



### BRIEF



A BSF personnel stands guard on a street, a day before the fourth anniversary of the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution, in Srinagar, Friday.

### Elephants electrocuted

Guwahati: Three elephants were killed due to electrocution in Assam's Kamrup district on Friday, a forest official said. The incident occurred in Rani Bagan, about 30 km from here, after a herd of pachyderms entered the area past midnight in search of food and came in contact with the live wires, he said. "As the herd was passing through a betel nut farm, one of the elephants perhaps hit a tree which fell on an electricity pole, dislodging wires."

### Kulgam encounter

Srinagar: Three security personnel were injured in an encounter with militants in Jammu and Kashmir's Kulgam district on Friday, police said. The encounter broke out in the higher reaches of the Halan forest area of Kulgam district in south Kashmir, they said. "Three (03) jawans got injured in the encounter. They are being evacuated to hospital for treatment," the Kashmir Zone Police tweeted. The police said search in the area has been intensified.

### DERC chairperson

New Delhi: With the Delhi government and the lieutenant governor feuding over who should head the city's power regulator, The Supreme Court on Friday appointed former Delhi High Court judge Justice Jayant Nath as the interim chairperson of the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC). A bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud said the Lieutenant Governor (LG) and the Chief Minister of Delhi shall notify the honorarium payable to Justice (ret'd) Nath after due consultation with him (the appointee).

### Manjha seized

New Delhi: The Delhi Police has arrested two men and recovered 300 rolls of banned Chinese manjha from them, officials said on Friday. The accused have been identified as Mohammad Faizan (22), a resident of Jama Masjid area, and Yaman (19), a resident of Lal Kuan, they said. Police got information that two people involved in the business of sale/purchase of nylon-based banned Chinese manjha would come near Outer Ring Road, Sarai Kale Khan with a consignment of the banned string, a senior police officer said.

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## SC stays Rahul's conviction, restores status as MP

### Defamation case over Modi surname remark

New Delhi, Aug 04 (PTI):

In a big relief to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, the Supreme Court on Friday stayed his conviction in a 2019 defamation case over his Modi surname remark, paving the way for revival of his Lok Sabha membership.

The Lok Sabha speaker can now revive his membership on his own or Gandhi, armed with the apex court order, seek restoration of his status as an MP.

A three-judge bench of Justices B R Gavai, P S Narasimha and Sanjay Kumar said no reason was given by the trial court judge while convicting Gandhi except that he was admonished by the apex court in a contempt case.

The top court had closed the contempt proceedings against Gandhi for wrongly attributing to it his "chowkidar chor hai" remark against Prime Minister Narendra Modi in connection with the Rafale case, with a warn-



### Truth always triumphs: Rahul

New Delhi: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday said truth always triumphs and thanked people for their support, soon after the Supreme Court stayed his conviction in a defamation case. Party president Mallikarjun Kharge said this victory was not just for Gandhi but for the people of the country and democracy. He also wondered how much time it will take now to reinstate Gandhi as it had taken just 24 hours after his conviction for disqualifying him from Lok Sabha. "Truth always triumphs, if not today then tomorrow or the day after. I thank people for their support," Gandhi said at a press conference. He said, "My path is clear to me (as to) what is my work, there is clarity in my mind about that."

### Rahul or his representative will have to show LS Secretariat copy of SC order

New Delhi: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi or his representative will have to show the Lok Sabha Secretariat a copy of the Supreme Court order staying his conviction to set the ball rolling for revocation of his disqualification as a lawmaker. Former Lok Sabha Secretary General P D T Achari said that once the secretariat gets the order, it would initiate the process to issue a notification revoking his disqualification. After being convicted and sentenced to two years in jail by a Gujarat court in a defamation case, Gandhi was disqualified as a Lok Sabha member on March 23.

ing to be more careful in future after the senior Congress leader tendered an unconditional apology.

The term of the 17th Lok Sabha ends in May 2024.

The top court said in so far as conviction is concerned, it has considered that the sentence for an offence punishable under section 499 (defamation) of

the Indian Penal Code is maximum two years imprisonment or fine or both, and the trial judge has awarded the maximum sentence of two years.

"Except the admonition by Supreme Court in a contempt case, no other reason has been granted for this (conviction) by trial judge. It is to be

noted only on account of this maximum sentence imposed by trial judge, provisions of Representation of People Act have come into play.

"Had sentence been a day lesser, provisions would not have been attracted, particularly when an offence is non cognisable, bailable and compoundable. The least the

trial court judge was expected to give some reasons to impose maximum sentence. Though appellate court and high court have spent voluminous pages rejecting stay on conviction, these aspects are not considered in their orders," the bench said.

Referring to its earlier order in a contempt case against Gandhi, the apex court said while filing his affidavit in the contempt petition, he ought to have been more careful and exercised a degree of restraint in making such remarks which are alleged to be defamatory.

The apex court said Gandhi's conviction and subsequent disqualification not only affected his right to continue in public life but also that of the electorate who elected him to represent their constituency.

"No doubt the utterances were not in good taste and a person in public life is expected to exercise caution while making public speeches.

## Court grants anticipatory bail to Jagdish Tytler

1984 anti-Sikh riots

New Delhi, Aug 04 (PTI): A Delhi court on Friday granted anticipatory bail to Congress leader Jagdish Tytler in a case related to the Pul Bangash killings during the 1984 anti-Sikh riots.

Special Judge Vikas Dhull also imposed certain conditions on Tytler, including that he will not tamper with evidence or leave the country without its permission. The judge granted the relief on a personal bond of Rs 1 lakh and one surety of the like amount. Three people were killed and a gurdwara was set ablaze in the Pul Bangash area of the national capital on November

1, 1984, a day after the then prime minister Indira Gandhi was assassinated by her Sikh bodyguards. A city court had on July 26 summoned Tytler on August 5 after taking cognisance of a May 20 charge sheet filed by the CBI in the case. While seeking the relief, Tytler's lawyer had told the court his client was anticipating arrest and he should be granted bail. "The exact time of the crime was not ascertained by the probe agency and multiple closure reports were filed in the case... Delhi Police twice and CBI once said nothing was found against Tytler," Tytler's advocate Manu Sharma told the court.

## SC permits ASI's scientific survey at Gyanvapi mosque complex

New Delhi, Aug 04 (PTI):

The Supreme Court on Friday refused to stay the Allahabad High Court order allowing the ASI to conduct a scientific survey at the Gyanvapi mosque complex to determine if the 17th century structure was built upon a pre-existing temple, notwithstanding the assertion by the Muslim side that the exercise will "reopen wounds of the past".

A bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, however, asked the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) not to take recourse to any invasive act during the survey. The

bench took note of the submissions of Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the ASI and the Uttar Pradesh government, that no excavation will be carried out during the survey nor any destruction caused to the structure.

"It is clarified on behalf of the ASI, represented by the solicitor general, that as a matter of fact, the entire survey will be completed without any excavation at the site and without causing any destruction to the structure," the bench said.

"The order of the learned trial judge passed under Order 26 Rule 10A of the CPC (Civil Procedure Code) cannot be prima facie at this



stage to be said as without jurisdiction," the bench said. The top court said the evidentiary value of the scientific survey of the ASI was open to be tested in the lawsuit and is open to objections, including cross-examination. Consequently, the report

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## Ram Mandir consecration ceremony from Jan 21

Ayodhya (PTI): The Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust has proposed holding the consecration ceremony of the Ram Lalla idol on January 21, 22, or 23 next year, a trust member said on Friday. The trust members had earlier said they would be sending an official invite to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the event. "The consecration ceremony of Ram Janmabhoomi will take place in the third week of January next year. Three dates 21, 22, and 23 of January - have been fixed for the consecration ceremony. We will invite Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the ceremony which will also be attended by prominent sad-

hus and other dignitaries," the trust's General Secretary Champat Rai told PTI. "The main event would be kept non-political. Guests from different political parties will also be invited, provided they have the intention to come. There will be no stage in the programme nor any public meeting," he said. The trust plans to invite over 25,000 Hindu religious leaders of 136 Sanatan traditions for the ceremony. A list of such saints is being prepared by the temple trust and soon an invitation letter will be sent to them with the signature of trust president Mahant Nitya Gopal Das, he said.

## INDIA coalition's next meeting in Mumbai

New Delhi, Aug 04 (PTI): Opposition bloc INDIA is likely to hold its next meeting on August 31 and September 1 in Mumbai, sources said on Friday.

They said it would be held on the format of the Bengaluru meeting with leaders first confabulating in an informal setting on August 31 before their main meeting the next day. "The opposition meeting will be a two-day affair and will take place on August 31 and September 1 with all leaders approving the dates," a source said.

The likely venue would be a hotel in Pawai and there will be a press conference on August 1 evening, the source said.

## Lok Sabha passes Bill to empower President with management accountability of IIMs

New Delhi, Aug 04 (PTI):

The Lok Sabha Friday passed a Bill seeking to entrust the management accountability of the IIMs with the President, who will be a Visitor and have powers to audit their functioning, remove directors and nominate a member in the selection committee.

Piloting the Indian Institutes of Management (Amendment) Bill, 2023, in the Lower House, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said the government has no intention to take away the academic accountability from the institute but

the Bill will only ensure its management accountability as the Centre has spent over Rs 6,000 crore in setting up the IIMs.

Under the existing dispensation, the President of India is also a visitor at IITs and NITs, but no questions are being raised on the academic autonomy of these institutes, Pradhan said. The Bill, which was introduced on July 28, was passed by the Lower House by a voice vote amid disruptions by opposition members over the recent violence in Manipur.

According to the Bill, which seeks to amend the IIM Act of 2017, the

President will be a Visitor to the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) with powers to audit their functioning, order probes and appoint as well as remove directors. "The Visitor may appoint one or more persons to review the work and progress of any institute, to hold enquiries into affairs thereof and to report in such manner as the Visitor may direct. The board may also recommend to the Visitor an enquiry as deemed proper against the institute which has not been functioning in accordance with the provisions and objectives of the Act," it stated.

Under the IIM Act, which came into force in January 2018 and granted the premier B-schools greater autonomy, the board of governors of each institute has 19 members which includes just one representative each from the central and state governments.

The board nominates its remaining 17 members from among eminent personalities, faculty and alumni. It also appoints the search panels for the appointment of new directors and chairpersons, and later, makes the appointments if it agrees with the search panels' recommendations.

## BJP MLA's son fires at tribal man after altercation

Singrauli (MP), Aug 4 (PTI): A 34-year-old tribal man was injured after the son of a BJP MLA in Madhya Pradesh allegedly fired at him following an altercation with him in Singrauli district of the state, police said on Friday.

The incident took place around 6 pm on Thursday, they said.

Following the incident, the police registered a case against 40-year-old Vivekanand Vaishya, Morba police station inspector Ashok Singh Parihar said.

The accused is a son of BJP legislator Ram Lallu Vaishya who represents the Singrauli assembly

constituency, police said. Vivekanand Vaishya was booked on Thursday night under section 307 (attempt to murder) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and section 25 (possessing or carrying any prohibited arms) and 27 (use of arms, ammunition) of the Arms Act, Parihar said.

Following an investigation on Friday, more IPC sections, including 34 (common intention), 294 (obscene words and acts), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt) and 506 (criminal intimidation) were added along with the relevant sections of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

## CBI quizzes former Jalandhar Police commissioner in corruption case

New Delhi, Aug 04 (PTI):

The CBI on Friday quizzed former Jalandhar Police commissioner Kuldeep Singh Chahal in an alleged case of corruption and misconduct, officials said. Chahal is under probe for alleged corruption and misconduct during his tenure as the senior superintendent of police (SSP) of Chandigarh, they said.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) had launched a preliminary enquiry against the officer on a reference from Punjab Governor and Chandigarh Administrator Banwarilal Purohit, the officials said.

Chahal was called to the agency office in Chandigarh and was quizzed from 11 am to 2 pm on Friday, they said.

The 2009-batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer, who was on deputation in Chandigarh, was sent back to his parent cadre, Punjab, in December last year, even though 10 months were left for the completion of his three-year tenure in the Union Territory. In a letter to the governor, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann had expressed surprise over Chahal's premature repatriation and the handing over of the charge to a Haryana-cadre IPS officer, saying this was going to disturb the balance among the states in running the affairs of the Union Territory of Chandigarh.

Purohit had said Mann did not "ascertain facts" before writing to him on Chahal's repatriation.

## 4 drown after flash flood on way to Kedarnath

Rudraprayag, Aug 04 (PTI): Four people died and nine were missing after a flash flood in a rainfed waterfall swept away three shops near Daat Puliya near Gaurikund on the way to Kedarnath, officials said on Friday.

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama reached the Disaster Control room at the secretariat here to take stock of the situation. He instructed them to speed up the ongoing relief and rescue work there. He said an alert should be issued at all the places where there is a threat of flood due to an increase in the water levels of rivers and streams and directed officials to evacuate people living in landslide-prone areas.



NDRF and SDRF personnel conduct rescue and search operation following a landslide due to rains at Gaurikund in Rudraprayag.

Four bodies have been retrieved and the search for the missing people is underway, Rudraprayag District Magistrate Saurabh Gaharwar told reporters. A family of 'dandi-kandi' (palanquin) operators from Nepal who

ferry pilgrims to the Himalayan temple was among those who are missing. The shops, located on the banks of a raging Mandakini river, were swept away by the floodwaters coming from above.



# Chief Minister announces to establish CoE at CSVTU

## Special brief revision campaign of Electoral Roll launched



Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Aug 04:** SVEEP committee has launched an awareness campaign in the district with the tag line 'My vote, My right, My responsibility' in which students of 10 schools created a human chain from Gandhi Chowk to Jail Tiraha in Durg and made people aware of voting with the help of banners and posters.

A scooter rally was taken out from Sector 9 Square to Sector 7 by about

300 girl students of the college participated. They not only inspired people to vote through flags and posters, but also gave messages to the voters who have completed 18 years to add their names to the voter list.

SP Shalabh Sinha, District Panchayat CEO Ashwani Dewangan and Forest Divisional Officer Shashi Kumar flagged off the rally. The entire team of District Education Officer Abhay Jaiswal was present during the program.

### Bhet Mulakat with Youth in Bhilai

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Aug 04:** CoE (Center of Excellence) will be established in Swami Vivekanand Technical University (CSVTU). It will be built at a cost of 15 crores, where space will be available for startup units in 10000 square feet, said Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel while interacting with the youth of Durg Division during the Bhet Mulakat programme at Civic Centre in Bhilai on Friday. Referring to the decision of the Bangalore GST Authority to impose 12% GST on students living in hostels, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that they have requested the Government of India to withdraw this decision. If

this does not happen, then the Chhattisgarh government will bear the burden of 12% GST amount. The Chief Minister also announced the construction of an indoor stadium with all facilities for sports near the National Highway of Durg, Bhilai.

CM began his address by saying 'Kaka abhi zinda hai!'. He further stated that the 'Bhet-Mulakat' programme was launched on May 04 last year. Under this programme, he met people from all sections including the religious heads. Since then, the idea of having separate interactions with the youth was in his mind, he said. CM said that his government had put nearly Rs 2 lakh crores in people's pockets, due to which the state remained untouched by the recession. The state government opened universities



and established four medical colleges. He added that during the 'Bhet-Mulakat' programmes, people raised two main demands of establishing Swami Atmanand schools and opening banks. State government opened ten colleges and will continue to open more. Chhattisgarh's identity is deeply rooted in our unique culture, whether it's the tribal tradition, Ram Van Gaman Path, Kabir Sarovar, or the development of sacred places connected to Baba Ghasidas. Now the

whole world celebrates Bore-Basi Day with Chhattisgarh on May 1, he said. The future of the new generation will be enriched with education and culture.

CM interacted with the youth who arrived from Rajnandgaon, Kawardha, Balod, Bemetara, Khairagarh, Manpur-Mohla-Ambagarh Chowki, and Durg districts. Digvijay College student, Ishwari, stated that the state has become safer in the last five years and is making rapid progress in the field of en-

trepreneurship. Medical College student Mukesh Kumar Sahu recited a poem centered around the theme 'Gadhbo Nava Chhattisgarh'.

Kamlesh Sahu from Digvijay College highlighted the need for physical education (PT) teachers even in the villages. CM replied that previously, there were only two residential sports academies. Now, there are eight. "We are putting in special efforts to promote sports", he said. CM highlighted that our athletes have won 13 medals. Athletes from Abujhmad have gained nationwide recognition in Mallakhamb. Harish Sahu requested recruitment in Ayurveda. Nursing student Sanjana Sahu mentioned that their institution lacks a building. Chief Minister assured her that a building will be constructed soon. A

student demanded a stipend increment. Vimal Soni spoke about police recruitment on which the Chief Minister replied that they will consider it soon.

CM stated that our government has disbursed Rs 112 crore as unemployment allowance. Furthermore, 300 Rural Industrial Parks were established. An agreement was made with Tata Company to modernize 36 state ITIs, a project worth Rs 1186 crore. This initiative is expected to create employment opportunities for 10,000 youth. Discussions are underway with Tech Mahindra for BPO in Bhilai. Arti Deshmukh said that the arrival of software companies in the state will provide more scope in the field of polytechnic. The Chief Minister replied that the government is working in this direction also.

## Two arrested for attempt to murder

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Aug 04:** Police arrested two persons including a juvenile on charges of attempt to murder. They attacked the victim when he refused to withdraw a court case against the accused. The accused was involved in several other offences in the past.

According to information, the incident occurred around 22:00 hrs on August 02 when the victim Rakesh Rajput, a resident of Laxmi Nagar Supela was returning home from the shop. The accused Dilip Chauhan alias Takla, also



a resident of Sanjay Nagar Supela along with his juvenile accomplice intercepted the victim and threatened to withdraw the FIR regarding a fight which occurred between them earlier. When the victim refused, Dilip Chauhan took out

a knife and stabbed Rakesh Rajput. Both the accused escaped after looting the gold chain from the victim.

On the other hand, a police informer conveyed information about the incident to the Supela Police Station after which cops rushed to Laxmi Market Supela. On the instructions of SP Shalabh Kumar Sinha, police started searching for both the accused and succeeded in arresting them within a few hours.

The accused Dilip Chauhan alias Takla (23) son of Late Suraj Chauhan a resident of

Adarshpara, Sanjay Nagar Supela and the juvenile were arrested under sections 341, 294, 506, 394, 307, 34, 195A of IPC and 25,27 Arms Act. Dilip Chauhan was produced before the court and has been sent to the jail on judicial remand.

Station House Officer Supela Inspector Durgesh Kumar Sharma, SI Lakhesh Ganges, ASI Rajnikant Dewan, Head Constable Santosh Sharma, Abhay Shukla, Constable Ravi Kumar, Surendra Patel and Surya Pratap Singh played a vital role in arresting the accused.

## Absconding accused of abduction arrested

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Aug 04:** Police arrested an absconding accused of an abduction case after about two weeks. The accused and his four accomplices had abducted a youth of Dhamtari in pretext of the recovery of losses in the online cricket betting racket. It could be recollected here that on the intervening night of July 22-23, Dhamtari resident Ramkrishna Sahu had informed SHO Supela Inspector Durgesh Sharma that some people have abducted his son Yogesh Sahu and his friend Sunny Sinha from Bhopal and have brought



them to Bhilai. The abducted youth were kept at some hotel in Supela and were being beaten up demanding money. On the instructions of higher officials, Police conducted a search operation and safely rescued the youth. However, the accused fled away from the

crime scene. Police searched for the accused that entire night and managed to arrest the main 04 accused and seized mobiles, car, bikes, etc used in the incident. The search was on for another absconding accused. Meanwhile, police received a tip off that

the absconding accused Praveen alias Bhallaldev was heading towards Supela. Cops took position in civil dress and succeeded to arrest him. The accused Praveen Kumar Chandel alias Bhallaldev (23) son of Johan Chandel a resident of Chingripura Supela was arrested under sections 294, 323, 506, 364A, 365, 387, 109, 34 IPC and has been sent to jail on judicial remand. Inspector Durgesh Sharma, SI Satish Sahu, ASI Rajesh Singh, Constable Kapil Chaudhary, Surendra Giri, Vishal Singh and Ajit Singh played a vital role in arresting the accused.



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## Satyamev Jayate: CM on court relief to Rahul BJP accuses Ch'garh govt of corruption in Gauthan scheme

**Celebration at Rajiv Bhavan**  
**This is the victory of love against hatred: Deepak Baij**



Raipur, Aug 04: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and several Congress leaders of Chhattisgarh have expressed delight over Supreme Court giving relief to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi in the Modi surname case. They welcomed the decision by tweeting one after another. The court has stayed the sentence for the time being. Congress leaders and workers celebrated the court decision for relief to Rahul Gandhi, by bursting firecrackers and beating drums at Congress headquarters Rajiv Bhavan in capital Raipur. Congress leaders said that an attempt was made to harass Rahul Gandhi.

Baij said in his tweet that this is the victory of love against hate. Only truth alone triumphs not falsehood. Truth wins and not falsehood. Divine powers go with those who walk in truth'. Deputy Chief Minister TS Singhdeo wrote that the echo of truth echoed once again in the corridors of democracy. 'I heartily appreciate the specific decision of the Supreme Court. Justice has prevailed, and the unwavering voice of the people remains unshakable in the face of any force. Satyameva Jayate', he mentioned. Congress General Secretary and PCC in-charge Kumari Selja wrote 'BJP's conspiracy has failed today, the Supreme

### No matter how powerful darkness is, light always wins: Baghel

Raipur: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Friday hailed the Supreme Court ruling staying the conviction of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi in a 2019 defamation case, terming the judgment as a victory of 'INDIA'. He said no matter how powerful the darkness is, light always emerges victorious. The apex court on Friday stayed the conviction of Gandhi in the criminal defamation case filed in Gujarat over his "Modi surname" remark. "Andhkar

chahe bhari ho aur samundar paar ho, sada uajala vijit hua hai, agar satya aadhaar ho (even if the darkness is strong and spread till the other side of the ocean, brightness, symbolizing truth, always triumphs). The country welcomes the decision of the Supreme Court staying the conviction of Shri Rahul Gandhi. Satyamev Jayate! This is the victory of INDIA #RahulGandhi," tweeted Baghel, a senior Congress leader.

Court has stayed Rahul Gandhi's sentence. This is not just Rahul's victory, it is the victory of every countryman who has chosen love instead of hatred'.

### BJP accuses Ch'garh govt of corruption in Gauthan scheme

Raipur, Aug 04: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Friday alleged that the Congress-led Chhattisgarh government's flagship scheme Gauthan Yojna is dipped in corruption and was meant to benefit the workers of the ruling party in the state, not for the welfare of cows.

The saffron party said it will take up the issue with the Central government and demand a probe by the Enforcement Directorate (ED), Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) or by the Income Tax Department.

Addressing a press conference here, senior MLA and former minister Brijmohan Agrawal said the Congress government has been projecting the Gauthan scheme as a model of success, but it is just the opposite on ground.

In the recent monsoon session of the state assembly, the state's panchayat and rural development minister had informed that 10,240 gauthans (daycare centres for cattle in

villages) have been set up and Rs 1334.65 crore was spent for the scheme, he said.

The government also admitted that there were 3,380 stray cattle were found only in six districts of the state. This meant that Rs 39.80 lakh was spent on each cow. Interestingly, the state government has also informed that 9,303 charwaha (shepherd/ caretakers) were associated with these gauthans, which means three caretakers were deputed for each stray cattle, Agrawal said. "A total of 10,240 gauthan committees have been constituted not for the (protection and care of) cows, but for the benefit of Congress workers. Corruption was committed through these committees, which have Congress workers," Agrawal alleged.

He further claimed that the state government had not spent a single penny from its own fund for the scheme, rather Rs 81,636.42 lakh of MNREGA fund was diverted to Gauthan

scheme. Similarly, Rs 9980.67 lakh from 14th finance commission, Rs 7454.53 lakh from 15th finance commission, Rs 576.99 RRB fund, Rs 8138.40 lakh DMF fund, Rs 772.32 lakh from infrastructure fund, Rs 961.32 lakh from Swachh Bharat Mission, Rs 71 lakh CSR fund were used for the scheme, the BJP leader claimed.

The CSR fund was only allotted to Durg, the home district of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, he said, while alleging that the MNREGA fund meant for providing employment to the needy was also diverted to the Gauthan scheme to oblige the Congress leaders.

The party will take up the issue with the Centre and demand a probe by central agencies, he said.

Refuting the charges, head of state Congress communication wing Sushil Anand Shukla said Agrawal should first answer to the alleged Rs 1667 crore scam in giving aid to cow shelters

during his tenure as the state agriculture and animal husbandry minister.

"The BJP should first understand the difference between gauthala (cow shelters) and gauthan (places in villages where animals are kept in day time). The person who has knowledge of the difference between the two should take a press conference," he said.

"Brijmohan Agrawal levelled false allegations when Agrawal was the agricultural and animal husbandry minister in the state, an alleged scam to the tune of around Rs 1667 crore had happened in giving aid to cow shelters..." Shukla said. In gauthans, apart from cow dung and urine procurement, several income-generating activities like community vegetable gardening, poultry farming, fisheries, food processing, vermicompost and super compost production are being conducted. In some districts, gauthans have been developed as rural industrial parks by the state government.

## Investiture Ceremony held at Holy Cross SSC, Pension Bada

Raipur, Aug 04: Holy Cross Senior Secondary School, Pension Bada celebrated the spirit of leadership as the newly formed students' cabinet was inducted at the Investiture Ceremony for the academic year 2023-24 on 4th August, Friday. Dr Himanshu Dwivedi, senior journalist graced the event with his presence as the chief guest along with Sr Eugene-Manager of the school. School Principal Sr Maria delivered the welcome address and welcomed the guests.



The most awaited distinctive Investiture Ceremony started with a high degree of passion, earnestness and fervour. It was presided by the Principal of the school Sr Maria who administered the oath of allegiance to the newly formed Cabinet who swore to serve their

Almater with utmost sincerity and to the best of their abilities. Sneha Vora was vested as the Prime Minister of the School, Mariyam Quereshee as the Deputy Prime Minister, Stuti Vora as the Education Minister, Shafiya Fatima Khatri as Deputy Education

Minister. The cabinet also included other members such as Discipline Minister-Shaurya Sharma and Queeny James as the Deputy, Mahi Chauhan as Cultural Minister and Shreya Majumdar Deputy Cultural Minister, Ridhhi Ashra Health and Cleanliness and Environment Minister Riddhi, Rimsha Khan Deputy Health Cleanliness and Environment Minister, Noor Rahman Sports and Traffic Minister and Chhavi Khapre Deputy Sports and Traffic Minister.

## Raipur, Bilaspur among 9 stations of SECR to be redeveloped



(L-R) Sr DCM Dr Bipin Vaishnav, ADRM (Operation) R K Sahu and ADRM Raipur Division Ashish Mishra.

Raipur, Aug 04: Nine stations of South East Central Railway (SECR) have been included in Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. The nine stations including Raipur, Bilaspur, Durg, Akaltara, Bhilai Power House, Tilda-Neora, Gondia, Wadsa and Chanda Fort are among

508 stations across the country to be redeveloped, informed ADRM Raipur Division Ashish Mishra, ADRM (Operation) R K Sahu, Sr DCM Dr Bipin Vaishnav while addressing media on Friday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay foundation stone



Design of proposed redeveloped Raipur station.

for redevelopment of 508 stations under Amrit Bharat Station Yojana on August 6. These stations will be redeveloped at a cost of more than Rs 24,470 crores.

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## Connecting youth with better employment opportunities is our priority: CM

● State govt distributed more than Rs. 112 cr as Unemployment Allowance to more than 1.22 lakh youth in the state

**Raipur, Aug 04:** The state government, led by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, launched the 'Berojgari Bhata Yojana' (Unemployment Allowance Scheme) to empower youth with Unemployment Allowance and training, boosting employment prospects. Aiming to secure the youth's future, the scheme creates opportunities and encourages skill development through various training programs, ensuring a brighter tomorrow for the state's young workforce.

The state government has distributed Rs. 112.43



crore as Unemployment Allowance to 1,22,625 beneficiaries' bank accounts under the scheme, bringing joy to them. The state government is also providing solutions through financial assistance to the state's youth facing financial difficulties in exam preparations and other expenses. The state govern-

ment is providing Rs. 2500 monthly assistance to the youth, reducing reliance on family support and empowering unemployed youths to pursue their goals.

In a significant move, the state government has signed an MoU worth Rs. 1188.36 crore to transform 36 government ITIs into Industry 4.0 Technology Hubs. The project aims to offer training in six new technical trades and 23 short-term courses, benefiting approximately 10,000 youngsters annually. With enhanced skills, these individuals can secure employment across various industries. To further support their progress, the youth will receive Unemployment Allowances and fee waivers for PSC and Vyapam competitive examinations, providing much-needed relief from financial constraints.

## CJ Ch'garh HC conducts a surprise inspection

● Of the Bemetara District Court

**Bemetara, Aug 04:** Chief Justice of Chhattisgarh High Court, Ramesh Sinha, conducted a surprise inspection of the Bemetara District Court after hearing High Court cases. He meticulously inspected all courtrooms, vehicle parking, cleanliness, washrooms, and arrangements for advocates and parties. Necessary directions were given for improvements in the facilities.

During the inspection, water leaks were found in the walls and roof of several areas of the old court building, including the library and record room. The Chief Justice expressed displeasure over water leakage in the advocate's room. The District and Sessions Judge Brijendra Kumar Shastri, Collector Padum Singh Alma, SP Bhavna Gupta, SDM Suruchi Singh, and officials from the Public Works Department were



present during the inspection and received necessary instructions for improvements.

Chief Justice Ramesh Sinha held a meeting with judicial officers to discuss pending cases, dating back 5 to 10 years, and issued directives to give priority to disposing of old cases, especially those under Section 156(3) of the CrPC (Code of Criminal Procedure) and

Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act. During the surprise inspection, he also interacted with advocates, addressing their concerns. The Registrar General, Arvind Kumar Verma, and the Additional Registrar cum PPS, MVLN Subrahmanyam, accompanied him during the inspection. It is noteworthy that Chief Justice Mr. Ramesh Sinha has

been in Chhattisgarh High Court for only three months.

Within this short period, he has conducted surprise inspections of various district courts and Bilaspur Central Jail, providing essential instructions for system improvement. Consequently, significant changes have been observed in infrastructure and working conditions.

## National Organ Donation Day celebrated by Ramakrishna Care Hospital



**Raipur, Aug 04:** On the occasion of National Organ Donation Day, Ramakrishna Care Hospital organized a one-day program held on Thursday, August 3rd at Hotel IVY, Priyadarshini Nagar.

Patients whose kidney transplant, liver transplant was done participated in the program. In this entertainment programs were also organized for the patients, in which they were asked

interesting questions and gifts and roses were given to all the patients. In this program, Dr. Sandeep Dave of Ramakrishna Care, Dr. Ajay Parashar, Dr. Sanjeev Kale, Dr. Sandeep Pandey, Dr. Pravash Chowdhary, Dr. Lalit Nihal, Dr. Ajit Mishra and Dr. Dhiraj Prem Chandani informed the patients and their relatives about what precautions should be taken by all the patients in case of

illness and which diet to be taken and other necessary advices were given. All the patients shared their pre and post transplant experiences.

How did they suffer in illness, what troubles did they face, and how are they now living and thanked Ramakrishna Care Hospital who gave them a second life. Ramakrishna Care Hospital organises such programs from time to time.

● Chairman CGSC convene meeting with officials

**Jagdalpur, Aug 04:** The state government is running several public welfare schemes in the direction of the welfare of the scheduled caste (SC) people. Coordinated initiative should be taken to benefit the last person of the society by effective implementation of these schemes at the ground level. So that the people belonging to Scheduled Castes can play an important role in the development of the state and the country by continuously moving towards socio-economic betterment.

