



## BRIEF



A child performs the 'Uriyadi' ritual ahead of Janmashtami festival, in Thiruvananthapuram, Tuesday, Sept. 5.

## Ganja seized

**Medininagar:** A 34-year-old woman was arrested in Jharkhand's Palamu district on Tuesday for possessing ganja worth Rs 2 lakh, police said. The woman is a resident of Bengahi village in Nabinagar police station area of Bihar's Aurangabad district, Palamu Additional Superintendent of Police Rishav Garg said. Garg said the woman had come to Medininagar to hand over 4 kg of ganja to a person and was caught during a police raid. Her mobile phone has been seized and she is being interrogated, the ASP added.

## Fake job racket

**Srinagar:** Police on Tuesday arrested five persons who were running a fake job racket in Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said here. Acting on a complaint, police arrested Nazir Ahmad Khan who had duped a youth of Rs 70,000 by promising to provide him with a job in the Military Engineering Service (MES). "Responding swiftly to the complaint and supported by credible intelligence from the Military Intelligence (MI), the Kralpora Police Station initiated legal proceedings by registering an FIR," the officials said.

## Heroin recovered

**Aizawl:** Heroin worth Rs 16.73 lakh was seized from a Mizoram village close to the Myanmar border, an official statement said on Tuesday. Acting on a tip-off, personnel of Assam Rifles in collaboration with the state excise department recovered 23.9 gram of heroin at Zote village in Champhai district on Monday, the paramilitary force said. No person has been arrested in connection with the seizure.

## Jail for 4 years

**Aizawl:** The special court (prevention of corruption Act) on Tuesday sentenced a junior engineer (JE) of Mizoram public works department to four years imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs 2 lakh in a graft case. Special judge HTC Lalrinchhana had convicted C Lafakawma under Section 409 of Indian Penal Code (IPC) and under Section 13 (2) read with 13(1)(a) of (Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 on Monday. The special court sentenced Laifakawma under Section 409 of IPC to two years in jail with a fine of Rs 1 lakh.

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# President of Bharat on G20 dinner invite sparks big buzz

New Delhi, Sep 05 (PTI):

The Congress on Tuesday attacked the government over a G20 dinner invite referring to President Droupadi Murmu as "President of Bharat", accusing the government of being "scared" of the INDIA bloc and diverting from issues such as price rise and "rising joblessness". Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan shared on X a G20 dinner invitation from President Murmu which described her position as "President of Bharat".

"So the news is indeed true. Rashtrapati Bhawan has sent out an invite for a G20 dinner on Sept 9th in the name of 'President of Bharat' instead of the usual 'President of India'," Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said in a post on X. "Now, Article 1 in the Constitution can read: Bharat, that was India, shall be a Union of States. But now even this Union of



Congress leaders Jairam Ramesh and Gaurav Gogoi address a press conference at AICC headquarters, in New Delhi, Tuesday.

## BJP applauds 'President of Bharat' reference

The BJP expressed enthusiasm on Tuesday in response to a G20 dinner invitation that referred to Droupadi Murmu as the "President of Bharat." The party asserted that the use of the Hindi name for the nation highlights its cultural progression and dismissed opposition objections. Dharmendra Pradhan used the hashtag "#PresidentOfBharat" alongside a picture of his invite, stating, "Jana Gana Mana Adhinayak Jaya He, Bharat Bhagya Vidhata." Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma affirmed, "Republic of Bharat - happy and proud that our civilization is boldly progressing towards Amrit Kaal." Challenging opposition criticism, Sarma emphasized, "The name Bharat is mentioned in the Constitution, and our country has been recognized by it for millennia. Our nation was Bharat, is Bharat, and will continue to be Bharat." Union Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar echoed the sentiment, asserting that "our country is Bharat, and there should be no doubt about this."

States is under assault," Ramesh alleged.

"After all, what is the objective of INDIA parties? It is BHARAT Bring Harmony, Amity, Reconciliation And Trust. Judgega BHARAT Jeetega INDIA!" said Ramesh, whose party is a constituent of the opposition Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA).

All India Congress Committee general secretary K C Venugopal charged that the BJP wants to divide people.

"The BJP's destructive mind can only think of how to divide people. Once again, they are creating a rift between Indians and Bharatiyas. Let's be clear - we are the same! As Article 1 says - India, that is Bharat, shall be a Union of States. This is petty politics because they are scared of INDIA (alliance). Try what you will, Modi ji. Judgega Bharat, Jeetega INDIA," Venugopal said on X.

ED detains 5 in Kerala for dealing in Rs 300-crore 'hawala' transactions

New Delhi, Sep 05 (PTI):

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday said it has detained and sent to jail five people in Kerala for their alleged involvement in international "hawala" dealings to the tune of more than Rs 300 crore. An order under the Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Activities Act (COFEPOSA), 1974 was issued on September 3 against V S Suresh Babu of Kottayam, A K Shaji alias Payasam Shaji, Mohammed Shibu, Mohammed Shiju of Ettumanoor and Siraj V Essakhan of Ernakulam, the federal agency said in a statement. It said it was "established" that these people were involved in high-volume international "hawala" operations in contravention of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), running into more than Rs 300 crore over the last several years. The detainees have been sent to the central prison and a correctional home in state capital Thiruvananthapuram, the ED said.

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## Shocked at Manipur CM's 'intimidatory' statements: Editors Guild

New Delhi, Sep 05 (PTI):

The Editors Guild of India on Tuesday said Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh's statements in response to its report on the media coverage of the ethnic violence in the state were "intimidatory" and urged him to close the FIRs registered against its president and three members.

In a statement here, the Guild said the chief minister's labelling of the journalists' body as "anti-State" and "anti-national" was deeply disturbing.

The Manipur Police on

Monday registered an FIR against EGI President Seema Mustafa and three members of the fact-finding team who had visited the state to examine the media coverage of the ethnic violence.

"The Editors Guild of India is disturbed by the registration of First Information Reports by the Manipur Police against the president of the Guild as well as the members of the fact-finding team that had visited Manipur to study and document media's coverage of ethnic clashes in the state," the statement said.

# BCCI unveils 15-member ODI World Cup squad

New Delhi, Sep 05:

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) officially announced the 15-member squad for the impending World Cup on Tuesday, September 5. The captaincy will be entrusted to Rohit Sharma, with Hardik Pandya serving as his deputy, as the team prepares for their World Cup campaign, commencing with the opener against Australia on October 8 in Chennai.

Notable inclusions in the squad are KL Rahul, who has successfully recovered and secured his spot, and the well-rounded batting ensemble comprising Rohit Sharma, Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, Suryakumar Yadav, and Ishan Kishan. The latter's dual role as a batsman and keeper adds depth to the team's options. In an emphasis on bolstering batting choices, the squad also features all-rounders Hardik Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, and Shardul Thakur. Jasprit Bumrah, displaying no



lingering effects of injury upon his return, spearheads the bowling lineup, accompanied by the dynamic pace duo of Mohammed Shami and Mohammed Siraj, who are likely to be the first-choice options. Meanwhile, Kuldeep Yadav takes up the mantle as the leading spin option.

## PM Modi to attend ASEAN-India

New Delhi, Sep 05 (PTI):

A new initiative to boost India-ASEAN maritime security cooperation is likely to be unveiled after Prime Minister Narendra Modi holds summit talks with the leaders of the 10-nation influential bloc in Jakarta on Thursday, people familiar with the matter said. Modi will leave for the Indonesian capital city on Wednesday night to attend the 20th ASEAN-India Summit and 18th East Asia Summit. Indonesia is hosting the summits in its capacity as the current Chair of the ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations). The ASEAN is considered one of the most influential groupings in the region, and India and several other countries including the US, China, Japan and Australia are its dialogue partners.

# High voter turnout marks assembly bypolls across states

New Delhi, Sep 05 (PTI):

Election fervour was evident in multiple states as assembly bypolls saw enthusiastic voter participation on Tuesday. In Uttar Pradesh's Bageshwar constituency, over 55 percent of the electorate exercised their voting rights, with polling continuing even after the scheduled closing time due to voters standing in queues. In Uttar Pradesh's Ghosi constituency, more than 49 percent of voters cast their ballots in a bypoll that gained significance as the first electoral showdown following the formation of the opposition I.N.D.I.A bloc. West Bengal's Dhurguri by-election witnessed an impressive 75.82



An elderly voter being assisted as he arrives to cast his vote during the by-elections to Boxanagar assembly seat, in Tripura's Sepahijala district, Tuesday, Sept. 5.

percent voter turnout among eligible voters, with heightened security measures and central paramilitary forces ensuring a smooth process. Meanwhile,

in Tripura's Sepahijala district, a voter turnout of 76 percent was recorded in the by-elections for Dhanpur and Boxanagar assembly seats.

# SC reserves its verdict on pleas on Art 370

New Delhi, Sep 05 (PTI):

The Supreme Court on Tuesday reserved its verdict on a batch of pleas challenging the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution which bestowed special status on the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

A five-judge bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud reserved the verdict after a marathon 16-day hearing. The bench, also comprising Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai and Surya Kant, heard the rejoinder arguments of senior advocates Kapil Sibal, Gopal Subramaniam, Rajeev

Dhavan, Zaffar Shah, Dushyant Dave and others on the concluding day of the hearing. The top court said if any lawyer appearing for the petitioners or respondents wishes to file a written submission can do so in the next three days. The submission should not extend beyond two pages, it said.

In the course of the hearing over the past 16 days, the top court heard Attorney General R Venkataramani, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, senior advocates Harish Salve, Rakesh Dwivedi, V Giri and others on behalf of the Centre and the intervenors defending the abrogation of Article 370.

# TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION



President Droupadi Murmu interacts with the teachers visiting 'Amrit Udyan' from various states on Teachers' Day, at Rashtrapati Bhawan, in New Delhi, Tuesday, Sept. 5.

# Even my opponents are my teachers: Rahul

New Delhi, Sep 05:

On Teachers' Day, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday said he considers even his opponents as his teachers, who by their behaviour, lies and words, teach him that the path he is following is absolutely right. The birth anniversary of former president S Radhakrishnan is celebrated as Teachers' Day.

"I consider great men like Mahatma Gandhi, Gautam Buddha, Shri Narayana Guru, as my gurus, who gave us the knowledge of equality of all people in the society, and of showing compassion and love towards everyone," Gandhi said in a post in



Hindi on Facebook. "My respectful tributes to all the teachers on Teachers' Day. Humble tributes to former President of India Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan ji on his birth anniversary. A teacher has a very high pedestal in life as a teacher illuminates the path of your life and inspires you to move in the right direction," the former Congress chief said.

# Delhi LG, Chief Minister flag off 400 electric buses

New Delhi, Sep 05 (PTI):

Delhi Lt Governor V K Saxena and Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday flagged off 400 electric buses, taking the number of such buses to 800 in the national capital.

The flag-off event happened at the IP Depot here.

"The number of electric buses has now gone up to 800 in Delhi. I want to congratulate Delhiites on this," Delhi Transport



Minister Kailash Gahlot said at the flagging off event. Later in a post on X, Kejriwal explained the break up of the budget outlay for the buses.

"Together with the Honorable Lieutenant

Governor flagged off 400 new electric buses today and dedicated them to the people of Delhi.

"These buses are part of the 921 buses under the subsidy scheme, for which a subsidy of Rs 417 crore has been given by the Centre and the Delhi government will spend Rs 3,674 crore," Kejriwal said in a Hindi post.

There are now a total of 800 electric buses on the roads of Delhi, which is the highest in the country, he said.

# Mini-India to come alive at G20 International Media Centre: Anurag Thakur

New Delhi, Sep 05 (PTI):

A mini-India will come alive at the massive International Media Centre set up in the Bharat Mandapam complex here which will host the G20 Leaders' Summit later this week.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur on Tuesday reviewed the preparations at the media site which will be the nerve centre for broadcasting the proceedings of the G20 meetings to the world.

The media centre will host all domestic and international media delegates who will be in the national capital for coverage of the G20 Summit.

"The domestic and international



media will have a range of facilities here, be it broadband connectivity, media lounges, kiosks, among others," Thakur told PTI.

The media centre can house over 3,000 media delegates and also has facilities such as small media booths for conducting one-on-one interviews, media briefing rooms with different capacities such as 50, 100 and 300 people.

The live stand-up positions with Bharat Mandapam as the backdrop will also be available for media persons. He said the entire proceedings of the G20 Summit will be recorded in ultra high definition (UHD) and 4K broadcast technologies which has never happened in the country.

## Dilapidated overhead water tanks collapse; close shave for staff



Debris of the collapsed twin tanks



Main line being connected with supply network



Political leaders at mishap site



MP Vijay Baghel removing debris

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Sep 05:** Two operators of the water supply department had a narrow escape when two high capacity overhead tanks collapsed in Sector 4 of Bhilai Township in the wee hours of Tuesday. The operators had almost reached near the water tanks to open the valves for water supply.

Fortunately, one of the operators noticed that a tank was gradually tilting towards the other tank. Sensing trouble, they rushed to a safe spot and within seconds, both the tanks collapsed flooding the entire area. About 36 lakh liters of water was stored in the tanks.

Bhilai Steel Plant informed in a press communiqué, "Two Overhead Water-Supply Tanks located at Sector-4 area of

SAIL-BSP's Bhilai Township Collapsed on 05th September 2023.

The twin tanks suddenly collapsed in the morning hours, around 6.00 am. No loss of life has been reported in this incident. The tanks, each having a capacity of 18 Lakh Litres, were constructed about 50 to 52 years ago".

According to information, the two operators - Shailpati Rao and Ariban were the only eye witnesses of this major incident. After collecting the tools from the PHE office, they were moving towards the Tanks to operate the valves around 06:00 hrs.

Luckily, they spotted the tilting structure and ran away. The giant structures collapsed with a frightening noise. Debris has spread in a large space and the nearby area



BMC deploys water tankers

was flooded with about two feet of water.

The offices of the Maintenance Department, Electrical Department and Civil Department, located in the same premises, were also damaged in the inci-

dent. As the staff were yet to reach the offices, there were no casualties. The locals are in shock after this incident.

MP Vijay Baghel also reached the spot to assess the situation. He lifted a spade and assisted the

labourers in removing the debris from the roads. MLA Devendra Yadav, Mayor Neeraj Pal, Former VS Speaker Prem Prakash Pandey, BJP District President Brijesh Bichpuria and other leaders also reached the spot.

### Mgmt holds emergency meeting

After the occurrence of this incident, an Emergency Meeting of Bhilai Steel Plant Management was called at Ispat Bhawan, wherein, the authorities have ordered to constitute a Committee to probe over the fall of the structure. The BSP management has also decided that all the Overhead Water-Supply Tanks, located at various areas of the Steel City will also be examined and repair works shall be initiated on a priority basis as per requirement. The office bearers of BSP Officers Association and Trade Unions attended the meeting. The union leaders suggested conducting NDT (Non Destructive Test) of the concrete of all the water tanks and other old buildings so that the hazardous structures could be identified and timely action can be taken. They also suggested immediately shifting the maintenance offices to some other spots.

### Efforts to resume water supply

BSP Management took immediate steps and made necessary arrangements for ensuring water supply in the areas affected due to the collapsing of the tanks. Arrangements are being made to connect the affected areas to the main water supply line, in order to normalize the water supply at Sector-4. In collaboration with the Bhilai Municipal Corporation, efforts were made to facilitate water supply in the affected areas using Water Tankers.

### BMC makes elaborate arrangements for denizens

After the sudden collapse of water tanks, the supply of drinking water was disrupted in Sector 4. BMC staff immediately swung into action and supplied drinking water to every house through water tankers. To deal with the drinking water problem, Bhilai MLA Devendra Yadav, Mayor Neeraj Pal and Corporation Commissioner Rohit Vyas accompanied by Superintendent Engineer (Water Works) Sanjay Sharma and Brijesh Srivastava (Zone Commissioner of Zone 05) reached the spot and ordered to remove the scattered debris of the collapsed water tank. The surroundings were cleaned and at the same time, BMC deployed its 26 tankers to supply drinking water to the houses of Sector 04. At the same time, arrangements for 15 tankers have been made by the BSP management. To avert the drinking water crisis, Mayor Neeraj Pal has issued orders to dig bore wells at seven new spots. Further, power pumps are being installed in 30 existing bore wells. Apart from this, the work of installation of 2 water ATMs has been started. Along with this, 3500 nos 20 liter water jars were distributed by the BMC in the houses and shops of Sector 04, so that the citizens can fetch water from ATMs.

## CM recollects contribution of teachers in his success

### Inaugurates new buildings of Agricultural College in Marra



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**Bhilai, Sep 05:** On Tuesday, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the newly constructed college building, hi-tech nursery, tissue culture laboratory, implement shed, seed storage house, farmers' rest house, three compost godowns and two additional rooms at Sant Vinoba Bhawe Agricultural College and Research Center in Marra (Patan).

This college is being run under Indira Gandhi

Agricultural University. Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu and Panchayat and Rural Development Minister Ravindra Choubey were also present. The Chief Minister and other guests visited the exhibitions of the Agriculture Department in the college campus.

Addressing the function, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that Marra School is a very ancient school. Sant Vinoba Bhawe had arrived here after

which the locals participated in the Bhoodan movement. Commemorating Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, he said that Dr Radhakrishnan was a teacher who reached the highest position of the nation's President.

He recollected the contributions of his teachers in his success. He added that the government schemes have brought prosperity to the farmers. The Agriculture College established in Marra will help in improving agriculture. He

added that 10000 Gauthans have been built in the state out of which 6000 have become self-reliant.

For the expansion of primary education, 700 Swami Atmanand English medium schools have been opened. Schools have been renovated under the School Jatan scheme. 30000 teachers have been recruited. The government is doing the work of promoting self-respect by giving recognition to the culture, lifestyle and food habits of Chhattisgarh. He said that

the government is focusing on health, education, culture, employment and infrastructure development for the proper development of the state.

Cabinet Minister Ravindra Choubey said that the government of the farmers has been formed with the cooperation of the farmers in Chhattisgarh. The President of the country has also praised the works of the Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel during her visit to Chhattisgarh in the past. Farmer friendly gov-

ernment is going to buy 20 quintal paddy per acre this year.

Along with this, the farmers will get an amount of 40000 crores. 23 agricultural colleges have been opened in the state. The government's vision is to bring revolutionary changes in agriculture.

Agriculture Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu said that the entire focus of the government is to promote farmers and agriculture. This college will be helpful in benefiting the farmers with the advanced technology. Today, the prosperity of all sections of Chhattisgarh is due to the better implementation of the schemes of the government. Educationist Syed Fazil also addressed the program.

Later, CM honoured the teachers who superannuated from the services in the last one year. He also honoured about 1500 teachers of the region on the occasion of Teachers' Day.

## Teachers Day celebration at Guru Nanak School Sector-6



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**Bhilai, Sep 05:** Teachers Day was celebrated with rejoice at Guru Nanak English Senior Secondary School Sector-6. The program started with the traditional lighting of the lamp in front of the portrait of Dr Sarvepalli Radha Krishnan amidst Guru Vandana.

The lamp lighting was done by the Special Guest S Kulwant Singh (President). On this Occasion Chairman of School Education Committee Sardar Tara Singh congratulated and motivated everyone. Teaching Staff and Non-Teaching Staff were

awarded with gifts. Vice President of Shree Guru Singh Sabha, Sardar Gurudev Singh and Sardar Manjeet Singh (Vice President) SPPS Ahluwalia (Cashier), General Secretary Sardar Baljit Singh, S Jasbeer Singh (Joint Secretary) and SGS Flora, (member of School Education Committee), Sardar Amardeep Singh (Member) S Harmeeet Singh (G Secretary), Sardar Manjinder Singh (Member) Sardar Baldev Singh (Treasurer) were also present. The entire program was successfully accomplished under the guidance of Principal of the school Mona Singh.

## DAV Hudco celebrates Teachers' Day with zeal & enthusiasm



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**Bhilai, Sep 05:** To commemorate the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna receiver, Dr Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, a great scholar, philosopher, educationist, and statesman, DAV Public School, Hudco, Bhilai, celebrated Teachers' Day on Sept 05, 2023 an occasion to appreciate and acknowledge the special role of a teacher in everyone's lives with energetic dynamism.

