDC, representing GoCG, (10% stake), aims to enhance rail connectivity within Chhattisgarh. The CERL Phase-II project, stretching 62.50 kms from Dharamjaygarh to Korba, will serve as a crucial link between the existing rail infrastructure and further extend the reach to northern regions, enabling efficient coal transportation. CERL Phase II project cost

is estimated to be Rs. 1686.22 crore with the funding structure of 80:20 Debt:Equity ratio, with Rs. 1349 crores as debt and Rs. 337.22 crores as equity. Notably, the project has already received Rs. 273.81 crores in investments from the promoters, contributing to land acquisition and necessary clearances. The expected completion date for the project is March 2026.

The execution of this financial milestone is anticipated to accelerate the project's construction and generate employment opportunities, thereby fostering economic growth in the region. The rail corridor is poised to play a pivotal role in the socio-economic and environmental advancement of

Chhattisgarh, aligning with the broader objectives of the GatiShakti initiative.

Present at the ceremony were senior officials including S. K. Pal (DT Opns., SECL and Chairman, CERL), G. Srinivasan (DF, SECL), Smt. Ragini Advani (DF, IRCON), Y. K. Chaudhary (CTPM, SECR, ED Coal, Ministry of Railways), and Ravi Valluri (CEO, CERL).

SECL's significant role in coal production and the advancement of the CERL Phase-II project underscores its commitment to driving national infrastructure projects forward. CERL Phase-II's inclusion in the GatiShakti initiative further underscores its strategic importance on a national scale.

District Panchayat member more keen to work as labourer!

Than as member of District Panchayat; his and wife's name found in muster-roll
Contrary to this he roams around in costly car and fly to many destinations

Central Chronicle News

Kawardha, Aug 30: June month is peak of summers in the year 2023 and from June 16-21 at Gandai-Khurd river bank a novel incident took place in the last six days of this month. Here in the work started to provide employment guarantee of 100 days to the labourers to make them financially strong, there was a special person found present and working with a spade and bucket in his hand. It was found that this 'special labourer' is working from stop-dam of Gandai

Khurd to Dumarhaghat and cleaning the river of its silt and involved in its deepening work!

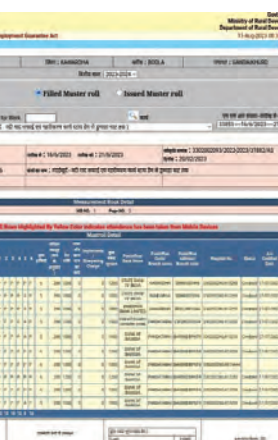
This entire story is a muster roll! This 'special labourer' is no one but member of District Panchayat Tukaram Chandravanshi and it may have come as surprise to many as to how a District Panchayat member can be a labourer of MNREGA? But the documents stand testimony to it.

If one looks at his name in the attendance in the MNREGA Muster Roll and in the documents of the payment made, then one can make out that this respectable member of District Panchayat can find time out to work as labourer as well! This is not the only work for which he takes out time, but also applies spade and bucket in pond's deepening work as well!

Tukaram Chandravanshi may have become successful in boycotting Congress in politics and contesting for District panchayat

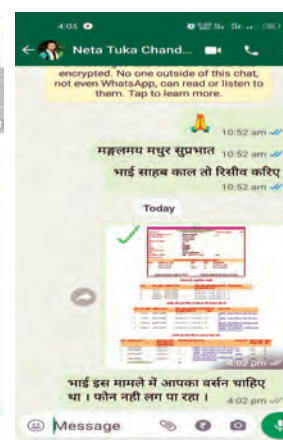
member and becoming one, but the same 'Netaji' making tall claims about public service is brought out in the open by the MNREGA Muster Roll and labour charges under Rojgar Guarantee and opening of Bank account for the same. For this young public representative, who moves around in posh four-wheeler and goes for foreign tour in Aeroplane, the news about sweating in hot sun along with his wife in Rojgar Guarantee, has come as a big surprise to many!

