



### BRIEF



A G20 themed installation at the Delhi Gate, ahead of the G-20 Summit, to be held from September 9-10, in New Delhi, Thursday, Sep. 7.

### Double murder

**Noida:** A man and his nephew were killed Thursday after they were allegedly attacked with a spade by an unidentified person in Greater Noida, police said. The duo was asleep in their property outside Ballu Kheda village, under Dankaur police station limits, when the attack took place early in the morning, they said. Additional DCP (Greater Noida) Ashok Kumar said those killed have been identified as Ram Kumar (55) and his nephew Vikramaditya (45).

### 9 kg heroin seized

**Chandigarh:** Punjab police on Thursday said they have arrested a drug trafficker and seized 9 kg heroin from him. In a major breakthrough, the Jalandhar rural police has arrested Malkait Singh and seized 9 Kg contraband from his possession, it said in a post on X. "He used to execute cross border drug smuggling along with his associates. FIR under NDPS Act is registered at PS Goraya," Punjab's Director General of Police, Gaurav Yadav said. He said investigations are going on to arrest his associates involved in the logistics of the consignment.

### 13 pilgrims injured

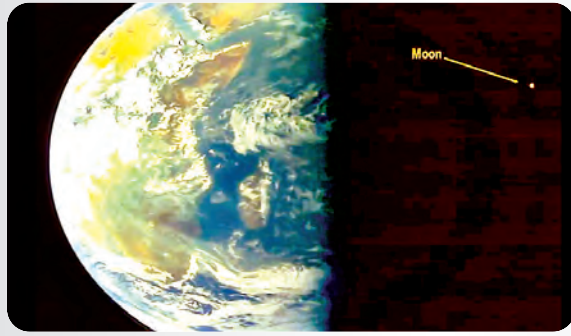
**Muzaffarnagar (UP):** Thirteen pilgrims, including six women, were injured on Thursday when a truck collided with their pickup van on the Karnal-Meerut Highway in the Budhana area of this Uttar Pradesh district, police said. Sixteen pilgrims were on their way to Shamli from Bulandshahr in a pickup van for a religious function when the accident occurred near the Sathedi village. Budhana SHO Brijesh Kumar Sharma said the injured have been admitted to different hospitals. The condition of three injured pilgrims are said to be serious.

Weather	
High	29
Low	25
MARKET	
NIFTY	19,727.05
SENSEX	66,265.56
BULLION	
GOLD	59,008
SILVER	71,837

## Aditya-L1 camera takes a selfie, images of Earth, Moon

Bengaluru, Sep 07:

India's ambitious space-craft mission, Aditya-L1, today sent pictures of the Earth and the Moon clicked as it heads to its destination Lagrangian point (L1) which is located 1.5 million km from the Earth. The images were shared by the Indian Space Research Organisation



(ISRO) on Twitter along with a selfie that Aditya-L1 had clicked. "Aditya-L1, destined for the Sun-Earth L1 point, takes a selfie and images of the Earth and the Moon," the Bengaluru-headquartered national space agency said. The images show VELC (Visible Emission Line Coronagraph) and SUIT (Solar Ultraviolet Imager)

instruments as seen by the camera on-board Aditya-L1 on September 4, 2023. The spacecraft has already completed two earth-bound orbital manoeuvres and will perform two more before placing in the transfer orbit towards the Lagrange point L1. Aditya-L1 is expected to arrive at the intended orbit at the L1 point after 125 days.

## PM Modi presents 12-point proposals to expand India-ASEAN cooperation

Jakarta, Sep 07 (PTI):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday presented a 12-point proposal to expand cooperation between India and 10-nation ASEAN in a range of areas such as connectivity, trade and digital transformation even as he called for building a rules-based post-COVID world order. The establishment of a multi-modal connectivity and economic corridor linking South East Asia, India, West Asia and Europe and offering to share New Delhi's digital public infrastructure stack with ASEAN partners are among the proposals announced by Modi at the annual ASEAN-India summit in this Indonesian capital. The 12-point proposals also in-

**In his opening remarks, Modi said 'ASEAN matters because here everyone's voice is heard, and ASEAN is the epicentre of growth because the ASEAN region plays a crucial role in global development.'**



cluded the prime minister's call for a collective fight against terrorism, terror financing and cyber-disinformation as well as to raise issues being faced by Global South in multilateral fora. Two joint statements -- one on maritime cooperation, and the other on food security were also adopted at the summit. In his address at the summit, Modi said that progress towards a free and open Indo-Pacific and elevating the voice of the Global South is in the common interest of all. The Association of

Southeast Asian Nations (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. In his opening remarks, Modi described the grouping as the epicentre of growth and that New Delhi is committed to working "shoulder to shoulder" with it. "The 21st century is Asia's century. It is our century. For this, it is necessary to build a rule-based post-COVID world order and efforts by all for human welfare," the prime minister, co-chairing the summit, said. "The progress of free and open Indo-Pacific and elevating the Voice of Global South is in the common interest of all," he said.

### BJP condemns A Raja's remarks as Hinduphobia

New Delhi, Sep 07 (PTI):

The BJP on Thursday described DMK leader A Raja's remarks against Sanatan Dharma as "outrageous and vitriolic" and slammed the opposition parties, saying Raja's comments reflect the INDIA bloc's "mental bankruptcy" and "deep-rooted Hinduphobia". "Changing name does not conceal one's intent and character," Union minister and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Dharmendra Pradhan wrote on X. His reaction came after Raja reportedly said Sanatan Dharma should be compared to diseases such as AIDS and leprosy, that have a social stigma attached to them. Reacting sharply to the DMK leader's remarks, Pradhan said, "Outrageous and vitriolic comments about Sanatan Dharma, this time by ... A Raja, reflect the mental bankruptcy and deep-rooted Hinduphobia that engulfs the I.N.D.I.A bloc."

## Kharge to attend Chh'garh govt's 'Bharose ka Sammelan' event

**In Rajnandgaon today**

Raipur, Sep 07 (PTI):

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge will take part in the Chhattisgarh government's 'Bharose ka Sammelan' in the state's Rajnandgaon district on Friday, officials said. The event will be held in Thekwa village in the afternoon and Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel will be in attendance, they added. Kharge, Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, will reach Swami Vivekanand Airport here at 8:30pm on Thursday and stay overnight at a resort in Nava Raipur, an official said. "CM Baghel is scheduled to welcome Kharge at the airport. On Friday, they will head for Thekwa to participate in the



Bharose ka Sammelan," he said. Kharge had attended a 'Bharose ka Sammelan' event in Janjgir-Champa district on August 12. Thekwa village is part of former chief minister and senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader Raman Singh's Rajnandgaon Assembly seat. Incidentally, in the 2018 state polls, the Congress had won four out of six seats in undivided Rajnandgaon district. Raman Singh and Janata Congress Chhattisgarh (J) leader Devvrat Singh had won the other two seats.

## Don't agree with Sanatana Dharma comments: Cong

New Delhi, Sep 07:

The Congress on Thursday said it did not agree with the remarks of DMK leaders Udhayanidhi Stalin and A Raja on Sanatan Dharma and asserted the party believed in "sarvadharmasambhav" (equal respect to all religions). The opposition party also asserted that every single member of the INDIA alliance has immense respect for all faiths, communities and beliefs. The assertion



came amid a political row after DMK leader Udhayanidhi Stalin blamed Sanatan Dharma for promoting division and discrimination among people and said it should be eradicated.

Also, DMK leader A Raja reportedly said Sanatan Dharma should be compared to diseases such as AIDS and leprosy that have a social stigma attached to them. Asked about comments by leaders of ally DMK, Congress' media and publicity department head Pawan Khera said, "The Congress has always believed in 'sarvadharmasambhav' wherein every religion, every faith has its space. No one can treat any particular faith as less than another faith."

## 25 govt bills including two-child norm dating back to 1992 pending in RS

New Delhi, Sep 07:

Among the pending bills are the Delhi Rent (Amendment) Bill, 1997 that seeks to regulate rent, repairs of rented premises and eviction of tenants in the national capital, and one on amending the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) Act to relax certain conditions for appointment of regulators, according to a bulletin by Rajya Sabha. Normally, bills introduced in the Lok Sabha lapse with the dissolution of the House. However, Rajya Sabha being a continuing chamber is not subject to dissolution, and bills intro-

duced and pending in this House remain on the live register, unless withdrawn by the government. The Constitution (79th Amendment) Bill 1992 dealing with the adoption of two-child norm for panchayat polls is the oldest draft legislation pending in the Upper House of Parliament. "The Constitution (79th Amendment) Bill, 1992) has been pending in the Parliament due to lack of consensus among political parties in favour of the Bill," the government told the Lok Sabha in 2005 in reply to a written question by Samajwadi Party leader Akhilesh Yadav.

## Congress to raise Maratha quota cap if voted to power: Patole

Nagpur, Sep 07 (PTI):

Maharashtra Congress president Nana Patole on Thursday said that if his party is voted to power in the state and at the Centre in the next elections, it would provide reservation to the Maratha community by increasing the 50 per cent cap on quota. He also said that caste-based census was the only option to provide a permanent solution to the issue of reservation. Patole was addressing a press conference here on the sidelines of the Congress' 'Jan Samvad Yatra'.

## Janmashtami celebrated with pomp and gaiety across India

Mathura/Mumbai, Sep 07 (PTI):

Janmashtami was celebrated with much fanfare across the country on Thursday, with thousands of devotees thronging the major temples in Mathura in Uttar Pradesh, the birthplace of Lord Krishna.



"every member of my family", a reference to citizens. "Jai Shri Krishna," Modi added in his post on X. Union Home Minister Amit Shah will visit the ISKCON temple at East of Kailash in south Delhi and perform a pooja, sources said. The festival celebrates the birth of Lord Krishna. Thousands of devotees witnessed the "abhishek" (bathing of the deity) ceremony of Lord Krishna at the Radha

Raman, Radha Damodar and Gokulanand temples in Mathura in Uttar Pradesh, officials said. Balram Goswami, the priest of the Radha Damodar temple, said while the festival is celebrated at midnight everywhere, it is celebrated during the day at the three major Mathura temples in accordance with the tradition set up by noted seer Jeev Goshwami nearly 500 years ago.






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# Rains cause water logging in several localities

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**Bhilai, Sep 07:** Heavy rains that lashed the district till late evening on Thursday caused water logging in several low lying areas of the twin-city. The BMC administration swung into action after receiving complaints of heavy water logging in Akashganga, Farid Nagar, Supela and other areas.