All the students created an aura of love and appreciation as they welcome the teachers with tilak and a flower at the

venue. The program was graced by the Chief Guest Prashant Kumar (Principal & Deputy Regional Officer CG Zone A). The programme initiated with the lighting of ceremonial lamp and paying tribute to Dr Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan followed by welcoming of guest with a floral bouquet.

He delivered a rousing address to mark the celebration and appreciated the sincere efforts of the teachers who have always played a pivotal role in nurturing young DAVians. He motivated all the teachers to walk an extra mile

for the grooming of students and progress of the school thus reaching to the pinnacle of success.

The students of class XI and XII put up a scintillating cultural show for the teachers which included thanks giving poems, songs, Ganesh Vandana, Skit (Kala Akshar Bhais Barabar), Speeches and Dance. The teachers were engaged in many fun games, bringing childhood memories back.

The students saluted the teachers for being great heroes who adapted to new teaching methods that are effective and inclusive in different time period. They accepted that teachers are the pillars for them and play an important role in guiding them throughout their students' life.

The fun filled lively program culminated with the presentation of mementoes to our teacher delegates by the Principal as an expression of gratitude and explicable bond followed by Shanti Path.

## Old woman murdered by son, daughter-in-law for property



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**Bhilai, Sep 05:** An 80-year-old woman was allegedly murdered by her younger son and daughter-in-law over property dispute. CSP Manishankar Chandra informed that they have arrested the accused. Detailing about the case, he informed that the deceased was identified as Rukhmani Chandrakar, a resident of Shakti Nagar, Ward 18, Durg. Her elder son is absconding in a murder case. The old lady lived with her younger son and daughter-in-law. They often insisted the old lady to transfer the ownership of the house to them but the old lady was not ready for it.

On Tuesday morning, police received information about the suspicious death of a lady. Team of Mohan Nagar Police Station reached the spot and interrogated the relatives, who were insisting that it was a normal death. Her son Lakhman Chandrakar and daughter-in-law Dropadi stated that the old lady died after falling in her room. During preliminary investigation, police found that there were injuries

on the face, mouth and neck. When strictly interrogated, Lakhman Chandrakar and Dropadi confessed to killing the old lady.

They disclosed their ill intentions of grabbing her property. Rukhmani Chandrakar was willing to give equal share of the house to both the sons but the younger son Lakhman Chandrakar wanted to grab the entire house. He and his wife often quarrelled with Rukhmani Chandrakar over the same issue. On the intervening night of Tuesday, they unanimously decided to kill the old lady and executed the plan. They slapped and punched her and later strangled her to death. Next morning, they tried to hide the facts and told everyone that their mother died after falling in her room. They had started preparations to perform the last rites but some neighbours tipped off the cops about the suspicious death. Police have arrested the accused Lakhman Lal Chandrakar (41) son of Late Dashrath Chandrakar and his wife Dropadi Chandrakar (31), both residents of Shakti Nagar, Durg under sections 302, 120-B, 201, 34 of IPC.

## Teachers Day 2023 celebration at SSV, Sector-10

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**Bhilai, Sep 05:** Teachers Day was celebrated with great fervour and gusto at Sri Sankara Vidyalaya, Sec-10. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Vijay Mairal. V Ramachandran, President, SSES, S Swaminathan, Secretary, SSES, Kartikeyan, SSES graced the occasion. The programme started with lighting of the lamp and garlanding the portrait of Goddess Saraswati, His Holiness Sri Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi Swamikal of Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam and Dr S Radhakrishnan.

Teacher representatives, Shanti Manikpuri, PRT Hindi and Kavita Purandare, TGT Science portrayed the life of Dr S Radhakrishnan and also drew the attention of the audience towards the role played by teachers.

The teachers were felicitated by the School Management. Art teacher Safiya Bano, presented her work of art - Portrait of Vijayendra Saraswathi to S Swaminathan, Secretary, SSES and Portrait of Vitthal to Bipin Deshmukh, Principal, SSV. In his address, Bipin Deshmukh,



Principal, SSV congratulated the teachers for inspiring and nurturing the students to march in the right direction and appreciated the sincere efforts of teachers in playing an integral role in holistic development of every student.

S Swaminathan, in his address, paid rich tributes to all teachers and praised their contribution in creating a civilized society. Vijay Mairal, recalled the values and ideologies of the great teachers of our nation. He acknowledged the commitment and selfless service of a teacher. Bipin Deshmukh, Principal, SSV was awarded All India best Principal by Orange

Global Olympiad for his contribution and dedication towards educational fraternity.

The celebration started with a special assembly in the morning where the students expressed their views on Teachers Day through poems and speeches. Group Song enthralled the gathering by the school choir. Different games were organized for the teachers. Mementos were presented to the guests by the Principal and the Management. Kavita Pradeep, PRT Science proposed the vote of thanks. The programme came to an end with the national anthem.

## Determination, dedication of teachers created new dimensions in education: Guv

State level teacher felicitation ceremony at Raj Bhavan

Raipur, Sep 05:

Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan and Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel presented state level awards to outstanding teachers at state level teacher felicitation ceremony, organized in the Durbar Hall of Raj Bhavan on the occasion of Teacher's Day today. Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan said that the determination and dedication of teachers created new dimensions in the field of education in Chhattisgarh.

According to Governor the important job of teachers is not only to impart knowledge to the students but also to inculcate in them moral values and ability to move in the right direction besides guiding them towards prosperity.

Noting that teachers present at the teachers felicitation ceremony, have taught important things about morality and truth not only in the field of education but also in the society, he said that they innovated to take education towards a new direction. The Governor also remembered former President Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan saying that his birth anniversary is celebrated as Teachers Day. He also mentioned



### CM underlines teachers' role in nation building

Raipur: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel in his address highlighted role of teachers in building the nation and society. "Our gurus have contributed in bringing us to where we stand today. The success that scientists have achieved in taking India's Chandrayaan to the Moon also has a major contribution from their gurus", Baghel said. According to the Chief Minister it is most important to create an environment of education from state, district, block to schools. The work done by the state government in the field of education has created an environment of education in the state which is discussed in the entire country, he said. The state government has sanctioned Rs 1,37 crore for the appointment of more than 30 thousand teachers and for the renovation, cleaning and beautification of schools and there will be no shortage of funds for this in future too, he said. Baghel said that recruitment of a large number of teachers in the state, organization of regular examinations and the education system of the state during COVID pandemic were discussed at the national level. School Education Minister Ravindra Chabey also addressed the programme. He announced the names of teachers selected for the State Level Teacher Honor Award for the year 2023-24. Welcome address was given by Principal Secretary of School Education Department, Dr Alok Shukla. Parliamentary Secretary Dwarikadhish Yadav, Shakuntala Sahu, Secretary to the Governor Amrit Kumar Khalkho, Legal Advisor to the Governor Rajesh Srivastava, Secretary School Education S Bharathidasan, Director School Education Sunil Kumar Jain, Deputy Secretary to the Governor Deepak Kumar Agrawal along with other senior officials of the School Education Department, teachers and journalists were present.

great educationists like Guru Ravindranath Tagore, Shri Aurobindo saying that they set examples before teachers.

"Your struggle and hard work is priceless. You may

have faced difficulties many times, but your loyalty and commitment have helped you overcome all those problems. Your dedication is a source of inspiration for all of us",

the Governor said to teachers.

The Governor congratulated all the teachers receiving the awards and said that they contributed towards the prosperity of

Raipur: Mamta Ahar, Head Mistress in Raipur district was presented Dr Padumlal Punnalal Bakshi Memorial award whereas Madhu Tiwari, Head Mistress in Kondagaon district received Dr Mukutdhar Pandey Memorial award. Rashmi Verma, lecturer in Raigarh district was awarded Dr Baldeo Prasad Mishra Memorial award whereas Indira Chandravanshi, Teacher LB in Kharagarh-Chhikhadan-Gandai district was presented Shri Gajanan Madhav Muktibodh Memorial award. Similarly 48 excellent teachers of Principal Reader, Lecturer, Higher Secondary Teacher, Teacher LB and assistant teacher LB class were felicitated with state level awards for the year 2022-23.

Chhattisgarh. The Governor said that creativity should be promoted in education and teachers should be empowered to teach through creative teaching methods.

### RITUALS ON 'KHAMARCHAT'



Women performed rituals for good health and long life of their children on occasion of 'Khamarchat' (also known as Halshashthi) celebrated here on Tuesday.

### CM Baghel urges PM Modi for central share for PMAY

Raipur, Sep 05: Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has written a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, urging for the allocation of housing funds under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY). In his letter, the Chief Minister requested assistance for 6,99,439 families currently on the permanent waiting list for housing and an additional 47,090 families identified in the Chhattisgarh Government's Socio-Economic Survey 2023.

Chief Minister stated that the state government has already made the decision to release the state's share to provide housing benefits to these families. Additionally, in the letter dated July 03, 2023, written by him regarding the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, the state government has requested the al-

Requests for release of central share for housing for 6,99,439 PMAY families and 47,090 Socio-Economic Survey 2023 families

location of targets for 8,19,999 families under Awas Plus, in addition to the 6,99,439 families on the permanent waiting list. Furthermore, it was communicated that the Government of India had withdrawn the target of 7,81,999 houses allocated for the year 2021-22. As of today, there has been no response from the Government of India regarding the requests made by the State Government, he said.

Chief Minister highlighted that, based on the 2011 census data, the Government of India created the permanent waiting list, and in 2018, they compiled the Awas Plus list, which included

8,18,989 eligible families in addition to those on the permanent waiting list. He also pointed out that the Government of India conducts a Socio-Economic and Caste Census/BPL survey every ten years, which has not yet been carried out.

Chief Minister Baghel also stated that the state government conducted the Socio-Economic Survey 2023 based on the parameters of Socio-Economic and Caste Census 2011, identifying a total of 47,090 homeless families. Keeping this in view, the state government has decided to allocate funds of the state's share to construct houses for the remaining 6,99,438 families on the permanent waiting list and the 47,090 homeless families identified in the Economic Survey 2023, as part of the housing scheme.

### Twenty proposals regarding allotment of govt land approved



Raipur, Sep 05: A meeting of the inter-departmental committee was organized under the chairmanship of Revenue Minister Jaisingh Agrawal, at his Raipur residence office here today to consider the proposals for allotment of government land. Revenue Minister discussed with the officers the applica-

tions related to the allotment of government land and approved a total of 20 proposals for allotment of land. Revenue secretary Nilam Namdev Ekka, special secretary finance Sheetal Shashwat Verma and deputy secretary of housing and environment department Tirky were present on the occasion.

## BJP to launch two 'Parivartan Yatras' on Sept 12, 16

From Dantewada and Jashpurnagar, covering total 2989 kms and 87 Vidhan Saba areas

Raipur, Sep 05:

BJP is going to play the bugle for next VS polls in the state through 'Parivartan Yatras' from Dantewada and Jashpurnagar on Sept 12 and 16. BJP State President Arun Sao made declaration in this regard in a press conference here on Tuesday and gave detailed information about the road-map of this entire Yatra and the programmes to be organised. Sao said

that in this 'Parivartan Yatra' the senior party leaders will be sending guidance from time-to-time. Through this BJP would hammer the last nail against the Bhupesh government on issues related to corruption, injustice, atrocities and cheating with almost every section of the society. Sao also appealed the people of the state for active participation in this Parivartan Yatra.

Addressing a press conference, BJP State President Sao informed that 'Parivartan Yatra' will start from Dantewada on Sept 12 and from Jashpurnagar on Sept 16. In the Yatra from Dantewada, Union Home



Minister Amit Shah will flag off with prayers to Maa Danteshwari. The yatra from Jashpurnagar will be flagged off by the BJP National president JP Nadda after prayers to 'Aradhya' Goddess of Korva and tribals Devi Khudiyarani. At the conclusion of this Yatra PM Narendra Modi will take part. The first Yatra will

be led by BJP State President Arun Sao and second Yatra will be led by the Leader of Opposition in VS Narayan Chandel. Both these Yatras will cover 2989 kms spread over 87 Vidhan Sabha areas. Both the Yatra will conclude in the land of Maa Mahamaya devi. Sao said that this 'Parivartan Yatra' would expose the

corrupt Bhupesh government and would inform the people of Chhattisgarh as to how through corruption, scams, atrocities, that the last four & half years of Congress rule has turned out to be worst phase for this state.

This Yatra from Dantewada to Bilaspur would cover 1728 kms in 16 days and would reach 21 district of 3 divisions and would hold 45 general meetings; 32 welcome meetings and 5 road shows.

The convener of first Yatra is LA Shivratna Sharma and former Minister Mahesh Gagda and as assistants Niranjan Sinha and Sachin Baghel will be present. The sec-

ond Yatra starting from Sept 16 will start from Jashpurnagar and its convener is Motilal Sahu, LS MP Guharam Ajgale, and state spokesman Anurag Singh Deo. The second Yatra will cover 39 VS area of 14 district of 2 divisions in 12 days and cover 1261 kms.

During this 39 general meetings, 53 welcome meeting and 2 road shows will be held.

This yatra will conclude in Bilaspur. As per the road-map by the party, the Yatra will cover 3 Vidhan Sabas on an average on daily basis. During the Yatra, 6 welcome Sabha and 3 small meetings will also be organised, he added.

## PCC alleges conspiracy to hand over rail to Adani

Raipur, Sep 05:

Congress today alleged that Narendra Modi's government at the centre was conspiring to scrap country's most reliable passenger service facility, the Railways. For years, Indian Railways used to be synonymous with reliable, cheap and accessible transportation for the general public, but under the Modi regime, a conspiracy is being hatched to destroy the credibility of the Railways and sell it to private hands, Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) communication head Sushil Anand Shukla said at a press conference here today.

Passenger trains are canceled suddenly without any concrete reason and



Railways issue orders to stop passenger trains for months and weeks, he said. Railways and the Central Government are not concerned about the problems of citizens who plan their journey months in advance and make reservations. Shukla said, adding that Railways does not make any alternative arrangements for the passengers. After the independence of the country, condition of railways has deteriorated under Modi government, he said.

Passenger trains are deliberately canceled, some-

times in the name of coal supply, sometimes citing some other reason, he said, adding that this is a conspiracy to defame the reliable passenger service Indian Railways so that people get bored with the Railways.

He also suspected attempt of Modi government to hand over Railways to Modi's industrialist 'friend' Adani.

According to Shukla Modi government wanted to scrap passenger services and use railways only as a freight carrier in a move to hand over Railways to

Demands restoration of rail facilities  
Says agitation will be launched from Sept - 9 to 13

private hands because Railways get 300 to 400 percent more profit in freight than passenger trains.

He said that senior citizens and students were deprived of concessions in rail tickets. Exorbitant increase in the fares and manifold recovery in platform tickets caused inconvenience to daily commuters, government and private sector employees, students, workers and common travelers, he said.

Shukla said that PCC Chief Deepak Baij decided to launch an agitation

against the central government's conspiracy to scrap railway passenger facilities. Various programmes will be organized in a phased manner from 9 to 13 September under the agitation.

He said that memorandum will be submitted after press conference in all the district headquarters of the state on September 9. Pamphlet-poster distribution and pasting programmes will be held on 10th, 11th and 12th September, he added. If the Central Government does not consider the demand for restoration of railway facilities, then 'Rail Roko' movement will be organized at all the railway stations of the state on 13th September, he added.

## 'Students perform variety of prog for teachers'

On occasion of Teacher's Day celebration at GGEA

Raipur, Sep 05:

Teacher's Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and fervour in Gyan Ganga Educational Academy (GGEA) here on Tuesday. The photo of the well-known educationist and former President Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was garlanded and traditional lamp was lit. The programme started with address by the Principal Pratibha Rajgor throwing light on present-day education and motivating students to perform well in all fields.

The programme began with applying of 'tilak' to



all the teachers and handing over a shrafal to them. After the felicitation, many recreational competitions were held for the teachers and in which all the teachers actively took part and entertained the students. The students also performed cultural programme and gave special presentation on singing, solo dance and group dance performances. The winner teachers of the recreational competi-

tions were also felicitated at the hands of the Principal.

The Principal of the School extended greetings to all the students for wonderful programme on Teacher's Day and appealed them to always honour and follow the instructions of teachers. In the end the Head Boy Abhinav Tiwari proposed vote of thanks and expressed gratitude towards all the teachers present.

### Bharatkumar Chavda takes over charge as BoB Network DGM, Chhattisgarh

Raipur, Sep 05:

Bharatkumar Chavda has taken charge as Network Deputy General Manager of Bank of Baroda (BoB) Chhattisgarh Network located in Raipur on September 04, 2023.

He has been transferred from CPC Retail Assets, Gandhi Nagar.

He has worked in various capacities especially in Advances and Marketing portfolios for



the last 21 years. He has worked in various positions during his tenure in Maharashtra and Gujarat.

### CM extends Janmashtami greetings

Raipur, Sep 05: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has extended his heartfelt greetings and best wishes to the people of the state on the auspicious occasion of Krishna Janmashtami. He has wished for the happiness, prosperity, and well-being of everyone. In his congratulatory message, the Chief Minister stated that the life of Lord Shri Krishna teaches us the right way to live, even in difficult situations. He has shown us the path to always follow the truth and stand against injustice. The lessons imparted by him are relevant for every situation in life.

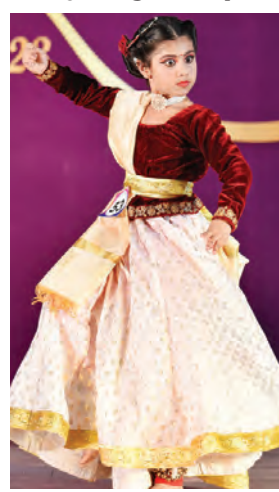
### Anushna Roy Chowdhury bags 1st position in Kathak dance

Raipur, Sep 05:

A 5-day national level competition of performing arts is being organized by Sai Nitya named 'Pranavam 2023' at Bilaspur.

Out of many performances, a solo performance by Anushna Roy Chowdhury in Kathak was very appreciated and made the audience spell bound.

In the sub junior category, Anushna secured 1st position. After the overwhelming performance, the audience was amazed when Anushna gave a solo performance in a west-



ern vocal song with equal vigor. She secured 3rd position in western vocal category. Anushna was a participant from NH Goel World School, Raipur.

Her mentor Mrs. Chandni Roy Chowdhury was overwhelmed by her performance at such a small age. She further added that in the 6 minutes performance consisted of 'Vandana' in 'Shiv Panchakshar' followed by tarana. Judges of both classical dance & vocal appreciated Anushna's performances & congratulated NH Goel World School on this occasion.

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- Dy. Director (Admin.)

## Future of children is in the hands of teachers: CM

Dedicates Schools renovated in remote area under MSJY

Raipur, Sep 05:

Addressing at the dedication of Schools renovated in remote areas under Mukhyamantri School Jatan Yojana (MSJY) CM Bhupesh Baghel said that during the Covid-19 pandemic, Chhattisgarh has suffered the least in terms of learning loss compared to the rest of the country.

CM said 'I congratulate all of you. You will become teachers who are not only secure in the present but also in the future. You will also benefit from the Old Pension Scheme'. Therefore, I say to all of you that you need to secure the future of Chhattisgarh.

CM further said that once when he visited the Dhanora village in Keshkal during the Bhent-Mulakat programme, where he met a student, and she told him that, "Chief Minister, you have made Swami Atmanand Schools exceptional.



Please make my school better as well." In turn CM said that he assured her that we would improve the condition of all schools.

CM said that he strongly feels that the unveiling of the repair and construction work of so many schools and additional classrooms is happening for the first time. Addressing the teachers, he emphasized, "The future of the children depends on how you shape them. It's in your hands."