The above instructions were given by Chhattisgarh State Scheduled Caste

## Progress should be brought in providing social status certificate: Khande



Commission (CGSC) Chairman KP Khande during the review of implementation of public welfare schemes in the meeting of district level officials of various departments at the local rest house. Secretary CGSC BL Banjare, Assistant Commissioner Tribal Development Sanjay Chandel and district level officers of various departments were present in the

meeting. Chairman of CGSC KP Khande gave detailed information about the formation and purpose of the Commission. He said that appropriate initiative is being taken by the Commission to provide assistance to the victims including redressal of cases under Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Atrocities Prevention Act. In this direction, positive

efforts are being made to benefit from public welfare schemes of the government, including bringing awareness with the cooperation of social leaders.

He inquired about the cases benefited under the contingency plan and gave instructions to provide quick help to the victims in this direction. The Chairman of the Commission Khande

asked to bring progress in providing social status certificates to scheduled caste students to provide them scholarship and scholarship on time. On the other hand, he directed the officers to ensure good faith dealings with the officers-employees belonging to the Scheduled Castes. In the meeting progress was made in the implementation of the schemes run for the welfare of scheduled castes of departments like Urban Administration Development, Tribal Development Department, School Education, Panchayat, Social Welfare, Chhattisgarh Power Distribution Company, Antyavasayi Cooperative Development Society, Skill Development Authority, Agriculture and Biotechnology etc.

## BJP councilors submitted no-confidence motion

● Against the Mayor to the Collector

**Jagdalpur, Aug 04:** 18 corporators of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) moved a no-confidence motion against Mayor Safira Sahu on Friday. The BJP corporators reached the Collectorate and handed over the application to Collector Vijay Dayaram to bring no-confidence motion against the Mayor and asked him to convene a meeting to pass the no-confidence motion as soon as possible. Leader of Opposition in the Municipal Corporation Sanjay Pandey said that the BJP corporators have moved a no-confidence motion against the Mayor and it will also be passed in the advance proceedings meeting. BJP is definitely going to get the benefit of the rift between the ruling party. Expressing disbelief against the Mayor, the BJP corporators have included five points in the resolution. In which it has been said that partisan work has been done by the Mayor with the opposition



corporators. Due to which the work of the wards of the opposition party is getting badly affected. Due to this, the work of public interest and development has stopped. The problem of health and drinking water has increased. The Municipal Corporation has failed to make proper arrangements for cleanliness in the city. The people of the city are being affected with very serious diseases. Due to unhygienic conditions last year, about 12 people died and hundreds of people became seriously ill due to the spread of dengue in the city. The financial condition of the Municipal Corporation is not

good, due to which the employees of the Corporation are not even getting salary every month. The establishment expenditure of the corporation has increased by more than 65 per cent. Due to the short-sighted decisions of the Mayor, the work being conducted by the corporation is getting hampered.

There is huge corruption in every department in the Municipal Corporation. The cleanliness system of the city, which is the first responsibility of the Municipal Corporation, has collapsed, due to which there is deep resentment among the common people. There is no

proper plan by the Mayor regarding city cleanliness. The cleaning work has become directionless and the townspeople are suffering from it. Leader of Opposition in the Municipal Corporation Sanjay Pandey said that the BJP corporator has brought a no-confidence motion against the mayor. Which will also be passed in the advance proceedings meeting. You will get the benefit of the rift between the ruling party.

Yogendra Pandey, Narsingh Rao, Digambar Rao, Rajpal Kaser, Moti Ram Baghel, Nirmal Panigrahi, Dhansingh Nayak, Dayawati Dewangan, Bharti Srivastava, Deepti Pandey, Triveni Randhari, Alok Awasthi, Mamta are among the BJP corporators who reached the Collectorate and gave their signatures. Potai, Reena Ghosh, Savita Gupta, Mahendra Patel, Shambhu Nag. On this occasion Municipal Board President Suresh Gupta, Vikram Singh Yadav, Khem Singh Yadav, Suresh Kashyap, Amar Jha etc were present.

## CPR and BLS training organised

Related to road accident prevention at Maharani Hospital on Bone and Joint Day

Common citizens including NCC and NSS cadets got training including traffic police, home guard jawans

**Jagdalpur, Aug 04:** On the occasion of Bone and Joint Day, CPR and BLS training was organized for prevention of road accidents under the aegis of Indian Orthopedic Association on the occasion of Bone and Joint Day at Shaheed Gundadhar Auditorium of Maharani Hospital. In which about 1500 traffic police, home guard jawans including NCC, NSS



cadets and nursing students, paramedical staff and common citizens participated. In the programme, intensive training was provided regarding road accident prevention and survival of the victims.

Civil Surgeon cum Hospital Superintendent Maharani Hospital Dr.

Sanjay Prasad said that at present an awareness program is being run on Osteoporosis and bone health and road safety from August 1 to 6. In this context, the said CPR and BLS training was provided. He told that CPR and BLS is Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Basic Life Support (BLS)

are used interchangeably. CPR is a kind of priority medical i.e. first aid which is primarily provided to the patient.

Whereas BLS is basic medical assistance, which is given to people before reaching the hospital or in situations where medical facilities are not immediately available. He told that during this training, Indian Orthopedic Association's State President Dr. Alok Chandra Agarwal and Secretary Dr. Vipin Jain along with local members of Indian Orthopedic Association Dr. Sanjay Prasad and Dr. Lakhman Lal Thakur and doctor from AIIMS Raipur as master trainers and experts. Intensive training was provided by Shubham Bhardwaj, Dr. Anupam Inamdar, Dr. Vedit Agarwal and Dr. Bhaskar Rai.

## Lack of proper road access claims young life

Helpless father brings child's body home on motorbike

Young student's death highlights urgent need for improved infrastructure

Central Chronicle News

**Mainpur, Aug 04:** A heart-rendering incident has come to light from the Mainpur region of Garhiaband district, exposing the dire conse-

quences of inadequate road infrastructure.

Due to the absence of a proper road, a young child tragically lost his life after being bitten by a venomous snake.

The incident has stirred outrage among the local community, highlighting the urgent need for better road connectivity and access to essential healthcare facilities.

The unfortunate incident occurred in the remote village of Tenduchhapar, located approximately 36 kilometers away from the



Mainpur tehsil headquarters. Chandrahas, a seven-year-old student, was sleeping with his family when he fell victim to a venomous snake's bite.

Immediately, his panicked parents informed their relatives, who bravely managed to catch and kill the snake. Despite their best efforts, time was not on their side, and they decided to rush Chandrahas to the Mainpur Community Health Center using a 108 ambulance.

Tragically, the young boy's life could not be

saved, and he succumbed to the snakebite en route to the hospital.

Following the harrowing loss of life, necessary postmortem procedures were carried out, and Chandrahas' body was transported to his home in the village of Bhutbeda. However, the lack of a proper road made this a challenging task.

The grief-stricken family had no option but to carry their beloved child's lifeless body on a motorbike through a treacherous three-kilometer stretch of muddy

and marshy terrain. The distressing sight of the bereaved family navigating the difficult conditions, with their hearts heavy with sorrow, moved all who witnessed it.

The incident has ignited anger and frustration among the local residents who have been continuously demanding better infrastructure in the Rajapadav Gargaon area of the Mainpur development block.

Basic amenities, such as bridges and proper roads, have long been neglected, leaving the

community vulnerable and isolated. Despite their persistent protests, elected representatives, including Members of Parliament and State Legislators, have failed to address these urgent concerns, exacerbating the plight of the region's residents.

The local community is now calling upon the authorities to take immediate action and prioritize the development of proper road infrastructure and healthcare facilities to ensure the safety and well-being of its residents.



# Gond Samaj protests against eviction process

## Central Chronicle News

**Bagbahra, Aug 04:** Gond Samaj has protested a recent eviction process done by the revenue staff in Sal Dabri village under Komakhan tehsil. While speaking indignantly about the allegation of forcible eviction of the tribals who have been occupying the said land for last fifty years, and condemning the action, a resolution has also been passed condemning the District BJP President Smt. Smita Chandrakar and Hitesh Chandrakar.



by shutting off water, due to which poor tribal farmer Kanwal Singh and his wife living in a kutcha house made of hut Numa Khaptel are affected.

He said that the revenue staff, who came to encroach, trampled the crop with JCB till the half of the house under construction was demolished and the entire government land in Saldbari has been en-

croached upon by many influential people and the administration should take action to evict them within 24 hours, otherwise the matter will be placed before Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on World Tribal Day on August 9.

He said that under the Nal Jal Yojana, the site has been marked by the Gram Panchayat in Dabri for the construction of water tank,

but on July 29, in the dark, the sarpanch representative showed the same considered land to the subordinate officer of the water tank construction agency.

Women's cell president and district member Mahila Pravashthi Sachin Pavitri, Yashoda Thakur, Neera Thakur, Ganga Thakur, Khelal Thakur, Ishwar Thakur and others were present.

# Fear of the police should be seen in the criminals: DIG Garg

## Central Chronicle News

**Raigarh, Aug 04:** IPS Ram Gopal Garg took charge as the first DIG of Raigarh Range on Monday and made it clear that compliance with the instructions of the government is his first priority and efforts will be made to improve policing with the help of social and elite people and on the basis of experiences.

DIG also requested the relative cooperation from the media. IPS Ram Gopal Garg of 2007 batch, who was an officer in CBI, has been transferred here from Surguja and here met the officers and discussed the preparations for the upcoming elections in the district.

Meanwhile, talking to the media in the police control



room, the DIG said that his first priority is to comply with the instructions of the government and conduct peaceful assembly elections. He told that he has been posted as SP in many districts of the state, Gariaband, Balod and Korea. Along with this, he has gained experience of working in Special Branch of Police and CBI on deputation. After this, after serving as DIG in-charge in Rajnandgaon and Surguja, he was transferred to Raigarh. Talking to the media, he said that

the fear of the police should be seen in the criminals and not in the public; such an environment has to be created. In the introductory conversation, DIG Ramgopal Garg talked about expediting the disposal of the cases registered in the police stations. Along with this, coordination with the public, rein on crime, and strict ac-

tion against criminals were told as their priority.

DIG Mr. Garg said that there are different types of crime in all the three districts of Sakti, Jashpur and Raigarh and Product Act will be ensured along with security and law and order after taking details of action from SSP of all the three districts. Additional Superintendent of Police Sanjay Mahadeva, City Superintendent of Police Deepak Mishra, Trainee IPS Udit Pushkar, DSP Traffic Sushanto Banerjee and other police officers were present.

## BJP workers stage protest regarding stray animals

**Dongargarh, Aug 04:** Lal Bahadur Nagar BJP Mandal demonstrated in front of Tehsil office regarding unclaimed stray animals and during the demonstration, the leaders took a dig at the government's plans and slogans and said that the slogan of the state's Bhupesh government is Narva, Garuva, Ghurwa and Bari, in which crores of rupees are being shed like water in the state government's campaign, but still is of no worth. The protesters blamed Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and Regional MLA Daleshwar Sahu for the cattle issue and staged a sit-in demonstration in Tehsil office regarding stray cattle.

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**FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CREDITORS OF VINOD KUMAR AGRAWAL**

**RELEVANT PARTICULARS**

1 Name of Personal Guarantor	Vinod Kumar Agrawal
2 Address of the registered office and principal office (if any) of Personal Guarantor	Vandana Bhawan, M.G. Road, Raipur-492001 (CG)
3 Insolvency commencement date in respect of personal guarantor	31.07.2023 (came to the knowledge of the RP on 02.08.2023 via official website of NCLT)
4 Estimated date of closure of insolvency resolution process	27/01/2024
5 Name and registration number of the insolvency professional acting as resolution professional	Shikhar Chand Jain Reg. No. IBBI/IPA-001/IP-P00495/2017-18/10883
6 Address and e-mail of the resolution professional, as registered with the Board	Address: ADB & Company, Chartered Accountant, 01st Floor, Mahaveer Gausahala Complex, Moudhapara, Raipur-492001 (CG) Mail ID: <a href="mailto:kajjain92@gmail.com">kajjain92@gmail.com</a>
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8 Last date for submission of claims	26/08/2023
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Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount with NPA date	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
(LC No. 03900001859 of Raipur Branch) Deepak Choudhary (Borrower) Minal Choudhary (Co-Borrower 1)	26-06-2023/ Rs. 5,12,347/- (Rs. Five lakh Twelve Thousand Three Hundred Forty Seven Only) NPA (11-03-2023)	Plot No. 166, Sarvodaya Green Near Rawatpura Sirkar College Kumhari Bahali Durg Durg Chhattisgarh- 490021
(LC No. 24000003350 of Kanpur Branch) Sohan Lal (Borrower) Nisha Devi (Co-Borrower 1)	26-06-2023/ Rs. 8,47,565/- (Rs. Eight lakh Forty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Five Only) NPA (11-05-2023)	Plot No. 93, Arazi No. 1213 Meherban Singh Ka Purwa Kanpur Nagar Kanpur Urban Uttar Pradesh- 208001

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to PCHFL as aforesaid, PCHFL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of PCHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date: 05-08-2023  
Place: Chhattisgarh  
Sd/- (Authorised Officer)  
Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited

## न्यायालय कलेक्टर एवं जिला दण्डाधिकारी रायपुर नोटिस

क्रमांक/199/न-121/2022-23/13  
रायपुर, दिनांक 12 जुलाई, 2023

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## Continued antidepressant treatment may prevent relapse in bipolar disorder patients

Results from an international clinical trial led by researchers at the University of British Columbia, Canada, have shed light on the potential benefits of continued treatment with modern antidepressants for patients with bipolar disorder. The study reveals that extended antidepressant therapy could help prevent patients from relapsing into depressive episodes, challenging current clinical practice guidelines and offering new insights into managing bipolar depression worldwide.

Bipolar disorder is characterized by extreme emotional shifts, cycling between periods of intense highs (mania or hypomania) and lows (depression). Patients are typically prescribed antidepressants alongside mood stabilizers and/or antipsychotic medications for treatment. However, the duration of prescribing antidepressants after depression subsides, as part of maintenance treatment, has been a subject of debate due to concerns about in-



ducing mania or rapid cycling.

The trial included 178 patients with bipolar I disorder in remission after being treated with modern antidepressant drugs. They were randomly assigned to either continue antidepressant treatment for 52 weeks or taper off antidepressants at six weeks and switch to a placebo at eight weeks.

At the end of the year-long study, results showed that 46% of patients in the placebo group experienced a relapse of any mood event, compared to only 31% in the group with continued antidepressant treatment. Notably, patients continuing antidepressant treatment were 40% less likely to experience a relapse of any mood event and 59%

less likely to experience a depressive episode relative to the placebo group.

Depressive episodes are marked by feelings of sadness, hopelessness, loss of interest in activities, sleep troubles, appetite changes, and suicidal thoughts. Reducing the risk of relapse is crucial, as depressive episodes have been linked to significantly higher rates of suicide attempts and deaths compared to manic episodes.

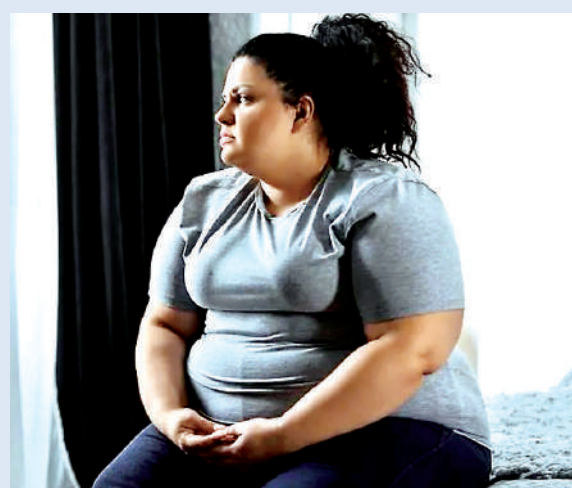
Lead author Lakshmi Yatham, professor and head of the department of psychiatry at the university, emphasizes that preventing relapse can provide patients with stability, enabling them to return to activities they enjoy and significantly improve their quality of life.

These groundbreaking findings challenge existing guidelines and offer hope for more effective management of bipolar depression, potentially leading to better outcomes and improved well-being for millions of individuals affected by this complex disorder.

## Faulty genes linked to obesity in women, had no effect in men

Researchers at the University of Cambridge, UK, have uncovered groundbreaking insights into the genetic basis of obesity, discovering that faulty variants of three genes are associated with obesity-related conditions in women but have no effect in men. The study, based on the sequencing of over 414,000 adults from the UK Biobank, has shed light on sex-specific mechanisms and age-related factors influencing obesity, potentially paving the way for targeted treatments in the future.

Senior author John Perry, a geneticist and professor at the University of Cambridge, emphasized the importance of considering sex, age, and specific mechanisms in disease research rather than treating everyone as a homogeneous group. The team's focus was on protein-coding parts of the genome, known as the exome, associated with body mass index (BMI) in men and women, respectively.



Their findings were published in the journal Cell Genomics. The study revealed that defective variants of three genes - DIDO1, PTPRG, and SLC12A5 - were linked to higher BMI in women but had no impact on men. Strikingly, over 80% of women with DIDO1 and SLC12A5 variants were found to have obesity. Moreover, women carrying DIDO1 variants showed stronger associations with higher testosterone levels and increased waist-to-hip

ratio, both being risk indicators for obesity-related complications such as diabetes and heart disease. On the other hand, those with SLC12A5 variants had higher odds of developing type 2 diabetes.

The researchers also delved into age-specific factors influencing obesity and identified two genes, OBSCN and MADD, previously not associated with childhood body size and fat. Carriers of OBSCN variants had higher odds of

having higher weight as children, while MADD variant carriers were linked to smaller body sizes during childhood. Interestingly, the genetic variants affecting MADD showed no association with adult obesity risk, indicating age-specific effects on body size.

John Perry commented on the surprising discovery that some of the identified genes are involved in DNA damage response and cell death, providing clues that this biological process might influence body size and contribute to the development of obesity.

Looking ahead, the research team aims to replicate their findings in a larger and more diverse population, hoping that their study will uncover novel biological pathways that could pave the way for new drug discoveries targeting obesity. The findings open up exciting possibilities for personalized treatments and interventions, bringing us one step closer to effectively addressing the global obesity epidemic.

## Life-saving car button amazes drivers



Car enthusiast @dongcheshijie has left social media users astonished once again with a hidden car function that goes beyond convenience—it could save lives. In a viral TikTok video with over 8.1 million views, she shared a simple yet crucial tip to make night driving safer. The influencer demonstrated a hidden button or tab located under the rearview mirror, designed to combat the blinding glare from vehicles behind. When driving at night, the rear lights from other cars can be dazzling, making it difficult for drivers to see properly. However, by

activating the anti-glare function, the rearview mirror automatically darkens, reducing the intensity of headlight glare. Different car models have varying mechanisms for this feature. Some cars have a button that looks like a power button to press, while others have a tab situated underneath the mirror near the windshield. In modern vehicles, the auto-dimming feature is often automated, detecting the headlights from the vehicles behind and adjusting the mirror accordingly. The auto-dimming feature has been praised for its simplicity and effectiveness in preventing

accidents caused by night glare. Mazda, for example, highlights how the rear light sensor detects incoming headlights and activates the auto-dimming function as soon as the vehicle starts. While many drivers are familiar with common car features like parking assist and cruise control, the discovery of this hidden safety function provides during nighttime driving. Understanding and utilizing these lesser-known features can help drivers stay safe on the road and avoid potential accidents caused by glare.

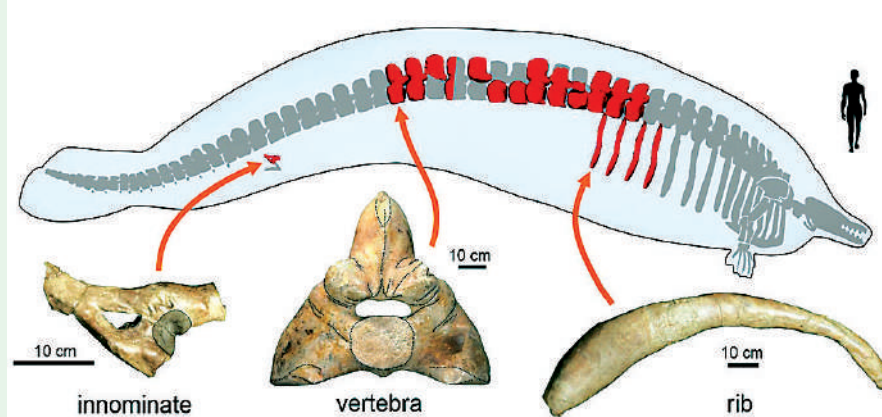
## Ancient Whale species challenges Blue Whale's size record

Researchers have discovered an extinct whale species that lived approximately 39 million years ago, which may have surpassed the blue whale as the heaviest animal to have ever lived. The findings, published in the journal Nature, reveal that the ancient species, named *Perucetus colossus*, had a body mass of up to 340 tonnes, three times heavier than the largest blue whale.

The partial skeleton of *Perucetus colossus* was unearthed 13 years ago in the Ica desert on the southern coast of Peru. Scientists from the State Museum of Natural History Stuttgart in Germany have since analyzed the remains, shedding light on this colossal prehis-

toric creature. Although the blue whale remains the longest animal, reaching lengths of up to 30 meters (98 feet), the *P. colossus* specimen was estimated to be 17-20 meters (56-66 feet) long.

on par with or possibly even heavier than the modern blue whale. The ancient species belongs to the basilosaurids family, a group of extinct cetaceans that includes dolphins, whales, and



Despite its slightly shorter length, its astounding weight puts it

porpoises. These creatures lived from the middle Eocene to the

late Oligocene epoch, approximately 41 million to 23 million years

ago. The discovery of *Perucetus colossus* challenges our understanding of the prehistoric marine world and provides new insights into the evolution of these majestic ocean giants. As researchers continue to unravel the mysteries of the ancient past, this remarkable finding highlights the importance of preserving and studying Earth's history for a deeper understanding of the world around us.

## Waitress rages after 'insecure' customer leaves her 79p tip after flawless service



A waitress took to Reddit to express her frustration after receiving a measly \$1 tip (79p) from a customer despite providing impeccable service. The reason behind the paltry tip was a note left by the customer, criticizing the waitress for using a 'pet name' on her boyfriend. The note read: "Don't call taken men 'sweetie'."

The waitress shared the incident on the platform, sarcastically com-

menting, "Tell me you're insecure without actually telling me you're insecure." The disappointing tip came on a £35 (Pound 27) bill, which is significantly lower than the customary 15 to 20 per cent tip expected in the US.

In American restaurants, tipping is a standard practice to compensate servers for their service, unlike in England where it's more of a personal decision. However, the customer's reaction to the pet name used by the waitress highlights the delicate nature of human interactions and personal preferences. Responding to the post, other users shared their experiences and tips for navigating such situations. One user mentioned a strategy passed down by an experienced coworker, suggesting how to address couples based on their age to avoid misunderstandings. Tipping customs also vary across the world,

with many European countries commonly including the tip as part of the bill. Understanding these cultural differences can be useful for travelers to ensure smooth interactions during their dining experiences.

In the end, the incident serves as a reminder of the nuances involved in customer service and the significance of maintaining a respectful and understanding attitude in all interactions.

concerns about its potential danger. Speculation arose about the impact on nearby houses, while others playfully compared the scene to a thrilling horror movie backdrop. The video's viral spread

tion in 2021 was only 149. These icebergs, drifting from Greenland's glaciers, are a common sight along Newfoundland's east coast, fondly referred to as "Iceberg Alley." The size of these icebergs ap-

## Massive iceberg drifting towards Canadian coast amazes social media

on Twitter and Instagram, showcases the sheer size and majesty of the colossal icy structure as it approaches Canada's east coast, resembling a massive wave threatening to engulf coastal settlements. With over 10 mil-

lion views and 80,000 likes, the video has left viewers stunned. Shot last month in Conche, Newfoundland, by Emoinu Oinam, the video provides a glimpse into the town's landscape,

with the iceberg as its astonishing centerpiece. Oinam, on his Instagram account, invited viewers to join him on a walk around Conche and witness the awe-inspiring sight of the iceberg. Notably, Conche's popula-

tion is expected to be increasing in recent years, drawing greater attention and fascination from viewers around the world. While social media users marveled at the iceberg's breathtaking beauty, some also expressed



highlights the captivating allure of nature's wonders, urging us to appreciate the magnificence of our planet's icy spectacles and the need to preserve these remarkable natural phenomena for generations to come.



# Imran Khan's PTI faces EC consequences

● Fails to appear before poll panel over failure to hold intra-party elections

Islamabad, Aug 04 (PTI):

Pakistan's former prime minister and chief of PTI Imran Khan on Friday failed to appear before the election commission despite having been served a final notice over the party's failure to hold intra-party elections, according to a media report.

Khan, 70, was summoned by the electoral watchdog with a warning that if he failed to appear before the Election Commission of Pakistan, it might declare his



Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party ineligible to obtain an election symbol for future elections, The Express Tribune newspaper reported. "PTI chairman Imran Khan failed to appear before the Election Commission of Pakistan on Friday despite the notice served on him," the report said. Referring to Section 209 (1), the ECP on Friday

pointed out that every registered political party was bound to provide the commission with a certificate about the holding of its intra-party polls.

The PTI's intra-party elections were scheduled to be held on June 13, 2021 under the party's constitution, the report said. However, it was not held.

In May last year, the commission issued a show-cause notice to Khan for his failure to hold intra-party elections of the PTI in his capacity as its chairman.

# Pakistan's Assembly passes bill to curb money laundering and terror financing

● End FATF threat forever

Islamabad, Aug 04 (PTI):

Pakistan's National Assembly has passed a bill, which will help the country avoid the Financial Action Task Force's grey list forever if it is enforced and properly implemented.

The lower house of Parliament passed the bill that seeks to form a central authority to curb money laundering and terror financing, bringing all institutions related to the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) under one command.

Last year, Pakistan was taken off the grey list of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), the global watchdog on terror financing and money laundering, four years after the country was put in the infamous category.

The bill the National Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Financing of Terrorism Authority Act, 2023 was presented by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hina Rabbani Khar, who said that the proposed law would bring all institutions related to FATF

under one authority, The Express Tribune newspaper reported on Friday.

Currently, money laundering, financing of terrorism and targeted financial sanctions are enforced under different laws, mainly via the Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2010, the Anti-Terrorism Act of 1997 and the United Nations Security Council Act of 1948, the report said.

Recalling when Pakistan was put on the Paris-based FATF's grey list, Khar said that the proposed authority would function as a focal insti-

tution and help the state give a unified response to curb the menace of money laundering and terror financing.

"This is a good bill, and if it is enforced and properly implemented, then Inshallah [God willing] Pakistan never sees the FATF grey list again," Khar was quoted as saying in the report. She added that the proposed law would institutionalise different entities and greatly benefit Pakistan.

Noting that Pakistan faced difficulties in three different arenas, namely

anti-money laundering (AML), countering financing of terrorism (CFT) and targeted financial sanctions (TFL) when it was put on the FATF grey list, Khar hoped that the newly-passed bill would effectively address these issues.

In 2018, the FATF found Pakistan's deficiencies in its legal, financial, regulatory, investigation, prosecution, judicial and non-government sectors to fight money laundering and combat terror financing, which are considered severe threats to the global financial system.

## SUNAK & FAMILY ON SUMMER HOLIDAY



British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, his wife Akshata Murty and daughters Anoushka and Krishna, right, at Santa Monica Pier, in Santa Monica, California, on their summer holiday.

## Pak SC dismisses Imran Khan's plea against Toshakhana trial

Islamabad, Aug 04 (PTI):

Pakistan's Supreme Court on Friday dismissed Imran Khan's plea against trial proceedings in a corruption case in which the former premier is accused of concealing details of the gifts he retained from the state repository, as he withdrew the case.

While dismissing the plea in the Toshakhana case, the apex court observed that the application seeking the transfer of the case to another court was underway in the Islamabad High Court (IHC). The court expressed the hope that the trial and the IHC will make decisions as per the law.

The Supreme Court observed that the said decision would not affect other pleas filed by Khan, 70.

Khan is accused of mis-

using his 2018 to 2022 premiership to buy and sell gifts in state possession that were received during visits abroad and worth more than Rs 140 million (USD 635,000).

On Wednesday, the apex court turned down Khan's request to stay the trial in the Toshakhana case being heard at an Islamabad sessions court.

However, it had also granted relief to the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf chief by postponing further proceedings till Friday so that he could approach the court again in case any adverse order was passed by the Islamabad High Court (IHC).

Meanwhile, IHC on Thursday reserved its verdict on a set of petitions filed by Khan against the Toshakhana trial. It is expected to issue the said verdict on Friday.

## HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

Tender Notice

No. 9741/CPC/2023 Bilaspur, dated 03/08/2023

The High Court of Chhattisgarh, Bilaspur invites bids (Technical and Financial) from eligible bidders for the Supply, Testing, Installation and Maintenance of the following articles for the use in the Special Courts (SC/ST) Prevention of Atrocity Act. of the Chhattisgarh State:-

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- (d) VC Setup - 11 Set

Interested Parties may view and download the detailed Tender (terms and conditions and Technical Specification) of articles on the website viz. <https://highcourt.cg.gov.in>

I) - Documents Download start Date - 03/08/2023

II) - Last Date of Submission Physical documents - 28/08/2023 (till 04:30 PM)

(Arvind Kumar Verma) Registrar General High Court of Chhattisgarh Bilaspur (C.G.)

G-04018/2

## NOTICE ON- Admission and I.R./Stay (P.A. 01) IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT CHHATTISGARH BILASPUR

No. 9175 02/08/2023

General Form

Writ Petition (Habeas Corpus/Mandamus/Prohibition/Certiorari/Quo-Warranto)

WA No. 235 of 2022

STATE OF CHHATTISGARH Petitioner  
SHRI MAHABIR SHIKSHA Respondent  
PRASAR SAMITI

To,

Shri N.K. Dewangan,  
S/o D/o W/o R/o B-66, Kota Housing Colony, Near Sai Darbar, Kota, Raipur District Raipur, Chhattisgarh District.

Where as a petition has been made in the above case by the Petitioner for a writ of (Habeas Corpus/Mandamus/prohibition/Certiorari/ Quo-warranto) under article 226/227 of the Constitution of India.

Take notice that you are required to submit a return personally or through a duly engaged Advocate on or before 10/08/2023. If no return is filed as aforesaid, the petition will be heard and decided ex parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the High Court of Judicature at Bilaspur this 02 day of 08/2023

By order of High Court (ASST. REGISTRAR/SECTION OFFICER)

G-04038/1

## NOTICE ON- Admission and I.R.(P.A. No. 1) IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT CHHATTISGARH BILASPUR

No. 9053 01/08/2023

General Form

Writ Petition (Habeas Corpus/Mandamus/Prohibition/Certiorari/ Quo-Warranto)

WA No. 305 of 2022

STATE OF CHHATTISGARH Petitioner  
Shri Mahabir Shiksha Prasar Samiti A Respondent  
Registered Society,

To,

Smt. Rajmani Sharma  
W/o Late Shri S.P. Sharma R/o Behind Suyash Hospital Samta Colony, Raipur, District Raipur Chhattisgarh, District.

Where as a petition has been made in the above case by the petitioner for a writ of (Habeas Corpus/Mandamus/prohibition/Certiorari/ Quo-warranto) under article 226/227 of the Constitution of India (copy of petition enclosed.)