Though on disclosure of this news, Tukaram is trying to avoid to talk and is neither receiving the call, nor replying on the WhatsApp message. All this has made his work under Rojgar



Guarantee more suspicious and it is due to one-up-man-ship of 'Netaji' that the villagers and 'sachiv' refuse to speak anything against him.

As per information in this regard, District Panchayat member



Tukaram Chandravanshi and his wife Bharti Chandravanshi have got a job card in Gram Panchayat Gandai Khurd by no. CH-02-002-093-001/409. As per the entry in the job card and MNREGA, both the husband and wife have

worked in the pond deepening work in Gandai Khurd, Gram Panchayat from 28/04/2023 to 03/05/2023. In this as per the measurement in the 'Godi', cash of Rs 750 at the rate of Rs 150 per day is transferred into the account

of Tukaram and his wife Bharti vide wage list NNO. 3302002WL00323 on 17/05/2023.

In the same way through muster roll No. 33893 dated 16/06/2023 to 21/06/2023, both the husband and wife worked for 6 days in the river deepening and removing of silt from Stop-Dam to Dumarhaghat and in which as per measurement of 'Godi', an amount of Rs 12000 each has been transferred into the account of Tukaram and his wife vide wage list No. 3302002WL013292 on 17/07/2023. Having worked along with his wife in Rojgar Guarantee Yojana, the name of 'Netaji' and his wife have created ripples in the district's politics.

There is no fault in District Panchayat member working as labourer, nor there is any provision to stop him from doing so, but the Netaji who goes on flying trip to many places, the work of deepening of pond and removing of silt indeed has become centre of dis-

cussions among many! District Panchayat CEO Sandeep Agrawal informed that when his job card is there, then it seeks works, than as per rule of Rojgar Guarantee, he will be provided work.

Now as to whether he has worked or not, can be centre of investigation. The Panchayat Sachiv instead of talking personally, tried to talk to his son, but with start of recording his voice changed and said that father is sleeping and he cut down the call. When the Panchayat Sachiv was again contacted, but he refused to give any reply.

Since the case is related to District Panchayat member and therefore inquiry into the matter is necessary and if at all he has really worked or if a fake attendance is filled up in the name of his family member, then it smells fishy and speaks of massive financial irregularity in the District Panchayat. The opposition is all set to gear up the ruling party in this case.

Asia Cup: SL, Bangladesh look to rise above injuries

Pallekele, Aug 30 (PTI):

Sri Lanka and Bangladesh will be eager to shake off modest ODI form and spate of injuries to key players as they seek to start their Asia Cup campaign on a winning note when they face each other here on Thursday.

Sri Lanka, having clinched the T20 version of the Asia Cup in 2022, encountered difficulties in announcing their squad for this edition due to injuries and COVID-19 infections affecting several players. Prominent names like Wanindu Hasaranga, Dushmantha Chameera, Lahiru Kumara, and Dilshan Madushanka were sidelined with various injuries. Additionally, Kusal Perera, yet to fully recover from a COVID-19 infection, adds to Sri Lanka's challenges. Even prior to these setbacks, Sri Lanka's ODI performance this year has been lackluster. They began the year with a 0-3 defeat against India and a subsequent 0-2 loss to New Zealand.

Despite some bright spots such as triumphing over Afghanistan and a commendable performance in the ICC Qualifiers, Sri Lanka's struggle to



Sri Lankan players during a practice session of their Asia Cup cricket match against Bangladesh, in Kandy, Wednesday, Aug. 30.

perform consistently against top teams raises concerns. Players like Pathum Nissanka, Dimuth Karunaratne, and Charith Asalanka, who

Match starts at 3pm IST.

have displayed impressive form this year, will be crucial for Sri Lanka's batting lineup. Additionally, captain Dasun Shanaka's contribution with the bat becomes vital.

On the bowling front, the onus falls on spinner Maheesh Theekshana and pacer Kasun Rajitha, given the absence of key bowlers. Bangladesh, on the other hand, also faces challenges due to injuries to players like Tamim Iqbal, Ebadot Hossain, and Litton Das. Despite these setbacks, Bangladesh's lineup boasts individual performers like Shakib Al Hasan, Mushfiqur Rahim, Najmul Shanto, and Towhid Hridoy.