### CM also interacted with the parents through video-conferencing



Raipur: Hariram Rathia from Lailunga mentioned that his school was in poor condition before, but it has now undergone significant improvements. Chief Minister responded that the school has indeed improved, and it is important to continue maintaining it. The Parents'

Committee should also be watchful in this regard. He also inquired about the quality of education provided in schools. A school teacher Nitin, posted in Lohandiguda, Bastar, shared that his school was in a severely deteriorated state previously, but now it is reno-

vated, and additional classrooms have also been constructed. Chief

Minister extended his extended his best wishes to him on Teachers' Day.

## MATS School of Education organizes 'Gyan Sagar' prog

In remembrance of revered Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan

Raipur, Sep 05:

MATS School of Education organized the "GYAN SAGAR" program in honor of the revered Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan. The event was a resounding success, bringing together, HODs from various departments, students, and faculty members. The program commenced with a warm welcome speech delivered by Dr. Parvinder Hanspal, setting the tone for the day. Dr. Hanspal's words of inspiration and reflection on Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan's contributions to education resonated with the audience, emphasizing the importance of teaching and learning. Dr. Shivakant Prajapati, HOD Law also shared his views on the importance of education and discipline for a student. Dr. A.J Khan Principal MATS College motivated and encouraged students by his kind



words. Throughout the day, the program featured a diverse range of activities, including song performances, dance, captivating drama, and insightful speeches. These activities showcased the talents and creativity of the students and faculty, making the event a vibrant and engaging experience for all attendees. The speeches delivered during the program touched upon the principles and values championed by Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, emphasizing the importance of education in shaping a better future. The fusion of arts and academia created a dynamic atmosphere that celebrated both the intellectual and artistic dimensions of education.

As the day reached its conclusion, Principal MSED, Dr. Sanjeet Tiwari, expressed gratitude and appreciation through a heartfelt vote of thanks. Dr. Tiwari highlighted the significance of honoring Dr. Radhakrishnan's legacy and emphasized the commitment of MATS School of Education to provide quality education. In conclusion, "GYAN SAGAR" program organized by MATS School of Education on September 5, 2023, was a great success. It not only paid tribute to the remarkable legacy of Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan but also underscored the institution's commitment to nurturing talent and promoting holistic education. The event served as a reminder of the enduring

value of education and the impact it can have on individuals and society as a whole.

Honorable Chancellor Shri Gajraj Pagariya Sir, Honorable Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) K.P Yadav Sir, Respected Director General Shri Priyesh Pagariya Sir and Respected Registrar Shri Gokulananda Panda sir blessed the students and motivated students with their message, for the "GYAN SAGAR" program organized by MATS School of Education. Their wisdom is an inspiration, recognizing the vital role educators play in shaping the future. It was a day of gratitude and enlightenment, honoring the tireless dedication of teachers and the pursuit of knowledge.

### MEDICAL STUDENTS

## New students welcomed at Medical College Raipur

Raipur, Sep 05: New students for MBBS first year in Medical College Raipur were welcomed in traditional manner at welcome ceremony held at the college on 4th September.

Dean Dr Tripti Nagaria was present as chief guest at the function held at Lecture Hall-06 of the college. Heads of all departments of the college and medical teachers were present on the occasion.

Dr K Khediar of Biochemistry Department and Dr Nirmal Verma of

Community Medicine informed about their respective departments and introduced gathering about the teachers of their departments. Welcoming the new students Dr Tripti Nagaria congratulated them for their admission in MBBS course and wished them for a bright future. Throwing light on history and development of Medical College Raipur she informed about all the departments of the college and affiliated hospital.

Head of Pathology Department Dr Arvind

Neral asked the new students to work hard in their MBBS study. Hospital superintendent Dr SBS Netam welcomed the students and wished them for a bright future. Dr Devpriya Lakra, Dr Manju Singh, Dr Jyoti Jaiswal, Dr Nidhi Pandey, Dr Hansa Banjara, Dr Pratibha Jain Shah, Dr KK Sahu, Dr Usha Joshi, Dr Snidha Jain, Dr Debpriya Rath, Dr Diwakar Dhurandhar and other medical teachers were present. The programme was completed by Dr Dipti Chandrakar.

## Hang the accused of gangrape: Markam

Raipur, Sep 05:

The mass rape incident on two girls in the night of Raksha Bandhan at Naya Raipur has sent shock waves among the masses. The incident has invited widespread criticism and question arises on the safety of girls and women in the state capital. Criticising this incident Adivasi Congress district president Bhavani Singh Markam has demanded death sentence (to be hanged till death) for the accused so that this type of incident will not be repeated in future.



down the head down of entire state and also the country. Bhavani strongly demanded death sentence (to be hanged till death) for the accused so that this type of incident will not be repeated in future.

## Chandrayan-3 model by GEMS students win hearts of judges

Raipur, Sep 05:

It was day of mixed fortunes for the students of Shri Gujrati English Medium School (GEMS) who though won the hearts of organizers, viewers and judges but failed to convince the judges in their attempt to win the prize. The occasion was Cosmo Mega Youth Festival (SHINE) organised by Rotary Club of Raipur Cosmopolitan. Among the different events for middle classes (Class VI-VIII), 'Little Scientist' drew the attention of one and all.

The students of the school Ishika Rajput and Pratham Rathod (both of



Class VIII) under the supervision of Science teacher Kunal Karmokar prepared a live working model of Chandrayan-3 along with Rover (Pragyan) and Lander (Vikram) which they showcased in front of the judges along with the participants from other schools.

This unique model became a centre of attraction and won applause from one and all. School Principal Dr Shailesh Sharma, teaching faculty and school committee members led by Vice President Kirti Vyas personally appreciated the model prepared by the students.

## Raksha Bandhan with visually challenged girls



Raipur, Sep 05: PCC spokesperson and PISF chairperson Nitin Bhansali continuing his tradition for the last 14 years this year too observed Raksha Bandha with the visually challenged girls of Prerna Ashram Hirapur. He tied

rakhi from these divyang girls and spent quality time with them. Bhansali made a promise to take care of their safety till the last day of their life and handed over gifts to these divyang girls.

## Teachers felicitation ceremony held at Mahant College

Raipur, Sep 05:

11 teachers felicitated for distinguished services

Pracharak Samiti, Principal of the college Dr Dewashish Mukherjee, Principal of Vaman Lakhe Higher Secondary School Mrs. Bharti Yadu and Manju Sahu were also present.

Teachers who were felicitated for their distinguished services in the college and school, are Dr. Shruti Tiwari, Professor Lalit Mohan Verma, Mr Vivek Sahu, Mr Sunil Aggarwal, Dr. Laxmikant Sahu, Dr. Shweta Sharma. At the school level, the Principal of Vaman Rao Lakhe Higher Secondary



School, Mrs. Bharti Yadu, Hirapur School teacher, Mrs. Neera Avinash Nishad, Mrs. Kiran Sharma, SPS English Medium School teacher, Mrs. Pooja Giri and Mrs. Rekha Soni were honoured. All these professors and teachers were honoured with the commend-

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Presiding over the function Ajay Tiwari, President of the Shikshak Pracharak Samiti said that the teachers who have been felicitated have done an excellent work. He called upon the teachers present in the event to ded-

icate themselves to their teaching work. Principal Dr Dewashish Mukherjee, said that today the college reached the highest position in the city with the incomparable work of all the teachers

Vice Chancellor of Pandit Ravishankar Shukla University, Professor Sachchidanand Shukla said that the role of a teacher is vital in building the society, and that is why there is always a feeling of support towards the teacher. Teachers should be given importance throughout the nation. Even today, teachers are revered for better content delivery. Education is a land of asceticism in which even the uneducated can become proficient and make their place.

Shiksha Pracharak Samiti President Ajay Tiwari said that Radhakrishnan was a great philosopher whose honour the day is celebrated. Teachers are the first parents. He said that the potter's contribution is in shaping the clay pot. In the same way, teachers are the shapers of society.

The State Director of Bharat Scout Guide, Mr. Suresh Shukla said that the teacher should become the full moon and should keep getting updated with new information. On this occasion, Mr Anil Tiwari also made his comments and shared his views on initiating such a wonderful event. All the staff members and students were present in this occasion.

## SGBS performs thread ceremony of young boys



Raipur, Sep 05:

On the occasion of Raksha Bandhan Shri Gujrati Brahma Samaj (SGBS) performed the thread changing ceremony and later as part of the main programme thread ceremony of five young boys were performed with

complete rituals and customs. The heads of all the five boys were tonsured with full rituals. All of them were presented gift from their maternal uncle's side, Ramanuj Purohit family and Mansukh Bhai Pandya family. This type of programme is being observed

for the last 50 years by SGBS. 15 years back when SGBS did not have its own building this programme used to be conducted from a rented place. On this occasion members of the samaj from all over Chhattisgarh were present and mass meal was hosted for all of them.

## Two naxalities killed, stolen firearms recovered

Konta/Sukma, Sep 05:

In a significant breakthrough in the ongoing efforts to counter Naxal insurgency, a joint force consisting of DRG (District Reserve Guard), District Force, and CRPF (Central Reserve Police Force) 223, successfully carried out an anti-Naxal operation in the dense forests of Tadmetla and Duled under Chintagufa police station in Sukma district. The operation, conducted on September 5, targeted the presence of 10 to 12 Naxalites belonging to the Jagargunda Area Committee.

The operation took a dramatic turn when the police party, engaged in combing the forest area,



was unexpectedly ambushed and attacked by the Naxalite group around 6 am. Responding swiftly to the attack, the police party adopted a defensive position and initiated retaliatory firing in self-defense. In the aftermath of the exchange, a

thorough search of the area was conducted, leading to the discovery of the lifeless bodies of two male Naxalites.

The two individuals were subsequently identified as Sodhi Deva, known to be a militia cadre affiliated with the



Jagargunda Area Committee, and Rava Deva. Sodhi Deva was recognized as the father of Joga and a resident of Tadmetla, while Rava Deva, identified as the father of Bundi resident Tadmetla, had a reward of Rs 1 lakh announced for

his capture. Both individuals were linked to multiple criminal activities, including the murders of Shikshadoot Kawasi Sukka and the current Deputy Sarpanch of Tadmetla Panchayat, Madvi Ganga, as well as the killing of Korsa Kosa near MINPA on suspicion of being a police informant.

The successful operation also yielded significant recoveries, with authorities managing to confiscate a 12 bore double barrel rifle and one pistol from the site. A thorough search operation is ongoing, with authorities dedicated to gathering more evidence and information from the area.

## Shah urges people to bless BJP for winning over 150 seats in MP polls

Sheopur (MP), Sep 05:

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday urged people to give ashirwad (blessings) to the ruling BJP so that it wins more than 150 seats in the upcoming assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh and form a "double-engine" government for ensuring the state's development. Elections to the 230-member MP assembly are due by November.

After flagging off the BJP's Jan Ashirwad Yatra, a mass outreach programme, in Mandla district earlier, Shah was to reach Sheopur to launch another yatra. But the helicopter that was supposed to carry him could not take off from Gwalior due to sudden rains. Shah then addressed those gathered in



Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan BJP's state President VD Sharma being garlanded during the start of 'Jan Ashirwad Yatra', in Mandla, Madhya Pradesh, Tuesday, Sept. 5.

Sheopur, including Union ministers Narendra Singh Tomar and Ashwini Vaishnav, via mobile phone. A new era of development has begun in the country under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while Madhya Pradesh has

transformed from BIMARU (laggard) state to a bemsal (unmatched) under the stewardship of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, he said. Shah highlighted steps taken by the Modi government for citizens including the availability of food

grains, treatment in hospitals and housing, asserting that it is the country's Amrit Kaal. He urged the people to bless the BJP's yatra so that the party wins over 150 seats in the MP polls and forms a "double-engine" government, a reference to the same party ruling the Centre and state, to ensure development. The BJP is taking out 'Jan Ashirwad Yatras' from five different places in MP to connect with voters ahead of polls. These yatras will culminate on September 25 in Bhopal with a 'Karyakarta Mahakumbh' (mega gathering of workers). PM Modi is expected to address BJP workers there. Chouhan and Union minister Jyotiraditya Scindia who were with Shah also addressed the gathering in Sheopur via mobile phone.

## Gang busted

Jabalpur, Sep 05: A gang of 12 women involved in thefts on trains has been busted in Madhya Pradesh's Narsinghpur district with the arrest of all its members, an official said on Tuesday. The women, who hail from Nagpur in Maharashtra, were arrested from Bankhedhi in the district, said GRP (Jabalpur) Superintendent of Police Simala Prasad. The action by the Government Railway Police (GRP) came on a complaint made on August 3 by one Kanchan Pandey who found jewellery worth nearly Rs 2 lakh missing from her purse while boarding the Vindhyachal Express at Gadarwara railway station, the police official said. Acting on inputs, the police on Monday busted the all-women gang and arrested its members from Bankhedhi, some 30 kilometres from Gadarwara. Jewellery worth nearly Rs 6 lakh and cash of Rs 12,000 were seized from the gang, the police official said.

## Congress leader sparks row over Bharat Mata ki Jai slogan

Jaipur, Sep 05:

Congress leader Aradhana Mishra landed in a controversy after she allegedly reprimanded party workers at a meeting here for raising the 'Bharat Mata ki Jai' slogan.

During the meeting of Congress workers of the Adarsh Nagar block on Monday, two factions clashed over selection of candidates for the Rajasthan assembly elections in front of Mishra and Jaipur unit president RR Tiwari.

Annoyed with the situation, Mishra, who is also Congress' poll observer for the state, advised party workers not to raise slogans in favour of their candidate.

Following this, the workers started raising

the 'Bharat Mata ki Jai' slogan. Mishra intervened and said, "If you are fond of raising slogans, then raise the slogan of Congress Zindabad." In a video, some Congress workers are seen creating an uproar while others chanted 'Bharat Mata ki Jai'.

BJP president J P Nadda on Tuesday accused the Congress of having no respect for either the country or the Constitution and constitutional institutions, as he asked why the opposition party "hates" the chant 'Bharat Mata ki Jai'.

The Congress is only concerned about the glorification of one special family, he alleged. "Why do those who engage in political yatra in the name of 'Bharat Jodo' hate the chant 'Bharat

Mata ki Jai' so much?" Nadda posed.

However, Mishra, who represents Rampur Khas in the Uttar Pradesh assembly, told reporters on Tuesday that she had only asked Congress workers to not raise slogans in favour of any one candidate.

She said that "as an AICC (All India Congress Committee) observer, I had stopped workers from raising slogans in favour of any individual and said only slogans in favour of the party can be raised."

"Misconstruing the incident and publishing fabricated things is complete nonsense," Mishra said. She said that it is quite natural that supporters raise slogans in favour of their leaders in such meetings when applying for candidature.

## Decision to reserve one MLA seat from Puroik community under process: Arunachal minister

Itanagar, Sep 05:

The matter of reserving one MLA seat and two zila parishad members (ZPMs) from the Puroik community in Arunachal Pradesh, as per the directive of the high court in 2015, is under process, Social Justice & Empowerment and Tribal Affairs (SJETA) Minister Alo Libang told the assembly on Tuesday.

In response to a written question by Congress legislator Nabam Tuki, the minister said there is no demand from the Puroik community for granting a separate tribe status and it is a sub-tribe of the Nyshi.



Puroik, earlier known as Sulung (slave), with an estimated population of 8,977 as per 2017 data, is mainly found in East Kameng, Pakke Kessang, West Kameng, Kurung Kumey, Kra Daadi and Papum Pare districts.

The minister informed that the department has kept a fund

provision of Rs 10 lakh under livelihood generation activities during the current fiscal for enumeration and compilation of latest population of Puroik community through deputy commissioners of six inhabited districts.

After the cabinet approval in 2017, the state government had constituted the Autonomous Puroik Welfare Board (APWB) and since then an amount of Rs 769 lakh was sanctioned to it to undertake various welfare projects for the community, Libang said.

Bopai Puroik is the first from the community to be appointed as an extra assistant commissioner (EAC).

## Education Awards

Mumbai, Sep 05: The prestigious Singhanian Education Excellence Awards 2023, held at Raj Bhavan in Mumbai, on September 2, 2023, marked a significant milestone in the realm of education, emphasising the importance of collaboration and innovation in shaping the future of learning. Eminent educationists from across 50 schools in India were felicitated during the ceremony by the Honorable Governor of Maharashtra, Ramesh Bais, and the Education Minister of Maharashtra, Deepak Kesarkar. Their presence underscored the significance of the event, hosted by Singhanian Education Services Limited (SESL), and its impact on the country's educational ecosystem.

## Students consider teachers as role models: Atishi

New Delhi, Sep 05:

Students consider teachers as their role models and strive to emulate them, Delhi Education Minister Atishi said on Tuesday. Addressing teachers while giving away the MCD teachers' awards, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader said the evolution of students as better human beings depends on their teachers.

"Teachers have a very significant role in the lives of students, especially in the primary section. As a teacher, one must remember that for students, they are no less than gods. Students consider teachers as their role models and strive to emulate them. This is a significant responsibility," she said.

Atishi further said the Delhi government has

been working for many years to bring a change to the schools run by it, but the real change has to be driven by the teachers. "As a government, we are there to provide support in this education revolution, but the lead role belongs to the teachers and principals.

The future of children depends on the efforts of their teachers in schools. The government can only support and facilitate the teachers, but the real change has to be driven by them," she said.

A total of 99 teachers and principals from schools run by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi were conferred with the MCD Teachers' Award by Atishi. Delhi Mayor Shelly Oberoi and Deputy Mayor Aaley Mohammed Iqbal were also present at the event.



The education minister said all problems of the MCD schools will be resolved in the next two years.

"Teachers are our top priority and we will focus on resolving all their problems, whether those are related to salaries, sanitation or security in schools," she added. Echoing the sentiments expressed by Atishi, Oberoi said the role of teachers is extremely im-

portant in children's lives as they monitor their development and integration with the society.

"Education is the foremost priority for Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and the AAP as they believe it is the key to a better world. We are working tirelessly to create such an education model in the MCD schools that will be appreciated the world over," she said. Iqbal said the MCD schools will soon be transformed.

"The Mission Buniyaad project to strengthen the foundational skills of children might have been launched recently, but our MCD school teachers have been doing that work for decades. With the efforts of the chief minister and the MCD, a transformation will soon be seen in the MCD schools too," he said.

## 'India' accepted name for our country

Bengaluru, Sep 05:

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday said that attempts to change the name of the country from 'India' to 'Bharat' is not required as the word 'India' is an accepted name for the country, and pointed out that 'India' is incorporated in the 'Constitution of India'. The chief minister was reacting to controversy that has erupted after a G20 dinner invite in the name of 'President of Bharat' went viral.

"In our Constitution, it ('India') is incorporated and it is called the 'Constitution of India'. 'India' is an accepted word for our country. Making it Bharat, I don't think it is required," Siddaramaiah told reporters here. The G20 dinner



Siddaramaiah

invite, issued in the name of 'The President of Bharat', is being widely shared on social media, amid opposition parties alleging that the government is trying to change the name of the country from 'India' to 'Bharat'. The invitation is for Saturday at 8 pm at Bharat Mandapam, the venue

for the G20 summit. Deputy Chief Minister Chief Minister and state Congress President D K Shivakumar, opposing any such move said, "It is not right, don't do such politics. You (BJP) are not going to remain in power for long."

Speaking to reporters in Kanakapura, he said, "This is the Republic of India, our currency notes too say Reserve Bank of India... just because we (various non NDA parties parties in the country) have called our alliance INDIA, they (BJP-led government at the Centre) is unable to digest it and are planning to do this. It shows the amount of fear they have about us, how much they are affected, and that they are able to see their defeat."

## 'Practice what you preach', Telangana BJP chief tells BRS leader Kavitha

Hyderabad, Sep 05:

On women quota bill

Telangana BJP President Kishan Reddy on Tuesday said the ruling BRS can raise the issue of 33 per cent reservation for women in Parliament and assemblies after giving adequate representation to women in distribution of party tickets for the coming Assembly elections in the state.