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By order of High Court (ASST. REGISTRAR/SECTION OFFICER)

G-03984/1

## NOTICE ON- Admission and I.R./Stay (P.A. 01) IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT CHHATTISGARH BILASPUR

No. 9065 01/08/2023

General Form

Writ Petition/Appeal (Habeas Corpus/Mandamus/Prohibition/Certiorari/ Quo-Warranto)

WA No. 237 of 2022

STATE OF CHHATTISGARH PETITIONER  
ST. XAVIER H.S. SCHOOL RESPONDENT

To,

Ranjit Singh Retd. Clerk,  
R/o Village Fundurdehari, Dhopipara, Ambikapur District:  
Surguja (Ambikapur) CHHATTISGARH Respondent No. 2

Where as a Appeal has been made in the above case by the petitioner for a Writ Appeal U/S 2 (i) of the Chhattisgarh High Court (Appeal to Division Bench) Act. 2006 (Copy of Appeal enclosed).

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By order of High Court (ASST. REGISTRAR/SECTION OFFICER)

G-03980/3

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03	Junior Executive (Common Cadre)	237	99	23	63	35	17	05	05	02	05	00
04	Junior Executive (Finance)	66	30	06	17	09	04	03	02	00	01	00
05	Junior Executive (Fire Services)	03	03	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
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## NOTICE ON- I.A. No. 01/22 for condonation of delay IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT CHHATTISGARH BILASPUR

No. 9070 01/08/2023

General Form

Writ Petition/Appeal (Habeas Corpus/Mandamus/Prohibition/Certiorari/Quo-Warranto)

WA No. 418 of 2022

STATE OF CHHATTISGARH PETITIONER  
AMBKA MISSION BOYS RESPONDENT  
MIDDLE SCHOOL

To,

Shri Barnabas Kujur  
S/o Late Augustine kujur, retd. Teacher, R/o Village Fundurdehari, Beechpara, Ambikapur, District Surguja (Ambikapur) Chhattisgarh

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By order of High Court (ASST. REGISTRAR/SECTION OFFICER)

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## OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, CIRCLE NO-1 RAIPUR (C.G.)

Tender Notice

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121/143248	Construction of Korasi Basti (Culvert By Pass) to Pirda Road Length 0.80 km Under Sub Division No. 4 (Arang) Raipur	Rs. 110.58 Lakh

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Note :- All eligible/interested contractors are mandated to get enrolled on the e Procurement portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process.

Superintending Engineer P.W.D. Raipur Circle No-1 Raipur (C.G.)

G-03960/1

**GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, MAHANADI PROJECT, RAIPUR (CHHATTISGARH)**  
e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE  
eProcurement Portal:<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>  
(Tender Call Notice)  
System Tender No. 134138/NIT No.: 01/SAC/2023-24, Dated: 18.05.2023, Construction of Protection Wall and Damaged Pitching on DIS of New Rudri Barrage, Vide publication No. G. No. 01494, Cancelled Due to no any Tenders has been Participated.  
Executive Engineer Water Management Dn., Rudri, Code No. 38 For Chief Engineer, Mahanadi Project Raipur (C.G.)  
G-03947/1

## NOTICE ON- Admission and Stay IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT CHHATTISGARH BILASPUR

No. 9093 02/08/2023

General Form

Writ Petition/Appeal (Habeas Corpus/Mandamus/Prohibition/Certiorari/ Quo-Warranto)

WA No. 461 of 2022

STATE OF CHHATTISGARH PETITIONER  
SHRI MAHABIR SHIKSHA RESPONDENT  
PRASAR SAMITI

To,

Smt. B. Leela Patnaik W/o Shri B. Ramesh  
R/o D/ 184, Sector 1, Devendra Nagar Raipur, Chhattisgarh

Where as a Appeal has been made in the above case by the Petitioner for a Writ Appeal U/S 2 (i) of the Chhattisgarh High Court (Appeal to Division Bench) Act. 2006.

Take notice that you are required to submit a return personally or through a duly engaged Advocate on or before 10/08/2023. If no return is filed as aforesaid, the petition will be heard and decided ex parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the High Court of Judicature at Bilaspur. This 01 day of 08/2023

By order of High Court (ASST. REGISTRAR/SECTION OFFICER)

G-04029/1

## कार्यालय, मुख्य चिकित्सा एवं स्वास्थ्य अधिकारी, जगदलपुर, जिला बस्तर ( छ.ग. )

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//अस्थाई नियुक्ति विज्ञापन//

कार्यालय, मुख्य चिकित्सा एवं स्वास्थ्य अधिकारी, जगदलपुर, जिला-बस्तर के पत्र क्र./डी.एम.एफ./2023-24/4718, जगदलपुर, दिनांक 02/08/2023 द्वारा जिले के शहरी प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों में चिकित्सा अधिकारी-एम.बी.बी.एस. के पद पर अस्थाई रूप से सेवाये ली जानी हैं, जिस हेतु विज्ञापन जारी किया जा रहा है। इच्छुक आवेदक दिनांक 07.08.2023 को प्रातः 11:00 बजे से पूर्वान्ह 02:00 बजे तक कार्यालय, मुख्य चिकित्सा एवं स्वास्थ्य अधिकारी, जगदलपुर, जिला बस्तर में उपस्थित होकर भाग ले सकते हैं। निर्धारित तिथि व समय के पूर्व एवं पश्चात् प्राप्त आवेदन पत्र स्वीकार नहीं किये जाएंगे। मूल प्रमाण पत्रों से सत्यापन उसी दिवस पर उपस्थित होकर कराना अनिवार्य होगा।

कार्यालय द्वारा विज्ञापन से संबंधित समस्त जानकारी जिले के वेबसाईट [www.bastar.gov.in](http://www.bastar.gov.in) पर उपलब्ध कराई गई है।

मुख्य चिकित्सा एवं स्वास्थ्य अधिकारी, जगदलपुर, जिला बस्तर ( छ.ग. )

G-03985/1

## कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियंता लोक निर्माण विभाग, बिलासपुर मंडल, बिलासपुर

ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट निविदा सूचना

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छत्तीसगढ़ शासन, लोक निर्माण विभाग, बिलासपुर मंडल, बिलासपुर में निम्नलिखित कार्य नवीन ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट में पंजीकृत ठेकेदार हेतु सरल क्र. 1 से 7 हेतु दिनांक 16.08.2023 तक, सरल क्र. 8 से 11 हेतु दिनांक 22.08.2023 तक निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है :-

क्र.	नि.आ.सू. क्र./दिनांक	कार्य का नाम	लाभ (लाख में)
1	129	शासकीय हायर सेकेंडरी स्कूल भवन जमरगा का निर्माण कार्य। द्वितीय आमंत्रण। रायगढ़ संभाग, रायगढ़।	110.22
2	130	शासकीय उ.मा.वि. तिलगा में 6 नग अतिरिक्त कक्षा का निर्माण कार्य। द्वितीय आमंत्रण। रायगढ़ संभाग, रायगढ़।	44.42
3	131	शासकीय उ.मा.वि. नवापारा टेम्बा में 6 नग अतिरिक्त कक्षा का निर्माण कार्य। द्वितीय आमंत्रण। रायगढ़ संभाग, रायगढ़।	44.42
4	132	शासकीय उ.मा.वि. पोराडा में 6 नग अतिरिक्त कक्षा का निर्माण कार्य। द्वितीय आमंत्रण। रायगढ़ संभाग, रायगढ़।	44.42
5	133	शासकीय हाई स्कूल सपनई में 5 नग अतिरिक्त कक्षा का निर्माण कार्य। द्वितीय आमंत्रण। रायगढ़ संभाग, रायगढ़।	37.02
6	134	शासकीय हाई स्कूल ननसिया में 5 नग अतिरिक्त कक्षा का निर्माण कार्य। द्वितीय आमंत्रण। रायगढ़ संभाग, रायगढ़।	37.02
7	135	कलेक्टर एवं जिला निवाचन अधिकारी जिला गोरैला पेण्ड्रा मरवाही में BU, CU & VVPAT के रख-रखाव एवं उचित मंजूरान के लिए वेयर हाउस निर्माण कार्य। विद्युतीकरण सहित। द्वितीय आमंत्रण। पेण्ड्रा संभाग, पेण्ड्रारोड।	152.74
8	136	उपसंभाग मरवाही के अंतर्गत आवासीय एवं गैर आवासीय भवनों का साधारण मरम्मत, विशेष मरम्मत एवं एम.ओ.डब्ल्यू कार्य। प्रथम आमंत्रण। पेण्ड्रा संभाग, पेण्ड्रारोड।	50.00





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### Combating Hate Speech

Safeguarding Unity and Harmony

In the present-day India, where diversity is both a source of pride and strength, hate speech and communal violence pose significant threats to our nation's fabric. The recent incident in Nuh Mewat, where a Railway Protection Force constable brutally killed his senior and three passengers while uttering objectionable hate words, has sent shockwaves across the country. This unfortunate incident not only raises concerns about the immediate need to curb such hatred but also highlights the urgent requirement to address the deep-rooted communal virus that has permeated our society. Nuh Mewat, often referred to as the 'Mecca of Meos,' has historically been home to diverse communities living side by side in harmony. However, the recent clashes that erupted over a religious procession have shattered the peace and exposed the fragile state of communal relations in the area. This incident is not an isolated one; similar incidents have occurred in different parts of the country, sparking communal tensions and threatening the delicate social fabric. The rising incidents of hate speech and communal violence in India demand immediate attention and stringent action. The impact of such incidents extends far beyond the affected regions, as they tarnish the image of the country on the global stage. It becomes even more worrisome when crucial events like the G20 conference are being held in India, as such incidents are transmitted outside the country within a short period, influencing how India is perceived internationally. Hate speech is a dangerous weapon that can quickly ignite communal tensions, leading to violence and destruction. Inflammatory speeches, whether made by political leaders or spread through social media, can incite emotions and deepen existing fault lines within society. These divisive narratives exploit religious and ethnic identities for personal or political gain, turning neighbors into enemies. The role of law enforcement and community leaders is crucial in addressing and preventing such outbreaks, and they must act swiftly and decisively to control the situation. Political leaders hold significant responsibility in maintaining communal harmony. Instead of prioritizing personal gains, they should work towards the well-being of the community and foster unity. Hate speech by anyone, regardless of their political affiliations, should not be tolerated. The recent hate speech incident by a BJP spokesperson, which was severely criticized by the Supreme Court, serves as a wake-up call for all political leaders to exercise restraint and promote harmony. India's unity is a testament to the struggles and sacrifices made by generations before us. The country's social fabric is the result of a long and continuous effort to forge a nation where diversity is celebrated and respected. It is disheartening to witness communal riots tearing at the very core of our national identity. The nefarious design of antisocial elements, seeking to divide and conquer, must be defeated at all levels. To ensure justice and provide solace to the victims of communal violence, proper investigations should be conducted, and those found guilty should be punished. Additionally, compensation should be provided to the injured and families of the deceased. Swift and impartial actions in such cases are essential to demonstrate the government's commitment to safeguarding the rights and security of its citizens. While addressing the immediate aftermath of communal violence is crucial, we must also focus on long-term preventive measures. Education and awareness programs should be implemented to promote tolerance, understanding, and empathy among citizens of diverse backgrounds. Economic empowerment and opportunities for marginalized communities can also play a significant role in reducing tensions and promoting social cohesion. Moreover, India's law enforcement agencies need to be proactive in identifying and apprehending individuals involved in hate speech and communal violence. Accountability and justice must be swift and unequivocal to deter potential offenders. The police administration and intelligence system should be strengthened to tackle such issues effectively.

### Breastfeeding

Baby's First Vaccine and Essential Nourishment

Dr. Krishna Kumar Vepakomma

World Breastfeeding Week, observed from August 1, is an annual campaign aimed at raising awareness for breastfeeding worldwide. Originating in 1992 with support from governments, UNICEF, WHO, and other health institutions, the week advocates policy changes and improved infant feeding practices to benefit newborns and mothers. This year's theme, "Enabling Breastfeeding: Making a difference for working parents," highlights the impact of workplace support, paid leave, and evolving parenting norms on breastfeeding. The campaign recognizes the significance of breastfeeding for both infants and mothers, offering numerous benefits for their health and well-being. Breastfeeding is often referred to as a baby's first vaccine, providing vital protection against potentially deadly diseases and ensuring optimal nourishment for their growth and development. Breast milk is a rich source of essential nutrition and antibodies, leading to reduced infections and better overall health for the child. Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of WHO, emphasizes the importance of promoting breastfeeding, as it acts as a critical lifeline for newborns. The campaign's programs, conducted in over 170 countries, support mothers and emphasize breastfeeding's immense significance. It has been estimated that breastfeeding saves over 800,000 children annually, aids in post-partum recovery for mothers, and reduces health risks. Despite these benefits, only one in three children are breastfed, making awareness and support crucial to increasing breastfeeding rates and saving more lives. In the developed world, various factors such as urbanization, changing lifestyles, and the availability of formula milk and commercial baby foods have contributed to a decline in breastfeeding rates among working women. This decline hampers infants' access to the valuable health benefits offered by breast milk. Breastfeeding is ideally initiated within the first hour of a baby's birth, providing essential antibodies for the baby's developing immune system. For mothers who are unable to breastfeed directly, expressing milk is a viable option. Although certain conditions may prevent breastfeeding, it is generally recommended for both the baby and the mother's health. Despite its significance, only 41% of babies worldwide are exclusively breastfed for six months, falling short of the World Health Assembly's target of raising this rate to 50% by 2025. Increasing global breastfeeding rates not only saves lives but also brings economic benefits. Governments have a crucial role to play in promoting and supporting breastfeeding, countering the influence of the baby food market, and ensuring the well-being of infants and mothers. The Indian government, for instance, can play a vital role in promoting breastfeeding through policies that support new mothers, providing training to healthcare staff, and organizing awareness campaigns. By doing so, they can positively impact the health and development of the nation's children and mothers.

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### OVERFLOWING DASSAM FALLS



Visitors at the overflowing Dassam Falls after heavy monsoon rains, in Ranchi, Friday, Aug 4.

## Violence spreads like an epidemic



DR. SATYAWAN SAURABH



It is necessary to explain to the victims of violence. The mindset of revenge causes harm so that they don't get trapped in the same violent vicious cycle again. If someone is an alcoholic or a drug addict, he is helped to get treated. Then there is an attempt to get him employment. Only then any person can appear completely changed. By changing the behavior of people, we can root out many challenges. For example, a disease like diarrhea can be prevented by the habit of cleanliness. These steps become more effective when one victim helps another. They can win people's trust by sharing their own experiences. For example, people who have been TB-cholera patients should work among their victims. Violent behaviour is an epidemic, which spreads from one person to another like the disease of an epidemic.

The wise win before the fight, while the ignorant fight to win. The intelligent approach to conflict involves planning and strategizing before engaging in fighting or violence, while the ignorant approach is simply fighting or committing violence without considering the consequences or possible consequences. That is the intellectual idea that by carefully assessing a situation and making informed decisions, one can achieve victory without resorting to physical combat or violence. This quote advises that it is wise to anticipate a situation that could turn into violence and then use one's resources to avoid it.

What happens when violence cannot be avoided? Even when attempts at diplomacy fail, violence

can be avoided by assessing the enemy's strengths and weaknesses to quickly overpower the other side. Deception and lies are also used to confuse the enemy or adversary and waste their resources. Instead of treating violence as a law and order issue, it should be treated as a public health challenge. Violent behavior is an epidemic, which spreads from one person to another like the disease of an epidemic. People who are victims of violence are more likely to commit violence. "Violence is preventable in the same way as pregnancy challenges, work-related injuries or infectious diseases are preventable." The problem is that violence is dominated by a hard-line approach around the world. That's why as soon as

there is an uproar over violent incidents, be it the leaders or the public, they start demanding strict laws.

Human beings often behave risky, and play with danger. Like smoking despite knowing the harm or eating more despite being full. Having sex without precautions. Doctors always say that prevention is better than cure. That is, the disease should be prevented from happening. But, when it comes to violent behavior, people say there is only one way to deal with it, make the law stricter. Like the recent provision of the death penalty for raping a girl below 12 years of age. Or the idea is going on in our country to enact a strict law to deal with mob violence. Violence has been accepted as an innate behavior of human beings, which cannot be changed. The thinking is that those who commit violence cannot be brought to the right path. That's why there is talk of strict laws. But, if it could have been done with strict laws, then it would have been done a long time ago. Many crimes are punishable by death in Saudi Arabia and Iran. But the crimes do not stop even then. In India also death penalty is given for many crimes. But those crimes still happen.

How can violence be avoided? In the context of the country's caste riots today, this quote highlights the importance of diplomacy and dialogue in resolving conflicts between two communities. Instead of resorting to violence, which can have disastrous consequences for all concerned, the wise leader strives to find a peaceful solution through negotiation and agreement. Conflicts are often frequent between neighboring states or religious communities, so regional integration is an important step toward reducing the incidence of violence. Riots or violence often result from the ignorance of decision-makers about the possibility of settling disputes peacefully for the mutual benefit of both parties. Thus communities

may contribute to the prevention of riots by developing and institutionalizing alternative, peaceful techniques for settling disputes and persuading states to use them.

It can be understood as a political, regional, or national security arrangement, in which each entity recognizes that the security of one is also the collective concern of all. They are, therefore, committed to a collective response to threats and breaches of the peace. Thus, this quote is relevant to contemporary times given the caste conflict going on in the country. It reminds us that true victory is achieved by dealing with conflicts with wisdom and foresight and finding peaceful solutions that avoid violence. Furthermore, it can be applied not only to violence but also to everyday conflicts and challenges. At the same time, this quote also emphasizes the importance of preparation, knowledge, and foresight in achieving success.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Strengthening National Security

Pakistan's advisor's on-camera admission of using drones for drug smuggling into India has exposed their deceptive practices. This is not the first instance where India has presented concrete evidence of Pakistan's involvement in terrorist activities. Despite raising concerns on international platforms, the global community has not adequately addressed India's apprehensions about Pakistan-sponsored terrorism. To ensure national security, India must enhance its defense capabilities and technology to effectively detect and neutralize Pakistani drones. Safeguarding the country from such threats is crucial to protecting the nation's interests and citizens.

Kavitha, Krishnamurthy, Thiruvananthapuram

#### Tiger Triumph

The resurgence of wild tigers owes credit to Project Tiger, focused on biodiversity preservation. The State of Forest Report, 2021, highlights the significance of undisturbed landscapes for tiger survival. When discussing Forest Conservation Act amendments in the Rajya Sabha, factors supporting tigers and wildlife must be carefully considered. As apex predators, tigers maintain ecological balance in forest ecosystems. Safeguarding their habitats is essential for the continued thriving of these majestic creatures and the overall health of the environment.

Rakesh Gupta, Korba

#### Who is responsible?

The responsibility for the violence in Nuh Mewat remains unclear until the investigation reveals the contributing factors. This incident has raised concerns about potential mistrust between communities and is affecting other districts in Haryana. Prompt action is essential to identify the root causes and hold the culprits accountable to prevent future occurrences. Strengthening the police administration and intelligence system in the state is crucial to maintain peace and prevent such incidents from happening again. Ashraf Nawaz from Hyderabad emphasizes the urgency to address this issue and ensure communal harmony and safety.

Ashraf Nawaz, Hyderabad

## Meri Mati-Mera Desh, Mann Ki Baat or Upadesh

Priyanka Saurabh



Think if the heroes of our country are honored and paid enough money as compared to shameless Instagram influencers, politicians, actors, and actresses. Don't forget that a jawan who participated in the Kargil war to protect our country could not be able to protect his wife in the same country. Who should the country be responsible for this? First of all, we harm the

armed forces by bringing Agniveer, in which there is no guarantee of anything, how can you expect someone to die for the country? When you can't afford the security of a simple job in the armed forces. If you want to pay tribute to these martyr families, then during this campaign, make a plan by listening to the minds of the soldier's families and future soldiers, and also all the important and major roads of the country should be named after our Bravehearts. Need the names of airports, schools train too.

As Independence Day draws near, India is gearing up for grand celebrations. The country is all set to launch a campaign named 'Meri Mati Mera Desh'. Amrit Vatika (garden) will also be built near the National War Memorial in Delhi under 'Meri Mati Mera Desh' in honor of the martyrs of India. For Amrit Vatika, soil

and plants in 7500 urns from every corner of the country will reach Delhi under 'Amrit Kalash Yatra'. Apart from this, special inscriptions will also be installed in lakhs of gram panchayats of the country. The Amrit Mahotsav of Independence is going on in the country for the last year. On this pretext, the 'Meri Mati, Mera Desh' program

has also been started across the country. This year, the event is to be celebrated from August 9 to August 15. This is a matter of pride for the country. But have we made a plan to solve the problems of the country's soldiers by taking stock of the actual situation during this program?

Soldiers may not be from any country, their life is always full of difficulties. Soldiers are the watchdogs of our country, as long as they are posted on the border, we can also breathe peacefully, otherwise, our life would have ended long ago. The contribution of the Indian Armed Forces in maintaining the security, integrity, and unity of the nation is not hidden from anyone. Soldiers who are always ready to protect the country stay away from their families. The country's largest audit agency, CAG has revealed in its report that the soldiers of our country are served substandard food. According to the CAG, a survey conducted by the Army itself has revealed that 68 percent of jawans consider the food served to them to be satisfactory or sub-standard. Meat and vegetables are given to eat. Apart from this, the quantity of ration is also given less and the ration given is also not according to the taste.

Why don't we improve the living conditions of our soldiers? Today the country is not asking this question to

any one person but to every Indian. Is this movement just another political drama using the valor and sacrifice of our soldiers? Has the country covered up the Pulwama incident? Why don't we say anything about Manipur, it hurts a lot and brings tears to my eyes. If we want Meri Mati Mera Desh Ko Man Se, then first of all give priority to our soldiers over the nonsense of gay actors and actresses, why they are treated badly and paid less? One who is ready to sacrifice his life for the country should do so.

Imagine if the heroes of our country are honored and paid enough money as compared to shameless Instagram influencers, politicians, actors, and actresses. Don't forget that a jawan who participated in the Kargil war to protect our country could not be able to protect his wife in the same country. Who should the country be responsible for this? First of all, we harm the armed forces by bringing Agniveer, in which there is no guarantee of anything, how can you expect someone to die for the country? When you can't afford the security of a simple job in the armed forces. Today, instead of running the old freedom movement, the country needs to get rid of the present problems and on the contrary, we are trying to suppress those things by creating a different atmosphere. This is not in the

interest of the country. You run the movement, do whatever you want. But along with all these, remove the basic dilemmas also, only then your effort will be the best and most meaningful.

Cut the pension of jawans, cut the salary, benefits, and budget of our heroes, and then you start such propaganda. The children of our farmers go to the army, not the politicians of the country. They finished that too by bringing the Agneepath scheme. If you want to pay tribute to these martyr families, then during this campaign, make a plan by listening to the mind of the soldier's families and future soldiers and also name all the important and major roads of the country after our Bravehearts. Be named, also the names of airports, schools, and trains. If you are a true citizen of the country then never forget-

When the soldiers are on the border, they stay awake all night. We could sleep peacefully, and stay with our loved ones.

(Writer is a Research Scholar in Political Science, Poetess, Independent journalist and columnist. The views expressed above are the author's own. They do not necessarily reflect the views of Central Chronicle.)



**BRIEF**

**Furniture items**



**Lucknow:** Bengaluru-based e-commerce platform Meesho is planning to deliver furniture items to customers in some pockets of the country by Diwali this year, a company official said. Referring to the Manipur incidents, the company official said that the business has been impacted owing to the recent violence in the North-East.

**Record breaking**

**New Delhi:** State-owned NMDC has crossed 40 million tonnes (MT) production level in financial year (FY) 2022-23, Union Steel Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said. The minister termed the production level achieved by NMDC as 'a record-breaking' development. "NMDC has achieved a record-breaking production for the period up to July 2023 and has already crossed 40 MT of annual production last year (FY23)," the minister said while unveiling the new logo of NMDC at his office in the national capital. NMDC CMD Amitava Mukherjee said the company will continue to increase its production year over year to achieve the production of 100 MT by 2030.

**Tech solutions**



**Chandigarh:** Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema said the state taxation department will adopt the latest software and technological solutions to strengthen its digital tax administration. Chairing a review meeting with the officials of the taxation commissionerate who visited Telangana to study the GST administration, Cheema said the digital technologies adopted by the newly established tax intelligence unit (TIU) were helping the tax authorities in better enforcement, increasing the tax base and plugging leakages.

## India to be a developed nation by 2047: R K Singh

Modernising infra at rapid pace

New Delhi, Aug 04:

Union Minister R K Singh on Friday said India is poised to become a developed nation by 2047, as the country is modernising its infrastructure at a rapid pace. Addressing a press conference Singh said, "Now we are transforming ourselves into a developed country."

We will be a developed country." Stressing that India is modernising its infrastructure at a rapid pace, he said the total length of expressway at present is 3,106 km, which was 353 km in 2014. He said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India will be a developed country by 2047.

The minister stated that the pace of infrastructure development is unprecedented and capital expenditure for the purpose has increased nearly five times



since 2014, when the NDA government came into power and trebled since 2019. He stressed that there has been rapid pace of modernisation of infrastructure development in the country and cited the example of roll out of Vande Bharat Express service which is an engine-less train. Indigenously developed semi-high speed, Vande Bharat trains with best riding quality and fastest acceleration (100 Kmph in 52 second) were introduced on February 15,

2019. So far, 25 train sets have been started covering all the states having electrified tracks across India, the minister informed. As many as 150 train services are targeted to be rolled out in the current year. More than 800 trains are planned by 2030, he added. The Union Power and New & Renewable Energy Minister informed that the capital expenditure by the government has increased to Rs 10 lakh crore in 2023-24, from Rs 7.5 lakh crore in 2022-23 and Rs 5.5 lakh crore in 2021-22.

He further noted that the country's peak power demand has already touched 223 GW and 50GW of conventional power generation capacity is under construction. On renewable energy, he said India has plans to develop 50 GW renewable energy capacity per annum and aims to have 500 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2030.

## Reforms brought in India since 2014 enabled decentralisation of planning in India: FM

New Delhi, Aug 04:

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said reforms brought in India since 2014 have enabled decentralisation of planning in India. Addressing 11 Executive Directors (EDs) of the World Bank Group, representing 95 countries, she said that India is placing a focus on creating opportunities for the poor by empowering communities for equitable growth. EDs, who are on a visit to India, called on the finance minister. They shared their key takeaways with the minister after visiting Mumbai, Ahmedabad and Lucknow. They appreciated the fast-paced development across all sectors enabled by transformational reforms and private sector participation in India's ambition of becoming a



developed country by 2047, the finance minister said in a tweet. They also appreciated the success achieved by India, especially in digital technology and startups, with a focus on the delivery of public goods, including water, electricity, road infrastructure etc, it said. "The Finance Minister underlined the focus India is placing on creating opportunities for the poor by empowering communities for #EquitableGrowth and stated that the #reforms brought in India since 2014 have enabled #decentralisation of planning

**JEWELLERY SHOPPING FESTIVAL**



Actor Bhagyashree at the India Jewellery Shopping Festival 2023, in Mumbai.

## India within pole-vaulting distance to be able to replace China: Anand Mahindra

As factory to the world

New Delhi, Aug 04:

India is within a pole-vaulting distance of being able to replace China as the factory to the world and the suspicions of the neighbour's ambitions and post-Covid supply chain disruptions have also worked in the country's favour, Mahindra Group Chairman Anand Mahindra said on Friday. In his address to the shareholders of Mahindra & Mahindra at the company's AGM, Mahindra used the metaphor of a pole vaulter, who needs multiple factors to converge for a successful pole vault and said the comparison is "even more apt in today's times because India is ready to pole vault". "We are well into the run-up. The Indian economy is growing at 7 per cent when many countries are heading for recession," Mahindra said. Geopolitical tensions with China are pushing many manufacturers in India's direction, he said, adding, "But that is not the only reason. Economics also enters into it. India actually has the cheapest manufacturing



costs in the world. It is not surprising that, of late, companies of the stature of Apple, Samsung, Boeing, and Toshiba have shifted a significant amount of their manufacturing activity to India." It is not just the Western nations, Mahindra said, adding, "Would it surprise you to know that the second largest investor in India is Singapore? We are within pole-vaulting distance of being able to replace China as the factory to the world."

He further said, "Suspicions of China's ambitions and post-Covid supply chain disruptions have also worked in India's favour. And we are well placed to take advantage of this."

## Linde launches Career Enabling Program for Women Professionals

Bangalore, Aug 04:

Linde, a leading global industrial gases company, has recently launched Encore - a program specifically designed for women professionals who wish to restart their careers after a sabbatical. The Encore program aims to tap into the talent, and potential of women professionals who are currently on a career break and looking to reskill and retrain. The Encore Training Program reflects the company's commitment to fostering gender equality and inclusivity within the workforce. This program offers an immersive learning experience across various domains like operations, distribution, sales, and fi-

nance allowing participants to work alongside experienced professionals. During the training period, participants will receive mentorship, guidance, and regular evaluations to track their progress. The program emphasizes practical, hands-on learning, enabling participants to gain confidence and refine their skills through real-world projects and assignments. For women who have taken a career break, returning to work is often challenging. The Encore Training Program seeks to leverage the potential and skills of these women professionals who have temporarily stepped away from the workforce for various reasons.

Applicants must have a minimum of 3 years of work experience prior to their sabbatical to be eligible for the program. "We are excited to launch the Encore Training Program at Linde in India," said Nita Chakravarty, Head of HR, Linde - India. "Encore is a key initiative as we strive to create gender balance and implement more inclusive practices, fostering a progressive culture. We have established an ecosystem to support women professionals. We look forward to training and upskilling the candidates. Our diversity hiring practices follow global best practices, as we continuously evolve to become a more gender-diverse, inclusive company."

## Amit Shah releases Rs 10k each to 112 small investors stuck in Sahara's four cooperatives

New Delhi, Aug 04:

Cooperation Minister Amit Shah on Friday started the process of returning hard earned money of crores of depositors of four cooperatives of Sahara Group by transferring the first tranche of Rs 10,000 each to 112 small investors. Shah said so far 18 lakh depositors have registered on the 'CRCS-Sahara Refund Portal', which was launched on July 18. "So far, 18 lakh investors have registered on the portal. Today, about Rs 10,000 each has been transferred into the bank account of 112 investors," he said after releasing the amount. Shah said the next tranche of funds will be transferred



Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah launches the transfer of funds to the genuine depositors of Sahara Group of Cooperative Societies through CRCS-Sahara Refund Portal, in New Delhi, Friday, Aug 4.

soon as the audit has been completed. "I want to assure and I am fully confident that all depositors will get their funds in the coming days," he said, congratulating the depositors. Shah further said many times such incidents hap-

pen that shake the trust in cooperation. However, it is responsibility of the government to ensure that investors' money is safe and returned to them. Sahara depositors were not getting their money back for last 12-15 years because of the

management fault and delay in court litigations, he said. Highlighting the efforts made by Ministry of Cooperation to secure Rs 5,000 crore from the Sebi-Sahara Fund, Shah said the ministry took an initiative of bringing all govern-

ment bodies concerned, including CBI and Income Tax department on this issue and made a common appeal before the Supreme Court that small investors should get the first right over the funds. "If we have to strengthen cooperative movement in the country, then we have to strengthen the trust in cooperatives," he asserted. On March 29, the government had said money will be returned to 10 crore investors of the four cooperative societies within 9 months. The announcement followed a Supreme Court order directing transfer of Rs 5,000 crore from Sahara-Sebi refund account to the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies (CRCS).

