

BRIEF



Buildings collapse due to a rain-triggered landslide at Anni town, in Kullu district, Thursday.

Booked

Ghaziabad: The principal of a government-aided school here has been booked for allegedly molesting a few girl students of Classes 7 to 10, police said on Thursday. In a complaint registered on Wednesday, the female students alleged that their school principal Rajiv Tyagi called them to his office on Tuesday on some pretext and molested them, they added.

MoU

Ranchi: A memorandum of understanding (MoU) will be signed between Jharkhand government and TCPL Green Energy Solution Private Limited (TGESPL) on Friday to pave way for the establishment of the country's first hydrogen fuel industry in Jharkhand's Jamshepur, an official said on Thursday.

Cabinet expansion

Bhopal: Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan is expected to expand his cabinet soon, a senior leader of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) said on Thursday, an exercise planned just months ahead of assembly polls.

Busted

Faridabad: A team of cyber police busted a gang of fraudsters and arrested two of its members for allegedly carrying out a fraud of Rs 39.20 lakh on the pretext of selling a franchise of McDonald's to a resident of the city, police said. DCP (Central) Pooja Vashisht said both the accused -- Prashant Kumar alias Ravi and Koshlinder alias Lallu -- were arrested from their native state Bihar.

Weather
High 30 Low 25

MARKET
NIFTY 19,386.70
SENSEX 65,252.34

BULLION
GOLD 58,803
SILVER 73,868

'ED, IT raids attempts to defame Chh'garh govt'

New Delhi, Aug 24 (PTD):

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Thursday alleged that the ED and I-T raids on his colleagues were malicious attempts to defame and suppress the state government.

Addressing a press conference a day after his political adviser Vinod Verma's residence was



Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel addresses a press conference, at AICC Headquarters in New Delhi, Thursday.

raided by the ED, Baghel said he feared that more

such raids would be conducted against people close to him to scuttle the functioning of his government. He said he would give a befitting response to the BJP in the upcoming state assembly polls and wipe out the party from Chhattisgarh. "An attempt is being made to suppress and defame the Chhattisgarh government. The BJP

started this after losing the Jharkhand elections in July 2020. They were silent for two and a half years, but have become active again as the elections are approaching," Baghel told reporters.

The CM said the probe agencies are alleging scams to the tune of Rs 2,168 crore in Chhattisgarh, which they have been unable to

prove, as assets recovered in raids make up for only a fraction of that sum.

Baghel said the problem of the BJP is that it is baffled how the governments procured from farmers 107 lakh metric tonnes of paddy which earlier used to rot in the open.

"We saved all those losses. This is their worry," he added.

Defence ministry clears acquisition proposals worth Rs 7,800 crore

New Delhi, Aug 24 (PTD):

The defence ministry on Thursday approved capital acquisition proposals worth approximately Rs 7,800 crore that included procurement of electronic warfare suite for Mi-17 V5 helicopters.

The proposals were cleared by the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

The defence ministry said the proposals approved by the DAC included one on procurement of 7.62x51 mm Light Machine Gun (LMG) and another on acquisition of weapons MH-60R helicopters of the Indian Navy. "A Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) meeting, held

Proposals okayed.....

To enhance the efficiency of the Indian Air Force, the DAC has granted AoN for procurement and installation of Electronic Warfare (EW) Suite on Mi-17 V5 helicopters under Buy (Indian-IDD) category. The DAC has also accorded AoN for procurement of ground-based autonomous system for mechanised infantry and armoured regiments which will enable various operations like unmanned surveillance, logistic delivery of ammunition, fuel and spares and casualty evacuation in the battle field.

under the chairmanship of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, accorded Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for capital acquisition proposals worth approximately Rs 7,800 crore," the ministry said in a statement.

Baku, Aug 24 (PTD):

Praggnanandhaa loses to Carlsen in final



Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa during the second tie-breaker match of the Chess World Cup 2023 final against Norwegian Grandmaster and World No. 1 player Magnus Carlsen, in Baku, Thursday.

Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa's dream run in the FIDE World Cup ended at the hands of world No. 1 Magnus Carlsen, who beat him 1.5-0.5 in the tie-break here on Thursday after the classical games ended in a stalemate.

The second 25+10 tie-break game ended in a draw in 22 moves as the Norwegian legend played it safe after he had won the first, displaying his end-game skills.

It was Carlsen's first World Cup triumph, having won the World Championship five times.

Carlsen overcame a stiff challenge from his 18-year-old Indian opponent in the



first tie-break game, winning it in 45 moves. He overcame the problems he encountered due to Praggnanandhaa's enterprising play to turn the ta-

bles and seize the advantage.

The two classical games on Tuesday and Wednesday had ended in draws forcing the final to a tie-break.

Praggnanandhaa enjoyed an incredible run in the tournament, having beaten world No.2 Hikaru Nakamura and world No.3 Fabiano Caruana to set up a final date against Carlsen.

The results in the ongoing tournament also helped Praggnanandhaa qualify for Candidates 2024 tournament, which will be held in Canada.

Praggnanandhaa, thus, became the third youngest player after the legendary Bobby Fischer and Carlsen to qualify for the Candidates tournament.

NATIONAL FILM AWARDS

Allu Arjun wins national best actor award

'Rocketry: The Nambi Effect' is best feature film

Mumbai, Aug 24 (PTD):

Good cinema gets acknowledged and a pat on the back from a respectful jury always brings joy, filmmaker Sanjay Leela Bhansali said on Thursday after his lavishly-mounted period biopic "Gangubai Kathiawadi"



won five National Film Awards, including best actress honour for Alia Bhatt.

Bhansali won two awards -- for best screenplay writer (adapted) along with Utkarshini Vashishtha and best editing for the film. The film's other awards were for best dialogue writer for Vashishtha and Prakash Kapadia and best make-up artist for Preetisheel Singh D'souza.

Unapproved repair a reason behind Balasore crash: CBI

New Delhi, Aug 24 (PTD):

Repair work at a level crossing near Bahanaga Bazar railway station in Odisha's Balasore where the June 2 train crash took place was allegedly conducted without the approval of senior divisional signal and telecom engineer and without an approved circuit diagram.

The CBI made the submission before a special court in Bhubaneswar alleging that one of the reasons behind the accident

was the repair work at level crossing (LC) gate number 94 near Bahanaga Bazar station done by Senior Section Engineer (Signal In-charge) Arun Kumar Mahanta using the circuit diagram of another LC gate no. 79, officials said on Thursday.

The allegations were refuted by Mahanta claiming that LC gate no. 94 at KM 255/11-13 had not been working properly, but the higher officials did not take "active action" for the same.

CBI books Visa Power for bank fraud of Rs 1,964 crore

New Delhi, Aug 24 (PTD):

The CBI has registered an FIR against Visa Power and its then chairman Vishambhar Saran in connection with an alleged bank fraud of Rs 1,964 crore, officials said Thursday.

The action of the agency was initiated on a complaint from Punjab National Bank, one of the members of a consortium of 14 lenders which have sanctioned term loans of Rs 1,964 crore. PNB was the lead bank of the consortium and sanctioned loan of Rs 394 crore.

BRICS decides to admit 6 countries as new members

New Delhi, Aug 24 (PTD):

Top leaders of the BRICS nations on Thursday decided to admit Argentina, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates as the full members of the grouping that is largely seen as a counterweight to Western powers.

The decision to invite the six countries to join the bloc as the new members was announced by South African President Cyril Ramaphosa on the final day of the annual summit of the BRICS that currently comprises Brazil, Russia, India,



PM Modi speaks at the 15th BRICS Summit, in Johannesburg, South Africa, Thursday.

Newly admitted countries....

Argentina, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

is holding the current presidency of BRICS.

"We have decided to invite the Argentine Republic, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates to become full members of BRICS," he added.

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Chh'garh Polls

Kharge sets up 7-member executive committee in state unit

New Delhi, Aug 24 (PTD):

Ahead of the upcoming Chhattisgarh assembly polls, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Thursday set up a seven-member executive committee and appointed 23 general secretaries and 140 secretaries in the party's state unit.

The executive committee of the Chhattisgarh Pradesh Congress Committee comprises Lal Ji Chandravanshi, Shakun Dahariya, Ganga Potai, Shiv Netam, Surendra Pratap Jaiswal, Vishnu Yadav and Bhola Ram Sahu, according to a statement issued by the party.

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Bastar region, as its state unit chief replacing Mohan Markam.

The major organisational change comes ahead of assembly polls later this year. The Congress is looking to retain power in Chhattisgarh.

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Smugglers nabbed with huge cache of liquor

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 24: Police nabbed two smugglers and recovered a huge cache of illicit liquor from their possession. The seized liquor is a product of some distillery located in Madhya Pradesh. Total value of liquor and the vehicle used in smuggling is around Rs 7.21 lakhs.

SP Shalabh Sinha informed that they are conducting a special campaign against the illegal smuggling and trade of liquor and other narcotics. The cops are maintaining vigil on the suspects and criminal record holders.

The network of informers has also been activated.



In this sequel, police received a tip off regarding some suspects who were smuggling liquor from Raipur to Durg. They were smuggling liquor in a Tata Sumo vehicle bearing registration

number CG16-CB-0813.

Acting on this tip off, a joint team of ACCU and Kumhari Police Station swung into action and traced the suspects. On spotting the cops, the smugglers tried to escape

with the vehicle. The cops chased the smugglers and managed to nab them. On searching, police recovered 40 crates of Goa Whisky worth Rs 2.11 lakhs from the vehicle. The accused Ashish

Bansod (24) son of Adesh Bansod a resident of Amar nagar, Nagpur and Shubham Bisen (20) son of Tejeshwar Bisen a resident of Nagpur have been booked under the provisions mentioned in section 34 (2) of Excise Act. Police seized the liquor, mobile phone and the vehicle from them.

ASI Ajay Singh, Head Constable Nandlal Singh, Constable Bandi Singh, Manish, Yashwant, Om Prakash from Kumhari Police Station and ASI Purna Bahadur, Constable Santosh Gupta, Anup Sharma, Pannelal, Jugnu Singh, Upendra Yadav, Shiv Mishra, Shamim Khan and Shahbaz Khan played a vital role in arresting the accused.

Hemchand Yadav University: Online admission date extended till August 31

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 24: The date for online admission in the first year of graduation and first semester of post graduation in the session 2023-24 in Hemchand Yadav University Durg has been extended by the Department of Higher Education, Government of Chhattisgarh.

Giving this information, the registrar of the university, Bhupendra Kuldeep and the Dean of student welfare, Dr Prashant Srivastava jointly informed that according to the order issued by the Department of Higher Education, Government of Chhattisgarh, in view of the student's interest, date of online admission

has been extended till 31 August 2023 with the permission of Vice-Chancellor. Admission can be given till September 10, 2023. A notification in this regard has been issued by Hemchand Yadav University, Durg. After this the admission portal of the university has started.

It is worth mentioning that due to the large number of vacant seats in various colleges of Chhattisgarh, the government was urged to keep the admission portal open in various colleges and universities, taking cognizance of which the Higher Education Department extended the admission

date till August 31 in the interest of the students.

Presently about 12 thousand seats are vacant in various courses in Hemchand Yadav University, Durg. The increase in admission date will help in filling these seats. With the opening of the admission portal, 192 students applied for online admission in various classes.

In a letter issued by the Directorate of Higher Education, Raipur, all regional additional directors and principals of leading colleges have also been directed to review admissions in their subordinate colleges and make efforts to fill maximum vacant seats.

Youth sentenced 20 years rigorous imprisonment

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 24: A Fast Track Special Court in Durg sentenced a youth to 20-years rigorous imprisonment for abducting and raping a 17-year-old girl. Additional District and Sessions Judge (Fourth, FTSC - POCSO) Sangeeta Naveen Tiwari convicted 21-year-old Prakash Soni (21) son of Vinod Soni a resident of Indravati Nagar, Kohka, Bhilai. The girl's brother had lodged a complaint at Supela Police Station on May 19, 2022.

Special Public Prosecutor Santosh Kasar informed that on

the promise of marriage, the accused lured the girl to flee with him. The girl had come to her maternal uncle's place and she went missing from there.

The accused took her to Banaras in Uttar Pradesh and married her at some temple. He stayed with the girl at a house in Padwa area of Uttar Pradesh during May 22, 2022 to May 29, 2022 and established sexual relations with her several times.

The victim's cousin had lodged a complaint regarding her missing. During investigation, Police rescued the girl on

May 30, 2022. After trial, the Special Court found the accused guilty and awarded different jail terms for Section 366, 496 of IPC and Section 06 of POCSO Act under which the accused was tried.

He was sentenced to rigorous imprisonment of three years and Rs 100 fine under section 366; rigorous imprisonment of three years and Rs 100 fine under section 496 of IPC and rigorous imprisonment of 20 years and Rs 5000 fine under section 06 of POCSO Act, informed Special Public Prosecutor Santosh Kasar.

City level Chhattisgarhia Olympics at Padmanabhpur Mini Stadium from today

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 24: Like last year, this year also Chhattisgarhia Olympics 2023-24 city level two-day event is being organized at Mini Stadium of Padmanabhpur. Players of the team selected from the four zones within the limits of the Durg Municipal Corporation will get an opportunity to showcase their talent.

It will be held on August 25 and 26, 2023. The tournament will be inaugurated by MLA Durg (urban) Arun Vora, Durg Mayor Dheeraj Bakliwal in the

presence of Commissioner Lokesh Chandrakar, DMC Speaker Rajesh Yadav, Education and Sports Department in-charge Mandeep Singh, besides MIC members, councillors, aldermen and officials. People from any age group will be able to participate in this sports competition. In the competition, 16 types of traditional games have been included in team and individual category. Rope jumping and wrestling have also been added in the individual category in this year's Olympics.

Divorced woman strangled to death by lover in Jamul

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 24: A divorced woman was allegedly strangled to death at Shivpuri in Jamul on the intervening night of Thursday. Police conducted the preliminary investigation and took her lover into custody. The deceased is a 46-year-old woman and has a married son, who lives in Raipur. She lived alone at a rented house in Shivpuri, Jamul and had a love affair with a 45-year-old man. Her lover often visited her home.

According to Jamul Police Station, a 46-year-old lady Vedmati Verma was found lying dead at her rented house in Gyarah Kholi,

Shivpuri, Jamul on Wednesday late evening. The landlord noticed suspicious silence in her room after which he informed her brother, who resides in Kumhari. Her brother reached Shivpuri and found Vedmati lying dead. There was a plastic rope around her neck and she was bleeding from nose and mouth. On information, a team of Jamul Police Station reached the spot and investigations were launched.

During investigation, police came to know that

Vedmati was divorced about 25-years ago. She earlier resided in Baloda Bazar. She brought up her son alone. When her son got a job in Bhilai, she came to Bhilai with him. Later, he got married and in search of better job opportunities, he shifted to Raipur with his wife.

On the other hand, Vedmati stayed in Jamul as she worked at a factory in Bhilai-3 Industrial area. She had an affair with a security guard of the same factory and he often visited her home. Police have arrested the security guard as a prime suspect. He has reportedly confessed to committing murder. Further investigations are on.



SSMV Eco Club launches classes promoting Hygiene & Healthy Eating Habits

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 24: SSMV College takes a pioneering step towards community engagement and health awareness with the introduction of student-led classes for local students. This innovative initiative aims to instill the importance of hygiene practices and educate about the disadvantages of junk food consumption among the youth. SSMV College is committed to its mission of holistic education and community enrichment.

The student-led classes at Shri Shankaracharya Mahavidyalaya, holds a two-fold significance. Firstly, they address the critical need for hygiene education, emphasizing prop-

er handwashing, personal cleanliness, and maintaining a germ-free environment. Secondly, these classes shed light on the perils of junk food consumption, equipping students with knowledge about the long-term health consequences and inspiring them to make informed dietary choices.

Dr Archana Jha, Principal of Shri Shankaracharya Mahavidyalaya Bhilai, expressed her enthusiasm for this community-oriented initiative, stating, "Education goes beyond the boundaries of our campus, and we are proud to empower our students to be catalysts for positive change in the community. These student-led classes reflect our commitment to



producing well-rounded individuals who understand the significance of health and well-being, not just for themselves, but for the society they live in."

Dr J Durga Prasad Rao Dean Academics of college said, "we motivate our students to develop good food habits, they should avoid their love for fast foods and add millets in their food so that they will get a proper

nutrition to maintain good health."

Dr Sushma Dubey coordinator of the Student-Led Classes Program, highlighted the collaborative effort behind this initiative, saying, "Our students have taken the reins to design and deliver these classes with utmost creativity and care. They understand the influence they can wield in shaping young minds, and

their commitment to promoting hygiene and healthy eating is truly inspiring. Eco Club Pallavan of college under Apex SDG organized lectures on importance of Millets in different schools. They briefed how junk foods put adverse effects on the health of the children.

BSc students made students aware about the importance of water in our health, importance of Sanitation and how to maintain the hygienic habits in our daily routine. In this efforts BEd trainees and Science students of college came forward and took the initiative in this mission. This initiative will have a ripple effect, fostering healthier habits throughout the community.

Here it needs a mention that student-led classes are open to local students, fostering a sense of camaraderie and collaboration between college students and their younger peers. The curriculum encompasses engaging presentations, interactive activities, and practical demonstrations, making learning an enjoyable and enlightening experience.

The initiative aligns with SSMV Colleges core values of social responsibility, holistic education, and fostering a spirit of leadership among its students. By imparting knowledge about hygiene practices and nutrition, the college seeks to contribute positively to the well-being of the community it serves.

BMG to celebrate Onam on Sept 20

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 24: Bhilai Malayala Grandhasala (BMG) will celebrate the festival of Onam on September 20, 2023 with a colourful flower decoration Athapookalam competition followed by traditional Onam Sadhya. K Krishna Kumar, (CGM, Electrical, BSP), Thomas Chacko, DIG, SSB, CG, Arun Vohra MLA (Durg Urban), Dheraj Bakliwal, Durg Mayor, Neeraj Pal, Bhilai Mayor, Shiju Antony, MIC member, Revenue, Vasishth Narayan Mishra Corporator BMC, EV Murali, sen-

ior journalist, Dr Raveendranath M, CMO I/c, Sector-09 BSP hospital and representatives of various organisations will attend the function. More than 1200 members are expected to attend the Onam Sadhya. MS Raghukumar, President, Bhilai Malayala Grandhasala, Reji Alex General secretary, S Sajeev, Vice President, PC Aniyar, Treasurer, G Suresh Kumar. Arts secretary will attend the function. Dr Jyathi Pillai, Shylaja Rajendran, G Asha are the judges of the athapookalam competition.

Equal Opportunity Cell of St Thomas College celebrate Sadhbhavna Diwas

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 24: The Equal Opportunity Cell of St Thomas College, celebrated Sadhbhavna Diwas in the college on August 23, 2023. The program started with lighting of the lamp and college prayer. Thereafter the special guests Teena Khandelwal & Monika Parekh, Directors, INIFD, Dr James Mathews, Principal-in-charge, Dr Debjani Mukherjee, IQAC Coordinator, Dr Jyotsna Gadpayle, Convenor, Equal Opportunity Cell were welcomed with bouquet by students of the college. This was followed by the welcome speech given by Dr Jyotsna Gadpayle.

Teena Khandelwal then introduced Devsena Chauhan, Chief-Guest of the day. The whole emphasis of this program focused on making the students



aware of the third gender and except them as an integral member of the society. After this, Dr James Mathews, Principal-in-charge, expressed his views on Equal Opportunity.

Dr Neelam Gandhi anchored the program successfully. Dr Sujata Koley, Dr Preeti Jain and Dr Sonia Popli extended their whole hearted co-operation for the successful execu-

tion of the program. Rev Father Joshi Varghese administrator of the College has also appreciated the members for taking such initiative for upholding the social causes in the positive manner. Vote of thanks proposed by Dr Kanhiya Kumar Pandey proposed the vote of thanks. Finally National Anthem marked the closure of the program.

District Administration inspects SAIL-BSP's Dengue Prevention Campaign in Bhilai

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 24: In view of the rising cases of dengue in Durg and Bhilai, the Public Health Department, under the TSD of SAIL-BSP and Durg Malaria Eradication Department, of Government of Chhattisgarh is jointly running an intense Dengue and other mosquito-borne diseases prevention campaign. In-spite of this intense campaign the dengue cases are on rise. More than 100 cases of dengue have been reported last week, which is an alarming situation.

Rohit Vyas, Commissioner (Durg), Dr OP Meshram, District Health Officer, and Dharmendra Mishra, Health Officer (Municipal Corporation), along with the team of Health Officers and Doctors from Raipur inspected the campaign being run in various sectors on Thursday. The ongoing mosquito-borne diseases prevention campaign in sector-2



was also observed by the team on this occasion. Members of Public Health Section of Town Services Department of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant were present during the inspection. KK Yadav, GM (TSD), briefed the inspecting team about the efforts and initiatives being taken by on behalf of the BSP Management to tackle the situation. He also apprised them about the report of the survey held on Thursday.

On August 24, 2023, intensive spraying and fogging were carried out under this campaign at as many as 1,731 houses. 1,538 houses were found with severe mosquito infestation. In view of

the possibility of Mosquito Larvae breeding, stagnant water sources were immediately cleaned at 235 spots and spraying operations were carried out at 54 houses. Packs of Temephos medicine were also distributed at as many as 1,125 houses by the PHD department in the township. Oiling, spraying of medicines in the backline, water fogging, spraying with mist blower machine etc. were also done in Sector-2 area. An awareness campaign has also been initiated at schools to make the students and teachers in the township aware to combat and prevent causation of Dengue and other



mosquito borne diseases. All Bhilai residents are requested to keep a strict vigil and make collective efforts to check mosquito infestation around them. The residents of Sectors-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and Camp-1, 2 and Khursipar area are requested to adhere to special precautionary measures. BSP's Public Health Department has made an appeal to the common public to take precautionary measures at individual as well as collective levels to ensure everyone's safety. The stagnant water at vacant lands and other open containers during the monsoon serve as viable conditions for breeding of

dengue-causing Aedes mosquitoes, due to water-logged open containers lying around the residences. As many as 48 Mosquito-Breeding Checkers have also been hired by the Plant's Public Health Department on payment-basis from Durg Malaria Eradication Department since 13th June 2023.

The Breeding Checkers are visiting door-to-door, market and other public places and inspecting mosquito larvae and spraying medicines, besides making people aware of prevention and precautionary measures of mosquito-borne diseases by distributing pamphlets etc.

CM's political advisor denies involvement in money laundering

Raipur, Aug 24:

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel's political advisor Vinod Verma on Thursday claimed he does not have a "single penny" of ill-gotten money, a day after the Enforcement Directorate conducted a search at his residence.

Addressing a press conference here, Vinod Verma also said he has no connection with assistant sub-inspector (ASI) Chandrabhushan Verma, arrested along with three others by the ED on Wednesday in a money laundering case linked to the alleged illegal betting app called 'Mahadev Online Book'.

Alleged hawala operator brothers Anil and Sunil Dammani and a man identified as Satish Chandrakar are the three others arrested in the case. According to the ED, the probe has found that around Rs 65 crore cash was received by ASI Chandrabhushan Verma. He kept his cut and distributed the rest as bribes to senior police officers and politicians, it claimed. The ED on Wednesday conducted search-



es at the premises of Vinod Verma, who is also a member of the All India Congress Committee (AICC), and the CM's two Officers on Special Duty (OSDs) in Raipur and Durg districts.

Vinod Verma addressed a press conference on Thursday and said he produced all the bills of jewellery items found in his house, except one gold ornament which was gifted to his wife.

"But they still seized all the jewellery items saying the burden is on me to prove how I paid for these items. They even took cash which we received in envelopes as gift on my son's wedding day. Therefore I am calling it a dacoity and a robbery," he said. Vinod Verma

said he had a long stint as a journalist and became a politician a few years back.

"I have nothing. The ED is claiming I am involved in laundering of Rs 65 crore, but I want to say I do not have a single penny (of ill-gotten money)," he added.

He claimed the ED's allegations were merely based on a "manohar kahani" (fictional news article) published in a magazine last year.

"That fictional news article claimed Chandrabhushan Verma was related to me. I complained against the news article to Durg police in December last year seeking a probe into it. I had also assured to cooperate with police in the probe into the matter," he said.

However, Vinod Verma said he once met ASI Chandrabhushan Verma about two-and-a-half years back and warned to take action against him if he misused the former's name. "I am not related to ASI Verma. I want to ask what proof the ED and Centre have that I am related to him? This raid is based on a fictional story and statement of just one person (arrested ASI) against me. They have no evidence at all," Vinod Verma claimed, adding he will approach court against the magazine.

He also claimed the action by the ED was taken at the behest of Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Prime Minister Narendra Modi ahead of the assembly elections in

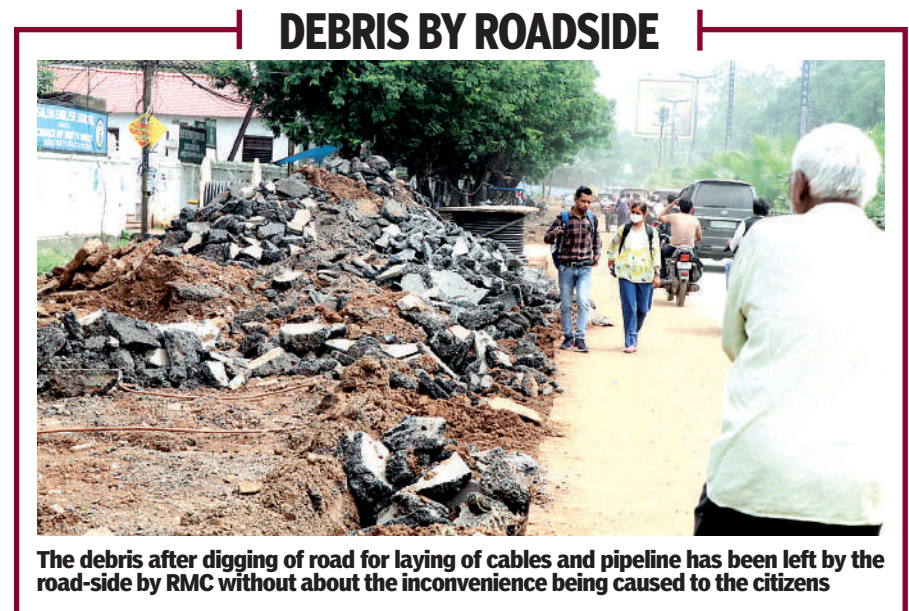
Chhattisgarh, due this year-end, and the BJP was targeting those working for the Congress.

"The home minister knows who is going to win elections in Chhattisgarh. The prime minister is acting like a dictator and trying to crush his political opponents. They (BJP) are targeting everyone working for Bhupesh Baghel," he further claimed. "They had similarly arrested me ahead of the previous assembly elections in a CD case," he said.

Vinod Verma also accused the Centre of promoting online gambling.

The ED in a statement on Wednesday alleged that ASI Chandrabhushan Verma used his "relationship" with Vinod Verma and hawala funds received from Dubai to influence high-ranking officials and politicians connected to the Chief Minister's Office (CMO).

The agency alleged that the arrested accused have "specifically named high-ranking officials connected to the CMO who have received hefty kick-backs on a monthly/regular basis."



The debris after digging of road for laying of cables and pipeline has been left by the road-side by RMC without about the inconvenience being caused to the citizens

Ensure free, fair and transparent elections: ECI



Raipur, Aug 24: Election Commission of India's Chief Election Commissioner Rajeev Kumar reviewed the preparations for the upcoming assembly elections in the meeting of the enforcement agencies today and gave necessary guidelines to the officers of the enforcement agencies. He instructed to ensure all necessary preparations for free, fair and transparent elections. He said that strict action should be taken against voter inducement in the upcoming assembly elections. He instructed all the officers to ensure strict compliance of all the guidelines of the Election Commission of India. Election Commissioners Anup Chandra Pandey and Arun Goyal, Deputy Election Commissioner Hridayesh Kumar, Senior Deputy Election Commissioners

Take strict action on voter inducement in the upcoming assembly elections:CEC

Dharmendra Sharma and Nitesh Vyas, Deputy Election Commissioners Manoj Kumar Sahu and RK Gupta, Deputy Election Commissioners Ajay Bhadoo, Director General B Narayanan, Director Yashvendra Singh, Director (IT) Ashok Kumar, Senior Principal Secretary NN Butoliya, Principal Secretary SB Joshi, Joint Director Anuj Chandak and Under Secretary Ritesh Singh reviewed the preparations for the assembly elections 2023 in detail in the meeting. Instructions were given to remove the obstacles coming in free and fair elections and ensure that there is no misuse of money power by establishing inter-departmental

coordination. Officers from Police, Income Tax, Excise and Forest departments, Central Reserve Police Force, Central Industrial Security Force, DRI, Transport Department, Narcotics Control Bureau, Reserve Bank, Airports Authority of India, CGST, SGST, Postal Department and other departments including Aviation Department, Enforcement Directorate, Indian Railways, Bureau of Civil Aviation Authority were present. Chief Electoral Officer Smt Reena Babasaheb Kangale apprised the Commission in detail about the preparations for the Assembly Elections 2023 in the meeting. Nodal Officer Police OP Pal informed the Commission regarding the preparations for the security arrangements during the Assembly Elections 2023.

AV students salute the brave dreamers of ISRO

Raipur, Aug 24:

On 23 August, after a nail-biting wait, ISRO confirmed that Chandrayaan-3's Lander had successfully touched down in the Moon's southern polar region as planned.

Adarsh Vidyalaya, Tatibandh managed by Raipur Kerala Samajam whole heartedly congratulates ISRO on this historic landing. On this remarkable achievement, School organized a Special Assembly to salute the brave warriors of ISRO as this is a proud moment for every Indian. Teachers made our students to understand how ISRO proved



that Failure of not the opposite of Success, it's a part of Success. The Head boy of our School enlightened the moment very beautifully in his speech. The Students from Class 8

and the staff for the remarkable achievement of ISRO. The Vice Principal of the school Mrs. Debarchana Roy in her speech told that Discouragement and Failure are the two of the surest stepping stones to success and motivated the students that they should not be discouraged by the failures.

The Members of Raipur Kerala Samajam from the core of their heart congratulated for the tremendous ingenuity, dedication, skill and hard work of our scientists, engineers and everyone involved in the successful launch of the Chandrayaan-3 Mission.

Nirved wins Bronze medal



Raipur: Nirved Kashyap from Raipur won bronze medal in the National Kick Boxing championship held at Kolkata from August 18 to 21. He won the above medal in the 30 Kg cadet category under Point Fight Event of the championship.

BJP demands NIA probe on online betting platform case



CM should resign on moral grounds: Chaudhary

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Aug 24: Apprehending terror funding through the online betting platform, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Thursday said that the Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel should take steps for National Investigation Agency (NIA) probe on the entire issue. Addressing a press conference here, the BJP General Secretary OP Chaudhary the online betting platform against which the ED has taken action, is reportedly have pa-

trone of D Company as the key conspirators are hiding in Dubai. He said that terror funding is likely and added that patronage of D Company is on cards to conduct the Online betting platform from Dubai.

Regarding the steps taken by the Chhattisgarh Govt, the BJP leader termed it to be just an eye wash to create pressure on illegal betting operators to recover additional protection money.

BJP leader further said that the Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel should resign on moral grounds as the arrest ASI has reportedly claimed to have patronage of senior officials close to the Secretariat.

80 players from Ch'garh qualify for All India Shooting championship (East)

Rao Mahadik won the 25M Standard Pistol championship

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Aug 24: 80 players from Chhattisgarh have been participating in the All India GV Mavlankar/ East Zone Shooting championship on the basis of the performance in the 22nd Chhattisgarh Shooting championship being organized under the aegis of Chhattisgarh Pradesh Rifle Association (CPRA) in association with Jindal Steel & Power Limited (JSPL) at Mana-based Shooting Range here on Wednesday.

Chhattisgarh Olympic Association (COA) General Secretary and Bhilai Nagar MLA Devendra Yadav was chief guest of the prize distribution ceremony whereas JSPL President Pradeep Tandon presided over the function.

Ahmed Ali Chishty secured 1st position in the 25 M Centre



Fire Pistol whereas Kamalpreet Singh and Vaibhav Agrawal secured second and third positions respectively. In the 25M Centre Fire Pistol for Services Only category Vaibhav Mishra secured first position whereas Anvaya Tiwari won the 25M Championship in Junior Women category whereas Vaibhav Agrawal won the 25M Pistol Championship in Junior Men category.

Prithvi Rao Mahadik won the 25M Standard Pistol championship defeating Nileshkumar Mahadev Kshirsagar and Anand Goyal with a close margin.

Anand Goyal won the 10 M Pistol championship whereas Apurva Kesharwani won the Women championship in the above category.

National Level Endoscopic Spine Surgery Workshop organised at Suyash Hospital



Raipur, Aug 24:

The first of its kind 360 degree Live Endoscopic Spine Surgery workshop was conducted on August 20th, 2023 at Suyash Hospital, Kota, Raipur. Dr. Vivek Kesharwani,

Director of Suyash Hospital had extended his special cooperation in organising and making this workshop successful. Speaking on the occasion Dr. Kesharwani said that in future also such workshops will be organised at

regular intervals.

The workshop was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Rahul Ahluwalia with national faculty members from across India such as Dr. Atmaranjan Das, Dr. Harin Modi, Dr. Ritesh Nawakhare and Dr. Varun Pandro. Anesthesiologist Dr. Jayesh Parmar have given special support in this workshop, as well in O.T., Suryakant Amde, Nutan and Praveen also extended their full cooperation. Three surgeries were performed with the most modern endoscopic techniques. 26 delegates from across the country participated in the workshop.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given to all concerned and for information to the general public that our Client intends to undertake a title due diligence involving the land admeasuring 2.78 Acres/1.125 Ha, situated at Village Godi, Halka No.0024, Tehsil and District Korba, Chattisgarh along with built up structures thereon ("the Property") for the purpose of entering into a transaction and dealing with the same.