Reacting to BRS MLC K Kavitha's letter to 47 political party leaders on the passage of women's quota bill, Reddy told reporters



Kishan Reddy

here, "There is no need for writing any letter. BRS has the right to speak on the matter only after it follows it in distribution of tickets (for the forthcoming Assembly polls)." Kavitha today made an appeal to chiefs of 47 po-

litical parties, including the BJP and Congress, urging them to unite and pass the long-awaited Women's Reservation bill in the upcoming special session of Parliament. Union Minister Kishan Reddy had earlier attacked the BRS criticising it over "poor" representation of women in the BRS first list as only seven women were given tickets in the first list. Last month, BRS President and Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekh Reddy announced 115 candidates for the total 119 seats in the upcoming assembly polls.

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PLACE: BHILAI  
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## Parents forcing children below 3 years to attend preschool are committing an illegal act, says Gujarat HC

Ahmedabad, Sep 05:

Parents who force children below the age of three years to attend preschool are committing an "illegal act," the Gujarat High Court said, while dismissing a batch of pleas challenging the state government's decision to set six years as the minimum age limit for Class 1 admission in the academic year 2023-24.

A group of parents of children who did not complete six years as on June 1, 2023 sought to challenge the state government's notification dated January 31, 2020 prescribing the age limit for admission to Class 1 in the academic year 2023-24. "Forcing children to go to a preschool below the age of

3 years is an illegal act on the part of the parents who are petitioners before us," the division bench of Chief Justice Sunita Agarwal and Justice N V Anjaria observed in a recent order.

The petitioners "cannot seek any leniency as they are guilty of violation of the mandate of the Right to Education Rules, 2012 of the Right to Education Act, 2009", it said. Quoting Rule 8 of the RTE Rules, 2012, which deals with admission procedure in a preschool, the court said no preschool shall admit a child who has not completed three years of age as on June 1 of the year.

"A bare perusal of Rule 8 shows that there is a prohibition for admission of a child in a preschool who

has not completed three years of age as on June 1 of the academic year. Three years of 'early childhood care and education' in a preschool prepares a child to take admission in 1st standard in a formal school," it said.

The children whose parents moved the plea were admitted to a preschool before they completed three years the minimum age prescribed for admission in a preschool in the RTE Rules, 2012, which has been enforced in Gujarat with effect from February 18, 2012, it said.

The petitioners' counsels told the court that they seek to challenge fixing June 1 as a cut-off date of the current academic year, only because this will deprive

around nine lakh children in the state of their right to education in the current academic session.

They sought the court's direction to accommodate children who completed three years in preschool but have not completed six years of age as on June 1,

2023 for the current academic year by granting them relaxation. They argued that denial of admission would result in infringement of their right to education recognised by Article 21 A of the Constitution and Right to Education Act, 2009.

**UCO BANK** Zonal Office, Chhattisgarh Eye Hospital Campus, 1st Floor, Telibandha, Raipur (C.G.) 492006

**Notice- I/2023-24 Invitation of bids for "Supply, Installation & Annual Maintenance of CCTV"**

Sealed Applications are invited from reputed firms for supply, installation of CCTV system in bank branches and AMC rates for existing branches under Raipur Zone of UCO Bank. Only those firms which fulfill criteria as mentioned in our bank website will be considered. Please refer to Bank website [www.ucobank.com](http://www.ucobank.com). Last date of receipt of sealed tenders is **29.09.2023 up to 17.00 Hrs.** to Zonal Manager, UCO Bank Zonal office, Chhattisgarh Eye Hospital Campus, First Floor, Telibandha, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, PIN-492006.

**Zonal Manager**

S. NO	Name of Borrower(s) (A)	Particulars of Mortgaged property/ (ies) (B)	Date Of NPA(C)	Outstanding Amount (Rs.) (D)
1	LOAN ACCOUNT NO. HHLRPR002689508 1. KAMAL KUMAR GOLA PROPRIETOR MATHURAWASI CHAAT CENTRE 2, PRITI GOLA	PART OF KHASRA NO. 1219/8, P.H.N 16, WARD NO. 11, SHANKAR NAGAR, R.N.M. DURG - 1, MOUJJA DURG-492001, CHHATTISGARH	04.08.2023	Rs. 7,05,609.30 (Rupees Seven Lakh Five Thousand Six Hundred Nine and Paise Thirty Only) as on 18.08.2023
2	LOAN ACCOUNT NO. HLAAPR00499800 1. KAMAL KUMAR GOLA PROPRIETOR MATHURAWASI CHAAT CENTRE 2, PRITI GOLA	PART OF KHASRA NO. 1219/8, P.H.N 16, WARD NO. 11, SHANKAR NAGAR, R.N.M. DURG - 1, MOUJJA DURG-492001, CHHATTISGARH	05.07.2023	Rs. 1,58,541.30 (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Forty One and Paise Eighty Only) as on 18.08.2023
3	LOAN ACCOUNT NO. HHERPR00331690 1. KAMAL KUMAR GOLA PROPRIETOR MATHURAWASI CHAAT CENTRE 2, PRITI GOLA	PART OF KHASRA NO. 1219/8, P.H.N 16, WARD NO. 11, SHANKAR NAGAR, R.N.M. DURG - 1, MOUJJA DURG-492001, CHHATTISGARH	04.08.2023	Rs. 8,80,447.55 (Rupees Eight Lakh Eighty Thousand Four Hundred Forty Seven and Paise Fifty Five Only) as on 18.08.2023

That the above named borrower(s) have failed to maintain the financial discipline towards their loan account (s) and as per books of accounts maintained in the ordinary course of business by the Company, Column D indicates the outstanding amount. Due to persistent default in repayment of the Loan amount on the part of the Borrower(s) the above said loan account has been classified by the Company as Non Performing Asset (as on date in Column C) within the guidelines relating to assets classification issued by Regulating Authority. Consequently, notices under Sec. 13(2) of the Act were also issued to each of the borrower.

In view of the above, the Company hereby calls upon the above named Borrower(s) to discharge in full his/her liabilities towards the Company by making the payment of the entire outstanding dues indicated in Column D above including up to date interest, costs, and charges within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, the Company shall be entitled to take possession of the Mortgaged Property mentioned in Column B above and shall also take such other actions as is available to the Company in law.

Please note that in terms of provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, "A borrower can tender the entire amount of outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Secured Creditor only till the date of publication of the notice for sale of the secured asset(s) by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty. Further it may also be noted that in case Borrower fails to redeem the secured asset within aforesaid legally prescribed time frame, Borrower may not be entitled to redeem the property."

In terms of provision of sub-section (13) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of his business) any of the secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of secured creditor.

**For Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd.**  
**Authorized Officer**

Place: DURG (CHHATTISGARH)

# St. Xavier's school celebrates 'Sanskrit Day' with zeal

Principal Shubhendu Mandal guides enthusiastic students in festivities

Mungeli, Sep 05:

The spirit of Sanskrit Day came alive at Mungeli St. Xavier's School, as Principal Shubhendu Mandal led the vibrant celebrations. The event began with a reverential offering of flowers to the image of Goddess Saraswati by the principal and vice-principal, marking a tribute to knowledge and wisdom. The students gracefully presented Saraswati Vandana and Sanskrit prayers, invoking an aura of spiritual devotion. The celebration



spanned both the morning and afternoon sessions, witnessing fervent student participation in diverse activities. The students en-

gaged in reciting Sanskrit shlokas, suktis, engaging conversations, enlightening dialogues, and interactive question-answer ses-

sions. Towards the culmination of the event, Principal Shubhendu Mandal underlined the profound significance of

Sanskrit Day. He highlighted the language's role as the origin of Hindi and an ancient linguistic treasure. Sanskrit's influence resonates even in modern technical languages, and its essence is woven into religious scriptures and mantras. Revered as the language of deities, Sanskrit's enduring importance demands recognition.

Principal Mandal encouraged students to consider a career in Sanskrit, emphasizing the need for dedication, hard work, and focused study.

The Vice-Principal conveyed heartfelt gratitude as the event drew to a close, acknowledging the enriching celebration of Sanskrit Day at the school.

# Saraipali hosts instant learning license drive

Successful campaign empowers locals with immediate licenses

Mahasamund, Sep 05:

In a proactive initiative guided by Collector Prabhat Malik, a dynamic learning license camp unfolded in the heart of Saraipali Municipality on Sunday. The camp aimed to enlighten individuals on licensing procedures and extend prompt access to learning licenses, especially in remote regions. A remarkable achievement saw the issuance of 192 learning licenses during the event.

The collaborative effort between the District Transport Office



Mahasamund and endorsed service centers like Annu Parivahan Seva Kendra, Ma Sharada Parivahan Seva Kendra, Piyush Parivahan Seva Kendra, and Pragati Parivahan Seva Kendra for Saraipali and Mahasamund respectively, aimed at

streamlining the process, making it accessible and hassle-free for residents. The successful campaign not only simplified licensing protocols but also contributed to promoting compliance with norms among the locals.

# Students shared information about Aditya L-1 mission



Kharora, Sep 05:

In Bharat Dewangan Government Excellent Hindi / English Medium School, Kharora, a program was organized congratulating ISRO on the successful launch of Aditya L1 from Sri Harikota, so that all the students of the school can apply their knowledge to science with time and circumstances. Vice

Principal Dewangan, Harish Purshottam Dewangan, Shweta Sharma, Gitanjali Pan gave their speech as well as the presentation of the students was highly commendable.

Purva Verma 11A, Bhojraj Verma 12A, Anis Sen 11A, Pradeep Bandhe 11 A, Anushka Dewangan 12S, Muskan Singh 12S, Hemlata Sahu 10D pre-

sented their views on Aditya L. Harish Dewangan, P Dewangan, Shahina Parveen, Shweta Sharma, Domar Yadav, Mahendra Sahu, Amar Burman, Sangeeta Nayak, Sunita Singh, Chameli Khare, Jayanti Sahu, Neha Rathod, Alka Minz, Prerna Sharma. Staff and students including Geetanjali Paan, Shivangi Nishad, Brijeshwari were present.

# FLN training enhances teaching skills

Three-Day workshop equips teachers for foundational literacy and numeracy

Arang, Sep 05:

Primary teachers from Sankul centers Bhilai, Mokhla, and Kumhari participated in a transformative three-day FLN (Foundational Literacy and Numeracy) training program, held from August 31 to September 2, in adherence to government directives. This initiative aimed to equip educators with essential pedagogical tools to promote basic education and numeracy skills among students. Throughout the first two days, the train-



ing's master trainers, including Sankul coordinators Jitendra Shukla, Jitendra Kumar Yadu, and Trupti Sharma, meticulously covered 12 compre-

hensive modules. The focus was on imparting effective strategies for instilling foundational language and mathematics skills in young learners.

The broader vision is to ensure that children attain critical literacy skills, contributing to the ambitious goal of achieving 100% literacy by 2027.

The program's final day delved into seven strategies for fostering innovation, addressing challenges, and fostering self-success. Guided by Sankul Principal Chandul Sahu and former middle school principal Dharthi Tandi, the training not only enriched teaching techniques but also inspired educators to embrace innovation and personal growth. With active participation from approximately 50 teachers representing all three Sankul centers, the program highlighted the commitment of educators to enhance their pedagogical prowess. This training heralds a positive step towards nurturing a generation of learners equipped with foundational literacy and numeracy skills, fostering a brighter future for the nation.

# Teachers honoured by CJWU Katghora Block

Korba, Sep 05:

Chhattisgarh Journalist Welfare Union (CJWU), the hardworking and largest organization of the state, has been doing social work in every division, district and block level of the state. In the same context, in Korba district, under the leadership of Union State President Amit Gautam and State General Secretary Kanhaiya Goyal, a program of felicitation ceremony for teachers was organized on Teacher's Day at Swami Atmanand English Medium School of Katghora block of Korba district.

Katghora DFO Kumar Nishant was the chief guest in this programme of the union. The program was presided over by Chhattisgarh Journalist Welfare Union Katghora Block President Pramod Kumar Aggarwal. In the



teacher honour ceremony organized by the Union, the following teachers were retired by Chhattisgarh Journalist Welfare Union: Deoghar Lal, Paras Yogi, Ashok Rathod, Nandkumar Jaiswal, IS Sidar. On the other hand, present teachers and teachers were also honoured, mainly Kar

Dewangan, lecturer, Mrs. Ram Kumari Dewangan, teacher, Swami Atmanand Vidyalaya and Ms. Tanu Pathak, teacher, Swami Atmanand English Medium School, Katghora. On this occasion, Katghora DFO Kumar Nishant while addressing the people present said that Guru i.e. teacher is

the most important part of our life, it is through him that we take many steps of education and achieve our destination. Kumar also praised the officers and members of Chhattisgarh Journalist Welfare Union Korba unit regarding the program and also congratulated them for organizing the program.

# CEOF submits memorandum in support of health workers

Jagdalpur, Sep 05:

On the call of Chhattisgarh Health Federation, protested against the action of sacking the employees of the agitating health department. The Chhattisgarh Staff Officer Federation termed this action as dictatorial attitude of the government on the employees of the state. And called it murder of democracy. Chhattisgarh Employees-Officers Federation (CEOF) protested against the action taken on District Bastar health workers today at 1:30 pm during the lunch break. The Federation has submitted a memorandum in the name of the Chief Minister to Joint Collector Bastar.

It has been said in the memorandum that the



government should unconditionally restore these corona warriors and take a sympathetic decision through discussion on their demands. The same health worker who reached the last person of the state by cross-

ing rivers, mountains and jungles in difficult circumstances and provided protection to the people of the state by getting corona vaccinated, flowers were showered in honor of corona warriors across the state, clapping. The place

was given equal, many promises were also made in the governance equal to the Corona warriors. The government should leave its stubbornness and talk to these corona warriors and consider their demands sympathetically.

Kailash Chauhan, divisional in-charge of Chhattisgarh Staff Officers Federation, divisional president Gajendra Srivastava, RP Mishra, Ramnath Kashyap, Anil Yadav, Rajendra Pargania, Motilal Verma, Prashant Srivastava, Rohit Pandey, Antu Ram Bhadre in protest against repressive action on health workers, Prem Pandey, P Tomar, Hariram Mali, Dinesh Parate, Mrs. Hemlata Nayak, Poornima Dehari and other staff officers were present.

# Long list of scams is Cong's achievement: Usendi

Jagdalpur, Sep 05:

Putting the state Congress government in the dock, Bharatiya Janata Party National Vice President Lata Usendi said that

■ BJP's charge-sheet is a mirror of truth

there is not a single section which is not suffering and unhappy due to the misrule of Bhupesh government. The long list of scams is the achievement of the failed Congress government. She said that the Bharatiya Janata Party has issued a charge sheet against the corrupt and completely failed Congress government of Chhattisgarh and every word in it is the mirror of truth, which is exposing the dark face of Bhupesh Sarkar.

BJP National Vice President Lata Usendi distributed BJP's charge



sheet issued by Home Minister Amit Shah against the Congress government to journalists in a press conference convened at the BJP district office. She said that the charge sheet of the BJP is a document of the dark deeds of the Congress, which has to be exposed to the people of the state. Rahul Gandhi comes to Chhattisgarh but does not speak a word on the incidents of atrocities and incest against women in the state. Women have become unsafe in Chhattisgarh during the misrule

of Congress for last four and a half years. The heart-wrenching incidents happening daily are telling the truth. On which even the top leadership of Congress has remained insensitive.

Lata Usendi said that the continuous scams taking place in the Congress government have hindered the development of the state. Youth, women, elders, farmers, laborers all are upset with the present government. The Congress, which formed the government on the basis of false promises, has served only liars in front of the public. Pension to the elderly, women self-help groups, loan waiver of farmers are living examples of this. There is a long list of liquor scam, Gothan scam, rice scam, cow dung scam etc., which is in front of the people of the state. The Congress government is even involved in betting.

# People troubled with Cong mis-rule: Kashyap

Jagdalpur, Sep 05:

Bharatiya Janata Party has started preparations for the upcoming assembly elections. Out of the three assembly seats in Bastar district, BJP has nominated District Panchayat Vice President Maniram Kashyap as its candidate for the Bastar assembly seat. BJP's first election of office was inaugurated in Bastar Nagar Panchayat on Tuesday. In which all the prominent leaders and workers of BJP were present. By inaugurating the election office even before the announcement of the date of assembly elections, BJP has given a message to contest elections in Bastar

assembly with full force. At the inauguration of election office BJP leaders in their address took a pledge to make BJP victorious with solidarity and called upon each worker to work with full force. District Panchayat Vice President and BJP's Bastar Assembly candidate Maniram Kashyap said that the people suffering from the misrule of the Congress have made up their mind to bless the BJP. BJP will register victory in Bastar assembly. During this, former MP Dinesh Kashyap, former MLA Dr. Subhau Kashyap, former MLA Santosh Bafna, BJP District President Rupasih Mandavi, Vidyasharan

Tiwari, Yogendra Pandey, Ramanand Mishra, Ramashray Singh, Vedprakash Pandey, Rajneesh Panigrahi, VS Rajput, Narsingh Rao, Udboram Nag, Paris Besra, Dhanurjay Kashyap, Navnisi Maurya, Narayan Bisai, Jogendra Chadrakar, Rohit Trivedi, Prahlad Nishad, Pulakeshwar Paday, Arun Parihar, Chintamani Paday, Damodar Baghel, Parmanand Pandey, Narendra Joshi, Arjun Pandey, Narayan Singh Thakur, Navrat Kashyap, A large number of workers were present including Lakhiram Kashyap, Sunil Sethia, Balram Bharti, Dinesh Maurya, Chhunu Lal Thakur etc.

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# Ready to work with all parties for success of G20 Summit hosted by India: China

Beijing, Sep 05:

China on Tuesday said it has supported India in hosting this year's G20 Summit and it's ready to work with all parties to push for the success of the high-profile global conference in New Delhi this week. A day after the Chinese foreign ministry announced that Premier Li Qiang will represent China at the G20 Summit instead of President Xi Jinping, the ministry spokesperson told reporters here at a regular briefing that China always attaches high importance to the G20 grouping and actively participates in relevant activities.

"We support India in hosting this year's summit and stand ready to work with all parties to make the G20 Summit a success," she said on the con-



ference to be held in New Delhi on September 9-10. The G20 is the premier forum for international economic cooperation, she said.

Without mentioning the boundary dispute, the spokesperson said that China-India relations have been stable on the whole and "our two sides have maintained dialogue and communication at various levels". "The continued improvement and growth

of China-India relations serves the common interests of the two countries and two peoples. We stand ready to work with India to further improve and advance bilateral relations," she added. The ties between India and China have been under severe strain since the deadly clashes in eastern Ladakh's Galwan Valley in June 2020. The Indian and Chinese troops are locked in an over three-year confrontation in certain friction points in eastern Ladakh even as the two sides completed disengagement from several areas following extensive diplomatic and military talks. India has been consistently maintaining that peace and tranquillity along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) were key for normalisation of over-all ties.

# Indian national jailed in Singapore for molesting 12-year-old at supermarket

Singapore, Sep 05:

A 51-year-old Indian national was sentenced to five months in jail in Singapore on Tuesday for molesting a 12-year-old girl last year in a supermarket when intoxicated. Thanikkodi Shanmugam, a permanent resident of Singapore, pleaded guilty to one count of using criminal force on a minor to outrage her modesty, Channel News Asia reported. The court heard that the minor girl was with her mother at a supermarket in the Sembawang housing precinct at about 12.30 pm on July 17, 2022, when Shanmugam touched the minor inappropriately and walked off. The victim informed her mother, who chased Shanmugam with her daughter following. This was captured on closed-circuit television (CCTV) footage. Continuing to walk away, Shanmugam broke into a run and took a lift up a block of flats while the victim's mother called the police.

Three passers-by helped stop the Indian national, and the victim's mother took his photo, but Shanmugam broke free and ran off again. She continued chasing him until her slippers "broke", said the prosecutor, adding that she then lost sight of him. Meanwhile, her daughter, shivering, remained with the passers-by, who tried to calm her down. Shanmugam was identified and arrested that same afternoon. When first interviewed by the police, he denied the offence, saying the touch was "accidental" and that he did not remember the incident.