While Bangladesh's recent ODI series against England and Afghanistan ended in losses, a victory over Ireland brought some respite. However, the team needs to step up against stronger opponents like England and India. The bowling trio of Mustafizur Rahman, Shoriful Islam, and Taskin Ahmed have shown promise but need to deliver consistently against tougher rivals.

Maninder scores 4 goals in India's 15-1 rout over Bangladesh

Asian Hockey 5s WC Qualifiers

Salalah (Oman), Aug 30 (PTI):

Maninder Singh and Mohammed Raheel scored four and three goals respectively as the Indian men's hockey team hammered Bangladesh 15-1 in their Asian Hockey 5s World Cup Qualifier campaign opener here.

Maninder struck in the 10th, 18th, 28th and 30th minutes while Raheel found the target in the 2nd, 15th and 24th minutes.

Sukhvinder (13th, 22nd), Gurjot Singh (13th, 23rd), Pawan Rajbhar (19th, 26th) scored twice each while Mandeep Mor (8th) and Dipsan Turkey (9th) struck once as the Indians scored goals almost at will.

For Bangladesh, Sawon Sarowar (2nd minute) scored the lone goal on Tuesday. India started the match on an attacking mode with Pawan Rajbhar making a dangerous move. But Bangladesh thwarted the move and caught India on the counter-attack with Sarowar scoring the first goal two minutes into the match.

Within seconds, Raheel brought India back to level terms with a powerful shot. After the initial flur-



ry of attacks, both India and Bangladesh started playing cautiously to avoid early goals.

But the stalemate was broken by Indian skipper Mandeep, who struck a stunning goal in the 8th minute to put India in the lead. With goals from Dipsan (9th) and Maninder (10th), India extended their lead to 4-1 in the next couple of minutes.

A stunning save from goalkeeper Suraj Karkera led to an Indian counter-attack and Gurjot (13th)

made the most of it, scoring another goal.

Goals from Sukhvinder (13th) and Raheel (15th) closed out the first half with India leading by 7-1.

India began the second half with another attack from the right flank and Maninder (18th) struck to continue the goal-fest for India.

Less than a minute later, Pawan (19th) put his name on the scoresheet with the ninth goal for India. Maintaining possession, India pressed deeper in Bangladesh's half, and

Sukhvinder (22nd) took India's goal tally to double figures with a shot from near the halfway mark.

Gurjot struck again in the 23rd minute before Raheel (24th) completed his hat-trick a minute later as India continued to toy Bangladesh. Pawan (26th) then scored his second goal of the match.

With two minutes left on the clock, Maninder completed his hat-trick with goals in the 28th and 30th minutes, before adding another at the stroke of final whistle.

Neeraj Chopra looks to maintain Diamond League unbeaten streak in Zurich



Zurich, Aug 30 (PTI):

Newly-crowned world champion Neeraj Chopra will look to maintain his unbeaten streak in the prestigious Diamond League meet when he competes in a star-studded men's javelin throw field here on Thursday.

Chopra on Sunday clinched his maiden World Championships title in

Budapest with a throw of 88.17m. He had won a silver medal in the 2022 edition.

The Indian superstar also became only the third javelin thrower in history to hold both the Olympic and World Championships titles after world record holder Jan Zelezny of the Czech Republic and Andreas Thorkildsen of Norway. Zelezny clinched

the Olympics gold in 1992, 1996 and 2000 while winning the World Championships title in 1993, 1995 and 2001. Thorkildsen won the gold medal in the 2008 Olympics and the 2009 World Championships.

The 25-year-old Chopra has been unbeaten this season, having won two Diamond League meetings in Doha (May 5) and Lausanne (June 30) before his World Championships triumph. In Zurich, where he is competing four days after being crowned world champion, Chopra will be up against familiar rivals like Czech Republic's Jakub Vadlejch, bronze winner in Budapest with 86.67m, Julian Weber of Germany and two-time world champion Anderson Peters of Grenada.