## Oil India gets Maharatna status, ONGC Videsh becomes Navratna

New Delhi, Aug 04:

The Finance Ministry has approved the upgradation of Oil India Ltd to the category of 'Maharatna', a move which will impart enhanced powers to the OIL board while taking financial decisions. Post the upgrade, the state-run oil major has become India's 13th Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE). "Finance Minister approved upgradation of Oil India Ltd (OIL) to Maharatna CPSE. OIL will be the 13th Maharatna amongst the CPSEs. OIL is a M/o Petroleum & Natural Gas CPSE with annual turnover of Rs 41,039 crore and net profit of Rs 9,854 crore for the Year 2022-23," the Department of Public Enterprises said in a post on Twitter, now branded as X. In another post, the Department of Public Enterprises shared: "Finance

Minister has approved the upgradation of ONGC Videsh Ltd (OVL) to Navratna CPSE. OVL will be 14th Navratna amongst the CPSEs. It is a M/o Petroleum & Natural Gas CPSE with annual turnover of Rs 11,676 crore and net profit of Rs 1,700 crore for the Year 2022-23". The other companies included in the Maharatna list are Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), Coal India Limited, GAIL India Limited, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL), Indian Oil Corporation Limited, NTPC Limited, Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC), Power Finance Corporation, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, Rural Electrification Corporation Limited and Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL).

## Curbs on laptop, PC imports to check IT hardware with in-built security loopholes

New Delhi, Aug 04:

The government has imposed a licensing requirement for the import of laptops, tablets and personal computers to guard against IT hardware coming in with in-built security loopholes that may potentially endanger sensitive personal and enterprise data, top sources said. With India having sufficient capacity for IT hardware devices manufacturing, the requirement of purchasers needing permission to import laptops, tablets, all-in-one personal computers, and ultra-small computers and servers will in any way hit domestic availability,

sources aware of the thinking behind the government move said. Sources said the government is committed to ensuring that the Internet in India is 'open, safe and trusted and accountable' for all users. With the expansion of the Internet and more and more Indians coming online, the possibility of citizens being exposed to user harm and criminality has also increased. Various incidents of cybersecurity threats have also been reported. The inbuilt security loopholes like hardware backdoors and firmware malware in IT hardware may be potentially endangering sensitive personal

and enterprise data, they said, adding providing secure hardware is the foundation for security. The government has introduced this policy condition in order to protect the security interest of the country and its citizens, they said. According to sources, the non-tariff barrier is not a ban on imports. Companies/traders can import IT hardware devices after obtaining a valid license from DGFT. DGFT has prepared a portal, and companies/traders can apply online for getting a license. It is expected that DGFT will issue a license within 3/4 days if details are filled in properly. Goods/consign-

ments in transit will be allowed without an import license. Prior to the Directorate General of Foreign Trade notification of August 3, regulations allowed companies to import laptops freely. The notification, however, gives exceptions to certain categories, including the import of one laptop, tablet, all-in-one personal computer, or ultra-small form factor computer coming as part of baggage allowance. Also, imports of 20 number of IT devices per consignment for R&D, testing, benchmarking and evaluation as well as imports for repair and re-export, and for product development purposes are also exempt.

## India can become USD 6.7 trillion economy by 2031: S&P Global

New Delhi: India can become a USD 6.7 trillion economy by 2031, from USD 3.4 trillion currently, if the country clocks an average growth of 6.7 per cent for 7 years, an S&P Global report said. India had clocked a 7.2 per cent GDP growth in 2022-23 fiscal. But a global slowdown and lagged effect of a policy rate hike by RBI could slow down growth to 6 per cent in the current fiscal, S&P Global said in a report titled 'Look Forward: India's Money'. "We expect India to grow 6.7 per cent (average) from fiscal 2024 to fiscal 2031, catapulting GDP to USD 6.7 trillion from USD 3.4 trillion in fiscal 2023. Per capita GDP will rise to about USD 4,500," said the report jointly authored by S&P Global Ratings Global Chief Economist Paul Gruenwald, Crisil Chief Economist Dharmakirti Joshi and S&P Global Market Intelligence Chief Economist Asia Pacific Rajiv Biswas.

## KSB Limited registers 24.8% sales growth

Mumbai, Aug 04:

KSB Limited, one of leading pumps and valves manufacturer in India recorded a growth of 24.8% with a sales value of 10,809 Mio. INR on its half-yearly sales (Jan to Jun 2023) vis-à-vis 2022 (Jan to Jun 2022). The sales increased by 24.8% compared to H1 2022. Q2 Order Intake at 6165 Mio INR growing by 26% over Q2 2022. Export business is seeing an upward trend. KSB Zonal office Kolkata has shifted to a new location. New office was inaugurated on 10th July 2023. Successful Implementation of warehouse management at all the plant. Commodity Prices are showing signs of stability. Received FM packager certificate for

firefighting pumps. The Significant growth in Solar business - Qualification in SECI (Solar Energy Corporation of India) tender. Strong Governance score of 70 and an overall ESG score of 56, as rated by CRISIL. This score is based on information available in public domain in 2022 before publishing Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report (BRSSR) for the year ended 2022. Summarising the Q2'23 performance, Mr. Farrokh Bhatena, Vice President of Sales and Marketing, KSB Limited said, "KSB showcased remarkable performance and significant developments during the second quarter of 2023. We aim to maintain a strong performance in the rest of the year too,

driven by a healthy order intake of 6165 Mio INR in Q2 2023. We remain optimistic about the demand situation as a consistent upward trend is seen in our export business, which will strengthen our position in the global market. Additionally, our Solar division has witnessed significant growth, propelling us toward a future focused on attaining sustainable solutions. We have also successfully implemented warehouse management across all our plants. These efforts will positively impact overall operational efficiency and profitability. As we move forward, KSB remains committed to excellence, sustainability and creating lasting value for all stakeholders."



## 'Tandula' reservoir at the verge of overflow

● Only two feet water is required

Central Chronicle News

**Balod, Aug 04:** The light to moderate rains since beginning of August has brought the rivers and nullahs in the region to full spate and all the reservoirs are also coming to its full. Except for 'Tandula' all other three reservoirs viz. Khakhara, Gondali and Matiyamoti are overflowing and for 'Tandula' reservoir to get overflowed, some more of rainfall is required.

But with strong winds, the water from Tandula reservoir has started overflowing from the overflow area and from this around 600 cusecs of water has been released for irrigation. This water is for



Durg district and out of which 300 cusecs is from Tandula and 300 cusecs has been released from 'Gondali' reservoir.

**'Tandula' requires 2 feet water inflow**  
In order to get the

'Tandula' to reach upto its brim, about 2 feet of water level is remaining. Last year the Tandula reservoir got overflow on August 15. As per information in this regard, till Aug 3 last year, a total of 688 mm of rain-

fall had taken place and this year it is 632 mm.

This year the monsoon was good in the beginning and due to which the reservoir is now at the brim of overflow. This 'Tandula' reservoir is the

lifeline for BSP to all other areas nearby the district and plays important role for drinking water and irrigation purpose.

**Tourists start reaching**  
Amidst light cool winds the water in the reservoir has started overflowing ahead of the safety valve and to enjoy the same, the tourists have started visiting the 'Tandula' reservoir and getting down from 'Ulat' are enjoying the scene.

It is notable here that the local administration has issued alert and it is worthwhile to mention here that there is huge crowd of people near 'Ulat' to witness this scene and due to which the administration has decided to put barricading and impose duty to jawans, so as not to allow anyone to go down below the sensitive area.

## Water crosses bridge on nullah near Navkasha

Central Chronicle News

**Saja, Aug 04:** Due to heavy rains for last two days, about 1 km from Nagar Devkar, the water level on nullah in Gram Navkesh is on the rise and it has drowned on Thursday.

As a result of which the traffic got affected. Till Thursday afternoon, the water was flowing just around a feet above the bridge and due to which the movement of traffic continued.

Due to this large number of villagers came near the bridge to take stock of the situation. Through this bridge, the people reaches Jalbandha, Sahapur. Villagers informed that since there



are big pothole atop the bridge, it is risky to cross even with water crossing the bridge.

The villagers have brought it to the knowl-

edge of senior officers, but till date no action has been taken and with big pothole in the bridge, it posses risk to vehicle riders as well.

## Water in Aagar river on the rise

Some part of city facing water logging

Central Chronicle News

**Mungeli, Aug 04:** Due to heavy showers in the region since Friday last, the rivers and nullahs are in full spate and flood-like situation is coming to fore.

At one place where it has brought relief to farmers taking up paddy crop, on the other the farms near the river are getting submerged due to excess rains and causing loss to farmers.

The water-level in Aagar river is on the rise for the second time in this year. Those living nearby have been issued warning and have been asked to move to safer places. The water is already flowing above the old bridge on the river.



On the other hand, with Anicut near the Bada Bazar area has got submerged and this is posing problems to the people going to the District hospital.

In the same way the culvert on the road from Girl's School to Budhwari

Bazar has also got submerged and posing problems to the people living nearby areas.

On the other hand, with good rainfall, it has brought relief on the faces of farmers and has come as big relief to crops at the verge of drying up.

## Shri Kuleshwar Mahadev temple surrounded with water

● From all four sides by around 5-6 feet  
● Devotees now have to reach through Laxman Jhula

Central Chronicle News

**Rajim, Aug 04:** Due to heavy rains over the last four days in Rajim and nearby areas, the people have got relief from humid weather and made the weather pleasant.

There are cool winds blowing and medium to heavy showers were witnessed since Tuesday onwards. With this many low lying areas are inundated with knee-deep water and left the lanes & by-lanes with muddy terrain and people are forced to walk from it.



Set aside the urban areas, even the farms in the rural areas are submerged with rainwater and farmers are forced to siphon it out by breaking the border mould of soil to keep their crops safe. It is

notable that the work of 'Ropa' and 'biyasi' is in progress at present.

In last four days the region has witnessed total 89 mm of rainfall and with heavy rains in the upper forest areas, the water

level in Triveni sangam has increased.

The foundation area of 'Shri Kuleshwar Mahadev Mandir' is surrounded on all four sides with 5-6 feet water and around 1 feet water near the Anicut is

flowing with high intensity.

Since the Kuleshwar Mahadev mandir is surrounded with water, the devotees now have to reach there, via Laxman Jhula. In the month of July, at one place where there was 743 mm of rainfall recorded, in the month of June it was 640 mm and in July it was 344 and which last year was just 189 mm.

In this as compared to last year, the rainfall this year is more and if the last four-day rainfall is included that on 31 July - 6 mm rainfall took place; 4mm on Aug -1; 20 mm on Aug 2 and 59 mm on Aug -3. Though in last four days the rainfall has not resulted in flood-like situation and it is a big relief to citizens and administration.

## Two children die in separate incidents

One died of coming beneath the 'chajja' and other coming beneath the debris of wall

Central Chronicle News

**Gourela-Pendra-Marwahi, Aug 04:** Due to heavy rains for last two days, many incidents have taken place and on Thursday two major accident took place. At one place where the 'chajja' atop the weekly market fell down and a 6 yr old boy of a family temporarily residing below died on the spot. In another incident, due to felling of wall of 'kuccha' house, an 8 yr old girl died on the spot.

The case is that of Pendra and here a labourer Manoj Choudhary and his family were residing on temporary basis beneath the shed of Weekly Market along with his 6 yr old son Shlok Choudhary died coming beneath the 'chajja'.



The family members reached Community health centre along with their child and with no presence of doctors, they took him to district hospital and where the doctors after check-up declared him dead. The child received serious head in-

juries and due to which he died on the spot.

The family members informed that since the construction work of their dwelling unit (DU) under PMAY was in progress and due to which they were forced to live within the shed. But

due to heavy rains for last two days, this incident took place and they lost their only child. The police is investigating into the matter.

On the other hand, due to heavy rains it came as curse for a family, when the wall of 'kuccha' house



fell down and an 8 yr old girl came beneath the debris and she died on the spot.

The other case is that of Navagaon under Pendra Thana. Here a class 3rd, 8 yr old girl was playing near the house and due to heavy rains the wall on

one side of the house collapsed and she came beneath the debris and died on the spot.

The police has reached the site and ordered relief works. With two death of minor from two families in a day has created sensation in that region.

## Traffic halted for 2 hrs near Kewanti-Amrarkantak route

● Due to landslide

Central Chronicle News

**Gourela - Pendra - Marwahi, Aug 04:** For the last two days i.e Tuesday and Wednesday, the Gourela-Pendra, Marwahi region witnessed heavy rains and due to which the hilly area from Kevanchi to Amarkantak; Gourela to Karangara and Gourela-Chuktipani- Jaleshwar and other region there was chances of landslide.

Due to heavy rains, the soil near Kevanchi-Amrarkantak road also slid and came to the road and due to which the traffic got affected for two hours. It was after removal of soil

and debris that the flow of normal traffic could be restored.

Keeping the same in mind, Collector Priyanka Rishi Mahobia has issued a letter to EE PWD, division Pendra Road and EE PWD NH Bilaspur to keep a close and special watch on the roads in hilly areas. She said that in case of any landslide in hilly terrain, it is prior to the public complaints, efforts should be made to get the debris clear at the earliest, so that the traffic is not affected.

For this she directed to carry out inspection of all the sensitive routes in the district and inform about the damage or potholes to the concerned agency and get it repaired soon.

## 'Shiv Ki Toli' perform dance, songs

Before 'Kanwar Yatris' left for Somnath Dhaam

Central Chronicle News

**Tarpongi, Aug 04:** On the fourth Monday of 'Sawan maah', every year this year's massive 'Kanwar Yatra', under the aegis of Jai Bholenath Sewa Samiti, the well-known artist from 'Shiv Ki Toli' from Kashi Vishwanath ki Nagri-Banaras, left for Somnath Dhaam amidst massive tableau and DJ, after the 'Rudrabhiskeh'. On their arrival in Tarpongi, they gave wonderful performance of their art and talent.

Patron organising samiti Bhavesh Baghel informed that in this Kanwar Yatra, more than 3000 'Kanwar Yatris' took part. In this 'Kanwar yatra', Tilda Janpad President's rep- Devbrath Nayak, DCC Raipur (rural) V-P Devendra



Verma, YC Dharshiwa VS President Ankit Veram, Poshan Baghel, Suresh Verma, Murli Manohar Markam, Vinay Sharma, Kamlesh Sinha, Deepak Agrawal, Chandan Singh Markam, Sangeeta Didhi, Mamta Sahu, Sanju Chakradhari, Aarti Verma, Vinod Chandravanshi, Natwar

Nayak, Hemuram Verma, Kamta Prasad Verma, Ajay Verma, Sheshnarayan Baghel, Chandrashekhar Yadav, Kailash Agrawal, Madhu Kashyap, Kundan Verma, Govind Sahu, Gajendra Veram, Nitesh Baghel, Piyush Baghel, and others 'Kanwar Yatris' were present in large number.

## Movement of traffic closed from 'Harinullah'

● As water was flowing above the bridge

Central Chronicle News

**Pandaria, Aug 04:** With heavy rains in the region since Wednesday, the rivers and 'nullahs' are in full spate. Due to flooding in city's 'Harinullah', the water on the bridge near NH-130 near Harinullah was flowing above the bridge and due to which the Kawardha road was blocked till Thursday morning.

The water above the bridge was flowing around 3-4 feet high. Though few vehicles passed from this 'nullah', but with the water level rising, the police reached the site and stopped the vehicles from crossing and got the area closed.

On Thursday the region witnessed intermittent rains since morning



and with flooding atop the bridge near Harinullah, many had to return to their home. In order to go to Kawardha, people had to go via Ghobghatti, Ghoghara-Pandatarai and other rural areas.

The big vehicles and buses were passing via Mahali- Fastarpur to Kunda and then to Kawardha and Bilaspur. The rains which started on Wednesday evening had not stopped till

Thursday night and if it continues on Friday, then this route will remain affected till that period.

**Second flood this year**  
Since the construction of bridge on 'Harinullah' is low and due to which it often closes even after light showers. This is second time in a year when the flooding took place in the nullah. Last week when the water level increased, it reduced in some time and normalcy was restored.

## Water-level on Haaf River on the rise



The water-level in the district's largest 'Haaf' river was on the rise since on Thursday morning. In the last week's rainfall and floods, the crops in the farms near the river got damaged and the remaining crop of vegetables, corn and others were destroyed in the Thursday's floods. The crop of corn, vegetables and others in about two dozen villages near the river viz. Khairjhitti, Ladangpur, Dhoghatti, Padaki, Domsara, Pendra, and others have got submerged in water. At one place where the crops near the river faced damage, on the other, it has speeded up the farming work for sowing of paddy for the farmers in the region.

But the rise in water level in the nullah since Wednesday night till Thursday, led to closure of traffic on this route. No

efforts have been made to reconstruct a new bridge so as to avoid such situation, even after sanction of funds.



## Prannoy, Rajawat to face off in semifinals

Sindhu cashed out

Sydney, Aug 04 (PTD):

In an action-packed day at the Australian Open Super 500 badminton tournament, Indian shuttlers HS Prannoy and Priyanshu Rajawat emerged victorious in their respective quarterfinal matches, setting up an exciting all-Indian men's singles semifinal clash. However, star shuttler PV Sindhu faced disappointment as she bowed out of the tournament.

Priyanshu Rajawat, the Orleans Masters champion, achieved a significant milestone by securing his first-ever semifinal appearance in a Super 500 tournament. He delivered a dominant performance against compatriot Kidambi Srikanth, winning 21-13, 21-8 in a one-sided match. Meanwhile, HS Prannoy, ranked 9th in the world, engaged in a



thrilling battle with Indonesia's world number 2, Anthony Sinisuka Ginting. After losing the opening game, Prannoy displayed exceptional resilience and determination, mounting a comeback to win 16-21, 21-17, 21-14 in a grueling 73-minute encounter. However, the day wasn't as fortunate for two-time Olympic medalist PV Sindhu, who strug-

gled to find her rhythm against USA's world number 12 Beiwen Zhang. Sindhu's efforts fell short as she suffered a 12-21, 17-21 defeat in just 39 minutes.

For Sindhu, this loss comes as a major setback ahead of the upcoming World Championships in Copenhagen, Denmark. She had earlier secured wins against Ashmita Chaliha and Aakarshi Kashyap in the early rounds of the tournament.

In the semifinals, Prannoy will face Rajawat, providing an intriguing match-up between the experienced pro and the emerging talent. While Prannoy holds a 1-0 advantage over Rajawat from a previous encounter, the young Madhya Pradesh shuttler has shown significant improvement in the past year, impressively pushing top players to three-game battles.

## ACT 2023: South Korea hold Pakistan to 1-1 draw

Chennai, Aug 04 (PTI):

Pakistan remained winless in the ongoing Asian Champions Trophy after being held to a 1-1 draw by defending champions South Korea at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium here on Friday.

Pakistan had lost 1-3 against Malaysia in their opening match on Thursday. While Abdul Shahid opened the scoring for the Men in Green in the ninth minute, Jihun Yang pulled back the equaliser for the Koreans from a penalty stroke in the 53rd minute. Before the start of the encounter, Pakistan skipper Umar Bhutta was felicitated by Hockey India for featuring in his 200th international match.

The opening quarter saw a quiet start from both the sides as they tried to penetrate each other's circle and create chances but failed to convert the opportunities that came their way into goals.

It was not until the second quarter that the breakthrough



arrived, with Shahid deflecting the ball in following a pass towards him.

Bhutta was sent off the field with a green card in the 20th minute, while his side maintained the 1-0 lead at the half-time break.

The restart saw no change in the tempo of the game as

both the sides looked to gain possession, besides earning penalty corners as well but to no avail.

The third quarter witnessed a player from Korea being substituted for injury, while there were no goals conceded by either side in this 15 minutes.

In the final quarter, Korea tried to up the ante and indulged in some physical play, leading to a couple of injury breaks.

While Pakistan's Aqeel Ahmad saw the green card in the 48th minute, Korea's Park saw the same colour three minutes later.

## RCB appoint Andy Flower as head coach; part ways with Hesson, Bangar



Bengaluru, Aug 04 (PTI):

Royal Challengers Bangalore on Friday appointed the vastly experienced Andy Flower as their head coach, officially ending the term of Mike Hesson and Sanjay Bangar.

The contracts of both Hesson, director of cricket operations, and Bangar, the head coach, were up for renewal in September but the franchise decided to move on from the duo.

Rajesh Menon, vice-president and head of RCB, met Flower in London for discussions before drafting him in.

Flower said he was looking forward to take the RCB to newer heights in the IPL 2024.

"I am really proud to be joining RCB. I recognise the work put in by Mike Hesson and Sanjay Bangar, who are two coaches I respect, and I look forward to the chal-

lenge of taking RCB to new heights," said Flower, who coached Lucknow Supergiants in the last two seasons of the IPL.

Flower also enjoyed a long and successful association with the England cricket team, parting ways after 12 years.

The Zimbabwean was appointed England assistant coach to Peter Moores in 2007, took over as head coach two years later and performed the same role for them in 2014.

During his stint as head coach, Flower led England's Test side to number one in the world, title triumph at the 2010 World Twenty20 and Ashes success in Australia in 2010-11.

Flower has extensive experience in the IPL, having worked with LSG and Punjab Kings prior to that.

The former Zimbabwe batsman said he is looking forward to working with RCB players, particularly with captain Faf du Plessis.

"I'm particularly excited to be reunited with Faf. We have worked very well together in the past and I look forward to forging our partnership and relationship into something bigger and better."

"We have an exciting roster of players to work with, and I recognise and will relish both the amazing opportunity with RCB but also the responsibility that comes with the role. It is a great challenge, and I can't wait to get started," said Flower.

## Penalty corner happens to be our strength: Hardik Singh

Chennai, Aug 04 (PTI):

India vice-captain Hardik Singh has asserted that penalty corners remains their strength and they would look to execute it to the fullest during the ongoing Asian Champions Trophy 2023 here.

India's opening game on Thursday against China saw the hosts winning 7-2, with six of the goals resulting through the corner.

"Penalty corner happens to be our strength. And, whatever our strength is, we will try to use it and execute it to the fullest during the matches. Also, we are delighted with how we are scoring the field goals," Hardik



told PTI after the victory. "We have to convert our penalty corners successfully and aim at having at least two or three goals through the corner, besides creating the same amount of chances in every quarter." India were playing their first contest

on the newly-laid turf at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium and Hardik gave a positive review about it and the venue overall.

"The turf is extremely good. Kudos to the Tamil Nadu government for doing a great job with it

as well as the venue. Feels cheerful for the entire team to be playing here."

The hosts take on Japan on Friday and Hardik said they would look to get off to a vibrant start.

"There is no low-ranked team for us. Every team is the same for us, and our only strategy is to start the game on a positive note against any side," he said.

"They (Japan) generally play half-court, so they are good at man-to-man marking. Also, they have a good defence inside the box. Meanwhile, the short corner happens to be our strength. So, we will intend on utilising it to the fullest, besides playing our normal game."

## After India debut, Tilak Varma hopes to win World Cup

Tarouba (Trinidad), Aug 04 (PTI): Tilak Varma was not expecting to make his India debut so soon in his career, but having realised his dream, he is hoping to achieve his next target: win a World Cup.

The 20-year-old Varma, who was part of the 2020 U-19 World Cup squad, scored a fearless 39 off 22 balls in his maiden outing with the senior India team during the opening T20I against the West Indies, which the visitors lost by four runs.

"Everyone has this dream of playing for the country, I never thought that I will be able to play for India so soon in my career; because, after the Under-19 World Cup,



there was the coronavirus issue which happened, so I thought let me just use the opportunity that I get," Varma said in a video posted by the BCCI. Varma, who plays for Mumbai Indians, amassed 343 runs at an

average of 42.8 in 11 matches in the 2023 IPL season, besides scoring 397 runs in 14 matches in the 2022 edition.

"From childhood, it has been my goal to win India the World cup. In my mind, I always think

about ways how to win the World cup. I keep visualising everyday that I will go and bat in this number and win World Cup," he said.

"Now I got the India jersey and I used to visualise, but now, it has come true, so I feel that moment (of winning World Cup) will also come soon. This is a great feeling, I can't express it, everyone asks me but I am just feeling really happy and proud. So taking it step by step, let's see how it happens."

While the upcoming ODI World Cup is scheduled to be held in India in October-November, the next T20 World Cup, co-hosted by the West Indies and USA, is expected to begin on June 4 next year.

## Jessica Pegula cruises into the DC Open quarterfinals

Washington, Aug 04 (AP):

Jessica Pegula has a couple of goals this week at the DC Open: trying to earn a third career singles title and building her game leading up to the final Grand Slam of the year.

She's off to a strong start in each department. The fourth-ranked women's player in the world and tournament's top seed shook off a slow start, beating fellow American Peyton Stearns 6-3, 6-4 Thursday to advance to the quarterfinals of the hard-court tuneup for the U.S. Open. Pegula wrapped it up just before the rain started, happy to fight through some windy conditions and get past a tough opponent.

Pegula won in Washington in 2019 and would love three more victories and another championship before leaving town.

"I definitely want to win the tournament: That's why I'm here," Pegula said. "But at the same time, first tournament on hard (courts) in a little while, so you definitely, I feel like, want to get your movement down, your footing down. ... Working through and problem-solving those things builds confidence, and ideally that's what I want to keep building all the way up until the Open."

Pegula, 29, has never gotten further than the quarterfinals in a Grand Slam. She's coming off a quarterfinal loss at Wimbledon and an exit in the round of 32 at



the French Open. Each of her two singles titles have come on hard court, and this event is an opportunity for the Buffalo, New York, native to fine-tune some things about her play with an eye toward a long run Flushing Meadows.

"I'm not trying to drastically change anything," Pegula said. "But I think just trying little things here and there, and that's kind of how you build confidence little by little. It's just trying different things and not being afraid to try them."

Because she got a bye, the match against Stearns was Pegula's first of the tournament. She likes the rhythm of playing every day and will be right back on the court Friday against Ukraine's Elina Svitolina, who's on a roll after reaching the Wimbledon semifinals and knocking off Victoria Azarenka and Daria Kasatkina in this week.

## India lose opening T20I against West Indies

Tarouba, Aug 04(PTD):

Tilak Varma looked very much at home on his international debut before India made a mess of a modest run-chase to lose the opening T20 International against the West Indies by four runs here on Thursday.

Rovman Powell (48 off 32) played a captain's knock to take West Indies to 149 for six after the hosts opted to bat at the Brian Lara Stadium.

With 37 needed off the last 30 balls and six wickets in hand, India self-destructed to end at 145 for nine in 20 overs.

Jason Holder brought the West Indies back into the game by producing a maiden in the 16th over, when he found the stumps



of India skipper Hardik Pandya (19) before Sanju Samson (12) got run out.

Tail-ender Arshdeep Singh (12) made the game more interesting with a couple of fours in the penultimate over, making use of an extra fielder in the circle due to the home

team's slow over rate. Eventually, Romario Shephard was able to defend 10 runs off the final over.

The sole bright spot of the chase was Varma's fearless 39 off 22 balls on his maiden outing for India. The 20-year-old

southpaw dispatched West Indies' quickest bowler, Alzarri Joseph for back to back sixes over deep square leg to announce his arrival in international cricket.

His third and final six came off an aerial drive of pacer Shepherd.

It was not the easiest of pitches to bat on and most of the Indian batters found stroke making tough.

The opening duo of Ishan Kishan and Shubman Gill perished cheaply before Suryakumar Yadav (21) and Varma got together.

Suryakumar came up with a spectacular cut short off Joseph that went all the way before the star Indian batter was caught brilliantly by Shimron Hetmyer at extra cover.

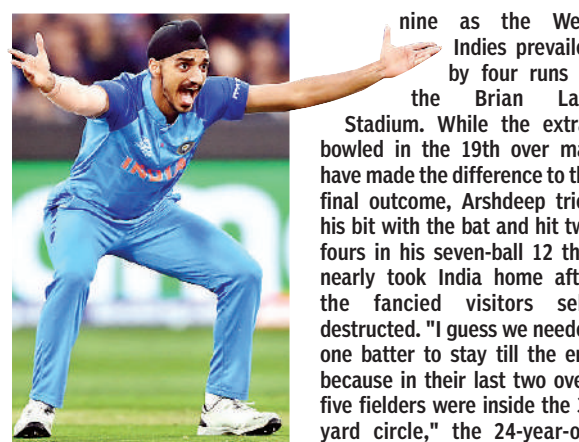
Earlier, Powell and the in-form Nicholas Pooran (41 off 34) took the hosts to a respectable total.

Besides Varma, pacer Mukes Kumar, who made his Test and ODI debut earlier on the tour, was also handed his maiden T20 cap.

## No concerns around India's long tail, feels Arshdeep

Tarouba (Trinidad), Aug 04 (PTI):

Left-arm seamer Arshdeep Singh brushed aside concerns around India's long tail after their shock loss in the first T20 International against the West Indies, saying such things are only discussed after a defeat. The list of specialist batters ended with Sanju Samson at number six in the first game of the five-match series, which India lost by four runs. "Not really," said Arshdeep when asked about the concerns around the batting order that has Axar Patel, a left-arm spinner who has vastly improved with bat in recent times, at number seven. "These kind of things always come after the end of the match. The playing XI we fielded, we were confident that we would win the match. We always back our playing XI whether it has six



bowlers or nine. It doesn't matter at all," he added. Arshdeep, who conceded four wides in the penultimate over of the West Indies innings, said the Indian team will "review" the loss. Chasing a modest target of 150, India were restricted to 145 for

nine as the West Indies prevailed by four runs at the Brian Lara Stadium. While the extras bowled in the 19th over may have made the difference to the final outcome, Arshdeep tried his bit with the bat and hit two fours in his seven-ball 12 that nearly took India home after the fancied visitors self-destructed. "I guess we needed one batter to stay till the end because in their last two over, five fielders were inside the 30 yard circle," the 24-year-old player said at the post-match press conference. "We will review the match. What we could have done better in the first innings. Where we could have kept things tight and as a batting unit in the second innings where did we miss the finishing part."



## Days after violence, shanties of 'illegal immigrants' demolished in Nuh



Police use heavy machinery to demolish shanties in Tauru near violence-hit Nuh.

Gurugram, Aug 4 (PTI)

Nuh authorities bulldozed about 250 shanties allegedly encroaching upon government land in Tauru town, a police official said Friday, days after communal riots erupted in the district. The official said the occupants of the Haryana

Shahari Vikas Pradhikaran (HSVP) land were illegal Bangladeshi immigrants who were earlier living in Assam and the shanties were demolished Thursday evening.

Nuh Deputy Commissioner Prashant Panwar however denied that the demolition was

'Over 200 arrested, 102 FIRs lodged in connection with Nuh violence'

Chandigarh, Aug 4 (PTI) A total of 202 people have been arrested so far and 80 taken into preventive detention in connection with the recent communal clashes in Haryana, state Home Minister Anil Vij said on Friday. Vij also said 102 FIRs have been registered in connection with the clashes so far, half of which are in Nuh alone and the rest in other districts, including Gurugram, Faridabad and Palwal. "I want to assure that anyone involved won't be spared," he told reporters in Ambala, adding investigations are going on.

linked to the recent violence. He said it was part of a normal process of clearing encroachments. The shanties were built over an acre of land and people have been living here for three years, police said.

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## Justice Rohit Deo of Bombay HC resigns citing personal reasons

Nagpur, Aug 4 (PTI): Justice Rohit Deo, a judge of the Bombay High Court, on Friday said he had resigned due to personal reasons.

Making the announcement in his courtroom here — the high court has a bench at Nagpur — Justice Deo also said that he could not compromise on self-respect, according to a lawyer who was present. Following the announcement, the matters listed before him for the day stood discharged.