# Pakistan hopes Saudi crown prince will make stopover during India visit

Islamabad, Sep 05:

Pakistan is pushing for the visit of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who is expected to travel to India later this week to attend the G-20 summit in New Delhi, according to a media report. Though the Foreign Office is tight-lipped over the possible stopover by the Saudi de facto ruler as he travels to New Delhi to attend the summit, the sources in the PM Office did not rule out the possibility, according to the Express Tribune newspaper. "Nothing is official yet but there are signals that the Saudi crown prince may travel to Pakistan during his visit to India," said a source at the Prime Minister Office. There was no confirmation from either side as sources said there was a possibility that both sides



wanted to keep the visit under wraps till the last moment. However, if the visit is materialised that would be only for a few hours, according to sources. The reason Pakistan is keen that the Saudi crown prince undertakes a visit to Islamabad, even for a few hours, is to avoid a possible public backlash. Many countries, particularly the big powers, have in recent years de-hyphenated Pakistan and India relationship

with the exception of Gulf states that still maintain a certain balance with regard to their relations with the two nations.

In February 2019, when the Saudi crown prince visited India, he also travelled to Pakistan. Officials feel that if the Saudi ruler skips the Pakistan trip while travelling to India that would invite a public backlash. The Saudi crown prince is not only attending the G20 summit, slated for September 9 and 10, but will stay back in Delhi for a day on a state visit. In this situation, it has become even more important for Pakistan that he visits the country, sources said. The other factor due to which Pakistan is pushing for the visit is because it considers Saudi Arabia a key player for its economic revival plan.

## ASEAN SUMMIT



From left to right, Philippine's President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr., Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, Thailand's Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Sarun Charoensuwan, Vietnam's Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh, Indonesia's President Joko Widodo, Laos' Prime Minister Sonexay Siphandone, Brunei's Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah, Cambodia's Prime Minister Hun Manet, Malaysia's Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim, and East Timor's Prime Minister Xanana Gusmao hold hands as they pose for a family photo during the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit, in Jakarta, Indonesia, Tuesday, Sept. 5.

## Egypt resumes commercial flights to Sudan for the first time since the war

Cairo, Sep 05:

Egypt on Tuesday resumed direct commercial flights to Sudan for the first time since a devastating war broke out between Sudan's rival general earlier this year. A flight operated by Egypt's national carrier EgyptAir was received in the Sudanese coastal city of Port Sudan by Sameh Farouq, Egypt's consul general. He said EgyptAir would operate a weekly round trip to Port Sudan, according to the state-run MENA news agency. Flight MS865 departed from Cairo and landed in Port Sudan at 6.30 a.m., according to tracking service FlightRadar24. A return flight landed in Cairo on Tuesday afternoon. They were the first commercial flights to and from Sudan since the African nation descended into war in mid-April. The conflict pits Sudan's military, led by Gen. Abdel Fattah Burhan, against the powerful paramilitary Rapid Support Forces, commanded by Mohammed Hamdan Dagalo. The resumption of flights came a week after Burhan met with President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi in the Egyptian city of el-Alamein on the Mediterranean.

# Turkish and Greek foreign ministers discuss troubled ties in a more friendly climate

Ankara, Sep 05:

Greece's foreign minister met with his Turkish counterpart on Tuesday for talks aimed at improving ties between the NATO allies that are at loggerheads over a string of decades-old disputes. Discussions between Greece's Giorgos Gerapetritis and Turkey's Hakan Fidan are taking place in a more friendly climate triggered by Greece sending assistance to Turkey following a devastating earthquake earlier this year, and Turkey offering condolences after a deadly train accident in Greece. The talks are expected to focus on a possible resumption of stalled high-level contacts aimed at reducing tensions between the two countries.



The meeting comes as Ankara, in the throes of an economic downturn, is seeking a reset of its often-troubled relations with Western nations. It follows a rare meeting between President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis on the sidelines of a NATO summit in

Vilnius in July. The two neighbors disagree over territorial claims in the Aegean Sea, energy exploration rights in the eastern Mediterranean and ethnically split Cyprus, among other issues. Tensions flared in 2020 over exploratory drilling rights in areas of the Mediterranean Sea where Greece and Cyprus claim exclusive economic zones leading to a naval standoff. In recent years, Turkey has accused Greece of deploying troops on Aegean islands close to the Turkish coast in violation of treaties.

Greece says it needs to defend the islands against a potential attack from Turkey, noting Turkey has a sizeable military force on the western Turkish coast.

# Biden to award Medal of Honour to Army helicopter pilot

Who rescued soldiers in a Vietnam firefight



Washington, Sep 05: President Joe Biden will award the Medal of Honour on Tuesday to a Vietnam War Army helicopter pilot who risked his life by flying into heavy enemy fire to save four members of a reconnaissance team from almost certain death as they were about to be overrun. Biden is recognizing retired Capt. Larry Taylor of Tennessee at the White House. On the night of June 18, 1968, then-1st Lt. Taylor flew his Cobra attack helicopter to rescue the men after they had become surrounded by the enemy. Taylor, now 81, recalled in an interview last week that he had to figure out how to get them out, otherwise "they wouldn't make it." David Hill, one of the four Taylor

copter started firing their ships' Miniguns and rockets at the enemy, making low-level attack runs and braving intense ground fire for about a half-hour. But with both helicopters nearly out of ammunition and the enemy continuing to advance, Taylor surveyed the team's intended escape route to a point near the river and concluded that the men would never make it. He had to think of something else. Now running low on fuel and almost out of ammunition himself, Taylor directed his wingman to fire the rounds left in his Minigun along the team's eastern flank and return to base camp, while Taylor fired his remaining rounds on the western flank.

South East Central Railway Tender Notice for Outsourcing Work. Tender Notice No.: TRD-R-2023-E12, Date: 30.08.2023. Name of Work: "Outsourcing of maintenance activities of Power Supply Installation (PSI) assets over Raipur Division for 2 Years".

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

Tender Notice (2nd Call) for various works under Section No.2 Sub-Division No.4 (Arang) Raipur. Probable amount of contract: Rs. 30.00 Lakh.

## कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता लो 2 वि/या सभाग रायपुर छ.ग.

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छत्तीसगढ़ शासन, लोक निर्माण विभाग, बिलासपुर मण्डल, बिलासपुर में निम्नलिखित कार्य नवीन ई-पंजीयन में पंजीकृत टेकेंदार हेतु सरल क्र. 1 से 7 हेतु दिनांक 11.09.2023 तक, सरल क्र. 8 से 13 हेतु दिनांक 15.09.2023 तक एवं सरल क्र. 14 से 15 हेतु दिनांक 21.09.2023 तक निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है :-

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## कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता लोक निर्माण विभाग, रायपुर संभाग क्र. - 1, रायपुर

मैनुअल पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना दिनांक 01.09.2023

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## कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियंता, लोक निर्माण विभाग, रायपुर मण्डल क्रमांक 2 (छत्तीसगढ़) ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट निविदा सूचना (प्रथम आमंत्रण)

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## Inclusive Inheritance

### A Landmark Ruling for Equal Property Rights

In a landmark judgment that echoes the spirit of progressiveness, the Supreme Court has delivered a clarion call for equality in property inheritance. The Bench's resolute stance clarifies a critical matter concerning the rights of children born from marriages declared void or voidable under the Hindu Succession Act of 1956. The ruling unequivocally upholds the principle that these children, regardless of the nature of their parents' union, are entitled to a rightful share in both self-acquired and ancestral property. This decision not only dispels a contentious legal debate but also advocates for a just and inclusive society. The verdict arrives as a definitive resolution to an issue that has simmered with conflicting opinions in various courts. The question of whether children born from such unions should be entitled to inherit ancestral property has sparked divergent interpretations. Although previous judgments aligned on the rights of these children to inherit acquired property, the discord persisted on the matter of ancestral property. This judgment now rests the debate, asserting that children born from marriages deemed void or voidable are, in essence, legitimate under the Hindu Marriage Act of 1955. Hence, they deserve an unequivocal right to stake a claim in their parents' property. The apex court's approach resonates with the essence of justice and echoes the evolving societal norms. In a previous hearing of the same case in 2011, the Supreme Court displayed a progressive and open-minded stance. It acknowledged that the notion of "legitimacy" must adapt to the changing contours of social norms. The law, the court opined, must transcend its static nature to accommodate the dynamic shifts in society. This enlightened perspective fosters an environment that values equality and inclusivity, traits that should extend beyond legal matters and permeate all aspects of society. However, the impact of such progressive judicial pronouncements should extend beyond specific cases and communities. As India evolves into a diverse society marked by increasingly prevalent live-in relationships and a growing acceptance of the LGBTQ community, the need for adaptive ideologies becomes more pronounced. Institutions, religious bodies, and moral custodians must mirror the evolving times, embracing the winds of change rather than resisting them. By adapting to these transformations, they can remain pertinent, particularly to the younger generation, who inherently champion the principles of equality and fairness. While commendable strides have been made in dismantling barriers, the journey towards comprehensive societal transformation remains ongoing. As the legal landscape takes steps towards equitable inheritance, it's imperative for society at large to embrace a broader ethos of acceptance and understanding. This ruling transcends mere legalities; it heralds a dawn of inclusivity and compassion, reinforcing the idea that a just society must evolve in harmony with the changing times.

## Udhayanidhi's Provocation

### Inflammatory Rhetoric Imperils Alliance Unity

Udhayanidhi Stalin, a prominent DMK leader and the son of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin, has ignited a blazing controversy with his divisive remarks likening Sanatan Dharma to diseases such as coronavirus, malaria, and dengue. Such provocative rhetoric not only threatens to undermine the fabric of social harmony but also casts a shadow over the unity of the opposition coalition. The repercussions of Udhayanidhi's outburst extend far beyond mere political posturing. The chief aim of any responsible political discourse should be to foster a climate of understanding and collaboration. Unfortunately, Udhayanidhi's choice of words has not only ignited a firestorm of public outrage but has also provided the ruling BJP with a potent weapon to assail the opposition. His comment, which has been aptly termed 'hate speech,' has inadvertently lent credence to the BJP's claim that the 'complete eradication' of Hindu dharma is a central tenet of the opposition alliance. Rather than targeting the political facets of Hindutva, which often stirs contentious debates, Udhayanidhi's comments took an ill-conceived turn by attacking Sanatan Dharma. This ancient religio-philosophical system has deep-rooted significance within the Hindu way of life, rendering it inseparable from the identity of millions. By linking Sanatan Dharma to social evils, Udhayanidhi has drawn the ire of those who perceive his statement as an attack on their cultural and religious beliefs. The timing of Udhayanidhi's comments is noteworthy, given the upcoming Assembly elections in several states. With the Ram Lalla idol consecration ceremony in Ayodhya scheduled for January next year, the BJP aims to strengthen its hold on the Hindu vote bank in preparation for the 2024 General Election. Udhayanidhi's rhetoric has inadvertently handed the BJP a golden opportunity to rally its supporters by highlighting perceived slights against their faith. At a time when unity among opposition parties is crucial to counterbalance the ruling party's might, Udhayanidhi's outburst threatens to fracture the anti-BJP coalition. The DMK, a pivotal southern ally, must now grapple with the fallout from this situation, which could potentially undermine their collective efforts to present a united front against the BJP. It is essential that political leaders exercise prudence and discretion in their public statements. While freedom of speech is a cornerstone of democracy, the responsibility that accompanies wielding such influence should never be underestimated. Udhayanidhi's assertion that he is expressing the sentiments of the oppressed might reflect a genuine concern for marginalized sections, but the path to social justice should not be paved with divisive rhetoric. Public discourse should be a platform for constructive conversations that inspire progress, rather than being marred by divisive language that only serves to sow seeds of discord. It is a time for leaders to rise above provocation and chart a course towards unity, understanding, and progress for the betterment of our nation and its people.

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## MOTHER TERESA DEATH ANNIVERSARY

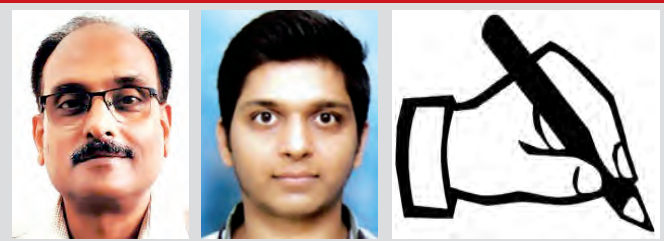


Archbishop of Calcutta Thomas D'Souza with nuns of Missionaries of Charity offers prayers at the tomb of Mother Teresa on her 26th death anniversary, in Kolkata, Tuesday, Sept. 5.

## SEBI'S NEW REGULATION ON ESG RATING

# Advancing India's Sustainable Development

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The Securities and Exchange Board of India has recently come out with a new regulation. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Credit rating agencies Amendment) Regulations 2023. The recent amendment introduces a new Chapter IV A on ESG rating providers in the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Credit rating agencies) Regulations 1999. The new regulation makes provision for the registration of ESG rating providers, a code of conduct in terms of transparency, governance and prevention of conflict of interest rating process and monitoring of ESG rating. The new regulation is a welcome step in India Inc's march towards the attainment of Sustainable Development Goals.

The Securities and Exchange Board of India has been one of the important bodies in implementing the Government of India's interest to adopt Sustainable Development Goals in its letter and spirit. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Credit Rating Agencies) Regulations 1999 will help remove several discrepancies in sustainable finance and sustainable reporting.

The requirement necessitates companies to disclose their performance on a comprehensive set of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) metrics in their annual reports. Additionally, companies are now obligated to obtain ESG ratings from accredited agencies to identify their strengths and weaknesses in sustainability practices. This move brings Indian regulations in line with global sustainability disclosure norms and strengthens India Inc's commitment to responsible capitalism, aligning business objectives with environmental and social welfare. The focus on disclosure aims to increase transparency regarding ESG risks for investors and foster concrete improvements in corporate sustainability. Gone are the days when companies could selectively publicize isolated corporate social responsibility

(CSR) projects for publicity. Now, firms must provide holistic reporting on crucial issues such as greenhouse gas emissions, renewable energy adoption, board diversity, labour practices, and anti-corruption policies. The introduction of third-party ESG ratings ensures objective assessments to validate self-disclosed claims. As the adage goes, "What gets measured gets managed." Therefore, India's largest companies are now compelled to measure and manage their ESG performance alongside financial goals as integral aspects of their business.

Prominent corporations have already recognized the importance of this imperative. Many top Indian firms have voluntarily undertaken emissions reduction, renewable energy procurement, board gender diversity initiatives, ethical sourcing policies, and governance reforms. Sustainability is becoming a key driver of competition for talent and investment. SEBI's regulation will further accelerate this trend by requiring companies falling behind in ESG efforts to quantify and disclose their sustainability practices. Transparent metrics will enable investors, analysts, employees, and the public to distinguish leading companies from laggards, putting pressure on the latter to reform or face potential valuation discounts. While some critics argue that mandatory ESG compliance adds a burden to already overworked companies, this viewpoint overlooks the convergence of sustainability and financial success. Leading firms understand that adhering to world-class ESG standards enhances business resilience, efficiency, and competitiveness. A diverse workforce fosters innovation, eco-efficiency cuts costs, renewable energy offers energy independence, and ethical supply chains prevent reputation-damaging abuses. Moreover, transparency and accountability reduce litigation risks, while environmentally sustainable practices fulfill obligations to future generations.

ESG also empowers companies to respond effectively to intensifying climate, resource, and social challenges. It embodies the concept of responsible capitalism, especially crucial for India, one of the countries most vulnerable to

climate change impacts. Some critics may point to inconsistent ESG scoring standards across rating agencies; however, as with other reporting realms, methodologies and disclosures will mature over time. The pursuit of perfection should not hinder progress. SEBI's regulations enable advancement by requiring baseline disclosures and independent oversight of ESG efforts, laying the foundation for further improvements in the future. The authentic commitment to ESG demonstrated by firms will ultimately be rewarded by the markets, going beyond mere box-checking exercises. As reporting and rating quality improves, responsible companies will distinguish themselves from greenwashers. Mumbai has the potential to lead globally by showcasing excellence in ESG practices, as sustainability aligns with both social and economic sense. India faces significant environmental and social challenges, and India Inc. must take a leading role in finding solutions. SEBI's regulation emphasizes transparency to drive action and accountability, empowering the markets to recognize and reward true corporate responsibility.

SEBI's ESG rating requirement complements existing governance reforms, such as compulsory woman directorship, independent director requirements, and mandatory CEO/CFO certification of financials. Indian regulation is reducing "black box" risks by demanding greater transparency from listed companies, in line with Prime Minister Modi's focus on responsible capitalism. To address concerns over increased regulatory burdens, a gradual approach can be taken, phasing in ESG ratings over 3-5 years, starting with the largest 500 firms. Recognizing and rewarding early efforts by pioneers in ESG and carefully implementing disclosure requirements can allow companies to develop robust data collection and reporting systems. A principle-based approach that allows flexible implementation based on company specifics can help alleviate regulatory concerns. Collaboration between the industry and regulators can internalize ESG as an opportunity for value creation rather than a burden. Companies embracing sustainability across their operations, products, and culture will attract top talent, gain customer loyalty, foster innovation, and build a strong reputation. Leaders in ESG performance will differentiate themselves, while stagnant companies may face valuation discounts.

To reinforce market discipline, SEBI and the government should consider integrating ESG criteria into public procurement standards and developing sustainability-linked financing mechanisms. Aligning CSR spending require-

ments to include sustainability investments can further incentivize companies to prioritize ESG initiatives. Raising awareness among retail investors about using sustainability metrics in investment decisions can also increase market pressures. Coordination between the central government, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), and state governments is crucial to maximize the impact of ESG rating requirements. The MCA should align company law and CSR provisions with SEBI's regime, while environment and labour agencies must strengthen the enforcement of laws supporting ESG goals. Constructive regulatory coordination between central and state authorities can ensure the effectiveness of ESG rating requirements.

Industry associations play a significant role in establishing norms and sharing best practices to facilitate compliance. Developing standards for high-quality, auditable ESG data and disclosures, along with uniform reporting taxonomies, will enhance comparability and efficiency. Associations can offer training and toolkits to improve awareness and capabilities across the ecosystem, emphasizing that ESG transparency and performance strengthen competitiveness. Global collaborations provide opportunities for India Inc. to engage with sustainable development efforts, learning from global best practices while contributing Indian wisdom and innovation. In conclusion, SEBI's ESG requirements position India to lead in responsible capitalism. With collaborative efforts among government, industry, and civil society, regulators can foster transparency to drive sustainability without overly burdensome regulation. The ultimate goal remains catalyzing Indian companies to build secure, shared, and sustainable prosperity.

In a nutshell, SEBI's ESG mandate has the potential to catalyze a transformative sustainability movement for India Inc. Realizing this potential requires collaborative efforts between the government, industry, investors, and civil society to enable transparency and drive change through competitive pressures. By embracing ESG as fundamental to resilience and shared prosperity, Indian companies can position themselves as leaders exemplifying responsible capitalism.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Balancing Act

While the concept of simultaneous polls holds the promise of cost-efficiency and resource optimization, its feasibility across various tiers of governance warrants scrutiny. The intricate fabric of Indian democracy involves elections for panchayats, panchayat samitis, zila parishads, Assemblies, and Parliament. Frequent polls compel politicians to engage with constituents, a process vital for informed representation and issue resolution. Constituency visits foster a deeper understanding of local concerns, enabling effective governance. However, the proposal's longer election intervals might inadvertently diminish the accountability of elected representatives to their constituencies. Striking a balance between resource conservation and responsive governance emerges as a critical conundrum in the pursuit of electoral reforms.

MK Nair, Raipur

### Electoral Manipulation

Udhayanidhi Stalin's derogatory remarks towards Sanatan Dharma are deplorable, yet the BJP sees them as a political windfall before key polls. Exploiting religion for votes is reprehensible, akin to spreading a harmful contagion. Fanaticism harms both individuals and societies, cautioning against using faith for electoral gains.