Water logging in Akashganga Market occurred due to the under-construction under-bridge. Water entered the shops and other business premises in this market and caused huge losses to the traders. Electronic appliances including fridges and washing machines were seen floating in water.

Bhilai Municipal Corporation officials stat-



ed that water logging occurred in Akashganga Market due to continuous rains. The BMC staff immediately reached the venue and discovered that the Bada Nullah was blocked due to the construction of Supela under-bridge. The BMC team explored the possibilities of

draining water and later dug a drain with the help of JCB to drain the water.

Water logging also occurred on the service lane of National Highway from Supela to Power House. The drain construction work is incomplete at several places which made the rain

water flow on the road itself. As usual, both the under bridges at Priyadarshini Parisar and Chandra Mourya also got inundated within a few hours.

Water logging was also reported from Shanti Nagar, Kohka and Jawahar Nagar.

According to BMC staff, the drains got choked due to polythene and other wastes. The sanitation staff removed the polythene and garbage stuck in the drains and cleaning drains. After removal of obstructions, the stagnant water gradually got drained.

Commissioner Rohit Vyas has asked the officials to inspect all the localities to ensure that there is no stagnation of water due to intermittent heavy rains. The officials took stock of the drainage system and water logging conditions in the city. They inspected the major

drains and saw the arrangement of water drainage.

BMC staff also checked the Kusanullah, Telha Nullah, Nullah located near Indu IT School, Jawahar Nagar, Nullah located near Karuna Hospital, Nullah located in Gautam Nagar, Balaji

Nagar, Radhika Nagar, Babu Nagar, Chhawani Chowk, Khursipar and inspected various areas. In all these areas, complaints of overflow in the drain were received due to excessive rainfall. Overflowing nullahs have caused water logging in the surrounding areas.



## DPS-Bhilai celebrates Teachers Day with zeal

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Sep 07:** Teachers' Day was celebrated on September 05, 2023 with fervent zeal at DPS Bhilai, Risali Sector. The programme commenced with the garlanding of the portrait of Dr S Radhakrishnan.

This was followed by the lighting of the ceremonial lamp accompanied by a melodious rendition of Guru Vandana. Principal accompanied by the Head Boy and the Head Girl cut the Cake which marked the beginning of the cultural programmes.

The Principal urged the students to appreciate the selfless service rendered by the teachers and to always respect them. The students expressed their gratitude to the teachers by staging various cultural programmes of music and dance. The au-



dience were spellbound by their performance.

The Head Girl Divyanshi Panda recited a poem, "An Interlude" as a tribute to the teachers. The programmes were highly appreciated by the teachers and students alike. The vote of thanks was proposed by the Head Boy, Mayank Narayan.

In the second half of the celebrations, the teachers presented entertaining cultural programmes. The Pre-Primary wing enthralled

the audience with their dance drama. The Primary wing teachers mesmerized the audience with their presentation 'Health is Wealth'.

Bihu dance depicting the celebration of the new harvest was performed by the Middle wing teachers. This was followed by an enchanting dance drama 'Gandhari' by Junior and Senior wing teachers. A group song 'Melodious Memories' by the Senior

Wing teachers, stole the show.

The staff members of the school were felicitated on this occasion. The Principal appreciated the excellent performance of the students and the teachers. He commended them for the hard work and diligence that went into putting up such an inspirational and entertaining programme. The programme concluded with the vote of thanks.

## Senior Secondary School Sec-10 celebrates Teachers Day

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Sep 07:** Teachers day was celebrated with fervour and enthusiasm in BSP Senior Secondary School, Sector 10. Shikha Dubey, GM (Education) graced the occasion as the Special Guest. The programme started with Saraswati Vandana recited by the students followed by Guru Vandana.

On this occasion, welcome address was delivered by Anik Varghese George, PTA President. Master Udit Pratap Singh of Class 12A shared his thoughts regarding the school and how teachers help the students to shape their future.

Sumita Sarkar, Principal delivered a



speech highlighting the achievements of the school and how personal care is taken by the teachers towards the students and helping them with academics as well as other extra curricular activities so that they can fly high in their lives.

On this occasion all the

teachers were felicitated by the Special Guest. Shikha Dubey, in her address remembered her school days and how her teachers helped her to choose a career which was a turning point in her career and how teachers used to be role model for students.

She also wished the students a bright future and extended her warm wishes to the teachers for the effort put in by each teacher for shaping the students future. She also congratulated Sumita Sarkar Principal SSS-X for getting the Director Incharge Best Principal Award and also extended her good wishes to the teachers who bagged the Director In Charge-Best Teacher Award namely AK Nishad, Anoop Sanadhya, Bhavna John, Satyawati Sahu and RP Jena.

The Vote of Thanks was delivered by Mamta Sahi, Vice President, PTA and the programme concluded with the recitation of National Anthem.

## Teachers Day celebrated at Bhilai Vidyalaya

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Sep 07:** A felicitation ceremony for Teachers was organised in the memory of the great thinker, philosopher and educationist Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who enlightened the education world, under the joint auspices of Parent Teacher Committee and BSP SSS Sector 2.

The Chief Guest of the function was Nisha Soni, Acting ED (P & A). The Guest of Honor was Amresh Kumar, GM (Est) and. Anita Chacko (Ex-Principal Bhilai Vidyalaya).

The lamp was lit near the portrait of Mother Saraswati and Dr S Radhakrishnan. Chief Guest Nisha Soni, Mohd Akbar, Amresh Kumar,

Ruchi Nirmalkar, Anita Chacko, Adarsh, Principal VS Pawar, School Headgirl Ku Nandini Yadav and Geetanshu welcomed the President of the Parent Teacher Committee, Bhushan Nadia with a bouquet. In the welcome speech, Chairman of the Parent Teacher Committee, Bhushan Nadia said that today's student is tomorrow's citizen, who will later become the nation's leader. It is necessary for our teachers to be creative like Lord Vishwakarma.

Chief Guest Nisha Soni in her address said that the child is a small plant and the teacher is its gardener. The school provides an amiable atmosphere for the



plant to flourish, she said.

Special guest Amresh Kumar said in his address that divine grace and knowledge cannot be searched in any ocean, earth or sky. It needs to be felt everywhere. Anita Chacko said in her speech that Teacher's Day is not only a day to honor the teachers but it is also a day to realize their duty, which we discharge with sincerity.

It is necessary to strengthen the four pillars of education, parent, school and teachers, only then there can be all-round development in the children. Principal Vijay Singh Pawar, said that talent is dependent on one's behaviour and thoughts.

Pawar presented a live depiction of all the activities, achievements and future plans using audio-vi-

sual digital technology in the School's Annual report. Teacher Nisha Kothari briefly described the achievements and contribution of Dr Radhakrishnan. Student Sanjana Banjare told about the importance of his philosophy of life.

The inspirational poem of Hariwansh Rai Bachchan was recited by the students of the core group. Nikita Dewangan recited Sangeeta Mishra's self-composed poem.

Geetika Pradhan made a comparative status of the role of teachers in the Vedic period and the present day. Geetanshu recited in which Lord Krishna preached Arjuna as a

teacher. All the teachers were felicitated by the guests by presenting mementoes and gifts. Mementoes were presented to all the guests by the school family and Parent teacher Association. Additional Senior lecturer SK Khobragade conducted the entire program systematically.

Sr Lecturer Sarita Shakya extended gratitude to all the guests and audience for their dignified presence and cooperation for the success of the program. DK Sahu, GP Sharma, RK Gupta, DL Joshi Sir, Vimla Sharma, Sangeeta Mishra, Savita Dhapwal, Vandana Sonwane, MK Chowdhary, SK Sahu, Parvez Sir, Tanveer and entire school fraternity helped in making the program successful.

## Saplings planted in Steel Club



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**Bhilai, Sep 07:** A tree plantation drive was held at Steel Club, Sector 08 on September 06, 2023 in order to maintain industry-environment harmony and to promote plantation of trees.

Dr AK Panda, ED (F & A) was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Dr Panda encouraged everyone to plant trees and keep the environment clean and green. Saplings were

planted by the Steel Club Committee members under the guidance of Dr AK Panda.

Samir Gupta, Ajay Gajghate, Santosh Kumar Patidar, Arup Roy, Sunil Kumar Soni, Srinivas Rao and others planted saplings as Committee members of the Club. AV Kamlakar, ex-member, Steel Club and Ex-Director I/c also planted saplings on the occasion. Members of Steel Club were present on the occasion in large numbers.

## JLNH&RC organises 3-Day Regional Refresher Course on Surgery

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**Bhilai, Sep 07:** Department of Surgery, Jawahar Lal Nehru Hospital & Research Centre, Sector-9, along with the Associations of Surgeons of India (ASI) organised a Three-day Regional Refresher Course (RRC) from September 01 to September 03, 2023. As many as 150 budding surgeons and faculties from across the country took part in this 3-day Conference at Bhilai.

The first day session of RRC Surgical workshop was conducted at BMDC, Sector-7, Bhilai, on September 01, 2023, wherein 100 budding surgeons learned the complex surgical procedures including Suturing & Knotting, Bowel Anastomosis and Laparoscopic Surgery, under the guidance of Expert Senior Surgeons. The main sessions of

the Conference, held on the second and third day, were organised at the MP Hall of Bhilai Niwas, Indira Place, Civic Centre, on September 02 and 03, 2023, which was attended by more than 150 Delegates and Faculties from around the country. Anirban Dasgupta, Director I/c (Bhilai Steel Plant) was Chief Guest at the Inaugural Ceremony. Dr Sanjay Jain, National President (ASI), Dr SK Mishra, VP (National Board of Examinations (NBE)) and Dr Minu Bajpai, ED&VP (NBE) were the Guests of Honour. Dr K Thakur, CMO (M&HS-BSP), the Organising Chairman of the Conference, welcomed all the Delegates and Faculties on this occasion. Dr Manish Dewangan, Chief Consultant (Surgery-JLNHRC), the Organising Secretary of the RRC, said that a National level Conference was organised for

the first time in Chhattisgarh which is a matter of pride for JLNH & RC. Dr Ravindranath M, CMO I/c (M&HS-BSP) chaired the Valedictory Ceremony of the 3-day RRC on September 03, 2023. Expressing his views on the necessity of such conferences for learning the complex skill of Surgery, Dr Ravindranath thanked and appreciated all the faculties and students for making the Conference a success. He also congratulated the organising team of Department of Surgery including Dr Parag Gupta, Chief Consultant & Unit Head, Dr Dhiraj Sharma, Sr consultant, Dr Rajshekhhar Rao, Consultant, Dr Mayank Kumar, Senior Medical Officer and all the DNB students for organising the mega event. Dr Ravindranath also thanked Dr Tarun Naik, Treasurer (Surgeons club, Durg-Bhilai) for his active participation.