Details of the Property are as follows:

(i) Khasra No.152/2 (0.79 Acres)
 (ii) Khasra No.154/2 (0.04 Acres)
 (iii) Khasra No.156/2 (1.73 Acres)
 (iv) Khasra No.156/3 (0.22 Acres)

Taking regard to the above facts, this public notice is issued in the interest of all concerned and the general public so that if any entity/person has any right, title, claims or interest over the Property or has any objections to the title and/or possession of the Property, such entity/person may inform the undersigned with documentary proof within 15 days of the publication of this notice failing which our client shall presume that Property is free from any encumbrances and charges.

The Address for correspondence is as under:
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 IND-LEGAL
 ADVOCATES & SOLICITORS
 A-138, LGF, DEFENCE COLONY,
 NEW DELHI-110024
 PHONE NO.: 011-24332786
 In case of any objections, you are requested to contact or write to Mr. Rakesh Sinha / Md. Ghulam Akbar at the given address. Mobile No.981198083/9810112719

इस बार बांधें राखी की वह डोर जिस पर है मां लक्ष्मी का वरदान

संदेश

हमारे तीज-त्यौहारों में रक्षाबंधन सबसे सुंदर त्यौहार है। राखी सिर्फ एक धागा नहीं, बल्कि भाई-बहन के प्रेम और भरोसे का अटूट बंधन है।

इस बार रक्षाबंधन पर्व को और भी ज्यादा खास बनाने के लिए गांव-गांव में हमारी स्व-सहायता समूहों की बहनों ने गोबर से सुंदर राखियां तैयार की हैं। ये राखियां बाजारों में उपलब्ध हैं।

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Special campaign to run from Aug 28 to Sept 3 to prevent stray animals

- From coming on roads
- Collector to do surprise inspection of roads
- Chief Secretary held video conferencing meeting of commissioner and collectors

Raipur, Aug 24:

Chief Secretary Mr. Amitabh Jain has instructed the collectors of all the districts of the state to take necessary action by running a special campaign from August 28 to September 3 to prevent accidents caused by stray animals on the roads.

He has asked the collectors to conduct surprise inspections on the roads. The Chief Secretary has asked the Collectors to compulsorily set up a toll free number in every district for the general public, travelers and the media to complain about the presence of animals on the roads and to display



hoardings, sign boards and other information to the people, provided through resources. The Chief Secretary today directed Mantralaya Mahanadi Bhavan to ensure necessary action regarding prevention of accidents caused by animals on the roads in compliance with the order of the High Court.

CS reviewed the system to prevent stray animals from the roads along with Surguja and Bilaspur Divisional Commissioner and Collectors of Gorela-Pendra-Marwahi, Korba, Mungeli, Janjgir-Champa,

Sakti, Raigarh, Sarangarh-Bilaigarh, Surguja, Jashpur, Korea, Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur, Balrampur, Bilaspur and Surajpur through video conferencing.

It is worth mentioning that yesterday the Chief Secretary had reviewed with the Divisional Commissioners of Raipur, Bastar and Durg and the Collectors of these divisions all the arrangements made to prevent cattle from coming on the roads. In the meeting, a district-wise review was made regarding the identification

of accident-causing roads due to animals and arrangements to prevent the animals from these roads. The Chief Secretary has instructed the district officials to make efforts to change the behavior of cattle herders in identified villages and urban areas to prevent cattle from coming on the roads and prepare a detailed action plan for this. In the meeting, the Chief Secretary gave necessary guidelines to the officers regarding receiving complaints related to the arrival of animals on the identified roads and

arrangements for their redressal. In the meeting, the collectors informed that accidents spot have been identified on the roads due to animals. In all gram panchayats and urban bodies, constant monitoring is being done on the domestic and stray animals coming on the roads. In this meeting, Dr. Kamalpreet Singh, Secretary, Agriculture and Livestock Development Department, Dr. Ayaz Bhai Tamboli, Special Secretary, Urban Administration Department, Mrs. Chandan Tripathi, Director Veterinary Services, Divisional Commissioners Bilaspur and Surguja including Gorela-Pendra-Marwahi, Korba, Mungeli, Collectors of Janjgir-Champa, Sakti, Raigarh, Sarangarh-Bilaigarh, Surguja, Jashpur, Korea, Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur, Balrampur, Surajpur, Bilaspur and Surguja districts participated.

Traders from across state including Raipur celebrated successful landing of Chandrayaan: Amar Parwani



Raipur, Aug 24:

National Senior Vice President of Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) Amar Parwani, Chairman Mangal Maloo, Amar Gidwani, State President Jitendra Doshi, Working President Vikram Singhdeo, Parmanand Jain, Vashu Makhija, General Secretary Surinder Singh, Working General Secretary Bharat Jain, and Treasurer Ajay Agarwal said that traders from all over the state celebrated the successful landing of Chandrayaan sent by ISRO on the moon on Wednesday including Raipur and congratulated the skilled scientists of ISRO, calling them

the pride of the country. By raising slogans 'Bharat Mata ki Jai', long live the scientist of the country, the traders expressed their happiness. National Senior Vice President of Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) Amar Parwani and State President Jitendra Doshi congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi for this very important achievement and said that under his leadership and vision today India has entered a new era in the solar system. History has been created and India has made its strong place in the front row in the world in space technology, they added. Today the whole world is seen bowing

down towards the technology adopted by Indian scientists. In true sense, today India has emerged as a superpower in the whole world. The whole country is feeling proud for this great achievement. Describing the skilled scientists of ISRO as the pride of the country, CAIT congratulated them. The officials and youth team of CAIT congratulated the talented scientists of ISRO includes Amar Parwani, Jitendra Doshi, Vikram Singhdeo, Parmanand Jain, Surinder Singh, Bharat Jain, Rakesh Ochwani, Jai Ram Kukreja, Aneet Singh, Amar Dhingani, Parvinder Singh, Sushil Lalwani including other officials.

District Panchayat & Dy DEO Korba conduct Voter Awareness Prog



Korba, Aug 24:

NTPC Korba organised a 'Voter Awareness Program' on Aug 22 as per the oral order received by the District Election Officer (DEO) Korba. The program was conducted at NTPC Korba's plant premises and all the employees, CISF personnel, contractors, and contract workers of NTPC Korba were invited and the program showed good participation of the invitees.

Vishwadeep, IAS, Zila Panchayat Korba and Seema Patre, Deputy District Election Officer, Korba were the chief guests of the event. Prabhat Ram, AGM (HR) welcomed Vishwadeep, IAS, Zila Panchayat Korba and Sumit Raibagkar, DGM (HR) welcomed Seema Patre, Deputy District Election Officer, Korba. The Voter Awareness Program conducted at NTPC Korba was part of the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation program, better known as SVEEP. It is the flagship program of the Election Commission of India for voter education, spreading voter awareness and promoting voter literacy in India. Since 2009, it has been working towards preparing India's electors and equipping them with

basic knowledge related to the electoral process.

The programme at Korba focused on educating the participants who are the citizens, electors and voters about the electoral process to increase their awareness and participation in the electoral processes. Following the footprints of SVEEP, the program's primary goal was to build a truly participative democracy in India by encouraging all eligible citizens to vote and make informed decisions during the elections. The programme was based on multiple general as well as targeted interventions which are designed according to the socio-economic, cultural and demographic profile of the state as well as the history of electoral participation in previous rounds of elections and learning thereof.

Furthermore, a pledge was taken by the mass and a lot of queries were also raised by the participants which were happily answered and resolved by the Zila Panchayat, Korba and, Deputy District Election Officer, Korba. Another camp is also said to be conducted at NTPC Korba for further awareness and to help eligible citizens to become voters. Only Greater Participation can lead to a Stronger Democracy.

MATS University students made aware of challenges faced by photo journalists

- Commendable effort of Photo Journalist Association, students learned various aspects of photography

Raipur, Aug 24:

Students of Hindi department of Mats University visited the photography exhibition organised by Photo Journalists Association, Press Club Raipur on Tuesday. On this occasion, the office bearers and senior photo journalists of the association apprised the students about various aspects of photography and the challenges faced by photo journalists and the possibilities in this field. Dr. Reshma Ansari, Head of Department of Hindi Department of Mats University, informed that Photo Journalists Association, Press Club, Raipur has been organizing the best photo exhibition every year on the occasion of World Photography Day. Through this exhibition, the students of the department become aware of the various aspects of photography and get many in-



formative information. In the photo exhibition, attractive photographs of various contemporary subjects including art, culture, religion, spirituality, routine of common people's life have been displayed. Several photo journalists including senior photo journalists Gokul Soni, Deepak Pandey, Javed Khan, Kishan Lokhande, Raman Halwai, Manoj Dewangan, Jai Goswami, Trilochan Manikpuri, Pankaj Thakur and Dipendra Soni participated on this occasion. The students were made aware of the challenges of photojournalism and the art of photography. Senior journalist Anil Pusadkar was also present

on the occasion. He gave information about various dimensions of journalism and boosted the morale of the students. Photojournalists provided detailed information to the students about the qualities of a good photojournalist, technology, digital photography and career prospects in photography. Photojournalists also shared their experiences and inspiring stories.

On this occasion, Dr. Reshma Ansari, Head of Hindi Department, Mats University, Associate Professor and Senior Journalist Dr. Kamlesh Gogia along with students of B.A. Sociology, History, Political Science, B.A. Honors Hindi Journalism

and Tourism and students of Hindi, Journalism and Mass Communication (one year diploma), photo journalists and senior journalists were present.

Hindi Department presented a memento to the Photo Journalists Association. Chancellor of Mats University Gajraj Pagaria, Director General Priyesh Pagaria, Vice Chancellor Prof. K.P. Yadav, Vice-Chancellor Dr. Deepika Dhandh, Registrar Gokulananda Panda, Dean Academic Dr. Vijay Bhushan, while congratulating the Photo Journalists Association and photo journalists, termed this event as a commendable effort for the young generation.

Former Sarpanch injured in Naxalite attack airlifted to Delhi



Jagdalpur, Aug 24:

The condition of former sarpanch and BJP worker Mahesh Gota, who was injured in the Naxalite attack, is critical. The former sarpanch was undergoing treatment at Mekaj. The air ambulance reached Jagdalpur from Delhi on Tuesday. But the air ambulance could not take off due to bad weather. Today on Wednesday, Mahesh Gota has been referred to Delhi and airlifted.

It may be noted that three days ago, Naxalites kidnapped and tried to kill former sarpanch Mahesh Gota by strangling him with a wire and later he as thrown away considering him dead. After the incident, the condition of Sarpanch Mahesh Gota became critical and he is having trouble breathing. Mahesh's relatives told that the state president of

BJP has arranged for an air ambulance.

It is worth mentioning that every year the villagers of village Kutru and the surrounding areas go to Chikat Raj mountain for worshipping during Sawan month. This year also 200 to 250 tribals had reached Chikat Raj Pahar on Sunday to offer prayers. But during his return he came face-to-face with the Naxalites. Naxalites took 50 villagers hostage. In which Mahesh Gota was also included. The Naxalites later left everyone except Mahesh Gota and he was kept as hostage. After trying to kill him late on Monday night, the Naxalites threw him thinking he was dead. Meanwhile, passers-by saw Mahesh Gota in critical condition and information about it was given to the villagers and seriously injured Mahesh Gota was taken to the hospital.

RED (WR-II, USSC) NTPC felicitates the meritorious students

- From Pussore Tehsil

Bilaspur, Aug 24: To encourage meritorious students from Pussore Tehsil in Raigarh district in Chhattisgarh Board of X and XII examination 2023, Chilakapati Sivakumar, RED (WR-II, USSC & Ash-NI) felicitated Vidhi Bhosle of Abhinav Vidya Mandir, Pussore, Class-XII who se-



cured 98.2% with 1st rank in Agriculture stream in Chhattisgarh, Rani Mahana of Adarsh

Gramya Bharti Hr. Secondary School, Pussore, Class-XII secured 95.6% and secured state

rank 9th in Arts stream and Khushi Patel of Swami Atmanand Govt. School, Pussore, Class-X secured 97.17% with 9th rank in state Chhattisgarh. For remarkable achievements of students, Chilakapati Sivakumar, (WR-II, USSC & Ash-NI) and Diwakar Kaushik, ED (Lara) wished them for their bright future career.

Yashasvi Bharti secures 3rd place, honoured at the hands of Dy CM

Showed her prowess in the 19th state level Taekwondo competition

Korba, Aug 24:

In the Rajasthan Taekwondo Karate Competition held in Naya Raipur, 4-year-old D/o journalist Mukesh Bharti of Korba district, Yashvi Bharti has brought laurels to Korba district by securing third place in the 16 kg weight competition.

It is worth mentioning that players from different districts also participated in this competition organized in Naya Raipur; where as Korba district overall performance, the team of Korba district has secured the first position. Regarding this commendable performance of Yashasvi Bharti, Deputy Chief Minister of



Chhattisgarh Pradesh TS Singhdevev not only appreciated Yashasvi Bharti's game but also honoured



Yashasvi Bharti with his own hands and sent his best wishes for a bright future.

Air of happiness among journalistic fraternity

Yashasvi Bharti, a four-year-old girl who has made Korba district proud, is the younger D/o Mukesh Bharti, Korba District Vice President of Chhattisgarh Journalist Welfare Union. On coming first in Korba district overall performance, Korba district journalists and members of Chhattisgarh Journalist Welfare Union Korba district unit also sent their best wishes for a bright future to journalist Mukesh Bharti and his four-year-old daughter.

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Chronicle

Bhedia lays stone for devp works worth Rs 2.03 crore

In Dalli-Rajhara Nagar Palika area



Dalli-Rajhara, Aug 24: Minister for Social Welfare and MLA Doundlohara Anila Bhedia laid the stone for development works worth Rs 2.03 cr in Dalli-Rajhara Nagar Palika area here on Thursday and this programme was chaired by Nagar Palika President Shibu Nair.

After the stone laying ceremony, on hike of 20% honorarium to the 'safai mitras', all the employees

her After this the Minister Anila Bhedia presented medals to the players for their best performance in the Sports under Rajiv Yuva Mitra Yojana in the district.

Among those present on the occasion were BCC President Ashok Bambeshwar, Minister's rep- Piyush Soni, Media in-charge Vivek Masih,

district Mahila Congress Patel, Suraj Vibhar, Ruksana Begum, Vijay Laxmi, Shruti Yadav,

Chandraprakash Borkar, Mamta Netam, T Jyoti and Alderman Mamta Pandey, G Ishwar Rao, William

Bhagav, Ramu Sharma, Ramesh Bhagat, Jaswinder Singh Gill and others were present.

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POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY) (As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002) Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the TATA Capital Housing Finance Limited...

Table with columns: Sr. No., Loan Account No., Name of Obligor(s)/ Legal Heir(s)/ Legal Representative(s), Amount as per Demand Notice, Date of Possession.

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Table with columns: Sr. No., Customer ID/No., Customer Name, Sr. No., Customer ID/No., Customer Name.

By way of this publication, the concerned Borrowers/Pledgers are hereby given final notice and last opportunity to pay the facility recalled amount in full, with all interest and charges forthwith or anyhow before the scheduled auction date...

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It is informed to the General Public That I, MD ATAA SHABBIR Son of Shabbir Ahmed Resident of H No-1715, Street - 12, Near Reliance Tower, Adarsh Nagar, Mowa, Raipur (C.G.) Pincode-492001. Have Changed My Mistake Name ATAA SHABBIR MOHAMMAD Son of Shabbir Ahmed so in Future I should be Recognised by My Correct Name that is MD ATAA SHABBIR Son of Shabbir Ahmed in all Government and other documents MD ATAA SHABBIR H No-1715, Street - 12, Near Reliance Tower, Adarsh Nagar, Mowa, Raipur (C.G.)

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APPENDIX IV (See Rule 8 (1)) POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Svatanttra Micro Housing Finance Corporation Ltd (SMHFC) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13 read with the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice as mentioned below dated calling upon the Borrowers mentioned in tables to repay the amount mentioned in the notice with interest and expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of notice/date of receipt of the said notice.

Table with columns: S. No., Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor (s), Demand Notice Date, Amount Outstanding, Description of the property.

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DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 NOTICE is hereby given that the following borrower/s who have availed loan from Svatanttra Micro Housing Finance Corporation Limited (SMHFC) have failed to pay Equated Monthly Installments (EMIs) of their loan to SMHFC...

Table with columns: Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor (s), Demand Notice Date and Amount, Description of secured asset(s) (immovable property/ies).

IDBI BANK IDBI BANK LTD. Branch- Samta Colony, Raipur (C.G.)

APPENDIX IV [RULE 8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Properties)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of IDBI BANK LIMITED under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of the Powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice(s) dated as below mentioned dates calling upon the Borrower(s)/ Mortgagee(s) as mentioned below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice and interest thereon within 60 days from date of the receipt of the said notice.

Table with columns: Sl. No., Name of the Borrowers, Guarantors, Mortgagees, 1) Date of Demand Notice & 2) Possession Notice, Claim Amount as per demand notice, Description of the Immovable Properties.

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK (A scheduled commercial bank)

E-AUCTION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (SARFAESI ACT) 2002, READ WITH PROVISIO RULE 8(6) & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.

The undersigned as authorised officer of Jana Small Finance Bank Limited has taken possession of the following property in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT. The Borrower in particular and public at large are informed that online auction (e-auction) of the mortgage property in the below mentioned account for realisation of dues of the Bank will be held on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" on the date as prescribed as here under.

Table with columns: Sr. No., Loan Account Number, Name of Original Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor, Date of 13-2 Notice, Date of Possession, Present Outstanding balance as on 17.08.2023, Date & Time of Inspection of the property, Reserve Price in INR, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR, Date and Time of E-Auction, Last Date, Time & Place for Submission of Bid.

Diverse initiatives foster voter awareness

Innovative approaches from wall art to dance instill civic responsibility

Khairagarh, Aug 24:

Under the astute guidance of District Election Officer and Collector Gopal Verma, the voter awareness endeavour known as SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) is currently in full swing, marked by an array of events throughout the district. Driven by the goal of achieving an impressive 100% voter turnout and equipping citizens to exercise their voting rights effectively, the district has carried out a multifaceted campaign in alignment with directives from the Election Commission of India.

Incorporating an assortment of activities, the voter awareness program encompasses innovative strategies such as vibrant rangoli art, spirited rallies, the felicitation of new voters, special gatherings to honour senior citizens,



and more. The youth residing in rural areas are demonstrating remarkable enthusiasm by actively participating in these initiatives, thus becoming instrumental in propagating the message of voter awareness. Concurrently, women from Self-Help Groups and rural regions are stepping forward, displaying heightened cognizance of their voting rights and becoming fervent advocates of the awareness movement.

The district is abuzz

with initiatives aimed at fostering voter consciousness. At notable educational institutions like Rani Rashmi Devi Mahavidyalaya Khairagarh and Swami Atmanand Vidyalaya Khairagarh, resounding voter awareness rallies are being conducted, captivating audiences with fervour and education. Meanwhile, in the Mudhipar Bazar of Khairagarh Development Block, rural inhabitants received hands-on guid-

ance on the operation of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) devices. The local police department plays an integral role in the SVEEP program, employing a proactive approach to educate the masses about the significance of voting. Commuters are greeted with informative stickers and posters adorning vehicles, further amplifying the message of voter awareness.

Quack kills patient to fake girlfriend's death

Three arrested

Durg, Aug 24:

A 37-year-old quack allegedly killed a patient to fake his married girlfriend's death so that they could elope in Chhattisgarh's Durg district, police said on Monday. The police on Sunday arrested Umesh Sahu, his girlfriend Supriya Yadav (32) and their accomplice Pradeep Janghel (36) for the murder of Surja Bai Markam, a resident of Gandai village, an official said. Sahu allegedly killed his long-time patient Markam and kept her body in a fridge at his clinic on August 14. The next night, the accused along with Janghel transported the body to Durg city in a car, he said. The body was then taken to Yadav's house, where the trio planted Yadav's jewellery on the victim and set her on fire in the storeroom of the house, the official said. Yadav was a resident of from Durg city, while Sahu and Janghel were from Khairagarh-ChhuiKhadan-Gandai district. ChhuiKhadan-Gandai district in-laws lodged a complaint with Mohan Nagar police station after they found the charred body of a woman in the storeroom following an explosion on the intervening night of August 15-16, he said. They identified Yadav's jewellery on the body and feared that she died in the fire, the official said.

Attractive shape of SVEEP Bastar made through human chain

Collector administered oath to voters to exercise their franchise

Jagdalpur, Aug 24:

As per the instructions of the Election Commission of India, a massive voter awareness campaign is being conducted under the SVEEP programme in the direction of ensuring cent percent voter participation in all elections. In this context, thousands of school students and college youth including officers-employees and volunteers of Yuvodaya enthusiastically formed a huge human chain at Sports Complex Dharampura on Tuesday. Through this, a message was given to the voters to vote in all the elections. During this, everyone together created an attractive shape of SVEEP Bastar through human chain.

On this occasion, Collector and District Election Officer Vijay Dayaram K gave a message to all the voters including the youth to have full faith in democracy. Also asked to maintain the dignity of democratic traditions of the country. The Collector asked the youth and voters



to fearlessly exercise their franchise without being influenced by religion, class, caste, community, language or any other allurements, keeping the dignity of free & fair and peaceful elections intact. All were administered oath to exercise franchise in their respective elections. On this occasion, CEO

District Panchayat and Nodal Officer SVEEP Program Prakash Survey, Deputy District Election Officer Hitesh Baghel, Municipal Corporation Commissioner Harsh Mandavi, officers and employees of various departments and thousands of school students and college youth were present.

Students submit memo in the name of V-C



To extend last date for admission in Colleges

Gidhouri, Aug 24:

The students of Daulat Ram Sharma PG College, submitted a memorandum in the name of Vice-Chancellor to increase the last date for admission in the College. It is notable here that there are many graduate and PG seats

still lying vacant in the College and the University has closed down the admission process and due to which many a students are unable to apply and by doing so they are putting the future of many students in the dark.

Due to this many students from the College submitted a memorandum in the name of the Vice-Chancellor and demanded increase in the last date for submission

of application for admission. In this mainly Preetam Jaiswal, Abhishek Navrange, Malay Sahu, Manjit Rafiq, Gautam, Palak, Shweta, Akla Paikra, Yachana, Deepmala, Falguni, Fuleshwari, Kusum Sahu, Durga Verma, Anjali, Bhuwan Lal, Dushyant, Birendra, Narendra, Arvind, Pradeep, Dhaneshwar, Manish, Neelkamal, and hundreds of other students were present.

151 claimants of Congress applied for 12 assembly seats

Of Bastar division

Jagdalpur, Aug 24:

A total of 151 claimants have presented their claims as Congress party's candidate for 12 assembly seats in Bastar division. An application has been submitted to the block president for the candidature of the Congress. Being the only general seat in Bastar division, Jagdalpur has the maximum number of claimants. 31 applications were received for Jagdalpur. Jagdalpur has made its place in the first number on the 12 assembly seats of Bastar division. 31 applications including Jagdalpur MLA Rekhand Jain and former Congress President Rajeev Sharma have come for the Jagdalpur Assembly. On the last day of presenting the claim, Rajeev Sharma, former Congress President for the Jagdalpur Assembly, has presented his claim with a strong show of strength. The display of his show of strength by Rajeev Sharma further intensified party politics within Congress. Apart from Rajeev Sharma, no one has presented his



claim with a sizeable number of workers and supporters in this rally of show of strength. On the other hand, Excise Minister Kawasi Lakhma is the only contender of Congress from Kanta Assembly. There, no Congress leader even thought it appropriate to present his candidature application in front of him. Having only one name, Kawasi Lakhma has become the unopposed candidate of the Congress and now only the formal announcement of his name is left.

A total of 58 applications have been submitted in the three assembly constituen-

cies of Kanker district. Apart from the present MLA, District Panchayat President, District President, District Member, Sarpanch, government officials and employees are also included in the race for ticket in the district. Apart from the district president of Congress in Kanker, the Charama block president has also presented his claim. A total of 19 applications including MLA Shishupal Sorli have been received for Kanker Assembly. Along with MLA Savitri Mandavi, 28 other leaders have staked claim from Bhanupratappur assembly constituency under Kanker district. On the

other hand, 11 contenders along with present MLA Anoop Nag have presented their claim for Antagarh assembly under Kanker district.

Ten contenders including Chitrakot MLA Rajman Benzam have submitted applications for Chitrakot Assembly. Similarly, only 4 applications including Bastar MLA Lakheshwar Baghel have been received for Bastar Assembly. A total of 5 applications including MLA Chandan Kashyap have been received for Narayanpur Assembly. A total of 7 contenders including MLA Vikram Mandavi from Bijapur assembly constituency have submitted applications for the candidature of Congress. At the same time, a total of 06 claimants including Mohan Markam, MLA from Kondagaon assembly constituency and former Congress state president, have submitted applications. As many as 10 contenders, including MLA Santram Netam from Keshkal assembly constituency, have submitted applications for Congress candidature.

A total of 19 leaders have staked claim in Dantewada

this time along with Devati Karma and her son Chhabindra Karma. Congress leaders from Geedam block are among the maximum number of claimants in Dantewada. However, in the last assembly, apart from Devati Karma and Chhabindra Karma, only one or two names came up. The Dantewada assembly seat is considered the stronghold of the Karma family. Mahendra Karma's wife Devati Karma had won from here in the year 2013, but she was defeated in 2018. The biggest reason for the defeat was considered to be the dispute between mother and son over the ticket. Due to not getting ticket from Congress, Chhabindra Karma had entered the election field against his mother Devati Karma. Later, after the persuasion of the party, he backed down. Naxalites had killed Bhima Mandavi just a few days after the election. After which the by-election was held in Dantewada. In which Bhima Mandavi's wife Ojasvi Mandavi was standing in front of Goddess Karma. This time Devati was successful in registering victory again.

Forgiveness is The Best Revenge : Michhami Dukkadam



Dr. Arvind Neral, Professor & H.O.D. Department of Pathology, Pt. J.N.M. Medical College, Raipur.

Michhami Dukkadam is an ancient Indian Prakrit language phrase, found in historic Jain texts. It's a word of the Ardhamagadhi language (language spoken during the time of Lord Mahavir). It's Sanskrit equivalent is "Mithya me duskrtam" and both

literally mean- "may all the evil that has been done be in vain." It is used widely for the Pratikramana ritual on the last day of Paryushana called Samvatsari in the Svetambara and Kshamavani in the Digambara tradition. The phrase is alternatively interpreted and said to mean, "may all my improper actions be inconsequential or "I ask pardon of all living being, may all of them pardon me, may I have friendship with all beings and enmity with none." As a matter of ritual, they greet their friends and relatives with "Michhami Dukkadam", seeking their forgiveness.

A lack of forgiveness comes in many forms... unexpected breakups, family trauma or betrayal of any kind easily cause resentment to take root in



our hearts. It can be unimaginably hard task to choose to let go of past hurts and begin to heal, but decision to forgive will ultimately lead to a happier and more fulfilling life. It's important to understand that deciding to forgive doesn't mean you're dismissing or justifying the pain someone has caused you; it will however create space in your mind and heart for true joy.

There is no love without forgiveness and

there is no forgiveness without love. It's a powerful expression of love within our soul. Martin Luther King Jr. said - "We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of power to love" It takes a strong person to say they're sorry and even stronger person to forgive. The weak can never forgive, it's the attribute of the strong. Without forgiveness life is governed by endless cycle of resent-

ment and retaliation. It's above all a personal choice, a decision of the heart to go against natural instinct to pay back evil. Forgive is a sign that the person who has wronged you means more to you than the wrong they have dealt.

Forgiveness is a conscious internal process and deliberate decision to let go the grudge towards individuals. This includes releasing the thoughts and feelings of resentment, anger, bitterness and the desires for revenge, punishment and retribution towards group or someone ; who we believe has harmed us. Being able to forgive is on the healthiest emotions in the universe. By forgiving we don't forgive the person who did something wrong but we forgive ourselves. Infact, forgiveness is the sweetest revenge. Mastering the art of forgiveness plays a crucial role in

happiness and quality of our life. It's a precious gift we give to ourselves.

People are illogical, unreasonable and self-centered. If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives. Do good and love them anyway. If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies. The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow. Do good and succeed anyway. Honesty and forgiveness make you vulnerable. If you find serenity and happiness, others may be jealous. Be honest, frank and happy anyway. Forgiveness is not a feeling ; it is a commitment. It is a choice to show mercy, not to hold the offence up against the offender. It's an expression of love and compassion. It may not change the past, but it does make the future more fruitfull and bright.

3 BJP MLAs from Odisha will reach Bastar



Jagdalpur, Aug 24:

The Bharatiya Janata Party has started preparing for the victory in the assembly elections. BJP leaders are continuously visiting Bastar to capture the assembly seats of Bastar and to excite the workers. Now 3 BJP MLAs from the neighbouring state of Odisha have reached Bastar on Aug 22. And after taking a meeting of BJP workers, they will go to different assembly seats and know the electoral equation. District President Roop Singh Mandavi has asked all the office bearers and workers to get involved in the assembly elections in the workers' meeting regarding the visit of BJP MLAs of Odisha to Bastar.

Along with this, a framework was prepared regarding the migration of MLAs of Odisha to Bastar. Giving information about this, BJP District President Roop Singh Mandavi said that BJP MLA Niyand Gond, who came from Odisha, will be taken to Bastar Vidhan Sabha, Nauri Nayak to Chitrakot Vidhan Sabha and Subhash Pani Grahi to Jagdalpur Vidhan Sabha. After assessing the condition of the organization by taking a meeting of the workers, a strategy will be prepared to ensure BJP's victory and to remove the shortcomings. He said that every worker is determined to hoist the BJP's victory in all the assembly seats of the district.

A pretty terrible ending for Wagner force's bosses

Moscow, Aug 24:

Yevgeny Prigozhin and Dmitry Utkin, the co-founders of the Wagner Group reportedly were killed in a plane crash outside of Moscow.



General Sergey Surovikin (L) and Yevgeny Prigozhin (R).

out of control. The video was taken by a civilian with a cellphone from her garden. It is likely she

heard the explosions and rushed to see what was going on. There is speculation that the plane, an Embraer 6000 with registration number RA-02795, had been in the air only a few minutes and was shot down.

The passenger manifest included Prigozhin and Utkin and seven others. Prigozhin used a different Embraer, a 650 model, which departed Moscow for Belarus. This story is

circulating but so far at least even the Russian press is reporting Prigozhin was on the Embraer that crashed.

If the plane was shot down, the story harks back to the grisly end of Lin Biao, Mao Zedong's erstwhile designated successor, in Mongolia on September 13, 1971.

The elimination of Prigozhin and Utkin puts the Wagner group in a situation where some leadership will need to be found. Wagner is active in Belarus and also in Africa.

UK minister eyes doubling trade with India by 2030 with new campaign

London, Aug 24 (PTI): UK Business and Trade Secretary Kemi Badenoch launched a new "Alive with Opportunity" campaign on Thursday to help double trade with India by 2030, with a series of targeted trade missions for UK firms in high growth sectors.

The Cabinet minister, who arrived in India on a three-day visit to attend the G20 Trade and Investment Ministerial Meeting in Jaipur and hold bilateral talks with Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal in New Delhi, said she hoped to further the ongoing free trade agreement (FTA) negotiations now in their twelfth round of negotiations.

Canara Bank POSSESSION NOTICE [Appendix IV under the Act-Rule-8(1)] PATEWA BRANCH, RAJNANDGAON (C.G.)

AVANSE FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED Regd. and Corporate Office address: Fulcrum Business Centre, 001 & 002, A Wing, Next to Hyatt Regency Hotel, Sahar Road Andheri (East), Mumbai- 400 099 Maharashtra.

AVANSE FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED APPENDIX-IV [Rules 8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Table with 4 columns: Borrowers/Co-Borrowers/Mortgagors, Loan Account Number, Demand Notice Dated, Amount Outstanding as on 20th July, 2020.

The aforesaid Borrowers having failed to repay the aforesaid amounts, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/Co-borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Physical Possession of the Immovable property described in the Schedule herein ("Immovable Property") in exercise of the powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said act read with rule 8 of the said rules on this 23rd August of the year 2023.

The Borrowers/Co-borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid Immovable Property and any dealings with the Immovable Property will be subject to the charge of the Avanse Financial Services Ltd., for an aggregate amount of Rs. 4,05,38,863.90/- (Rupees Four Crores Five Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Three and Ninety Paise Only).

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY SCHEDULE-A: Property owned by Abhay Kumar Jain (Alias Kochar) All that Piece and Parcel of the land situated at Khasra No.191/3 and 191/6, Renumbered as Khasra No.191/3/2 and 191/6/2, Compromising area 0.030 Hect or 3364 Sq.ft. Situated at Village Kokki, P.H No.16, RIC Baloda Bazar, Tehsil and District Baloda Bazar Bhatpara, Chhattisgarh within the boundaries hereunder Boundaries:- East by : Property of Thakur Ram, West by : Road, North by : Owners Land, South by : property of Pradeep Sharma Extends Admeasuring 3364 Sq.ft of land

Date: 23-08-2023 Place: Baloda Bazar, Chhattisgarh For Avanse Financial Services Ltd.

कार्यालय, नगर पालिक निगम, भिलाई

मदरटेरसा नगर जोन क्र.-3 निविदा सूचना मिलाई, दिनांक 14/08/2023

क्रमांक : लो.क.वि./न.नि./2023/409/273

Table with 5 columns: क्र. (Sl. No.), कार्य का विवरण (Description of Work), निविदा लागत (लाख में) (Bid Price in Lakhs), धरोहर राशि का मूल्य (Security Deposit Amount), निविदा प्रपत्र (निविदा सूचना) (Bid Form (Bid Notice)), समावधि (Completion Period).