Only Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem, silver medallist in Budapest, will not be there in Zurich.

Extraordinary Pakistan team to beat in Asia Cup: Ashwin



Chennai, Aug 30 (PTI):

Premier India spinner R Ashwin feels Pakistan will be the side to beat in the Asia Cup and consistent performances from Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan will make them even more dangerous in the continental event.

Terming both Pakistan and India as favourites for the Asian title, Ashwin said on his YouTube channel, "If Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan consistently dish out performances with the bat, Pakistan will be one hell of a team heading into this Asia Cup

and the World Cup.

"It will take some beating since Pakistan is an extraordinary team."

Pakistan faces Nepal in the tournament opener on Wednesday before taking on India in the much-awaited clash on September 2.

The Men in Blue have won the last three meetings against Pakistan in ODIs.

Ashwin feels the depth in Pakistan's squad makes them serious contenders for the Asia Cup and subsequent World Cup.

"It is all down to their (Pakistan's) squad depth. Pakistan has invariably developed exceptional cricketers."

"Thanks to their tape-ball cricket, they have always produced an incredible series of pacers. Also, their batting has been superior during the late 90s and 2000s. In tape ball cricket, electrical tape is wrapped on the tennis ball to make it smooth since it helps bowlers generate greater pace due to its light weight and smoothness of the surface.

Praggnanandhaa arrives to hero's welcome

Chennai, Aug 30 (PTI):

Indian prodigy R Praggnanandhaa, who made history by clinching the silver medal in the 2023 FIDE World Cup, and entered the FIDE Candidates tournament, was accorded a rousing reception upon his arrival at the airport here on Wednesday.

The officials from the state sports department received him at the airport. His fans eagerly waited at the

exit gate and presented him a crown of flowers, a shawl and bouquets. Flowers were strewn on his path as he stepped out and artists performed Karagattam and Oyilattam, folk dances of Tamil Nadu, on the occasion.

The teenager took his time watching the media persons swarm on either side of the vehicle into which he got into, and reacted "I am very happy over the reception."

He accepted the national



tricolour offered to him and waved it. His mother Nagalakshmi too expressed glee over the grand reception accorded to her 18-year-old son.

Indian Grandmaster Praggnanandhaa's dream run in the FIDE World Cup ended at the hands of Norwegian Magnus Carlsen, who beat him 1.5-0.5 in the tie-break at Baku, Azerbaijan, on August 24 after the classical games ended in a stalemate.

Despite the final result, Praggnanandhaa's

achievement resonated with the dreams of 140 crore people, Chief Minister M K Stalin had said and congratulated him for clinching the silver medal and entering the FIDE Candidates tournament.

The young Grand Master has an elder sister R Vaishali, who is two times youth chess champion. His parents Rameshbabu, a manager at the TNSC Bank and mother have been great source of inspiration to Praggnanandhaa.

Same match fees for men & women in English cricket

London, Aug 30 (AP):

England's female international cricketers will be paid the same match fees as their male counterparts on the back of record attendances and viewing figures for the Women's Ashes played over June and July.

The move toward abolishing the pay gap between male and female players in England had already been recommended in a report by the Independent Commission for Equity in Cricket, which was published two months ago and highlighted deep-rooted discrimination in the English game. That report said the average salary for England Women players was 20.6% of what players in the men's team received for limited-overs games.

A total of 1,10,00 people came to watch the drawn Women's Ashes series between England and Australia, with crowds of around 20,000 at several of the limited-overs matches.

More than 23,000 tickets were sold for the five days of the test at Trent Bridge.

Broadcast viewing figures of 5.3 million were double those in 2019. The pay increase will take effect immediately, starting with this week's Twenty20 series against Sri Lanka. "We all want cricket to be the team sport of choice for female athletes," said Richard Gould, chief executive of the England and Wales Cricket Board, "and, with the investments we are making and increasingly lucrative opportunities around the world, we are seeing cricketers become some of the highest-earning female athletes in UK team sports." "However, we know there is still much further to go as we ultimately strive for equality across the game." The International Cricket Council said in July that men's and women's teams will receive equal prize money at cricket's biggest international tournaments with immediate effect.