"Those who are present in the court, I apologise to each one of you. I scolded you because I want you to improve. I don't want to hurt anyone of you because you all are like family to me and I am sorry to tell you that I have submitted my resignation. I can't work against my self-respect. You people work hard," Justice Deo was quoted as saying in the court by the lawyer.

Speaking to reporters later, the judge said he had quit due to personal reasons, and sent his resignation letter to the President of India. In 2022, Justice Deo had acquitted former Delhi University professor G N

Saibaba in an alleged Maoist links case, setting aside the life imprisonment awarded to him and noting that the trial proceedings were null and void in the absence of valid sanction under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

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### BRIEF



A BSF personnel stands guard on a street, a day before the fourth anniversary of the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution, in Srinagar, Friday.

### Elephants electrocuted

Guwahati: Three elephants were killed due to electrocution in Assam's Kamrup district on Friday, a forest official said. The incident occurred in Rani Bagan, about 30 km from here, after a herd of pachyderms entered the area past midnight in search of food and came in contact with the live wires, he said. "As the herd was passing through a betel nut farm, one of the elephants perhaps hit a tree which fell on an electricity pole, dislodging wires."

### Kulgam encounter

Srinagar: Three security personnel were injured in an encounter with militants in Jammu and Kashmir's Kulgam district on Friday, police said. The encounter broke out in the higher reaches of the Halan forest area of Kulgam district in south Kashmir, they said. "Three (03) jawans got injured in the encounter. They are being evacuated to hospital for treatment," the Kashmir Zone Police tweeted. The police said search in the area has been intensified.

### DERC chairperson

New Delhi: With the Delhi government and the lieutenant governor feuding over who should head the city's power regulator, The Supreme Court on Friday appointed former Delhi High Court judge Justice Jayant Nath as the interim chairperson of the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC). A bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud said the Lieutenant Governor (LG) and the Chief Minister of Delhi shall notify the honorarium payable to Justice (ret'd) Nath after due consultation with him (the appointee).

### Manjha seized

New Delhi: The Delhi Police has arrested two men and recovered 300 rolls of banned Chinese manjha from them, officials said on Friday. The accused have been identified as Mohammad Faizan (22), a resident of Jama Masjid area, and Yaman (19), a resident of Lal Kuan, they said. Police got information that two people involved in the business of sale/purchase of nylon-based banned Chinese manjha would come near Outer Ring Road, Sarai Kale Khan with a consignment of the banned string, a senior police officer said.

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## SC stays Rahul's conviction, restores status as MP

### Defamation case over Modi surname remark

New Delhi, Aug 04 (PTI):

In a big relief to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, the Supreme Court on Friday stayed his conviction in a 2019 defamation case over his Modi surname remark, paving the way for revival of his Lok Sabha membership.

The Lok Sabha speaker can now revive his membership on his own or Gandhi, armed with the apex court order, seek restoration of his status as an MP.

A three-judge bench of Justices B R Gavai, P S Narasimha and Sanjay Kumar said no reason was given by the trial court judge while convicting Gandhi except that he was admonished by the apex court in a contempt case.

The top court had closed the contempt proceedings against Gandhi for wrongly attributing to it his "chowkidar chor hai" remark against Prime Minister Narendra Modi in connection with the Rafale case, with a warn-



### Truth always triumphs: Rahul

New Delhi: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday said truth always triumphs and thanked people for their support, soon after the Supreme Court stayed his conviction in a defamation case. Party president Mallikarjun Kharge said this victory was not just for Gandhi but for the people of the country and democracy. He also wondered how much time it will take now to reinstate Gandhi as it had taken just 24 hours after his conviction for disqualifying him from Lok Sabha. "Truth always triumphs, if not today then tomorrow or the day after. I thank people for their support," Gandhi said at a press conference. He said, "My path is clear to me (as to) what is my work, there is clarity in my mind about that."

### Rahul or his representative will have to show LS Secretariat copy of SC order

New Delhi: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi or his representative will have to show the Lok Sabha Secretariat a copy of the Supreme Court order staying his conviction to set the ball rolling for revocation of his disqualification as a lawmaker. Former Lok Sabha Secretary General P D T Achari said that once the secretariat gets the order, it would initiate the process to issue a notification revoking his disqualification. After being convicted and sentenced to two years in jail by a Gujarat court in a defamation case, Gandhi was disqualified as a Lok Sabha member on March 23.

ing to be more careful in future after the senior Congress leader tendered an unconditional apology.

The term of the 17th Lok Sabha ends in May 2024.

The top court said in so far as conviction is concerned, it has considered that the sentence for an offence punishable under section 499 (defamation) of

the Indian Penal Code is maximum two years imprisonment or fine or both, and the trial judge has awarded the maximum sentence of two years.

"Except the admonition by Supreme Court in a contempt case, no other reason has been granted for this (conviction) by trial judge. It is to be

noted only on account of this maximum sentence imposed by trial judge, provisions of Representation of People Act have come into play.

"Had sentence been a day lesser, provisions would not have been attracted, particularly when an offence is non cognisable, bailable and compoundable. The least the

trial court judge was expected to give some reasons to impose maximum sentence. Though appellate court and high court have spent voluminous pages rejecting stay on conviction, these aspects are not considered in their orders," the bench said.

Referring to its earlier order in a contempt case against Gandhi, the apex court said while filing his affidavit in the contempt petition, he ought to have been more careful and exercised a degree of restraint in making such remarks which are alleged to be defamatory.

The apex court said Gandhi's conviction and subsequent disqualification not only affected his right to continue in public life but also that of the electorate who elected him to represent their constituency.

"No doubt the utterances were not in good taste and a person in public life is expected to exercise caution while making public speeches.

## Court grants anticipatory bail to Jagdish Tytler

1984 anti-Sikh riots

New Delhi, Aug 04 (PTI): A Delhi court on Friday granted anticipatory bail to Congress leader Jagdish Tytler in a case related to the Pul Bangash killings during the 1984 anti-Sikh riots.

Special Judge Vikas Dhull also imposed certain conditions on Tytler, including that he will not tamper with evidence or leave the country without its permission. The judge granted the relief on a personal bond of Rs 1 lakh and one surety of the like amount. Three people were killed and a gurdwara was set ablaze in the Pul Bangash area of the national capital on November

1, 1984, a day after the then prime minister Indira Gandhi was assassinated by her Sikh bodyguards. A city court had on July 26 summoned Tytler on August 5 after taking cognisance of a May 20 charge sheet filed by the CBI in the case. While seeking the relief, Tytler's lawyer had told the court his client was anticipating arrest and he should be granted bail. "The exact time of the crime was not ascertained by the probe agency and multiple closure reports were filed in the case... Delhi Police twice and CBI once said nothing was found against Tytler," Tytler's advocate Manu Sharma told the court.

## SC permits ASI's scientific survey at Gyanvapi mosque complex

New Delhi, Aug 04 (PTI):

The Supreme Court on Friday refused to stay the Allahabad High Court order allowing the ASI to conduct a scientific survey at the Gyanvapi mosque complex to determine if the 17th century structure was built upon a pre-existing temple, notwithstanding the assertion by the Muslim side that the exercise will "reopen wounds of the past". A bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, however, asked the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) not to take recourse to any invasive act during the survey. The

bench took note of the submissions of Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the ASI and the Uttar Pradesh government, that no excavation will be carried out during the survey nor any destruction caused to the structure.

"It is clarified on behalf of the ASI, represented by the solicitor general, that as a matter of fact, the entire survey will be completed without any excavation at the site and without causing any destruction to the structure," the bench said.

"The order of the learned trial judge passed under Order 26 Rule 10A of the CPC (Civil Procedure Code) cannot be prima facie at this



stage to be said as without jurisdiction," the bench said. The top court said the evidentiary value of the scientific survey of the ASI was open to be tested in the lawsuit and is open to objections, including cross-examination. Consequently, the report

of the ASI, by itself, does not amount to determination of the matters in dispute. "Having regard to the nature and ambit of Court-appointed commissioners, we are unable to differ with the view of the High Court...," it said. The apex court bench ordered the survey to be carried out through "non-invasive" processes.

The report of the ASI will be remitted to the trial court and the decision on that will be taken by the district judge, it said. During the hearing, Muslim body Anjuman Intezamia Masjid committee said the ASI survey at the Gyanvapi mosque intends to go into history and will "reopen wounds of the past".

## GANESHA IDOL



An artisan works on an idol of Lord Ganesha ahead of the Ganesh Chaturthi festival, at Trimurti Studio, Lower Parel in Mumbai, Friday.

## Lok Sabha passes Bill to empower President with management accountability of IIMs

New Delhi, Aug 04 (PTI):

The Lok Sabha Friday passed a Bill seeking to entrust the management accountability of the IIMs with the President, who will be a Visitor and have powers to audit their functioning, remove directors and nominate a member in the selection committee.

Piloting the Indian Institutes of Management (Amendment) Bill, 2023, in the Lower House, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said the government has no intention to take away the academic accountability from the institute but

the Bill will only ensure its management accountability as the Centre has spent over Rs 6,000 crore in setting up the IIMs.

Under the existing dispensation, the President of India is also a visitor at IITs and NITs, but no questions are being raised on the academic autonomy of these institutes, Pradhan said. The Bill, which was introduced on July 28, was passed by the Lower House by a voice vote amid disruptions by opposition members over the recent violence in Manipur.

According to the Bill, which seeks to amend the IIM Act of 2017, the

President will be a Visitor to the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) with powers to audit their functioning, order probes and appoint as well as remove directors. "The Visitor may appoint one or more persons to review the work and progress of any institute, to hold enquiries into affairs thereof and to report in such manner as the Visitor may direct. The board may also recommend to the Visitor an enquiry as deemed proper against the institute which has not been functioning in accordance with the provisions and objectives of the Act," it stated.

Under the IIM Act, which came into force in January 2018 and granted the premier B-schools greater autonomy, the board of governors of each institute has 19 members which includes just one representative each from the central and state governments.

The board nominates its remaining 17 members from among eminent personalities, faculty and alumni. It also appoints the search panels for the appointment of new directors and chairpersons, and later, makes the appointments if it agrees with the search panels' recommendations.

## CBI quizzes former Jalandhar Police commissioner in corruption case

New Delhi, Aug 04 (PTI):

The CBI on Friday quizzed former Jalandhar Police commissioner Kuldeep Singh Chahal in an alleged case of corruption and misconduct, officials said. Chahal is under probe for alleged corruption and misconduct during his tenure as the senior superintendent of police (SSP) of Chandigarh, they said.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) had launched a preliminary enquiry against the officer on a reference from Punjab Governor and Chandigarh Administrator Banwarilal Purohit, the officials said.

Chahal was called to the agency office in Chandigarh and was quizzed from 11 am to 2 pm on Friday, they said.

The 2009-batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer, who was on deputation in Chandigarh, was sent back to his parent cadre, Punjab, in December last year, even though 10 months were left for the completion of his three-year tenure in the Union Territory. In a letter to the governor, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann had expressed surprise over Chahal's premature repatriation and the handing over of the charge to a Haryana-cadre IPS officer, saying this was going to disturb the balance among the states in running the affairs of the Union Territory of Chandigarh.

Purohit had said Mann did not "ascertain facts" before writing to him on Chahal's repatriation.

## 4 drown after flash flood on way to Kedarnath

Rudraprayag, Aug 04 (PTI): Four people died and nine were missing after a flash flood in a rainfed waterfall swept away three shops near Daat Puliya near Gaurikund on the way to Kedarnath, officials said on Friday.

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama reached the Disaster Control room at the secretariat here to take stock of the situation. He instructed them to speed up the ongoing relief and rescue work there. He said an alert should be issued at all the places where there is a threat of flood due to an increase in the water levels of rivers and streams and directed officials to evacuate people living in landslide-prone areas.



NDRF and SDRF personnel conduct rescue and search operation following a landslide due to rains at Gaurikund in Rudraprayag.

Four bodies have been retrieved and the search for the missing people is underway, Rudraprayag District Magistrate Saurabh Gaharwar told reporters. A family of 'dandi-kandi' (palanquin) operators from Nepal who

ferry pilgrims to the Himalayan temple was among those who are missing. The shops, located on the banks of a raging Mandakini river, were swept away by the floodwaters coming from above.

## BJP MLA's son fires at tribal man after altercation

Singrauli (MP), Aug 4 (PTI): A 34-year-old tribal man was injured after the son of a BJP MLA in Madhya Pradesh allegedly fired at him following an altercation with him in Singrauli district of the state, police said on Friday.

The incident took place around 6 pm on Thursday, they said. Following the incident, the police registered a case against 40-year-old Vivekanand Vaishya, Morba police station inspector Ashok Singh Parihar said.

The accused is a son of BJP legislator Ram Lallu Vaishya who represents the Singrauli assembly

constituency, police said. Vivekanand Vaishya was booked on Thursday night under section 307 (attempt to murder) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and section 25 (possessing or carrying any prohibited arms) and 27 (use of arms, ammunition) of the Arms Act, Parihar said.

Following an investigation on Friday, more IPC sections, including 34 (common intention), 294 (obscene words and acts), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt) and 506 (criminal intimidation) were added along with the relevant sections of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.



# Chief Minister announces to establish CoE at CSVTU

## Special brief revision campaign of Electoral Roll launched



Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Aug 04:** SVEEP committee has launched an awareness campaign in the district with the tag line 'My vote, My right, My responsibility' in which students of 10 schools created a human chain from Gandhi Chowk to Jail Tiraha in Durg and made people aware of voting with the help of banners and posters.

A scooter rally was taken out from Sector 9 Square to Sector 7 by about

300 girl students of the college participated. They not only inspired people to vote through flags and posters, but also gave messages to the voters who have completed 18 years to add their names to the voter list.

SP Shalabh Sinha, District Panchayat CEO Ashwani Dewangan and Forest Divisional Officer Shashi Kumar flagged off the rally. The entire team of District Education Officer Abhay Jaiswal was present during the program.

this does not happen, then the Chhattisgarh government will bear the burden of 12% GST amount. The Chief Minister also announced the construction of an indoor stadium with all facilities for sports near the National Highway of Durg, Bhilai.

CM began his address by saying 'Kaka abhi zinda hai!'. He further stated that the 'Bhent-Mulakat' programme was launched on May 04 last year. Under this programme, he met people from all sections including the religious heads. Since then, the idea of having separate interactions with the youth was in his mind, he said. CM said that his government had put nearly Rs 2 lakh crores in people's pockets, due to which the state remained untouched by the recession. The state government opened universities



and established four medical colleges. He added that during the 'Bhent-Mulakat' programmes, people raised two main demands of establishing Swami Atmanand schools and opening banks. State government opened ten colleges and will continue to open more. Chhattisgarh's identity is deeply rooted in our unique culture, whether it's the tribal tradition, Ram Van Gaman Path, Kabir Sarovar, or the development of sacred places connected to Baba Ghasidas. Now the

whole world celebrates Bore-Basi Day with Chhattisgarh on May 1, he said. The future of the new generation will be enriched with education and culture.

CM interacted with the youth who arrived from the Rajnandgaon, Kawardha, Balod, Bemetara, Khairagarh, Manpur-Mohla-Ambagarh Chowki, and Durg districts. Digvijay College student, Ishwari, stated that the state has become safer in the last five years and is making rapid progress in the field of en-

trepreneurship. Medical College student Mukesh Kumar Sahu recited a poem centered around the theme 'Gadhbo Nava Chhattisgarh'.

Kamlesh Sahu from Digvijay College highlighted the need for physical education (PT) teachers even in the villages. CM replied that previously, there were only two residential sports academies. Now, there are eight. "We are putting in special efforts to promote sports", he said. CM highlighted that our athletes have won 13 medals. Athletes from Abujhmad have gained nationwide recognition in Mallakhamb. Harish Sahu requested recruitment in Ayurveda. Nursing student Sanjana Sahu mentioned that their institution lacks a building. Chief Minister assured her that a building will be constructed soon. A

student demanded a stipend increment. Vimal Soni spoke about police recruitment on which the Chief Minister replied that they will consider it soon.

CM stated that our government has disbursed Rs 112 crore as unemployment allowance. Furthermore, 300 Rural Industrial Parks were established. An agreement was made with Tata Company to modernize 36 state ITIs, a project worth Rs 1186 crore. This initiative is expected to create employment opportunities for 10,000 youth. Discussions are underway with Tech Mahindra for BPO in Bhilai. Arti Deshmukh said that the arrival of software companies in the state will provide more scope in the field of polytechnic. The Chief Minister replied that the government is working in this direction also.

### Bhet Mulakat with Youth in Bhilai

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Aug 04:** CoE (Center of Excellence) will be established in Swami Vivekanand Technical University (CSVTU). It will be built at a cost of 15 crores, where space will be available for startup units in 10000 square feet, said Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel while interacting with the youth of Durg Division during the Bhet Mulakat programme at Civic Centre in Bhilai on Friday. Referring to the decision of the Bangalore GST Authority to impose 12% GST on students living in hostels, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that they have requested the Government of India to withdraw this decision. If

## Two arrested for attempt to murder

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Aug 04:** Police arrested two persons including a juvenile on charges of attempt to murder. They attacked the victim when he refused to withdraw a court case against the accused. The accused was involved in several other offences in the past.

According to information, the incident occurred around 22:00 hrs on August 02 when the victim Rakesh Rajput, a resident of Laxmi Nagar Supela was returning home from the shop. The accused Dilip Chauhan alias Takla, also



a resident of Sanjay Nagar Supela along with his juvenile accomplice intercepted the victim and threatened to withdraw the FIR regarding a fight which occurred between them earlier. When the victim refused, Dilip Chauhan took out

a knife and stabbed Rakesh Rajput. Both the accused escaped after looting the gold chain from the victim.

On the other hand, a police informer conveyed information about the incident to the Supela Police Station after which cops rushed to Laxmi Market Supela. On the instructions of SP Shalabh Kumar Sinha, police started searching for both the accused and succeeded in arresting them within a few hours.

The accused Dilip Chauhan alias Takla (23) son of Late Suraj Chauhan a resident of

Adarshpara, Sanjay Nagar Supela and the juvenile were arrested under sections 341, 294, 506, 394, 307, 34, 195A of IPC and 25,27 Arms Act. Dilip Chauhan was produced before the court and has been sent to the jail on judicial remand.

Station House Officer Supela Inspector Durgesh Kumar Sharma, SI Lakhesh Ganges, ASI Rajnikant Dewan, Head Constable Santosh Sharma, Abhay Shukla, Constable Ravi Kumar, Surendra Patel and Surya Pratap Singh played a vital role in arresting the accused.

## Absconding accused of abduction arrested

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Aug 04:** Police arrested an absconding accused of an abduction case after about two weeks. The accused and his four accomplices had abducted a youth of Dhamtari in pretext of the recovery of losses in the online cricket betting racket. It could be recollected here that on the intervening night of July 22-23, Dhamtari resident Ramkrishna Sahu had informed SHO Supela Inspector Durgesh Sharma that some people have abducted his son Yogesh Sahu and his friend Sunny Sinha from Bhopal and have brought



them to Bhilai. The abducted youth were kept at some hotel in Supela and were being beaten up demanding money. On the instructions of higher officials, Police conducted a search operation and safely rescued the youth. However, the accused fled away from the

crime scene. Police searched for the accused that entire night and managed to arrest the main 04 accused and seized mobiles, car, bikes, etc used in the incident. The search was on for another absconding accused. Meanwhile, police received a tip off that

the absconding accused Praveen alias Bhallaldev was heading towards Supela. Cops took position in civil dress and succeeded to arrest him. The accused Praveen Kumar Chandel alias Bhallaldev (23) son of Johan Chandel a resident of Chingripura Supela was arrested under sections 294, 323, 506, 364A, 365, 387, 109, 34 IPC and has been sent to jail on judicial remand. Inspector Durgesh Sharma, SI Satish Sahu, ASI Rajesh Singh, Constable Kapil Chaudhary, Surendra Giri, Vishal Singh and Ajit Singh played a vital role in arresting the accused.



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## Satyamev Jayate: CM on court relief to Rahul BJP accuses Ch'garh govt of corruption in Gauthan scheme

**Celebration at Rajiv Bhavan**  
**This is the victory of love against hatred: Deepak Baij**



Raipur, Aug 04: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and several Congress leaders of Chhattisgarh have expressed delight over Supreme Court giving relief to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi in the Modi surname case. They welcomed the decision by tweeting one after another. The court has stayed the sentence for the time being. Congress leaders and workers celebrated the court decision for relief to Rahul Gandhi, by bursting firecrackers and beating drums at Congress headquarters Rajiv Bhavan in capital Raipur. Congress leaders said that an attempt was made to harass Rahul Gandhi. "India welcomes the Supreme Court's decision to stay the sentence of Rahul Gandhi. Satyameva Jayate. This is the victory of INDIA," said Chief Minister Baghel in his tweet. PCC Chief Deepak

Baij said in his tweet that this is the victory of love against hate. Only truth alone triumphs not falsehood. Truth wins and not falsehood. Divine powers go with those who walk in truth'. Deputy Chief Minister TS Singhdeo wrote that the echo of truth echoed once again in the corridors of democracy. 'I heartily appreciate the specific decision of the Supreme Court. Justice has prevailed, and the unwavering voice of the people remains unshakable in the face of any force. Satyameva Jayate', he mentioned. Congress General Secretary and PCC in-charge Kumari Selja wrote 'BJP's conspiracy has failed today, the Supreme

### No matter how powerful darkness is, light always wins: Baghel

Raipur: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Friday hailed the Supreme Court ruling staying the conviction of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi in a 2019 defamation case, terming the judgment as a victory of 'INDIA'. He said no matter how powerful the darkness is, light always emerges victorious. The apex court on Friday stayed the conviction of Gandhi in the criminal defamation case filed in Gujarat over his "Modi surname" remark. "Andhkar

chahe bhari ho aur samundar paar ho, sada uajala vijit hua hai, agar satya aadhaar ho (even if the darkness is strong and spread till the other side of the ocean, brightness, symbolizing truth, always triumphs). The country welcomes the decision of the Supreme Court staying the conviction of Shri Rahul Gandhi. Satyamev Jayate! This is the victory of INDIA #RahulGandhi," tweeted Baghel, a senior Congress leader.

Court has stayed Rahul Gandhi's sentence. This is not just Rahul's victory, it is the victory of every countryman who has chosen love instead of hatred'.

Raipur, Aug 04: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Friday alleged that the Congress-led Chhattisgarh government's flagship scheme Gauthan Yojna is dipped in corruption and was meant to benefit the workers of the ruling party in the state, not for the welfare of cows.

The saffron party said it will take up the issue with the Central government and demand a probe by the Enforcement Directorate (ED), Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) or by the Income Tax Department.

Addressing a press conference here, senior MLA and former minister Brijmohan Agrawal said the Congress government has been projecting the Gauthan scheme as a model of success, but it is just the opposite on ground.

In the recent monsoon session of the state assembly, the state's panchayat and rural development minister had informed that 10,240 gauthans (daycare centres for cattle in

villages) have been set up and Rs 1334.65 crore was spent for the scheme, he said.

The government also admitted that there were 3,380 stray cattle were found only in six districts of the state. This meant that Rs 39.80 lakh was spent on each cow. Interestingly, the state government has also informed that 9,303 charwaha (shepherd/ caretakers) were associated with these gauthans, which means three caretakers were deputed for each stray cattle, Agrawal said. "A total of 10,240 gauthan committees have been constituted not for the (protection and care of) cows, but for the benefit of Congress workers. Corruption was committed through these committees, which have Congress workers," Agrawal alleged.

He further claimed that the state government had not spent a single penny from its own fund for the scheme, rather Rs 81,636.42 lakh of MNREGA fund was diverted to Gauthan

scheme. Similarly, Rs 9980.67 lakh from 14th finance commission, Rs 7454.53 lakh from 15th finance commission, Rs 576.99 RURBAN fund, Rs 8138.40 lakh DMF fund, Rs 772.32 lakh from infrastructure fund, Rs 961.32 lakh from Swachh Bharat Mission, Rs 71 lakh CSR fund were used for the scheme, the BJP leader claimed.

The CSR fund was only allotted to Durg, the home district of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, he said, while alleging that the MNREGA fund meant for providing employment to the needy was also diverted to the Gauthan scheme to oblige the Congress leaders. The party will take up the issue with the Centre and demand a probe by central agencies, he said.

Refuting the charges, head of state Congress communication wing Sushil Anand Shukla said Agrawal should first answer to the alleged Rs 1667 crore scam in giving aid to cow shelters

during his tenure as the state agriculture and animal husbandry minister. "The BJP should first understand the difference between gauthala (cow shelters) and gauthan (places in villages where animals are kept in day time). The person who has knowledge of the difference between the two should take a press conference," he said. "Brijmohan Agrawal levelled false allegations when Agrawal was the agricultural and animal husbandry minister in the state, an alleged scam to the tune of around Rs 1667 crore had happened in giving aid to cow shelters..." Shukla said. In gauthans, apart from cow dung and urine procurement, several income-generating activities like community vegetable gardening, poultry farming, fisheries, food processing, vermicompost and super compost production are being conducted. In some districts, gauthans have been developed as rural industrial parks by the state government.

## Raipur, Bilaspur among 9 stations of SECR to be redeveloped



(L-R) Sr DCM Dr Bipin Vaishnav, ADRM (Operation) R K Sahu and ADRM Raipur Division Ashish Mishra.

Raipur, Aug 04: Nine stations of South East Central Railway (SECR) have been included in Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. The nine stations including Raipur, Bilaspur, Durg, Akaltara, Bhilai Power House, Tilda-Neora, Gondia, Wadsa and Chanda Fort are among

508 stations across the country to be redeveloped, informed ADRM Raipur Division Ashish Mishra, ADRM (Operation) R K Sahu, Sr DCM Dr Bipin Vaishnav while addressing media on Friday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay foundation stone



Design of proposed redeveloped Raipur station.

for redevelopment of 508 stations under Amrit Bharat Station Yojana on August 6. These stations will be redeveloped at a cost of more than Rs 24,470 crores.

Master Plans are being prepared for development of these stations as 'City Centres', with proper integration of both sides of the city. This integrated approach is driven by the holistic vision of overall urban development of the city, centered around the railway station. After the completion of the works related to the redevelopment of the stations, passengers will get world class facilities like airport. At present, all the basic facilities are available at these stations, but after this scheme, comprehensive passenger facilities will be expanded in the stations later. After redevelopment, Bilaspur, Raipur and Durg stations will become attractive centers of technology, local culture and rich heritage with hi-tech passenger amenities. With the increase in the number of passengers, there will be a wide possibility of increasing employment, which will benefit the local people.

## Investiture Ceremony held at Holy Cross SSC, Pension Bada

Raipur, Aug 04: Holy Cross Senior Secondary School, Pension Bada celebrated the spirit of leadership as the newly formed students' cabinet was inducted at the Investiture Ceremony for the academic year 2023-24 on 4th August, Friday. Dr Himanshu Dwivedi, senior journalist graced the event with his presence as the chief guest along with Sr Eugene-Manager of the school. School Principal Sr Maria delivered the welcome address and welcomed the guests.



The most awaited distinctive Investiture Ceremony started with a high degree of passion, earnestness and fervour. It was presided by the Principal of the school Sr Maria who administered the oath of allegiance to the newly formed Cabinet who swore to serve their

Almater with utmost sincerity and to the best of their abilities. Sneha Vora was vested as the Prime Minister of the School, Mariyam Quereshee as the Deputy Prime Minister, Stuti Vora as the Education Minister, Shafiya Fatima Khatri as Deputy Education

Minister. The cabinet also included other members such as Discipline Minister-Shaurya Sharma and Queeny James as the Deputy, Mahi Chauhan as Cultural Minister and Shreya Majumdar Deputy Cultural Minister, Ridhhi Ashra Health and Cleanliness and Environment Minister Riddhi, Rimsha Khan Deputy Health Cleanliness and Environment Minister, Noor Rahman Sports and Traffic Minister and Chhavi Khapre Deputy Sports and Traffic Minister.

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## Connecting youth with better employment opportunities is our priority: CM

● State govt distributed more than Rs. 112 cr as Unemployment Allowance to more than 1.22 lakh youth in the state

**Raipur, Aug 04:** The state government, led by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, launched the 'Berojgari Bhata Yojana' (Unemployment Allowance Scheme) to empower youth with Unemployment Allowance and training, boosting employment prospects. Aiming to secure the youth's future, the scheme creates opportunities and encourages skill development through various training programs, ensuring a brighter tomorrow for the state's young workforce.

The state government has distributed Rs. 112.43



crore as Unemployment Allowance to 1,22,625 beneficiaries' bank accounts under the scheme, bringing joy to them. The state government is also providing employment-oriented training to promote self-reliance and competence among the youth, aiming to reduce dependency on

ment is providing Rs. 2500 monthly assistance to the youth, reducing reliance on family support and empowering unemployed youths to pursue their goals.

In a significant move, the state government has signed an MoU worth Rs. 1188.36 crore to transform 36 government ITIs into Industry 4.0 Technology Hubs. The project aims to offer training in six new technical trades and 23 short-term courses, benefiting approximately 10,000 youngsters annually. With enhanced skills, these individuals can secure employment across various industries. To further support their progress, the youth will receive Unemployment Allowances and fee waivers for PSC and Vyapam competitive examinations, providing much-needed relief from financial constraints.

## CJ Ch'garh HC conducts a surprise inspection

● Of the Bemetara District Court

**Bemetara, Aug 04:** Chief Justice of Chhattisgarh High Court, Ramesh Sinha, conducted a surprise inspection of the Bemetara District Court after hearing High Court cases. He meticulously inspected all courtrooms, vehicle parking, cleanliness, washrooms, and arrangements for advocates and parties. Necessary directions were given for improvements in the facilities.

During the inspection, water leaks were found in the walls and roof of several areas of the old court building, including the library and record room. The Chief Justice expressed displeasure over water leakage in the advocate's room. The District and Sessions Judge Brijendra Kumar Shastri, Collector Padum Singh Alma, SP Bhavna Gupta, SDM Suruchi Singh, and officials from the Public Works Department were



present during the inspection and received necessary instructions for improvements.

Chief Justice Ramesh Sinha held a meeting with judicial officers to discuss pending cases, dating back 5 to 10 years, and issued directives to give priority to disposing of old cases, especially those under Section 156(3) of the CrPC (Code of Criminal Procedure) and

Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act. During the surprise inspection, he also interacted with advocates, addressing their concerns. The Registrar General, Arvind Kumar Verma, and the Additional Registrar cum PPS, MVLN Subrahmanyam, accompanied him during the inspection. It is noteworthy that Chief Justice Mr. Ramesh Sinha has

been in Chhattisgarh High Court for only three months.

Within this short period, he has conducted surprise inspections of various district courts and Bilaspur Central Jail, providing essential instructions for system improvement. Consequently, significant changes have been observed in infrastructure and working conditions.

## National Organ Donation Day celebrated by Ramakrishna Care Hospital



**Raipur, Aug 04:** On the occasion of National Organ Donation Day, Ramakrishna Care Hospital organized a one-day program held on Thursday, August 3rd at Hotel IVY, Priyadarshini Nagar.

Patients whose kidney transplant, liver transplant was done participated in the program. In this entertainment programs were also organized for the patients, in which they were asked

interesting questions and gifts and roses were given to all the patients. In this program, Dr. Sandeep Dave of Ramakrishna Care, Dr. Ajay Parashar, Dr. Sanjeev Kale, Dr. Sandeep Pandey, Dr. Pravash Chowdhary, Dr. Lalit Nihal, Dr. Ajit Mishra and Dr. Dhiraj Prem Chandani informed the patients and their relatives about what precautions should be taken by all the patients in case of

illness and which diet to be taken and other necessary advices were given. All the patients shared their pre and post transplant experiences.