उपरोक्त कार्य की निविदा की सामान्य शर्तें, धरोहर राशि, विस्तृत निविदा विज्ञापन, निविदा दस्तावेज व अन्य जानकारी कार्यालयीन अवधि में कार्यालय से प्राप्त की जा सकती है। साथ ही यह जानकारी नगर निगम भिलाई के वेबसाइट www.bhilainagarinim.com अथवा संचालनालय की वेबसाइट www.uald.co.gov.in and चिप की वेबसाइट eproc.cgstate.gov.in और bhilainurbanecg.gov.in से देखी जा सकती है। धरोहर राशि एक डी.आर. के रूप में जोन आयुक्त/कार्यालय नगर निगम, नगर पालिक निगम भिलाई एवं संबंधित ठेकेदार के नाम से किसी राष्ट्रीय बैंक से जारी, जमा करना होगा तथा प्रत्येक कार्य के लिये जीवित ठेकेदारी ई-पंजीयन, जी.एस.टी. प्रमाणपत्र, पैनकार्ड/आयकर प्रमाण पत्र की सत्यापित प्रतियाँ, जीवित सार्वजनिक की छायाप्रति एवं नोटेरी से जारी (100/-रु.) का शपथ पत्र की मूलप्रति, लिफाफा "क" में प्रस्तुत करना है एवं निविदाप्रपत्र दर सहित लिफाफा "ख" में प्रस्तुत करना होगा।

संपर्कित भू-मापक की राशि निगम कोष में जमा कर विकास कार्य में सहायक करें। जल ही जीवन है जल का सदुपयोग करें उसे व्यर्थ न बहाएं। स्वच्छ भारत अभियान, स्वच्छ एवं सुंदर भिलाई।

जोन आयुक्त जोन-3, नगर पालिक निगम, भिलाई

Government of Chhattisgarh Water Resources Department OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER MAHANADI PROJECT, RAIPUR (CHHATTISGARH) CORRIGENDUM NO. - 1

Table with 3 columns: S.No., Earlier Published, Amendments Now Read as.

Executive Engineer Water Management Division No. 1, Raipur For, Chief Engineer, Mahanadi Project Raipur (C.G.)

Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh Sector-19, Nava Raipur Atal Nagar, 492002 Tender Inviting for Weapon Training Simulators

Table with 4 columns: Sl. No., Name of Item, Qty, EMD in Rs.

SCHEDULE FOR TENDER (a) Address for submission of tender document, (b) Last Date and Time of Submission on Bids, (c) Date, Time and Place of opening Technical Bid, (d) Date, Time and Place of opening Financial Bid, (e) Date till which the Bid to remain valid.

Note: 1. 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.

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

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER P.W.D. BASTAR CIRCLE JAGDALPUR (C.G.) e-Procurement Tender Notice http://eproc.cgstate.gov.in

Table with 5 columns: S. No., NIT No./NIT Date, System Tender No. (Tender Call No.), Name of Work, PAC Amount (Rupees in Lacs).

For more details on the Tender and bidding process please visit the above mentioned portal. Superintending Engineer P.W.D. Bastar Circle Jagdalpur

POLICE HEADQUARTERS, CHHATTISGARH, ATAL NAGAR, NAVA RAIPUR (1st Call) Notice Inviting Tender

Table with 4 columns: Sl. No., Name of Item, Qty.(Nos.), EMD in Rs.

SCHEDULE FOR TENDER (a) Address for submission of Tender Document, (b) Last Date and Time of Submission on Bids, (c) Place, Time and Date of opening Technical Bid, (d) Place, Time and Date of opening Financial Bid, (e) Date till which the Bid to remain valid.

Note: 1. In case of tender opening date being declared as holiday, tenders will be opened on next working day. 2. Tender documents can be downloaded from our website www.cgpolice.gov.in and at the time of submission of document tender fee of Rs. 3000/- 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, Chhattisgarh, Atal Nagar Raipur Or State Govt. Challan of Rs. 3000/- 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.

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

GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER MAHANADI GODAWARI BASIN, RAIPUR (C.G.)

e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE eProcurement Portal: https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in (1st Call)

System Tender No. : 144797/NIT No. : 12/SAC/2023-24, Kawardha, Dated : 21.08.2023 Online Tenders are Invited for the following works up to 11.09.2023 at 17:30 Hour

Name of Work : CONSTRUCTION OF RAMPUR BARENDRA DIVERSION SCHEME IN BODLA BLOCK OF KABIRDHAM DISTRICT (INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION OF HEAD WORK, CANAL, STRUCTURE AND COLABPIPE FIXING)

Probable Amount of Contract: -Rs. 524.20 Lakhs (As per S.O.R Dated 01.08.2010 (As amended dated 22.08.2022))

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal (https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in) from Date 28.08.2023, at 17:31 Hours (IST) onwards.

Executive Engineer Water Resources Division, Kawardha Distt. Kabirdham (C.G.) for, Chief Engineer, Mahanadi Godawari Basin Raipur (C.G.)

SALES AND MARKETING NOTICE : For the 100 percent water soluble mixture of Fertilisers

In pursuance of the order no.S.O. 2900 (E) dated 24th October, 2015 and its amendment dated 30th December 2017, issued by Department of Agriculture Co-operation and Farmer Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare, Govt of India. M/s Shriram AgSmart Ltd. (Formerly known as DCM Shriram AgSmart Ltd) Registered office 2nd Floor, (West Wing), World Mark -1, Aerocity, New Delhi - 110037 India (Subsidiary of DCM Shriram Ltd) hereby notifies that it intends to sell 100 percent Water Soluble Mixture of Fertilisers Grades as per the specification given below.

Table with 15 columns: SI No., Grades, and various nutrient percentages (NPK, NPKSB, NPKS, etc.)

To know more about doses, method of application and benefits, please contact below given office Marketing Office Address & Contact Details Shriram AgSmart Ltd Plot no.82, Institutional Area, Sector 32, Gurugram - 122003, Haryana (India), CIN No.U24232DL2022PLC401518, Customer Care No. 0120 - 4040188, Email : info@shriramagmart.com, website : www.dcmshriram.com



Death of a Maverick

Yevgeny Prigozhin's Enigmatic Demise

Unfurl the somber banner, for the titanic realm of Russia stands awash in intrigue and consternation as news of the ill-fated crash claims none other than Yevgeny Prigozhin, the indomitable chieftain of the Wagner mercenary cohort. Mere eight weeks past his audacious bid to seize the helm of authority from the army's top brass, Prigozhin met an untimely end, his life extinguished amidst the northern reaches of Moscow. The sepulchral event casts an impenetrable shroud over the nation, leaving no survivors in its wake. Behold the Kremlin's sphinx-like demeanour and the Defense Ministry's vault of silence, withholding the official anointing of truth regarding Prigozhin's fate. A vociferous adversary of the army's leadership, he denounced their perceived mishandling of Russia's foray into the Ukrainian theater. Now, he is consigned to an eerie silence, leaving a chasm of speculation in his wake. Yet the Grey Zone, a steadfast ally of the Wagner group, reverberates with a bold decree – they declare Prigozhin's demise, immortalizing him as a heroic patriot, fallen at the hands of shadowy "traitors to Russia." As the void of certainty expands, conjectures breed like tempestuous squalls. Some accusatory fingers point to the very bosom of the Russian state, insinuating a web of intrigue and insurrection. Others direct their gaze toward Ukraine, poised on the cusp of independence celebration, implicating it in this bewildering tragedy. In the gathering dusk, the edifice that houses Wagner's sanctum in St. Petersburg assumes a reverent stance, its illuminated windows crafting a resplendent cross – an eloquent requiem to honor the fallen. The reverberations of Prigozhin's exit resonate deep within the ranks of the Wagner Group, an assemblage that drew the ire of President Vladimir Putin himself, igniting with its abortive coup against the army's top echelons. His departure creates a cavernous void, one that questions the group's venturesome forays across African terrains and far-flung territories. This absence is more than administrative – it is symbolic, signifying the cessation of a chapter that dared challenge Putin's dominion, a rarity since his ascension in 1999. Rosaviatsia, the sentinel of Russian aviation, etches into the annals the names of the ten souls embarked on that ill-fated flight, a list adorned with the luminous legacy of Prigozhin and his lieutenant, Dmitry Utkin, the very architect of the Wagner saga. In the wake of this calamity, Russian inquisitors spearhead a relentless quest to unearth the concealed truths. Whispers murmur of surface-to-air missiles that orchestrated the plane's fall from grace, yet such conjectures remain mere phantoms, their substantiation elusive as a mirage. The intended voyage from Moscow to St. Petersburg was ruthlessly truncated, the plane's final resting place near the village of Kuzhenkino now a mournful monument of despair. As the investigation unfurls its enigma and the nation bows its head in grief, Russia finds itself grappling with a void of profound proportions. Yevgeny Prigozhin's inexplicable demise renders not just the Wagner Group bereft, but it also punctuates the very fabric of Russia's contemporary chronicle. In the countenance of this enigma, the nation stands resolute, demanding elucidation. The fall of a man who sowed dissent resonates not merely within inked columns, but within corridors of power, hearts that dared question, and the quintessence of a nation navigating uncharted territory in a post-Prigozhin epoch.

On the Precipice of Sacrifice

A Call to Fortify Our Defenders

In the unforgiving crucible of duty, tragedy has once again cast its cruel shadow over our indomitable Armed Forces. A heart-wrenching incident has pierced our hearts—a calamity that claimed the lives of nine valiant Army personnel, including a steadfast Junior Commissioned Officer, in a vehicular mishap at Kiari in Nyoma, Leh district, the Union Territory of Ladakh. This poignant moment stands as a stark testament to the perilous challenges that mark the arduous path of defending our borders along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China in Ladakh—a theater etched with the relentless strain of Sino-Indian tensions that have endured for over three relentless years. In this reverberating tragedy, a clarion call resounds—a call that encapsulates the daunting challenges and unwavering resolve of our gallant soldiers. To underestimate the unforgiving trials they brave from the confines of comfort is a grave oversight. The very ground they tread, replete with treacherous precipices, permits no room for misjudgment; a single misstep can plunge them into irrevocable loss. In spite of the strides in infrastructural enhancements—crafted with cutting-edge technologies, tunnels, and bridges—to elevate road conditions, this incident resonates with an unyielding truth: the austere landscape brooks no compromise. Our soldiers, who pledge their lives in steadfast defense, confront perils that stand as immutable elements of their sacred duty. While airborne expeditions may be employed to reach remote bastions, the necessity for reconnaissance mandates a ground-based approach—a reality tragically underscored by the lamentable events that unfolded in Nyoma. The weight of so many lives lost in an instant bears down upon us with unyielding force—an agonizing reminder of the dire need for impervious safety standards that safeguard the vehicles entrusted to our intrepid military. The value of every life, a gem beyond measure, demands unwavering security measures that shield them from catastrophic loss. Road mishaps, however, constitute just one facet of the manifold hazards our warriors confront daily. As they stand unwavering at their posts, they battle avalanches, wrestle with the whims of extreme climates, and navigate altitudes that test human limits. Resilience courses through their veins; their allegiance to the nation remains steadfast, unswayed by the trials they endure. Our nation stands indebted to these noble souls—a debt beyond words, demanding tangible action. The mantle of responsibility falls squarely upon the Government—a responsibility to provide our defenders with cutting-edge equipment, unwavering support, and an environment conducive to executing their duties with precision, even in the most formidable conditions. Their valor and selflessness demand nothing less than our boundless admiration and unequivocal support. In the wake of this heart-rending catastrophe, an unflinching investigation is imperative—a quest to unearth truth, confront causative factors, and preclude the specter of such sorrow from casting its shadow anew. Scrutinizing elements that range from the driver's experience to duty-hour protocols, this inquiry seeks to uncover potential human-related factors that may have conspired in this tragic event. Identifying vulnerabilities within our safety framework stands paramount—a foundation on which our future safeguards rest. Amidst the throes of anguish, the burden of leadership takes on profound dimensions—a burden to provide solace and succor to the bereaved families of our valiant soldiers. A united military functions as a familial unit, and when comrades are lost in the crucible of a single catastrophe, the agony resonates collectively. In these moments of trial, it falls upon leadership to bolster unit morale—a beacon guiding them through tumultuous waters. The Ladakh tragedy resounds as an unwavering summons—an appeal not merely to mourn, but to stand unwavering in our commitment. As a nation, we pledge to empower our defenders, to honor their sacrifices with resolute dedication, and to buttress our forces with an unyielding commitment to security and support. Their valour is our collective fortitude, their sacrifices an embodiment of our shared purpose.

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CHANDRAYAAN-3 CELEBRATION



Members of Seva Sankalp Yuva Sangathan celebrate the successful soft landing of ISRO's Chandrayaan-3 on the surface of the Moon, in Bhopal, Thursday, Aug. 24.

Reinventing Congress: Reconstituted CWC reflects a bid for change

**YASH PAL RALHAN**

The winds of change are sweeping through the corridors of the Indian National Congress as the party takes a significant step towards redefining its identity and strategies. The reconstitution of the Congress Working Committee (CWC) not only signifies a renewal of leadership but also reflects the party's earnest endeavour to revitalize itself ahead of the impending electoral battles. This transformation, marked by the inclusion of fresh faces and the infusion of diverse perspectives, points towards a resolute effort to break free from stagnation and infuse new life into the grand old party of Indian politics.

As the Indian political landscape prepares for the challenges of the forthcoming elections, the revamped CWC emerges as a strategic move by the Congress to reposition itself in the hearts and minds of the people. The party's inability to secure a Leader of Opposition role in the Lok Sabha, a reflection of its underwhelming performance, serves as a poignant reminder of the urgency for change. This restructuring is more than just a symbolic gesture; it is a deliberate attempt to shake off the cobwebs of complacency and rejuvenate the Congress's ideological

spirit. President Mallikarjun Kharge's decision to reshape the CWC holds deeper significance. By incorporating members associated with the G23 group, the party exhibits a willingness to embrace diverse perspectives and promote collective decision-making at the highest echelons. However, the real litmus test lies in whether this newfound inclusion translates into a substantive shift in the party's decision-making dynamics or remains confined to a symbolic gesture.

The reconstituted CWC, while commendable, raises questions about the depth of change within a party that has long been synonymous with the Gandhi family's leadership. Breaking away from this entrenched tradition presents a unique challenge, yet it also signifies the party's conscious efforts to explore new avenues. The Congress faces a pressing need to reinvigorate its ideological commitment and strategic acumen, effectively bridging the gap between its historical roots and the evolving demands of a dynamic nation.

The current void in the party's intellectual and spiritual fabric has been growing for years, reflected in its prolonged absence from power in states like Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, and Gujarat.

The writing on the wall is clear – a fundamental reevaluation of approach and ideology is necessary to recapture the hearts of the electorate. The reconstituted CWC, if willing to confront this deep-seated challenge head-on, could herald a transformation that goes beyond party lines, impacting the national political landscape.

The induction of prominent figures such as Dr. Shashi Tharoor and Anand Sharma into the committee suggests a readiness to engage in deeper discussions on both ideological and operational fronts. Traditionally, ideological principles have been passed down through generations, but the true test lies in how the party addresses practical challenges posed by a rapidly evolving political landscape. The reconstituted CWC is expected to navigate these challenges while fostering an environment conducive to dissent and innovative thinking.

One of the critical aspects of this transformation involves a flexible approach towards state units. Lessons should be learned from instances like Punjab and Delhi, where central leadership's alliances clashed with local preferences. Prioritizing intra-party unity is paramount, as demonstrated by Rajesh Pilot in the CWC, reflecting a willingness to accommodate diverse voices.

The impending assembly elections, set to unfold within a few months, will serve as a testing ground for the Congress's efforts at reinvention. The party's performance in key states like Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Telangana, and Mizoram will have far-reaching implications for its ambitions and its role in the 2024 parliamentary elections. Successfully

bridging the generational and ideological gaps remains a challenge, and Kharge's balancing act demonstrates his commitment to maintaining unity within the party's ranks.

While the rejuvenation of the CWC holds promise, certain choices have been met with disappointment. The retention of figures like former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh and former Union Minister A.K. Antony, who are essentially retired from active politics, raises questions about the committee's dynamism. Concerns also arise about regional representation, with Kerala seemingly overrepresented compared to Andhra and Telangana.

As the Congress prepares to lead the newly formed INDIA alliance against a formidable government in the Lok Sabha, it must navigate complex political terrains skillfully. Balancing alliances and competition in states like West Bengal, Kerala, Punjab, and Delhi will be pivotal. Additionally, the party faces challenges in states like Maharashtra, where alliance partners' vulnerability to the BJP's influence poses a unique set of obstacles.

The absence of Rahul Gandhi during the CWC reconstitution process in Ladakh suggests an effort by the Gandhi family to grant the President and the CWC greater autonomy. However, skepticism prevails regarding the extent of this change, given the historical dominance of the family. For the Congress to reap electoral rewards, the reconstituted CWC must wield the power to think and act collectively, unshackled from the limitations of the past. The journey towards transformation is underway; only time will reveal the true extent of the party's metamorphosis.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lunar Triumph

The Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) Chandrayaan-3 Lander Module (LM) achieved an extraordinary feat, marking India's successful soft landing on the Moon's surface on August 23. This monumental achievement, following its launch on July 14, places India as the fourth nation, alongside the USSR, U.S., and China, to achieve this milestone. The event signifies a transformative moment for India in space exploration, particularly with its pioneering touchdown on the uncharted lunar south pole. Chandrayaan-3's success not only enhances India's image but also ignites scientific curiosity among students. Immediately after Chandrayaan-3 soft landing, NASA Administrator Bill Nelson's congratulatory note to India "congratulations to #India on being the 4th country to successfully soft-land a spacecraft on the Moon. We're glad to be your partner on this mission!" While celebrations abound, it's important not to overshadow the scientific accomplishments by excessively exuberant displays of patriotism. Chandrayaan-3 rectifies past errors, setting the stage for comprehensive lunar research.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee, Faridabad

Chandrayan's Feat

Chandrayan-3's milestone marks a historic stride for Indian scientists, evoking pride in the realm of knowledge and exploration. We extend congratulations to these achievers and advocate for embracing this scholarly and scientific advancement. Delving into its intricacies can unravel the secrets of the universe. Amidst the glory, it's imperative to shield this achievement from political biases.

Afazuddin Kazi Qasmi, Mumbai

India's Lunar Feat

India's historic feat as the first nation to land on the Moon's South Pole stands as a testament to innovation. Overcoming harsh conditions, this accomplishment showcases the determination of both scientists and the government. The resilience shown after a previous setback speaks volumes, with the Prime Minister's encouragement fueling their pursuit of excellence. This triumph isn't just about gains and losses; it's a stride towards human advancement. Amidst the BRICS conference, the PM's assurance that this victory benefits global society emphasizes its humanitarian significance. ISRO's achievement not only eases upcoming missions but also taps into the Moon's ice-water deposits for fuel. This remarkable leap brings immortal value, resonating with human welfare. Kudos to ISRO and Indian scientists for this monumental stride.

N Ashraf, Mumbai

Milestone on the Moon: India's success with Chandrayaan-3

**Dr. Satyawan Saurabh**

Introduction:

India, once known for its diverse symbolism as the land of both serpents and sages, has now solidified its position among the global space technology leaders. This accomplishment comes as India achieves the remarkable feat of being the fourth nation to achieve a soft lunar landing with its Chandrayaan-3 mission. Nestled within the spacecraft, the

Chandrayaan-3 rover is poised to explore the lunar surface. The mission duration of the lander is anticipated to span a single lunar day, equivalent to 14 Earth days. In contrast to the previous crash landing, India has now joined the ranks of the United States, Russia, and China in this historic achievement. This feat not only underscores India's expanding space expertise but also marks the pioneering instance of landing at the South Pole region.

Nationwide Celebration

India's space agency has effectively showcased the nation's prowess in space exploration and burgeoning space commerce by successfully landing a rover, Chandrayaan-3, on the Moon. Crafted on a relatively modest budget of under \$75 million, the Chandrayaan-3 mission has realized the aspirations of 1.4 billion Indians. This achievement, the culmination of widespread anticipation, has ignited celebrations across the nation. The anxieties

that lingered from the previous mission were dispelled, and the collective joy of the Indian populace blossomed upon the rover's lunar touch.

Joining the Elite Lunar Explorers

India's triumphant mission propels it into an exclusive consortium of nations—comprising the United States, the former Soviet Union, and China—that have achieved soft landings on the Moon. Recent attempts by other nations faced challenges, such as a Japanese start-up's miscalculated landing altitude leading to a crash and an Israeli spacecraft's unfortunate lunar surface contact. Following the deployment of an orbiter in the Chandrayaan-2 mission, India succeeded in landing the lander and rover, thereby making strides toward its lunar exploration ambitions. This latest endeavour, Chandrayaan-3, aims to explore the Moon's permanently shadowed craters believed to hold water reserves.

Meticulous Planning

Chandrayaan-3 comprises a 2-meter-long lander engineered to deploy a rover near the Moon's South Pole—a location where water ice has been detected. The rover is expected to conduct experiments during its two-week operational period. Solar power will fuel Chandrayaan-3's lander and rover throughout their lunar mission, accounting for the Moon's 14-day day-night cycle. Precise calculations guided the mission's timing, ensuring the South Pole region would be sunlit between August 23 and September 5, enabling the rover's charging and scientific activities.

Driving Private Investment and Space Commerce

The Indian Space Research Organization's launch reflects the nation's growing stature as a formidable player in space exploration and commerce. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's policies aimed at boosting investment in private space endeavours have spurred the growth of space start-

ups since 2020. India's expanding space operations, including the successful launch of its privately developed rocket Vikram-S in November 2022, underscore its role as a significant commercial space contributor. India's aspiration to increase its global launch market share fivefold within a decade indicates a strategic pursuit to establish itself as a space industry leader.

India's accomplishment in soft lunar landing with Chandrayaan-3 not only solidifies its position among the leading spacefaring nations but also marks a pivotal stride toward unlocking the mysteries of the Moon's uncharted territories. This achievement stands as a testament to India's unwavering dedication to scientific exploration and technological innovation, ushering the nation onto the global stage as a trailblazer in space exploration.

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BRIEF

Contributed significantly



New Delhi: The Ministry of MSME contributed significantly in realising the dream of Chandrayaan-3, Union Minister Narayan Rane said on Wednesday. The Minister for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises said, Bhubaneswar Tool Room under the ministry manufactured about 54,000 aerospace components of 437 varieties for the mission. "IDEMI Mumbai, another institute under the ministry, also played an important role in manufacturing of parts for Chandrayaan-3," an official statement said quoting the minister.

EV adoption

New Delhi: Tata Power EV Charging Solutions on Thursday said it has tied up with car-sharing platform Zoomcar to promote electric vehicle adoption. The collaboration aims to promote Tata Power's EZ Charge points on the Zoomcar platform and will focus on supporting existing and aspiring EV owners along with Zoomcar's existing customers. Tata aims to establish 25,000 charging points in the next five years, bolstering the national EV ecosystem and driving sustainable mobility growth.

New launch



New Delhi: Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari said he will unveil a 100 per cent ethanol-fueled variant of Toyota's Innova car on August 29. The Union minister, who has been exhorting automakers to come out with alternative fuel-powered and green vehicles, had last year launched a hydrogen-powered car, Toyota Mirai EV. "On August 29, I am going to launch the popular (Toyota) Innova car on 100 per cent ethanol," Gadkari said while addressing the Mint Sustainability Summit here.

Recycling policy

Chandigarh: Haryana's deputy chief minister Dushyant Chautala on Monday said that the state government will soon bring an electronics waste recycling policy. He said the policy aims at proper recycling of old and defective electronic items in the state. According to an official statement, while presiding over a meeting of officers of Industries and Commerce Department here, Chautala said that the state government is preparing an electronics waste recycling policy, which will soon be finalised after consulting the stakeholders.

India, US looking at ending poultry dispute at WTO

Jaipur, Aug 24:

After mutually resolving six trade disputes with the US at the World Trade Organization (WTO), New Delhi and Washington are now trying to engage in ending their last pending dispute over poultry products, a senior government official said on Thursday. In July, India and the US mutually resolved six trade disputes pending at the WTO, in line with the commitment made by the two countries during the US visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in June. The six disputes include three initiated by India and as many by the US. The official said that now the two countries have resolved six out of seven trade disputes, and "we are trying to resolve the seventh also". This matter

along with some others are expected to figure during the bilateral meeting of Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and US Trade Representative (USTR) Katherine Tai in New Delhi.

The official added that both countries are also exploring participation of their companies in government procurement systems in either countries. During Modi's US visit in June, a joint statement stated that the prime minister had expressed India's interest towards being recognized as a Trade Agreements Act-designated country by the US to further enhance the integration of both economies and promote bilateral trade and investment. In this regard, the two sides have welcomed the initia-

tion of discussions at an official level on issues related to bilateral government procurement. "We also want to be part of their process, they also want us to be a part of our process," the official added.

The six trade disputes which were resolved included a complaint by India against the US with regard to the imposition of countervailing duties on certain hot rolled carbon steel flat products from India. On September 9, 2016, India filed a case against the US pertaining to domestic content requirements and subsidies instituted by the governments of states of Washington, California, Montana, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Michigan, Delaware and Minnesota, in the energy sector.

Another dispute filed by the US against India was related to domestic content requirements under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission for solar cells and solar modules. In 2018, the US filed a case against India's alleged export subsidy measures. Similarly, on July 3, 2019, the US filed a dispute against New Delhi on imposition of additional duties with respect to certain products originating in the US.

The poultry case was filed by the US against India in the WTO in 2012. India has lost the dispute both at the panel as well as the appellate body levels. It was ruled against India that New Delhi's ban on imports of poultry products from the US was inconsistent with global norms.

Will soon seek Cabinet nod for green hydrogen consumption mandate: Power minister R K Singh

New Delhi, Aug 24:



The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy will soon seek Union Cabinet's approval for a mandate on the use of green hydrogen in different industries. As per the consumption mandate, various industries especially petroleum, steel and fertilizers, would be mandated to consume certain proportion of green hydrogen. At present various industries use hydrogen produced using energy from non-fossil fuel-based sources.

"Basically that (green hydrogen consumption) mandate fixation is in process. By and large, we have had the discussions and we have come up with some figures, and we will go to the cabinet soon," Union Power and New & Renewable Energy Minister R K Singh said at the BNEF Summit here.

"We have had discussions with the concerned ministries on this," he said, adding that most ministries want the mandates to be small to start with, "but I want a larger mandate for obvious reasons". The minister explained that the government amended the Energy Conservation Act, which gives power to the government to lay down mandates for changing the feedstock from fossil to non-fossil. "So I can mandate fertilizer, petroleum (industries) etc.

For instance, I can ask fertilizer and petroleum (units) that you are using grey hydrogen or get ammonia and certain percentage of that has to be green from this year onwards. Gradually escalating it so that 100 per cent of that is green hydrogen," he said. At present the ministry is debating with stakeholders the issue of the proportion of green hydrogen for industries. This assumes significance in view of the National Green Hydrogen Mission launched by the government earlier this year. On 4th January 2023, the Union Cabinet had approved the National Green Hydrogen Mission with an outlay of Rs 19,744 crore from FY24 to FY30. The overarching objective of the mission is to make India a global hub for production, usage and export of green hydrogen and its derivatives.

Infosys ropes in tennis icon Rafael Nadal as brand ambassador

New Delhi, Aug 24:



IT services company Infosys on Thursday announced a three-year partnership with Rafael Nadal, onboarding the global tennis star as ambassador for the brand and Infosys' Digital Innovation. To mark Nadal's first-ever collaboration with a digital services company, Infosys and Nadal's coaching team are developing an AI-powered match analysis tool, the Bengaluru-headquartered company said in a release. This personalised tool will be available in real time to Nadal's coaching team to simultaneously track insights from his live matches, when he is back on tour, along with historical data from his earlier matches. The com-

pany release announced the partnership, saying "Infosys onboards tennis icon Rafael Nadal as ambassador for the brand and Infosys' Digital Innovation." According to Infosys, Nadal is a perfect embodiment of what it takes individuals or business leaders to evolve and continually navigate their

next. Globally acknowledged as one of the legends in sports, he also has had the ability to change with the changing rigors of tennis over the years. "I'm very happy to work closely with Infosys, as they work to not only evolve the experience of tennis to the times, but also empower people in our communities to be part of a brighter future. I love the way Infosys has brought its digital expertise across industries to the global tennis ecosystem," Nadal said. Salil Parekh, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, Infosys said it is an honour to welcome Nadal, one of the world's most respected champion athletes and humanitarians, as an ambassador for Infosys.

Sensex closes lower by 180 points

Mumbai, Aug 24: (PTI)

Benchmark stock indices Sensex and Nifty closed lower on Thursday after three days of gains dragged mainly by selling in index majors Reliance Industries and HDFC Bank. The BSE Sensex pared early gains to settle 180.96 points or 0.28 per cent lower at 65,252.34. During the day, it hit a high of 65,913.77 and a low of 65,181.94. The NSE Nifty declined 57.30 points or 0.29 per cent to settle at 19,386.70 as 35 of its stocks declined while 16 advanced. Sensex and Nifty opened higher following overnight gains in US stocks and positive cues from Asian markets. However, losses in IT, oil, and banking shares dragged the indices into negative territory.

Housing demand has power to unlock economy's potential: HDFC Bank Director

Kolkata, Aug 24:



HDFC Bank Director Keki Mistry on Wednesday asserted that the demand for housing will continue in India and it has the power to unlock the potential of the economy. Speaking at the foundation day celebration of Bandhan Bank, Mistry said the housing sector also generates huge employment and has a better credit risk profile than other segments.

"Housing holds the key to unlock the potential of the economy. I am optimistic about the demand for housing in India. It also generates huge employment," Mistry, vice-chairman and CEO of erstwhile HDFC said.

Mortgage lender HDFC has now been merged with HDFC Bank. Mistry said the penetration level of mortgage lending is very low in the country as compared to the US or China. "Mortgage to GDP ratio is very low in India," he said. "The structural demand for housing in the

country will always be strong," Mistry said, adding that "housing loans are safe and have better credit risk profile". Regarding corporate governance (CG), Mistry said the role of independent directors needs to be strengthened. "CG is the measure of how companies are run. Sound CG principles are necessary for long-term sustenance. This is why the role of independent directors needs to be strengthened," he said. "Good CG has a distinct advantage as investors are ready to pay a premium. More importantly, the role of independent directors is crucial as the business environment has become far more complex," Mistry said.

Mars Wrigley collaborates with Jasprit Bumrah for Boomer

New Delhi, Aug 24:

kar, Boom Boom Boomer!.

Mars Wrigley India's oldest and beloved fruity bubblegum brand, Boomer is back with an exciting campaign featuring India's star pacer Jasprit Bumrah. Fondly referred to as 'Boom Boom Bumrah' for his bowling, team India's pace spearhead is the perfect fit for Boomer to captivate the hearts of its consumers. Enticing Indian consumers' palettes with its fruity flavors splashed with a tinge of humor for over 25 years, Boomer has become a legacy brand in the country. The latest TVC builds on its adored 'Boom Boom Boomer' jingle evolving its humorous essence to 'Har pal fun

Announcing the latest collaboration, Varun Kandhari, Director of Marketing and Customer Marketing, at Mars Wrigley India, said, "With over 25 years in India, Mars Wrigley's Boomer is a legacy brand that has been holding a strong sense of nostalgia among Millennials and Gen-X consumers for decades. Through this new collaboration with one of the finest cricketers talents of India, Jasprit Bumrah, the brand aims to inspire moments of happiness in the brand loyalists and, attract the Gen-Z audience by showcasing Boomer as the preferred indulgent gum."

HZL will be among the best companies in world: Chairman

New Delhi, Aug 24:



Hindustan Zinc Ltd will ramp up production of zinc - that is used in batteries to medicines - to 1.5 million tonnes, chairperson Priya Agarwal Hebbur said on Thursday as she looked to make India's largest zinc producer as one of the best firms in the world.

Speaking at the company's annual shareholders meeting, she said when the economic history of 21st-century India is written, the turnaround story of Hindustan Zinc will have a chapter of its own. Incorporated as a public sector firm in 1996, the Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led NDA government in

August 2002 sold a controlling stake in the firm to Vedanta group firm Sterlite Industries for around Rs 769 crore. Hindustan Zinc is today the second largest zinc-lead miner in the world after Swiss firm Glencore and the fourth largest zinc-lead smelter globally. It has now also broken into the top 10 list of silver producers in the world. The prof-

itability has grown manifold and so has its production capacity of zinc, lead and silver - from 0.2 million tonnes per annum in 2002 to 1.1 million tonnes. "And we are not done yet. We remain hungry, we are capable, and we are motivated. Hindustan Zinc is a leader in the industry in India. One day, we will also be among the best companies in the world," she said. Stating that zinc will play a key role in India's growth story, she said at least 3-4 per cent growth in the sector is expected and HZL plans to ramp up its production from 1 million tonnes to 1.5 million tonnes per annum. She however did not give a timeframe.

Lotus Petal Foundation's Jeevika Skill Development felicitates graduates

Gurgaon, Aug 24:

Gurgaon - based, Lotus Petal Foundation has an unwavering focus on equipping young individuals with essential skills for their professional journeys. Through its specialized programs, the foundation imparts career-ready abilities that leave a meaningful imprint on people's lives. Recently, a noteworthy event marked the recognition and accomplishment of 100+ urban youth hailing from Delhi, Gurgaon, and neighbouring areas. These individuals successfully completed the inaugural session of the foundation's flagship career-preparedness initiative

known as the Jeevika Skill Development Program. Notably, the Gurgaon campus's Jeevika section is thoughtfully designed to accommodate training for a concurrent cohort of up to 4000 students. The courses are certified by the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and are available at subsidized costs for students from low-income families with free transportation facilities also available to and fro from the Dhunela campus via bus. This achievement reflects the quality of training provided by Jeevika and the relevance of the skills imparted to the demands of the job market.

Skoda Auto India launches Exchange Carnival for August 2023

Mumbai, Aug 24:



Continuing with its slew of model updates and customer service initiatives, Skoda Auto India launched an Exchange Carnival for August 2023. It includes a host of customer-friendly deals, discounts and service, maintenance, and warranty packages to further enhance the ownership experience of their new Skoda cars. The Exchange Carnival aims to provide value and a great ownership experience to customers looking to buy a Skoda. The Exchange Carnival for August 2023 makes sure customers have a memorable and high value car purchase and exchange experience with some incredible maintenance and warran-

ty packages that ensure customers continue enjoying Skoda cars, with a hassle-free ownership experience.

Under the Exchange Carnival, Skoda Auto India offer benefits of upto Rs 60,000 and corporate benefits of upto Rs 70,000. A customer can, if they so wish, drive in with their existing car and drive out with a Skoda for the quickest and hassle-free, single-window, single-time exchange, pur-

chase and documentation experience ensuring the highest possible value for their existing car and a slew of purchase benefits, maintenance, and warranty packages for their brand new Skoda. Apart from the best valuation for their older cars under this Exchange Carnival, customers also get a complimentary Service and Maintenance Package for 4 years for their all new Skoda cars.