Rakesh Gupta, Korba

### Assertive Action

Despite rhetoric about mutual resolution, China remains inert on India's pending issues, particularly the LAC dispute. To counter Chinese obstinacy, India must employ robust political, diplomatic, and tactical measures. China's dismissive stance towards cordial efforts and objections to India's Taiwan ties underscore its aggressive tendencies. Declaring Tibet disputed can spotlight China's expansionist agenda, laying bare its belligerence. It's time for India to unveil China's true intentions through resolute action.

Maninder Singh, Mohali

### G20 summit

New Delhi is set to host the G20 summit, drawing global focus. India aims to amplify its role as the Global South's advocate. The summit offers a vital stage to address developmental concerns, funding strategies, and economic collaboration. Bilateral discussions alongside the summit hold promise for enhancing diplomatic ties. These tête-à-têtes facilitate focused talks, accord negotiations, and bolster cooperation on diverse fronts, furthering international relations.

Shekar Sharma, New Delhi

# ONE NATION ONE ELECTION V/S NATION SANS STATES



Anil Jain

When everyone is talking about one nation, one election I remember Mr. Nitish Kumar, the chief Minister of Bihar had recommended scrapping the post of Governor a few years ago in 2017. Maybe he was annoyed at that moment with the governor on some political issue. But he was right by one

way or the other. There was some truth in his statement.

It would have been more appropriate if he had suggested a little bit further by saying that why not the post of Chief Minister can also be scrapped. The idea may seem far-fetched but what are the uses of dividing a country into states or the division of the country into states? For most of the time the states are at enmity with the centre. Their relations are seldom harmonious. There is always an apple of discord between them or with the adjacent states. As we all know the constitution of India divides all powers- legislative, executive and financial between the centre and the states.

Maximum harmony and coordination between centre and state is essential for the effective operation of the federal system. Thereby, the constitution incorporates several provisions to ensure this. Centre-state relations can be better understood under the following three

heads: Legislative relations, Administrative relations, and financial relations. The legislative relations worsen as soon as the political party of some other grouping takes oath in the state and comes into power.

It is observed in the recent decades that the states are constantly in disputes with each other on various issues with centre on relief funds and special packages and with the other states on border issues. There is a long list of tension between the two. There are various causes of tensions in the centre-state relations: Mode of appointment and dismissal of governor, discriminatory and partisan role of governors, imposition of President's rule for partisan interests, deployment of central forces in the states to maintain law and order, reservation of state bills for the consideration of the President, discrimination in financial allocations to the states, management of All-India services,

use of electronic media for political purposes, encroachment by the centre on the state list.

There has always been a demand for smaller states which is mainly due to fulfill one's own individual political ambitions. There are some states and their chief ministers assume themselves as the head of the country and behave as if they are not part of the federal country. Their demands are such that they seem to have autonomy. Such a situation is created when the state government and the government in the centre is ruled by different political parties.

Most of the energy and time of the government is spent in making compromises and above all holding elections. There are feuds between Karnataka and Tamilnadu over Cauvery water, between Maharashtra and Telangana over the occupation of a few villages and many others. The relation of WB with the centre has never been peaceful; they are always flexing muscles on

one or the other issue.

In the earlier times there had been a need for the division of states for the purpose of administration because it was very difficult to govern from a one place to the far off places but today the things are different. What is the need of the states in the modern world of technology when a government can handle all the affairs of the states from one epicentre? There must be one government for the whole of the country, one code of law, one budget, and one tax system.

It will save a lot of trouble and a lot of money which is spent on Assembly Elections, people would live in complete harmony and no threat of regionalism. All know that the idea behind various elections is the decentralization of power. The idea of one nation without states may look far-fetched today but it may bring better results if it is handled thoughtfully.

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## BRIEF

### Appointment



**New Delhi:** Daimler India Commercial Vehicles (DICV) on Tuesday said it has appointed Sreeram Venkateswaran as President and Chief Business Officer for domestic sales and customer service. In his new role, Venkateswaran will be responsible for driving domestic business growth, nurturing strategic partnerships, expanding the BharatBenz sales and service network among others, DICV said in a statement. "Sreeram will be responsible for growing our domestic truck and bus businesses," DICV Managing Director & CEO Satyakam Arya said.

### Power demand

**New Delhi:** India's power demand is expected to grow by more than 70 per cent over the next decade with a strong focus on non-hydropower renewable sources, a report said on Tuesday. The coal-powered generation will still account for a majority of production by 2032, illustrating the country's heavy reliance on the coal sector. BMI, a division of Fitch Group, said in a report. "We forecast India's electricity generation to grow by over 70 per cent over the next decade, marking the largest increase among the world's largest electricity producers."

### UPI transactions



**Mumbai:** India has the potential to do 100 billion Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions a month, a top official from the National Payments Corporation of India said on Tuesday. This would be a 10-time growth over the 10 billion transactions achieved by the 2016-launched platform in August. Dilip Asbe, chief executive officer and managing director of NPCI, said there are 350 million UPI users at present and pegged the growth opportunity in merchants and users at 3 times more.

### New brand

**Mumbai:** Air India Express, which is in the process of getting merged with AIX Connect, will unveil its new brand in the next couple of months, and will also be expanding its fleet as well as network. In a virtual-cum-physical town hall meeting with the staff of Air India Express and AIX Connect on Monday, its Managing Director Alok Singh also mentioned about the vision for the combined entity and emphasised on meaningful market presence and cost-efficiencies. The two airlines are part of the Tata Group.

# FM asks financial entities to ensure customers nominate heirs

Mumbai, Sep 05:

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday asked banks and other financial institutions to ensure that their customers must update nominees to help resolve the problem of unclaimed money in future. "I want the banking system, the financial ecosystem including the mutual funds, stock markets to keep in mind that when someone deals with his (customer's) money, the organisations will have to think about the future and ensure that customers nominate their heirs, give the name and address," Sitharaman said speaking at the Global Fintech Fest (GFF) here. According to a report, the banking system alone has more than Rs 35,000 crore of unclaimed deposits, while the overall quantum of the unclaimed money is said to be more than Rs 1 lakh crore. The Reserve



**Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman during the inauguration of the Global Fintech Fest 2023, in Mumbai, Tuesday, Sept. 5.**

Bank on August 17 launched a centralised web portal UDGM (Unclaimed Deposits - Gateway to Access information) to help people search and claim unclaimed deposits. The portal, launched by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das, has been developed by the central bank to help the public to facilitate and make it easier for them to

search their unclaimed deposits across multiple banks in one place. The finance minister said that it is essential to build a responsible financial ecosystem, and added that one laggard can cause a disruption, which can lead to trust deficit and the resultant crisis in the financial world. She also noted that tax havens and round-tripping of money are a threat

to responsible financial ecosystem. "We equally should talk about the threats to a responsible financial global ecosystem and the global challenges thereof to build a responsible financial ecosystem," she added. Listing out the threats faced by the financial system, she said there are physical border threats, which are conventional warfare and other things. Then there are cyber threats whose intensity, unpredictability, and also the depth and access have gone up too high today. "As much as you build firewalls, there are more and more newer ways in which attacks are being made. Cryptos which are a threat as well as an opportunity is also an example of the urgent need global cooperation because we are not going to be able to have a responsible financial ecosystem which we cannot regulate."

# RBI committed to bring down inflation to 4 pc: Governor Das

**New Delhi, Sep 05:** Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das on Tuesday said the central bank is committed to bringing down inflation to 4 per cent and will remain watchful of risks as more frequent global supply shocks can have profound implications on the management of the price situation. Delivering a lecture at the Delhi School of Economics, the governor said the RBI remains on guard to ensure that the second-order effects in the form of generalisation and persistence with regard to inflation are not allowed to take hold.

The central bank has been mandated by the government to keep inflation at 4 per cent with a margin of 2 per cent on either side. "The frequent incidences of recurring food price shocks pose a risk to the anchoring of inflation expectations, which has been underway since February 2022. We will remain watchful of this aspect also. The role of continued and timely supply side interventions as is being undertaken by the government assumes criticality in limiting



**RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das speaks at the Delhi School of Economics Diamond Jubilee Distinguished Lecture, in New Delhi, Tuesday, Sept. 5.**

the severity and duration of such food price shocks," he said. In these circumstances, he said, it is necessary to be watchful of any risk to price stability and act timely and appropriately. "We remained firmly focused on aligning inflation to the target of 4 per cent," he said without giving any timeframe. He also said that inflation, which had touched a high of 7.4 per cent in July, driven by a rise in vegetable prices, has started moderating. He said faster, transparent and more inclusive payment services

will deliver widespread benefits as he flagged concerns over high cost and slow cross-border payments. "Notwithstanding the progress made so far, the key challenges to the existing cross-border payment systems continue to be high cost, low speed, limited access and insufficient transparency. Faster, cheaper, more transparent and more inclusive cross-border payment services would deliver widespread benefits to people and economies worldwide. "It would also support economic growth, international trade and financial inclusion," Das said at the concluding session of the G20 TechSprint here this evening, organised by the Reserve Bank and the Bank for International Settlements.

The G20 TechSprint was launched in May 2023 with the theme 'technology solutions for cross-border payments' under India's presidency of the grouping of the 20 world's largest economies. The final session of the presidency is slated for later this week in the national capital.

## Kotak's Sankalp Savings Account solves cash-based banking needs

Mumbai, Aug 29:

Addressing the cash-based banking needs of rural and semi-urban customers, Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited announces the launch of Sankalp Savings Account that offers a host of services such as nil charges on cash deposit and withdrawal up to Rs 24 lakh annually and flexibility in account balance maintenance. In addition, Sankalp also provides special interest rates on gold, two-wheeler and tractor loans for customers in these markets.

Sankalp Savings Account has been launched with the objective to serve an emerging customers group with incomes beyond agriculture and farming. In addition to banking services, the

new savings account also offers complimentary talk time and Payshopmore debit card for evolving banking needs of rural and semi-urban customers.

Puneet Kapoor, President and Head - Distribution, Retail Liabilities, Kotak Mahindra Bank, said, "With deeper internet penetration and change in income avenues in non-metro cities, customers are looking for versatile banking services that are cash-based and also suit their banking needs like higher cash withdrawal limits and easing of loans. Sankalp Savings Account provides convenient banking with attractive value-added services that have been specifically curated for this customer cohort."

## BGAUSS launches C12i EX premium e-scooter in India

Mumbai, Sep 05:

BGAUSS, a pioneering force in the electric scooter industry, proudly announces the launch of the BGAUSS C12i EX, an innovative scooter poised to revolutionize urban transportation. The C12i MAX, has already received an astounding 6000 customers in just three months of its launch. Following this tremendous success, the C12i EX emerges as a stellar addition to the C12 series. With a competitive introductory price of Rs 99,999 (Ex-Showroom), the C12i EX invites riders to experience the future of mobility. The BGAUSS C12i EX boasts a range of standout features meticulously designed to elevate the riding experience. This sub-1 lakh scooter offers an unbeatable combination of

build quality, comfort, performance, style, safety, and ample storage space. With a swift 3-hour charging time, it ensures more time on the road. The convenience of a removable LITHIUM ION (LFP) battery guarantees hassle-free maintenance. Achieving an impressive, certified ARAI range of 85 Km, this scooter offers unparalleled freedom to navigate the city. The scooter comes equipped with CAN-enabled technology that keeps customers connected and in control. Notably, BG C12i EX, like



its predecessor, features a completely waterproof, IP 67 rated, electric motor and battery. The response to our C12i MAX was impressive, and we are thankful to our customers who have shown trust in our green and sustainable mobility solutions. We are hopeful that our latest addition, the C12i EX will also get a positive response from our customers as well.

BGAUSS, stated, "At BGAUSS, we are committed to our mission of providing high-performance, safe, and intelligent electric scooters to be at the forefront of the EV revolution in India. Our unwavering commitment to setting the highest standards in build quality, safety, and performance has brought us to this remarkable moment. The 100% Made in India C12i EX exemplifies our dedication to delivering top-tier electric scooters."

## Air India to induct two A350 planes this year

**New Delhi, Sep 05:** Air India will induct two A350 aircraft this year for which it has received DGCA approval and expects to have six such planes in its fleet by the end of March 2024, according to officials. Steered by the Tata Group, the loss-making Air India is expanding its fleet as well as operations. In February, the carrier placed an order for 470 aircraft, including 40 A350-900/1000 planes. The officials in the know said, Air India has received the Letter of Type Acceptance (LoTA) from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for inducting two A350 aircraft — A350-900 and A350-1000. Both planes will be powered by Rolls Royce engines.

## Volvo Car India expects 'good' festival season for domestic auto industry

Mumbai, Sep 05:

With improved supply chain situation and positive economic sentiment, Swedish car maker Volvo expects the upcoming festival season to be "good" for India's automobile industry. A top executive of Volvo Car India has said that price parity is being slowly seen between electric cars and ICE (Internal Combustion Engine) cars. Volvo Car India on Monday launched its first ground up electric car C40 Recharge here at an introductory price of Rs 61.25 lakh (excluding taxes). "We have been through a pandemic (in the) last two years. Then we had supply (chain) challenges. This year, it looks normal... If you look at the overall



economy, there is generally a very positive sentiment. I think it (festive season) should be really good," Volvo Car India Managing Director Jyoti Malhotra said. The luxury car segment sales are expected to return to the 2018 peak this year; after going through a rough road during the pandemic years, he said, adding that the supply chain situation has improved though not to the

extent it should have been. "It (supply chain situation) is much better than last year," he said and emphasised that the upcoming festival season is expected to be good for the domestic automobile industry. Further, Malhotra said that at a transaction level, the price of an ICE car and an electric car have been coming closer. "Our belief is that the inflection point is likely to happen somewhere in 2025-2026". According to the company, bookings for the new electric vehicle will commence from Tuesday exclusively through online. Volvo Car India also said that C40 recharge is the second electric vehicle model that has been assembled at its Hosakote plant in Bengaluru.

## India a priority market with limitless possibilities: Meta India head

New Delhi, Sep 05:

Meta sees India as a "priority market" with "limitless" possibilities buoyed by macroeconomic growth, digital infrastructure and the popularity of its apps like Facebook, WhatsApp and Instagram, the social media giant's India head Sandhya Devanathan said. In an interview with PTI, Devanathan, who took over the leadership role in January this year, said India's new Digital Personal Data Protection legislation has provided a framework and clarity for tech companies and marks a "great step in balancing user protection with innovation". Meta, she emphasised, "welcomes construc-



and will regulate", and will see the detailed rules. Devanathan, who is the Vice President of Meta in India, also spoke of the company's determination to crack down on misinformation on the platform and outlined how it is harnessing AI (Artificial Intelligence) to pro-actively curb hateful content. Meta will continue with its election integrity efforts, as India heads for Lok Sabha elections next year, she said. India is among Meta's largest user bases globally - 400 million users of Facebook were here at the last count and growing. She said the user growth trajectory is strong. Overall, the possi-

bilities offered by the Indian market are "limitless", backed by strong macroeconomic fundamentals, Digital Public Infrastructure, and other factors. For Meta, India is also one of the most engaged markets in short-form videos both in terms of creation and consumption of "Reels", Devanathan said. "Meta India is innovating for Meta globally" and there is also a massive momentum in small businesses using Meta platforms and tools. A significant number of businesses in India are on Meta, using its platforms to set up their first presence on the internet and to find and communicate with customers, she pointed out.

## India raised stature of G20: RC Bhargava

New Delhi, Sep 05:



**New Delhi, Sep 05:** India has raised the stature of G20, giving it a certain recognition of its ability to influence people in the world and the forum will be inspired in future by what has been done in the country during its presidency, Maruti Suzuki India Chairman R C Bhargava said on Tuesday. No other nation has taken the opportunity like India did to showcase its development, raise the profile of the country and also to use the G20 platform to make a lot of changes, and improvements in

attitudinal differences in different parts of the country under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Bhargava told PTI. At a time when the world is facing a number of problems both economically and politically such as the Ukraine-Russia war, inflation, global warming and carbon footprint being everybody's concern, India has taken the lead in trying to move the countries of the world towards recognising how they can deal with these problems, he added. "On all these issues, India has taken a considerable lead over anybody else in trying to move the countries of the world towards recognising how they can deal with these problems and I think that opportunity has been strengthened by the fact that compared to most of the countries, including those in the G20, India has been very stable politically and its economy has done better than any other country," he reasoned.

## Markets log gains for 3rd day on buying in Reliance, Infosys

Mumbai, Sep 05:

Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty closed higher for the third straight day on Tuesday on gains in market heavyweights ITC, Reliance Industries and Infosys amid a bearish trend in global equities.

Besides, robust domestic macroeconomic data added to the positive momentum, traders said. The BSE benchmark index climbed 152.12 points or 0.23 per cent to settle at 65,780.26. During the day, it gained 203.56 points or 0.31 per cent to 65,831.70. The Nifty rose 46.10 points or 0.24 per cent to end at 19,574.90.

Sun Pharma emerged as the biggest gainer from



the Sensex pack, climbing 2.09 per cent, followed by ITC, Titan, Bajaj Finance, Nestle, Infosys, L&T, JSW Steel, Reliance Industries and Kotak Mahindra Bank.

UltraTech Cement, Maruti, HDFC Bank, Wipro, State Bank of India and NTPC were among the laggards. In Asian markets, Tokyo settled in the

green, while Seoul, Shanghai and Hong Kong ended in the negative territory. European markets were trading on a mixed note in early deals. The US markets were closed on Monday.

According to a survey, manufacturing activities in India gained momentum in August. Meanwhile, GST collections grew by 11 per cent to over Rs 1.59 lakh crore, and domestic passenger vehicle sales hit a record in August.

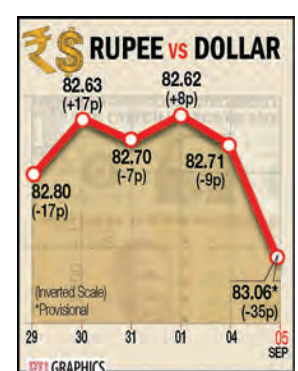
Global oil benchmark Brent crude declined 0.62 per cent to USD 88.45 a barrel. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 3,367.67 crore on Monday, according to exchange data.

## Rupee falls 35 paise to close at 83.06 against US dollar

New Delhi, Sep 05:

The rupee plunged by 35 paise to close at 83.06 (provisional) against the US dollar on Tuesday, amid a strong American currency and higher crude oil prices. Foreign fund outflows from the domestic equity markets also weakened the local currency.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened at 82.78 against the US dollar and hit the lowest level to settle at 83.06 (provisional) against the greenback, registering a fall of 35 paise against its previous close. The rupee has breached the 83-level against the dollar for the fifth time since August 14. On Monday, the rupee had settled at 82.71 against the



dollar. Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst at Sharekhan by BNP Paribas, said the rupee depreciated due to strong dollar and weak Asian currencies. "Weak global markets and disappointing macroeconomic data from India also weighed on rupee."

## Students champion voter awareness drive

### Kamroud polling center enlightens Divyang voters

Central Chronicle News

**Mahasamund, Sep 05:** Embarking on a mission of civic empowerment, the Mahasamund district has come alive with various voter awareness endeavours guided by the Collector and District Election Officer. This dynamic initiative is part of the sweeping Voter Awareness Campaign, aiming to bolster voter participation across diverse segments of society.

Enthusiastic individuals aged 18 and above are being actively encouraged to complete their voter registration forms, and special emphasis is being placed on engaging marginalized sections in the electoral process.

This campaign is a testament to the district's commitment to educating



and inspiring its youth, schools, colleges, and communities about the value of voting and the importance of democratic engagement. A remarkable milestone was achieved during a training session at the District Panchayat, where participants fervently pledged to exercise their sacred right to vote.

Adding an artistic touch to the movement, students from Government Higher

Secondary School Lafeen Khurd crafted an inspiring awareness message titled "wake up voters wake up" to ignite the spark of voter consciousness. Likewise, the students of Government College Bagbahara took a solemn oath to actively partake in the electoral proceedings. Meanwhile, the working women of Kalyanpur village in Bagbahara also enthusiastically embraced

the pledge to vote.

The noble endeavour extends its wings even to the realm of inclusivity. The Social Welfare Department orchestrated a thoughtfully designed Divyang (physically challenged) Voter Awareness Program. A heartening example of this effort unfolded at the Kamroud Polling Center in the Khallari Assembly Constituency.