How did they suffer in illness, what troubles did they face, and how are they now living and thanked Ramakrishna Care Hospital who gave them a second life. Ramakrishna Care Hospital organises such programs from time to time.

● Chairman CGSC convene meeting with officials

**Jagdalpur, Aug 04:** The state government is running several public welfare schemes in the direction of the welfare of the scheduled caste (SC) people. Coordinated initiative should be taken to benefit the last person of the society by effective implementation of these schemes at the ground level. So that the people belonging to Scheduled Castes can play an important role in the development of the state and the country by continuously moving towards socio-economic betterment.

The above instructions were given by Chhattisgarh State Scheduled Caste



Commission (CGSC) Chairman KP Khande during the review of implementation of public welfare schemes in the meeting of district level officials of various departments at the local rest house. Secretary CGSC BL Banjare, Assistant Commissioner Tribal Development Sanjay Chandel and district level officers of various departments were present in the

meeting. Chairman of CGSC KP Khande gave detailed information about the formation and purpose of the Commission. He said that appropriate initiative is being taken by the Commission to provide assistance to the victims including redressal of cases under Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Atrocities Prevention Act. In this direction, positive

efforts are being made to benefit from public welfare schemes of the government, including bringing awareness with the cooperation of social leaders.

He inquired about the cases benefited under the contingency plan and gave instructions to provide quick help to the victims in this direction. The Chairman of the Commission Khande

asked to bring progress in providing social status certificates to scheduled caste students to provide them scholarship and scholarship on time. On the other hand, he directed the officers to ensure good faith dealings with the officers-employees belonging to the Scheduled Castes. In the meeting progress was made in the implementation of the schemes run for the welfare of scheduled castes of departments like Urban Administration Development, Tribal Development Department, School Education, Panchayat, Social Welfare, Chhattisgarh Power Distribution Company, Antyavasya Cooperative Development Society, Skill Development Authority, Agriculture and Biotechnology etc.

## BJP councilors submitted no-confidence motion

● Against the Mayor to the Collector

**Jagdalpur, Aug 04:** 18 corporators of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) moved a no-confidence motion against Mayor Safira Sahu on Friday. The BJP corporators reached the Collectorate and handed over the application to Collector Vijay Dayaram to bring no-confidence motion against the Mayor and asked him to convene a meeting to pass the no-confidence motion as soon as possible. Leader of Opposition in the Municipal Corporation Sanjay Pandey said that the BJP corporators have moved a no-confidence motion against the Mayor and it will also be passed in the advance proceedings meeting. BJP is definitely going to get the benefit of the rift between the ruling party. Expressing disbelief against the Mayor, the BJP corporators have included five points in the resolution. In which it has been said that partisan work has been done by the Mayor with the opposition



corporators. Due to which the work of the wards of the opposition party is getting badly affected. Due to this, the work of public interest and development has stopped. The problem of health and drinking water has increased. The Municipal Corporation has failed to make proper arrangements for cleanliness in the city. The people of the city are being affected with very serious diseases. Due to unhygienic conditions last year, about 12 people died and hundreds of people became seriously ill due to the spread of dengue in the city. The financial condition of the Municipal Corporation is not

good, due to which the employees of the Corporation are not even getting salary every month. The establishment expenditure of the corporation has increased by more than 65 per cent. Due to the short-sighted decisions of the Mayor, the work being conducted by the corporation is getting hampered.

There is huge corruption in every department in the Municipal Corporation. The cleanliness system of the city, which is the first responsibility of the Municipal Corporation, has collapsed, due to which there is deep resentment among the common people. There is no

proper plan by the Mayor regarding city cleanliness. The cleaning work has become directionless and the townspeople are suffering from it. Leader of Opposition in the Municipal Corporation Sanjay Pandey said that the BJP corporator has brought a no-confidence motion against the mayor. Which will also be passed in the advance proceedings meeting. You will get the benefit of the rift between the ruling party.

Yogendra Pandey, Narsingh Rao, Digambar Rao, Rajpal Kaser, Moti Ram Baghel, Nirmal Panigrahi, Dhansingh Nayak, Dayawati Dewangan, Bharti Srivastava, Deepti Pandey, Triveni Randhari, Alok Awasthi, Mamta are among the BJP corporators who reached the Collectorate and gave their signatures. Potai, Reena Ghosh, Savita Gupta, Mahendra Patel, Shambhu Nag. On this occasion Municipal Board President Suresh Gupta, Vikram Singh Yadav, Khem Singh Yadav, Suresh Kashyap, Amar Jha etc were present.

## CPR and BLS training organised

Related to road accident prevention at Maharani Hospital on Bone and Joint Day

Common citizens including NCC and NSS cadets got training including traffic police, home guard jawans

**Jagdalpur, Aug 04:** On the occasion of Bone and Joint Day, CPR and BLS training was organized for prevention of road accidents under the aegis of Indian Orthopedic Association on the occasion of Bone and Joint Day at Shaheed Gundadhar Auditorium of Maharani Hospital. In which about 1500 traffic police, home guard jawans including NCC, NSS



cadets and nursing students, paramedical staff and common citizens participated. In the programme, intensive training was provided regarding road accident prevention and survival of the victims.

Civil Surgeon cum Hospital Superintendent Maharani Hospital Dr.

Sanjay Prasad said that at present an awareness program is being run on Osteoporosis and bone health and road safety from August 1 to 6. In this context, the said CPR and BLS training was provided. He told that CPR and BLS is Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Basic Life Support (BLS)

are used interchangeably. CPR is a kind of priority medical i.e. first aid which is primarily provided to the patient.

Whereas BLS is basic medical assistance, which is given to people before reaching the hospital or in situations where medical facilities are not immediately available. He told that during this training, Indian Orthopedic Association's State President Dr. Alok Chandra Agarwal and Secretary Dr. Vipin Jain along with local members of Indian Orthopedic Association Dr. Sanjay Prasad and Dr. Laxhan Lal Thakur and doctor from AIIMS Raipur as master trainers and experts. Intensive training was provided by Shubham Bhardwaj, Dr. Anupam Inamdar, Dr. Vedit Agarwal and Dr. Bhaskar Rai.

## Lack of proper road access claims young life

Helpless father brings child's body home on motorbike

Young student's death highlights urgent need for improved infrastructure

Central Chronicle News

**Mainpur, Aug 04:** A heart-rendering incident has come to light from the Mainpur region of Garhiaband district, exposing the dire conse-

quences of inadequate road infrastructure.

Due to the absence of a proper road, a young child tragically lost his life after being bitten by a venomous snake.

The incident has stirred outrage among the local community, highlighting the urgent need for better road connectivity and access to essential healthcare facilities.

The unfortunate incident occurred in the remote village of Tenduchhapar, located approximately 36 kilometers away from the



Mainpur tehsil headquarters. Chandrahas, a seven-year-old student, was sleeping with his family when he fell victim to a venomous snake's bite.

Immediately, his panicked parents informed their relatives, who bravely managed to catch and kill the snake. Despite their best efforts, time was not on their side, and they decided to rush Chandrahas to the Mainpur Community Health Center using a 108 ambulance.

Tragically, the young boy's life could not be

saved, and he succumbed to the snakebite en route to the hospital.

Following the harrowing loss of life, necessary postmortem procedures were carried out, and Chandrahas' body was transported to his home in the village of Bhutbeda. However, the lack of a proper road made this a challenging task.

The grief-stricken family had no option but to carry their beloved child's lifeless body on a motorbike through a treacherous three-kilometer stretch of muddy

and marshy terrain. The distressing sight of the bereaved family navigating the difficult conditions, with their hearts heavy with sorrow, moved all who witnessed it.

The incident has ignited anger and frustration among the local residents who have been continuously demanding better infrastructure in the Rajapadav Gargaon area of the Mainpur development block.

Basic amenities, such as bridges and proper roads, have long been neglected, leaving the

community vulnerable and isolated. Despite their persistent protests, elected representatives, including Members of Parliament and State Legislators, have failed to address these urgent concerns, exacerbating the plight of the region's residents.

The local community is now calling upon the authorities to take immediate action and prioritize the development of proper road infrastructure and healthcare facilities to ensure the safety and well-being of its residents.



# Gond Samaj protests against eviction process

# Fear of the police should be seen in the criminals: DIG Garg

## Central Chronicle News

**Bagbaha, Aug 04:** Gond Samaj has protested a recent eviction process done by the revenue staff in Sal Dabri village under Komakhan tehsil. While speaking indignantly about the allegation of forcible eviction of the tribals who have been occupying the said land for last fifty years, and condemning the action, a resolution has also been passed condemning the District BJP President Smt. Smita Chandrakar and Hitesh Chandrakar.

District President of Sarva Adivasi Samaj, Manohar Thakur, giving information about the above, said that there is resentment in the tribal society due to the eviction proceed-



ings. He told that the tribals of Dabri have been expelled from the village for the year by shutting off water, due to which poor tribal farmer Kanwal Singh and his wife living in a kutcha house made of hut Numa Khaptel are affected.

He said that the revenue staff, who came to encroach, trampled the crop with JCB till the half of the house under construction was demolished and the en-

tire government land in Saldbari has been encroached upon by many influential people and the administration should take action to evict them within 24 hours, otherwise the matter will be placed before Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on World Tribal Day on August 9.

He said that under the Nal Jal Yojana, the site has been marked by the Gram Panchayat in Dabri for the

construction of water tank, but on July 29, in the dark, the sarpanch representative showed the same considered land to the subordinate officer of the water tank construction agency.

Women's cell president and district member Mahila Pravashti Sachin Pavitri, Yashoda Thakur, Neera Thakur, Ganga Thakur, Khelal Thakur, Ishwar Thakur and others were present.

## Central Chronicle News

**Raigarh, Aug 04:** IPS Ram Gopal Garg took charge as the first DIG of Raigarh Range on Monday and made it clear that compliance with the instructions of the government is his first priority and efforts will be made to improve policing with the help of social and elite people and on the basis of experiences.

DIG also requested the relative cooperation from the media. IPS Ram Gopal Garg of 2007 batch, who was an officer in CBI, has been transferred here from Surguja and here met the officers and discussed the preparations for the upcoming elections in the district. Meanwhile, talking to the media in the police control room, the



DIG said that his first priority is to comply with the instructions of the government and conduct peaceful assembly elections. He told that he has been posted as SP in many districts of the state, Gariaband, Balod and Korea. Along with this, he has gained experience of working in Special Branch of Police and CBI on depu-

tation. After this, after serving as DIG in-charge in Rajnandgaon and Surguja, he was transferred to Raigarh. Talking to the media, he said that the fear of the police should be seen in the criminals and not in the public; such an environment has to be created.

In the introductory conversation, DIG Ramgopal

Garg talked about expediting the disposal of the cases registered in the police stations. Along with this, coordination with the public, rein on crime, and strict action against criminals were told as their priority.

DIG Mr. Garg said that there are different types of crime in all the three districts of Sakti, Jashpur and Raigarh and Product Act will be ensured along with security and law and order after taking details of action from SSP of all the three districts. Additional Superintendent of Police Sanjay Mahadeva, City Superintendent of Police Deepak Mishra, Trainee IPS Udit Pushkar, DSP Traffic Sushanto Banerjee and other police officers were present.

# EVM demonstration sparks enthusiasm among new voters

## Central Chronicle News

**Arang, Aug 04:** In a groundbreaking initiative by the Election Commission to foster voter awareness, a program was conducted at the Government Arundhati Devi Higher Secondary School in Arang. The event aimed to enlighten young citizens about voter participation and demonstrate the functioning of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs).

Students from Arundhati Devi English and Hindi Medium Schools, along with Srijan Sonakar Higher Secondary School, who will all reach the age of 18 by October 1, 2023, actively

participated in the program. Under the guidance of the Registration Officer, SDM Atul Vishwakarma, they gained in-depth knowledge about EVMs and displayed remarkable enthusiasm during the voting simulation, actively engaging in discussions and sharing their experiences.

During the event, SDM Vishwakarma addressed misconceptions surrounding EVMs, dispelling any doubts about their credibility and challenging anyone questioning their infallibility. He stressed the significance of being well-informed about the voting process. When casting their votes on the VVPAT machine, the sym-



bol appeared for 16 seconds before vanishing with a beep sound, highlighting the importance of voter awareness.

Appealing to all young students, SDM Vishwakarma urged them to uphold democratic values and cast their votes independently and impar-

tially. Principal Harish Sharma also motivated the students to obtain their voter IDs.

The program was further invigorated by street plays organized by SVEEP awareness teacher in-charges Mahendra Kumar Patel and Arvind Kumar Vaishnav, along with an

awareness song titled "Chalo Re Sangi Chalo Re Sathi, Vote Dare Bar," which ignited the students' excitement. Shikshak Chetan Chauhan also presented a Chhattisgarhi awareness song.

Moreover, a brief training session was conducted for Election Officials and Supervisors, who recently underwent training for the upcoming elections. SDM Arang, Tehsildar Vinod Sahu, Nayab Tehsildars Mandir Hasaud, Samoda Shruti Sharma, and Manimukta, along with Master Trainers Manik Lal Mishra, Pratul Rajnand, and Bhaskar Prasad Yadav, were present during the training.

# Balod police launches special drive to tackle road accidents

## Central Chronicle News

**Balod, Aug 04:** In a bid to combat road accidents and ensure safer roads, the Balod Police, under the leadership of Superintendent of Police, Dr. Jitendra Kumar Yadav, and the guidance of Additional Superintendent of Police, Mr. Sushil Kumar Nayak, conducted a special motor vehicle checking campaign on August 1. The drive was overseen by Deputy Superintendent of Police, Mr. Dileshwar Chandravanshi, and supervised by Traffic Deputy Superintendent of Police, Mr. Boniface Ekka.

During the operation, the



traffic department took stringent action against reckless drivers. Fourteen passenger buses were intercepted and warned not to exceed capacity limits, while 46 negligent drivers were fined a total of Rs 14,700 for violating traffic rules.

Furthermore, truck drivers found driving under the influence of alcohol faced legal consequences as their cases were presented in court.

The Balod Police urge citizens to strictly adhere to traffic regulations, prohibit minors from driving vehicles, avoid driving under the influence of alcohol, and refrain from overloading goods vehicles. They emphasize the crucial importance of driving at moderate speeds and using seat belts and helmets at all times. The cooperation of the public during vehicle checks is greatly appreciated by the traffic police in their mission to ensure road safety.

# VHP and Bajrang Dal express anger over Nuh incident



## Central Chronicle News

**Gaurella-Pendra-Marwahi, Aug 04:** Workers of VHP and Bajrang Dal have expressed anger at Durga Chowk in Pendra and demanded strict action against those who pelted stones on the religious Brajmandal Yatra organized annually by Bajrang Dal at Nuh of Mewat, the center of faith and reverence of Hindus, on the religious journey of the an-

cient Nalhad Shiv Temple of Pandava period.

A protest against which, was demonstrated on 2 August 2023, and during this, District President of Vishwa Hindu Parishad Harsh Chhabria said that the way stones are being pelted in religious pilgrimages, the entire society is angry.

Taking lessons from such incidents, the government should take

strict action against such elements so that such incidents do not happen again.

In the program, VHP District President Harsh Chhabria, Vice President Saroj Pawar, Kamta Maharaj, Matrushakti District Convener Priya Tripathi, Bajrang Dal District Convener Sagar Patel along with all the workers of Vishwa Hindu Parishad and Bajrang Dal were present.

# No voter should be deprived of voting: Collector



## Central Chronicle News

**Korba, Aug 04:** District Collector and District Election Officer Saurabh Kumar took a meeting of all the revenue officers of the district after the preliminary publication of the integrated voter list released today as per the instructions of the Election Commission of India.

Discussing the work of special brief revision, he directed all the officers that it is necessary to understand and know the guidelines issued by the Election Commission of India first to complete the process of election. In the meeting, he said that all Tehsildars and Naib

Tehsildars should observe the polling booths of their respective areas, to ensure that no voter is left out, the process of adding names should be ensured after obtaining information in the prescribed form.

The Collector also instructed to make the election works error-free with responsibility in the stipulated time. The Collector took a meeting of the officers and directed them to check the control table after formation of new tehsil. To enable all voters to exercise their franchise, follow the guidelines set by the Election Commission of India, he said. The

Collector also instructed all the SDMs to hold meetings of political party of office bearers in their sections areas and provide information about political parties appointing representatives at booth level along with other necessary activities.

He also gave instruc-

tions to show seriousness in the special summary revision work and to match the names of voters with disabilities and above 80 years.

The Collector gave instructions to motivate the voters of special backward tribes living in the district to vote while spe-

cially making them aware.

Additional Collector Pradeep Sahu, Dinesh Nag, SDM Pali Shiv Banerjee, SDM Korba Seema Patre, SDM Podi Uproda Harishankar Paikra and all Deputy Collectors, Tehsildars, Naib Tehsildars were present.

# Voter Awareness Campaign and walkathon rally organised



## Central Chronicle News

**Bemetara, Aug 04:** Voters are being made aware of various activities under the SVEEP program in Bemetara district. Voter Awareness Program (SVEEP) is being run with enthusiasm in the entire district with the aim of 100 percent voting by the voters in the upcoming assembly elections and as per the guidelines of the Election Commission,

Walkathon rally was organized at the district headquarters. Officers and employees along with the school students participated with full enthusiasm and with banner slogan placards.

The rally started from the Jayastham Chowk of the Headquarters which passed through Main Chowk, Sadar Bazar. The Rally was organized by Chief Executive Officer and SVEEP Nodal Officer Leena Kamlesh Mandvi

and Sub-Divisional Officer; Revenue Officer Suruchi Singh flagged off the procession.

Additional Collector Channu Markande expressed gratitude. On this occasion Deputy District Election Officer Dhanraj Markam, District Food Officer Nitin Trivedi, District Program Officer Women and Child Development Officers and employees of various departments including were present.

## BJP workers stage protest regarding stray animals

**Dongargarh, Aug 04:** Lal Bahadur Nagar BJP Mandal demonstrated in front of Tehsil office regarding unclaimed stray animals and during the demonstration, the leaders took a dig at the government's plans and slogans and said that the slogan of the state's Bhupesh government is Narva, Garuva, Ghurwa and Bari, in which crores of rupees are being shed like water in the state government's campaign, but still is of no worth. The protestors blamed Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and Regional MLA Daleshwar Sahu for the cattle issue and staged a sit-in demonstration in Tehsil office regarding stray cattle.

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EOI No.: NTPC/MGR/EOI/1/2023-24 Date: 11.07.2023

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**E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISION TO RULE 8 (6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002.**

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive / physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Central Bank of India- Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on the date and time specified hereinbelow, for recovery of due to the Central Bank of India- Secured Creditor from the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit of the respective properties is mentioned hereinbelow:-

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrowers	Description of the property	Outstanding Amount	Reserve Price
			Demand Notice Date	EMD
			Posse. Notice Date	Bid Increase Amount
1	Jain Bakery, Prop. Mr. Sunil Kumar Jain	All the Part & Parcel of Residential Land and Building situated at H. No. 7, Ward no 03, Thana Road, Admeasuring 1740 Sq. Ft., at Tehsil Akaltara Distt. Janjgir - Champa (C.G.) in the name of Mrs. Suman Jain W/o. Sunil Kumar Jain. Boundaries: North: House of Abhimanyu Pralap Chandrakar, South: Road, East: House of Gulab Chand Jain, West: House of Sewa Singh.	₹ 17,30,378.00 plus further interest and expensed thereon	₹ 55,93,500/-
			01.06.2022	₹ 5,59,350/-
			30.09.2022	₹ 1,00,000/-
2	Mr. Mohamad Anis Memon S/o- Haji Abubakar and Mrs Shabana Bano W/o- Mr Anis Memon	All the Part & Parcel of Residential cum Commercial Land and Building situated at Abadi Khasra No. 502(Part), P.H. No. 10, Nagar Palika Ward No. 4, Rajendra Prasad Ward Akaltara, Admeasuring 2829 Sq.ft., Akaltara, Tehsil Akaltara Distt. Janjgir - Champa (C.G.) in the name of Mr. Anis Memon. Boundaries: North: Shop of Rupesh Kr Jain, South: Shop of Yakub, East: Baloda-Shivrinarayan Road, West: House of Suresh Likhmanis.	₹ 27,21,533.00 plus further interest and expensed thereon	₹ 86,50,000/-
			23.02.2021	₹ 8,65,000/-
			17.11.2021	₹ 1,00,000/-
3	Mr. Tikeswar Prasad Jangde S/o- Bhrat Ram Jangde and M/s Surya Fly Ash Bricks Prop- Mr. Tikeswar Prasad Jangde S/o- Bhrat Ram Jangde	1. All the Part & Parcel of Residential Land and Building situated at Khasra No. 235/2, Village- Kesla, P.H.No- 18, Admeasuring 13080 Sq.ft, Tehsil Pamgarh Distt. Janjgir - Champa (C.G.) in the name of Mr. Tikeswar Prasad Jangde. Boundaries: North: Land of Maniram, South: Land of Kholoram, East: Land of Shivprasad, West: Land of seller. 2. All the Part & Parcel of Commercial diverted Land situated at Khasra No165/2 (Old) 165/10 (New), Sasaha Road, Village- Pamgarh, P.H.No- 16, Admeasuring 3488 Sq.ft, Tehsil Pamgarh Distt. Janjgir - Champa (C.G.) in the name of Mr. Tikeswar Prasad Jangde. Boundaries: North: Canal and Road, South: Land of Maniram, East: Sellers Plot, West: Sellers Plot.	₹ 28,96,984.00 + ₹ 4,76,864.00 plus further interest and expensed thereon	₹ 29,84,500/- ₹ 2,98,450/- ₹ 1,00,000/- ₹ 7,22,500/- ₹ 72,250/- ₹ 10,000/-
			01.06.2022	
			30.09.2022	

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**STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002**

Date : 04.08.2023 Place : Raipur Authorized Officer / Central Bank of India



## Continued antidepressant treatment may prevent relapse in bipolar disorder patients

Results from an international clinical trial led by researchers at the University of British Columbia, Canada, have shed light on the potential benefits of continued treatment with modern antidepressants for patients with bipolar disorder. The study reveals that extended antidepressant therapy could help prevent patients from relapsing into depressive episodes, challenging current clinical practice guidelines and offering new insights into managing bipolar depression worldwide.

Bipolar disorder is characterized by extreme emotional shifts, cycling between periods of intense highs (mania or hypomania) and lows (depression). Patients are typically prescribed antidepressants alongside mood stabilizers and/or antipsychotic medications for treatment. However, the duration of prescribing antidepressants after depression subsides, as part of maintenance treatment, has been a subject of debate due to concerns about in-



ducing mania or rapid cycling.

The trial included 178 patients with bipolar I disorder in remission after being treated with modern antidepressant drugs. They were randomly assigned to either continue antidepressant treatment for 52 weeks or taper off antidepressants at six weeks and switch to a placebo at eight weeks.

At the end of the year-long study, results showed that 46% of patients in the placebo group experienced a relapse of any mood event, compared to only 31% in the group with continued antidepressant treatment. Notably, patients continuing antidepressant treatment were 40% less likely to experience a relapse of any mood event and 59%

less likely to experience a depressive episode relative to the placebo group.

Depressive episodes are marked by feelings of sadness, hopelessness, loss of interest in activities, sleep troubles, appetite changes, and suicidal thoughts. Reducing the risk of relapse is crucial, as depressive episodes have been linked to significantly higher rates of suicide attempts and deaths compared to manic episodes.

Lead author Lakshmi Yatham, professor and head of the department of psychiatry at the university, emphasizes that preventing relapse can provide patients with stability, enabling them to return to activities they enjoy and significantly improve their quality of life.

These groundbreaking findings challenge existing guidelines and offer hope for more effective management of bipolar depression, potentially leading to better outcomes and improved well-being for millions of individuals affected by this complex disorder.

## Faulty genes linked to obesity in women, had no effect in men

Researchers at the University of Cambridge, UK, have uncovered groundbreaking insights into the genetic basis of obesity, discovering that faulty variants of three genes are associated with obesity-related conditions in women but have no effect in men. The study, based on the sequencing of over 414,000 adults from the UK Biobank, has shed light on sex-specific mechanisms and age-related factors influencing obesity, potentially paving the way for targeted treatments in the future.

Senior author John Perry, a geneticist and professor at the University of Cambridge, emphasized the importance of considering sex, age, and specific mechanisms in disease research rather than treating everyone as a homogeneous group. The team's focus was on protein-coding parts of the genome, known as the exome, associated with body mass index (BMI) in men and women, respectively.



Their findings were published in the journal Cell Genomics. The study revealed that defective variants of three genes - DIDO1, PTPRG, and SLC12A5 - were linked to higher BMI in women but had no impact on men. Strikingly, over 80% of women with DIDO1 and SLC12A5 variants were found to have obesity. Moreover, women carrying DIDO1 variants showed stronger associations with higher testosterone levels and increased waist-to-hip

ratio, both being risk indicators for obesity-related complications such as diabetes and heart disease. On the other hand, those with SLC12A5 variants had higher odds of developing type 2 diabetes.

The researchers also delved into age-specific factors influencing obesity and identified two genes, OBSCN and MADD, previously not associated with childhood body size and fat. Carriers of OBSCN variants had higher odds of

having higher weight as children, while MADD variant carriers were linked to smaller body sizes during childhood. Interestingly, the genetic variants affecting MADD showed no association with adult obesity risk, indicating age-specific effects on body size.

John Perry commented on the surprising discovery that some of the identified genes are involved in DNA damage response and cell death, providing clues that this biological process might influence body size and contribute to the development of obesity.

Looking ahead, the research team aims to replicate their findings in a larger and more diverse population, hoping that their study will uncover novel biological pathways that could pave the way for new drug discoveries targeting obesity. The findings open up exciting possibilities for personalized treatments and interventions, bringing us one step closer to effectively addressing the global obesity epidemic.

## Life-saving car button amazes drivers



Car enthusiast @dongcheshijie has left social media users astonished once again with a hidden car function that goes beyond convenience—it could save lives. In a viral TikTok video with over 8.1 million views, she shared a simple yet crucial tip to make night driving safer. The influencer demonstrated a hidden button or tab located under the rearview mirror, designed to combat the blinding glare from vehicles behind. When driving at night, the rear lights from other cars can be dazzling, making it difficult for drivers to see properly. However, by

activating the anti-glare function, the rearview mirror automatically darkens, reducing the intensity of headlight glare. Different car models have varying mechanisms for this feature. Some cars have a button that looks like a power button to press, while others have a tab situated underneath the mirror near the windshield. In modern vehicles, the auto-dimming feature is often automated, detecting the headlights from the vehicles behind and adjusting the mirror accordingly. The auto-dimming feature has been praised for its simplicity and effectiveness in preventing

accidents caused by night glare. Mazda, for example, highlights how the rear light sensor detects incoming headlights and activates the auto-dimming function as soon as the vehicle starts. While many drivers are familiar with common car features like parking assist and cruise control, the discovery of this hidden safety function has left people grateful for the added protection it provides during nighttime driving. Understanding and utilizing these lesser-known features can help drivers stay safe on the road and avoid potential accidents caused by glare.

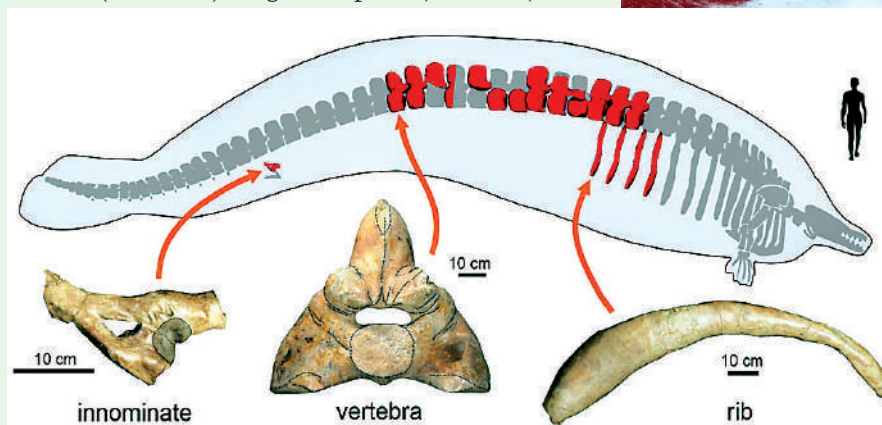
## Ancient Whale species challenges Blue Whale's size record

Researchers have discovered an extinct whale species that lived approximately 39 million years ago, which may have surpassed the blue whale as the heaviest animal to have ever lived. The findings, published in the journal Nature, reveal that the ancient species, named *Perucetus colossus*, had a body mass of up to 340 tonnes, three times heavier than the largest blue whale.

The partial skeleton of *Perucetus colossus* was unearthed 13 years ago in the Ica desert on the southern coast of Peru. Scientists from the State Museum of Natural History Stuttgart in Germany have since analyzed the remains, shedding light on this colossal prehis-

toric creature. Although the blue whale remains the longest animal, reaching lengths of up to 30 meters (98 feet), the *P. colossus* specimen was estimated to be 17-20 meters (56-66 feet) long.

on par with or possibly even heavier than the modern blue whale. The ancient species belongs to the basilosaurids family, a group of extinct cetaceans that includes dolphins, whales, and



Despite its slightly shorter length, its astounding weight puts it

porpoises. These creatures lived from the middle Eocene to the

late Oligocene epoch, approximately 41 million to 23 million years

ago. The discovery of *Perucetus colossus* challenges our understanding of the prehistoric marine world and provides new insights into the evolution of these majestic ocean giants. As researchers continue to unravel the mysteries of the ancient past, this remarkable finding highlights the importance of preserving and studying Earth's history for a deeper understanding of the world around us.

## Waitress rages after 'insecure' customer leaves her 79p tip after flawless service



A waitress took to Reddit to express her frustration after receiving a measly \$1 tip (79p) from a customer despite providing impeccable service. The reason behind the paltry tip was a note left by the customer, criticizing the waitress for using a 'pet name' on her boyfriend. The note read: "Don't call taken men 'sweetie'."

The waitress shared the incident on the platform, sarcastically com-

menting, "Tell me you're insecure without actually telling me you're insecure." The disappointing tip came on a £35 (Pound 27) bill, which is significantly lower than the customary 15 to 20 per cent tip expected in the US.

In American restaurants, tipping is a standard practice to compensate servers for their service, unlike in England where it's more of a personal decision. However, the customer's reaction to

the pet name used by the waitress highlights the delicate nature of human interactions and personal preferences. Responding to the post, other users shared their experiences and tips for navigating such situations. One user mentioned a strategy passed down by an experienced coworker, suggesting how to address couples based on their age to avoid misunderstandings. Tipping customs also vary across the world,

with many European countries commonly including the tip as part of the bill. Understanding these cultural differences can be useful for travelers to ensure smooth interactions during their dining experiences.

In the end, the incident serves as a reminder of the nuances involved in customer service and the significance of maintaining a respectful and understanding attitude in all interactions.

A spectacular video of a gigantic iceberg floating towards Newfoundland, Canada, has taken the internet by storm. The awe-inspiring clip, originally posted on TikTok and later shared

lion views and 80,000 likes, the video has left viewers stunned.

Shot last month in Conche, Newfoundland, by Emoinu Oinam, the video provides a glimpse into the town's landscape,

tion in 2021 was only 149.