Rupee rises 14 paise to settle at 82.58 against US dollar

Mumbai, Aug 24:

The rupee appreciated by 14 paise to settle at 82.58 (provisional) against the US dollar on Thursday, marking its third straight day of gains on the back of softening crude oil prices and foreign funds inflows. The upward trend in the past three sessions led to a gain of 55 paise in the Indian currency, rebounding from its all-time low level of 83.11 against the greenback witnessed on Monday. According to reports, the rupee's sharp gain was attributed to the Reserve Bank of India's move to prevent banks from short-term trading in offshore currency markets. The cautious move by investors ahead of the BRICS summit and US Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell's speech at the Jackson Hole Symposium restricted the upward movement of the dollar even as negative sentiment in the domestic equity markets weighed on the Indian currency, forex analysts said.

Office space leasing may fall 20 pc to 40 mn sq ft this yr across six major cities: Colliers

New Delhi, Aug 24:

Leasing of office space may fall by 20 per cent to 40 million square feet this calendar year across six major cities with corporates making a delay in taking decision regarding their expansion plan, according to Colliers India. In its report 'India office market - Changing winds' released on Thursday, real estate consultant Colliers India has estimated that the gross leasing of office space at 40-45 million square feet in the 2023 calendar year as against 50.3 million square feet in the previous year. During the first six months of this year, the gross leasing of office space stood at 24.7 million square feet. In the second half, it expects demand to

be at 15.3-20.3 million square feet, lower than the first half. Gross absorption does not include lease renewals, pre-commitments and deals where only a Letter of Intent has been signed. Collier said that India's office sector is expected to close stronger at 40-45 million square feet of gross leasing across the top six markets in 2023, perceptibly higher than predicted in March this year. "Domestic office demand is holding up well, supported by resilient economic outlook in spite of the drag from weak external demand," the consultant said. The year started on a cautious note registering 10.1 million square feet of gross absorption in the first quarter, and then saw a rela-

tively faster recovery in the second quarter. During April-June, the leasing stood at 14.6 million square feet, a growth of 46 per cent quarter-on-quarter. Across six major cities, Colliers India has pegged the gross leasing of office space in Bengaluru at 12-14 million square feet, Delhi-NCR 9-11 million square feet and Chennai 7-9 million square feet. In Hyderabad, Mumbai and Pune, the absorption of office space is likely to remain in the range of 4-6 million sq ft each. The year 2023 is likely to see a robust supply aligned with the anticipated space uptake across major office markets, vacancy levels to be range-bound leading to a potential rental upside, the consultant said.

Land allocated for Medical College in Kawardha district

Cabinet Minister Moh Akbar greets CM on his B'day and expresses gratitude

Central Chronicle News

Kawardha, Aug 24: The process for opening of Medical College in Kabirdham district has become easier now, as around 40 acre land has been allocated to Director Medical Education Department for the College. This land for the Medical College has been allotted in Gram Gothia of Kawardha tehsil.

With allotment of land as per declaration by CM Baghel for opening of the College that this procedure of land allotment has been done and this has paved way for opening of new College in the district. Cabinet Minister and MLA Kawardha Mohammed Akbar has expressed gratitude towards CM Baghel for the same on behalf of people of Kawardha.

It is notable here that



during the visit of LS MP Rahul Gandhi to Kabirdham district that the declaration for opening of Medical College in Kabirdham district was made. CM Baghel fulfilled the LS MP Gandhi's declaration during his 'Bhent-Mulaquat' programme organised in Sahaspur-Lohara under Kawardha VS area.

Meanwhile Mohammed Akbar constantly pursued with CM Baghel about the proposal for opening of Medical



College and finally it got materialized. Akbar during tour to Kabirdham district, conducted inspection of land for Medical College at proposed Gothia road and other proposed places and in order to complete the administrative procedure for allotment of land, he conducted review meetings as well and finally this was approved.

Just a day before Mohammed Akbar's birthday on Aug 24 and on the birthday of CM

Cabinet Minister greets Baghel on his B'day and expressed gratitude for land allotment:

The Minister for Forest, Climate Change and Environment Mohammed Akbar said that on allotment of 40 acre land for Medical College, it has now paved way for opening of Medical College in the district. He with the slogan of 'Bhupesh hein to Bharosa hein' expressed gratitude towards CM Bhupesh Baghel on behalf of people of the district. He said that this 'Gaurav Gatha' of development works in Kabirdham district would continue ahead.

18 declarations of CM made during Bhent-Mulaquat completed:

The implementation of declarations made by CM Bhupesh Baghel during Bhent-Mulaquat programme in Sahaspur-Lohara is being carried out and so far 18 declarations have been completed. Along with this the departments are working for fulfillment of other declarations made. CM during the Bhent-Mulaquat has made declaration for opening of Medical College and as per the declaration 40 acre land has been allocated in Gram Gothia for the Medical College. Apart from this many other declarations have been completed.

Bhupesh Baghel on Aug 23 that the allotment of 40 acre land was granted

sanctioned for the proposed Medical College in Kawardha.

Rapid action by Chirmiri police against drugs

Central Chronicle News

Chirmiri, Aug 24: Under the guidance of Inspector General of Police, Surguja Range Ankit Garg and Superintendent of Police, District Manendragarh-Chirmiri Bharatpur Siddharth Tiwari strict action is being taken against the drug business and businessmen operating to completely curb illegal activities. On the guidance of Superintendent of Police, Chirmiri PPSingh, on 22.08.2023, information was received from the informer in Police Station Chirmiri that Vivek Patel, resident of Chhoti Bazar, is keeping illegal narcotic drug injection with him and Chhoti Bazar near SECL Dispensary.

On the information Inspector Deepesh Saini police station in-charge Chirmiri Hamrah Suresh Gaur, Sanjay Pandey caught Buprenorphine injection 1P Leegsic Fett Avil Injection 10.10 ml. When counted, a total of 12 ampoules of 02-02 ml of illegal drug Buprenorphine worth



Rs.1625/- and a total of 12 pieces of 10-10 ml vials of Avil injection worth Rs.889.14/- total sum of Rs.2514.14/- and motor cycle worth Rs.80, 000/- received which has been seized in the presence of witnesses.

After the accused accepted to sell the said intoxicant injection by bringing it to Chirmiri, the act of the accused was found under section 22 (c) NDPS Act, the accused was arrested on 23.08.2023 and sent to judicial custody. The accused has been smuggling and selling illegal drugs and injections in the police station area for a long time and in this sequence, on 22.08.2023, on the

information of the informer, Hanuman Tiwari's S/o Late Vishnu Dutt Tiwari, R/o Takij Dafai, Haldibari, has been sent on judicial remand after taking action under section 4 of the BOTO Gambling Balance Act 2022 on the information of illegal betting.

Station House Officer Inspector Deepesh Saini, Pr. Sanjay Pandey, Pr. Vishwanath Singh, Suresh Gaur, R. Ambuj Singh, Shahid Parvez played a commendable role in this whole process. Continuous legal action is being taken against illegal business and businessmen in the police station area by keeping a constant eye on them.

Chandrakar has set records in development: Sahu

Central Chronicle News

Kurud, Aug 24: Rakhi Sahu, daughter of four times MLA of Kurud Vidhan Sabha Late Deepa (Bhuleshwari) Sahu, has alleged humiliation of her mother via social media platforms by Neelam Chandrakar, a party worker. Sahu took a press conference to address the issue and complained that she had been a member of Ramsagar Para Ward Municipal Corporation from BJP, but the political ties between the party and her mother's party never clashed, but the recent humiliation of her mother has been a setback to her and loyalist of her family.

Calling her mother an accidental MLA, by Neelam Chandrakar is highly condemnable, she said adding that Neelam Chandrakar, who started



her political career as a worker of the late MLA, is the main accuse and her acts are politically demotivating. Rakhi Sahu, also stated that Kurud MLA Ajay Chandrakar has set new records of development and has established many records for the welfare of education, health

and youth. She further said that in democratic politics, there are victories and defeats, politics should be based on life values, words, culture, and our language should be cultured, and her family will always serve the people of Kurud Vidhansabha.

Abhinav Singroul in core team of Chandrayaan-3

● Is an Alumnus of St. Xavier's Bharni's

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, Aug 24: In a momentous achievement for both the scientific community and the nation, India's space agency ISRO has once again etched its name in history with the successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 on the lunar surface. Behind this remarkable feat stands an individual who exemplifies the spirit of dedication and perseverance - Abhinav Singroul, an alumnus of St. Xavier's Bharni.

Abhinav Singroul's journey from the classroom of St. Xavier's Bharni to the control centre of Chandrayaan-3 is nothing short of inspiring. Having nurtured a passion for space exploration since his school days, Abhinav's curiosity and commitment led him to pursue higher

studies in the field of aerospace engineering. His relentless pursuit of knowledge and his unwavering focus on his goals set the stage for his role in this landmark mission.

Chandrayaan-3, the third lunar mission by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), aimed to achieve a successful soft landing on the moon's surface after the slight setback faced during Chandrayaan-2. The mission required meticulous planning, cutting-edge technology, and a dedicated team of scientists and engineers. Abhinav Singroul was one of scientists of ISRO who contributed for the success of Chandrayaan-3

Speaking about Abhinav's achievement, Dr. GS Patnaik the Managing Director of St. Xavier's Chain of Schools said, "Abhinav's journey from being a bright student at St. Xavier's Bharni



to becoming an instrumental scientist in the Chandrayaan-3 mission is a testament to his dedication and the quality of education imparted at our institution. He has made us immensely proud, and his success reaffirms our commitment to nurturing

young minds and providing them with a conducive environment to excel." Abhinav's exceptional contribution did not go unnoticed. His alma mater, St. Xavier's Bharni, celebrated his achievement with immense pride. Jitinder Singh Hundal,

the principal of the St. Xavier's High School Bharni, conveyed his heartiest congratulations to Abhinav on behalf of the entire institution. In a special ceremony held at the school premises, he praised Abhinav's remarkable journey and emphasized how his success serves as an inspiration to current students to dream big and work tirelessly to achieve their aspirations.

Abhinav Singroul's story underscores the significance of educational institutions in shaping the future leaders of our nation. His journey from a curious student to a key player in a prestigious space mission exemplifies the power of passion, perseverance, and quality education. As India celebrates yet another space triumph, the nation also celebrates individuals like Abhinav who embody the spirit of innovation and progress.

Green Day celebration held



● In DAVP School, Bachel

Central Chronicle News

Bachel, Aug 24: Green Day was celebrated with gaiety on 22 August, 2023 in DAVP School

Bachel. The attraction of the celebration was the brilliant performances by the primary grade kids. Very gracefully they performed dances and had presented the poem recitation.

Addressing the gathering, the Principal

Dr. Chetna Sharma said that "Since the beginning of the creation, human beings had an emotional relationship with nature".

To maintain environmental balance, we should plant more and more trees. We should all contribute to environmental

protection by planting saplings according to our ability, even at a small level. She asked each one to be the change rather than waiting for the change.

The successful anchoring of the programme was done by Shama Parveen.

Berla, Aug 24: Under the leadership of farmer leader Yogesh Tiwari, the farmers of the village submitted a memorandum to Betmetara Collector Padum Singh Elma to free the drain in Sorla village of Betmetara assembly constituency.

Here the farmers informed the Collector about the damage caused by water logging in the fields and in this regard, farmer leader Yogesh Tiwari told the Collector that despite several complaints against the land mafia, no action has been taken till date.

The farmers of the village are facing a lot of loss



due to the illegal encroachment of the drain by the land mafia. In this regard, despite complaints from Tehsildar, SDM, Collector of the area to Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, till date

no action has been taken against the land mafia. The farmers informed that in the settlement year 1983-84, by mistake, the said land was registered in the name of other farmers, which was later sold 2

to 3 times. The earlier farmers have been occupying the field leaving it in the form of a drain.

At present, the land mafia, a resident of Berla, has bought about 500 meters long drain, which is in Sorla border, leading to water logging. Rupesh Sahu, Ramchand Sahu, Mishri Lal, Hemkumar, Khumara Prasad Sharma, Doosharam, Kusunram Ramkumar Sahu, Gayaram, Khilishwar Sahu, Rivesh Sahu Virendra Sahu, Ramswaroop, Dikendra, Hemant Sahu and other affected farmers were present.

Pelma to become SECL's first opencast mine

- To produce coal under MDO mode
- Mine is located in SECL's Raigarh area, Agreement signed with Pelma Collieries, a company of Adani group, for mine operation under MDO



Central Chronicle News

Korba, Aug 24: SECL's Pelma mine will become the first opencast mine in Chhattisgarh to produce coal under MDO (Mine Developer and Operator) mode. SECL today signed an agreement with Pelma Collieries, an Adani group company, to operate Pelma opencast mine located in Raigarh area.

According to the agreement, Pelma Collieries will operate the

mine for the next 20 years, under which Pelma Collieries will be responsible for all activities related to designing, financing, procurement, construction, operation and maintenance of the project. A total of more than 219 million tonnes of coal is proposed to be extracted from the mine during a period of 20 years, with an annual target of 15 million tonnes of coal. High quality G-12 grade coal will be extracted

from the mine. MDO mode is a novel concept of mine operation under which Government and private enterprises will work together to fulfil the country's energy needs. This will help in expansion of coal production of SECL and will play an important role in achieving 1 billion tonne production target of Coal India. SECL has succeeded in starting its old and closed mines on MDO

mode. Ketki UG of Bishrampur area has achieved the distinction of becoming the first coal mine in India to produce coal on MDO mode. On the other hand, Letter of Award has also been issued to Kalyani UG Mine of Bhatgaon area for operating it on MDO - revenue sharing model. Along with this, SECL is also working towards starting other projects on MDO mode. SECL Raigarh area is a strategic

important coalfield in terms of coal reserve and the Area will majorly contribute towards the total production of SECL in the coming future. It is the third largest coalfield in the country with an estimated coal reserve of about 1900 million tonnes. Rail corridor is also being developed in this area by SECL for speedy evacuation of coal.

On behalf of SECL, Director (Finance) G Srinivasan, Director (Projects/Planning) SN Kapri, Director (Personnel) Debasis Acharya, General Manager (CMC) CK Sahoo, General Manager Raigarh Area HS Pandey and from Adani Group Laxman Singh Shekhawat COO, Adani Natural Resources, Ajay Gupta, Director, Pelma Collieries were prominently present on this occasion.

Human chain formed for voter awareness



Central Chronicle News

Mungeli, Aug 24: Voter awareness program 'SVEEP' is being conducted with enthusiasm in the district with the aim of making citizens vote 100 per-

cent in the upcoming assembly elections and all elections and to make them aware of using their franchise. And under the same, in SAGES Daupara, the students made a human chain to create voter awareness.

Principal and master trainer Dr IP Yadav guided the program, under vote 23 theme. Mahadev Yadav, Pankaj Mishra, Rahul Verma and other teachers played a pivotal role in the program.

Focus on KL Rahul's fitness as India gear up for Asia Cup

Bengaluru, Aug 24:

India's Asia-Cup-bound squad have started reaching Bengaluru for a 6-day conditioning camp that starts on Thursday at the Karnataka State Cricket Association's campus in Bengaluru as reported by ESPNcricinfo.

The camp intends to act as a team-building exercise before the focus moves to the final stages of World Cup preparation, with players' fitness levels—particularly those who just returned from the Caribbean—being a significant focus area.

Many players will undergo fitness assessments followed by a few indoor sessions on the opening day at the KSCA's Three Ovals campus in Alur, Bengaluru. For the skill-based and outdoor conditioning regimens, athletes will be divided into batches starting on Friday.

It will be really interesting to see how India opener KL Rahul pulls up. Though Rahul have picked up a minor niggle, making him doubtful for at least the first two Asia Cup games even though he has fully recovered from a thigh ailment for which he underwent surgery and extensive rehabilitation at the



NCA. The news was confirmed by India chief selector Ajit Agarkar at the press conference to announce the squads on Monday. Rahul picked up a niggle unrelated to his previous injury and will be gradually eased back into

the India setup. India's Chairperson of the Senior Men's Selection Committee, Ajit Agarkar said during the press conference following the team release, "Shreyas has been declared as completely fit. Rahul's been suffering

from a niggle over the last few days, which is unrelated to his original injury. That's why Sanju (Samson) is travelling at the moment." "But at some stage, we're all expecting him to be fit. If not at the start of the Asia Cup, maybe the second or the third game."

As reported by ESPNcricinfo, Rahul's batting workload is thought to have pleased the NCA medical staff, but they are closely watching his wicket-keeping workload; he is thought to have complained of soreness following one of the practice matches the NCA hosted last week.

Meanwhile, the strong contender for the fourth position in the batting order, Shreyas Iyer, is believed to be fully fit and ready to go. Iyer's back troubles saw him miss cricketing action since March.

Iyer's return to the national side is extremely good news for Men in Blue, who are looking towards him and Rahul to provide stability to the team's middle order, which was filled by likes of Ishan Kishan, Suryakumar Yadav, Axar Patel, Sanju Samson etc in their absence. He will be looking to fill up the number four position.

Treesa-Gayatri bow out of World Championships

Copenhagen, Aug 24:

Indian women's doubles pair of Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand fought hard before going down in straight games to top seeded Chinese duo of Chen Qing Chen and Jia Yi Fan in the pre-quarterfinals of the World Championships in Copenhagen on Thursday.

World number 19 Gayatri and Treesa, who reached the semifinals of the All England Championships in the last two editions, couldn't sustain the attack against their much-fancied rival and lost 14-21, 9-21 in 42 minutes.

It was only the second meeting between the two pairs with the Indians having lost to the world number one Chinese at the German Open last year. Chen and Jia are three-time gold medallist at the World Championships and have won three BWF titles and finished runner-up twice this season.

The Commonwealth Games bronze winners, who had received a bye in the first round, had a positive start leading 5-2 with the two managing the length to keep up the attack on the Chinese. Treesa and Gayatri moved well and played some good rallies but their experienced opponents managed to grab four straight points to make it 6-6.

Two superb service from Jia left the Indians stranded as the Chinese entered the break with a 11-7 lead.

Treesa played a fine drop from the back court after resumption but the Chinese remained patient with Jia showing great interception. A precise placement from Treesa took India to 10-14. However, Chen and Jia



looked in complete control and reached 17-10 with the former playing a terrific forehand cross court.

A long shot from Gayatri handed 8 game points to the Chinese, who squandered two of them before Jia unleashed a smash to seal the issue.

In the second game, Chen was called for a service fault but Jia more than made up with her superb flick serves bamboozling the Indians. Chen also produced a bar-

rage of attack as the Chinese moved to 7-1. With the Indians spraying into the net few times, China grabbed 10-2 before Chen unleashed a powerful smash.

Treesa and Gayatri kept fighting to grab three points after resumption but the Chinese rode on their anticipation and execution to keep moving ahead to 14-7 and eventually grabbed 11 match points and converted in first attempt.

Important to consider Chahal for World Cup: Harbhajan

Chennai, Aug 24:

Former spinner Harbhajan Singh slammed Yuzvendra Chahal's exclusion from the Indian team for upcoming Asia Cup, saying the leg-spinner is a 'proven match-winner'.

Chahal was dropped from the 17-member squad with India preferring to go with Kuldeep Yadav, Axar Patel and Ravindra Jadeja as their three spinners for the Asia Cup.

"The one thing I feel is lacking in the team is the absence of Yuzvendra Chahal. He is a leg-spinner who can get the ball to turn away. I thought his presence in his team was necessary. If you talk about genuine spinner, I don't think there's any spinner in India better than Chahal in white-ball formats," Harbhajan said on his YouTube channel.

"Yes, his last few games weren't good, but that doesn't make him a bad bowler. I



think his presence in the team was necessary," he added.

Chahal, 33, last featured in the Indian ODI team in January. He didn't get a single one-day match in the three-match in the West Indies recently, and was

only included in the five-match T20I series in which he claimed five wickets in as many matches.

Harbhajan hopes the experienced Chahal, who has taken 121 wickets in 72 matches, will be considered for the 2023 World Cup later this year.

"I hope the doors aren't closed to him. It's important to consider him for the World Cup because the tournament is in India. Chahal is a proven match-winner. I can understand his form isn't good, so you may have rested him. But I think if he was with the team, his confidence would have stayed intact. Any player who comes back after being dropped, the pressure to perform is always there," he stated.

Chahal's inclusion for the World Cup looks difficult as India are set to pick their 15-member squad from the set of 17 which has travelled for the Asia Cup.

Kerr keeps 1,500 meter gold in British hands at worlds in Budapest



Budapest, Aug 24 (AP):

Middle-distance runner Josh Kerr mounted an upset victory in the men's 1,500 meter at world championships, pulling ahead of favorite Jakob Ingebrigtsen of Norway in a dramatic backstretch comeback that keeps the title in British hands for the second straight year.

The Scottish-born Kerr spent most of the race in the middle of the pack, while Ingebrigtsen, who took Olympic gold in the 1,500 in Tokyo and silver at the worlds last year, set the pace for nearly the entire

race. But with 200 meters to go, Kerr pulled past the Norwegian's right shoulder, and pushed through to the finish for a season best at 3:29.38 on Wednesday.

"I needed every single ounce that I had today," Kerr said. "I threw everything I had at that last 50. I don't think there was anyone in the world that was going to want that more than me today." The performance marks the second worlds in a row where a British runner has won gold in the 1,500. Jake Wightman took the title last year. In preparation for this year's worlds, Kerr swore off using his mobile phone for two weeks to keep himself focused on training though he said he would still occasionally look at the Premier League app to follow soccer and a language-learning app he's using to study Spanish.

Virat Kohli Dominates Yo-Yo Test

Bengaluru, Aug 24:

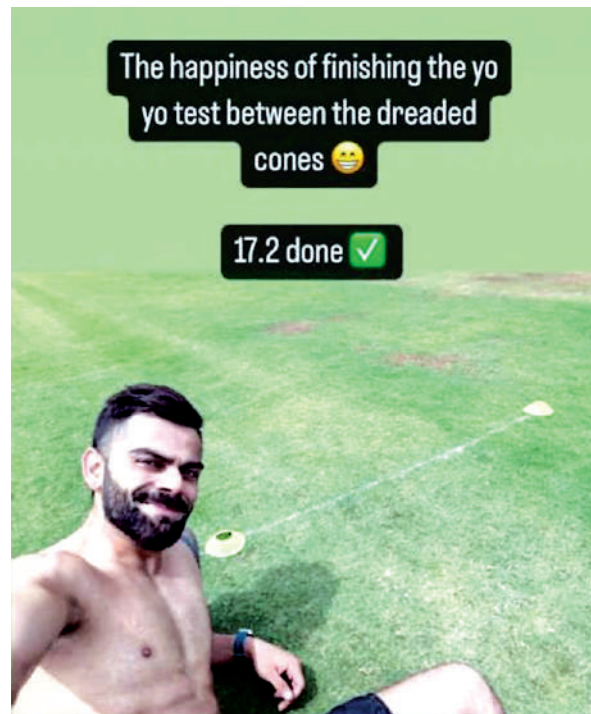
Team India arrived in Bengaluru for a training camp at the National Cricket Academy (NCA) where the players will train together before flying to Sri Lanka for the Asia Cup.

The men in blue will begin their campaign against arch-rivals Pakistan on September 2 in Pallekele. Ahead of the much-awaited clash, ace batter Virat Kohli proved his peak fitness levels by passing the 'Yo-Yo Test' with flying colours on Thursday.

Achieving a staggering trial time score of 17.2 on the Yo-Yo test, the star batter instantly garnered attention.

Kohli, unabashed in his joy, shared his feat on his Instagram story with a caption, "The happiness of finishing the yo-yo test between the dreaded cones. 17.2 done."

He has proven time and



again why he is considered a fitness icon in the world of cricket. His insistence on the incorporation of the yo-yo test for every

cricketer undoubtedly consolidated the team's performance, particularly in the longest format of the game.

Messi converts PK, assists on 2 goals



Cincinnati, Aug 24 (AP):

Lionel Messi had two assists and converted a penalty kick as Inter Miami rallied from a two-goal deficit and beat MLS-leading Cincinnati 5-4 in penalties in a U.S. Open Cup semifinal.

Cincinnati jumped to a 2-0 lead before Messi set up a pair of goals by Leonardo Campana, tying the game at 2. Miami

Leading Miami past MLS-best Cincinnati in US Open Cup semi

moved ahead when Josef Martinez scored three minutes into the first extra period, but Cincinnati tied the game at 3 when Yuya Kubo scored in the 114th minute, forcing penalty kicks on Wednesday night.

Messi made Miami's first attempt in the shootout, and both teams were perfect through four rounds. Herons goalkeeper Drake Callender saved Nick Hagglund's kick in the fifth round, and Benjamin Cremaschi made his PK to send Miami to another tournament final. Miami advanced to face the winner of Wednesday's late semifinal between Houston and Salt Lake in the final in Sept. 27.

Messi was held scoreless for the first time since joining Inter Miami in late July. His first assist of the game was on a free kick in the 68th minute to cut Miami's deficit to 2-1.

Finishing tied, Katie Moon and Nina Kennedy decide to split the pole vault gold at worlds

Budapest, Aug 24 (AP):

Katie Moon wanted to split the gold. Nina Kennedy wanted to split the gold, too.

The pole vaulters knew that was possible, thanks to a pair of high jumpers who turned their tie at the Olympics two years ago into a feel-good moment where everyone walked away a winner. Moon and Kennedy did the same thing Wednesday night at world championships, cementing their friendship by agreeing to split the title after finishing in a tie for first place.

"I kind of looked at her and said, 'Hey girl, you maybe want to share this?'" Kennedy recounted.

Moon did. She definitely did. "What an amazing night," Moon said. "I hope everyone enjoyed that one." They can thank Mutaz Essa Barshim (Qatar) and Gianmarco Tamberi (Italy) for the idea. Two years ago at the Tokyo Olympics, they paved the way to splitting a title when they finished deadlocked in the high jump. It sent Tamberi into all sorts of celebrations, in-



(From left) third-placed Finland's Wilma Murto, shared first-place USA's Katie Moon and Australia's Nina Kennedy celebrates after competing in the women's pole vault final during the World Athletics Championships at the National Athletics Centre in Budapest on August 23.

cluding a belly-flop onto the track (Tamberi won a title of his own Tuesday night in Budapest). In high jump and pole vault, athletes keep jumping until they miss three attempts in a row. Ties are broken by who has more misses at a certain height. If still tied, they count the number of misses through the entire final. If there's still no difference, a jump-off ensues. But when an official at the Olympics told Barshim and Tamberi that

a tie was possible, they jumped at it. And so, a precedent was set.

"It's funny because until the Olympics, I never realized you could split the gold medal," said Moon, the Olympic champion from the United States who now gets credit for defending her world title. "I just didn't realize that was a thing. Coming into this coming into the meet, you don't expect that it's going to come down to something like that."

Rashid withdraws BBL boycott threat

Melbourne, Aug 24 (PTD):

Afghanistan's star leg-spinner Rashid Khan has withdrawn his boycott threat of Australia's Big Bash League and made himself available for the 2023-24 season of the T20 franchise tournament.

Rashid had threatened to boycott BBL in January this year following Australia's decision to withdraw from a three-match ODI series in Afghanistan in March last year on human rights ground after Taliban banned university education for girls.

"If playing Afghanistan is so uncomfortable for Australia, then I wouldn't want to make anyone uncomfortable with my presence in the BBL. Therefore, I will be strongly considering my future in that competition," Rashid had said in a statement at that time.

But according to Australian Associated Press (AAP), the 24-year-old spinner's name features in the official list of players available for next Sunday's overseas draft.

It makes my job easier when youngsters tell me what to do: Bumrah



Dublin, Aug 24 (PTD):

India captain Jasprit Bumrah lauded the supremely confident youngsters who contributed to the team's T20 series win in Ireland. India won the series 2-0 after the third T20 was abandoned due to rain. The series also marked a much-awaited comeback of Bumrah from a back surgery.

"Very happy to be back and play some cricket.

Frustrating when you're waiting for a game to happen. Did not see this coming, weather was fine in the morning. An honour to lead the side, everyone was very eager and enthusiastic. Whenever you get an opportunity to lead your side, anyone would love to do that.

"As a cricketer, you always want responsibility. All good, no complaints (on fitness front). It makes my job easier when players are so confident, and they tell me what to do," said Bumrah at the post-match presentation.

Ireland skipper Paul Stirling added: "Just periods of good cricket from us in patches. Lot of positives, but it's about finishing those games off. Hopefully we'll take these learnings. 'Brilliant to have India over and play in front of good crowds here. We would have been happier if we could have got some fresh faces out there tonight. It's a buildup now for the next sort of 10 months," he said.

'Chandrayaan 3's success will propel Int'l commercial contracts'

Thiruvananthapuram, Aug 24 (PTI): Chandrayaan 3's success will further boost India's international commercial contracts as there will be acceptance of its technical competence and launch systems, former ISRO chief G Madhavan Nair said here on Thursday.

Nair said the success of Chandrayaan-3 is the first stepping stone to begin India's planetary explorations.

"We have really broken the ice and made a good beginning," he told PTI.

The former ISRO Chairman said the country already has several commercial contracts with Europe and America, and this will grow now with the success of the third lunar mission on August 23.

"Certainly the global people will accept our technical competence and



G Madhavan Nair

quality of our launch system and spacecraft, etc. International cooperation has been on the agenda of the Indian space programme, and it will be strengthened in the days to come," he added.

The total cost of Chandrayaan-3, according to ISRO, is Rs 615 crore, which is almost equivalent to a Hindi cinema's production budget. In a giant leap for its space pro-

gramme, India's Moon mission Chandrayaan-3 touched down on the lunar south pole at 6.04 pm on Wednesday, propelling India into an exclusive club of four and making it the first country to land on the uncharted southern pole of the Moon.

Nair contended that the scientists at the space agency have achieved this historic success by getting a salary one-fifth of their

colleagues in the developed world. According to him, the low wages for the scientists at ISRO is one of the reasons why they could find low-cost solutions for space exploration.

"The wages paid to the scientists, technicians, and other staff at ISRO are hardly one-fifth of what is given globally. So that gives an advantage," he said.

He claimed there are no millionaires among ISRO scientists, and that they always live a very normal and subdued life.

"They are not really bothered about the money but are passionate and dedicated to their mission. That is how we achieved greater heights," Nair said.

He said the scientists at ISRO could achieve this through careful planning and long-term vision.

SC sets free death row convict

Acquits him of charges of killing son, two brothers in 2014

New Delhi, Aug 24 (PTI):

The Supreme Court has set free a death row convict, acquitting him of the charge of setting afire his son and two brothers, who were allegedly against his second marriage, at his Bijnore home in 2014, saying the dying declarations of two victims were not in sync with the testimonies of key witnesses.

The top court also dealt in detail with the legal principle on dying declaration and its trustworthiness on the presumption that a person on death bed does not lie.

"Dying declaration while carrying a presumption of being true must be wholly reliable and inspire

confidence. Where there is any suspicion over the veracity of the same or the evidence on record shows that the dying declaration is not true it will only be considered as a piece of evidence but cannot be the basis for conviction alone," a bench comprising justices B R Gavai, J B Pardiwala and Prashant Kumar Mishra said in its 36-page judgement.

The top court also ordered immediate release of convict Irfan, who is in jail for the last eight years, after setting aside his conviction and the death penalty for his alleged role in the death of his son Islamuddin and two brothers Irshad and Naushad on the intervening night of

August 5-6, 2014. The three succumbed to their injuries at Delhi's Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital on different dates.

The trial court had relied upon the dying declarations of Irshad and Islamuddin naming Irfan as the person who set them on fire. The judgement and the sentence were upheld by the Allahabad High Court on 2018, after finding no discrepancies in the statements.

While allowing Irfan's appeal, the top court referred to the legal position and judgements, both Indian and foreign, on trustworthiness of dying declarations in a case hinging on circumstantial evidence.

356 Myanmar civilians avail free treatment

At Assam Rifles medical camp

Itanagar, Aug 24 (PTI): A total of 356 Myanmar civilians, including women and children, have availed free treatment and medicines at a health camp organised by the Assam Rifles along the international border, a communique said.

India's oldest paramilitary force, along with the local administration of Arunachal Pradesh, on Wednesday organised the "friendship medical camp" at Pangsau Pass along the India-Myanmar border for the benefit of underprivileged villagers of Pangsau and Arakan regions of Sagaing re-

ONAM FESTIVITIES



Students participate in a 'pookalam' making competition organised as part of Onam festival celebration at a school, in Chennai, Thursday.

CHANDRAYAAN-3

ISRO hopes mission life of lander and rover will not be limited to one lunar day

Bengaluru, Aug 24 (PTI):

After the successful deployment of Chandrayaan-3's lander and rover on the moon, ISRO is hoping that their mission life will not be limited to one lunar day or 14 earth days, and that they will come back to life when the sun again rises on the Moon, to carry on with the experiments and studies there.

Following the deployment of the lander and rover, the systems on them are now ready to perform experiments one after the other so as to complete them within 14 earth days, before the pitch darkness and extreme cold weather

engulfs the Moon. The lander (Vikram) touched down near the south pole of the Moon at 6.04 pm on Wednesday, successfully completing one of the Chandrayaan-3 mission's stated objectives of soft landing on lunar surface.

Earlier today ISRO announced that the rover (Pragyan) rolled down from the lander, stating, "India took a walk on the M o o n . . ." ISRO had earlier said the 26 kg six-wheeled rover was scheduled to descend from the lander's belly on to the Moon's surface, using one of its side panels which acts as a ramp. The lander and rover — with a

total mass of 1,752 kg — are designed to operate for one lunar daylight period (about 14 Earth days) to study the surroundings there.

However, ISRO officials do not rule out the possibility of them coming back to life for another lunar day. Explaining what would happen after the lander's soft landing and deployment of the rover, ISRO Chairman S Somnath had earlier said, "After this, all the experiments (by payloads on lander and rover) will take place one after the other — all of which have to be completed in just one day on the Moon, which is 14 (Earth) days."

VARALAKSHMI FEST PREPARATIONS



Locals shop flowers at KR Market ahead of the upcoming 'Varalakshmi' festival, in Bengaluru, Thursday.