## Youth jumps into Sheonath; remains missing

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Sep 07:** A 24-year-old youth jumped off the old bridge into River Sheonath on the intervening night of Thursday. The SDRF team conducted search and rescue operations for the entire day but the youth was not found.

According to information, Borsi resident Umakant Sahu and his three friends had gone to Hamar Dhaba on the Anjora bypass road for dinner. During the return journey, two friends moved in a car while Umakant and Kunal travelled on Umakant's Bullet bike.

While crossing the old bridge of River Sheonath, Umakant stopped midway on the bridge. He gave his wallet, mobile phone and



wrist watch to Kunal and stated that he wanted to jump into the river. Kunal tried to stop him but he suddenly jumped into the river. Thereafter, Kunal informed Umakant's family about the incident. On Thursday morning, search operations were launched in the presence of Umakant's family members. Umakant remained untraced till evening.

## Three arrested on charges of murder

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**Bhilai, Sep 07:** Police arrested three persons including two women on charges of murder. They had thrashed a lady after a petty fight between the children on September 02 at Old Bhilai. The lady had suffered fatal injuries and was undergoing treatment at the government hospital. Later she succumbed to her injuries at the hospital.

According to information, the deceased was Durgavati Kashyap (53) wife of Ramkishore Kashyap a resident of Puraina, Old Bhilai. Her grandson had a petty fight with the kids of Deva and Palak's uncle on September 01. On September 02, Deva Nishad, Palak Nishad and Indu reached Durgavati's



residence and beat her with sticks and punches.

Durgavati suffered injuries on back and other parts of the body after which she was admitted to Old Bhilai Government Hospital. Later, she was referred to DKS Hospital in Raipur where she succumbed to her injuries.

After receiving the MLC intimation from Raipur Police, the team Old Bhilai Police Station added Section 302 in the existing FIR. Police recorded state-

ments of the eye witnesses after which three accused were arrested.

The accused identified as Devanand Nishad (23) son of Leeladhar Nishad; Palak Nishad (23) wife of Devanand Nishad and Indu Temurkar (30) wife of Krishna Temurkar; all residents of Old Bhilai were booked under sections 302, 294, 506, 323, 34 of IPC. They were produced before the court and have been sent to jail on judicial remand.



## Historic 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' resides in heart of every Indian: Baij

Yatra taken out from all district on its first anniversary



Raipur, Sep 07:

On the first anniversary of Bharat Jodo Yatra, PCC Chief Deepak Baij leading the Yatra said that this historic Yatra has touched deeply into heart of entire India and this Yatra has not concluded and is still going on. Bharat Jodo Yatra is like a pilgrimage and no pilgrimage journey ever ends. Every 'Teerth Yatra' is beginning of a new 'Yatra'. The history of 'Bharat Jodo' cannot be written with ink, as it has been written and covered in sweat.

PCC Chief and LS MP Deepak Baij said that the senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi had covered 4000 kms in 145 days Bharat Jodo Yatra and in this the Indians not only walked shoulder-to-should-

er with him and united hearts and minds of the people. On first anniversary of historic Bharat Jodo Yatra, he extends greetings to all those who got associated with it. This Yatra cannot be measured in terms of miles or kms, but it passed through the hundreds of language, expectations of many and got settled in the heart of every Indian. Bharat Jodo Yatra continued irrespective of rains, snow, cyclones and hailstorms. This Yatra by our source of inspiration Rahul Gandhi will never end and it is still continuing. The Yatra sometimes is visible in Manipur and sometimes in Azadpur Sabji Mandi or in Ladhakh. This Yatra will be known for its continuity.

PCC Chief Deepak Baij informed that he has come to know that people are thinking of doing PhD on 'Bharat Jodo Andolan' from a University abroad. People wanted to know how this Yatra was taken out and what are its meaning. Congress hereby gives a pledge that ideals, inspiration and objectives of Bharat Jodo Yatra would continue. In Raipur, the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' was

led by PCC Chief Deepak Baij and in Surguja by Dy. CM TS Singh Deo. In the same way VS Speaker Dr Charandas Mahant and Ravindra Choubey led the Yatra in Janjgir-Champa; Tamradhwaj Sahu in Durg; Mohammed Akbar in Kawardha; Dr Shiv Kumar Daharia in Bilaspur; Kawasi Lakhma in Sukma; Amarjeet Bhagat in Surajpur; Mohan Markam in Kondagaon; Jaisingh Agrawal in Korba; Anila Bhedia in Balod; Guru Rudrakumar in Sakti; Umesh Patel in Raigarh; LS MP Ranjit Singh in Mahasamund; LS MP Jyotsna Mahant in Gourela-Pendra-Marwahi; LS MP Phulodevi Netam in Bastar Jagdalpur; Vinod Chandrakar in Balodabazar; Dwarkadheesh Yadav in Gariyaband; Shishupal Sori in Dhamtari; Indrashah Mandavi in Rajnandgaon; Kunwar Singh Nishad in Mohala-Manpur; Ambagarh Chowki; Gurudayal Banjare in Khairagarh-Chuikhadan-Gandai; Rekchhand Jain in Narayanpur; Vikram Shah Mandavi in Bijapur; Vikas Upadhyay in Kanker; Devati Karma in Dantewada; Dr Rashmi Singh in Mungeli; Shakuntala Sahu in Bilairgarh Sarangarh; UD Minj in Jashpur; Parsanath Rajwade in Balrampur; Chintamani Maharaj in Korea; Ambika Singh Deo in Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur.

## Baghel writes to Center on reduction in target of rice procurement in central pool

Raipur, Sep 07:

Chief Minister Bhpesh Baghel has written a letter to the Minister of Food and Public Distribution, Government of India, Piyush Goyal, requesting to keep the target of rice procurement in the central pool at 86.5 lakh metric tonnes in the Kharif marketing year 2023-24. He asked to issue necessary instructions for the supply of 3.56 lakh bales of new jute bags for the packaging of the leftover rice through the jute commissioner.

The amount of leftover rice from 86.5 lakh MT has been reduced to 61 lakh MT according to the procurement estimate of 130 lakh tonnes of paddy in the state. Apart from this, the supply quantity of new jute gunny bags required for procurement of rice in the Central Pool has been reduced to 2.45 lakh bales instead of 3.56 lakh bales through the sixth supply plan of Jute Packaging dated 06 September 2023, he said.

Referring to the discussion held in the meeting of Food Secretaries on August 21, 2023, Baghel

Also requests to supply 3.56 lakh bales of new jute bags for packaging of rice

said that state government mentioned increase in the paddy procurement limit to 20 quintals per acre and it was requested to keep the target of procurement of 86 lakh metric tonnes of rice in the central pool as it was.

In the previous years, with the increase in the area of paddy, there has been an increase in pro-

ductivity in view of the use of improved quality seeds and better fertilizer management by the farmers of the state, especially in the plain areas of Central Chhattisgarh, he said, adding that the demand made by the farmer groups has been fulfilled.

On the basis of this, the limit of paddy procurement in the state has been increased from 15 quintals per acre to a maximum of 20 quintals per acre by the state government, he said. Based on the first advance estimate by the State Agriculture Department,

paddy production has been estimated at 136.5 lakh tonnes in the area of 36 lakh hectares. Barring a few places in the state, the monsoon conditions are in line with the paddy crop. Due to shortage of water at some places in the irrigated area of ??

The state, arrangements for irrigation have also been made through canals. In view of the above arrangement, it is inevitable that the production of paddy in the state will be more than the advance estimate.

## BJP MP Saroj Pandey asks 9 questions from Kharge

In view of his Ch'garh visit

Raipur, Sep 07: In a bid to corner Congress on several issues BJP MP Saroj Pandey has asked nine questions to Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge in view of his visit to Chhattisgarh. Pandey raised nine questions at a press conference here today.

She said that the purpose of 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' was not yet clear. When was Bharat divided? she asked. "Rahul Gandhi set out to connect Bharat, he used the word Bharat in 'Bharat Jodo Yatra'. The question is that those celebrating the anniversary of Bharat Jodo Yatra should tell what objection they have to the word 'Bharat'?" she asked.

"Congress is serving poison in Chhattisgarh. Cows died after eating food thrown at Rahul Gandhi's rally. Will



Kharge publicly apologize on Janmashtami?' she said in another question. The BJP MP said that attacking 'Sanatan Dharma', doing vote politics and doing appeasement politics had been an old slogan of Congress. Referring to DMK leader Udhayanidhi Stalin's recent remarks attacking 'Sanatan Dharma' and support of these remarks by Kharge's son she asked the Congress National President whether he would apologise for his son's support to Stalin's remarks or expel him from the party. Noting that Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhpesh Baghel is

continuously writing letters to the Prime Minister, she asked Kharge whether Baghel will write letter to Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on incident of rape of a tribal woman in Rajasthan. Referring to Chhattisgarh government's slogan 'Humar Beti Humar Maan' she asked whether Chief Minister Bhpesh Baghel and Sonia Gandhi apologized for the sexual harassment of a girl child in Sukma. Noting that an average, 2-3 rape and murder cases are being registered daily in Chhattisgarh, she asked whether Mallikarjun Kharge will tell on sexual harassment

of a teacher in Jashpur and incidents of gangrape in Mandir Hasaud and Devendra Nagar and apologise to the public. Congress party has made Bhpesh Baghel the CM besides appointing Super CM, she said asking who is the super CM? The issue of corruption is continuously rising in Chhattisgarh questioning entire state government, she said, adding that state government is unable to answer the issue of corruption. In Chhattisgarh, a large amount of gold, diamonds and cash have been found from the houses of officials associated with the

Chief Minister's department, she said, adding that shops of corruption are open everywhere. What do you have to say on the terrible corruption in Chhattisgarh? she asked Kharge. "Congress Party had taken oath with holy water of river Ganges and released its manifesto. This was the first and unique incident by any party in Indian politics. People did not have confidence, so to give confidence to the people, they took oath with holy water of river Ganges in their hands and the main point in it was the prohibition of liquor", she said and added that more than 8 people died in the last few days due to consumption of poisonous liquor. What is the stand of the National President of the Congress Party on this? she asked. She further asked "when you promised liquor ban and when people are dying here due to poisonous liquor, then what will the Congress say on this?"