Venus Williams suffers her most lopsided US Open loss

New York, Aug 30 (AP):

There was a Williams sister out there in Arthur Ashe Stadium on Tuesday night, much to the delight of spectators who offered a standing ovation at the end of the match. Except this time it was Venus, not Serena, and there was no ceremony, no formal farewell and, unlike a year ago, no indication of what the future might hold.

Her younger sister's playing days are done after one last hurrah at Flushing Meadows in 2022, but Venus Williams is still competing, still striving, even if her age, 43, and a bum knee did her no favors on this muggy evening. Williams was eliminated 6-1, 6-1 by Belgian qualifier Greet Minnen in the first round of the U.S. Open, her most lopsided loss in 100 career matches at the Grand



Slam tournament where she won the trophy in 2000 and 2001.

The crowd that seemed thrilled just to get a chance to see Williams play in person sent her toward the locker room with applause and yells. She gave a quick wave and a smile as she walked off, her red racket bag slung over her left shoulder.

"It was really great to hear the support. I know the fans have been here for me forever, so that's fantastic to still have that support even more than ever," said Williams, the oldest player in the field. "So it's a beautiful thing, and I love the Open."

Greet Minnen of Belgium celebrates victory against Venus Williams of the United States during their Women's Singles First Round match of the 2023 US Open.

Litton Das ruled out of entire Asia Cup due to illness

Dhaka, Aug 30 (PTI):

Bangladesh wicketkeeper-batter Litton Das was on Wednesday ruled out of the entire duration of Asia Cup cricket tournament due to illness, dealing a blow to the side ahead of their campaign opener against hosts Sri Lanka in Pallekele.

Das could not recover from a viral fever, and he did not travel to Sri Lanka whom Bangladesh face in their opening match on Thursday. The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has named 30-year-old wicketkeeper-batter Anamul Haque Bijooy as Das' replacement.

Bijoy will join the squad in Sri Lanka later on Wednesday.

"Bangladesh opening batsman Litton Kumer Das, who could not travel to Sri Lanka with the Asia Cup squad due to viral fever, has been ruled out of the tournament as he has not recovered from the illness," the BCB said in a statement. "The National Selection Panel of BCB



has named 30-year-old fellow right-hander Anamul Haque Bijooy as Litton's replacement."

Anamul Haque has played 44 ODIs and has scored 1254 runs which include three hundreds. His last ODI appearance for Bangladesh was in December 2022 against India. BCB's National Selection Panel Chairman Minhajul Abedin said: "He (Anamul) has been in the runs in domestic cricket and we have continued to monitor him in the Bangladesh Tigers programme. He was always in our consideration."

Schoolgirls, women celebrate Raksha Bandhan with troops

At LoC

Jammu, Aug 30 (PTI):

Army and paramilitary personnel stationed far away from home along the Line of Control (LoC) and International Border (IB) in Jammu region on Wednesday celebrated Raksha Bandhan as hundreds of schoolgirls and women tied their rakhis to mark the festival.

Several security installations and camps along the LoC, IB and in Samba, Kathua, Jammu, Rajouri, Poonch and Udhampur districts organized events to celebrate the day, with schoolgirls and local women tying rakhis on the wrists of Army, paramilitary, and police personnel.

In Samba, girl students

drawn from Samba and Beingallar areas thronged various border outposts along IB in the district and tied rakhis on wrists of BSF personnel.

"As they are miles away from their homes, serving and defending the nation on the border, it is our duty to reach out to them as sisters and tie rakhis on their wrists. It is a great feeling to celebrate Raksha Bandhan with them," Sunita Devi, a student, said.

Like her, Anita from Ashoka Model School Raipur said that the motive of tying rakhis on these personnel's wrists is that they do not feel that their sisters are not with them as they ensure safety and security of the borders of our nation.

In Jammu, a function

was organised at Oterio border outposts along IB in R S Pura sector, where students of Sewa Bharti school reached out to border guards and tied rakhis on their wrists and prayed for their long life.