Railway Board calls for speedy disposal of pending requests of employees

For spouse ground transfer

New Delhi, Aug 24 (PTI):

The Railway Board has directed the zonal railways to expeditiously dispose of pending requests of employees for transfer to the station or place of posting of their respective spouses.

The communication to the principal chief personnel officers of 15 zones on August 17 came after the board received a number of representations from railway employees and their associations about delays or denial on their spouse ground transfer requests despite hav-

ing a laid down policy.

"It is requested that all such pending requests may be examined and disposed of in terms of laid down policy," the letter stated, adding that the respective zones should apprise the board a summary of all pending and cleared requests along with reasons for the delay.

The board is of the view that after the digitisation process of Human Resource Management System (HRMS), such requests should not be pending for long.

On August 20 last year, the board issued a similar direction asking for "information pertaining to disposal of requests of transfer on spouse

ground".

After coming to know that there were several spouse ground transfer requests pending, it directed the zones on September 6 last year to launch a special drive to dispose of all cases.

In its latest communication, the board has reiterated its direction and asked zones to bring to conclusion all new and old pending cases.

In March 2, 2010, the Ministry of Railways relaxed its policy of posting husband and wife at the same station keeping in view the need "to make concerted efforts to increase representation of women in central government jobs".

The policy took into consideration various working conditions such as the seniority status of husband and wife, employment status where one of the spouses may belong to another central service etc and suggested transfer options accordingly.

Several such spouses working at different stations claim that they deserve to be posted at the same place as per the laid down norms, but the departments concerned have kept their transfer requests on hold without any valid reason. Some of them have alleged that their transfer requests were denied without any valid reason.

'ISRO scientists are not bothered about money but..'

Thiruvananthapuram, Aug 24 (PTI): Buoyed by India's successful Chandrayaan-3 lunar mission, former ISRO chairman G Madhavan Nair said the scientists at space agency have achieved this historic success by getting a salary one-fifth of the scientists in the developed world.

According to him, the low wages for the scientists at ISRO are one of the reasons why they could find low-cost solutions for space exploration.

"The wages paid to the scientists, technicians, and other staff at ISRO are hardly one-fifth of what is given globally. So that gives an advantage,"

Nair told PTI while talking about the Indian space agency's history of exploring space at very low expenses.

He said there are no millionaires among ISRO scientists, and they always live a very normal and subdued life.

"They are not really bothered about the money but are passionate and dedicated to their mission. That is how we achieved greater heights," Nair said here.

He said the scientists at ISRO could achieve this through careful planning and long-term vision.

"We tried to build one upon the other. What we learnt in the past, we used for the subsequent mis-

sion. In fact, what we developed nearly 30 years ago for the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle is the same engine that is being used for the GSLV as well," Nair said.

He said India uses home-grown technology for its space missions, and that helped them reduce the cost considerably. He said the space mission costs of India are 50 to 60 percent lower compared to the space missions of other countries.

Nair said the success of Chandrayaan-3 is the first stepping stone to begin India's planetary explorations.

"We have really broken the ice and made a good beginning," he said.

No concept of friendship, every aspirant a competitor, say students and experts

Kota (Raj), Aug 24 (PTI): There are no friends but only competitors in the country's coaching capital popularly known as "Kota factory", say students and experts as the government struggles to keep a check on the spate of suicides among engineering and medical aspirants.

Authorities say 20 students preparing for competitive exams in Kota have ended their lives so far in 2023 — highest for any year. Last year, the figure was 15. Battling with packed schedules, cut-throat competition, constant pressure to do better, burden of parents'



An IIT JEE aspirant studies inside his hostel, in Kota.

expectations and homesickness, students say they often find themselves alone with no one

to talk to and share their feelings with. Experts warn that parents also see friendships as poten-

tial distractions for their wards and discourage them to make friends when they are here for coaching. "There is no concept of friendship here...there are only competitors. Every student sitting next to you is seen as an additional burden to fight with. Unlike schools and colleges, nobody shares notes among peers here because everybody is seen as a threat who might take one's seat away in the college of his or her choice," Ridhima Swamy, a NEET (National Eligibility cum Entrance Test) aspirant from Madhya Pradesh, told PTI. Mansi Singh, a Joint Entrance

Examination (JEE) aspirant from Odisha, who has been here for the last two years said life in Kota feels like one is on a "treadmill".

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Smugglers nabbed with huge cache of liquor

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 24: Police nabbed two smugglers and recovered a huge cache of illicit liquor from their possession. The seized liquor is a product of some distillery located in Madhya Pradesh. Total value of liquor and the vehicle used in smuggling is around Rs 7.21 lakhs.

SP Shalabh Sinha informed that they are conducting a special campaign against the illegal smuggling and trade of liquor and other narcotics. The cops are maintaining vigil on the suspects and criminal record holders.

The network of informers has also been activated.



In this sequel, police received a tip off regarding some suspects who were smuggling liquor from Raipur to Durg. They were smuggling liquor in a Tata Sumo vehicle bearing registration

number CG16-CB-0813.

Acting on this tip off, a joint team of ACCU and Kumhari Police Station swung into action and traced the suspects. On spotting the cops, the smugglers tried to escape

with the vehicle. The cops chased the smugglers and managed to nab them. On searching, police recovered 40 crates of Goa Whisky worth Rs 2.11 lakhs from the vehicle. The accused Ashish

Bansod (24) son of Adesh Bansod a resident of Amar nagar, Nagpur and Shubham Bisen (20) son of Tejeshwar Bisen a resident of Nagpur have been booked under the provisions mentioned in section 34 (2) of Excise Act. Police seized the liquor, mobile phone and the vehicle from them.

ASI Ajay Singh, Head Constable Nandlal Singh, Constable Bandi Singh, Manish, Yashwant, Om Prakash from Kumhari Police Station and ASI Purna Bahadur, Constable Santosh Gupta, Anup Sharma, Pannelal, Jugnu Singh, Upendra Yadav, Shiv Mishra, Shamim Khan and Shahbaz Khan played a vital role in arresting the accused.

Hemchand Yadav University: Online admission date extended till August 31

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 24: The date for online admission in the first year of graduation and first semester of post graduation in the session 2023-24 in Hemchand Yadav University Durg has been extended by the Department of Higher Education, Government of Chhattisgarh.

Giving this information, the registrar of the university, Bhupendra Kuldeep and the Dean of student welfare, Dr Prashant Srivastava jointly informed that according to the order issued by the Department of Higher Education, Government of Chhattisgarh, in view of the student's interest, date of online admission

has been extended till 31 August 2023 with the permission of Vice-Chancellor. Admission can be given till September 10, 2023. A notification in this regard has been issued by Hemchand Yadav University, Durg. After this the admission portal of the university has started.

It is worth mentioning that due to the large number of vacant seats in various colleges of Chhattisgarh, the government was urged to keep the admission portal open in various colleges and universities, taking cognizance of which the Higher Education Department extended the admission

date till August 31 in the interest of the students.

Presently about 12 thousand seats are vacant in various courses in Hemchand Yadav University, Durg. The increase in admission date will help in filling these seats. With the opening of the admission portal, 192 students applied for online admission in various classes.

In a letter issued by the Directorate of Higher Education, Raipur, all regional additional directors and principals of leading colleges have also been directed to review admissions in their subordinate colleges and make efforts to fill maximum vacant seats.

Youth sentenced 20 years rigorous imprisonment

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 24: A Fast Track Special Court in Durg sentenced a youth to 20-years rigorous imprisonment for abducting and raping a 17-year-old girl. Additional District and Sessions Judge (Fourth, FTSC - POCSO) Sangeeta Naveen Tiwari convicted 21-year-old Prakash Soni (21) son of Vinod Soni a resident of Indravati Nagar, Kohka, Bhilai. The girl's brother had lodged a complaint at Supela Police Station on May 19, 2022.

Special Public Prosecutor Santosh Kasar informed that on

the promise of marriage, the accused lured the girl to flee with him. The girl had come to her maternal uncle's place and she went missing from there.

The accused took her to Banaras in Uttar Pradesh and married her at some temple. He stayed with the girl at a house in Padwa area of Uttar Pradesh during May 22, 2022 to May 29, 2022 and established sexual relations with her several times.

The victim's cousin had lodged a complaint regarding her missing. During investigation, Police rescued the girl on

May 30, 2022. After trial, the Special Court found the accused guilty and awarded different jail terms for Section 366, 496 of IPC and Section 06 of POCSO Act under which the accused was tried.

He was sentenced to rigorous imprisonment of three years and Rs 100 fine under section 366; rigorous imprisonment of three years and Rs 100 fine under section 496 of IPC and rigorous imprisonment of 20 years and Rs 5000 fine under section 06 of POCSO Act, informed Special Public Prosecutor Santosh Kasar.

City level Chhattisgarhia Olympics at Padmanabhpur Mini Stadium from today

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 24: Like last year, this year also Chhattisgarhia Olympics 2023-24 city level two-day event is being organized at Mini Stadium of Padmanabhpur. Players of the team selected from the four zones within the limits of the Durg Municipal Corporation will get an opportunity to showcase their talent.

It will be held on August 25 and 26, 2023. The tournament will be inaugurated by MLA Durg (urban) Arun Vora, Durg Mayor Dheeraj Bakliwal in the

presence of Commissioner Lokesh Chandrakar, DMC Speaker Rajesh Yadav, Education and Sports Department in-charge Mandeep Singh, besides MIC members, councillors, aldermen and officials. People from any age group will be able to participate in this sports competition. In the competition, 16 types of traditional games have been included in team and individual category. Rope jumping and wrestling have also been added in the individual category in this year's Olympics.

Divorced woman strangled to death by lover in Jamul

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 24: A divorced woman was allegedly strangled to death at Shivpuri in Jamul on the intervening night of Thursday. Police conducted the preliminary investigation and took her lover into custody. The deceased is a 46-year-old woman and has a married son, who lives in Raipur. She lived alone at a rented house in Shivpuri, Jamul and had a love affair with a 45-year-old man. Her lover often visited her home.

According to Jamul Police Station, a 46-year-old lady Vedmati Verma was found lying dead at her rented house in Gyarah Kholi,

Shivpuri, Jamul on Wednesday late evening.

The landlord noticed suspicious silence in her room after which he informed her brother, who resides in Kumhari. Her brother reached Shivpuri and found Vedmati lying dead. There was a plastic rope around her neck and she was bleeding from nose and mouth. On information, a team of Jamul Police Station reached the spot and investigations were launched.

During investigation, police came to know that

Vedmati was divorced about 25-years ago. She earlier resided in Baloda Bazar. She brought up her son alone. When her son got a job in Bhilai, she came to Bhilai with him. Later, he got married and in search of better job opportunities, he shifted to Raipur with his wife.

On the other hand, Vedmati stayed in Jamul as she worked at a factory in Bhilai-3 Industrial area. She had an affair with a security guard of the same factory and he often visited her home. Police have arrested the security guard as a prime suspect. He has reportedly confessed to committing murder. Further investigations are on.



SSMV Eco Club launches classes promoting Hygiene & Healthy Eating Habits

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 24: SSMV College takes a pioneering step towards community engagement and health awareness with the introduction of student-led classes for local students. This innovative initiative aims to instill the importance of hygiene practices and educate about the disadvantages of junk food consumption among the youth. SSMV College is committed to its mission of holistic education and community enrichment.

The student-led classes at Shri Shankaracharya Mahavidyalaya, holds a two-fold significance. Firstly, they address the critical need for hygiene education, emphasizing prop-

er handwashing, personal cleanliness, and maintaining a germ-free environment. Secondly, these classes shed light on the perils of junk food consumption, equipping students with knowledge about the long-term health consequences and inspiring them to make informed dietary choices.

Dr Archana Jha, Principal of Shri Shankaracharya Mahavidyalaya Bhilai, expressed her enthusiasm for this community-oriented initiative, stating, "Education goes beyond the boundaries of our campus, and we are proud to empower our students to be catalysts for positive change in the community. These student-led classes reflect our commitment to



producing well-rounded individuals who understand the significance of health and well-being, not just for themselves, but for the society they live in."

Dr J Durga Prasad Rao Dean Academics of college said, "we motivate our students to develop good food habits, they should avoid their love for fast foods and add millets in their food so that they will get a proper

nutrition to maintain good health."

Dr Sushma Dubey coordinator of the Student-Led Classes Program, highlighted the collaborative effort behind this initiative, saying, "Our students have taken the reins to design and deliver these classes with utmost creativity and care. They understand the influence they can wield in shaping young minds, and

their commitment to promoting hygiene and healthy eating is truly inspiring. Eco Club Pallavan of college under Apex SDG organized lectures on importance of Millets in different schools. They briefed how junk foods put adverse effects on the health of the children.

BSc students made students aware about the importance of water in our health, importance of Sanitation and how to maintain the hygienic habits in our daily routine. In this efforts BEd trainees and Science students of college came forward and took the initiative in this mission. This initiative will have a ripple effect, fostering healthier habits throughout the community.

Here it needs a mention that student-led classes are open to local students, fostering a sense of camaraderie and collaboration between college students and their younger peers. The curriculum encompasses engaging presentations, interactive activities, and practical demonstrations, making learning an enjoyable and enlightening experience.

The initiative aligns with SSMV Colleges core values of social responsibility, holistic education, and fostering a spirit of leadership among its students. By imparting knowledge about hygiene practices and nutrition, the college seeks to contribute positively to the well-being of the community it serves.

BMG to celebrate Onam on Sept 20

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 24: Bhilai Malayala Grandhasala (BMG) will celebrate the festival of Onam on September 20, 2023 with a colourful flower decoration Athapookalam competition followed by traditional Onam Sadhya. K Krishna Kumar, (CGM, Electrical, BSP), Thomas Chacko, DIG, SSB, CG, Arun Vohra MLA (Durg Urban), Dheraj Bakliwal, Durg Mayor, Neeraj Pal, Bhilai Mayor, Shiju Antony, MIC member, Revenue, Vasishth Narayan Mishra Corporator BMC, EV Murali, sen-

ior journalist, Dr Raveendranath M, CMO I/c, Sector-09 BSP hospital and representatives of various organisations will attend the function. More than 1200 members are expected to attend the Onam Sadhya. MS Raghukumar, President, Bhilai Malayala Grandhasala, Reji Alex General secretary, S Sajeev, Vice President, PC Aniyar, Treasurer, G Suresh Kumar. Arts secretary will attend the function. Dr Jyathi Pillai, Shylaja Rajendran, G Asha are the judges of the athapookalam competition.

Equal Opportunity Cell of St Thomas College celebrate Sadhbhavna Diwas

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 24: The Equal Opportunity Cell of St Thomas College, celebrated Sadhbhavna Diwas in the college on August 23, 2023. The program started with lighting of the lamp and college prayer. Thereafter the special guests Teena Khandelwal & Monika Parekh, Directors, INIFD, Dr James Mathews, Principal-in-charge, Dr Debjani Mukherjee, IQAC Coordinator, Dr Jyotsna Gadpayle, Convenor, Equal Opportunity Cell were welcomed with bouquet by students of the college. This was followed by the welcome speech given by Dr Jyotsna Gadpayle.

Teena Khandelwal then introduced Devsena Chauhan, Chief-Guest of the day. The whole emphasis of this program focused on making the students



aware of the third gender and except them as an integral member of the society. After this, Dr James Mathews, Principal-in-charge, expressed his views on Equal Opportunity.

Dr Neelam Gandhi anchored the program successfully. Dr Sujata Koley, Dr Preeti Jain and Dr Sonia Popli extended their whole hearted co-operation for the successful execu-

tion of the program. Rev Father Joshi Varghese administrator of the College has also appreciated the members for taking such initiative for upholding the social causes in the positive manner. Vote of thanks proposed by Dr Kanhiya Kumar Pandey proposed the vote of thanks. Finally National Anthem marked the closure of the program.

District Administration inspects SAIL-BSP's Dengue Prevention Campaign in Bhilai

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Aug 24: In view of the rising cases of dengue in Durg and Bhilai, the Public Health Department, under the TSD of SAIL-BSP and Durg Malaria Eradication Department, of Government of Chhattisgarh is jointly running an intense Dengue and other mosquito-borne diseases prevention campaign. In-spite of this intense campaign the dengue cases are on rise. More than 100 cases of dengue have been reported last week, which is an alarming situation.

Rohit Vyas, Commissioner (Durg), Dr OP Meshram, District Health Officer, and Dharmendra Mishra, Health Officer (Municipal Corporation), along with the team of Health Officers and Doctors from Raipur inspected the campaign being run in various sectors on Thursday. The ongoing mosquito-borne diseases prevention campaign in sector-2



was also observed by the team on this occasion. Members of Public Health Section of Town Services Department of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant were present during the inspection. KK Yadav, GM (TSD), briefed the inspecting team about the efforts and initiatives being taken by on behalf of the BSP Management to tackle the situation. He also apprised them about the report of the survey held on Thursday.

On August 24, 2023, intensive spraying and fogging were carried out under this campaign at as many as 1,731 houses. 1,538 houses were found with severe mosquito infestation. In view of

the possibility of Mosquito Larvae breeding, stagnant water sources were immediately cleaned at 235 spots and spraying operations were carried out at 54 houses. Packs of Temephos medicine were also distributed at as many as 1,125 houses by the PHD department in the township. Oiling, spraying of medicines in the backline, water fogging, spraying with mist blower machine etc. were also done in Sector-2 area. An awareness campaign has also been initiated at schools to make the students and teachers in the township aware to combat and prevent causation of Dengue and other



mosquito borne diseases. All Bhilai residents are requested to keep a strict vigil and make collective efforts to check mosquito infestation around them. The residents of Sectors-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and Camp-1, 2 and Khursipar area are requested to adhere to special precautionary measures. BSP's Public Health Department has made an appeal to the common public to take precautionary measures at individual as well as collective levels to ensure everyone's safety. The stagnant water at vacant lands and other open containers during the monsoon serve as viable conditions for breeding of

dengue-causing Aedes mosquitoes, due to water-logged open containers lying around the residences. As many as 48 Mosquito-Breeding Checkers have also been hired by the Plant's Public Health Department on payment-basis from Durg Malaria Eradication Department since 13th June 2023. The Breeding Checkers are visiting door-to-door, market and other public places and inspecting mosquito larvae and spraying medicines, besides making people aware of prevention and precautionary measures of mosquito-borne diseases by distributing pamphlets etc.

CM's political advisor denies involvement in money laundering

Raipur, Aug 24:

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel's political advisor Vinod Verma on Thursday claimed he does not have a "single penny" of ill-gotten money, a day after the Enforcement Directorate conducted a search at his residence.

Addressing a press conference here, Vinod Verma also said he has no connection with assistant sub-inspector (ASI) Chandrabhushan Verma, arrested along with three others by the ED on Wednesday in a money laundering case linked to the alleged illegal betting app called 'Mahadev Online Book'.

Alleged hawala operator brothers Anil and Sunil Dammani and a man identified as Satish Chandrakar are the three others arrested in the case. According to the ED, the probe has found that around Rs 65 crore cash was received by ASI Chandrabhushan Verma. He kept his cut and distributed the rest as bribes to senior police officers and politicians, it claimed. The ED on Wednesday conducted search-



es at the premises of Vinod Verma, who is also a member of the All India Congress Committee (AICC), and the CM's two Officers on Special Duty (OSDs) in Raipur and Durg districts.

Vinod Verma addressed a press conference on Thursday and said he produced all the bills of jewellery items found in his house, except one gold ornament which was gifted to his wife.

"But they still seized all the jewellery items saying the burden is on me to prove how I paid for these items. They even took cash which we received in envelopes as gift on my son's wedding day. Therefore I am calling it a dacoity and a robbery," he said. Vinod Verma

said he had a long stint as a journalist and became a politician a few years back.

"I have nothing. The ED is claiming I am involved in laundering of Rs 65 crore, but I want to say I do not have a single penny (of ill-gotten money)," he added.

He claimed the ED's allegations were merely based on a "manohar kahani" (fictional news article) published in a magazine last year.

"That fictional news article claimed Chandrabhushan Verma was related to me. I complained against the news article to Durg police in December last year seeking a probe into it. I had also assured to cooperate with police in the probe into the matter," he said.

However, Vinod Verma said he once met ASI Chandrabhushan Verma about two-and-a-half years back and warned to take action against him if he misused the former's name. "I am not related to ASI Verma. I want to ask what proof the ED and Centre have that I am related to him? This raid is based on a fictional story and statement of just one person (arrested ASI) against me. They have no evidence at all," Vinod Verma claimed, adding he will approach court against the magazine.

He also claimed the action by the ED was taken at the behest of Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Prime Minister Narendra Modi ahead of the assembly elections in

Chhattisgarh, due this year-end, and the BJP was targeting those working for the Congress.

"The home minister knows who is going to win elections in Chhattisgarh. The prime minister is acting like a dictator and trying to crush his political opponents. They (BJP) are targeting everyone working for Bhupesh Baghel," he further claimed. "They had similarly arrested me ahead of the previous assembly elections in a CD case," he said.

Vinod Verma also accused the Centre of promoting online gambling.

The ED in a statement on Wednesday alleged that ASI Chandrabhushan Verma used his "relationship" with Vinod Verma and hawala funds received from Dubai to influence high-ranking officials and politicians connected to the Chief Minister's Office (CMO).

The agency alleged that the arrested accused have "specifically named high-ranking officials connected to the CMO who have received hefty kick-backs on a monthly/regular basis."

DEBRIS BY ROADSIDE



The debris after digging of road for laying of cables and pipeline has been left by the road-side by RMC without about the inconvenience being caused to the citizens

Ensure free, fair and transparent elections: EC



Raipur, Aug 24: Election Commission of India's Chief Election Commissioner Rajeev Kumar reviewed the preparations for the upcoming assembly elections in the meeting of the enforcement agencies today and gave necessary guidelines to the officers of the enforcement agencies. He instructed to ensure all necessary preparations for free, fair and transparent elections. He said that strict action should be taken against voter inducement in the upcoming assembly elections. He instructed all the officers to ensure strict compliance of all the guidelines of the Election Commission of India. Election Commissioners Anup Chandra Pandey and Arun Goyal, Deputy Election Commissioner Hridesh Kumar, Senior Deputy Election Commissioners

Take strict action on voter inducement in the upcoming assembly elections:CEC

Dharmendra Sharma and Nitesh Vyas, Deputy Election Commissioners Manoj Kumar Sahu and RK Gupta, Deputy Election Commissioners Ajay Bhadoo, Director General B Narayanan, Director Yashvendra Singh, Director (IT) Ashok Kumar, Senior Principal Secretary NN Butoliya, Principal Secretary SB Joshi, Joint Director Anuj Chandak and Under Secretary Ritesh Singh reviewed the preparations for the assembly elections 2023 in detail in the meeting. Instructions were given to remove the obstacles coming in free and fair elections and ensure that there is no misuse of money power by establishing inter-departmental

coordination. Officers from Police, Income Tax, Excise and Forest departments, Central Reserve Police Force, Central Industrial Security Force, DRI, Transport Department, Narcotics Control Bureau, Reserve Bank, Airports Authority of India, CGST, SGST, Postal Department and other departments including Aviation Department, Enforcement Directorate, Indian Railways, Bureau of Civil Aviation Authority were present. Chief Electoral Officer Smt Reena Babasaheb Kangale apprised the Commission in detail about the preparations for the Assembly Elections 2023 in the meeting. Nodal Officer Police OP Pal informed the Commission regarding the preparations for the security arrangements during the Assembly Elections 2023.

AV students salute the brave dreamers of ISRO

Raipur, Aug 24:

On 23 August, after a nail-biting wait, ISRO confirmed that Chandrayaan-3's Lander had successfully touched down in the Moon's southern polar region as planned.

Adarsh Vidyalaya, Tatibandh managed by Raipur Kerala Samajam whole heartedly congratulates ISRO on this historic landing. On this remarkable achievement, School organized a Special Assembly to salute the brave warriors of ISRO as this is a proud moment for every Indian. Teachers made our students to understand how ISRO proved



that Failure of not the opposite of Success, it's a part of Success. The Head boy of our School enlightened the moment very beautifully in his speech. The Students from Class 8

and the staff for the remarkable achievement of ISRO. The Vice Principal of the school Mrs. Debarchana Roy in her speech told that Discouragement and Failure are the two of the surest stepping stones to success and motivated the students that they should not be discouraged by the failures.

The Members of Raipur Kerala Samajam from the core of their heart congratulated for the tremendous ingenuity, dedication, skill and hard work of our scientists, engineers and everyone involved in the successful launch of the Chandrayaan-3 Mission.

Nirved wins Bronze medal



Raipur: Nirved Kashyap from Raipur won bronze medal in the National Kick Boxing championship held at Kolkata from August 18 to 21. He won the above medal in the 30 Kg cadet category under Point Fight Event of the championship.

BJP demands NIA probe on online betting platform case



CM should resign on moral grounds: Chaudhary

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Aug 24: Apprehending terror funding through the online betting platform, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Thursday said that the Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel should take steps for National Investigation Agency (NIA) probe on the entire issue. Addressing a press conference here, the BJP General Secretary OP Chaudhary the online betting platform against which the ED has taken action, is reportedly have pa-

trone of D Company as the key conspirators are hiding in Dubai. He said that terror funding is likely and added that patronage of D Company is on cards to conduct the Online betting platform from Dubai.

Regarding the steps taken by the Chhattisgarh Govt, the BJP leader termed it to be just an eye wash to create pressure on illegal betting operators to recover additional protection money.

BJP leader further said that the Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel should resign on moral grounds as the arrest ASI has reportedly claimed to have patronage of senior officials close to the Secretariat.

80 players from Ch'garh qualify for All India Shooting championship (East)

Rao Mahadik won the 25M Standard Pistol championship

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Aug 24: 80 players from Chhattisgarh have been participating in the All India GV Mavlankar/ East Zone Shooting championship on the basis of the performance in the 22nd Chhattisgarh Shooting championship being organized under the aegis of Chhattisgarh Pradesh Rifle Association (CPRA) in association with Jindal Steel & Power Limited (JSPL) at Mana-based Shooting Range here on Wednesday.

Chhattisgarh Olympic Association (COA) General Secretary and Bilhai Nagar MLA Devendra Yadav was chief guest of the prize distribution ceremony whereas JSPL President Pradeep Tandon presided over the function.

Ahmed Ali Chishty secured 1st position in the 25 M Centre



Fire Pistol whereas Kamalpreet Singh and Vaibhav Agrawal secured second and third positions respectively. In the 25M Centre Fire Pistol for Services Only category Vaibhav Mishra secured first position whereas Anvaya Tiwari won the 25M Championship in Junior Women category whereas Vaibhav Agrawal won the 25M Pistol Championship in Junior Men category.

Prithvi Rao Mahadik won the 25M Standard Pistol championship defeating Nileshkumar Mahadev Kshirsagar and Anand Goyal with a close margin.

Anand Goyal won the 10 M Pistol championship whereas Apurva Kesharwani won the Women championship in the above category.

National Level Endoscopic Spine Surgery Workshop organised at Suyash Hospital



Raipur, Aug 24:

The first of its kind 360 degree Live Endoscopic Spine Surgery workshop was conducted on August 20th, 2023 at Suyash Hospital, Kota, Raipur. Dr. Vivek Kesharwani,

Director of Suyash Hospital had extended his special cooperation in organising and making this workshop successful. Speaking on the occasion Dr. Kesharwani said that in future also such workshops will be organised at

regular intervals.

The workshop was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Rahul Ahluwalia with national faculty members from across India such as Dr. Atmaranjan Das, Dr. Harin Modi, Dr. Ritesh Nawakhare and Dr. Varun Pandro. Anesthesiologist Dr. Jayesh Parmar have given special support in this workshop, as well in O.T., Suryakant Amde, Nutan and Praveen also extended their full cooperation. Three surgeries were performed with the most modern endoscopic techniques. 26 delegates from across the country participated in the workshop.

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संदेश

हमारे तीज-त्यौहारों में रक्षाबंधन सबसे सुंदर त्यौहार है। राखी सिर्फ एक धागा नहीं, बल्कि भाई-बहन के प्रेम और भरोसे का अटूट बंधन है।

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Special campaign to run from Aug 28 to Sept 3 to prevent stray animals

- From coming on roads
- Collector to do surprise inspection of roads
- Chief Secretary held video conferencing meeting of commissioner and collectors

Raipur, Aug 24:

Chief Secretary Mr. Amitabh Jain has instructed the collectors of all the districts of the state to take necessary action by running a special campaign from August 28 to September 3 to prevent accidents caused by stray animals on the roads.

He has asked the collectors to conduct surprise inspections on the roads. The Chief Secretary has asked the Collectors to compulsorily set up a toll free number in every district for the general public, travelers and the media to complain about the presence of animals on the roads and to display



hoardings, sign boards and other information to the people, provided through resources. The Chief Secretary today directed Mantralaya Mahanadi Bhavan to ensure necessary action regarding prevention of accidents caused by animals on the roads in compliance with the order of the High Court.

CS reviewed the system to prevent stray animals from the roads along with Surguja and Bilaspur Divisional Commissioner and Collectors of Gorela-Pendra-Marwahi, Korba, Mungeli, Janjgir-Champa,

Sakti, Raigarh, Sarangarh-Bilaigarh, Surguja, Jashpur, Korea, Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur, Balrampur, Bilaspur and Surajpur through video conferencing.

It is worth mentioning that yesterday the Chief Secretary had reviewed with the Divisional Commissioners of Raipur, Bastar and Durg and the Collectors of these divisions all the arrangements made to prevent cattle from coming on the roads. In the meeting, a district-wise review was made regarding the identification

of accident-causing roads due to animals and arrangements to prevent the animals from these roads. The Chief Secretary has instructed the district officials to make efforts to change the behavior of cattle herders in identified villages and urban areas to prevent cattle from coming on the roads and prepare a detailed action plan for this. In the meeting, the Chief Secretary gave necessary guidelines to the officers regarding receiving complaints related to the arrival of animals on the identified roads and

arrangements for their redressal. In the meeting, the collectors informed that accidents spot have been identified on the roads due to animals. In all gram panchayats and urban bodies, constant monitoring is being done on the domestic and stray animals coming on the roads. In this meeting, Dr. Kamalpreet Singh, Secretary, Agriculture and Livestock Development Department, Dr. Ayaz Bhai Tamboli, Special Secretary, Urban Administration Department, Mrs. Chandan Tripathi, Director Veterinary Services, Divisional Commissioners Bilaspur and Surguja including Gorela-Pendra-Marwahi, Korba, Mungeli, Collectors of Janjgir-Champa, Sakti, Raigarh, Sarangarh-Bilaigarh, Surguja, Jashpur, Korea, Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur, Balrampur, Surajpur, Bilaspur and Surguja districts participated.

Traders from across state including Raipur celebrated successful landing of Chandrayaan: Amar Parwani



Raipur, Aug 24:

National Senior Vice President of Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) Amar Parwani, Chairman Mangal Maloo, Amar Gidwani, State President Jitendra Doshi, Working President Vikram Singhdeo, Parmanand Jain, Vasu Makhija, General Secretary Surinder Singh, Working Secretary Bharat Jain, and Treasurer Ajay Agarwal said that traders from all over the state celebrated the successful landing of Chandrayaan sent by ISRO on the moon on Wednesday including Raipur and congratulated the skilled scientists of ISRO, calling them

the pride of the country. By raising slogans 'Bharat Mata ki Jai', long live the scientist of the country, the traders expressed their happiness. National Senior Vice President of Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) Amar Parwani and State President Jitendra Doshi congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi for this very important achievement and said that under his leadership and vision today India has entered a new era in the solar system. History has been created and India has made its strong place in the front row in the world in space technology, they added. Today the whole world is seen bowing

down towards the technology adopted by Indian scientists. In true sense, today India has emerged as a superpower in the whole world. The whole country is feeling proud for this great achievement. Describing the skilled scientists of ISRO as the pride of the country, CAIT congratulated them. The officials and youth team of CAIT congratulated the talented scientists of ISRO includes Amar Parwani, Jitendra Doshi, Vikram Singhdeo, Parmanand Jain, Surinder Singh, Bharat Jain, Rakesh Ochwani, Jai Ram Kukreja, Aneet Singh, Amar Dhingani, Parvinder Singh, Sushil Lalwani including other officials.

District Panchayat & Dy DEO Korba conduct Voter Awareness Prog



Korba, Aug 24:

NTPC Korba organised a 'Voter Awareness Program' on Aug 22 as per the oral order received by the District Election Officer (DEO) Korba. The program was conducted at NTPC Korba's plant premises and all the employees, CISF personnel, contractors, and contract workers of NTPC Korba were invited and the program showed good participation of the invitees.

Vishwadeep, IAS, Zila Panchayat Korba and Seema Patre, Deputy District Election Officer, Korba were the chief guests of the event. Prabhat Ram, AGM (HR) welcomed Vishwadeep, IAS, Zila Panchayat Korba and Sumit Raibagkar, DGM (HR) welcomed Seema Patre, Deputy District Election Officer, Korba. The Voter Awareness Program conducted at NTPC Korba was part of the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation program, better known as SVEEP. It is the flagship program of the Election Commission of India for voter education, spreading voter awareness and promoting voter literacy in India. Since 2009, it has been working towards preparing India's electors and equipping them with

basic knowledge related to the electoral process.

The programme at Korba focused on educating the participants who are the citizens, electors and voters about the electoral process to increase their awareness and participation in the electoral processes. Following the footprints of SVEEP, the program's primary goal was to build a truly participative democracy in India by encouraging all eligible citizens to vote and make informed decisions during the elections. The programme was based on multiple general as well as targeted interventions which are designed according to the socio-economic, cultural and demographic profile of the state as well as the history of electoral participation in previous rounds of elections and learning thereof.

Furthermore, a pledge was taken by the mass and a lot of queries were also raised by the participants which were happily answered and resolved by the Zila Panchayat, Korba and, Deputy District Election Officer, Korba. Another camp is also said to be conducted at NTPC Korba for further awareness and to help eligible citizens to become voters. Only Greater Participation can lead to a Stronger Democracy.