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## State govt approved Rs. 60 lakhs for Govt. Jajwalyadev Naveen Girls College

### Swift Action on CM's announcement

Raipur, Sep 07:

In a recent event 'Bhent mulakat' held in Bilaspur, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel's announcement regarding the construction of four additional classrooms at Government Jajwalyadev Naveen Girls College in Janjgir was confirmed during a recent event called 'Bhent mulakat' in Bilaspur.

Collector Ms. Richa Prakash Choudhary efficiently implemented the Chief Minister's decision by allocating a budget exceeding 60 lakh rupees for the expansion of these supplementary classrooms at the college. The students at the institution express their delight towards the swift action taken following this announcement from their esteemed Chief Minister.

During the 'Bhent mulakat' program in Bilaspur, the students of Government Jajwalyadev Naveen Girls College in Janjgir requested for additional classrooms to the



Chief Minister. The Chief Minister responded promptly by approving their request and announcing it publicly. As a result, the construction of these extra classrooms will now be expedited with swift budget approval from the Collector.

College students are expressing their satisfaction with the efficient implementation of the announcement made by Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel.

They express their gratitude towards him and stressed the genuine need

for additional classrooms. The inspiration to voice these concerns came from learning about previous programs, such as 'Bhent mulakat', where similar decisions were made in other regions under Bhupesh Baghel's leadership to benefit students.

This event has had a significant impact, allowing fellow students to share their concerns directly with the Chief Minister himself who displayed great attentiveness and understanding, instilling hope that prompt action will be taken to address our issues.

Moreover, we are overjoyed by the allocation of funds announced by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel which brings us immense happiness.

Students have also observed that during this interaction, numerous decisions were made by Bhupesh Baghel aligning with postgraduate student needs and introducing new courses will further enhance their benefits.

## 'Bharat Jodo Yatra was successful in passing the message of forget hatred and join India'

Konta/Sukma, Sep 07: Sukma District Congress Committee spokesperson Jagannath Raju Sahu said that as per the instructions of Chhattisgarh Pradesh Congress Committee and Cabinet Minister Kawasi Lakhma, we all will celebrate the anniversary of Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra tomorrow by marching in Sukma district headquarters. In a situation when the people in power in the country are doing politics in the name of regionalism, religion and communalism, Congress' Bharat Jodo Yatra had brought a new hope to the people of the country. When the ruling party and the rulers are common people.

**Rahul Gandhi's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' unites all**

September 7, 2022, Rahul Gandhi had launched the historic Bharat Jodo Yatra - the longest ever march by any Indian politician. 4,081 kilometres, covering 12 states and 2 union territories, 75 districts and 136 of 76 Lok Sabha constituencies.

The days long journey has left an indelible mark on the minds of people. Lakhs of people were mesmerized by Rahul's unwavering spirit of uniting every Indian with love and unity irrespective of religion, community, caste etc. This thoughtful initiative of his is the need of the hour: which fundamentally changed the course of politics in our country.

The Karnataka election result, especially after the Yatra, was an excellent embodiment of the collective desire to bring the Congress party back to power. During the Bharat Jodo Yatra, Rahul ji shared his views with crores of our fellow countrymen



our oldest Congress angel. Congress is committed to protect the unity, integrity, constitution and democracy of the country. To fight for the rights of the people, the Congress party considers Satyagraha as a strong weapon even before independence and Bharat Jodo Padyatra is the biggest and transformative event of the country after independence.

Satyagraha proved. Several leaders of the Congress party, including Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi, have said that Satyagraha in the country will uproot the ideology which considers the killer of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, who took the name of Ram even at the time of death, as an ideal. It is needed for It is the result of Bharat Jodo Yatra that hatred has ended in the country, incidents like mob launching have stopped. LPG prices have been reduced. Farmers, young mothers and sisters, journalists are protesting against the anti-people policies of the Modi government have stood up and the atmosphere of fear and dread has ended.

## Three Maoists arrested with explosives

Joint action of Police Station Madded, DRG, STF, CRPF 170 and 153



Bijapur, Sep 07:

DRG on date Sep 4, on the intelligence of the Maoist presence in the Madded Area Committee DVCM Nagesh, Platoon No. 2, Commander Situ and other 20-25 Maoists in the forest of village Koranjed and Kachalaram under Madded police station area under the anti-Maoist campaign being run in the district. The

joint team of STF, CRPF 170 and 153 had gone towards Koranjed and Kachalaram.

During the campaign, on Sep 5, some suspicious persons were seen planting something on the footpath in the forest of Bandepara, who tried to run away after seeing the police party. They were surrounded and caught by the police party and from them detonators, gelatin sticks,

tiffin bombs, Kardex wires, electric wires, batteries and Maoist literature were recovered.

During interrogation they were identified as Kumma Erra (DAKMS member) father Mutta resident Bandepara police station Madded, Rakesh Vacham (militia member) father Mara resident Koranjed police station Madded and Vacham Joga's (DAKMS member) father Mara resident Koranjed police station Madded.

After legal action against the naxal members caught on 6/09/2023 in police station Madded, on 7/09/2023 and were sent on judicial remand after they were produced in the Court, Bijapur.

## Twenty proposals regarding allotment of govt land approved



Raipur, Sep 07:

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 applications 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.

## Continuous improvement work is being done for excellence in education and medical in the Trust: Chairman

In the 5th AGM of Shri Rawatpura Sarkar Lok Kalyan Trust

Raipur, Sep 07: The 5th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Shri Rawatpura Sarkar Lok Kalyan Trust was held in Raipur on Wednesday. In this meeting, Chairman Shri Ravi Shankar Maharaj Shri and Vice Chairman Dr JK Upadhyay threw light on the financial performance and future plans of the Trust. At the same time, there are many opportunities for the Trust in the future and it is well placed to take advantage of them.

There are many opportunities for the Trust in the future and the Trust is well placed to take advantage of them. The above things were said by Trust Chairman Shri Ravi Shankar Maharaj Shri and Vice Chairman Dr JK Upadhyay while addressing the 5th Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Raipur on Wednesday. He



said that the Trust will be financially prudent while implementing its growth strategy, so that it can generate talent in the field of education and create long-term stakeholder value. He said that as we embark on the journey the management team will continue to focus on customer centricity, technology, digital and sustainability initiatives to enhance the Trust's competitive position in global education.

Chairman Shri Ravi Shankar Maharaj Shri and Vice Chairman Dr JK Upadhyay also threw light on the financial performance and future plans of the Trust. Along with this, Pro Chancellor Harsh

Gautam also threw light on the financial performance and future plans of Shri Rawatpura Government University operated under the Trust.

Managing Trustee Atul Kumar Tiwari conducted the 5th Annual General Meeting of Shri Rawatpura Sarkar Lok Kalyan Trust.

On this occasion, other trustees present in the meeting were Padkesh Shukla, Madan Lunawat, Purnendu Saxena, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh incharge Mukesh Srivastava, special guest DD Mishra, Pankaj Pandey, Amit Rathi and other officials were present.

## YC honours the teachers of SAGEMS

Jagdarpur, Sep 07:

On occasion of Teacher's Day, the birth anniversary of former President of India Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, the Indian Youth Congress honoured the teachers of Swami Atmanand Excellent English Medium School (SAGEMS), Dharampura for their excellent work. In the program organized under the leadership of National Spokesperson of Indian Youth Congress Javed Khan, the National General Secretary of Indian Youth Congress in-charge of Chhattisgarh Ms. Palak Verma and Vice Chairman of Indravati Development Authority Rajeev Sharma participated as chief guests. National Secretary of Indian Youth Congress Chhattisgarh along with in-charge Samrat Kesari Jeena and Jagdarpur District Vice President Chhattisgarh Youth Congress State Vice President Zeeshan Qureshi attended as special guests. And SEJS Principal Madhuri Kushwaha,

**On occasion of Teacher's Day**

Senior Teachers Anup Kumar Bose, Jagdamba Das Awasthi, Niharika Kadiam, Manisha Rangari, Anjali Chauhan Khan, Fareen Fatima Ansari, Aditya Dev Mishra, Mamta Nag, Mrinal Patras, Prerna Rao, Roopram Sahu, Vibha Pandey, Smriti Panth and office staff were honoured with gifts and thanked all the teachers for their excellent work.

On this occasion, Palak Verma while addressing the teachers and students said that education is the only medium which ensures the progress of every society, every class and every country. It cannot be imagined without education. Education is received only through gurus. Just as a potter gives form to clay and increases its value, in the same way a teacher infuses ethics and values among children and make their life priceless by giving them education in his life. The



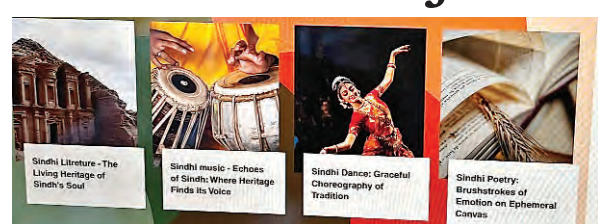
position of a teacher is always the highest. We are proud that today we got the opportunity to receive the blessings of the archangels sent by God in the form of teachers. While addressing, Vice Chairman of

Indravati Development Authority, Rajeev Sharma said that Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has awakened a new ray of hope for English medium education for the children of the state in the

era of commercialization of education. Now no child of Chhattisgarh will be deprived of English education and all the teachers are doing the work very well to realize the dream of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel. The day is not far when every child of Chhattisgarh will speak fluent English and will move forward shoulder to shoulder with the country and the world. Youth Congress national spokesperson Javed Khan said that the Indian Youth Congress continues to do constructive work across the country. He keeps encouraging and honoring responsible citizens, administrative officers and teachers who do excellent work in every field. In this series, today on the occasion of Teacher's Day, the principal, teachers and staff of Swami Atmanand English Medium Excellent School located in Dharampura were honored. The program was conducted by Anup Kumar Bose, lecturer and NCC teacher of Atmanand Excellent English Medium School.

## High School student launches 'The Sindh Project'

Raipur, Sep 07: In a heartwarming and inspiring initiative, a high school student from Raipur is launching "The Sindh Project," a mission dedicated to protecting and cherishing the cultural heritage of the Sindh community. Aashna Dingwani, a young resident of Raipur, is showing incredible determination to ensure that the traditions and history of the Sindh community continue to shine. Sindh is a region known for its fascinating history and diverse culture. The customs, stories, and contributions of the Sindh people are an integral part of its identity. However, Aashna Dingwani noticed that some of these traditions were at risk of fading away as time passed. "The Sindh Project" is a thoughtful response to this challenge. It includes activ-



ities like collecting stories from elders, reviving traditional arts and crafts, preserving the Sindh language, and getting the local community involved. Aashna Dingwani believes that by understanding and appreciating their own culture, people can feel more connected and proud of their heritage.