Numerous Divyang individuals and elders gathered to participate, taking a collective pledge to exercise their voting rights responsibly. The event disseminated information about new voter registrations, resulting in the registration of two new voters from among the Divyang youth, who were encouraged to actively partake in the forthcoming elections.

## Players from Joratarai shine in district-level Olympics

### Kancha Bati players secure top honours

Central Chronicle News

**Anwari, Sep 05:** Basking in the glory of success, the Kancha Bati players from Joratarai village have emerged as champions in the district-level Chhattisgarhi Olympics. Their outstanding performance, led by the Rajiv Gandhi Youth Mitran Club, has not only etched the village's name in history but has also brought honour to the local school and devoted coaches.

Leena, Hina, Damini, and Chanchal displayed exceptional skill in the Kancha Bati games, propelling them to secure the top spot in the Dhamtari district. This incredible achievement not only



highlights the players' prowess but also emphasizes the unwavering support of parents and educators in nurturing sports talent.

In a grand celebration of this achievement, Parameshwari Mahendra Sahu, the Chairman of KurudJanpad Panchayat, along with Sarpanch Khilawan Pal, Raviendra Sen, President of Rajiv Gandhi Youth Mitran Club, and esteemed com-

munity members including Ram Tark, Tekram Sahu, Manak Lal Sahu, Sudama Ram Sahu, BirasingNirmalkar, Dani Ram Tark, and Keju Ram Sahu, joined hands to extend their heartfelt felicitations and best wishes to the triumphant players. The entire community came together to rejoice in this victory and expressed their optimism for a brilliant and promising future.

## Private schools protest lack of RTE payments

Central Chronicle News

**Dongargarh, Sep 05:** On Teacher's Day, September 5, all private educational institutions in the city remained closed as a sign of protest against the government's failure to disburse reimbursement payments under the Right to Education (RTE) Act for the past five years.

The Chhattisgarh State Private School Association convened a significant meeting at their Raipur office. In preparation, a crucial gathering was held on September 4 in the Dongargarh block, where private schools united to express their dissatisfaction.

Principals and representatives from multiple private schools participated in the meeting. During the discussions, a unani-

mous agreement was reached to observe a day of protest by keeping all private schools in the Dongargarh block closed on September 5.

Despite repeated assurances from officials, the promised reimbursement payments under the RTE Act had not been received. Additionally, the meeting delved into issues surrounding irregularities in RTE-based admissions, recognition denials, and the need for resolutions.

The school principals collectively opted to shut down their institutions for a day, aiming to communicate their grievances to the government via the Chhattisgarh Private School Association. This move garnered support from all private schools in the Dongargarh block and was observed on September 5.

## Sports promote physical and intellectual growth: Kerketta

### MLA and Mayor kickstart district-level Chhattisgarhi Olympics

Central Chronicle News

**Korba, Sep 05:** In a remarkable initiative aligned with Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel's visionary strategy to invigorate rural and urban sports in Chhattisgarh, the District-Level Chhattisgarhi Olympics has taken center stage. Following the successful culmination of block-level contests, the vibrant three-day District-Level Chhattisgarhi Olympics kicked off at the Priyadarshani Indira Stadium, situated at the district headquarters.

The event was inaugurated by Mayor Rajkishor Prasad, marking the commencement of spirited



games from September 4 to 7. Eager participants across all age groups, spanning from children to 18-year-olds, 18 to 40-year-olds, and those above 40, have fervently joined in the festivities.

During the opening ceremony of the District-Level Chhattisgarhi Olympics, MLA Mohit Ram Kerketta from Pali Tanakhar expressed the

significance of this initiative driven by the Chief Minister. He emphasized that these Olympics are aimed at preserving Chhattisgarh's rich sporting heritage and cultural traditions. Kerketta underscored that engagement in sports not only enhances physical well-being but also fosters mental and intellectual growth. He proudly ac-

knowledged the remarkable performances displayed by athletes hailing from various development blocks, who have ardently participated in diverse sports competitions within the Chhattisgarhi Olympics.

MLA ignited a sense of sportsmanship and zeal among athletes, and along with Mayor Prasad, revived the spirit of the tra-



ditional Indian game Gilli Danda. The inaugural day witnessed a dynamic lineup of activities, encompassing Gilli Danda, Banti, 100-meter sprints, long jump (male), high jump (male), sack race (female), wrestling (female), kho-kho (female), kabaddi (female), and tug of war (female).

This momentous occasion drew the presence of

key figures, including Municipal Commissioner Khajanchi Kumar, Deputy Director Panchayat Smt. Julie Tirki, Sports Officer Shri Deenu Patel, alongside officials and staff members from Janpad Panchayat. A vibrant gathering of urban and rural residents, along with a multitude of spirited athletes, added to the celebratory ambience.

## District-level Chhattisgarhi Olympics kick off at Bijapur mini-stadium

### Hundreds of players compete in two-day sports event

Central Chronicle News

**Bijapur, Sep 05:** The district-level Chhattisgarhi traditional games have taken center stage with players from across the district converging to showcase their skills. This event, a stepping stone to the regional level, is a platform for selected athletes to shine. Organized as part of the Chhattisgarhi Olympics initiative, the event embraces 16 games, spanning both individual and team sports, in a bid to



preserve and integrate traditional sports.

The two-day district-level Chhattisgarhi Olympics unfolded on September 4 and 5 at Bijapur mini stadium, marked by a grand inauguration featuring District Panchayat President Shankar Kudiya as the

Chief Guest. The event saw the participation of distinguished figures including Janpad President Mrs. Bodhi Tati, Janpad Vice President Sonu Potam, Municipal Council President Benhur Ravatiya, Deputy Collector Narayan Gawe, Sports Officer Dilip Uike,

Deputy Director Geet Kumar Singh, and officials from all four blocks, accompanied by public representatives.

Chhattisgarhi Olympics encompasses a diverse array of age-group players engaging in 16 traditional games, including "Geddi Daude" (Sack Race), "Rassi Kheench" (Tug of War), "Baati" (Marbles), "Bhaurna" (Top Spinning), "Pittul" (Pittu), "Sankhali" (Hopscotch), "Phugdi" (Tag), "Kho-Kho," "Kabaddi," and more. Top performers in these games will earn their spot in the regional-level competition, marking their journey towards excellence.

## Women's education enriches entire families

### Seminar organized under International Literacy Week

Central Chronicle News

**Korea, Sep 05:** In observance of the State Literacy Mission Authority's directives, International Literacy Week is being celebrated across all state districts from September 1 to 7. As part of this initiative, a district-level literacy seminar was held at Government Girls Higher Secondary School in Baikunthpur.

The CEO of Janpad Panchayat, Baikunthpur, Manoj Singh Jagat, highlighted the pivotal role women play in development and education expansion, asserting that literacy empowers all citi-



zens to skillfully exercise their rights.

Addressing the seminar, Baikunthpur Tehsildar, Mrs. Amrita Singh, highlighted the remarkable strides today's women are making in various domains. Their skills and active participation are scripting new chapters of progress. She em-

phasized that a family's education hinges on the education of its women. Mrs. Singh underscored the pivotal role of literacy in eliminating ignorance and driving active involvement in development, urging women's self-help groups to embrace the transformative power of education.

Krishna Kumar Gupta, the Project Officer of District Literacy Mission, provided insights into the New India Literacy Program and proposed strategies for its effective implementation. The District Project Officer also shared notable achievements in literacy within Chhattisgarh.

Mahesh Kumar Shivhare, the Development Block Coordinator, extended his appreciation for the seminar's impact. The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of teachers, members of women's self-help groups, students, employees, and many more stakeholders.

## Good environment of education and facilities in Ch'garh: Choubey

### Choubey honours 67 retired teachers and 43 meritorious students

### Divyanshu, the top ten student in the 10th examination got a Scooty under Chief Minister Noni Babu Yojana, the minister handed over the key

Central Chronicle News

**Bemetara, Sep 05:** School Education Minister Ravindra Choubey, Vice-Chancellor Hemchand Yadav University Durg Dr. Aruna Palta and Editor Vivek Jyoti Ramakrishna Mission Raipur Swami Pratymanand today, on the occasion of Teacher's Day, retired teachers of 67

school colleges of the district with shawl and srfal and was honoured with a memento.

The same 43 meritorious students of Schools-Colleges were honoured by giving certificates and medals. The programme was organized in the Agricultural Produce Market premises of District Headquarters Bemetara.

Top ten meritorious student Divyanshu in Chhattisgarh Board's 10th examination was handed over the key of a two wheeler scooty under Labor Department's Chief Minister Noni Babu Medhavi Shiksha Sahayata Yojana.

Another cheque of Rs 1 lakh was given to the same school. On this occasion, the chief guest Choubey released the Teacher's Day magazine and honoured



him with a shawl and shrifal.

School Education Minister Ravindra Choubey congratulated and extended best wishes to all respected teachers and students. Only teachers do the work of giving right direction to the society and good manners to the

children. He bowed to the former President of India, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan.

He said that there has been expansion in education and facilities in Chhattisgarh. Swami Atmanand English School has been opened in Chhattisgarh. Today chil-

dren are taking education in English.

Minister Choubey remembered his teachers and shared memories on Teacher's Day. He said that on the land of India, if the society respects anyone in the right words, then it respects the Guru-Teacher. Teachers do the work of

giving good manners to the society and individuals.

Today so many children were honoured, it is a pleasant thing for Chhattisgarh. Refreshing the memories of his middle school, he said that today we are surprised that the children are getting 100 percent marks. This was

not possible during our school days.

But today the children are studying with lot of hard work, so the teachers are also working to provide good education in a good environment in the school for their better future.

Vice Chancellor of Hemchand Yadav Vishwavidyalaya, Dr. Aruna Palta and Editor of Vivek Jyoti Patrika, Pratymanand also gave an address regarding Teacher's Day at the teacher's felicitation ceremony.

MLA Bemetara Ashish Chhabra welcomed the guests. In the welcome speech, while telling about the 38th year Teacher's Day program of the district, he said that like the last 37 years, this year too, Teacher's Day has been organized in the district on Sept 5.

Through this 38th teacher honour ceremony, retired teachers from government schools of Bemetara, Berla, Saja and Nawagarh, four development blocks of Bemetara district, from 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023, are being honoured by the guests of the program by presenting year and mementos.

In today's teachers felicitation ceremony, 65 school teachers and 02 college professors and 43 talented students of the district were felicitated.

Collector P.S.Elma, Superintendent of Police Bhavna Gupta, along with donors, teachers, students and their parents, public representatives, citizens and officers and employees were present on this occasion. District Education Officer Mr. Arvind Mishra expressed gratitude.

# KL Rahul, Shardul Thakur in India's World Cup squad

**Prasidh Krishna and Tilak Varma are the two players from the Asia Cup squad who missed the cut**

Pallekele, Sep 05 (PTI):

The inclusion of wicket-keeper-batter KL Rahul, whose fitness was under scrutiny, headlined the announcement of India's 15-member World Cup squad on Tuesday, as the selectors strived for all-round balance.

Chief selector Ajit Agarkar said there was no concern about Rahul's fitness, though he did not travel to Sri Lanka for India's group stage Asia Cup matches.

Rahul is scheduled to reach Sri Lanka ahead of India's Super 4 matches, starting on September 9 against Pakistan.

Agarkar said the 31-year-old managed to prove his fitness at the NCA on both batting and wicket keeping counts.

The selectors also named Ishan Kishan as the second wicketkeeper-batter, and captain Rohit Sharma did not rule out the possibility of playing both Kishan and Rahul in the 11 if the situation warrants so. The selection of both Rahul and Kishan meant that there was no place for Sanju Samson, who is currently in Sri Lanka as a travelling reserve for the Asia Cup.

Shreyas Iyer, who played against Pakistan in the Asia Cup, occupied one



spot in the middle-order, and there was a two-way tie for the remaining position between Suryakumar Yadav and Tilak Varma.

However, Suryakumar was preferred over the youngster despite the former not having a good run

in the ODIs. The 32-year-old floundered in the three-match ODI series against West Indies recently, but the selectors took into account the Mumbaikar's ability to explode with the bat. In view of the players who missed out on the se-

lection such as Samson and Tilak, Rohit said the management at times will have to take tough calls for the benefit of the team.

"It is not a bad thing when people are fighting for their spots. The challenges increase and it (the

selection) gets harder. But we have to see who is in form, who the opposition is and which player can benefit the most in those circumstances.

"It happens all the time. We have seen in cricket that you have to make tough choices to ensure the team gets what it needs," said Rohit during the press conference to announce the India World Cup squad.

On the bowling front, the selectors went on expected lines picking up Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj and Mohammed Shami as three frontline pacers.

However, pacer Prasidh Krishna could not find a place, though he might get a chance to show his wares in the ongoing Asia Cup.

Vice-captain Hardik Pandya and Shardul Thakur will give India the option of two more pacers.

As expected, India opted for left-arm wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav, Ravindra Jadeja and Axar Patel, the left-arm spinners, in the squad.

Hence, veteran leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal continued to be on the sidelines, while the absence of R Ashwin and Washington Sundar ensured that India will not have the services of an off-spinner during the World Cup.

## India clubbed with Egypt, Switzerland, Jamaica

**In inaugural Men's Hockey5s World Cup**

New Delhi, Sep 05 (PTI):

Reigning Asian champions India have been clubbed alongside Egypt, Switzerland, and Jamaica in Pool B of the upcoming FIH Men's Hockey5s World Cup slated from January 24-31 in Muscat.

Sixteen national teams will compete in the inaugural edition of the tournament and they have been divided into four groups of four teams each.

India earned their qualification for the tournament after beating Pakistan 4-4 (2-0 SO) at the inaugural Men's Hockey5s Asia Cup at Salalah, Oman on Saturday.

The Netherlands have been drawn with Pakistan, Poland and Nigeria in Pool A.

Australia, New Zealand, Trinidad & Tobago and Kenya are placed in Pool C, while hosts Oman will face Malaysia, the United States and Fiji in Pool D.

"There are some really strong teams... Everyone will enter the tournament with the hopes of becoming the first-ever World Champions and we want to do that as well," India captain Mandeep Mor said in a Hockey India release.

"We will focus on our own game and try to stick to our game plans to achieve positive results," he added.

Hockey 5s is a super-fast, highly skillful, shorter spectator-friendly format of the sport with five players in each side competing on a smaller pitch.

## US Open: Pegula stunned as Keys powers into quarters



Madison Keys

New York, Sep 05 (AP):

Madison Keys stunned third seed Jessica Pegula 6-1, 6-3 in an all-American clash on Arthur Ashe Stadium on Monday, reaching the US Open quarter-final for the first time since 2018.

Keys crashed out of the first round at Cincinnati last month but appeared right at home on the New York hard courts, where she was runner-up in 2017, as she overwhelmed her opponent with 21 winners.

Pegula beat the 17th seed Keys in their only previous meeting last year and was considered as one of the U.S.'s brightest hopes after winning the Montreal title last month. However, on Monday she lacked her usual firepower and

finesse. "I've had so many amazing moments in New York," said Keys, who is playing in her 12th U.S. Open main draw.

"Being able to at any moment come back from any difficult positions I've been in matches has been amazing."

She next plays Wimbledon champion Marketa Vondrousova, who overcame a rocky start to beat American Peyton Stearns 6-7(3), 6-3, 6-2.

Keys broke her opponent's serve with a backhand winner in the second game of the first set and broke Pegula again on the fourth try in game six.

Pegula was clearly off her game and threw her racquet down in frustration as she helped Keys to the break with a double fault and a backhand error in the fifth game of the second set.

Pegula broke back immediately in the sixth game but Keys kept her cool, retaking the lead as she broke her opponent's serve in the seventh game.

Keys, who counts Pegula as a close friend, pumped her fist in a subdued celebration as the top-ranked American dropped her serve again when she sent a forehand shot into the net on match point.

"It's always tough having to play a friend... when we get on the court it's all business," she said in court-side interview.

### Weightlifting Worlds

## Shubham finishes 3rd in 61kg Group D, Mirabai withdraws after weigh-in

Riyadh, Sep 05 (PTI):

Making his debut at the World Championships, Indian weightlifter Shubham Todkar finished third in Group D of the men's 61kg event here.

The 26-year-old national champion from Maharashtra lifted a total of 269kg (119kg+150kg), which was six kilograms better than his Asian Championships effort (263kg) in May and 10kg heavier than his 259kg lift that fetched him a gold medal at the Commonwealth Championships in July.

"The result is not what I expected but I'm satisfied that the total is good this time. It is my highest on the international stage," Shubham told PTI after his event on Monday. Malaysia's Aznil Muhammad, who heaved 290kg (129kg+161kg) and Korea's Rok Shin 280kg



(125kg+155kg) finished first and second in the group respectively. As expected, Tokyo silver medalist and former world champion Mirabai Chanu, who is saving her best for the Asian Games later this month, withdrew after weighing-in for the women's 49kg event, where she was placed in Group D. Lifters are assigned groups based on their entry. The lifters with the highest entry weights are placed in Group A, followed by B and so on.

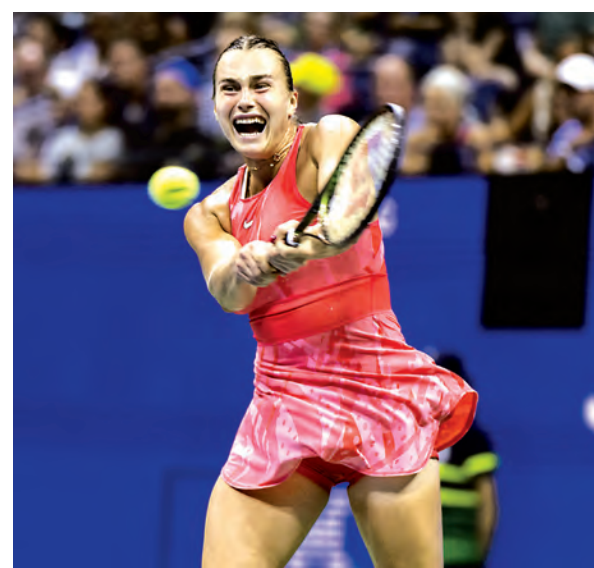
## Aryna Sabalenka is about to be No. 1

New York, Sep 05 (AP):

Aryna Sabalenka is going to be the No. 1 player in the WTA rankings next week, replacing Iga Swiatek there. That much is certain. The way Sabalenka is playing at the moment, she might very well supplant Swiatek as the U.S. Open champion, too.

In Sabalenka's first match since being assured of rising to the top of women's tennis, she showed off the power-based game that allows her to dominate so many opponents, overwhelming No. 13 seed Daria Kasatkina 6-1, 6-3 on Monday night in Arthur Ashe Stadium to advance to her fifth consecutive major quarterfinal.

"All this year, I've been pushing myself so hard to reach this goal," Sabalenka said about getting to No. 1. "It really means a lot for me. It means a lot for my



family. It's crazy. It's unbelievable." After the top-seeded Swiatek lost in the fourth round on Sunday night, No. 3 Jessica Pegula and No. 5 Ons Jabeur who was the runner-up in New York a year ago both were defeated Monday. No. 4

Elena Rybakina bowed out last week. That all left Sabalenka as the only one of the top five women remaining in the bracket.

She will play No. 23 Zheng Qinwen on Wednesday for a spot in the semifinals. The other quar-

terfinal on the bottom half of the draw will be Wimbledon champion Marketa Vondrousova against No. 17 Madison Keys, the U.S. Open runner-up in 2017.

The quarterfinals on the top half of the women's bracket will be played Tuesday: No. 6 Coco Gauff vs. 2017 French Open champion Jelena Ostapenko, and No. 10 Karolina Muchova vs. No. 30 Sorana Cirstea.

Zheng, a 20-year-old from China, was responsible for eliminating Jabeur, who's been sick, by the score of 6-2, 6-3 to reach a Grand Slam quarterfinal for the first time. Keys took care of Pegula 6-1, 6-3, while Vondrousova beat unseeded American Peyton Stearns 6-7(3), 6-3, 6-2.