These icebergs, drifting from Greenland's glaciers, are a common sight along Newfoundland's east coast, fondly referred to as "Iceberg Alley." The size of these icebergs ap-

proaches Canada's east coast, resembling a massive wave threatening to engulf coastal settlements. With over 10 mil-

lions of people, the video's viral spread

## Massive iceberg drifting towards Canadian coast amazes social media

Twitter and Instagram, showcases the sheer size and majesty of the colossal icy structure as it approaches Canada's east coast, resembling a massive wave threatening to engulf coastal settlements. With over 10 mil-

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# Imran Khan's PTI faces EC consequences

● Fails to appear before poll panel over failure to hold intra-party elections

Islamabad, Aug 04 (PTI):

Pakistan's former prime minister and chief of PTI Imran Khan on Friday failed to appear before the election commission despite having been served a final notice over the party's failure to hold intra-party elections, according to a media report. Khan, 70, was summoned by the electoral watchdog with a warning that if he failed to appear before the Election Commission of Pakistan, it might declare his



Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party ineligible to obtain an election symbol for future elections, The Express Tribune newspaper reported. "PTI chairman Imran Khan failed to appear before the Election Commission of Pakistan on Friday despite the notice served on him," the report said. Referring to Section 209 (1), the ECP on Friday

pointed out that every registered political party was bound to provide the commission with a certificate about the holding of its intra-party polls. The PTI's intra-party elections were scheduled to be held on June 13, 2021 under the party's constitution, the report said. However, it was not held. In May last year, the commission issued a show-cause notice to Khan for his failure to hold intra-party elections of the PTI in his capacity as its chairman.

# Pakistan's Assembly passes bill to curb money laundering and terror financing

● End FATF threat forever

Islamabad, Aug 04 (PTI):

Pakistan's National Assembly has passed a bill, which will help the country avoid the Financial Action Task Force's grey list forever if it is enforced and properly implemented. The lower house of Parliament passed the bill that seeks to form a central authority to curb money laundering and terror financing, bringing all institutions related to the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) under one command.

Last year, Pakistan was taken off the grey list of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), the global watchdog on terror financing and money laundering, four years after the country was put in the infamous category. The bill the National Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Financing of Terrorism Authority Act, 2023 was presented by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hina Rabbani Khar, who said that the proposed law would bring all institutions related to FATF

under one authority, The Express Tribune newspaper reported on Friday. Currently, money laundering, financing of terrorism and targeted financial sanctions are enforced under different laws, mainly via the Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2010, the Anti-Terrorism Act of 1997 and the United Nations Security Council Act of 1948, the report said. Recalling when Pakistan was put on the Paris-based FATF's grey list, Khar said that the proposed authority would function as a focal insti-

tution and help the state give a unified response to curb the menace of money laundering and terror financing. "This is a good bill, and if it is enforced and properly implemented, then Inshallah [God willing] Pakistan never sees the FATF grey list again," Khar was quoted as saying in the report. She added that the proposed law would institutionalise different entities and greatly benefit Pakistan. Noting that Pakistan faced difficulties in three different arenas, namely

anti-money laundering (AML), countering financing of terrorism (CFT) and targeted financial sanctions (TFL) when it was put on the FATF grey list, Khar hoped that the newly-passed bill would effectively address these issues. In 2018, the FATF found Pakistan's deficiencies in its legal, financial, regulatory, investigation, prosecution, judicial and non-government sectors to fight money laundering and combat terror financing, which are considered severe threats to the global financial system.

**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR**

**Tender Notice**

No. 9741/CPC/2023 Bilaspur, dated 03/08/2023

The High Court of Chhattisgarh, Bilaspur invites bids (Technical and Financial) from eligible bidders for the Supply, Testing, Installation and Maintenance of the following articles for the use in the Special Courts (SC/ST) Prevention of Atrocity Act, of the Chhattisgarh State:-

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Bilaspur (C.G.)

G-04018/2

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System Tender No. 134138/NIT No.: 01/SAC/2023-24, Dated: 18.05.2023, Construction of Protection Wall and Damaged Pitching on DIS of New Rudri Barrage, Vide publication No. G. No. 01494, Cancelled Due to no any Tenders has been Participated.

Executive Engineer  
Water Management Dn., Rudri, Code No. 38  
For Chief Engineer, Mahanadi Project  
Raipur (C.G.)

G-03947/1

**NOTICE ON- Admission and Stay IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT CHHATTISGARH BILASPUR**

No. 9093  
02/08/2023

General Form

Writ Petition/Appeal (Habeas Corpus/Mandamus/Prohibition/Certiorari/ Quo-Warranto)

WA No. 461 of 2022

STATE OF CHHATTISGARH PETITIONER  
SHRI MAHABIR SHIKSHA RESPONDENT  
PRASAR SAMITI

To,  
Smt. B. Leela Patnaik W/o Shri B. Ramesh  
R/o D/ 184, Sector 1, Devendra Nagar Raipur, Chhattisgarh

Where as a Appeal has been made in the above case by the Petitioner for a Writ Appeal U/S 2 (i) or the Chhattisgarh High Court (Appeal to Division Bench) Act. 2006.

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Given under my hand and the seal of the High Court of Judicature at Bilaspur. This 01 day of 08/2023

By order of High Court  
(ASST. REGISTRAR/SECTION OFFICER)

G-04029/1

## कार्यालय, मुख्य चिकित्सा एवं स्वास्थ्य अधिकारी, जगदलपुर, जिला बस्तर ( छ.ग. )

कार्या. दूरभाष क्रमांक 07782-222281, ई-मेल [cmhobastar@gmail.com](mailto:cmhobastar@gmail.com)

//अस्थाई नियुक्ति विज्ञापन//

कार्यालय, मुख्य चिकित्सा एवं स्वास्थ्य अधिकारी, जगदलपुर, जिला-बस्तर के पत्र क्र./डी.एम.एफ./2023-24/4718, जगदलपुर, दिनांक 02/08/2023 द्वारा जिले के शहरी प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों में चिकित्सा अधिकारी-एम.बी.बी.एस. के पद पर अस्थाई रूप से सेवाये ली जानी हैं, जिस हेतु विज्ञापन जारी किया जा रहा है। इच्छुक आवेदक दिनांक 07.08.2023 को प्रातः 11:00 बजे से पूर्वान्ह 02:00 बजे तक कार्यालय, मुख्य चिकित्सा एवं स्वास्थ्य अधिकारी, जगदलपुर, जिला बस्तर में उपस्थित होकर भाग ले सकते हैं। निर्धारित तिथि व समय के पूर्व एवं पश्चात् प्राप्त आवेदन पत्र स्वीकार नहीं किये जाएंगे। मूल प्रमाण पत्रों से सत्यापन उसी दिवस पर उपस्थित होकर कराना अनिवार्य होगा।

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जगदलपुर, जिला बस्तर ( छ.ग. )

G-03985/1

## कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियंता लोक निर्माण विभाग, बिलासपुर मंडल, बिलासपुर

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क्र.	नि.आ.सू. क्र./दिनांक	कार्य का नाम	लागत (लाख में)
1	129	शासकीय हायर सेकेंडरी स्कूल भवन जमरगा का निर्माण कार्य। द्वितीय आमंत्रण। रायगढ़ संभाग, रायगढ़।	110.22
2	130	शासकीय उ.मा.वि. तिलगा में 6 नग अतिरिक्त कक्षा का निर्माण कार्य। द्वितीय आमंत्रण। रायगढ़ संभाग, रायगढ़।	44.42
3	131	शासकीय उ.मा.वि. नवापारा टेम्बा में 6 नग अतिरिक्त कक्षा का निर्माण कार्य। द्वितीय आमंत्रण। रायगढ़ संभाग, रायगढ़।	44.42
4	132	शासकीय उ.मा.वि. पोराडा में 6 नग अतिरिक्त कक्षा का निर्माण कार्य। द्वितीय आमंत्रण। रायगढ़ संभाग, रायगढ़।	44.42
5	133	शासकीय हाई स्कूल सपनई में 5 नग अतिरिक्त कक्षा का निर्माण कार्य। द्वितीय आमंत्रण। रायगढ़ संभाग, रायगढ़।	37.02
6	134	शासकीय हाई स्कूल ननसिया में 5 नग अतिरिक्त कक्षा का निर्माण कार्य। द्वितीय आमंत्रण। रायगढ़ संभाग, रायगढ़।	37.02
7	135	कलेक्टर एवं जिला निवर्तन अधिकारी जिला गोरैला पेन्ड्रा मरवाही में BU, CU & VVPAT के रख-रखाव एवं उचित मंजूरान के लिए वेयर हाउस निर्माण कार्य। विद्युतीकरण सहित। द्वितीय आमंत्रण। पेन्ड्रा संभाग, पेन्ड्रारोड।	152.74
8	136	उपसंभाग मरवाही के अंतर्गत आवासीय एवं गैर आवासीय भवनों का साधारण मरम्मत, विशेष मरम्मत एवं एम.ओ.डब्ल्यू कार्य। प्रथम आमंत्रण। पेन्ड्रा संभाग, पेन्ड्रारोड।	50.00
9	137	उपसंभाग मरवाही के अंतर्गत आवासीय एवं गैर आवासीय भवनों का रंगाई पोटाई, डिस्टेम्पिंग का कार्य। प्रथम आमंत्रण। पेन्ड्रा संभाग, पेन्ड्रारोड।	40.00
10	138	जिला जेल जांजगीर के चारों ओर बाउण्ड्रीवाल का निर्माण कार्य। प्रथम आमंत्रण। चांपा संभाग चांपा।	67.25
11	139	कलेक्टर एवं जिला निवर्तन अधिकारी जिला सक्ती में BU, CU & VVPAT के रख-रखाव एवं उचित मंजूरान के लिए वेयर हाउस निर्माण कार्य। प्रथम आमंत्रण। चांपा संभाग चांपा।	89.29

निविदा में भाग लेने की प्रक्रिया एवं निविदा के संबंध में विस्तृत जानकारी विभाग के उपरोक्त वेबसाईट में देखे जा सकते हैं।

अधीक्षण अभियंता  
लो.नि.वि., बिलासपुर मंडल, बिलासपुर

G-03953/1

## SUNAK & FAMILY ON SUMMER HOLIDAY



British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, his wife Akshata Murty and daughters Anoushka and Krishna, right, at Santa Monica Pier, in Santa Monica, California, on their summer holiday.

## Pak SC dismisses Imran Khan's plea against Toshakhana trial

Islamabad, Aug 04 (PTI):

Pakistan's Supreme Court on Friday dismissed Imran Khan's plea against trial proceedings in a corruption case in which the former premier is accused of concealing details of the gifts he retained from the state repository, as he withdrew the case. While dismissing the plea in the Toshakhana case, the apex court observed that the application seeking the transfer of the case to another court was underway in the Islamabad High Court (IHC). The court expressed the hope that the trial and the IHC will make decisions as per the law. The Supreme Court observed that the said decision would not affect other pleas filed by Khan, 70. Khan is accused of mis-

using his 2018 to 2022 premiership to buy and sell gifts in state possession that were received during visits abroad and worth more than Rs 140 million (USD 635,000). On Wednesday, the apex court turned down Khan's request to stay the trial in the Toshakhana case being heard at an Islamabad sessions court. However, it had also granted relief to the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf chief by postponing further proceedings till Friday so that he could approach the court again in case any adverse order was passed by the Islamabad High Court (IHC). Meanwhile, IHC on Thursday reserved its verdict on a set of petitions filed by Khan against the Toshakhana trial. It is expected to issue the said verdict on Friday.

**NOTICE ON- Admission and I.R./Stay (P.A. 01) IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT CHHATTISGARH BILASPUR**

No. 9175  
02/08/2023

General Form

Writ Petition (Habeas Corpus/Mandamus/Prohibition/Certiorari/ Quo-Warranto)

WA No. 235 of 2022

STATE OF CHHATTISGARH Petitioner  
SHRI MAHABIR SHIKSHA Respondent  
PRASAR SAMITI

To,  
Shri N.K. Dewangan,  
S/o D/o W/o R/o B-66, Kota Housing Colony, Near Sai Darbar,  
Kota, Raipur District Raipur, Chhattisgarh District.

Where as a petition has been made in the above case by the Petitioner for a writ of (Habeas Corpus/Mandamus/prohibition/Certiorari/ Quo-warranto) under article 226/227 of the Constitution of India.

Take notice that you are required to submit a return personally or through a duly engaged Advocate on or before 10/08/2023. If no return is filed as aforesaid, the petition will be heard and decided ex parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the High Court of Judicature at Bilaspur this 02 day of 08/2023

By order of High Court  
(ASST. REGISTRAR/SECTION OFFICER)

G-04038/1

**NOTICE ON- I.A. No. 01/22 for condonation of delay IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT CHHATTISGARH BILASPUR**

No. 9070  
01/08/2023

General Form

Writ Petition/Appeal (Habeas Corpus/Mandamus/Prohibition/Certiorari/ Quo-Warranto)

WA No. 418 of 2022

STATE OF CHHATTISGARH PETITIONER  
AMBKA MISSION BOYS RESPONDENT  
MIDDLE SCHOOL

To,  
Shri Barnabas Kujur  
S/o Late Augustine kujur, retd. Teacher, R/o Village Fundurdehari,  
Beechpara, Ambikapur, District Surguja (Ambikapur) Chhattisgarh

Where as a Appeal has been made in the above case by the Petitioner for a Writ Appeal U/S 2 (i) or the Chhattisgarh High Court (Appeal to Division Bench) Act. 2006.

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Given under my hand and the seal of the High Court of Judicature at Bilaspur this 01 day of 08/2023

By order of High Court  
(ASST. REGISTRAR/SECTION OFFICER)

G-04033/1

For find hearing 10.08.2023

**NOTICE ON- Admission and I.R.(P.A. No. 1) IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT CHHATTISGARH BILASPUR**

No. 9053  
01/08/2023

General Form

Writ Petition (Habeas Corpus/Mandamus/Prohibition/Certiorari/ Quo-Warranto)

WA No. 305 of 2022

STATE OF CHHATTISGARH Petitioner  
Shri Mahabir Shiksha Prasar Samiti A Respondent  
Registered Society,

To,  
Smt. Rajmani Sharma  
W/o Late Shri S.P. Sharma R/o Behind Suyash Hospital Samta  
Colony, Raipur, District Raipur Chhattisgarh, District.

Where as a petition has been made in the above case by the petitioner for a writ of (Habeas Corpus/Mandamus/prohibition/Certiorari/ Quo-warranto) under article 226/227 of the Constitution of India (copy of petition enclosed.)

Take notice that you are required to submit a return personally or through a duly engaged Advocate on or before 10/08/2023. If no return is filed as aforesaid the petition will be heard and decided ex parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the High Court of Judicature at Bilaspur this 01 day of 08/2023

By order of High Court  
(ASST. REGISTRAR/SECTION OFFICER)

G-03984/1

**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, CIRCLE NO-1 RAIPUR (C.G.)**

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121/143248	Construction of Korasi Basti (Culvert By Pass) to Pirda Road Length 0.80 km Under Sub Division No. 4 (Arang) Raipur	Rs. 110.58 Lakh

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Superintending Engineer  
P.W.D. Raipur Circle No-1  
Raipur (C.G.)

G-03960/1

Fixed for 10.08.2023

**NOTICE ON- Admission and I.R./Stay (P.A. 01) IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT CHHATTISGARH BILASPUR**

No. 9065  
01/08/2023

General Form

Writ Petition/Appeal (Habeas Corpus/Mandamus/Prohibition/Certiorari/ Quo-Warranto)

WA No. 237 of 2022

STATE OF CHHATTISGARH PETITIONER  
ST. XAVIR H.S. SCHOOL RESPONDENT

To,  
Ranjit Singh Retd. Clerk,  
R/o Village Fundurdehari, Dhopipara, Ambikapur District:  
Surguja (Ambikapur) CHHATTISGARH Respondent No. 2

Where as a Appeal has been made in the above case by the petitioner for a Writ Appeal U/S 2 (i) of the Chhattisgarh High Court (Appeal to Division Bench) Act. 2006 (Copy of Appeal enclosed).

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Given under my hand and the seal of the High Court of Judicature at Bilaspur. This 31 day of 07/2023

By order of High Court  
(ASST. REGISTRAR/SECTION OFFICER)

G-03980/3

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03	Junior Executive (Common Cadre)	237	99	23	63	35	17	05	05	02	05	00	00	00
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06	Junior Executive (Law)	18	10	01	04	02	01	02	00	01	00	00	00	00

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EVENT	DATE
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Last date for On-line Application	04.09.2023
Tentative Date of On-line Examination	Will be announced on AAI Website- <a href="http://www.aai.aero">www.aai.aero</a>

For details, please refer AAI's website [www.aai.aero](http://www.aai.aero) under Careers Section and Employment News/ Rozgar Samachar of 19.08.2023

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### Combating Hate Speech

#### Safeguarding Unity and Harmony

In the present-day India, where diversity is both a source of pride and strength, hate speech and communal violence pose significant threats to our nation's fabric. The recent incident in Nuh Mewat, where a Railway Protection Force constable brutally killed his senior and three passengers while uttering objectionable hate words, has sent shockwaves across the country. This unfortunate incident not only raises concerns about the immediate need to curb such hatred but also highlights the urgent requirement to address the deep-rooted communal virus that has permeated our society. Nuh Mewat, often referred to as the 'Mecca of Meos,' has historically been home to diverse communities living side by side in harmony. However, the recent clashes that erupted over a religious procession have shattered the peace and exposed the fragile state of communal relations in the area. This incident is not an isolated one; similar incidents have occurred in different parts of the country, sparking communal tensions and threatening the delicate social fabric. The rising incidents of hate speech and communal violence in India demand immediate attention and stringent action. The impact of such incidents extends far beyond the affected regions, as they tarnish the image of the country on the global stage. It becomes even more worrisome when crucial events like the G20 conference are being held in India, as such incidents are transmitted outside the country within a short period, influencing how India is perceived internationally. Hate speech is a dangerous weapon that can quickly ignite communal tensions, leading to violence and destruction. Inflammatory speeches, whether made by political leaders or spread through social media, can incite emotions and deepen existing fault lines within society. These divisive narratives exploit religious and ethnic identities for personal or political gain, turning neighbors into enemies. The role of law enforcement and community leaders is crucial in addressing and preventing such outbreaks, and they must act swiftly and decisively to control the situation. Political leaders hold significant responsibility in maintaining communal harmony. Instead of prioritizing personal gains, they should work towards the well-being of the community and foster unity. Hate speech by anyone, regardless of their political affiliations, should not be tolerated. The recent hate speech incident by a BJP spokesperson, which was severely criticized by the Supreme Court, serves as a wake-up call for all political leaders to exercise restraint and promote harmony. India's unity is a testament to the struggles and sacrifices made by generations before us. The country's social fabric is the result of a long and continuous effort to forge a nation where diversity is celebrated and respected. It is disheartening to witness communal riots tearing at the very core of our national identity. The nefarious design of antisocial elements, seeking to divide and conquer, must be defeated at all levels. To ensure justice and provide solace to the victims of communal violence, proper investigations should be conducted, and those found guilty should be punished. Additionally, compensation should be provided to the injured and families of the deceased. Swift and impartial actions in such cases are essential to demonstrate the government's commitment to safeguarding the rights and security of its citizens. While addressing the immediate aftermath of communal violence is crucial, we must also focus on long-term preventive measures. Education and awareness programs should be implemented to promote tolerance, understanding, and empathy among citizens of diverse backgrounds. Economic empowerment and opportunities for marginalized communities can also play a significant role in reducing tensions and promoting social cohesion. Moreover, India's law enforcement agencies need to be proactive in identifying and apprehending individuals involved in hate speech and communal violence. Accountability and justice must be swift and unequivocal to deter potential offenders. The police administration and intelligence system should be strengthened to tackle such issues effectively.

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#### Baby's First Vaccine and Essential Nourishment

Dr. Krishna Kumar Vepakomma

World Breastfeeding Week, observed from August 1, is an annual campaign aimed at raising awareness for breastfeeding worldwide. Originating in 1992 with support from governments, UNICEF, WHO, and other health institutions, the week advocates policy changes and improved infant feeding practices to benefit newborns and mothers. This year's theme, "Enabling Breastfeeding: Making a difference for working parents," highlights the impact of workplace support, paid leave, and evolving parenting norms on breastfeeding. The campaign recognizes the significance of breastfeeding for both infants and mothers, offering numerous benefits for their health and well-being. Breastfeeding is often referred to as a baby's first vaccine, providing vital protection against potentially deadly diseases and ensuring optimal nourishment for their growth and development. Breast milk is a rich source of essential nutrition and antibodies, leading to reduced infections and better overall health for the child. Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of WHO, emphasizes the importance of promoting breastfeeding, as it acts as a critical lifeline for newborns. The campaign's programs, conducted in over 170 countries, support mothers and emphasize breastfeeding's immense significance. It has been estimated that breastfeeding saves over 800,000 children annually, aids in post-partum recovery for mothers, and reduces health risks. Despite these benefits, only one in three children are breastfed, making awareness and support crucial to increasing breastfeeding rates and saving more lives. In the developed world, various factors such as urbanization, changing lifestyles, and the availability of formula milk and commercial baby foods have contributed to a decline in breastfeeding rates among working women. This decline hampers infants' access to the valuable health benefits offered by breast milk. Breastfeeding is ideally initiated within the first hour of a baby's birth, providing essential antibodies for the baby's developing immune system. For mothers who are unable to breastfeed directly, expressing milk is a viable option. Although certain conditions may prevent breastfeeding, it is generally recommended for both the baby and the mother's health. Despite its significance, only 41% of babies worldwide are exclusively breastfed for six months, falling short of the World Health Assembly's target of raising this rate to 50% by 2025. Increasing global breastfeeding rates not only saves lives but also brings economic benefits. Governments have a crucial role to play in promoting and supporting breastfeeding, countering the influence of the baby food market, and ensuring the well-being of infants and mothers. The Indian government, for instance, can play a vital role in promoting breastfeeding through policies that support new mothers, providing training to healthcare staff, and organizing awareness campaigns. By doing so, they can positively impact the health and development of the nation's children and mothers.

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### OVERFLOWING DASSAM FALLS



Visitors at the overflowing Dassam Falls after heavy monsoon rains, in Ranchi, Friday, Aug 4.

## Violence spreads like an epidemic



DR. SATYAWAN SAURABH



It is necessary to explain to the victims of violence. The mindset of revenge causes harm so that they don't get trapped in the same violent vicious cycle again. If someone is an alcoholic or a drug addict, he is helped to get treated. Then there is an attempt to get him employment. Only then any person can appear completely changed. By changing the behavior of people, we can root out many challenges. For example, a disease like diarrhea can be prevented by the habit of cleanliness. These steps become more effective when one victim helps another. They can win people's trust by sharing their own experiences. For example, people who have been TB-cholera patients should work among their victims. Violent behaviour is an epidemic, which spreads from one person to another like the disease of an epidemic.

The wise win before the fight, while the ignorant fight to win. The intelligent approach to conflict involves planning and strategizing before engaging in fighting or violence, while the ignorant approach is simply fighting or committing violence without considering the consequences or possible consequences. That is the intellectual idea that by carefully assessing a situation and making informed decisions, one can achieve victory without resorting to physical combat or violence. This quote advises that it is wise to anticipate a situation that could turn into violence and then use one's resources to avoid it.

What happens when violence cannot be avoided? Even when attempts at diplomacy fail, violence

can be avoided by assessing the enemy's strengths and weaknesses to quickly overpower the other side. Deception and lies are also used to confuse the enemy or adversary and waste their resources. Instead of treating violence as a law and order issue, it should be treated as a public health challenge. Violent behavior is an epidemic, which spreads from one person to another like the disease of an epidemic. People who are victims of violence are more likely to commit violence. "Violence is preventable in the same way as pregnancy challenges, work-related injuries or infectious diseases are preventable." The problem is that violence is dominated by a hard-line approach around the world. That's why as soon as

there is an uproar over violent incidents, be it the leaders or the public, they start demanding strict laws.

Human beings often behave risky, and play with danger. Like smoking despite knowing the harm or eating more despite being full. Having sex without precautions. Doctors always say that prevention is better than cure. That is, the disease should be prevented from happening. But, when it comes to violent behavior, people say there is only one way to deal with it, make the law stricter. Like the recent provision of the death penalty for raping a girl below 12 years of age. Or the idea is going on in our country to enact a strict law to deal with mob violence. Violence has been accepted as an innate behavior of human beings, which cannot be changed. The thinking is that those who commit violence cannot be brought to the right path. That's why there is talk of strict laws. But, if it could have been done with strict laws, then it would have been done a long time ago. Many crimes are punishable by death in Saudi Arabia and Iran. But the crimes do not stop even then. In India also death penalty is given for many crimes. But those crimes still happen.

How can violence be avoided? In the context of the country's caste riots today, this quote highlights the importance of diplomacy and dialogue in resolving conflicts between two communities. Instead of resorting to violence, which can have disastrous consequences for all concerned, the wise leader strives to find a peaceful solution through negotiation and agreement. Conflicts are often frequent between neighboring states or religious communities, so regional integration is an important step toward reducing the incidence of violence. Riots or violence often result from the ignorance of decision-makers about the possibility of settling disputes peacefully for the mutual benefit of both parties. Thus communities

may contribute to the prevention of riots by developing and institutionalizing alternative, peaceful techniques for settling disputes and persuading states to use them.

It can be understood as a political, regional, or national security arrangement, in which each entity recognizes that the security of one is also the collective concern of all. They are, therefore, committed to a collective response to threats and breaches of the peace. Thus, this quote is relevant to contemporary times given the caste conflict going on in the country. It reminds us that true victory is achieved by dealing with conflicts with wisdom and foresight and finding peaceful solutions that avoid violence. Furthermore, it can be applied not only to violence but also to everyday conflicts and challenges. At the same time, this quote also emphasizes the importance of preparation, knowledge, and foresight in achieving success.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Strengthening National Security

Pakistan's advisor's on-camera admission of using drones for drug smuggling into India has exposed their deceptive practices. This is not the first instance where India has presented concrete evidence of Pakistan's involvement in terrorist activities. Despite raising concerns on international platforms, the global community has not adequately addressed India's apprehensions about Pakistan-sponsored terrorism. To ensure national security, India must enhance its defense capabilities and technology to effectively detect and neutralize Pakistani drones. Safeguarding the country from such threats is crucial to protecting the nation's interests and citizens.

Kavitha, Krishnamurthy, Thiruvananthapuram

#### Tiger Triumph

The resurgence of wild tigers owes credit to Project Tiger, focused on biodiversity preservation. The State of Forest Report, 2021, highlights the significance of undisturbed landscapes for tiger survival. When discussing Forest Conservation Act amendments in the Rajya Sabha, factors supporting tigers and wildlife must be carefully considered. As apex predators, tigers maintain ecological balance in forest ecosystems. Safeguarding their habitats is essential for the continued thriving of these majestic creatures and the overall health of the environment.

Rakesh Gupta, Korba

#### Who is responsible?

The responsibility for the violence in Nuh Mewat remains unclear until the investigation reveals the contributing factors. This incident has raised concerns about potential mistrust between communities and is affecting other districts in Haryana. Prompt action is essential to identify the root causes and hold the culprits accountable to prevent future occurrences. Strengthening the police administration and intelligence system in the state is crucial to maintain peace and prevent such incidents from happening again. Ashraf Nawaz from Hyderabad emphasizes the urgency to address this issue and ensure communal harmony and safety.

Ashraf Nawaz, Hyderabad

## Meri Mati-Mera Desh, Mann Ki Baat or Upadesh

Priyanka Saurabh



Think if the heroes of our country are honored and paid enough money as compared to shameless Instagram influencers, politicians, actors, and actresses. Don't forget that a jawan who participated in the Kargil war to protect our country could not be able to protect his wife in the same country. Who should the country be responsible for this? First of all, we harm the

armed forces by bringing Agniveer, in which there is no guarantee of anything, how can you expect someone to die for the country? When you can't afford the security of a simple job in the armed forces. If you want to pay tribute to these martyr families, then during this campaign, make a plan by listening to the minds of the soldier's families and future soldiers, and also all the important and major roads of the country should be named after our Bravehearts. Need the names of airports, schools train too.

As Independence Day draws near, India is gearing up for grand celebrations. The country is all set to launch a campaign named 'Meri Mati Mera Desh'. Amrit Vatika (garden) will also be built near the National War Memorial in Delhi under 'Meri Mati Mera Desh' in honor of the martyrs of India. For Amrit Vatika, soil

and plants in 7500 urns from every corner of the country will reach Delhi under 'Amrit Kalash Yatra'. Apart from this, special inscriptions will also be installed in lakhs of gram panchayats of the country. The Amrit Mahotsav of Independence is going on in the country for the last year. On this pretext, the 'Meri Mati, Mera Desh' program

has also been started across the country. This year, the event is to be celebrated from August 9 to August 15. This is a matter of pride for the country. But have we made a plan to solve the problems of the country's soldiers by taking stock of the actual situation during this program?

Soldiers may not be from any country, their life is always full of difficulties. Soldiers are the watchdogs of our country, as long as they are posted on the border, we can also breathe peacefully, otherwise, our life would have ended long ago. The contribution of the Indian Armed Forces in maintaining the security, integrity, and unity of the nation is not hidden from anyone. Soldiers who are always ready to protect the country stay away from their families. The country's largest audit agency, CAG has revealed in its report that the soldiers of our country are served substandard food. According to the CAG, a survey conducted by the Army itself has revealed that 68 percent of jawans consider the food served to them to be satisfactory or sub-standard. Meat and vegetables are given to eat. Apart from this, the quantity of ration is also given less and the ration given is also not according to the taste.

Why don't we improve the living conditions of our soldiers? Today the country is not asking this question to

any one person but to every Indian. Is this movement just another political drama using the valor and sacrifice of our soldiers? Has the country covered up the Pulwama incident? Why don't we say anything about Manipur, it hurts a lot and brings tears to my eyes. If we want Meri Mati Mera Desh Ko Man Se, then first of all give priority to our soldiers over the nonsense of gay actors and actresses, why they are treated badly and paid less? One who is ready to sacrifice his life for the country should do so.

Imagine if the heroes of our country are honored and paid enough money as compared to shameless Instagram influencers, politicians, actors, and actresses. Don't forget that a jawan who participated in the Kargil war to protect our country could not be able to protect his wife in the same country. Who should the country be responsible for this? First of all, we harm the armed forces by bringing Agniveer, in which there is no guarantee of anything, how can you expect someone to die for the country? When you can't afford the security of a simple job in the armed forces. Today, instead of running the old freedom movement, the country needs to get rid of the present problems and on the contrary, we are trying to suppress those things by creating a different atmosphere. This is not in the

interest of the country. You run the movement, do whatever you want. But along with all these, remove the basic dilemmas also, only then your effort will be the best and most meaningful.

Cut the pension of jawans, cut the salary, benefits, and budget of our heroes, and then you start such propaganda. The children of our farmers go to the army, not the politicians of the country. They finished that too by bringing the Agneepath scheme. If you want to pay tribute to these martyr families, then during this campaign, make a plan by listening to the mind of the soldier's families and future soldiers and also name all the important and major roads of the country after our Bravehearts. Be named, also the names of airports, schools, and trains. If you are a true citizen of the country then never forget-

When the soldiers are on the border, they stay awake all night. We could sleep peacefully, and stay with our loved ones.

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**BRIEF**

**Furniture items**



**Lucknow:** Bengaluru-based e-commerce platform Meesho is planning to deliver furniture items to customers in some pockets of the country by Diwali this year, a company official said. Referring to the Manipur incidents, the company official said that the business has been impacted owing to the recent violence in the North-East.