In Udhampur, hundreds of students adorned CRPF jawans with rakhis.

The fervour of Raksha Bandhan was evident as schoolgirls in Udhampur tied rakhis to CRPF jawans.

"We are happy to receive them (girl students) here for the special day. Jawans who are deployed on Amarnath duty here know well that they won't get leave for Raksha Bandhan. When these girls tie rakhis on their wrists, they forget everything and are very happy," a CRPF officer said. In Akhnoor and

Mendhar areas of Jammu and Poonch districts, students tied rakhis on the wrists of Army jawans and prayed for their long life.

In Kishtwar district, members of the BJP Mahila Morcha celebrated Raksha Bandhan with auto and bus drivers and tied rakhis on their wrists.

"We are tying rakhis to these people to strengthen the bonds with them and carry forward about the safety and security of women taking public transport," one of the members said.

This year, Raksha Bandhan falls on August 30. The festival of sister-brother bond is observed on the full moon day, known as 'Purnima', of the holy month of Shrawan.

NARLI PURNIMA CELEBRATIONS



Men and women dressed in traditional Agri-Koli attire, dance during Narli Purnima celebration, in Navi Mumbai, Wednesday.

'No one is above law; AAP fears Kejriwal's arrest in excise case'

New Delhi, Aug 30 (PTI):

The arrest of an Enforcement Directorate official for allegedly taking a bribe to favour an accused in the Delhi excise scam case has sent the message that no one is above law, and has also left the AAP jittery as it fears "kingpin" Arvind Kejriwal will also be behind bars, the BJP said on Wednesday.

BJP spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia hit out at the Aam Aadmi Party after its leader Sanjay Singh questioned the excise scam case following the official's arrest. Bhatia said higher courts have rejected AAP's plea against the matter and former Delhi deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia has been "languishing in jail for over six months."

Sisodia had moved the Supreme Court against the case within days of his arrest but his plea was rejected and he has not been given bail despite numerous efforts, Bhatia told reporters, ridiculing Singh's claim of an "imaginary scam" when probe agencies have filed chargesheet in court. "This arrest (of ED official) has been made by the CBI. It shows that the CBI and ED are working together and if anyone tries to interfere in the case through corruption and pressure, his place is behind bars," the BJP leader said, describing the arrest of ED Assistant Director Pawan Khatri as a "good sign" about the probe agencies' work.

If the AAP thinks the excise scam case is imaginary, it should immediately go to the Supreme

Court, he said.

The AAP is jittery because it fears that the scam's "kingpin" Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal may also be in jail, he claimed. If the CBI and the ED work honestly, the opposition alliance (INDIA) feel the heat, he said, dubbing the bloc as 'ghamndia'. All these "corrupt" parties have come together and forgotten what they used to call each other earlier, Bhatia said, noting that the Delhi unit of the Congress had welcomed Sisodia's arrest.

"What is the Congress' stand now," he said, playing on the unease among Delhi Congress leaders over their party sharing space with the AAP as part of the INDIA alliance against the BJP in the run up to the Lok Sabha elections.

MP: Locals try to ride on ailing leopard, take selfies

Indore, Aug 30 (PTI):

Shocking videos of an ailing wild leopard being surrounded by a group of villagers, who are taking selfies with him and even trying to ride on him have emerged from Dewas district of Madhya Pradesh.

The incident occurred at Iklera village in Dewas on Tuesday, following which the forest department rescued the leopard. The animal, suspected to be suffering from some brain disorder, was admitted to a zoo in Indore city on Wednesday in a critical condition, and is battling for life, an official said.

The official expressed surprise over the male leopard neither attacking the group of people surrounding him nor roaring at them. "The leopard was rescued on Tuesday from Iklera village, about 80 km from Indore," said Vikas

Mahore, superintendent of the forest department's Kheoni sanctuary in Dewas. He said that villagers will be warned not to go near any sick wild animal in future for their own safety. In the videos that have surfaced on social media, a group of men, some of them holding sticks, are seen either sitting or standing near the leopard. Some of them try to click pictures with the spotted feline, while some others touch the animal who is not resisting their attempts. One video shows a man trying to ride on the animal when the latter is walking. Talking to PTI, Dr Uttam Yadav, in-charge of Indore's Kamla Nehru Zoo, said the forest department rescued the male leopard, aged around 10 years, from a rural area in neighbouring Dewas district and admitted him to the hospital in the zoo.