MATS University students made aware of challenges faced by photo journalists

- Commendable effort of Photo Journalist Association, students learned various aspects of photography

Raipur, Aug 24:

Students of Hindi department of Mats University visited the photography exhibition organised by Photo Journalists Association, Press Club Raipur on Tuesday. On this occasion, the office bearers and senior photo journalists of the association apprised the students about various aspects of photography and the challenges faced by photo journalists and the possibilities in this field. Dr. Reshma Ansari, Head of Department of Hindi Department of Mats University, informed that Photo Journalists Association, Press Club, Raipur has been organizing the best photo exhibition every year on the occasion of World Photography Day. Through this exhibition, the students of the department become aware of the various aspects of photography and get many in-



formative information. In the photo exhibition, attractive photographs of various contemporary subjects including art, culture, religion, spirituality, routine of common people's life have been displayed. Several photo journalists including senior photo journalists Gokul Soni, Deepak Pandey, Javed Khan, Kishan Lokhande, Raman Halwai, Manoj Dewangan, Jai Goswami, Trilochan Manikpuri, Pankaj Thakur and Dipendra Soni participated on this occasion. The students were made aware of the challenges of photojournalism and the art of photography. Senior journalist Anil Pusadkar was also present

on the occasion. He gave information about various dimensions of journalism and boosted the morale of the students. Photojournalists provided detailed information to the students about the qualities of a good photojournalist, technology, digital photography and career prospects in photography. Photojournalists also shared their experiences and inspiring stories.

On this occasion, Dr. Reshma Ansari, Head of Hindi Department, Mats University, Associate Professor and Senior Journalist Dr. Kamlesh Gogia along with students of B.A. Sociology, History, Political Science, B.A. Honors Hindi Journalism

and Tourism and students of Hindi, Journalism and Mass Communication (one year diploma), photo journalists and senior journalists were present.

Hindi Department presented a memento to the Photo Journalists Association. Chancellor of Mats University Gajraj Pagaria, Director General Priyesh Pagaria, Vice Chancellor Prof. K.P. Yadav, Vice-Chancellor Dr. Deepika Dhandh, Registrar Gokulananda Panda, Dean Academic Dr. Vijay Bhushan, while congratulating the Photo Journalists Association and photo journalists, termed this event as a commendable effort for the young generation.

Former Sarpanch injured in Naxalite attack airlifted to Delhi



Jagdalpur, Aug 24:

The condition of former sarpanch and BJP worker Mahesh Gota, who was injured in the Naxalite attack, is critical. The former sarpanch was undergoing treatment at Mekaj. The air ambulance reached Jagdalpur from Delhi on Tuesday. But the air ambulance could not take off due to bad weather. Today on Wednesday, Mahesh Gota has been referred to Delhi and airlifted.

It may be noted that three days ago, Naxalites kidnapped and tried to kill former sarpanch Mahesh Gota by strangling him with a wire and later he as thrown away considering him dead. After the incident, the condition of Sarpanch Mahesh Gota became critical and he is having trouble breathing. Mahesh's relatives told that the state president of

BJP has arranged for an air ambulance.

It is worth mentioning that every year the villagers of village Kutru and the surrounding areas go to Chikat Raj mountain for worshipping during Sawan month. This year also 200 to 250 tribals had reached Chikat Raj Pahar on Sunday to offer prayers. But during his return he came face-to-face with the Naxalites. Naxalites took 50 villagers hostage. In which Mahesh Gota was also included. The Naxalites later left everyone except Mahesh Gota and he was kept as hostage. After trying to kill him late on Monday night, the Naxalites threw him thinking he was dead. Meanwhile, passers-by saw Mahesh Gota in critical condition and information about it was given to the villagers and seriously injured Mahesh Gota was taken to the hospital.

RED (WR-II, USSC) NTPC felicitates the meritorious students

- From Pussore Tehsil

Bilaspur, Aug 24: To encourage meritorious students from Pussore Tehsil in Raigarh district in Chhattisgarh Board of X and XII examination 2023, Chilakapati Sivakumar, RED (WR-II, USSC & Ash-NI) felicitated Vidhi Bhosle of Abhinav Vidya Mandir, Pussore, Class-XII who se-



cured 98.2% with 1st rank in Agriculture stream in Chhattisgarh, Rani Mahana of Adarsh

Gramya Bharti Hr. Secondary School, Pussore, Class-XII secured 95.6% and secured state

rank 9th in Arts stream and Khushi Patel of Swami Atmanand Govt. School, Pussore, Class-X secured 97.17% with 9th rank in state Chhattisgarh. For remarkable achievements of students, Chilakapati Sivakumar, (WR-II, USSC & Ash-NI) and Diwakar Kaushik, ED (Lara) wished them for their bright future career.

Yashasvi Bharti secures 3rd place, honoured at the hands of Dy CM

Showed her prowess in the 19th state level Taekwondo competition

Korba, Aug 24:

In the Rajasthan Taekwondo Karate Competition held in Naya Raipur, 4-year-old D/o journalist Mukesh Bharti of Korba district, Yashvi Bharti has brought laurels to Korba district by securing third place in the 16 kg weight competition.

It is worth mentioning that players from different districts also participated in this competition organized in Naya Raipur; where as Korba district overall performance, the team of Korba district has secured the first position. Regarding this commendable performance of Yashasvi Bharti, Deputy Chief Minister of



Chhattisgarh Pradesh TS Singhdevev not only appreciated Yashasvi Bharti's game but also honoured

Yashasvi Bharti with his own hands and sent his best wishes for a bright future.

Air of happiness among journalistic fraternity

Yashasvi Bharti, a four-year-old girl who has made Korba district proud, is the younger D/o Mukesh Bharti, Korba District Vice President of Chhattisgarh Journalist Welfare Union. On coming first in Korba district overall performance, Korba district journalists and members of Chhattisgarh Journalist Welfare Union Korba district unit also sent their best wishes for a bright future to journalist Mukesh Bharti and his four-year-old daughter.

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Bhedia lays stone for devp works worth Rs 2.03 crore

In Dalli-Rajhara Nagar Palika area

Dalli-Rajhara, Aug 24: Minister for Social Welfare and MLA Doundilohara Anila Bhedia laid the stone for development works worth Rs 2.03 cr in Dalli-Rajhara Nagar Palika area here on Thursday and this programme was chaired by Nagar Palika President Shibu Nair.

The heads of the societies for whom the sanction was granted for renovation of the buildings handed over shawl & srfial to the Minister and expressed gratitude for the same.



After the stone laying ceremony, on hike of 20% honorarium to the 'safai mitras', all the employees also handed over shawl and srfial to the Minister

and express gratitude to her. After this the Minister Anila Bhedia presented medals to the players for their best performance in the Sports under Rajiv

Yuwa Mitran Yojana in the district.

Among those present on the occasion were BCC President Ashok Bambeshwar, Minister's rep- Piyush Soni, Media in-charge Vivek Masih, district Mahila Congress District President Sangeet Nair, INTUC Durg div. in-charge Abhay Singh, all coprorators viz. Roshan Patel, Suraj Vibhar, Ruksana Begum, Vijay Laxmi, Shruti Yadav, Chandraprakash Borkar, Mamta Netam, T Jyoti and Alderman Mamta Pandey, G Ishwar Rao, William Bhagat, Ramu Sharma, Ramesh Bhagat, Jaswinder Singh Gill and others were present.

Pose safety risks amidst lacking infrastructure

Mungeli, Aug 24: The streets of Mungeli Municipality are grappling with a mounting concern as the presence of stray cattle becomes increasingly prominent. Roaming freely through main intersections, bustling markets, and pivotal city zones, these untethered animals underscore a significant issue. The municipality is grappling with a lack of dedicated infrastructure to accommodate these wandering creatures, lacking both a cattle pound and designated shelters. As a result, a notable



number of stray cattle now traverse the roads with an apparent absence of oversight. Astonishingly, despite the visibility of these aimless animals, no concerted effort has been initiated by the municipality to address the escalating matter. The potential consequences of this negligence loom large, as the risk of accidents surges in the presence of

wandering cattle. The prevailing void in proactive measures to avert such incidents raises concerns.

Historically, sporadic endeavours have been undertaken to curtail the proliferation of stray animals, yielding temporary reprieves from the issue. Regrettably, the Gol Bazaar Vegetable Market vicinity has transformed into a tem-

porary shelter for these wandering creatures. Instances of conflicts between bulls and cows further compound the predicament, fostering potentially hazardous situations.

Even in prominent zones like the newly constructed bridge and Daupara Chowk, groups of cattle are becoming a familiar sight. While the municipality does possess mechanisms for capturing these strays, the absence of adequate facilities for their containment remains an obstacle. A prevailing approach involves releasing the captured animals into neighboring villages or fields, a solution that often culminates in their swift return to the city's precincts.

Voter awareness campaign conducted



Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, Aug 24: Voter awareness program SVEEP is being conducted with enthusiasm in the district with the aim of making citizens vote 100 percent in the upcoming assembly elections and all elections and to make them aware of using their franchise. Various activities are being conducted under the voter awareness program in the district as

per the instructions of the Election Commission of India.

In this sequence, the sisters of Mahila Pragati Self Help Group of Arthari of Bilha development block made beautiful rakhis from paddy earrings under the voter awareness programme and gave the message of voter awareness through writing the slogan of leave all work first and vote.

School children of Sages

Government Higher Secondary School, Belpan participated in the voter awareness program by forming a human chain and forming the shape of the vote. SVEEP is an acronym for Systematic Voter Education and Electoral Participation. It is the flagship program of the Election Commission of India for voter education, raising voter awareness and supporting voter literacy in India.

'Rain or Shine', athletes showcase remarkable enthusiasm

Chhattisgarhi Olympic Games concluded at Bijapur block level

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, Aug 24: The dynamic culmination of the two-day Chhattisgarhi Olympic Games at the block level unfolded with grandeur at the Bijapur Mini Stadium. Despite relentless rainfall, approximately 500 participants hailing from 5 zones within Bijapur showcased unwavering enthusiasm and remarkable skills in this sporting extravaganza.

The event witnessed the emergence of 384 victorious athletes, each competing across 16 diverse sports disciplines. Players from areas marked as sensitive, including Reddy, Koter, Borje, Metapal, and Gongia, also embraced the spirit of sportsmanship. The district administration provided provisions for comfortable lodging and nourishment, ensuring the athletes' well-being throughout.



The persistent downpour failed to dampen the spirits of the athletes, as they exhibited their prowess on the field with undeterred dedication.

The event showcased participants of all age groups flaunting their prowess in their respective sports domains. The district's Panchayat President, Shankar Kudiyam, along with local dignitaries, bestowed honors upon the triumphant athletes. The winners of the first, second, and third prizes received direct transfers of Rs 1000, Rs 750, and Rs 500 respectively, into their accounts.



Kudiyam, on this notable occasion, underscored the Chhattisgarhi Olympics' mission to uphold and foster traditional sports within Chhattisgarh. The exceptional response to the Chhattisgarhi Olympics has been all-encompassing, participants spanning across generations and genders, from children to the elderly, and women and youth. This initiative has successfully nurtured a culture of

sporting enthusiasm in every village, with active female participation further enhancing its impact.

The event was graced by the presence of Bodhi Tati, District Panchayat President, Sonu Potam, District Panchayat Deputy President, Dilip Uike, Sports Officer, and a host of local representatives and officials, reaffirming the region's commitment to promoting a vibrant sporting culture.

Priti Jagat earns coveted spot at Prayas Vidyalaya Bilaspur

Central Chronicle News

Pithora, Aug 24: In a remarkable achievement, Priti Jagat, a student at Government Higher Secondary School Gadbeda, has secured a spot at Prayas Vidyalaya Bilaspur following her success in the state-level 11th-grade entrance examination. Hailing from Gadbeda village, Priti is the daughter of farmer Dinesh Kumar Jagat.

The selection of Priti for Prayas Vidyalaya Bilaspur has been received with commendation from various quarters. Thakur Vikas Khand Education Officer, Nand Kumar Choudhary, In-Charge Principal Ramesh Kumar Prajapati, and



Lecturer Ratan Lal Dhruv, along with local dignitaries including Sarpanch Maheshwar Patel and Deputy Sarpanch Lalaram Nag, joined in extending their heartfelt congratulations to Priti for her accomplishment. Gaurav Chandrakar, Member of Parliament, also took the opportunity to express his appreciation for Priti's dedication and success. The entire teaching committee of the school, led by its office bearers, has conveyed their best wishes for Priti's promising future.

Central School issue still pending with Centre

Minister Bhedia has urged Union still no response

Collector has held many correspondences with Sanghatan, but all in vain

Central Chronicle News

Dalli-Rajhara, Aug 24: The Cabinet Minister Anila Bhedia is making all efforts to get a Central School opened in Dalli-Rajhara and so far no other public representative has made such efforts in this direction.

It was on initiative by Bhedia, the Collector

Balod carried out regular correspondence with the Kendra Vidyalaya Sanghatan, regional office in Raipur, but he failed to take an update on the action taken so far through a reminder letter.

The Central School organisation sent a letter to the Collector Balod on 15 Dec 2022 and in this there was mention about the proposal received for opening of central school and it is not as per the prescribed format and was asked to resend it afresh. As on 15 Dec 2022, Collector office has sent a proposal and letter to the Kendra Vidyalaya regional office and it was re-sent on 30 Dec.

After this the Central School organisation is

finding some or the other shortcoming about inspection of land for the School and others and is trying to dilly-delay the same.

It was after lot of questions, the Central School organisation finally sent a team for inspection on 4 July 2023 to Dalli-Rajhara and which even after passing of one & half month is not given any update or held any correspondence till date.

Collector Balod Kuldeep Sharma also seems to be lacking the reasons for delay behind the same by questioning it with the Kendriya Vidyalaya sanghatan. LS MP Kanker has also been urged to look into the matter, but he is keeping mum on it.

It was with special efforts of MLA Anila Bhedia that all the formalities for opening of Central School in the Nagar Palika Dalli-Rajhara were completed. The Minister Bhedia has urged the Union Minister of State Annapurna Devi in this regard and still the Central Government is dilly-delaying the sanction of central school for the region.

In such conditions, there is great deal of resentment among the people of the region and the silence on part of the central government could prove costly to the Opposition party in the state in the forthcoming VS polls due in few months from now.

Celebrating 75 years, Dream Drive reaches Ambikapur

Central Chronicle News

Ambikapur, Aug 24: Ashok Leyland's Boss 1415 and Bada Dost vehicles reached Ambikapur as part of the Dream Drive, celebrating 75 years of Ashok Leyland. Traveling from Guwahati, the vehicle is headed towards Ranchi. The drive will culminate in the manufacturing plant of Bhandara.

The drive will also cover Jamshedpur, Rourkela, Sambalpur, and Raipur in this journey. The Dream Drive with a total of 10 vehicles is traversing the length and breadth of the country on five different

routes. Starting from Bengaluru, Mumbai, Jammu, Kolkata, and Dibrugarh, the drive is traveling through key locations around the country and culminate at the manufacturing plants of Ashok Leyland. The drive aims to celebrate the company's enduring relationship with the nation in many dimensions.

Along the way, Ashok Leyland will engage with its extensive network of dealerships, a direct connection with its valued customers and gather insights from the years of experience of the Commercial Vehicle ecosystem.

BJP gathers citizen input for manifesto in Mungeli

Vijay Baghel engages with diverse groups

Central Chronicle News

Mungeli, Aug 24: Vijay Baghel, President of the State Election Manifesto Committee of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and a Member of Parliament, embarked on a comprehensive engagement in Mungeli to gather valuable suggestions from various segments of society, including social groups, traders, youth, and doctors, for the party's upcoming election manifesto. The discussions were marked by the presence of key figures such as MLA Punnulal Mohle, former MP Lakhnall Sahu, Dwarka Jaiswal, and Girish Shukla.

The district BJP office served as the backdrop for



Vijay Baghel's interactions with party members, where he actively solicited ideas to shape the manifesto. Outside Swami Atmanand School in Mungeli, he engaged with the youth, seeking their perspectives on the party's future course. Notably, he visited Babaji Hotel, managed by Santosh Vaishnav, at Maharana Pratap

Chowk, where he gathered suggestions, thus capturing the concerns and aspirations of the local community.

Vijay Baghel's quest for diverse inputs extended across various sectors. He received insights from the Mallah community, led by Municipal Council Vice President Mohan Mallah in Mallahpara. Likewise,

suggestions flowed in from the Sindhi community at the Jhulelal Dham premises, and from the Devangan community at the residence of Anand Devangan.

The business community shared their thoughts at the residence of Chamber of Commerce President Rajkumar Vadhma, while doctors and staff at Garg

Hospital provided their valuable input.

The dynamic engagement continued as Vijay Baghel interacted with journalists at the rest house, recognizing the significance of the media's perspectives. He emphasized citizen participation, extending an invitation to all to contribute their suggestions for the manifesto through a dedicated WhatsApp number, 9584656500.

A notable presence at these interactions included MLA Punnulal Mohle, former MP Lakhnall Sahu, Girish Shukla, Nishchal Gupta, Prem Arya, Dwarka Jaiswal, Mohan Bhojwani, Tokhan Sahu, Loknath Singh, Shivpratap Singh, and several other distinguished individuals, collectively reflecting the commitment of the BJP to foster an inclusive and comprehensive party manifesto.

Non-interlocking work to affect train movement

Bilaspur, Aug 24: Non-interlocking work is being done by West Central Railway to connect flyover between Powarkhedha and Juharpur railway stations in Itarsi-Bhopal section under Bhopal Railway Division. This work is to be done from 23rd to 28th August, 2023. As a result of this work, some trains are being cancelled, whose information is as under:

Cancelled trains:-

- 12853 Durg - Bhopal Express train journey commencing from 23rd to 26th August, 2023 will remain cancelled.
- 12854 Bhopal - Durg Express running from Bhopal from 24th to 27th August, 2023 will remain cancelled.
- 19343 Indore - Seoni Express leaving Indore on August 23, 25, 26 and 27, 2023 will remain cancelled.
- 19344 Chhindwara - Seoni - Indore Express leaving Chhindwara on 24th, 26th, 27th and 28th August, 2023 will remain cancelled.
- Railway Administration expresses regret for the inconvenience caused to the passengers and expects cooperation.

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Diverse initiatives foster voter awareness

Innovative approaches from wall art to dance instill civic responsibility

Khairagarh, Aug 24:

Under the astute guidance of District Election Officer and Collector Gopal Verma, the voter awareness endeavour known as SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) is currently in full swing, marked by an array of events throughout the district. Driven by the goal of achieving an impressive 100% voter turnout and equipping citizens to exercise their voting rights effectively, the district has carried out a multifaceted campaign in alignment with directives from the Election Commission of India.

Incorporating an assortment of activities, the voter awareness program encompasses innovative strategies such as vibrant rangoli art, spirited rallies, the felicitation of new voters, special gatherings to honour senior citizens,



and more. The youth residing in rural areas are demonstrating remarkable enthusiasm by actively participating in these initiatives, thus becoming instrumental in propagating the message of voter awareness. Concurrently, women from Self-Help Groups and rural regions are stepping forward, displaying heightened cognizance of their voting rights and becoming fervent advocates of the awareness movement.

The district is abuzz

with initiatives aimed at fostering voter consciousness. At notable educational institutions like Rani Rashmi Devi Mahavidyalaya Khairagarh and Swami Atmanand Vidyalaya Khairagarh, resounding voter awareness rallies are being conducted, captivating audiences with fervour and education. Meanwhile, in the Mudhipar Bazar of Khairagarh Development Block, rural inhabitants received hands-on guid-

ance on the operation of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) devices. The local police department plays an integral role in the SVEEP program, employing a proactive approach to educate the masses about the significance of voting. Commuters are greeted with informative stickers and posters adorning vehicles, further amplifying the message of voter awareness.

Quack kills patient to fake girlfriend's death

Three arrested

Durg, Aug 24:

A 37-year-old quack allegedly killed a patient to fake his married girlfriend's death so that they could elope in Chhattisgarh's Durg district, police said on Monday. The police on Sunday arrested Umesh Sahu, his girlfriend Supriya Yadav (32) and their accomplice Pradeep Janghel (36) for the murder of Surja Bai Markam, a resident of Gandai village, an official said. Sahu allegedly killed his long-time patient Markam and kept her body in a fridge at his clinic on August 14. The next night, the accused along with Janghel transported the body to Durg city in a car, he said. The body was then taken to Yadav's house, where the trio planted Yadav's jewellery on the victim and set her on fire in the storeroom of the house, the official said. Yadav was a resident of from Durg city, while Sahu and Janghel were from Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai district. Chhuikhadan-Gandai district in-laws lodged a complaint with Mohan Nagar police station after they found the charred body of a woman in the storeroom following an explosion on the intervening night of August 15-16, he said. They identified Yadav's jewellery on the body and feared that she died in the fire, the official said.

Attractive shape of SVEEP Bastar made through human chain

Collector administered oath to voters to exercise their franchise

Jagdalpur, Aug 24:

As per the instructions of the Election Commission of India, a massive voter awareness campaign is being conducted under the SVEEP programme in the direction of ensuring cent percent voter participation in all elections. In this context, thousands of school students and college youth including officers-employees and volunteers of Yuvodaya enthusiastically formed a huge human chain at Sports Complex Dharampura on Tuesday. Through this, a message was given to the voters to vote in all the elections. During this, everyone together created an attractive shape of SVEEP Bastar through human chain.

On this occasion, Collector and District Election Officer Vijay Dayaram K gave a message to all the voters including the youth to have full faith in democracy. Also asked to maintain the dignity of democratic traditions of the country. The Collector asked the youth and voters



to fearlessly exercise their franchise without being influenced by religion, class, caste, community, language or any other allurements, keeping the dignity of free & fair and peaceful elections intact. All were administered oath to exercise franchise in their respective elections. On this occasion, CEO

District Panchayat and Nodal Officer SVEEP Program Prakash Survey, Deputy District Election Officer Hitesh Baghel, Municipal Corporation Commissioner Harsh Mandavi, officers and employees of various departments and thousands of school students and college youth were present.

Students submit memo in the name of V-C



To extend last date for admission in Colleges

Gidhouri, Aug 24:

The students of Daulat Ram Sharma PG College, submitted a memorandum in the name of Vice-Chancellor to increase the last date for admission in the College. It is notable here that there are many graduate and PG seats

still lying vacant in the College and the University has closed down the admission process and due to which many a students are unable to apply and by doing so they are putting the future of many students in the dark.

Due to this many students from the College submitted a memorandum in the name of the Vice-Chancellor and demanded increase in the last date for submission

of application for admission. In this mainly Preetam Jaiswal, Abhishek Navrange, Malay Sahu, Manjit Rafiq, Gautam, Palak, Shweta, Akla Paikra, Yachana, Deepmala, Falguni, Fuleshwari, Kusum Sahu, Durga Verma, Anjali, Bhuwan Lal, Dushyant, Birendra, Narendra, Arvind, Pradeep, Dhaneshwar, Manish, Neelkamal, and hundreds of other students were present.

151 claimants of Congress applied for 12 assembly seats

Of Bastar division

Jagdalpur, Aug 24:

A total of 151 claimants have presented their claims as Congress party's candidate for 12 assembly seats in Bastar division. An application has been submitted to the block president for the candidature of the Congress. Being the only general seat in Bastar division, Jagdalpur has the maximum number of claimants. 31 applications were received for Jagdalpur. Jagdalpur has made its place in the first number on the 12 assembly seats of Bastar division. 31 applications including Jagdalpur MLA Rekhand Jain and former Congress President Rajeev Sharma have come for the Jagdalpur Assembly. On the last day of presenting the claim, Rajeev Sharma, former Congress President for the Jagdalpur Assembly, has presented his claim with a strong show of strength. The display of his show of strength by Rajeev Sharma further intensified party politics within Congress. Apart from Rajeev Sharma, no one has presented his



claim with a sizeable number of workers and supporters in this rally of show of strength. On the other hand, Excise Minister Kawasi Lakhma is the only contender of Congress from Kanta Assembly. There, no Congress leader even thought it appropriate to present his candidature application in front of him. Having only one name, Kawasi Lakhma has become the unopposed candidate of the Congress and now only the formal announcement of his name is left.

A total of 58 applications have been submitted in the three assembly constituen-

cies of Kanker district. Apart from the present MLA, District Panchayat President, District President, District Member, Sarpanch, government officials and employees are also included in the race for ticket in the district. Apart from the district president of Congress in Kanker, the Charama block president has also presented his claim. A total of 19 applications including MLA Shishupal Sorli have been received for Kanker Assembly. Along with MLA Savitri Mandavi, 28 other leaders have staked claim from Bhanupratappur assembly constituency under Kanker district. On the

other hand, 11 contenders along with present MLA Anoop Nag have presented their claim for Antagarh assembly under Kanker district.

Ten contenders including Chitrakot MLA Rajman Benzam have submitted applications for Chitrakot Assembly. Similarly, only 4 applications including Bastar MLA Lakheshwar Baghel have been received for Bastar Assembly. A total of 5 applications including MLA Chandan Kashyap have been received for Narayanpur Assembly. A total of 7 contenders including MLA Vikram Mandavi from Bijapur assembly constituency have submitted applications for the candidature of Congress. At the same time, a total of 06 claimants including Mohan Markam, MLA from Kondagaon assembly constituency and former Congress state president, have submitted applications. As many as 10 contenders, including MLA Santram Netam from Keshkal assembly constituency, have submitted applications for Congress candidature.

A total of 19 leaders have staked claim in Dantewada

this time along with Devati Karma and her son Chhabindra Karma. Congress leaders from Geedam block are among the maximum number of claimants in Dantewada. However, in the last assembly, apart from Devati Karma and Chhabindra Karma, only one or two names came up. The Dantewada assembly seat is considered the stronghold of the Karma family. Mahendra Karma's wife Devati Karma had won from here in the year 2013, but she was defeated in 2018. The biggest reason for the defeat was considered to be the dispute between mother and son over the ticket. Due to not getting ticket from Congress, Chhabindra Karma had entered the election field against his mother Devati Karma. Later, after the persuasion of the party, he backed down. Naxalites had killed Bhima Mandavi just a few days after the election. After which the by-election was held in Dantewada. In which Bhima Mandavi's wife Ojasvi Mandavi was standing in front of Goddess Karma. This time Devati was successful in registering victory again.

Forgiveness is The Best Revenge : Michhami Dukkadam



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Michhami Dukkadam is an ancient Indian Prakrit language phrase, found in historic Jain texts. It's a word of the Ardhamagadhi language (language spoken during the time of Lord Mahavir). It's Sanskrit equivalent is "Mithya me duskrtam" and both

literally mean- "may all the evil that has been done be in vain." It is used widely for the Pratikramana ritual on the last day of Paryushana called Samvatsari in the Svetambara and Kshamavani in the Digambara tradition. The phrase is alternatively interpreted and said to mean, "may all my improper actions be inconsequential or "I ask pardon of all living being, may all of them pardon me, may I have friendship with all beings and enmity with none." As a matter of ritual, they greet their friends and relatives with "Michhami Dukkadam", seeking their forgiveness.

A lack of forgiveness comes in many forms... unexpected breakups, family trauma or betrayal of any kind easily cause resentment to take root in



our hearts. It can be unimaginably hard task to choose to let go of past hurts and begin to heal, but decision to forgive will ultimately lead to a happier and more fulfilling life. It's important to understand that deciding to forgive doesn't mean you're dismissing or justifying the pain someone has caused you; it will however create space in your mind and heart for true joy.

There is no love without forgiveness and

there is no forgiveness without love. It's a powerful expression of love within our soul. Martin Luther King Jr. said - "We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of power to love" It takes a strong person to say they're sorry and even stronger person to forgive. The weak can never forgive, it's the attribute of the strong. Without forgiveness life is governed by endless cycle of resent-

ment and retaliation. It's above all a personal choice, a decision of the heart to go against natural instinct to pay back evil. Forgive is a sign that the person who has wronged you means more to you than the wrong they have dealt.

Forgiveness is a conscious internal process and deliberate decision to let go the grudge towards individuals. This includes releasing the thoughts and feelings of resentment, anger, bitterness and the desires for revenge, punishment and retribution towards group or someone ; who we believe has harmed us. Being able to forgive is on the healthiest emotions in the universe. By forgiving we don't forgive the person who did something wrong but we forgive ourselves. Infact, forgiveness is the sweetest revenge. Mastering the art of forgiveness plays a crucial role in

happiness and quality of our life. It's a precious gift we give to ourselves.

People are illogical, unreasonable and self-centered. If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives. Do good and love them anyway. If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies. The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow. Do good and succeed anyway. Honesty and forgiveness make you vulnerable. If you find serenity and happiness, others may be jealous. Be honest, frank and happy anyway. Forgiveness is not a feeling ; it is a commitment. It is a choice to show mercy, not to hold the offence up against the offender. It's an expression of love and compassion. It may not change the past, but it does make the future more fruitfull and bright.

3 BJP MLAs from Odisha will reach Bastar



Jagdalpur, Aug 24:

The Bharatiya Janata Party has started preparing for the victory in the assembly elections. BJP leaders are continuously visiting Bastar to capture the assembly seats of Bastar and to excite the workers. Now 3 BJP MLAs from the neighbouring state of Odisha have reached Bastar on Aug 22. And after taking a meeting of BJP workers, they will go to different assembly seats and know the electoral equation. District President Roop Singh Mandavi has asked all the office bearers and workers to get involved in the assembly elections in the workers' meeting regarding the visit of BJP MLAs of Odisha to Bastar.

Along with this, a framework was prepared regarding the migration of MLAs of Odisha to Bastar. Giving information about this, BJP District President Roop Singh Mandavi said that BJP MLA Niyand Gond, who came from Odisha, will be taken to Bastar Vidhan Sabha, Nauri Nayak to Chitrakot Vidhan Sabha and Subhash Pani Grahi to Jagdalpur Vidhan Sabha. After assessing the condition of the organization by taking a meeting of the workers, a strategy will be prepared to ensure BJP's victory and to remove the shortcomings. He said that every worker is determined to hoist the BJP's victory in all the assembly seats of the district.

A pretty terrible ending for Wagner force's bosses

Moscow, Aug 24:

Yevgeny Prigozhin and Dmitry Utkin, the co-founders of the Wagner Group reportedly were killed in a plane crash outside of Moscow. Prigozhin and Utkin's names were on the plane's manifest before departure.

A Wagner group statement said the plane was shot down. Reports say that two explosions were heard before the plane plummeted to earth.

There is video of the plane falling from the sky



General Sergey Surovikin (L) and Yevgeny Prigozhin (R).

out of control. The video was taken by a civilian with a cellphone from her garden. It is likely she

heard the explosions and rushed to see what was going on. There is speculation that the plane, an Embraer 6000 with registration number RA-02795, had been in the air only a few minutes and was shot down. It had departed Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport and was heading to St. Petersburg. The area where it crashed is a few

miles north of Moscow. The passenger manifest included Prigozhin and Utkin and seven others.

Others say that Prigozhin used a different Embraer, a 650 model, which departed Moscow for Belarus. This story is circulating but so far at least even the Russian press is reporting Prigozhin was on the Embraer that crashed.

If the plane was shot down, the story harks back to the grisly end of Lin Biao, Mao Zedong's erstwhile designated successor, in Mongolia on September 13, 1971.

The elimination of Prigozhin and Utkin puts the Wagner group in a situation where some leadership will need to be found. Wagner is active in Belarus and also in Africa.

UK minister eyes doubling trade with India by 2030 with new campaign

London, Aug 24 (PTI):

UK Business and Trade Secretary Kemi Badenoch launched a new "Alive with Opportunity" campaign on Thursday to help double trade with India by 2030, with a series of targeted trade missions for UK firms in high growth sectors.

4 people dead in shooting at California biker bar

Trabuco Canyon (US), Aug 24 (AP): Three people were killed in a shooting Wednesday at a Southern California biker bar and the shooter also died, Orange County Sheriff's officials said.

The shooting was reported at around 7 p.m. at Cook's Corner in rural Trabuco Canyon in Orange County. Another six people were transported to hospitals, five of them with gunshot wounds, the sheriff's department posted on X, formerly known as Twitter.

trade agreement (FTA) negotiations now in their twelfth round of negotiations.

Additionally, the new GBP 1.5-million "GREAT" marketing blitz is aimed at going beyond the strong bilateral business and trade links to highlight shared cultural interests from football and cricket, to food and film.

"I'm delighted to be returning to India to support their G20 Presidency, further our trade talks and meet key business leaders," Badenoch said on the eve of her visit.

"The UK and India have a thriving relationship and we both share an am-

bitation to deepen our cultural and trading ties.

India is the UK's second biggest source of investment projects and I'm confident this new campaign will help boost interest in and demand for UK goods and services even further," she said.

While at the G20 trade meet, the UK's Department for Business and Trade (DBT) said the minister will pitch for greater deployment of dig-

ital trade, which will cut red tape and make it easier for UK businesses of all sizes to buy and sell internationally.

Her visit coincides with Round 12 of the FTA talks being hosted by New Delhi and her meeting with Goyal will "take stock" of negotiations and agree how to progress a deal, which is expected to boost bilateral trade already worth GBP 36 billion in 2022.

UN Security Council, minus China and Russia, condemns Myanmar military's killing of civilians

United Nations, Aug 24 (AP): Members of the U.N. Security Council minus China and Russia condemned the "unrelenting violence" and killing of civilians in Myanmar and again urged its military rulers to stop attacks, release ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi and respect human rights. Thirteen of the 15 council members on Wednesday backed a joint statement that said there had been "insufficient progress" on implementing the first-ever Security Council resolution on Myanmar that was adopted last December. In that 12-0 vote, China and Russia, which have ties to the military that seized power from Suu Kyi's elected civilian government in February 2021, abstained along with India whose two-year term on the council has ended.

Britain's deputy U.N. ambassador James Kariuki read the statement, flanked by diplomats from the other countries, after the council was briefed at a closed meeting by U.N. humanitarian chief Martin Griffiths on his recent visit to Myanmar and by Assistant Secretary-General Khaled Khari on efforts to resolve the crisis.

The statement reiterates demands from the December 2022 council resolution that still require implementation: the immediate release of all "arbitrarily detained" prisoners including ousted leader Suu Kyi and president Win Myint, restoring democratic institutions, respecting human rights and "the democratic will of the people," and upholding the rule of law.