**Record breaking**

**New Delhi:** State-owned NMDC has crossed 40 million tonnes (MT) production level in financial year (FY) 2022-23, Union Steel Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said. The minister termed the production level achieved by NMDC as 'a record-breaking' development. "NMDC has achieved a record-breaking production for the period up to July 2023 and has already crossed 40 MT of annual production last year (FY23)," the minister said while unveiling the new logo of NMDC at his office in the national capital. NMDC CMD Amitava Mukherjee said the company will continue to increase its production year over year to achieve the production of 100 MT by 2030.

**Tech solutions**



**Chandigarh:** Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema said the state taxation department will adopt the latest software and technological solutions to strengthen its digital tax administration. Chairing a review meeting with the officials of the taxation commissionerate who visited Telangana to study the GST administration, Cheema said the digital technologies adopted by the newly established tax intelligence unit (TIU) were helping the tax authorities in better enforcement, increasing the tax base and plugging leakages.

## India to be a developed nation by 2047: R K Singh

Modernising infra at rapid pace

New Delhi, Aug 04:

Union Minister R K Singh on Friday said India is poised to become a developed nation by 2047, as the country is modernising its infrastructure at a rapid pace. Addressing a press conference Singh said, "Now we are transforming ourselves into a developed country."

We will be a developed country." Stressing that India is modernising its infrastructure at a rapid pace, he said the total length of expressway at present is 3,106 km, which was 353 km in 2014. He said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India will be a developed country by 2047.

The minister stated that the pace of infrastructure development is unprecedented and capital expenditure for the purpose has increased nearly five times



since 2014, when the NDA government came into power and trebled since 2019. He stressed that there has been rapid pace of modernisation of infrastructure development in the country and cited the example of roll out of Vande Bharat Express service which is an engine-less train. Indigenously developed semi-high speed, Vande Bharat trains with best riding quality and fastest acceleration (100 Kmph in 52 second) were introduced on February 15,

2019. So far, 25 train sets have been started covering all the states having electrified tracks across India, the minister informed. As many as 150 train services are targeted to be rolled out in the current year. More than 800 trains are planned by 2030, he added. The union Power and New & Renewable Energy Minister informed that the capital expenditure by the government has increased to Rs 10 lakh crore in 2023-24, from Rs 7.5 lakh crore in 2022-23 and Rs 5.5 lakh crore in 2021-22.

He further noted that the country's peak power demand has already touched 223 GW and 50GW of conventional power generation capacity is under construction. On renewable energy, he said India has plans to develop 50 GW renewable energy capacity per annum and aims to have 500 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2030.

## Reforms brought in India since 2014 enabled decentralisation of planning in India: FM

New Delhi, Aug 04:

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said reforms brought in India since 2014 have enabled decentralisation of planning in India. Addressing 11 Executive Directors (EDs) of the World Bank Group, representing 95 countries, she said that India is placing a focus on creating opportunities for the poor by empowering communities for equitable growth. EDs, who are on a visit to India, called on the finance minister. They shared their key takeaways with the minister after visiting Mumbai, Ahmedabad and Lucknow. They appreciated the fast-paced development across all sectors enabled by transformational reforms and private sector participation in India's ambition of becoming a



developed country by 2047, the finance minister said in a tweet. They also appreciated the success achieved by India, especially in digital technology and startups, with a focus on the delivery of public goods, including water, electricity, road infrastructure etc, it said. "The Finance Minister underlined the focus India is placing on creating opportunities for the poor by empowering communities for #EquitableGrowth and stated that the #reforms brought in India since 2014 have enabled #decentralisation of planning

## Amit Shah releases Rs 10k each to 112 small investors stuck in Sahara's four cooperatives

New Delhi, Aug 04:

Cooperation Minister Amit Shah on Friday started the process of returning hard earned money of crores of depositors of four cooperatives of Sahara Group by transferring the first tranche of Rs 10,000 each to 112 small investors. Shah said so far 18 lakh depositors have registered on the 'CRCS-Sahara Refund Portal', which was launched on July 18. "So far, 18 lakh investors have registered on the portal. Today, about Rs 10,000 each has been transferred into the bank account of 112 investors," he said after releasing the amount. Shah said the next tranche of funds will be transferred



Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah launches the transfer of funds to the genuine depositors of Sahara Group of Cooperative Societies through CRCS-Sahara Refund Portal, in New Delhi, Friday, Aug 4.

soon as the audit has been completed. "I want to assure and I am fully confident that all depositors will get their funds in the coming days," he said, congratulating the depositors. Shah further said many times such incidents hap-

pen that shake the trust in cooperation. However, it is responsibility of the government to ensure that investors' money is safe and returned to them. Sahara depositors were not getting their money back for last 12-15 years because of the

## JEWELLERY SHOPPING FESTIVAL



Actor Bhagyashree at the India Jewellery Shopping Festival 2023, in Mumbai.

## India within pole-vaulting distance to be able to replace China: Anand Mahindra

As factory to the world

New Delhi, Aug 04:

India is within a pole-vaulting distance of being able to replace China as the factory to the world and the suspicions of the neighbour's ambitions and post-Covid supply chain disruptions have also worked in the country's favour, Mahindra Group Chairman Anand Mahindra said on Friday. In his address to the shareholders of Mahindra & Mahindra at the company's AGM, Mahindra used the metaphor of a pole vaulter, who needs multiple factors to converge for a successful pole vault and said the comparison is "even more apt in today's times because India is ready to pole vault". "We are well into the run-up. The Indian economy is growing at 7 per cent when many countries are heading for recession," Mahindra said. Geopolitical tensions with China are pushing many manufacturers in India's direction, he said, adding, "But that is not the only reason. Economics also enters into it. India actually has the cheapest manufacturing



costs in the world. It is not surprising that, of late, companies of the stature of Apple, Samsung, Boeing, and Toshiba have shifted a significant amount of their manufacturing activity to India." It is not just the Western nations, Mahindra said, adding, "Would it surprise you to know that the second largest investor in India is Singapore? We are within pole-vaulting distance of being able to replace China as the factory to the world."

He further said, "Suspicions of China's ambitions and post-Covid supply chain disruptions have also worked in India's favour. And we are well placed to take advantage of this."

## Linde launches Career Enabling Program for Women Professionals

Bangalore, Aug 04:

Linde, a leading global industrial gases company, has recently launched Encore - a program specifically designed for women professionals who wish to restart their careers after a sabbatical. The Encore program aims to tap into the talent, and potential of women professionals who are currently on a career break and looking to reskill and retrain. The Encore Training Program reflects the company's commitment to fostering gender equality and inclusivity within the workforce. This program offers an immersive learning experience across various domains like operations, distribution, sales, and fi-

nance allowing participants to work alongside experienced professionals. During the training period, participants will receive mentorship, guidance, and regular evaluations to track their progress. The program emphasizes practical, hands-on learning, enabling participants to gain confidence and refine their skills through real-world projects and assignments. For women who have taken a career break, returning to work is often challenging. The Encore Training Program seeks to leverage the potential and skills of these women professionals who have temporarily stepped away from the workforce for various reasons.

Applicants must have a minimum of 3 years of work experience prior to their sabbatical to be eligible for the program. "We are excited to launch the Encore Training Program at Linde in India," said Nita Chakravarty, Head of HR, Linde - India. "Encore is a key initiative as we strive to create gender balance and implement more inclusive practices, fostering a progressive culture. We have established an ecosystem to support women professionals. We look forward to training and upskilling the candidates. Our diversity hiring practices follow global best practices, as we continuously evolve to become a more gender-diverse, inclusive company."

## Oil India gets Maharatna status, ONGC Videsh becomes Navratna

New Delhi, Aug 04:

The Finance Ministry has approved the upgradation of Oil India Ltd to the category of 'Maharatna', a move which will impart enhanced powers to the OIL board while taking financial decisions. Post the upgrade, the state-run oil major has become India's 13th Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE). "Finance Minister approved upgradation of Oil India Ltd (OIL) to Maharatna CPSE. OIL will be the 13th Maharatna amongst the CPSEs. OIL is a M/o Petroleum & Natural Gas CPSE with annual turnover of Rs 41,039 crore and net profit of Rs 9,854 crore for the Year 2022-23," the Department of Public Enterprises said in a post on Twitter, now branded as X. In another post, the Department of Public Enterprises shared: "Finance

Minister has approved the upgradation of ONGC Videsh Ltd (OVL) to Navratna CPSE. OVL will be 14th Navratna amongst the CPSEs. It is a M/o Petroleum & Natural Gas CPSE with annual turnover of Rs 11,676 crore and net profit of Rs 1,700 crore for the Year 2022-23". The other companies included in the Maharatna list are Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), Coal India Limited, GAIL India Limited, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL), Indian Oil Corporation Limited, NTPC Limited, Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC), Power Finance Corporation, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, Rural Electrification Corporation Limited and Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL).

## India can become USD 6.7 trillion economy by 2031: S&P Global

New Delhi, Aug 04:

India can become a USD 6.7 trillion economy by 2031, from USD 3.4 trillion currently, if the country clocks an average growth of 6.7 per cent for 7 years, an S&P Global report said. India had clocked a 7.2 per cent GDP growth in 2022-23 fiscal. But a global slowdown and lagged effect of a policy rate hike by RBI could slow down growth to 6 per cent in the current fiscal, S&P Global said in a report titled 'Look Forward: India's Money'. "We expect India to grow 6.7 per cent (average) from fiscal 2024 to fiscal 2031, catapulting GDP to USD 6.7 trillion from USD 3.4 trillion in fiscal 2023. Per capita GDP will rise to about USD 4,500," said the report jointly authored by S&P Global Ratings Global Chief Economist Paul Gruenwald, Crisil Chief Economist Dharmakirti Joshi and S&P Global Market Intelligence Chief Economist Asia Pacific Rajiv Biswas.

## KSB Limited registers 24.8% sales growth

Mumbai, Aug 04:

KSB Limited, one of leading pumps and valves manufacturer in India recorded a growth of 24.8% with a sales value of 10,809 Mio. INR on its half-yearly sales (Jan to Jun 2023) vis-à-vis 2022 (Jan to Jun 2022). The sales increased by 24.8% compared to H1 2022. Q2 Order Intake at 6165 Mio INR growing by 26% over Q2 2022. Export business is seeing an upward trend. KSB Zonal office Kolkata has shifted to a new location. New office was inaugurated on 10th July 2023. Successful Implementation of warehouse management at all the plant. Commodity Prices are showing signs of stability. Received FM packager certificate for

firefighting pumps. The Significant growth in Solar business - Qualification in SECI (Solar Energy Corporation of India) tender. Strong Governance score of 70 and an overall ESG score of 56, as rated by CRISIL. This score is based on information available in public domain in 2022 before publishing Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report (BRSR) for the year ended 2022. Summarising the Q2'23 performance, Mr. Farrokh Bhatena, Vice President of Sales and Marketing, KSB Limited said, "KSB showcased remarkable performance and significant developments during the second quarter of 2023. We aim to maintain a strong performance in the rest of the year too,

driven by a healthy order intake of 6165 Mio INR in Q2 2023. We remain optimistic about the demand situation as a consistent upward trend is seen in our export business, which will strengthen our position in the global market. Additionally, our Solar division has witnessed significant growth, propelling us toward a future focused on attaining sustainable solutions. We have also successfully implemented warehouse management across all our plants. These efforts will positively impact overall operational efficiency and profitability. As we move forward, KSB remains committed to excellence, sustainability and creating lasting value for all stakeholders."

## Curbs on laptop, PC imports to check IT hardware with in-built security loopholes

New Delhi, Aug 04:

The government has imposed a licensing requirement for the import of laptops, tablets and personal computers to guard against IT hardware coming in with in-built security loopholes that may potentially endanger sensitive personal and enterprise data, top sources said. With India having sufficient capacity for IT hardware devices manufacturing, the requirement of purchasers needing permission to import laptops, tablets, all-in-one personal computers, and ultra-small computers and servers will in any way hit domestic availability,

sources aware of the thinking behind the government move said. Sources said the government is committed to ensuring that the Internet in India is 'open, safe and trusted and accountable' for all users. With the expansion of the Internet and more and more Indians coming online, the possibility of citizens being exposed to user harm and criminality has also increased. Various incidents of cybersecurity threats have also been reported. The inbuilt security loopholes like hardware backdoors and firmware malware in IT hardware may be potentially endangering sensitive personal

and enterprise data, they said, adding providing secure hardware is the foundation for security. The government has introduced this policy condition in order to protect the security interest of the country and its citizens, they said. According to sources, the non-tariff barrier is not a ban on imports. Companies/traders can import IT hardware devices after obtaining a valid license from DGFT. DGFT has prepared a portal, and companies/traders can apply online for getting a license. It is expected that DGFT will issue a license within 3/4 days if details are filled in properly. Goods/consign-

ments in transit will be allowed without an import license. Prior to the Directorate General of Foreign Trade notification of August 3, regulations allowed companies to import laptops freely. The notification, however, gives exceptions to certain categories, including the import of one laptop, tablet, all-in-one personal computer, or ultra-small form factor computer coming as part of baggage allowance. Also, imports of 20 number of IT devices per consignment for R&D, testing, benchmarking and evaluation as well as imports for repair and re-export, and for product development purposes are also exempt.



## 'Tandula' reservoir at the verge of overflow

● Only two feet water is required

Central Chronicle News

Balod, Aug 04: The light to moderate rains since beginning of August has brought the rivers and nullahs in the region to full spate and all the reservoirs are also coming to its full. Except for 'Tandula' all other three reservoirs viz. Khakhara, Gondali and Matiyamoti are overflowing and for 'Tandula' reservoir to get overflowed, some more of rainfall is required.

But with strong winds, the water from Tandula reservoir has started overflowing from the overflow area and from this around 600 cusecs of water has been released for irrigation. This water is for



Durg district and out of which 300 cusecs is from Tandula and 300 cusecs has been released from 'Gondali' reservoir.

**'Tandula' requires 2 feet water inflow**  
In order to get the

'Tandula' to reach upto its brim, about 2 feet of water level is remaining. Last year the Tandula reservoir got overflow on August 15. As per information in this regard, till Aug 3 last year, a total of 688 mm of rain-

fall had taken place and this year it is 632 mm.

This year the monsoon was good in the beginning and due to which the reservoir is now at the brim of overflow. This 'Tandula' reservoir is the

lifeline for BSP to all other areas nearby the district and plays important role for drinking water and irrigation purpose.

**Tourists start reaching**  
Amidst light cool winds the water in the reservoir has started overflowing ahead of the safety valve and to enjoy the same, the tourists have started visiting the 'Tandula' reservoir and getting down from 'Ulat' are enjoying the scene.

It is notable here that the local administration has issued alert and it is worthwhile to mention here that there is huge crowd of people near 'Ulat' to witness this scene and due to which the administration has decided to put barricading and impose duty to jawans, so as not to allow anyone to go down below the sensitive area.

## Water crosses bridge on nullah near Navkasha

Central Chronicle News

Saja, Aug 04: Due to heavy rains for last two days, about 1 km from Nagar Devkar, the water level on nullah in Gram Navkesh is on the rise and it has drowned on Thursday.

As a result of which the traffic got affected. Till Thursday afternoon, the water was flowing just around a feet above the bridge and due to which the movement of traffic continued.

Due to this large number of villagers came near the bridge to take stock of the situation. Through this bridge, the people reaches Jalbandha, Sahapur. Villagers informed that since there



are big pothole atop the bridge, it is risky to cross even with water crossing the bridge.

The villagers have brought it to the knowl-

edge of senior officers, but till date no action has been taken and with big pothole in the bridge, it posses risk to vehicle riders as well.

## Water in Aagar river on the rise

Some part of city facing water logging

Central Chronicle News

Mungeli, Aug 04: Due to heavy showers in the region since Friday last, the rivers and nullahs are in full spate and flood-like situation is coming to fore.

At one place where it has brought relief to farmers taking up paddy crop, on the other the farms near the river are getting submerged due to excess rains and causing loss to farmers.

The water-level in Aagar river is on the rise for the second time in this year. Those living nearby have been issued warning and have been asked to move to safer places. The water is already flowing above the old bridge on the river.



On the other hand, with Anicut near the Bada Bazar area has got submerged and this is posing problems to the people living nearby areas.

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## Shri Kuleshwar Mahadev temple surrounded with water

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● Devotees now have to reach through Laxman Jhula

Central Chronicle News

Rajim, Aug 04: Due to heavy rains over the last four days in Rajim and nearby areas, the people have got relief from humid weather and made the weather pleasant.

There are cool winds blowing and medium to heavy showers were witnessed since Tuesday onwards. With this many low lying areas are inundated with knee-deep water and left the lanes & by-lanes with muddy terrain and people are forced to walk from it.



Set aside the urban areas, even the farms in the rural areas are submerged with rainwater and farmers are forced to siphon it out by breaking the border mould of soil to keep their crops safe. It is

notable that the work of 'Ropa' and 'biyasi' is in progress at present.

In last four days the region has witnessed total 89 mm of rainfall and with heavy rains in the upper forest areas, the water

level in Triveni sangam has increased.

The foundation area of 'Shri Kuleshwar Mahadev Mandir' is surrounded on all four sides with 5-6 feet water and around 1 feet water near the Anicut is

flowing with high intensity.

Since the Kuleshwar Mahadev mandir is surrounded with water, the devotees now have to reach there, via Laxman Jhula. In the month of July, at one place where there was 743 mm of rainfall recorded, in the month of June it was 640 mm and in July it was 344 and which last year was just 189 mm.

In this as compared to last year, the rainfall this year is more and if the last four-day rainfall is included that on 31 July - 6 mm rainfall took place; 4mm on Aug -1; 20 mm on Aug 2 and 59 mm on Aug -3. Though in last four days the rainfall has not resulted in flood-like situation and it is a big relief to citizens and administration.

## Two children die in separate incidents

One died of coming beneath the 'chajja' and other coming beneath the debris of wall

Central Chronicle News

Gourela-Pendra-Marwahi, Aug 04: Due to heavy rains for last two days, many incidents have taken place and on Thursday two major accident took place. At one place where the 'chajja' atop the weekly market fell down and a 6 yr old boy of a family temporarily residing below died on the spot. In another incident, due to felling of wall of 'kuccha' house, an 8 yr old girl died on the spot.

The case is that of Pendra and here a labourer Manoj Choudhary and his family were residing on temporary basis beneath the shed of Weekly Market along with his 6 yr old son Shlok Choudhary died coming beneath the 'chajja'.



The family members reached Community health centre along with their child and with no presence of doctors, they took him to district hospital and where the doctors after check-up declared him dead. The child received serious head in-

juries and due to which he died on the spot.

The family members informed that since the construction work of their dwelling unit (DU) under PMAY was in progress and due to which they were forced to live within the shed. But

due to heavy rains for last two days, this incident took place and they lost their only child. The police is investigating into the matter.

On the other hand, due to heavy rains it came as curse for a family, when the wall of 'kuccha' house



fell down and an 8 yr old girl came beneath the debris and she died on the spot.

The other case is that of Navagaon under Pendra Thana. Here a class 3rd, 8 yr old girl was playing near the house and due to heavy rains the wall on

one side of the house collapsed and she came beneath the debris and died on the spot.

The police has reached the site and ordered relief works. With two death of minor from two families in a day has created sensation in that region.

## Traffic halted for 2 hrs near Kewanti-Amarkantak route

● Due to landslide

Central Chronicle News

Gourela - Pendra - Marwahi, Aug 04: For the last two days i.e Tuesday and Wednesday, the Gourela-Pendra, Marwahi region witnessed heavy rains and due to which the hilly area from Kevanchi to Amarkantak; Gourela to Karangara and Gourela-Chuktipani- Jaleshwar and other region there was chances of landslide.

Due to heavy rains, the soil near Kevanchi-Amarkantak road also slid and came to the road and due to which the traffic got affected for two hours. It was after removal of soil

and debris that the flow of normal traffic could be restored.

Keeping the same in mind, Collector Priyanka Rishi Mahobia has issued a letter to EE PWD, division Pendra Road and EE PWD NH Bilaspur to keep a close and special watch on the roads in hilly areas. She said that in case of any landslide in hilly terrain, it is prior to the public complaints, efforts should be made to get the debris clear at the earliest, so that the traffic is not affected.

For this she directed to carry out inspection of all the sensitive routes in the district and inform about the damage or potholes to the concerned agency and get it repaired soon.

## 'Shiv Ki Toli' perform dance, songs

Before 'Kanwar Yatris' left for Somnath Dhaam

Central Chronicle News

Tarpongi, Aug 04: On the fourth Monday of 'Sawan maah', every year this year's massive 'Kanwar Yatra', under the aegis of Jai Bholenath Sewa Samiti, the well-known artist from 'Shiv Ki Toli' from Kashi Vishwanath ki Nagri-Banaras, left for Somnath Dhaam amidst massive tableau and DJ, after the 'Rudrabhiskeh'. On their arrival in Tarpongi, they gave wonderful performance of their art and talent.

Patron organising samiti Bhavesh Baghel informed that in this Kanwar Yatra, more than 3000 'Kanwar Yatris' took part. In this 'Kanwar yatra', Tilda Janpad President's rep- Devbrath Nayak, DCC Raipur (rural) V-P Devendra



Verma, YC Dharshiwa VS President Ankit Veram, Poshan Baghel, Suresh Verma, Murli Manohar Markam, Vinay Sharma, Kamlesh Sinha, Deepak Agrawal, Chandan Singh Markam, Sangeeta Didhi, Mamta Sahu, Sanju Chakradhari, Aarti Verma, Vinod Chandravanshi, Natwar

Nayak, Hemuram Verma, Kamta Prasad Verma, Ajay Verma, Sheshnarayan Baghel, Chandrashekhar Yadav, Kailash Agrawal, Madhu Kashyap, Kundan Verma, Govind Sahu, Gajendra Veram, Nitesh Baghel, Piyush Baghel, and others 'Kanwar Yatris' were present in large number.

## Movement of traffic closed from 'Harinullah'

● As water was flowing above the bridge

Central Chronicle News

Pandaria, Aug 04: With heavy rains in the region since Wednesday, the rivers and 'nullahs' are in full spate. Due to flooding in city's 'Harinullah', the water on the bridge near NH-130 near Harinullah was flowing above the bridge and due to which the Kawardha road was blocked till Thursday morning.

The water above the bridge was flowing around 3-4 feet high. Though few vehicles passed from this 'nullah', but with the water level rising, the police reached the site and stopped the vehicles from crossing and got the area closed.

On Thursday the region witnessed intermittent rains since morning



and with flooding atop the bridge near Harinullah, many had to return to their home. In order to go to Kawardha, people had to go via Ghobghatti, Ghoghara-Pandatarai and other rural areas.

The big vehicles and buses were passing via Mahali- Fastarpur to Kunda and then to Kawardha and Bilaspur. The rains which started on Wednesday evening had not stopped till

Thursday night and if it continues on Friday, then this route will remain affected till that period.

**Second flood this year**  
Since the construction of bridge on 'Harinullah' is low and due to which it often closes even after light showers. This is second time in a year when the flooding took place in the nullah. Last week when the water level increased, it reduced in some time and normalcy was restored.

## Water-level on Haaf River on the rise



The water-level in the district's largest 'Haaf' river was on the rise since on Thursday morning. In the last week's rainfall and floods, the crops in the farms near the river got damaged and the remaining crop of vegetables, corn and others were destroyed in the Thursday's floods. The crop of corn, vegetables and others in about two dozen villages near the river viz. Khairjhitti, Ladangpur, Dhoghatti, Padaki, Domsara, Pendra, and others have got submerged in water. At one place where the crops near the river faced damage, on the other, it has speeded up the farming work for sowing of paddy for the farmers in the region.

But the rise in water level in the nullah since Wednesday night till Thursday, led to closure of traffic on this route. No

efforts have been made to reconstruct a new bridge so as to avoid such situation, even after sanction of funds.



## Prannoy, Rajawat to face off in semifinals

Sindhu cashed out

Sydney, Aug 04 (PTD):

In an action-packed day at the Australian Open Super 500 badminton tournament, Indian shuttlers HS Prannoy and Priyanshu Rajawat emerged victorious in their respective quarterfinal matches, setting up an exciting all-Indian men's singles semifinal clash. However, star shuttler PV Sindhu faced disappointment as she bowed out of the tournament.

Priyanshu Rajawat, the Orleans Masters champion, achieved a significant milestone by securing his first-ever semifinal appearance in a Super 500 tournament. He delivered a dominant performance against compatriot Kidambi Srikanth, winning 21-13, 21-8 in a one-sided match. Meanwhile, HS Prannoy, ranked 9th in the world, engaged in a



thrilling battle with Indonesia's world number 2, Anthony Sinisuka Ginting. After losing the opening game, Prannoy displayed exceptional resilience and determination, mounting a comeback to win 16-21, 21-17, 21-14 in a grueling 73-minute encounter. However, the day wasn't as fortunate for two-time Olympic medalist PV Sindhu, who strug-

gled to find her rhythm against USA's world number 12 Beiwen Zhang. Sindhu's efforts fell short as she suffered a 12-21, 17-21 defeat in just 39 minutes.

For Sindhu, this loss comes as a major setback ahead of the upcoming World Championships in Copenhagen, Denmark. She had earlier secured wins against Ashmita Chaliha and Aakarshi Kashyap in the early rounds of the tournament.

In the semifinals, Prannoy will face Rajawat, providing an intriguing match-up between the experienced pro and the emerging talent. While Prannoy holds a 1-0 advantage over Rajawat from a previous encounter, the young Madhya Pradesh shuttler has shown significant improvement in the past year, impressively pushing top players to three-game battles.

## RCB appoint Andy Flower as head coach; part ways with Hesson, Bangar



Bengaluru, Aug 04 (PTI):

Royal Challengers Bangalore on Friday appointed the vastly experienced Andy Flower as their head coach, officially ending the term of Mike Hesson and Sanjay Bangar.

The former Zimbabwe batsman said he is looking forward to working with RCB players, particularly with captain Faf du Plessis. "I'm particularly excited to be reunited with Faf. We have worked very well together in the past and I look forward to forging our partnership and relationship into something bigger and better."

"We have an exciting roster of players to work with, and I recognise and will relish both the amazing opportunity with RCB but also the responsibility that comes with the role. It is a great challenge, and I can't wait to get started," said Flower.

Flower also enjoyed a long and successful association with the England cricket team, parting ways after 12 years.

The Zimbabwean was appointed England assistant coach to Peter Moores in 2007, took over as head coach two years later and performed the same role for them in 2014.

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"I am really proud to be joining RCB. I recognise the work put in by Mike Hesson and Sanjay Bangar, who are two coaches I respect, and I look forward to the chal-

enge of taking RCB to new heights," said Flower, who coached Lucknow Supergiants in the last two seasons of the IPL.

Flower led England's Test side to number one in the world, title triumph at the 2010 World Twenty20 and Ashes success in Australia in 2010-11.

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## Penalty corner happens to be our strength: Hardik Singh

Chennai, Aug 04 (PTI):

India vice-captain Hardik Singh has asserted that penalty corners remains their strength and they would look to execute it to the fullest during the ongoing Asian Champions Trophy 2023 here.

India's opening game on Thursday against China saw the hosts winning 7-2, with six of the goals resulting through the corner.

"Penalty corner happens to be our strength. And, whatever our strength is, we will try to use it and execute it to the fullest during the matches. Also, we are delighted with how we are scoring the field goals," Hardik



told PTI after the victory. "We have to convert our penalty corners successfully and aim at having at least two or three goals through the corner, besides creating the same amount of chances in every quarter." India were playing their first contest

on the newly-laid turf at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium and Hardik gave a positive review about it and the venue overall.

"The turf is extremely good. Kudos to the Tamil Nadu government for doing a great job with it

as well as the venue. Feels cheerful for the entire team to be playing here."

The hosts take on Japan on Friday and Hardik said they would look to get off to a vibrant start.

"There is no low-ranked team for us. Every team is the same for us, and our only strategy is to start the game on a positive note against any side," he said.

"They (Japan) generally play half-court, so they are good at man-to-man marking. Also, they have a good defence inside the box. Meanwhile, the short corner happens to be our strength. So, we will intend on utilising it to the fullest, besides playing our normal game."

## After India debut, Tilak Varma hopes to win World Cup

Tarouba (Trinidad), Aug 04 (PTI): Tilak Varma was not expecting to make his India debut so soon in his career, but having realised his dream, he is hoping to achieve his next target: win a World Cup.

The 20-year-old Varma, who was part of the 2020 U-19 World Cup squad, scored a fearless 39 off 22 balls in his maiden outing with the senior India team during the opening T20I against the West Indies, which the visitors lost by four runs.

"Everyone has this dream of playing for the country, I never thought that I will be able to play for India so soon in my career, because, after the Under-19 World Cup,



there was the coronavirus issue which happened, so I thought let me just use the opportunity that I get," Varma said in a video posted by the BCCI. Varma, who plays for Mumbai Indians, amassed 343 runs at an

average of 42.8 in 11 matches in the 2023 IPL season, besides scoring 397 runs in 14 matches in the 2022 edition.

"From childhood, it has been my goal to win India the World cup. In my mind, I always think

about ways how to win the World cup. I keep visualising everyday that I will go and bat in this number and win World Cup," he said.

"Now I got the India jersey and I used to visualise, but now, it has come true, so I feel that moment (of winning World Cup) will also come soon. This is a great feeling, I can't express it, everyone asks me but I am just feeling really happy and proud. So taking it step by step, let's see how it happens."

While the upcoming ODI World Cup is scheduled to be held in India in October-November, the next T20 World Cup, co-hosted by the West Indies and USA, is expected to begin on June 4 next year.

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## Days after violence, shanties of 'illegal immigrants' demolished in Nuh



Police use heavy machinery to demolish shanties in Tauru near violence-hit Nuh.

Gurugram, Aug 4 (PTI)

Nuh authorities bulldozed about 250 shanties allegedly encroaching upon government land in Tauru town, a police official said Friday, days after communal riots erupted in the district. The official said the occupants of the Haryana

Shahari Vikas Pradhikaran (HSVP) land were illegal Bangladeshi immigrants who were earlier living in Assam and the shanties were demolished Thursday evening.

Nuh Deputy Commissioner Prashant Panwar however denied that the demolition was

'Over 200 arrested, 102 FIRs lodged in connection with Nuh violence'

Chandigarh, Aug 4 (PTI) A total of 202 people have been arrested so far and 80 taken into preventive detention in connection with the recent communal clashes in Haryana, state Home Minister Anil Vij said on Friday. Vij also said 102 FIRs have been registered in connection with the clashes so far, half of which are in Nuh alone and the rest in other districts, including Gurugram, Faridabad and Palwal. "I want to assure that anyone involved won't be spared," he told reporters in Ambala, adding investigations are going on.

linked to the recent violence. He said it was part of a normal process of clearing encroachments. The shanties were built over an acre of land and people have been living here for three years, police said.

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## Justice Rohit Deo of Bombay HC resigns citing personal reasons

Nagpur, Aug 4 (PTI): Justice Rohit Deo, a judge of the Bombay High Court, on Friday said he had resigned due to personal reasons.

Making the announcement in his courtroom here — the high court has a bench at Nagpur — Justice Deo also said that he could not compromise on self-respect, according to a lawyer who was present. Following the announcement, the matters listed before him for the day stood discharged.

"Those who are present in the court, I apologise to each one of you. I scolded you because I want you to improve. I don't want to hurt anyone of you because you all are like family to me and I am sorry to tell you that I have submitted my resignation. I can't work against my self-respect. You people work hard," Justice Deo was quoted as saying in the court by the lawyer.

Speaking to reporters later, the judge said he had quit due to personal reasons, and sent his resignation letter to the President of India. In 2022, Justice Deo had acquitted former Delhi University professor G N

Saibaba in an alleged Maoist links case, setting aside the life imprisonment awarded to him and noting that the trial proceedings were null and void in the absence of valid sanction under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

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