'Artificial intelligence could aid future viral outbreak response'

New Delhi, Aug 30 (PTI):

NEW STUDY

Researchers have developed an innovative patient triage platform powered by artificial intelligence (AI) that they say can predict patient disease severity and length of hospitalisation during a viral outbreak. Triage is the prioritisation of patient care based on illness, severity, prognosis, and resource availability. The platform, described recently in the journal Human Genomics, leverages machine learning, a form of AI, and data from metabolomics - the study of small molecules related to cell metabolism.

The innovation is intended to improve patient management and help health care providers allocate resources more efficiently during severe viral outbreaks that can quickly

overwhelm local health care systems, the researchers said.

"Being able to predict which patients can be sent home and those possibly needing intensive care unit admission is critical for health officials seeking to optimise patient health outcomes and use hospital resources most efficiently during an outbreak," said senior study author Vasilis Vasiliou, a professor at Yale University, US.

The researchers developed the platform using COVID-19 as a disease model. It integrates routine clinical data, patient comorbidity information, and untargeted plasma metabolomics data to drive its predictions.

"Our AI-powered patient

triage platform is distinct from typical COVID-19 AI prediction models," said Georgia Charkoftaki, a lead author of the study and an associate research scientist at Yale. "It serves as the cornerstone for a proactive and methodical approach to addressing upcoming viral outbreaks," Charkoftaki said. Using machine learning, the researchers built a model of COVID-19 severity and prediction of hospitalisation based on clinical data and metabolic profiles collected from patients hospitalized with the disease. "The model led us to identify a panel of unique clinical and metabolic biomarkers that were highly indicative of disease progression and allows the prediction of patient management needs very soon after hospitalization," the researchers wrote in the study.

POONAL CHANGING CEREMONY



People during the 'poonal' (sacred thread) changing ceremony on the occasion of 'Avani Avittam', at the Ramnagar temple, in Coimbatore, Wednesday.

'Does Cong, Chinese Communist Party MoU require Rahul to break morale of Indian forces'

New Delhi, Aug 30 (PTI):

The BJP on Wednesday flagged a 2008 MoU between the Congress and Chinese Communist Party to target Rahul Gandhi, asking if the agreement required him to work against India's interests and to hurt the morale of Indian forces.

BJP spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia's attack came hours after Gandhi reiterated his charge that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's assertion during the early weeks of the Ladakh standoff that China had not captured any part of Indian territory was an "absolute lie". "The whole of Ladakh knows that China has usurped our land," Gandhi told reporters.



Gaurav Bhatia

Hitting back, Bhatia said China captured over 43,000 sq km of Indian land when Jawaharlal Nehru was prime minister and asked if Gandhi believed the stalwart Congress leader and his great grandfather was a "traitor". The term 'gaddar' (traitor) was used by Gandhi recently for those who "gave away a part of Bharat Mata" to

China, the BJP leader noted.

Gandhi should disclose the details of the MoU signed between the Congress and the CCP, he said, alleging it has been claimed the agreement requires him to "spy" against India and to break to morale of Indian forces when they act decisively against the Chinese.

Does this MoU also require to him to mock a prime minister, who is the protective shield for every citizen and has elevated India's global stature, as "surrender Modi," Bhatia asked in a reference to Gandhi's earlier barb at him. Noting that China had also donated to the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation,

Bhatia asked if this "bribe" is the reason behind his statements "against" India.

He asserted that no one can dare to capture an inch of Indian land under Modi's leadership. The people of India will bless him again in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls and the BJP will retain power with a bigger mandate, Bhatia said. Earlier in the day, Gandhi termed "very serious" the issue of China releasing a "standard map" that laid claim over Arunachal Pradesh and Aksai Chin, saying the neighbouring country had already taken India's land in Ladakh and Prime Minister Narendra Modi should speak on the issue.