It also calls for the full implementation of the plan by the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations that Myanmar's rulers agreed

to in April 2021 but have made little progress in fulfilling. It includes an immediate cessation of violence, a dialogue among all parties mediated by an ASEAN envoy who is also to visit Myanmar and meet all parties. Envoys have visited but not been allowed to meet Suu Kyi.

The 13 council members said the military's actions have left over 18 million people in Myanmar in need of humanitarian assistance over 15 million of them without regular access to adequate food and 2 million people displaced.

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Death of a Maverick

Yevgeny Prigozhin's Enigmatic Demise

Unfurl the somber banner, for the titanic realm of Russia stands awash in intrigue and consternation as news of the ill-fated crash claims none other than Yevgeny Prigozhin, the indomitable chieftain of the Wagner mercenary cohort. Mere eight weeks past his audacious bid to seize the helm of authority from the army's top brass, Prigozhin met an untimely end, his life extinguished amidst the northern reaches of Moscow. The sepulchral event casts an impenetrable shroud over the nation, leaving no survivors in its wake. Behold the Kremlin's sphinx-like demeanour and the Defense Ministry's vault of silence, withholding the official anointing of truth regarding Prigozhin's fate. A vociferous adversary of the army's leadership, he denounced their perceived mishandling of Russia's foray into the Ukrainian theater. Now, he is consigned to an eerie silence, leaving a chasm of speculation in his wake. Yet the Grey Zone, a steadfast ally of the Wagner group, reverberates with a bold decree – they declare Prigozhin's demise, immortalizing him as a heroic patriot, fallen at the hands of shadowy "traitors to Russia." As the void of certainty expands, conjectures breed like tempestuous squalls. Some accusatory fingers point to the very bosom of the Russian state, insinuating a web of intrigue and insurrection. Others direct their gaze toward Ukraine, poised on the cusp of independence celebration, implicating it in this bewildering tragedy. In the gathering dusk, the edifice that houses Wagner's sanctum in St. Petersburg assumes a reverent stance, its illuminated windows crafting a resplendent cross – an eloquent requiem to honor the fallen. The reverberations of Prigozhin's exit resonate deep within the ranks of the Wagner Group, an assemblage that drew the ire of President Vladimir Putin himself, igniting with its abortive coup against the army's top echelons. His departure creates a cavernous void, one that questions the group's venturesome forays across African terrains and far-flung territories. This absence is more than administrative – it is symbolic, signifying the cessation of a chapter that dared challenge Putin's dominion, a rarity since his ascension in 1999. Rosaviatsia, the sentinel of Russian aviation, etches into the annals the names of the ten souls embarked on that ill-fated flight, a list adorned with the luminous legacy of Prigozhin and his lieutenant, Dmitry Utkin, the very architect of the Wagner saga. In the wake of this calamity, Russian inquisitors spearhead a relentless quest to unearth the concealed truths. Whispers murmur of surface-to-air missiles that orchestrated the plane's fall from grace, yet such conjectures remain mere phantoms, their substantiation elusive as a mirage. The intended voyage from Moscow to St. Petersburg was ruthlessly truncated, the plane's final resting place near the village of Kuzhenkino now a mournful monument of despair. As the investigation unfurls its enigma and the nation bows its head in grief, Russia finds itself grappling with a void of profound proportions. Yevgeny Prigozhin's inexplicable demise renders not just the Wagner Group bereft, but it also punctuates the very fabric of Russia's contemporary chronicle. In the countenance of this enigma, the nation stands resolute, demanding elucidation. The fall of a man who sowed dissent resonates not merely within inked columns, but within corridors of power, hearts that dared question, and the quintessence of a nation navigating uncharted territory in a post-Prigozhin epoch.

On the Precipice of Sacrifice

A Call to Fortify Our Defenders

In the unforgiving crucible of duty, tragedy has once again cast its cruel shadow over our indomitable Armed Forces. A heart-wrenching incident has pierced our hearts—a calamity that claimed the lives of nine valiant Army personnel, including a steadfast Junior Commissioned Officer, in a vehicular mishap at Kiari in Nyoma, Leh district, the Union Territory of Ladakh. This poignant moment stands as a stark testament to the perilous challenges that mark the arduous path of defending our borders along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China in Ladakh—a theater etched with the relentless strain of Sino-Indian tensions that have endured for over three relentless years. In this reverberating tragedy, a clarion call resounds—a call that encapsulates the daunting challenges and unwavering resolve of our gallant soldiers. To underestimate the unforgiving trials they brave from the confines of comfort is a grave oversight. The very ground they tread, replete with treacherous precipices, permits no room for misjudgment; a single misstep can plunge them into irrevocable loss. In spite of the strides in infrastructural enhancements—crafted with cutting-edge technologies, tunnels, and bridges—to elevate road conditions, this incident resonates with an unyielding truth: the austere landscape brooks no compromise. Our soldiers, who pledge their lives in steadfast defense, confront perils that stand as immutable elements of their sacred duty. While airborne expeditions may be employed to reach remote bastions, the necessity for reconnaissance mandates a ground-based approach—a reality tragically underscored by the lamentable events that unfolded in Nyoma. The weight of so many lives lost in an instant bears down upon us with unyielding force—an agonizing reminder of the dire need for impervious safety standards that safeguard the vehicles entrusted to our intrepid military. The value of every life, a gem beyond measure, demands unwavering security measures that shield them from catastrophic loss. Road mishaps, however, constitute just one facet of the manifold hazards our warriors confront daily. As they stand unwavering at their posts, they battle avalanches, wrestle with the whims of extreme climates, and navigate altitudes that test human limits. Resilience courses through their veins; their allegiance to the nation remains steadfast, unswayed by the trials they endure. Our nation stands indebted to these noble souls—a debt beyond words, demanding tangible action. The mantle of responsibility falls squarely upon the Government—a responsibility to provide our defenders with cutting-edge equipment, unwavering support, and an environment conducive to executing their duties with precision, even in the most formidable conditions. Their valor and selflessness demand nothing less than our boundless admiration and unequivocal support. In the wake of this heart-rending catastrophe, an unflinching investigation is imperative—a quest to unearth truth, confront causative factors, and preclude the specter of such sorrow from casting its shadow anew. Scrutinizing elements that range from the driver's experience to duty-hour protocols, this inquiry seeks to uncover potential human-related factors that may have conspired in this tragic event. Identifying vulnerabilities within our safety framework stands paramount—a foundation on which our future safeguards rest. Amidst the throes of anguish, the burden of leadership takes on profound dimensions—a burden to provide solace and succor to the bereaved families of our valiant soldiers. A united military functions as a familial unit, and when comrades are lost in the crucible of a single catastrophe, the agony resonates collectively. In these moments of trial, it falls upon leadership to bolster unit morale—a beacon guiding them through tumultuous waters. The Ladakh tragedy resounds as an unwavering summons—an appeal not merely to mourn, but to stand unwavering in our commitment. As a nation, we pledge to empower our defenders, to honor their sacrifices with resolute dedication, and to buttress our forces with an unyielding commitment to security and support. Their valour is our collective fortitude, their sacrifices an embodiment of our shared purpose.

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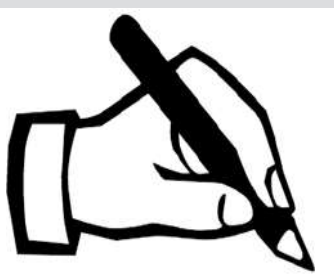


Members of Seva Sankalp Yuva Sangathan celebrate the successful soft landing of ISRO's Chandrayaan-3 on the surface of the Moon, in Bhopal, Thursday, Aug. 24.

Reinventing Congress: Reconstituted CWC reflects a bid for change



YASH PAL RALHAN



The winds of change are sweeping through the corridors of the Indian National Congress as the party takes a significant step towards redefining its identity and strategies. The reconstitution of the Congress Working Committee (CWC) not only signifies a renewal of leadership but also reflects the party's earnest endeavour to revitalize itself ahead of the impending electoral battles. This transformation, marked by the inclusion of fresh faces and the infusion of diverse perspectives, points towards a resolute effort to break free from stagnation and infuse new life into the grand old party of Indian politics.

As the Indian political landscape prepares for the challenges of the forthcoming elections, the revamped CWC emerges as a strategic move by the Congress to reposition itself in the hearts and minds of the people. The party's inability to secure a Leader of Opposition role in the Lok Sabha, a reflection of its underwhelming performance, serves as a poignant reminder of the urgency for change. This restructuring is more than just a symbolic gesture; it is a deliberate attempt to shake off the cobwebs of complacency and rejuvenate the Congress's ideological

spirit. President Mallikarjun Kharge's decision to reshape the CWC holds deeper significance. By incorporating members associated with the G23 group, the party exhibits a willingness to embrace diverse perspectives and promote collective decision-making at the highest echelons. However, the real litmus test lies in whether this newfound inclusion translates into a substantive shift in the party's decision-making dynamics or remains confined to a symbolic gesture. The reconstituted CWC, while commendable, raises questions about the depth of change within a party that has long been synonymous with the Gandhi family's leadership. Breaking away from this entrenched tradition presents a unique challenge, yet it also signifies the party's conscious efforts to explore new avenues. The Congress faces a pressing need to reinvigorate its ideological commitment and strategic acumen, effectively bridging the gap between its historical roots and the evolving demands of a dynamic nation. The current void in the party's intellectual and spiritual fabric has been growing for years, reflected in its prolonged absence from power in states like Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, and Gujarat.

The writing on the wall is clear – a fundamental reevaluation of approach and ideology is necessary to recapture the hearts of the electorate. The reconstituted CWC, if willing to confront this deep-seated challenge head-on, could herald a transformation that goes beyond party lines, impacting the national political landscape. The induction of prominent figures such as Dr. Shashi Tharoor and Anand Sharma into the committee suggests a readiness to engage in deeper discussions on both ideological and operational fronts. Traditionally, ideological principles have been passed down through generations, but the true test lies in how the party addresses practical challenges posed by a rapidly evolving political landscape. The reconstituted CWC is expected to navigate these challenges while fostering an environment conducive to dissent and innovative thinking. One of the critical aspects of this transformation involves a flexible approach towards state units. Lessons should be learned from instances like Punjab and Delhi, where central leadership's alliances clashed with local preferences. Prioritizing intra-party unity is paramount, as demonstrated by the inclusion of Rajesh Pilot in the CWC, reflecting a willingness to accommodate diverse voices. The impending assembly elections, set to unfold within a few months, will serve as a testing ground for the Congress's efforts at reinvention. The party's performance in key states like Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Telangana, and Mizoram will have far-reaching implications for its ambitions and its role in the 2024 parliamentary elections. Successfully

bridging the generational and ideological gaps remains a challenge, and Kharge's balancing act demonstrates his commitment to maintaining unity within the party's ranks. While the rejuvenation of the CWC holds promise, certain choices have been met with disappointment. The retention of figures like former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh and former Union Minister A.K. Antony, who are essentially retired from active politics, raises questions about the committee's dynamism. Concerns also arise about regional representation, with Kerala seemingly overrepresented compared to Andhra and Telangana. As the Congress prepares to lead the newly formed INDIA alliance against a formidable government in the Lok Sabha, it must navigate complex political terrains skillfully. Balancing alliances and competition in states like West Bengal, Kerala, Punjab, and Delhi will be pivotal. Additionally, the party faces challenges in states like Maharashtra, where alliance partners' vulnerability to the BJP's influence poses a unique set of obstacles. The absence of Rahul Gandhi during the CWC reconstitution process in Ladakh suggests an effort by the Gandhi family to grant the President and the CWC greater autonomy. However, skepticism prevails regarding the extent of this change, given the historical dominance of the family. For the Congress to reap electoral rewards, the reconstituted CWC must wield the power to think and act collectively, unshackled from the limitations of the past. The journey towards transformation is underway; only time will reveal the true extent of the party's metamorphosis.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lunar Triumph

The Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) Chandrayaan-3 Lander Module (LM) achieved an extraordinary feat, marking India's successful soft landing on the Moon's surface on August 23. This monumental achievement, following its launch on July 14, places India as the fourth nation, alongside the USSR, U.S., and China, to achieve this milestone. The event signifies a transformative moment for India in space exploration, particularly with its pioneering touchdown on the uncharted lunar south pole. Chandrayaan-3's success not only enhances India's image but also ignites scientific curiosity among students. Immediately after Chandrayaan-3 soft landing, NASA Administrator Bill Nelson's congratulatory note to India "congratulations to #India on being the 4th country to successfully soft-land a spacecraft on the Moon. We're glad to be your partner on this mission!" While celebrations abound, it's important not to overshadow the scientific accomplishments by excessively exuberant displays of patriotism. Chandrayaan-3 rectifies past errors, setting the stage for comprehensive lunar research.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee, Faridabad

Chandrayan's Feat

Chandrayan-3's milestone marks a historic stride for Indian scientists, evoking pride in the realm of knowledge and exploration. We extend congratulations to these achievers and advocate for embracing this scholarly and scientific advancement. Delving into its intricacies can unravel the secrets of the universe. Amidst the glory, it's imperative to shield this achievement from political biases.

Afazuddin Kazi Qasmi, Mumbai

India's Lunar Feat

India's historic feat as the first nation to land on the Moon's South Pole stands as a testament to innovation. Overcoming harsh conditions, this accomplishment showcases the determination of both scientists and the government. The resilience shown after a previous setback speaks volumes, with the Prime Minister's encouragement fueling their pursuit of excellence. This triumph isn't just about gains and losses; it's a stride towards human advancement. Amidst the BRICS conference, the PM's assurance that this victory benefits global society emphasizes its humanitarian significance. ISRO's achievement not only eases upcoming missions but also taps into the Moon's ice-water deposits for fuel. This remarkable leap brings immortal value, resonating with human welfare. Kudos to ISRO and Indian scientists for this monumental stride.

N Ashraf, Mumbai

Milestone on the Moon: India's success with Chandrayaan-3



Dr. Satyawan Saurabh

Introduction:

India, once known for its diverse symbolism as the land of both serpents and sages, has now solidified its position among the global space technology leaders. This accomplishment comes as India achieves the remarkable feat of being the fourth nation to achieve a soft lunar landing with its Chandrayaan-3 mission. Nestled within the spacecraft, the

Chandrayaan-3 rover is poised to explore the lunar surface. The mission duration of the lander is anticipated to span a single lunar day, equivalent to 14 Earth days. In contrast to the previous crash landing, India has now joined the ranks of the United States, Russia, and China in this historic achievement. This feat not only underscores India's expanding space expertise but also marks the pioneering instance of landing at the South Pole region.

Nationwide Celebration

India's space agency has effectively showcased the nation's prowess in space exploration and burgeoning space commerce by successfully landing a rover, Chandrayaan-3, on the Moon. Crafted on a relatively modest budget of under \$75 million, the Chandrayaan-3 mission has realized the aspirations of 1.4 billion Indians. This achievement, the culmination of widespread anticipation, has ignited celebrations across the nation. The anxieties

that lingered from the previous mission were dispelled, and the collective joy of the Indian populace blossomed upon the rover's lunar touch.

Joining the Elite Lunar Explorers

India's triumphant mission propels it into an exclusive consortium of nations—comprising the United States, the former Soviet Union, and China—that have achieved soft landings on the Moon. Recent attempts by other nations faced challenges, such as a Japanese start-up's miscalculated landing altitude leading to a crash and an Israeli spacecraft's unfortunate lunar surface contact. Following the deployment of an orbiter in the Chandrayaan-2 mission, India succeeded in landing the lander and rover, thereby making strides toward its lunar exploration ambitions. This latest endeavour, Chandrayaan-3, aims to explore the Moon's permanently shadowed craters believed to hold water reserves.

Meticulous Planning

Chandrayaan-3 comprises a 2-meter-long lander engineered to deploy a rover near the Moon's South Pole—a location where water ice has been detected. The rover is expected to conduct experiments during its two-week operational period. Solar power will fuel Chandrayaan-3's lander and rover throughout their lunar mission, accounting for the Moon's 14-day day-night cycle. Precise calculations guided the mission's timing, ensuring the South Pole region would be sunlit between August 23 and September 5, enabling the rover's charging and scientific activities.

Driving Private Investment and Space Commerce

The Indian Space Research Organization's launch reflects the nation's growing stature as a formidable player in space exploration and commerce. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's policies aimed at boosting investment in private space endeavours have spurred the growth of space start-

ups since 2020. India's expanding space operations, including the successful launch of its privately developed rocket Vikram-S in November 2022, underscore its role as a significant commercial space contributor. India's aspiration to increase its global launch market share fivefold within a decade indicates a strategic pursuit to establish itself as a space industry leader.

India's accomplishment in soft lunar landing with Chandrayaan-3 not only solidifies its position among the leading spacefaring nations but also marks a pivotal stride toward unlocking the mysteries of the Moon's uncharted territories. This achievement stands as a testament to India's unwavering dedication to scientific exploration and technological innovation, ushering the nation onto the global stage as a trailblazer in space exploration.

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BRIEF

Contributed significantly



New Delhi: The Ministry of MSME contributed significantly in realising the dream of Chandrayaan-3, Union Minister Narayan Rane said on Wednesday. The Minister for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises said, Bhubaneswar Tool Room under the ministry manufactured about 54,000 aerospace components of 437 varieties for the mission. "IDEMI Mumbai, another institute under the ministry, also played an important role in manufacturing of parts for Chandrayaan-3," an official statement said quoting the minister.

EV adoption

New Delhi: Tata Power EV Charging Solutions on Thursday said it has tied up with car-sharing platform Zoomcar to promote electric vehicle adoption. The collaboration aims to promote Tata Power's EZ Charge points on the Zoomcar platform and will focus on supporting existing and aspiring EV owners along with Zoomcar's existing customers. Tata aims to establish 25,000 charging points in the next five years, bolstering the national EV ecosystem and driving sustainable mobility growth.

New launch



New Delhi: Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari said he will unveil a 100 per cent ethanol-fueled variant of Toyota's Innova car on August 29. The Union minister, who has been exhorting automakers to come out with alternative fuel-powered and green vehicles, had last year launched a hydrogen-powered car, Toyota Mirai EV. "On August 29, I am going to launch the popular (Toyota) Innova car on 100 per cent ethanol," Gadkari said while addressing the Mint Sustainability Summit here.

Recycling policy

Chandigarh: Haryana's deputy chief minister Dushyant Chautala on Monday said that the state government will soon bring an electronics waste recycling policy. He said the policy aims at proper recycling of old and defective electronic items in the state. According to an official statement, while presiding over a meeting of officers of Industries and Commerce Department here, Chautala said that the state government is preparing an electronics waste recycling policy, which will soon be finalised after consulting the stakeholders.

India, US looking at ending poultry dispute at WTO

Jaipur, Aug 24:

After mutually resolving six trade disputes with the US at the World Trade Organization (WTO), New Delhi and Washington are now trying to engage in ending their last pending dispute over poultry products, a senior government official said on Thursday. In July, India and the US mutually resolved six trade disputes pending at the WTO, in line with the commitment made by the two countries during the US visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in June.

The six disputes include three initiated by India and as many by the US. The official said that now the two countries have resolved six out of seven trade disputes, and "we are trying to resolve the seventh also". This matter

along with some others are expected to figure during the bilateral meeting of Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and US Trade Representative (USTR) Katherine Tai in New Delhi.

The official added that both countries are also exploring participation of their companies in government procurement systems in either countries. During Modi's US visit in June, a joint statement stated that the prime minister had expressed India's interest towards being recognized as a Trade Agreements Act-designated country by the US to further enhance the integration of both economies and promote bilateral trade and investment. In this regard, the two sides have welcomed the initia-

tion of discussions at an official level on issues related to bilateral government procurement. "We also want to be part of their process, they also want us to be a part of our process," the official added.

The six trade disputes which were resolved included a complaint by India against the US with regard to the imposition of countervailing duties on certain hot rolled carbon steel flat products from India. On September 9, 2016, India filed a case against the US pertaining to domestic content requirements and subsidies instituted by the governments of states of Washington, California, Montana, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Michigan, Delaware and Minnesota, in the energy sector.

Another dispute filed by the US against India was related to domestic content requirements under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission for solar cells and solar modules. In 2018, the US filed a case against India's alleged export subsidy measures. Similarly, on July 3, 2019, the US filed a dispute against New Delhi on imposition of additional duties with respect to certain products originating in the US.

The poultry case was filed by the US against India in the WTO in 2012. India has lost the dispute both at the panel as well as the appellate body levels. It was ruled against India that New Delhi's ban on imports of poultry products from the US was inconsistent with global norms.

Will soon seek Cabinet nod for green hydrogen consumption mandate: Power minister R K Singh

New Delhi, Aug 24:



The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy will soon seek Union Cabinet's approval for a mandate on the use of green hydrogen in different industries. As per the consumption mandate, various industries especially petroleum, steel and fertilizers, would be mandated to consume certain proportion of green hydrogen. At present various industries use hydrogen produced using energy from non-fossil fuel-based sources.

"Basically that (green hydrogen consumption) mandate fixation is in process. By and large, we have had the discussions and we have come up with some figures, and we will go to the cabinet soon," Union Power and New & Renewable Energy Minister R K Singh said at the BNEF Summit here.

"We have had discussions with the concerned ministries on this," he said, adding that most ministries want the mandates to be small to start with, "but I want a larger mandate for obvious reasons". The minister explained that the government amended the Energy Conservation Act, which gives power to the government to lay down mandates for changing the feedstock from fossil to non-fossil. "So I can mandate fertilizer, petroleum (industries) etc.

For instance, I can ask fertilizer and petroleum (units) that you are using grey hydrogen or get ammonia and certain percentage of that has to be green from this year onwards. Gradually escalating it so that 100 per cent of that is green hydrogen," he said. At present the ministry is debating with stakeholders the issue of the proportion of green hydrogen for industries. This assumes significance in view of the National Green Hydrogen Mission launched by the government earlier this year. On 4th January 2023, the Union Cabinet had approved the National Green Hydrogen Mission with an outlay of Rs 19,744 crore from FY24 to FY30. The overarching objective of the mission is to make India a global hub for production, usage and export of green hydrogen and its derivatives.

Infosys ropes in tennis icon Rafael Nadal as brand ambassador

New Delhi, Aug 24:



IT services company Infosys on Thursday announced a three-year partnership with Rafael Nadal, onboarding the global tennis star as ambassador for the brand and Infosys' Digital Innovation. To mark Nadal's first-ever collaboration with a digital services company, Infosys and Nadal's coaching team are developing an AI-powered match analysis tool, the Bengaluru-headquartered company said in a release. This personalised tool will be available in real time to Nadal's coaching team to simultaneously track insights from his live matches, when he is back on tour, along with historical data from his earlier matches. The com-

pany release announced the partnership, saying "Infosys onboards tennis icon Rafael Nadal as ambassador for the brand and Infosys' Digital Innovation." According to Infosys, Nadal is a perfect embodiment of what it takes individuals or business leaders to evolve and continually navigate their

next. Globally acknowledged as one of the legends in sports, he also has had the ability to change with the changing rigors of tennis over the years. "I'm very happy to work closely with Infosys, as they work to not only evolve the experience of tennis to the times, but also empower people in our communities to be part of a brighter future. I love the way Infosys has brought its digital expertise across industries to the global tennis ecosystem," Nadal said. Salil Parekh, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, Infosys said it is an honour to welcome Nadal, one of the world's most respected champion athletes and humanitarians, as an ambassador for Infosys.

Sensex closes lower by 180 points

Mumbai, Aug 24: (PTI)

Benchmark stock indices Sensex and Nifty closed lower on Thursday after three days of gains dragged mainly by selling in index majors Reliance Industries and HDFC Bank. The BSE Sensex pared early gains to settle 180.96 points or 0.28 per cent lower at 65,252.34. During the day, it hit a high of 65,913.77 and a low of 65,181.94. The NSE Nifty declined 57.30 points or 0.29 per cent to settle at 19,386.70 as 35 of its stocks declined while 16 advanced. Sensex and Nifty opened higher following overnight gains in US stocks and positive cues from Asian markets. However, losses in IT, oil, and banking shares dragged the indices into negative territory.

Housing demand has power to unlock economy's potential: HDFC Bank Director

Kolkata, Aug 24:



HDFC Bank Director Keki Mistry on Wednesday asserted that the demand for housing will continue in India and it has the power to unlock the potential of the economy. Speaking at the foundation day celebration of Bandhan Bank, Mistry said the housing sector also generates huge employment and has a better credit risk profile than other segments.

"Housing holds the key to unlock the potential of the economy. I am optimistic about the demand for housing in India. It also generates huge employment," Mistry, vice-chairman and CEO of erstwhile HDFC said.

Mortgage lender HDFC has now been merged with HDFC Bank. Mistry said the penetration level of mortgage lending is very low in the country as compared to the US or China. "Mortgage to GDP ratio is very low in India," he said. "The structural demand for housing in the

country will always be strong," Mistry said, adding that "housing loans are safe and have better credit risk profile". Regarding corporate governance (CG), Mistry said the role of independent directors needs to be strengthened.

"CG is the measure of how companies are run. Sound CG principles are necessary for long-term sustenance. This is why the role of independent directors needs to be strengthened," he said. "Good CG has a distinct advantage as investors are ready to pay a premium. More importantly, the role of independent directors is crucial as the business environment has become far more complex," Mistry said.

Mars Wrigley collaborates with Jasprit Bumrah for Boomer

New Delhi, Aug 24:

Mars Wrigley India's oldest and beloved fruity bubblegum brand, Boomer is back with an exciting campaign featuring India's star pacer Jasprit Bumrah. Fondly referred to as 'Boom Boom Bumrah' for his bowling, team India's pace spearhead is the perfect fit for Boomer to captivate the hearts of its consumers. Enticing Indian consumers' palettes with its fruity flavors splashed with a tinge of humor for over 25 years, Boomer has become a legacy brand in the country. The latest TVC builds on its adored 'Boom Boom Boomer' jingle evolving its humorous essence to 'Har pal fun

kar, Boom Boom Boomer'.

Announcing the latest collaboration, Varun Kandhari, Director of Marketing and Customer Marketing, at Mars Wrigley India, said, "With over 25 years in India, Mars Wrigley's Boomer is a legacy brand that has been holding a strong sense of nostalgia among Millennials and Gen-X consumers for decades. Through this new collaboration with one of the finest cricketers talents of India, Jasprit Bumrah, the brand aims to inspire moments of happiness in the brand loyalists and, attract the Gen-Z audience by showcasing Boomer as the preferred indulgent gum."

HZL will be among the best companies in world: Chairman

New Delhi, Aug 24:



Hindustan Zinc Ltd will ramp up production of zinc - that is used in batteries to medicines - to 1.5 million tonnes, chairperson Priya Agarwal Hebbur said on Thursday as she looked to make India's largest zinc producer as one of the best firms in the world.

Speaking at the company's annual shareholders meeting, she said when the economic history of 21st-century India is written, the turnaround story of Hindustan Zinc will have a chapter of its own. Incorporated as a public sector firm in 1996, the Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led NDA government in

August 2002 sold a controlling stake in the firm to Vedanta group firm Sterlite Industries for around Rs 769 crore. Hindustan Zinc is today the second largest zinc-lead miner in the world after Swiss firm Glencore and the fourth largest zinc-lead smelter globally. It has now also broken into the top 10 list of silver producers in the world. The prof-

itability has grown manifold and so has its production capacity of zinc, lead and silver - from 0.2 million tonnes per annum in 2002 to 1.1 million tonnes. "And we are not done yet. We remain hungry, we are capable, and we are motivated. Hindustan Zinc is a leader in the industry in India. One day, we will also be among the best companies in the world," she said. Stating that zinc will play a key role in India's growth story, she said at least 3-4 per cent growth in the sector is expected and HZL plans to ramp up its production from 1 million tonnes to 1.5 million tonnes per annum. She however did not give a timeframe.

Lotus Petal Foundation's Jeevika Skill Development felicitates graduates

Gurgaon, Aug 24:

Gurgaon-based, Lotus Petal Foundation has an unwavering focus on equipping young individuals with essential skills for their professional journeys. Through its specialized programs, the foundation imparts career-ready abilities that leave a meaningful imprint on people's lives. Recently, a noteworthy event marked the recognition and accomplishment of 100+ urban youth hailing from Delhi, Gurgaon, and neighbouring areas. These individuals successfully completed the inaugural session of the foundation's flagship career-preparedness initiative

known as the Jeevika Skill Development Program. Notably, the Gurgaon campus's Jeevika section is thoughtfully designed to accommodate training for a concurrent cohort of up to 4000 students. The courses are certified by the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and are available at subsidized costs for students from low-income families with free transportation facilities also available to and fro from the Dhunela campus via bus. This achievement reflects the quality of training provided by Jeevika and the relevance of the skills imparted to the demands of the job market.

Skoda Auto India launches Exchange Carnival for August 2023

Mumbai, Aug 24:



Continuing with its slew of model updates and customer service initiatives, Skoda Auto India launched an Exchange Carnival for August 2023. It includes a host of customer-friendly deals, discounts and service, maintenance, and warranty packages to further enhance the ownership experience of their new Skoda cars. The Exchange Carnival aims to provide value and a great ownership experience to customers looking to buy a Skoda. The Exchange Carnival for August 2023 makes sure customers have a memorable and high value car purchase and exchange experience with some incredible maintenance and warran-

ty packages that ensure customers continue enjoying Skoda cars, with a hassle-free ownership experience.

Under the Exchange Carnival, Skoda Auto India offer benefits of upto Rs 60,000 and corporate benefits of upto Rs 70,000. A customer can, if they so wish, drive in with their existing car and drive out with a Skoda for the quickest and hassle-free, single-window, single-time exchange, pur-

chase and documentation experience ensuring the highest possible value for their existing car and a slew of purchase benefits, maintenance, and warranty packages for their brand new Skoda. Apart from the best valuation for their older cars under this Exchange Carnival, customers also get a complimentary Service and Maintenance Package for 4 years for their all new Skoda cars.

Rupee rises 14 paise to settle at 82.58 against US dollar

Mumbai, Aug 24:

The rupee appreciated by 14 paise to settle at 82.58 (provisional) against the US dollar on Thursday, marking its third straight day of gains on the back of softening crude oil prices and foreign funds inflows. The upward trend in the past three sessions led to a gain of 55 paise in the Indian currency, rebounding from its all-time low level of 83.11 against the greenback witnessed on Monday. According to reports, the rupee's sharp gain was attributed to the Reserve Bank of India's move to prevent banks from short-term trading in offshore currency markets. The cautious move by investors ahead of the BRICS summit and US Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell's speech at the Jackson Hole Symposium restricted the upward movement of the dollar even as negative sentiment in the domestic equity markets weighed on the Indian currency, forex analysts said.

Office space leasing may fall 20 pc to 40 mn sq ft this yr across six major cities: Colliers

New Delhi, Aug 24:

Leasing of office space may fall by 20 per cent to 40 million square feet this calendar year across six major cities with corporates making a delay in taking decision regarding their expansion plan, according to Colliers India. In its report 'India office market - Changing winds' released on Thursday, real estate consultant Colliers India has estimated that the gross leasing of office space at 40-45 million square feet in the 2023 calendar year as against 50.3 million square feet in the previous year.

During the first six months of this year, the gross leasing of office space stood at 24.7 million square feet. In the second half, it expects demand to

be at 15.3-20.3 million square feet, lower than the first half. Gross absorption does not include lease renewals, pre-commitments and deals where only a Letter of Intent has been signed. Collier said that India's office sector is expected to close stronger at 40-45 million square feet of gross leasing across the top six markets in 2023, perceptibly higher than predicted in March this year.

"Domestic office demand is holding up well, supported by resilient economic outlook in spite of the drag from weak external demand," the consultant said. The year started on a cautious note registering 10.1 million square feet of gross absorption in the first quarter, and then saw a rela-

tively faster recovery in the second quarter. During April-June, the leasing stood at 14.6 million square feet, a growth of 46 per cent quarter-on-quarter.

Across six major cities, Colliers India has pegged the gross leasing of office space in Bengaluru at 12-14 million square feet, Delhi-NCR 9-11 million square feet and Chennai 7-9 million square feet. In Hyderabad, Mumbai and Pune, the absorption of office space is likely to remain in the range of 4-6 million sq ft each. The year 2023 is likely to see a robust supply aligned with the anticipated space uptake across major office markets, vacancy levels to be range-bound leading to a potential rental upside, the consultant said.

Land allocated for Medical College in Kawardha district

Cabinet Minister Moh Akbar greets CM on his B'day and expresses gratitude

Central Chronicle News

Kawardha, Aug 24: The process for opening of Medical College in Kabirdham district has become easier now, as around 40 acre land has been allocated to Director Medical Education Department for the College. This land for the Medical College has been allotted in Gram Gothia of Kawardha tehsil.

With allotment of land as per declaration by CM Baghel for opening of the College that this procedure of land allotment has been done and this has paved way for opening of new College in the district. Cabinet Minister and MLA Kawardha Mohammed Akbar has expressed gratitude towards CM Baghel for the same on behalf of people of Kawardha.

It is notable here that



during the visit of LS MP Rahul Gandhi to Kabirdham district that the declaration for opening of Medical College in Kabirdham district was made. CM Baghel fulfilled the LS MP Gandhi's declaration during his 'Bhent-Mulaquat' programme organised in Sahaspur-Lohara under Kawardha VS area.

Meanwhile Mohammed Akbar constantly pursued with CM Baghel about the proposal for opening of Medical



College and finally it got materialized.

Akbar during tour to Kabirdham district, conducted inspection of land for Medical College at proposed Gothia road and other proposed places and in order to complete the administrative procedure for allotment of land, he conducted review meetings as well and finally this was approved.

Just a day before Mohammed Akbar's birthday on Aug 24 and on the birthday of CM

Cabinet Minister greets Baghel on his B'day and expressed gratitude for land allotment:

The Minister for Forest, Climate Change and Environment Mohammed Akbar said that on allotment of 40 acre land for Medical College, it has now paved way for opening of Medical College in the district. He with the slogan of 'Bhupesh hein to Bharosa hein' expressed gratitude towards CM Bhupesh Baghel on behalf of people of the district. He said that this 'Gaurav Gatha' of development works in Kabirdham district would continue ahead.