This initiative highlights the fact that anyone, regardless of their age, can play a significant role in preserving their community's culture. Aashna Dingwani is not just talking about it; they're taking action to make a real dif-

ference. With the support of friends, teachers, and community members, Aashna Dingwani is on a mission to ensure that the Sindh culture remains vibrant and celebrated, not just in Raipur but in other places as well. "The Sindh Project" is not just a project; it's a testament to the power of passion and dedication to preserving and celebrating cultural heritage. It serves as an example for all of us, showing that when we care deeply about something, we can make a positive impact and create a brighter future for our communities.

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## Shri Ram Vatika, various infrastructure devp works to be inaugurated on Sep 7

Raipur, Sep 07: Under the visionary leadership of Chief Minister Shri Bhupesh Baghel, the Ram Van Gaman Tourism Circuit Scheme has etched Chhattisgarh onto the map of spirituality, culture, and tourism. The fortune of Surguja lies in the fact that Lord Shri Ram spent nearly two years of his fourteen-year exile amidst these forests and its dwellers. To rejuvenate the mythological

tales and symbols of Lord Shri Ram's journey in the region, ten significant sites have been identified in the state, including Ramgarh in Surguja. Now, in continuation of this initiative, the inauguration of Shri Ram Vatika and other infrastructure development works in Ramgarh is due on September 7, 2023. Additionally, a grand Ramayan Mahotsav is being organized in the city of

Ambikapur. Deputy Chief Minister Shri T.S. Singhdeo, along with Tourism and Home Minister Shri Tamradhwaj Sahu and Food and Culture Minister Shri Amarjeet Bhagat, will preside over the inauguration ceremony of Shri Ram Vatika and infrastructure development works under Ram Van Tourism Path on September 7, 2023, at 11 AM in Ramgarh. Following this, a magnificent Ramayan

**In Ramgarh under Ram Van Gaman Tourism Circuit Scheme**

Mahotsav will commence at 3 PM at PJ College Ground in Ambikapur. Various other construction works including Tourist Information Center, Public Approach Road Development, Cottage or Dormitory have been completed under Ram Van Gaman Tourism Circuit at a

cost of Rs 6.76 crore. Surguja will witness the spectacular celebration of devotion to Lord Shri Ram at Ramayan Mahotsav

A cultural event featuring the grand Ramayan Mahotsav will be held at the PG College Ground in Ambikapur, starting at 3:00 PM. The event will showcase the talents of the Ramayan Mandalis from Surguja, Balrampur, and Surajpur districts, who secured the

first position in the state-level Ramayan Mandal Competition 2023. These Mandalis will receive musical instruments as rewards from the honorable chief guest.

The cultural presentation will include a musical rendition of the Ramayana by Chhattisgarh's artist Anurag Sharma, as well as a cultural performance by Bollywood playback singer Reenie Chandra.



## Prez Murmu to inaugurate conference of national human rights institutions on Sept 20

New Delhi, Sep 07:

President Droupadi Murmu will inaugurate on September 20 the biennial conference of national human rights institutions (NHRIs) of Asia Pacific which will be hosted here, officials said on Thursday. It is being organised at Vigyan Bhawan by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in collaboration with the Asia Pacific Forum (APF) from September 20-21.

The APF will also hold its 28th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on September 20 to discuss the issues of common interest to member countries. In the conference, more than 1,300 delegates from India and abroad are likely to participate, the NHRC said in a statement.

The conference will be attended by heads, members and senior officials of the NHRIs of 23 countries and five observer countries along with representatives from the Union and state governments, state human rights commissions, special rapporteurs, monitors, various institutions involved in the protection and promotion of human rights in the country, members of civil society and NGOs, human right defenders, lawyers, jurists, academicians, diplomats, representatives of UN agencies, and academic institutions, among others.

Earlier, in 2002 and 2014, such an AGM of Asia



Pacific Forum and conference was held in India. On September 21, the biennial conference will mark the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights (UNDHR). It will also celebrate 30 years of national human rights institutions and the Paris Principles, with a sub-theme on the environment and climate change, the statement added.

During the conference, three plenary sessions on the themes 'Setting the Scene 30 Years of Promoting and Protecting Human Rights across Asia and the Pacific'; 'Advancing the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and its

Promise of Freedom, Equality, and Justice for All'; and 'The role of NHRIs in responding to and mitigating the human rights impacts of climate change-national, regional, and international actions', will be held.

The biennial conference also aims to provide an opportunity for sharing good practices to support communities to respond to human rights impacted by climate change. A separate session on 'Business and Human Rights' will also be held in partnership with UNDP, which will be attended by the representatives of business and industry, workers organisations and associations, various ministries, departments, statutory organisations, UN agencies, human rights defenders, NGOs, etc.

## JANMASHTAMI CELEBRATIONS



Devotees at Laxminarayan temple (Birla temple) on the occasion of Janmashtami, in New Delhi, Thursday, Sept. 7.

## 'Conspiracy' against reservation very much alive in RSS' mind: Congress

New Delhi, Sep 07:

The Congress on Thursday alleged that a "conspiracy" against reservation is "very much alive" in the mind of the RSS and termed a "clarification" Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat's remarks that reservation should continue as long as inequality persists.

Speaking at an event in Nagpur on Wednesday, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Bhagwat said that discrimination exists in our society and reservations should continue as long as inequality persists. He also said "Akhand Bharat" or undivided India will become a reality because

today's youngsters become old, as those who separated from India in 1947 are now feeling that they made a mistake.

Asked about Bhagwat's remarks, Congress' media and publicity department chief Pawan Khara said, "Who is he and why does he need to comment on everything. First tell him to get his organisation registered. Why is it like 'buy one, get one free', you vote for BJP and get Sangh for free."

"What was the role of the ideological ancestors of those calling for 'Akhand Bharat'. We invite Mohan Bhagwat to come and debate on this, we challenge him," Khara said. "What was B S

Moonje's role in India's partition. Let us debate on that, or about their political and ideological ancestor Hindu Mahasabha, what was their role post-1947 when during the Quit India movement, they became part of governments," he said.

"Today they cannot tolerate 15-16 per cent Muslims in India, what will they do as there would be 45 per cent in 'Akhand Bharat'. So he (Bhagwat) has this old habit of saying things without thinking.

On the issue of 'Akhand Bharat', the RSS is divided. The RSS is not 'Akhand' on this there are different views on this in RSS," Khara said.

## 'Over USD 1.8 billion worth of assets recovered from economic offenders'

New Delhi, Sep 07:

Union Minister Jitendra Singh on Thursday said that assets worth more than USD 1.8 billion have been recovered from economic offenders and fugitives in the last about four years. Addressing an event at the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) headquarters here, he said there has been a quantum jump in extradition of criminals and fugitives in recent years, especially after India hosted the 90th Interpol General Assembly in October 2022.

Singh, the Minister of State for Personnel, said 19 criminals/fugitives have returned to India this year so far, whereas previously,

on an average around 10 of them have returned to India every year. The figure stood at 27 in 2022 and 18 in 2021. "Over 1.8 billion US dollar worth of assets have been recovered from economic offenders and fugitives in the last about four years, after Prime Minister Narendra Modi brought in the Economic Offenders Act, while the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) has helped in attaching the assets of offenders worth more than 12 billion



Jitendra Singh

US dollars since 2014," Singh was quoted as having said in a statement issued by the Personnel Ministry. In his inaugural address at the first-ever "International Day of Police Cooperation"

after conferring Indian Police Medals on distinguished CBI officers at an investiture ceremony at the agency's head office, he said the Modi government is aggressively pursuing economic offenders and informed about the recovery and attachment of huge assets from econom-

ic offenders, fugitives and money launderers. Singh said that 2023 is the diamond jubilee year of CBI and in its 60 years of existence, it has emerged as India's premier investigation and anti-corruption agency and internally evolved as a capable organisation to handle investigations ranging from bribery and corruption, sensational and complicated cases handed over by states and constitutional courts, economic offences, and banking frauds. "On account of its sheer professionalism and integrity, this bureau has gained the confidence of the executive, judiciary, legislature, and the common people," the minister said.

## Five killed

Rajkot, Sep 07: Five men were killed following a collision between two motorcycles near Rajkot city of Gujarat, the police said on Thursday.

The accident took place on Sardhar-Bhugadh road around 8 pm on Wednesday, they said. Three of the victims were travelling on one two-wheeler, while the second bike was carrying the other victims.

Citing a preliminary probe, the police said one of the victims was riding carelessly and rammed his bike into a two-wheeler coming in the opposite direction, said AJ Parmar, sub-inspector of Ajdam police station.

Those who lost their lives were identified as Dilip Bhuriya (25), Arjun Meda (18), Dinesh Rathod (30), Devgan Makwana (22) and Rajesh Rathod (22), all residents of Sajadiali village of Rajkot district.

While Bhuriya, Meda and Dinesh were going towards Sardhar village on one bike to buy groceries, Makwana and Rajesh were coming towards Sardhar on their two-wheeler.

## Second barge of LSAM 16 series built by private firm delivered to Navy

Mumbai, Sep 07:

The Indian Navy has said the second barge of the LSAM 16 (Yard 126) series built by a private firm was delivered to it, and its induction will provide impetus to the operational commitments of the naval force by facilitating transportation of articles, ammunition to ships. The barge was delivered to the navy on Wednesday, it said in a statement.

The contract for construction and delivery of Eleven Ammunition Barges concluded with M/s Suryadipta Projects Pvt Ltd, an MSME based in Thane, in consonance with the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' initiatives of the government, the navy said.

"Second Barge of the series LSAM 16 (Yard 126)



Indian Navy officials during the delivery of Second Barge of the series LSAM 16 to the Navy

was delivered to Indian Navy on September 6 in presence of Cmde MV Raj Krishna, CoY(Mbi)," the statement said. The barge delivered in Mumbai has been built under the classification rules of Indian Register of Shipping (IRS) with a

service life of 30 years. With all major and auxiliary equipment/ systems sourced from indigenous manufacturers, the Barge is proud flag bearer of 'Make in India' initiatives of the Ministry of Defence, it said. "Induction of ACTCM

Barge will provide impetus to operational commitments of IN by facilitating transportation, embarkation and disembarkation of articles/ammunition to IN Ships both alongside jetties and at outer harbours," the navy said.