"I feel this is, like, an important win for me," Zheng said. "I always believe that I'm able to beat everyone if I play the right tennis."

## Litton returns to boost Bangladesh ahead of Asia Cup Super Fours

Dhaka, Sep 05 (PTI):

Bangladesh received a big boost with the comeback of their premier wicketkeeper-batter Litton Das just in time for the Asia Cup Super Four stage. Bangladesh clinched a place in the Super Four after a convincing 89-run victory over Afghanistan in their final group match in Lahore on Sunday. Litton, who was initially ruled out of the tournament because of illness, joined the team after getting his medical clearance on Tuesday.

"The Asia Cup squad has a few injury concerns and the team management felt the need for an additional player going into the Super Four," Bangladesh chief selector Minhajul Abedin was quoted as saying in 'ESPNCricinfo'. "We have received the BCB medical team's clearance regarding Litton's health and have decided to send him to



Pakistan." Bangladesh are facing several injury concerns within the team. During his century against Afghanistan, Najmul Hossain Shanto was seen clutching his hamstring on multiple occasions. Mehidy Hasan Miraz suffered finger cramps while scoring his century and had to retire hurt. In a prior match against Sri Lanka in Pallekele on August 31, Mustafizur Rahman picked up a niggle that prevented him from playing against Afghanistan.

## Prannoy, Sen make first round exits from China Open

Changzhou, Sep 05 (PTI):

World Championship bronze medallist HS Prannoy made a shock opening-round exit from the China Open Super 1000 badminton tournament after going down in three games to Malaysia's Ng Tze Yong here on Tuesday.

The world number six Indian toiled hard for one hour six minutes before losing 12-21 21-13 18-21 to the Malaysian, who is ranked 22nd.

Reigning Commonwealth Games champion Lakshya Sen also crashed out of the tournament in the first round after losing to Anders Antonsen of Denmark in three games -- 21-23 21-16 9-21 -- in one hour and 18 minutes.



Priyanshu Rajawat then went down 13-21 24-26 to Indonesia's Shesar Hiren Rhustavito. With that, the Indian challenge ended in the men's singles.

The women's doubles pair of Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand lost to

top seeds Chen Qing Chen and Jia Yi Fan of China 18-21 11-21.

There is no Indian in the women's singles after star shuttler PV Sindhu pulled out in a last-minute decision to focus on the upcoming Asian Games.

## Asian TT: Indian women finish sixth, mixed pairs bow out

Pyeongchang, Sept 05 (PTI):

The Indian women's team finished sixth in the Asian Table Tennis Championships after being blanked 0-3 by Thailand here on Tuesday. The Indians beat Singapore 3-2 in a 5-8 positions match before going down to Thailand in the fifth-position showdown. Against Singapore, Manika Batra began well against Jingyi Zhou (11-9, 11-3, 11-6) to put the team on the right path, but Sreeja Akula's loss (7-11, 6-11, 7-11) to Jian Zeng gave the rivals a lifeline. However, Ayhika Mukherjee's win against Ru Xin Wong provided India a 2-1 lead. In the reverse singles, Manika failed to overcome Jian Zeng and lost 8-11, 6-11, 7-11, putting pressure on Sreeja to make amends for her earlier loss. And the Hyderabad pulled off a 3-1 (12-10, 11-3, 9-11, 11-6) win over Jingyi to re-

deem the team's chances. But the Thai denied the team as Suthasini Sawettabutt accounted for Sreeja 11-6, 11-5, 11-6, then Orawan Paranang downed Manika 11-4, 8-11, 11-4, 11-6 before Wanwisa Aueawiriyayothin overcame Diya Chitale 15-13, 8-11, 4-11, 11-9, 11-8 to grab the fifth position. The paddlers faltered in the mixed doubles too. G Sathiyani and Manika went down 2-3 (11-7, 10-12, 11-6, 8-11, 9-11) in the round of 32 to another Thai pair.

Phakpoom Sanguansin and Orawan Paranang. During the match, Manika seemed to have twisted her ankle and needed a 10-minute medical attention. But the Indian duo continued and lost.

Harmeet Desai and Sreeja Akula followed suit and lost to the top-seeded Japanese pair of Tomokazu Harimoto and Hina Hayata 6-11, 7-11, 8-11 in another Round of 32 match.

## Hardik's form will be crucial for us: Rohit on India's World Cup bid

Pallekele, Sept 05 (PTI):

India captain Rohit Sharma said on Tuesday that the form of Hardik Pandya will be crucial for the team in its attempt to win an elusive ICC trophy.

The premier all-rounder, who has been named vice-captain of the World Cup-bound squad, has been saddled with leadership duties at various levels. Pandya had led India in the second and third ODIs against West Indies in the absence of rested Rohit and is also the leader of the side in the shortest format. "His form will be crucial to us. He's a guy who does both the things (batting and bowling), and that's important."

"In the last year or so he has come up with the bat and his bowling has been good too. That's important for us," said Rohit after chief selector Ajit Agarkar named a 15-member squad for the



India's chief cricket selector Ajit Agarkar (R) smiles as team captain Rohit Sharma watches during a press conference in Kandy on September 5.

mega event in India. Rohit was also pleased with Pandya after the latter made a composed fifty in India's Asia Cup opener against Pakistan on Saturday here. Pandya and Kishan constructed a century stand to rescue India from a precarious 66 for 4 and carried the team to 266 in a rain-marred match. "You saw the quality

in the last game against Pakistan. Ishan and Hardik put their hands up and scored well. Obviously, with bowling too he's great. He has bowled well in the last year and a half for us."

"The way he batted in the last game showed that he has a very mature head on his shoulders. These are good signs for us," said Rohit.

## A Glimpse into the Summit

### Amritsar Artist's Tribute to President Biden

In anticipation of the G20 Summit hosted by India, an Amritsar-based artist, Dr. Jagot Singh, has crafted a remarkable 7ft by 5ft portrait of US President Joe Biden. This hand-painted masterpiece extends a warm welcome to President Biden, who is attending the auspicious event in New Delhi. Singh's dedication to capturing the essence of this occasion is evident as he shares, "Whenever the US President comes to India, I will make the US President painting."

### First Lady's Covid Positivity Impacts Biden's Visit

The impending G20 Summit takes a twist as First Lady Jill Biden tests positive for Covid-19 days before US President Joe Biden's India trip. While the President's test returned negative, his itinerary remains under scrutiny. Despite this development, President Biden is set to participate in the G20 Summit in New Delhi and subsequently travel to Hanoi as per the official schedule.

### AI-Generated Avatar Welcomes World Leaders

As global leaders converge at the Bharat Mandapam for the G20 Summit, an extraordinary touch awaits them. An artificial intelligence-generated 'avatar' will extend greetings at the 'Mother of Democracy' exhibition, which commemorates India's democratic heritage. Spanning from the "Vedic period to the modern era," this exhibition encapsulates India's democratic journey, creating a fitting backdrop for the G20 Summit discussions.

### Open City: Only Partial Restrictions

The Delhi Police announced that the city will largely remain open throughout the G20 Summit, with only a portion of the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) area subject to restrictions. Emphasizing the continued operation of essential services like hospitals and milk booths in New Delhi, the police clarified that the restrictions will be limited to a small portion of the NDMC zone. The Delhi Police urged residents not to believe in unfounded rumors regarding the extent of the restrictions.

### China Commits Cooperation

China reaffirmed its support for India as the host of this year's G20 Summit, expressing its willingness to collaborate with all participating parties to ensure the success of the high-profile global conference in New Delhi. Following the announcement that Premier Li Qiang would represent China at the summit instead of President Xi Jinping, the Chinese foreign ministry reiterated its dedication to the G20 grouping and its active engagement in related endeavors. China extended its backing to India's hosting efforts and pledged to work collectively to realize a successful outcome for the G20 Summit.

## G20 India Summit

# Unveiling Global Diplomacy and Indian Heritage

New Delhi, Sep 05:

As the sun sets on September 9, the vibrant city of Delhi will take on a role of utmost significance, hosting the two-day G20 Summit 2023 at the majestic Bharat Mandapam within the Pragati Maidan complex. With the participation of heads of state, government officials, and distinguished delegates from G20 member nations and invitees, the summit promises to be a remarkable convergence of global diplomacy and cultural exchange.



### Eminent Leaders and Delegates Convergence

The much-anticipated event has drawn attention from across the world, as eminent leaders gather to discuss crucial global issues. Notable attendees include US President Joe Biden, UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, and Saudi Arabian King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud. The sprawling Pragati Maidan, illuminated by the spirit of international collaboration, will be the backdrop for insightful discussions and strategic agreements.

### A Glimpse into the Summit's Dynamics

The G20 Summit, spanning September 9-10, 2023, will culminate in the adoption of a G20 Leaders' Declaration on the second day. This declaration will encapsulate the priorities and commitments forged through extensive ministerial and working group deliberations throughout the year. The discussions held at the summit will shape policy decisions, with a focus on addressing pressing global challenges.

### Cultural Heritage and Collaboration at Bharat Mandapam

The chosen venue, Bharat

Mandapam, stands as India's largest conference and exhibition space, spanning an expansive 53,399 square meters. A testament to India's commitment to Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, the theme of the ongoing G20 presidency, this iconic venue reverberates with the spirit of unity in diversity. It was inaugurated on July 26 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, embodying the ideals of collaboration that the G20 represents.

### A Global South Perspective

India's involvement in the G20 Summit goes beyond the event's logistics. The nation positions itself as the "voice of the Global South," championing the concerns of devel-

oping and less-developed countries. Prime Minister Modi emphasized this stance at the Voice of Global South summit earlier this year, highlighting India's commitment to amplifying the priorities of nations striving for progress.

### Elevated Security and Arrangements

In anticipation of the summit, Delhi's security apparatus has been fortified. A specialized group of 400 officers, known as 'tourist police,' has been deployed across 21 locations, ensuring the safety and smooth functioning of the event. Notably, explosive detection dogs are strategically stationed to maintain the se-

curity perimeter, underscoring the meticulous planning that ensures the safety of all attendees.

### Navigating Traffic and Public Safety

To facilitate the summit, Delhi Police has orchestrated traffic management measures to ensure minimal disruptions to the city's flow. Around 10,000 personnel are on standby to manage traffic and uphold public safety. Stringent traffic diversions have been implemented, while the movement of essential goods and services is carefully regulated.

### An Innovative Move: Luxury Rental Wheels

In an unprecedented move, luxury rental vehicles have been sourced from outside India, including Nepal and the UAE, to cater to the unique demands of the G20 Summit. This initiative underscores India's dedication to hosting an exceptional event that caters to every detail, even down to the brand of tissues within these vehicles. As Delhi assumes its role as the G20 Summit's host city, it embraces a role that transcends geographical boundaries. The summit not only fosters diplomatic dialogue but also encapsulates India's rich cultural heritage, global aspirations, and commitment to harmonious international relations.

## Fortified security preparations for G20 Summit in Delhi



Police personnel patrol outside Rajghat ahead of the G20 Summit, in New Delhi. New Delhi, Sep 05:

As the G20 Summit approaches, India gears up with an elaborate security apparatus to ensure the safety of the world's leaders congregating in New Delhi on September 9 and 10. The preparations not only demonstrate the country's commitment to hosting the summit but also underscore Prime Minister Narendra Modi's expanding global influence.

### Massive Deployment of Security Personnel

A staggering contingent of approximately 130,000 security personnel, including the formidable 80,000-strong Delhi Police, will be strategically placed across the national capital. This force will work in conjunction with central forces to ensure a secure environment during the summit.

### Distinctive Attire

In a departure from the traditional khaki uniforms, around 45,000 personnel from the Delhi Police and central forces will don blue uniforms. Among them, elite commandoes proficient in rappelling from helicopters and personal security officers equipped with precision driving skills will contribute to safeguarding the visiting dignitaries.

### Aerospace Defence Measures

The Indian Air Force will implement comprehensive aerospace defence measures to secure the skies over Delhi and its vicinity.

### Counter-Aerial Threat Systems

Collaborating with the Delhi Police and paramilitary forces, the Indian military will deploy anti-drone systems to neutralize potential aerial threats, ensuring the safety of both participants and attendees.

### Firefighter Preparedness

A contingent of around 400 firefighters will be on standby, ready to respond swiftly to any emergencies that may arise.

### Bullet-Proof Transport

To ensure the secure transportation of leaders, the government has procured 20 bullet-proof limousines at a cost of Rs18 crore, according to Reuters. These vehicles will provide a shielded means of conveyance for the visiting dignitaries.

### Regulated Access to Delhi

Throughout the summit weekend, New Delhi's borders will be closely monitored, and access to the city will be tightly regulated to prevent any potential security breaches.

### International Participation

The United States is poised to make a significant contribution to the summit's security by deploying over 20 aircraft during the week leading up to the event.

### Advanced Security Infrastructure

Dedicated security control rooms are being established at the expansive and revamped Pragati Maidan venue. Additionally, key hotels such as the ITC Maurya Hotel, where US President Joe Biden will be accommodated, will witness heightened security measures.

## G20 Leaders' Spouses' Unique Experience in India

Exploring Culinary Diversity and Cultural Heritage

New Delhi, Sep 05:

While the G20 leaders engage in discussions to establish a common agenda, the spouses of participating heads of state and partner countries are in for a unique Indian experience. They will have the opportunity to savor the culinary diversity of Indian millets and delve into themes like Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.

### Cultural Showcase and Millet Delights

An exhibition showcasing the origins of Indian art, culture, handicrafts, and grassroots farming innovations is scheduled for September 9 and 10. As the leaders convene at Pragati Maidan's Bharat Mandapam convention centre on September 9, their spouses will embark on a morning visit to the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) campus on Pusa Road, West Delhi. Mrs. Kyoko Jaishankar, wife of External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, will extend a warm welcome to the visiting spouses. A delectable lunch featuring millet dishes prepared by renowned chefs from various regions of India awaits them.

### Cultural Richness at NGMA

Following their culinary journey, the spouses will make their way to Jaipur House at India Gate, where the National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) resides. The exhibition titled "Roots and Routes: Past, Present, and Continuous" will present the evolution of Indian art and culture through history. Gandharva sculptures, Pahari miniature paintings, and handicrafts will captivate the guests' attention.

### Honoring Mahatma Gandhi and Beyond

On September 10, both the leaders and their spouses are set to pay their respects to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, at Rajghat. Additionally, separate outings organized by respective countries' missions will provide a glimpse into the multifaceted heritage of Delhi.

### Ensuring Safety and Assistance

To ensure the safety and comfort of the visiting delegates, the Delhi police and the lieutenant governor's office have deployed a dedicated group of 400 officers known as 'tourist police'. These officers will be stationed across 21 locations, including iconic landmarks, shopping districts,

and dining establishments.

### Exploring Agricultural Innovations

The Nanaji Deshmukh Plant Phenomics Centre, located within the IARI campus, will be another stop on the itinerary. This research center, inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra D Modi, focuses on climate-resilient crop varieties and boasts advanced 'climate-controlled facilities'. Guests will then proceed to the IARI fairground to witness millet cultivation.

### Showcasing Agricultural Prowess

An exhibition hall will provide insights into the efforts of agricultural startups and farmer-run producer organizations. Technological advancements, the role of small farmers, and the contribution of women in Indian agriculture will take center stage. In hosting the spouses of G20 leaders, India is not only showcasing its cultural wealth but also highlighting the importance of agriculture and sustainable development on the global stage. This opportunity to engage with diverse aspects of Indian culture and progress will undoubtedly leave a lasting impression on the international guests.

## Eminent citizens seek SC action over Udhayanidhi Stalin's hate speech

New Delhi, Sep 05 (PTI):

Over 260 eminent citizens, including former judges and bureaucrats, have written to Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud urging him to take cognisance of DMK leader Udhayanidhi Stalin's eradicating "Sanatan Dharma" remark.

In a letter to the CJI, the signatories, including former Delhi HC judge S N Dhingra, said not only did Stalin make a hate speech but he refused to apologise for his remarks.

The letter by 262 people said the undersigned are deeply concerned over the remarks made by Stalin and that these remarks undeniably amount to "hate speech" against a large population of India and strikes at the very core of the Constitution of India which envisages Bharat as a secular nation.

The letter said action is needed in order to preserve the secular character of the country.

Any delay on the part of the administration in taking action on "very serious issues" will invite the court's

contempt, it said. The letter said the state government has refused to take action and allegedly acted in contempt of the Court's orders and "gravely undermined or rather made a mockery of the rule of law".

"We urge the Supreme Court to take the suo moto notice of contempt, ensuring accountability for the inaction of the State Government of Tamil Nadu, and take decisive steps to prevent the inducement of hate speech, preserving public order and peace and we request you to take immediate appropriate actions.

"We sincerely hope for the thoughtful consideration of our plea and implore immediate measures to ensure justice and rule of law to prevail," it said.

In his address at a meeting of the Tamil Nadu Progressive Writers and Artists Association in Chennai on Saturday, the DMK leader had likened Sanatan Dharma to coronavirus, malaria and dengue and said such things should not be opposed but destroyed.

## NCP will back bill on women's reservation: Pawar

Demands raising existing quota cap by 15-16 per cent

Jalgaon, Sept 05 (PTI):

NCP president Sharad Pawar on Tuesday demanded that the Centre remove the 50 per cent cap on quota and raise it by 15-16 per cent to accommodate more communities, amid the renewed focus on Maratha reservation in Maharashtra.

Addressing a news conference, The Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief said if the Centre brings a bill on women's reservation, his party will support it. The government has called for a special session of Parliament from September 18 to 22.

The state is currently witnessing protests by the Maratha community, demanding reservations in government jobs and educational institutions.

"Some people say that making more people (communities) beneficiaries of the OBC (other backward class) quota is injustice to the poor people of the (existing) OBC quota. This

cannot be ignored. "The option is to make amendments by the Centre in Parliament to the existing 50 per cent cap and add 15-16 per cent to it," Pawar said in response to a question on demands being made by some leaders to accommodate Marathas in the existing OBC quota.

He said there should be no differences between OBC and other communities.

Maratha reservation returned to the centre stage last week after the police baton-charged and lobbed tear gas shells to disperse a violent mob in Antarwali Sarathi village in Jalna district. The police said protesters allegedly refused to let authorities shift a man on hunger strike for Maratha quota to the hospital.

Pawar demanded that the government clarify on who issued the orders to baton-charge the protesters.

Several persons, including 40 police personnel, were injured and more than 15 state transport buses were set ablaze in the Jalna violence.

## Bikru killings by Vikas Dubey gang: 23 accused sentenced to 10 years in jail

Lucknow, Sep 05 (PTI):

A special Gangster Act court on Tuesday sentenced 23 accused to 10 years in jail in connection with the 2020 killing of eight police personnel, including Deputy Superintendent of Police Devendra Mishra, in an ambush by Vikas Dubey-led gang in Bikru village, a senior police official said here.

Seven other accused were acquitted in the case by Additional District Judge-5 Durgesh in Kanpur Dehat district, Special DG (Law and Order) Prashant Kumar said in a statement issued here.

"After hearing of 30 accused persons in the Bikru case, the court in Mati in Kanpur Dehat district today on September 5, 2023 gave its final judgement in which out of 30 accused persons, 23 accused persons were sentenced to 10 years of imprisonment, and a fine of Rs 50,000 was imposed on each of them," it said.

Mati is the district headquarters of Kanpur Dehat district.

Eight personnel, including DSP Devendra Mishra, were ambushed in the Bikru village when they were on their way to arrest gangster Vikas Dubey shortly after midnight on July 3, 2020. Vikas Dubey was killed in an encounter on July 10 when a police vehicle carrying him from Ujjain in Madhya Pradesh to Kanpur met with an accident and he tried to escape, the police had said.

Following a search operation after the July 3 incident, two of Vikas Dubey's associates - Prem Prakash Pandey and Atul

Dubey - were killed in an encounter in Kanpur, they had said.

On July 8, Amar Dubey, who carried a reward of Rs 50,000, was killed by the police in the Maudaha village of Hamirpur district.