18 declarations of CM made during Bhent-Mulaquat completed:

The implementation of declarations made by CM Bhupesh Baghel during Bhent-Mulaquat programme in Sahaspur-Lohara is being carried out and so far 18 declarations have been completed. Along with this the departments are working for fulfillment of other declarations made. CM during the Bhent-Mulaquat has made declaration for opening of Medical College and as per the declaration 40 acre land has been allocated in Gram Gothia for the Medical College. Apart from this many other declarations have been completed.

Bhupesh Baghel on Aug 23 that the allotment of 40 acre land was granted

sanctioned for the proposed Medical College in Kawardha.

Rapid action by Chirmiri police against drugs

Central Chronicle News

Chirmiri, Aug 24: Under the guidance of Inspector General of Police, Surguja Range Ankit Garg and Superintendent of Police, District Manendragarh-Chirmiri Bharatpur Siddharth Tiwari strict action is being taken against the drug business and businessmen operating to completely curb illegal activities. On the guidance of Superintendent of Police, Chirmiri PPSingh, on 22.08.2023, information was received from the informer in Police Station Chirmiri that Vivek Patel, resident of Chhoti Bazar, is keeping illegal narcotic drug injection with him and Chhoti Bazar near SECL Dispensary.

On the information Inspector Deepesh Saini police station in-charge Chirmiri Hamrah Suresh Gaur, Sanjay Pandey caught Buprenorphine injection 1P Leegsic Fett Avil Injection 10.10 ml. When counted, a total of 12 ampoules of 02-02 ml of illegal drug Buprenorphine worth



Rs.1625/- and a total of 12 pieces of 10-10 ml vials of Avil injection worth Rs.889.14/- total sum of Rs.2514.14/- and motor cycle worth Rs.80, 000/- received which has been seized in the presence of witnesses.

After the accused accepted to sell the said intoxicant injection by bringing it to Chirmiri, the act of the accused was found under section 22 (c) NDPS Act, the accused was arrested on 23.08.2023 and sent to judicial custody. The accused has been smuggling and selling illegal drugs and injections in the police station area for a long time and in this sequence, on 22.08.2023, on the

information of the informer, Hanuman Tiwari's S/o Late Vishnu Dutt Tiwari, R/o Takij Dafai, Haldibari, has been sent on judicial remand after taking action under section 4 of the BOTO Gambling Balance Act 2022 on the information of illegal betting.

Station House Officer Inspector Deepesh Saini, Pr. Sanjay Pandey, Pr. Vishwanath Singh, Suresh Gaur, R. Ambuj Singh, Shahid Parvez played a commendable role in this whole process. Continuous legal action is being taken against illegal business and businessmen in the police station area by keeping a constant eye on them.

Chandrakar has set records in development: Sahu

Central Chronicle News

Kurud, Aug 24: Rakhi Sahu, daughter of four times MLA of Kurud Vidhan Sabha Late Deepa (Bhuleshwari) Sahu, has alleged humiliation of her mother via social media platforms by Neelam Chandrakar, a party worker. Sahu took a press conference to address the issue and complained that she had been a member of Ramsagar Para Ward Municipal Corporation from BJP, but the political ties between the party and her mother's party never clashed, but the recent humiliation of her mother has been a setback to her and loyalist of her family.

Calling her mother an accidental MLA, by Neelam Chandrakar is highly condemnable, she said adding that Neelam Chandrakar, who started



her political career as a worker of the late MLA, is the main accuse and her acts are politically demotivating. Rakhi Sahu, also stated that Kurud MLA Ajay Chandrakar has set new records of development and has established many records for the welfare of education, health

and youth. She further said that in democratic politics, there are victories and defeats, politics should be based on life values, words, culture, and our language should be cultured, and her family will always serve the people of Kurud Vidhansabha.

Abhinav Singroul in core team of Chandrayaan-3

● Is an Alumnus of St. Xavier's Bharni's

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, Aug 24: In a momentous achievement for both the scientific community and the nation, India's space agency ISRO has once again etched its name in history with the successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 on the lunar surface. Behind this remarkable feat stands an individual who exemplifies the spirit of dedication and perseverance - Abhinav Singroul, an alumnus of St. Xavier's Bharni.

Abhinav Singroul's journey from the classroom of St. Xavier's Bharni to the control centre of Chandrayaan-3 is nothing short of inspiring. Having nurtured a passion for space exploration since his school days, Abhinav's curiosity and commitment led him to pursue higher

studies in the field of aerospace engineering. His relentless pursuit of knowledge and his unwavering focus on his goals set the stage for his role in this landmark mission.

Chandrayaan-3, the third lunar mission by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), aimed to achieve a successful soft landing on the moon's surface after the slight setback faced during Chandrayaan-2. The mission required meticulous planning, cutting-edge technology, and a dedicated team of scientists and engineers. Abhinav Singroul was one of scientists of ISRO who contributed for the success of Chandrayaan-3

Speaking about Abhinav's achievement, Dr. GS Patnaik the Managing Director of St. Xavier's Chain of Schools said, "Abhinav's journey from being a bright student at St. Xavier's Bharni



to becoming an instrumental scientist in the Chandrayaan-3 mission is a testament to his dedication and the quality of education imparted at our institution. He has made us immensely proud, and his success reaffirms our commitment to nurturing

young minds and providing them with a conducive environment to excel." Abhinav's exceptional contribution did not go unnoticed. His alma mater, St. Xavier's Bharni, celebrated his achievement with immense pride. Jitinder Singh Hundal,

the principal of the St. Xavier's High School Bharni, conveyed his heartiest congratulations to Abhinav on behalf of the entire institution. In a special ceremony held at the school premises, he praised Abhinav's remarkable journey and emphasized how his success serves as an inspiration to current students to dream big and work tirelessly to achieve their aspirations.

Abhinav Singroul's story underscores the significance of educational institutions in shaping the future leaders of our nation. His journey from a curious student to a key player in a prestigious space mission exemplifies the power of passion, perseverance, and quality education. As India celebrates yet another space triumph, the nation also celebrates individuals like Abhinav who embody the spirit of innovation and progress.

Green Day celebration held



● In DAVP School, Bachel

Central Chronicle News

Bachel, Aug 24: Green Day was celebrated with gaiety on 22 August, 2023 in DAVP School

Bachel. The attraction of the celebration was the brilliant performances by the primary grade kids. Very gracefully they performed dances and had presented the poem recitation.

Addressing the gathering, the Principal

Dr. Chetna Sharma said that "Since the beginning of the creation, human beings had an emotional relationship with nature".

To maintain environmental balance, we should plant more and more trees. We should all contribute to environmental

protection by planting saplings according to our ability, even at a small level. She asked each one to be the change rather than waiting for the change.

The successful anchoring of the programme was done by Shama Parveen.

Berla, Aug 24: Under the leadership of farmer leader Yogesh Tiwari, the farmers of the village submitted a memorandum to Betemara Collector Padum Singh Elma to free the drain in Sorla village of Betemara assembly constituency.

Here the farmers informed the Collector about the damage caused by water logging in the fields and in this regard, farmer leader Yogesh Tiwari told the Collector that despite several complaints against the land mafia, no action has been taken till date.

The farmers of the village are facing a lot of loss



due to the illegal encroachment of the drain by the land mafia. In this regard, despite complaints from Tehsildar, SDM, Collector of the area to Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, till date

no action has been taken against the land mafia.

The farmers informed that in the settlement year 1983-84, by mistake, the said land was registered in the name of other farmers, which was later sold 2

to 3 times. The earlier farmers have been occupying the field leaving it in the form of a drain.

At present, the land mafia, a resident of Berla, has bought about 500 meters long drain, which is in Sorla border, leading to water logging. Rupesh Sahu, Ramchand Sahu, Mishri Lal, Hemkumar, Khumara Prasad Sharma, Doosharam, Kusunram Ramkumar Sahu, Gayaram, Khilishwar Sahu, Rivesh Sahu Virendra Sahu, Ramswaroop, Dikendra, Hemant Sahu and other affected farmers were present.

Pelma to become SECL's first opencast mine

- To produce coal under MDO mode
- Mine is located in SECL's Raigarh area, Agreement signed with Pelma Collieries, a company of Adani group, for mine operation under MDO



Central Chronicle News

Korba, Aug 24: SECL's Pelma mine will become the first opencast mine in Chhattisgarh to produce coal under MDO (Mine Developer and Operator) mode. SECL today signed an agreement with Pelma Collieries, an Adani group company, to operate Pelma opencast mine located in Raigarh area.

According to the agreement, Pelma Collieries will operate the

mine for the next 20 years, under which Pelma Collieries will be responsible for all activities related to designing, financing, procurement, construction, operation and maintenance of the project. A total of more than 219 million tonnes of coal is proposed to be extracted from the mine during a period of 20 years, with an annual target of 15 million tonnes of coal. High quality G-12 grade coal will be extracted

from the mine. MDO mode is a novel concept of mine operation under which Government and private enterprises will work together to fulfil the country's energy needs. This will help in expansion of coal production of SECL and will play an important role in achieving 1 billion tonne production target of Coal India. SECL has succeeded in starting its old and closed mines on MDO

mode. Ketki UG of Bishrampur area has achieved the distinction of becoming the first coal mine in India to produce coal on MDO mode. On the other hand, Letter of Award has also been issued to Kalyani UG Mine of Bhatgaon area for operating it on MDO - revenue sharing model. Along with this, SECL is also working towards starting other projects on MDO mode. SECL Raigarh area is a strategic

important coalfield in terms of coal reserve and the Area will majorly contribute towards the total production of SECL in the coming future. It is the third largest coalfield in the country with an estimated coal reserve of about 1900 million tonnes. Rail corridor is also being developed in this area by SECL for speedy evacuation of coal.

On behalf of SECL, Director (Finance) G Srinivasan, Director (Projects/Planning) SN Kapri, Director (Personnel) Debasis Acharya, General Manager (CMC) CK Sahoo, General Manager Raigarh Area HS Pandey and from Adani Group Laxman Singh Shekhawat COO, Adani Natural Resources, Ajay Gupta, Director, Pelma Collieries were prominently present on this occasion.

Human chain formed for voter awareness



Central Chronicle News

Mungeli, Aug 24: Voter awareness program 'SVEEP' is being conducted with enthusiasm in the district with the aim of making citizens vote 100 per-

cent in the upcoming assembly elections and all elections and to make them aware of using their franchise. And under the same, in SAGES Daupara, the students made a human chain to create voter awareness.

Principal and master trainer Dr IP Yadav guided the program, under vote 23 theme. Mahadev Yadav, Pankaj Mishra, Rahul Verma and other teachers played a pivotal role in the program.

Focus on KL Rahul's fitness as India gear up for Asia Cup

Bengaluru, Aug 24:

India's Asia-Cup-bound squad have started reaching Bengaluru for a 6-day conditioning camp that starts on Thursday at the Karnataka State Cricket Association's campus in Bengaluru as reported by ESPNcricinfo.

The camp intends to act as a team-building exercise before the focus moves to the final stages of World Cup preparation, with players' fitness levels—particularly those who just returned from the Caribbean—being a significant focus area.

Many players will undergo fitness assessments followed by a few indoor sessions on the opening day at the KSCA's Three Ovals campus in Alur, Bengaluru. For the skill-based and outdoor conditioning regimens, athletes will be divided into batches starting on Friday.

It will be really interesting to see how India opener KL Rahul pulls up. Though Rahul have picked up a minor niggle, making him doubtful for at least the first two Asia Cup games even though he has fully recovered from a thigh ailment for which he underwent surgery and extensive rehabilitation at the



NCA. The news was confirmed by India chief selector Ajit Agarkar at the press conference to announce the squads on Monday. Rahul picked up a niggle unrelated to his previous injury and will be gradually eased back into

the India setup. India's Chairperson of the Senior Men's Selection Committee, Ajit Agarkar said during the press conference following the team release, "Shreyas has been declared as completely fit. Rahul's been suffering

from a niggle over the last few days, which is unrelated to his original injury. That's why Sanju (Samson) is travelling at the moment." "But at some stage, we're all expecting him to be fit. If not at the start of the Asia Cup, maybe the second or the third game."

As reported by ESPNcricinfo, Rahul's batting workload is thought to have pleased the NCA medical staff, but they are closely watching his wicket-keeping workload; he is thought to have complained of soreness following one of the practice matches the NCA hosted last week.

Meanwhile, the strong contender for the fourth position in the batting order, Shreyas Iyer, is believed to be fully fit and ready to go. Iyer's back troubles saw him miss cricketing action since March.

Iyer's return to the national side is extremely good news for Men in Blue, who are looking towards him and Rahul to provide stability to the team's middle order, which was filled by likes of Ishan Kishan, Suryakumar Yadav, Axar Patel, Sanju Samson etc in their absence. He will be looking to fill up the number four position.

Treesa-Gayatri bow out of World Championships

Copenhagen, Aug 24:

Indian women's doubles pair of Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand fought hard before going down in straight games to top seeded Chinese duo of Chen Qing Chen and Jia Yi Fan in the pre-quarterfinals of the World Championships in Copenhagen on Thursday.

World number 19 Gayatri and Treesa, who reached the semifinals of the All England Championships in the last two editions, couldn't sustain the attack against their much-fancied rival and lost 14-21, 9-21 in 42 minutes.

It was only the second meeting between the two pairs with the Indians having lost to the world number one Chinese at the German Open last year. Chen and Jia are three-time gold medallist at the World Championships and have won three BWF titles and finished runner-up twice this season.

The Commonwealth Games bronze winners, who had received a bye in the first round, had a positive start leading 5-2 with the two managing the length to keep up the attack on the Chinese. Treesa and Gayatri moved well and played some good rallies but their experienced opponents managed to grab four straight points to make it 6-6.

Two superb service from Jia left the Indians stranded as the Chinese entered the break with a 11-7 lead.

Treesa played a fine drop from the back court after resumption but the Chinese remained patient with Jia showing great interception. A precise placement from Treesa took India to 10-14. However, Chen and Jia



looked in complete control and reached 17-10 with the former playing a terrific forehand cross court.

A long shot from Gayatri handed 8 game points to the Chinese, who squandered two of them before Jia unleashed a smash to seal the issue.

In the second game, Chen was called for a service fault but Jia more than made up with her superb flick serves bamboozling the Indians. Chen also produced a bar-

rage of attack as the Chinese moved to 7-1. With the Indians spraying into the net few times, China grabbed 10-2 before Chen unleashed a powerful smash.

Treesa and Gayatri kept fighting to grab three points after resumption but the Chinese rode on their anticipation and execution to keep moving ahead to 14-7 and eventually grabbed 11 match points and converted in first attempt.

Important to consider Chahal for World Cup: Harbhajan

Chennai, Aug 24:

Former spinner Harbhajan Singh slammed Yuzvendra Chahal's exclusion from the Indian team for upcoming Asia Cup, saying the leg-spinner is a 'proven match-winner'.

Chahal was dropped from the 17-member squad with India preferring to go with Kuldeep Yadav, Axar Patel and Ravindra Jadeja as their three spinners for the Asia Cup.

"The one thing I feel is lacking in the team is the absence of Yuzvendra Chahal. He is a leg-spinner who can get the ball to turn away. I thought his presence in his team was necessary. If you talk about genuine spinner, I don't think there's any spinner in India better than Chahal in white-ball formats," Harbhajan said on his YouTube channel.

"Yes, his last few games weren't good, but that doesn't make him a bad bowler. I



think his presence in the team was necessary," he added.

Chahal, 33, last featured in the Indian ODI team in January. He didn't get a single one-day match in the three-match in the West Indies recently, and was

only included in the five-match T20I series in which he claimed five wickets in as many matches.

Harbhajan hopes the experienced Chahal, who has taken 121 wickets in 72 matches, will be considered for the 2023 World Cup later this year.

"I hope the doors aren't closed to him. It's important to consider him for the World Cup because the tournament is in India. Chahal is a proven match-winner. I can understand his form isn't good, so you may have rested him. But I think if he was with the team, his confidence would have stayed intact. Any player who comes back after being dropped, the pressure to perform is always there," he stated.

Chahal's inclusion for the World Cup looks difficult as India are set to pick their 15-member squad from the set of 17 which has travelled for the Asia Cup.

Kerr keeps 1,500 meter gold in British hands at worlds in Budapest



Budapest, Aug 24 (AP):

Middle-distance runner Josh Kerr mounted an upset victory in the men's 1,500 meter at world championships, pulling ahead of favorite Jakob Ingebrigtsen of Norway in a dramatic backstretch comeback that keeps the title in British hands for the second straight year.

The Scottish-born Kerr spent most of the race in the middle of the pack, while Ingebrigtsen, who took Olympic gold in the 1,500 in Tokyo and silver at the worlds last year, set the pace for nearly the entire

race. But with 200 meters to go, Kerr pulled past the Norwegian's right shoulder, and pushed through to the finish for a season best at 3:29.38 on Wednesday.

"I needed every single ounce that I had today," Kerr said. "I threw everything I had at that last 50. I don't think there was anyone in the world that was going to want that more than me today." The performance marks the second worlds in a row where a British runner has won gold in the 1,500. Jake Wightman took the title last year. In preparation for this year's worlds, Kerr swore off using his mobile phone for two weeks to keep himself focused on training though he said he would still occasionally look at the Premier League app to follow soccer and a language-learning app he's using to study Spanish.

Virat Kohli Dominates Yo-Yo Test

Bengaluru, Aug 24:

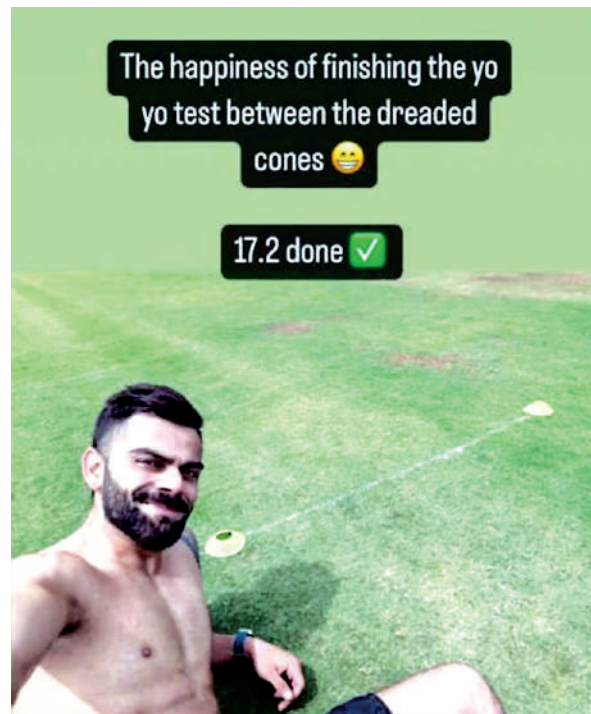
Team India arrived in Bengaluru for a training camp at the National Cricket Academy (NCA) where the players will train together before flying to Sri Lanka for the Asia Cup.

The men in blue will begin their campaign against arch-rivals Pakistan on September 2 in Pallekele. Ahead of the much-awaited clash, ace batter Virat Kohli proved his peak fitness levels by passing the 'Yo-Yo Test' with flying colours on Thursday.

Achieving a staggering trial time score of 17.2 on the Yo-Yo test, the star batter instantly garnered attention.

Kohli, unabashed in his joy, shared his feat on his Instagram story with a caption, "The happiness of finishing the yo-yo test between the dreaded cones. 17.2 done."

He has proven time and



again why he is considered a fitness icon in the world of cricket. His insistence on the incorporation of the yo-yo test for every

cricketer undoubtedly consolidated the team's performance, particularly in the longest format of the game.

Messi converts PK, assists on 2 goals



Cincinnati, Aug 24 (AP):

Lionel Messi had two assists and converted a penalty kick as Inter Miami rallied from a two-goal deficit and beat MLS-leading Cincinnati 5-4 in penalties in a U.S. Open Cup semifinal.

Cincinnati jumped to a 2-0 lead before Messi set up a pair of goals by Leonardo Campana, tying the game at 2. Miami

Leading Miami past MLS-best Cincinnati in US Open Cup semi

moved ahead when Josef Martinez scored three minutes into the first extra period, but Cincinnati tied the game at 3 when Yuya Kubo scored in the 114th minute, forcing penalty kicks on Wednesday night.

Messi made Miami's first attempt in the shootout, and both teams were perfect through four rounds. Herons goalkeeper Drake Callender saved Nick Hagglund's kick in the fifth round, and Benjamin Cremaschi made his PK to send Miami to another tournament final. Miami advanced to face the winner of Wednesday's late semifinal between Houston and Salt Lake in the final in Sept. 27.

Messi was held scoreless for the first time since joining Inter Miami in late July. His first assist of the game was on a free kick in the 68th minute to cut Miami's deficit to 2-1.

Finishing tied, Katie Moon and Nina Kennedy decide to split the pole vault gold at worlds

Budapest, Aug 24 (AP):

Katie Moon wanted to split the gold. Nina Kennedy wanted to split the gold, too.

The pole vaulters knew that was possible, thanks to a pair of high jumpers who turned their tie at the Olympics two years ago into a feel-good moment where everyone walked away a winner. Moon and Kennedy did the same thing Wednesday night at world championships, cementing their friendship by agreeing to split the title after finishing in a tie for first place.

"I kind of looked at her and said, 'Hey girl, you maybe want to share this?'" Kennedy recounted.

Moon did. She definitely did. "What an amazing night," Moon said. "I hope everyone enjoyed that one." They can thank Mutaz Essa Barshim (Qatar) and Gianmarco Tamberi (Italy) for the idea. Two years ago at the Tokyo Olympics, they paved the way to splitting a title when they finished deadlocked in the high jump. It sent Tamberi into all sorts of celebrations, in-



(From left) third-placed Finland's Wilma Murto, shared first-place USA's Katie Moon and Australia's Nina Kennedy celebrates after competing in the women's pole vault final during the World Athletics Championships at the National Athletics Centre in Budapest on August 23.

cluding a belly-flop onto the track (Tamberi won a title of his own Tuesday night in Budapest). In high jump and pole vault, athletes keep jumping until they miss three attempts in a row. Ties are broken by who has more misses at a certain height. If still tied, they count the number of misses through the entire final. If there's still no difference, a jump-off ensues. But when an official at the Olympics told Barshim and Tamberi that

a tie was possible, they jumped at it. And so, a precedent was set.

"It's funny because until the Olympics, I never realized you could split the gold medal," said Moon, the Olympic champion from the United States who now gets credit for defending her world title. "I just didn't realize that was a thing. Coming into this coming into the meet, you don't expect that it's going to come down to something like that."

Rashid withdraws BBL boycott threat

Melbourne, Aug 24 (PTD):

Afghanistan's star leg-spinner Rashid Khan has withdrawn his boycott threat of Australia's Big Bash League and made himself available for the 2023-24 season of the T20 franchise tournament.

Rashid had threatened to boycott BBL in January this year following Australia's decision to withdraw from a three-match ODI series in Afghanistan in March last year on human rights ground after Taliban banned university education for girls.

"If playing Afghanistan is so uncomfortable for Australia, then I wouldn't want to make anyone uncomfortable with my presence in the BBL. Therefore, I will be strongly considering my future in that competition," Rashid had said in a statement at that time.

But according to Australian Associated Press (AAP), the 24-year-old spinner's name features in the official list of players available for next Sunday's overseas draft.

It makes my job easier when youngsters tell me what to do: Bumrah



Dublin, Aug 24 (PTD):

India captain Jasprit Bumrah lauded the supremely confident youngsters who contributed to the team's T20 series win in Ireland. India won the series 2-0 after the third T20 was abandoned due to rain. The series also marked a much-awaited comeback of Bumrah from a back surgery.

"Very happy to be back and play some cricket.

Frustrating when you're waiting for a game to happen. Did not see this coming, weather was fine in the morning. An honour to lead the side, everyone was very eager and enthusiastic. Whenever you get an opportunity to lead your side, anyone would love to do that.

"As a cricketer, you always want responsibility. All good, no complaints (on fitness front). It makes my job easier when players are so confident, and they tell me what to do," said Bumrah at the post-match presentation.

Ireland skipper Paul Stirling added: "Just periods of good cricket from us in patches. Lot of positives, but it's about finishing those games off. Hopefully we'll take these learnings. 'Brilliant to have India over and play in front of good crowds here. We would have been happier if we could have got some fresh faces out there tonight. It's a buildup now for the next sort of 10 months," he said.

'Chandrayaan 3's success will propel Int'l commercial contracts'

Thiruvananthapuram, Aug 24 (PTI): Chandrayaan 3's success will further boost India's international commercial contracts as there will be acceptance of its technical competence and launch systems, former ISRO chief G Madhavan Nair said here on Thursday.

Nair said the success of Chandrayaan-3 is the first stepping stone to begin India's planetary explorations.

"We have really broken the ice and made a good beginning," he told PTI.

The former ISRO Chairman said the country already has several commercial contracts with Europe and America, and this will grow now with the success of the third lunar mission on August 23.

"Certainly the global people will accept our technical competence and



G Madhavan Nair

quality of our launch system and spacecraft, etc. International cooperation has been on the agenda of the Indian space programme, and it will be strengthened in the days to come," he added.

The total cost of Chandrayaan-3, according to ISRO, is Rs 615 crore, which is almost equivalent to a Hindi cinema's production budget. In a giant leap for its space pro-

gramme, India's Moon mission Chandrayaan-3 touched down on the lunar south pole at 6.04 pm on Wednesday, propelling India into an exclusive club of four and making it the first country to land on the uncharted southern pole of the Moon.

Nair contended that the scientists at the space agency have achieved this historic success by getting a salary one-fifth of their

colleagues in the developed world. According to him, the low wages for the scientists at ISRO is one of the reasons why they could find low-cost solutions for space exploration.

"The wages paid to the scientists, technicians, and other staff at ISRO are hardly one-fifth of what is given globally. So that gives an advantage," he said.

He claimed there are no millionaires among ISRO scientists, and that they always live a very normal and subdued life.

"They are not really bothered about the money but are passionate and dedicated to their mission. That is how we achieved greater heights," Nair said.

He said the scientists at ISRO could achieve this through careful planning and long-term vision.

SC sets free death row convict

Acquits him of charges of killing son, two brothers in 2014

New Delhi, Aug 24 (PTI):

The Supreme Court has set free a death row convict, acquitting him of the charge of setting afire his son and two brothers, who were allegedly against his second marriage, at his Bijnore home in 2014, saying the dying declarations of two victims were not in sync with the testimonies of key witnesses.

The top court also dealt in detail with the legal principle on dying declaration and its trustworthiness on the presumption that a person on death bed does not lie.

"Dying declaration while carrying a presumption of being true must be wholly reliable and inspire

confidence. Where there is any suspicion over the veracity of the same or the evidence on record shows that the dying declaration is not true it will only be considered as a piece of evidence but cannot be the basis for conviction alone," a bench comprising justices B R Gavai, J B Pardiwala and Prashant Kumar Mishra said in its 36-page judgement.

The top court also ordered immediate release of convict Irfan, who is in jail for the last eight years, after setting aside his conviction and the death penalty for his alleged role in the death of his son Islamuddin and two brothers Irshad and Naushad on the intervening night of

August 5-6, 2014. The three succumbed to their injuries at Delhi's Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital on different dates.

The trial court had relied upon the dying declarations of Irshad and Islamuddin naming Irfan as the person who set them on fire. The judgement and the sentence were upheld by the Allahabad High Court on 2018, after finding no discrepancies in the statements.

While allowing Irfan's appeal, the top court referred to the legal position and judgements, both Indian and foreign, on trustworthiness of dying declarations in a case hinging on circumstantial evidence.

356 Myanmar civilians avail free treatment

At Assam Rifles medical camp

Itanagar, Aug 24 (PTI): A total of 356 Myanmar civilians, including women and children, have availed free treatment and medicines at a health camp organised by the Assam Rifles along the international border, a communique said.

India's oldest paramilitary force, along with the local administration of Arunachal Pradesh, on Wednesday organised the "friendship medical camp" at Pangsau Pass along the India-Myanmar border for the benefit of underprivileged villagers of Pangsau and Arakan regions of Sagaing re-

gion of the neighbouring country.

"The unique initiative driven by a sense of shared humanity successfully brought together the goal of providing basic health checkup and distributing medicines to under-served population across the India-Myanmar border," the communique issued here said.

Myanmar officials were also present at the camp.

The medical camp was organised with an aim of providing information on various issues including precautions against bacterial and viral diseases and the importance of hygiene and sanitation for maintaining a healthy lifestyle, it said.

ONAM FESTIVITIES



Students participate in a 'pookalam' making competition organised as part of Onam festival celebration at a school, in Chennai, Thursday.

CHANDRAYAAN-3

ISRO hopes mission life of lander and rover will not be limited to one lunar day

Bengaluru, Aug 24 (PTI):

After the successful deployment of Chandrayaan-3's lander and rover on the moon, ISRO is hoping that their mission life will not be limited to one lunar day or 14 earth days, and that they will come back to life when the sun again rises on the Moon, to carry on with the experiments and studies there.

Following the deployment of the lander and rover, the systems on them are now ready to perform experiments one after the other so as to complete them within 14 earth days, before the pitch darkness and extreme cold weather

engulfs the Moon. The lander (Vikram) touched down near the south pole of the Moon at 6.04 pm on Wednesday, successfully completing one of the Chandrayaan-3 mission's stated objectives of soft landing on lunar surface.

Earlier today ISRO announced that the rover (Pragyan) rolled down from the lander, stating, "India took a walk on the M o o n . . ." ISRO had earlier said the 26 kg six-wheeled rover was scheduled to descend from the lander's belly on to the Moon's surface, using one of its side panels which acts as a ramp. The lander and rover — with a

total mass of 1,752 kg — are designed to operate for one lunar daylight period (about 14 Earth days) to study the surroundings there.

However, ISRO officials do not rule out the possibility of them coming back to life for another lunar day. Explaining what would happen after the lander's soft landing and deployment of the rover, ISRO Chairman S Somnath had earlier said, "After this, all the experiments (by payloads on lander and rover) will take place one after the other — all of which have to be completed in just one day on the Moon, which is 14 (Earth) days."

VARALAKSHMI FEST PREPARATIONS



Locals shop flowers at KR Market ahead of the upcoming 'Varalakshmi' festival, in Bengaluru, Thursday.

Railway Board calls for speedy disposal of pending requests of employees

For spouse ground transfer

New Delhi, Aug 24 (PTI):

The Railway Board has directed the zonal railways to expeditiously dispose of pending requests of employees for transfer to the station or place of posting of their respective spouses.

The communication to the principal chief personnel officers of 15 zones on August 17 came after the board received a number of representations from railway employees and their associations about delays or denial on their spouse ground transfer requests despite hav-

ing a laid down policy.

"It is requested that all such pending requests may be examined and disposed of in terms of laid down policy," the letter stated, adding that the respective zones should apprise the board a summary of all pending and cleared requests along with reasons for the delay.

The board is of the view that after the digitisation process of Human Resource Management System (HRMS), such requests should not be pending for long.

On August 20 last year, the board issued a similar direction asking for "information pertaining to disposal of requests of transfer on spouse

ground".

After coming to know that there were several spouse ground transfer requests pending, it directed the zones on September 6 last year to launch a special drive to dispose of all cases.

In its latest communication, the board has reiterated its direction and asked zones to bring to conclusion all new and old pending cases.

In March 2, 2010, the Ministry of Railways relaxed its policy of posting husband and wife at the same station keeping in view the need "to make concerted efforts to increase representation of women in central government jobs".

The policy took into consideration various working conditions such as the seniority status of husband and wife, employment status where one of the spouses may belong to another central service etc and suggested transfer options accordingly.

Several such spouses working at different stations claim that they deserve to be posted at the same place as per the laid down norms, but the departments concerned have kept their transfer requests on hold without any valid reason. Some of them have alleged that their transfer requests were denied without any valid reason.

'ISRO scientists are not bothered about money but..'

Thiruvananthapuram, Aug 24 (PTI): Buoyed by India's successful Chandrayaan-3 lunar mission, former ISRO chairman G Madhavan Nair said the scientists at space agency have achieved this historic success by getting a salary one-fifth of the scientists in the developed world.

According to him, the low wages for the scientists at ISRO are one of the reasons why they could find low-cost solutions for space exploration.

"The wages paid to the scientists, technicians, and other staff at ISRO are hardly one-fifth of what is given globally. So that gives an advantage,"

Nair told PTI while talking about the Indian space agency's history of exploring space at very low expenses.

He said there are no millionaires among ISRO scientists, and they always live a very normal and subdued life.

"They are not really bothered about the money but are passionate and dedicated to their mission. That is how we achieved greater heights," Nair said here.

He said the scientists at ISRO could achieve this through careful planning and long-term vision.

"We tried to build one upon the other. What we learnt in the past, we used for the subsequent mis-

sion. In fact, what we developed nearly 30 years ago for the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle is the same engine that is being used for the GSLV as well," Nair said.

He said India uses home-grown technology for its space missions, and that helped them reduce the cost considerably. He said the space mission costs of India are 50 to 60 percent lower compared to the space missions of other countries.

Nair said the success of Chandrayaan-3 is the first stepping stone to begin India's planetary explorations.

"We have really broken the ice and made a good beginning," he said.

No concept of friendship, every aspirant a competitor, say students and experts

Kota (Raj), Aug 24 (PTI): There are no friends but only competitors in the country's coaching capital popularly known as "Kota factory", say students and experts as the government struggles to keep a check on the spate of suicides among engineering and medical aspirants.

Authorities say 20 students preparing for competitive exams in Kota have ended their lives so far in 2023 — highest for any year. Last year, the figure was 15. Battling with packed schedules, cut-throat competition, constant pressure to do better, burden of parents' expectations and homesickness, students say they often find themselves alone with no one



An IIT JEE aspirant studies inside his hostel, in Kota.

to talk to and share their feelings with. Experts warn that parents also see friendships as poten-

tial distractions for their wards and discourage them to make friends when they are here for coaching. "There is no concept of friendship here...there are only competitors. Every student sitting next to you is seen as an additional burden to fight with. Unlike schools and colleges, nobody shares notes among peers here because everybody is seen as a threat who might take one's seat away in the college of his or her choice," Ridhima Swamy, a NEET (National Eligibility cum Entrance Test) aspirant from Madhya Pradesh, told PTI. Mansi Singh, a Joint Entrance

Examination (JEE) aspirant from Odisha, who has been here for the last two years said life in Kota feels like one is on a "tread-mill".

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