## Assembly bypolls: Counting of votes for 4 seats in Bengal, Jharkhand, Tripura today

Kolkata/Ranchi/Agartala, Sep 07:

Counting of votes for the bypolls to four assembly seats in West Bengal, Jharkhand and Tripura will begin at 8 am on Friday in the first electoral test for the INDIA bloc against the BJP. Bypolls to two seats in Tripura (Boxanagar and Dhanpur), and one seat each in West Bengal (Dhupguri) and Jharkhand (Dumri) were held by and large peacefully on September 5.

In Jharkhand, INDIA bloc and NDA candidates are keeping their fingers crossed ahead of the counting to Dumri assembly centre has been set up at Krishi Bazar Samiti, Pachambha, in Giridih district, an election offi-

cial said. "In all, 24 rounds of counting will be held and over 70 officials have been deployed for the exercise," Giridih deputy commissioner-cum-election officer Naman Prieshe Lakra told PTI. Around 65 per cent of 2.98 lakh voters had exercised their franchise to seal the fate of six candidates in the bypoll.

"Central Armed Police Force and various wings of Jharkhand police have been deployed to ensure free and fair counting," he said. INDIA bloc candidate Bebi Devi is locked in a direct contest with NDA nominee Yashoda Devi. JMM's Bebi Devi said, "I believe Dumri people have given their blessings to the party."

AJSU Party's Yashoda Devi said, "People partici-

pated in the bypoll in large numbers. I think they have voted for the AJSU Party for development of the constituency." In Tripura, the ECI has taken necessary steps to conduct the counting in a transparent way, a senior poll official said on Thursday. Counting of votes to both the seats - Boxanagar and Dhanpur will take place at Sonamura Girls' HS School.

"There is tight security at the counting centre," Sepahijala district magistrate Vishal Kumar told PTI. BJP's Tafajjal Hussain, who unsuccessfully contested the last assembly election from Boxanagar, is contesting against CPI(M) nominee Mizan Hussain from there.

## Kishan Reddy visits home guard who set himself ablaze in Hyd



Hyderabad, Sep 07:

The BRS government in Telangana failed to fulfil the promises made and assurances given to home guards with regard to improving their working conditions, Union Minister for Tourism G Kishan Reddy alleged on Thursday.

Speaking to reporters after visiting Ravinder, a

home guard who is undergoing treatment after allegedly attempting suicide by self-immolation here on Tuesday, Reddy demanded that a thorough inquiry be conducted into the incident. "The suicide attempt is very unfortunate. We are witnessing the exploitation of home guards.

The state government is insulating the home guards institution by not allowing them their rights," he said. The traffic home guard, who had gone to the Home Guard Commandant's office at Goshamahal here on Tuesday, set himself on fire and after being informed about the incident by some passersby, police shifted him to a state-run hospital.

## Udhayanidhi spoke about 'inhuman principles' in Sanatan Dharma, unfair for PM to target him, says Stalin

Chennai, Sep 07:

Amid a raging row across the country over his cabinet colleague Udhayanidhi Stalin's alleged anti-Sanatan Dharma remarks, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin on Thursday said his son had expressed certain comments about the "inhuman principles" preached in it and accused the BJP of being 'desperate' to create division in the mega opposition bloc, the INDIA alliance.

Pro-BJP forces, unable to tolerate Udhayanidhi's stance against oppressive principles, have spread a false narrative, alleging

he called for the genocide of people with Sanatan thoughts, Stalin said in a statement and wondered why Prime Minister Narendra Modi would also join those targeting the TN minister. Udhayanidhi spoke out against oppressive ideologies and called to eradicate the practices based on those ideologies.

"Udhayanidhi Stalin expressed certain comments about inhuman principles preached by Sanatan. He expressed his views on Sanatan principles that discriminate against Scheduled Castes, tribals and women, with no intention to offend any religion or

religious beliefs," he said. "The Social Media mob nurtured by the BJP has widely circulated...falsehood in northern states. However, Minister Udhayanidhi never used the word 'genocide' in either Tamil or English. Still, lies were spread claiming so," Stalin added.

Union ministers Amit Shah and Rajnath Singh and many others "shared the same lie and condemned Udhayanidhi. Even after Udhayanidhi's denial, these Union Ministers did not retract their statements."

"It is disheartening to hear from the national media that the Prime

Minister mentioned that Udhayanidhi's remarks need a proper response during a meeting of his council of ministers. The Prime Minister has access to all the resources to verify any claim or report. So, is the Prime Minister speaking unaware of the lies spread about Udhayanidhi, or does he do so knowingly?"

Stalin, president of the ruling DMK, asked. He said the PM had recently spoken about his cabinet colleague EV Velu in Parliament, "without knowing the truth about a purported video clip" about him making some purported controversial remarks.

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I, SIDDHARTH JAIN, s/o SUNIL KUMAR JAIN, resident of House No. 3/1057Geetanagar Main RoadRaipur, Chhattisgarh, 492001, have my name incorrectly spelt as SIDDHARTHA JAIN in my ICSE (Class 10th) and ISC (Class 12th) matriculation certificates and marksheets. The correct spelling of my name is SIDDHARTH JAIN vide affidavit dated 06th September 2023 sworn before notary RAJKUMAR SAHU, Raipur, C.G. and should be considered for all purposes.

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# Voter awareness program organized in GP Bhimbhauri

Berla, Sep 07:

Voter awareness program was organized here in Gram Panchayat Bhimbhauri of Berla development block of Bemetara district. About 1200 students from nearby seven higher secondary schools Bhimbhauri, Janta School Bhimbhauri, Khudmuda, Pirda, Kadarka, Hardi and Khudmudi schools participated with full enthusiasm, with cycle rally, Tehsildar Berla Manoj Kumar Gupta also participated in the voter awareness rally.

Elderly voters were honored by the guests present and before the end of the program, voter awareness oath was administered to all present. Naib Tehsildar



Chandrakant Rahi, SVEEP Nodal Officer of Berla College GS Bhardwaj, Coordinator of Voter Program Vikesh Yadav, Assistant Development Block Education Officer Mr. Uike and Mahendra

Kumar Verma, Principal Incharge Government Higher Secondary School, Bhimbhauri A.R.Pankra Incharge Principal Janata Higher Secondary School Bhimbhauri, Asha Verma Incharge Principal Government High School

Hardi, Narottam Nishad Incharge Principal Government Higher Secondary School Khudmudi Manju Verma Lecturer Government Higher Secondary School Khudmuda Pushpa Nayak Lecturer Government Higher Secondary School Kadarka Shyam Lal Sahu CAC Sankul Bhimbhauri, Manoj Verma CAC, Sankul Khudmuda, Daman Sahu Lecturer Public U.M.V. Bhimbhauri, Ramesh Kumar Verma Lecturer Government Higher Secondary School Bhimbhauri Sarpanch Maheshwari Dhivar, Sarpanch representative Khivraj Dhivar, Kamlesh Deshilra Secretary Gram Panchayat Bhimbhauri were present.

# Festival of Halashasti celebrated with devotion



Kasdol, Sep 07:

The festival of Halashasti was celebrated with great enthusiasm by mothers for the long life and happiness and prosperity of the children. Mothers made special puja of Lord Shiva by making Sagri in the courtyard of the house and completed the fast by eating pasahar rice. Halashasthi festival, celebrated every year on Bhadon Krishna Shashthi,

was celebrated with great pomp in the area including the city.

The day of Halashasthi is mainly celebrated as the birth anniversary of Lord Kartikeya and on this occasion, a large number of women with children kept fast and engaged in worship. The fasting mothers built a Sagri in front of the house in which the view of river and mountain was also depicted and wor-

shipped Peedha and Nandi as per the rituals and by offering seven types of grains including Lai, Gram, Moong, Wheat, Arhar, Dona Pattal along with coconut.

Apart from the homes, the puja also took place in many other places and houses including the Math Temple, Lakshmi Narayan Temple, Durga Temple, where hundreds of women gathered together and worshiped as

per rituals and made vows to God for the long life and happiness and prosperity of their children. In Kasdol of the area, many women with children offered prayers near Bhagwat Bhawan including Ramjanaki Nagar, police station premises, in which Rukhmani Jaiswal, Pooja Verma, Rashmikiran Jaiswal and other women broke their fast by eating Pasahar rice after worship.

# Distinguished teachers felicitated on Teachers Day



Manendragarh, Sep 07:

Teachers and distinguished citizens were honored on the occasion of Teachers Day, which included Assistant Eye Officer of Community Health Center Manendragarh, RD Diwan, eminent citizen of the city and senior yoga practitioner Kailash Dubey, yoga teachers associated with Patanjali Yoga Samiti, Sunita Mishra, lec-

turer from Government High School Belvehra, Sunita Sharma and Neelam Dubey from Government Boys Higher Secondary School, Satish Upadhyay, retired Sanskrit lecturer from Government Girls Higher Secondary School Education Department, Vivek Kumar Tiwari, Rakesh Aggarwal, Diwakar Mishra, Parmanand Singh, Dharamraj Verma, Kailash Dubey, Pinky

Saluja, Jasvir Singh Raina, Ramsevak Vishwakarma, Pinky Raina, Diwakar Acharya etc. The program was conducted by famous singer and social worker Jasvir Singh Raina. R.D. Diwan of Community Health Center, who was specially present on this occasion, said that this healthy tradition of honoring teachers on Teacher's Day should always be maintained.

# 'Khamarchath' festival celebrated with devotion



Birkoni, Sep 07:

Mothers observed a group fast and offered prayers in Ramjanaki temple Birkoni, and in other homes with great fanfare. All the women gathered together and kept a fast for the long life of their children. A day before, the women were engaged in the preparations for the puja by making sagri in the place of worship, decorated with khamhar, kasi, vine and flowers and worshiped Halshasthi Mata. Shiva, Parvati, Kartikeya, Ganesh, Nandi, Bhavra, Baati, made of clay, Buffalo milk, curd, ghee, mahua, lai, kanshi flowers were offered to Mata Halshasthi with five types of bhaji, mahua,

mango, palas leaves, kanshi flowers, coconut, lye and other worship materials. Acharya Lakshmi Narayan Vaishnav told that Khamarchath fast was observed by Mata Devaki in the Dwapar Yuga, because Kansa was killing all her children. Seeing this, Devarshi Narad advised Mata Devaki to fast for Halshasthi Mata and due to the effect of the fast observed by him, Baldau and Lord Krishna were successful in conquering Kansa. Pashahar rice and munga bhaji were served in a plate made of Mahua leaves and the women ended the fast by taking prasad made of terai, chilli, buffalo milk and curd. The puja continued till late evening.