SC seeks details of availability of medical facilities for inmates

New Delhi, Aug 30 (PTI):

As it grapples with the problem of overcrowded jails with inmates living cheek by jowl, the Supreme Court has asked the Centre and states to furnish details about the availability of medical facilities for prisoners and imparting them vocational training.

The apex court, which is hearing a matter related to alleged "inhuman conditions" prevailing in 1,382 prisons across India, also asked the Centre and the states to file affidavits giving the details about availability of adequate information technology (IT) infrastructure for conducting virtual court proceedings and visitation rights of family members of those incarcerated.

When the matter came

up for hearing on Tuesday before a bench of Justices Hima Kohli and Rajesh Bindal, it noted the sixth, seventh and eight preliminary reports and the final synopsis of the reports of December last year have been submitted by the top court-appointed committee on prison reforms.

In September 2018, the top court had constituted a three-member committee headed by former apex court judge Justice (ret'd) Amitava Roy to look at issues involving jail reforms and make recommendations on several aspects, including overcrowding in prisons.

On Tuesday, the bench asked advocate Gaurav Agrawal, who is assisting the court as an amicus curiae (friend of court), in the matter, to share copies of

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the reports with the counsel for the Union of India and the state governments. Some time is sought and granted to counsel for the parties to go through the reports and assist the court on the next date of hearing, the bench said. "Having perused the terms of references forwarded by this court to the committee for giving its recommendations in terms of the order dated September 25, 2018, we are of the opinion that some other issues are also required to be addressed, which include the following "Availability of medical facilities to the inmates in jail, imparting vocational training to the inmates in the jail and availability of adequate IT infrastructure

in jail premises for the purposes of conducting virtual court proceedings and for visitation rights of family members," the court said.

It said, to start with, the aforesaid aspects may be responded to by the Union of India and the state governments by filing appropriate affidavits through the Director General of Prisons of the respective states within three weeks from today, with advance copies to the amicus curiae (lawyers appointed by court to assist it in a case), who is requested to collate the entire information furnished, for the perusal of the court on the next date of hearing," the apex court said. It said the counsel for the parties shall assist the bench on issues related to women and children in detention, transgender prisoners, and

death row convicts.

The bench has posted the matter for resumed hearing on September 26.

In its September 25, 2018 order, the apex court had said the Supreme Court committee on prison reforms would give its recommendations on several issues, including reviewing the implementation of the guidelines contained in the Model Prison Manual, 2016 by the states and Union Territories.

It had said the committee would examine the extent of overcrowding in prisons and recommend remedial measures, including an examination of the functioning of under trial review committees, availability of legal aid and advice, grant of remission, parole and furlough.

When a Kerala temple serves Onam feast to monkeys

Kollam (Ker), Aug 30 (PTI):

Seeking to set an example of equality among living beings, a message of Onam festival, a temple in Kerala served sumptuous traditional feast to monkeys on its premises during the occasion.

The feast with all traditional vegetarian delicacies, 'pappad', 'payasam' (dessert), pickle and rice, was served on plantain leaves for a troop of monkeys at the Sree Dharma Sastha Temple at Sasthamkotta here on Tuesday, the auspicious Thiruvonam day.

The animals waited patiently till the last delicacy of the feast was served on the plantain leaves at the

'vanara bhojana sala' (a dedicated area for monkey feast). Then they descended one by one from treetops, looked around curiously and licked their fingers after dipping them in each dish. According to a temple official, the practice of serving 'onasadya' (feast) to the monkeys, living on the premises of the shrine, dated back to the era of Ramayana.

"This is nothing new. We have been doing it for decades. Every day these monkeys are fed at the temple. A delicious 'sadya' will be served on the Onam day," he told PTI.

People are considering the ritual as auspicious and so many persons would sponsor the sadya,

he noted.

"This time, we have got two-to-three such sponsors. So, there will be more feasts during this Onam," he added.

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