# Collector reviews route chart of polling stations

Gaurella-Pendra-Marwahi, Sep 07:

For the preparation for the upcoming Vidhan Sabha General Elections, the District Collector and District Election Officer Priyanka Rishi Mahobia reviewed the verification report and route chart of polling stations. Keeping in view the preparations for the upcoming Vidhansabha General Election 2023, Sector Officers have been appointed for the smooth completion of the polling process.

The Collector said that it is the responsibility of the Sector Officers to bring the polling parties safely to the polling stations and bring them back and for this, separate route charts have been made to easily transport the polling parties to the polling stations and bring them back after voting. She also instructed all the sub-divisional rev-



enue officers, tehsildars, naib tehsildars and district CEOs to inspect the polling stations and route charts and submit the final report.

A total of 306 polling stations have been set up in the district and these include 242 polling stations in Marwahi assembly constituency and 64 polling stations in Kota assembly constituency. 28 sector officers and 48

routes have been created to carry out the work in the polling stations of both the assembly constituencies. Additional Collector Namrata Anand Dongar, Deputy District Election Officer Anand Roop Tiwari, Joint Collector Dileram Dahire, Project Director DRDA KP Tendulkar and all sector officers and revenue officers were present in the meeting.

# Foundation laid for Marar Samaj's building in Sihad

Anwari, Sep 07:

The tranquil village of Sihad witnessed a momentous occasion as the groundbreaking ceremony for the Marar Samaj Bhavan unfolded. The event was graced by an assembly of distinguished guests, featuring Kanti Sonwani, President of the District Panchayat Dhamtari; Govind Sahu, Chairman of the District Panchayat Dhamtari; and Rajendra Nayak Patel, State President of Akhil Bharatiya Maurya, Mali, Kushwaha, Shaini Marar Society.

The ceremony also boasted the presence of esteemed personalities such as Sharada Loknath Sahu, President of J.P. Kurud Nagar Panchayat; Tapan Chandrakar, President of Nagar Panchayat Kurud; Santosh Sahu, Member of Janpad Panchayat Kurud; Mukesh Kosare, President of the Block Committee Bhakhara; Siyaram Patel, State President of Marar Samaj, along-



side the dedicated villagers who contributed to this memorable event.

The Marar Samaj Bhavan holds immense promise for the community, marking a significant stride towards enriching the social and cultural tapestry of Sihad. The ceremony symbolized the unity and unwavering determination of the villagers in establishing a vibrant hub for diverse social and cultural activities.

# Collector takes swift action on pending matters

Conducts weekly departmental review

Korea, Sep 07:

In a meeting held at the Collector's conference hall, Collector Vinay Kumar Langesh demonstrated his commitment to prompt and efficient governance. The meeting focused on reviewing the progress of departmental work and addressing pending matters to ensure swift resolutions.

During this constructive session, Collector and accompanying officials meticulously assessed applications submitted through various channels, including Jan Chaupal, Jan Shikayat, and the PG Portal. They emphasized



the importance of expediting the resolution of pending matters through these platforms.

Collector urged all Chief Executive Officers of Janpad Panchayats and Tehsildars in the district to expedite cases related to land distribution and name transfers. Additionally, he directed Revenue Officers to take immediate action regard-

clean and safe roads, the Collector instructed Municipal Commissioners and Chief Executive Officers of Janpad Panchayats to rigorously enforce the "Roka-Cheka" campaign. They are tasked with continuous monitoring to ensure no livestock roam freely on the roads. Stringent measures were also ordered for cattle owners who disregard these guidelines.

The Collector conducted a comprehensive review of the Chief Minister's School Adoption Program and urged officials to expedite the construction of Swami Atmanand School buildings and various community structures. Additionally, in preparation for the upcoming Vidhan Sabha elections,

Collector instructed officials to promptly complete pending works, including infrastructure improvements at polling centers, such as toilets, ramps, and essential utilities.

After the time-bound meeting, a Jan Darshan (public hearing) was organized, where 75 individuals submitted applications covering a wide array of departments. Collector promptly instructed department officials to prioritize the resolution of these applications, which predominantly revolved around revenue matters, electricity-related concerns, MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act), and ration card issues.

# District level Ch'garhia Olympics concludes

Gaurella-Pendra-Marwahi, Sep 07:

District level Chhattisgarhia Olympics concluded here with full grandeur with tug of war competition. In the closing ceremony, Marwahi MLA Dr. KK Dhruv, District Panchayat President Arun Singh Chauhan, State Youth Commission member Uttam Vasudev and many public representatives awarded the winning participants with medals, shields and citations.

In the tug of war competition organized on the concluding occasion, District Panchayat Marwahi stood first in the women's category up to 18 years of age and District Panchayat Pendra stood



first in the men's category. Chief guest of the closing ceremony, MLA Dr. KK Dhruv, congratulating all the players, wished them all the best for bringing glory to GPM district by winning more prizes than last time in division and state level competitions.

District Panchayat President Mr. Arun Singh Chauhan said that Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh

Baghel is organizing Chhattisgarh Olympics to encourage traditional sports activities of Chhattisgarh in rural and urban areas and to provide platform to participants of all age groups. Chhattisgarh State Youth Commission member: Uttam Vasudev also praised the work being done by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel for the

welfare and upliftment of all sections of the society along with promoting traditional sports activities.

Under guidance of District Nodal Officer of Chhattisgarh Olympics and Project Director, District Panchayat (DRDA) Kaushal Prasad Tendulkar District Collector Mrs. Priyanka Rishi Mahobia, the district level competition started from August 27 and ended on September 4. In the closing ceremony, Ms. Mamta Paikra, President of District Panchayat Pushpeshwari Tanwar, Member of District Panchayat Bilaspur, Savita Rathore and many others were present.

# Collector becomes teacher at local school

Korea, Sep 07:

With warm greetings of "Good morning, sir... Good morning, children," Collector Vinay Kumar Langesh made a surprise visit to the Primary School in Charcha Colony. The school echoed with the cheerful voices of young students engaged in a candid exchange.

Engaging with the first-grade class, the Collector initiated a friendly session, asking who could count from one to fifty. Young Gopal eagerly volunteered and showcased his numerical prowess. The 2's table was met with enthusiasm, as Ravi confidently recited it along



with the 3's table. Arpita charmed everyone by flawlessly reciting the alphabet with her eyes closed. A math challenge was presented on the blackboard, met with swift response as student Arushi confidently provided the correct solution. He encouraged the children by

saying that just as food is necessary, studying and playing are equally important. Advancing to the fifth-grade class, the Collector inquired about favoured subjects. Mathematics and Hindi emerged as the top choices. A lesson in spelling ensued, with Ravi tasked to

write his mother's name in English, gently corrected by the Collector when needed. The interaction continued, with the Collector impressing students by recalling and reciting multiplication tables. Encouraging diligent reading and writing at home, he underscored the importance of English studies. Transitioning to a practical aspect, the Collector participated in the preparation of the midday meal, emphasizing the significance of nutritious sustenance and hygiene. He urged the headmaster to maintain a meal register, promoting clean utensils and personal cleanliness.



# China says it backs African Union's inclusion in G20

Beijing, Sep 07:

China on Thursday expressed its support for the inclusion of the African Union (AU) in the G20, saying it is the "first country to explicitly support" the inclusion of the African bloc in the grouping. In a recent interview with PTI, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said India backs the inclusion of the African Union as a full member of the Group of 20 largest economies as no plan for the future of the planet can be successful without the representation and recognition of all voices. "China is the first country to explicitly support support for the AU's accession to G20," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning told a media briefing here while replying to a question about reports that AU will be ad-

mitted to G20 at the New Delhi summit to be held on September 9-10. "At the recent China-Africa leaders dialogue, President Xi Jinping once again stressed that China actively supports the full membership of AU in the G20," said.

Mao said China and AU are important partners in building high-level commentary with a shared future and safeguarding international equity and justice.

"We support the AU in playing a bigger role in global governance," she said. In the last few years, India has been positioning itself as a leading voice, flagging concerns, challenges and aspirations of the Global South or the developing nations, especially the African continent. Prime Minister Modi has been leading from the

front on the issue of the African Union's membership of the G20. In June, Modi wrote to the G20 leaders pitching for granting the African Union the full membership of the grouping at its New Delhi summit. Weeks later, the proposal was formally included in the draft communique for the summit during the third G20 Sherpas meeting that took place in Karnataka's Hampi in July.

"Our presidency has not only seen the largest-ever participation from African countries but has also pushed for the inclusion of the African Union as a permanent member of the G20," Modi wrote in an article which appeared in several Indian newspapers on Thursday. The US has also strongly supported the inclusion of AU in G20. On Wednesday, White

House National Security Council Coordinator for Strategic Communication John Kirby told reporters at a news conference in Washington that President Joe Biden was looking forward to warmly welcoming the African Union into the G20. "He's also looking forward to warmly welcoming the African Union as a permanent member of the G20, the newest permanent member."

And we believe that the African Union's voice will make the G20 even stronger than it already is," Kirby said. A final decision on the proposal would be taken at the G20 summit to be held in New Delhi on September 9 and 10. The African Union (AU) is an influential organisation comprising 55 member states that make up the countries of the African continent.

## MILITARY EXERCISE



Indian Army personnel during the multi-nation military exercise 'Bright Star', in Egypt.

## Poet-lyricist Javed Akhtar conferred with honorary doctorate in UK



Poet & lyricist Javed Akhtar with his wife Shabana Azmi and son Farhan Akhtar after receiving his Honorary Doctorate by SOAS University of London, Thursday, Sept. 7.

London, Sep 07:

Award-winning lyricist, poet, scriptwriter and activist Javed Akhtar on Thursday received his Doctor of Literature honorary degree at a ceremony at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London. The 78-year-old has been conferred the honorary degree for his creative endeavours as a distinguished writer and his dedication to social justice as an activist. Dr Akhtar was accompanied at the ceremony by his actor wife, Shabana Azmi, and filmmaker son, Farhan Akhtar. "A luminary in Indian cinema and literature, Javed Akhtar's

impact spans across writing, activism, and leadership," the SOAS citation reads. "As an award-winning scriptwriter, lyricist, poet, and activist, Akhtar's work has touched the hearts and minds of millions. His dedication to social justice, as reflected in his instrumental role in copyright reform, and his outspoken stance against religious fundamentalism highlight his commitment to a better society," it notes. The university highlighted Akhtar's many accolades, including numerous awards for his cinematic contributions, such as National Awards and Filmfare Awards, and recognition as the first Indian to be conferred the

Richard Dawkins Award for critical thinking, which "underscores his influence as a thought leader". Among the 2023 cohort of SOAS honorary doctorates, British Indian chef and bestselling cookbook author Asma Khan was conferred a Doctor of Science (Social Sciences) degree for reshaping the culinary landscape with her innovative approach to food and her commitment to social change. "As the first British chef profiled in Netflix's Emmy-nominated Chef's Table series and a Vogue 25 Most Influential Women awardee, Khan's impact transcends borders. Her all-female kitchen team and dedication to inclusivity have earned her recognition as a trailblazer," reads her citation. "Khan's accomplishments also extend beyond the culinary world, including her role on the Mayor's Business Advisory Board and an Honorary Fellowship at Oxford University."

## UK PM Rishi Sunak hails post-Brexit science partnership with EU



London, Sep 07: British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak on Thursday hailed a bespoke new post-Brexit partnership with the European Union (EU) in the field of scientific research that had been one of the casualties of the UK's exit from the 27-member economic bloc four years ago.

As part of the new Horizon Europe arrangement, UK-based scientists and institutions will again be able to apply for money from the 81-billion pounds Horizon Europe scheme. While the UK's associated membership had been agreed upon as part of the Brexit trade deal in 2020, it remained in limbo until both sides were able to agree on the

Northern Ireland Protocol affecting the UK territory's unique requirements as a neighbour of EU member-nation Ireland. "With a wealth of expertise and experience to bring to the global stage, we have delivered a deal that enables UK scientists to confidently take part in the world's largest research collaboration programme Horizon Europe," said Sunak.

"We have worked with our EU partners to make sure that this is the right deal for the UK, unlocking unparalleled research opportunities, and also the right deal for British taxpayers," he said. It follows a call between Sunak and EU Commission President Ursula Von der Leyen on Wednesday.

## Indian-origin man jailed for causing fatal accident at workplace in Singapore

Singapore, Sep 07: An Indian-origin certified forklift operator in Singapore was sentenced to 18 weeks' imprisonment for having caused death by accident at the workplace, the Manpower Ministry said here on Thursday. Alagappan Ganesan, employed by Asiabuild Construction, was sentenced on August 15 for a July 7, 2022 accident following prosecution under the Workplace Safety and Health (WSH) Act, the Ministry said in an August report on prosecution cases released on Thursday. On July 7, 2022, Ganesan was operating a forklift in a multi-story car park, where his compatriot Kunjappa Magesh and a co-worker were laying cables. To prevent the

cable from being run over by the forklift, Kunjappa and the co-worker attempted to throw the cable over the forklift, which, instead, landed on its rear. Kunjappa then climbed onto the rear of the forklift. But Ganesan started to reverse the machine resulting in Kunjappa getting caught between the forklift's overhead guard and a beam. He was taken to the hospital but died from his injuries, according to a Channel News Asia report.

The Ministry's investigations revealed that Ganesan was negligent in performing his duties as a forklift operator. "He did not pay attention to the

environment or perform any checks before operating the machine," it said. The Ministry also said that operators of machinery such as forklifts or quay cranes must be vigilant and mindful of any workers in the vicinity. In another workplace accident, an Indian-origin worker was killed when a quay crane operator failed to follow safe work procedures at a port site of PSA Corp. Mohammad Asraf Rosli was given a seven-month jail sentence on August 25 this year for lowering a 20-foot reefer container onto co-worker Varathan Prabu on March 11, 2020.

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**निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना**

क्र.	निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना क्र.	सिस्टम आई.डी. क्र.	कार्य का नाम	कार्य की अनुमानित लागत (लाख में)
1.	निविदा प्रपत्र प्राप्त करने हेतु आवेदन प्रस्तुत करने की अंतिम तिथि	12.09.2023	अपरान्ह 5.30 बजे तक	
2.	निविदाएं प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि	19.09.2023	अपरान्ह 5.30 बजे तक	
3.	प्राप्त निविदाएं खोलने की तिथि	20.09.2023	पूर्वाह्न 11.30 बजे	
4.	अर्ह ठेकेदारों की श्रेणी	ई-पंजीयन के अंतर्गत 'द' श्रेणी से 'अ' तक		

एन.आई.टी. क्र.	कार्य का नाम	कार्य की अनुमानित लागत (लाख में)
01.	Special Repair of embankment and construction of retaining wall in Km. 161+800 RHS. Construction of railing and face wall in various Kms. Of NH130C	12.41 लाख 9500.00 750.00 03 माह
02.	Special Repair for Room No.04,05, Back Verandah, and toilet of NH Sub-Division office building at Balod.	3.00 लाख 3000.00 750.00 01 माह

टीप - निविदा संबंधी शर्तें एवं अन्य विवरण विभागीय वेबसाइट [www.cg.nic.in/pwdraipur/](http://www.cg.nic.in/pwdraipur/) में Live Tender के अंतर्गत निविदा प्रपत्र में उपलब्ध है। इसका अवलोकन संबंधित समाज कार्यालय में किया जा सकता है।

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**मैनुअल पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना**

विज्ञापित क्रमांक 6348/एन.आई.टी.-28/टी.सी./23-24/ रायपुर, दिनांक 01/09/2023

कार्य का विवरण	अनुमानित राशि (लाखों में)
Deposit Work of Section No-3 of F.S.L. Building under Section Maintenance Sub Division Raipur.	19.90
Special Repair Work of Commerce Building J Yoganandam Chhattisgarh College at Byron Bazar Raipur under Maintenance Sub Division Raipur.	18.26
MISCELLANEOUS ANNUAL PERIODIC (REPAIRING OF GRILL AND MEDIAN) WORKS OF RAIPUR BILASPUR ROAD FROM FAFADIH TO DHANELI UNDER SURVEY SUB DIVISION RAIPUR.	19.94
PAINTING OF GRILL, MEDIAN, GUARD STONE AND CURB STONE WORKS OF RAIPUR BILASPUR ROAD FROM FAFADIH TO DHANELI UNDER SURVEY SUB DIVISION RAIPUR.	12.25

निविदा प्रपत्र प्राप्त करने की तिथि - 20.09.2023

2. उपरोक्त निर्माण कार्य की निविदा की सामान्य शर्तें, धरोहर राशि, विस्तृत निविदा विज्ञापित, निविदा दस्तावेज व अन्य जानकारी कार्यालयीन अवधि में कार्यालय से प्राप्त की जा सकती है। साथ ही यह जानकारी विभागीय वेबसाइट [www.cg.nic.in/pwdraipur/](http://www.cg.nic.in/pwdraipur/) में Live Tender के अंतर्गत निविदा प्रपत्र में उपलब्ध। इनका अवलोकन संबंधित समाज कार्यालय में किया जा सकता है।

कार्यपालन अभियंता  
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रायपुर

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**कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियंता, लो.नि.वि., राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग मण्डल, रायपुर (छ.ग.)**

दिनांक 05.09.2023

एकीकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली अंतर्गत सक्षम श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से निम्नलिखित निर्माण कार्य हेतु ऑनलाइन (Online) निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है :-

क्र.	निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना क्र.	सिस्टम आई.डी. क्र.	कार्य का नाम	कार्य की अनुमानित लागत
1.	43/SE/NH/G/15-41/2023 (2nd Call)	2023_MoRTH_769617_1	Milling & overlay on Tekari Railway Over Bridge (ROB) from Km. 3.200 to Km 4.200 (Total length 1026 Mtr. of NH-130B (Dhaneli Khors section) in District Raipur	Rs. 99.81 Lacs
2.	44/SE/NH/G/15-28/2023 (4th Call)	2023_MoRTH_770150_1	B.T. Patch repair in Km. 242.470 to 247.00, 229.800 to 232.300 & Km. 224.980 to 225.900 of NH-30 (Kawardha, Pondi & Bodla town portion).	Rs. 23.08 Lacs
3.	45/SE/NH/G/15-33/2023 (4th Call)	2023_MoRTH_770151_1	B.T. Patch repair from Km. 0.000 to 30.600 of NH 930.	Rs. 35.10 Lacs

ऑनलाइन निविदा डाउनलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि 15.09.2023 समय शाम 5:30 बजे तक है।

उपरोक्त निर्माण कार्य की निविदा की सामान्य शर्तें, धरोहर राशि, विस्तृत निविदा विज्ञापित, निविदा दस्तावेज व अन्य जानकारी सड़क परिवहन एवं राजमार्ग मंत्रालय (MORT&H's) के ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट वेब पोर्टल <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> से डाउनलोड की जा सकती है।

अधीक्षण अभियंता  
लो.नि.वि., राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग मण्डल,  
रायपुर (छ.ग.)

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**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER**  
**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DURG CIRCLE DURG (C.G.)**

Durg, Dated: 04.09.2023

**e-Procurement Tender Notice**  
2nd Call

Online tenders in form "A" percentage rate basis are invited on behalf of Governor of Chhattisgarh dated 19-09-2023 :-

NIT No	Name of work	P.A.C. (Rs. In lacs.)
215/Durg(Durg)/2023	BT PATCH REPAIRING IN VARIOUS ROAD OF HEAD QUARTER 2, 3 & JAMGAON (M), UNDER SUB DIVISION PATAN	79.24

Note:-

- General Conditions, detailed NIT, Tender documents & other information of the above construction work downloaded from the Eprocurement web portal or departmental website <http://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>.
- NIT No. & Name of the Work should be essentially mentioned on the envelope through the Registered Post/Speed Post in this office.

Superintending Engineer  
P.W.D., Durg Circle Durg (C.G.)  
G-05033/2  
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**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER**  
**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, CIRCLE NO-1 RAIPUR (C.G.)**

**Tender Notice (1st Call)**

Online tenders are invited from Contractors, Registered in appropriate class in Unified Registration System [e-Registration] for the following works :-

NIT No./System Tender No.	Name of Work	Probable amount of contract
154/146489	Annual Repair Work for B.T. Renewal Work of Raipur Bilaspur Road (Urkura to Dhaneli) (km 8/2 to 8/8-100) Length - 0.70 km (Part - 4), (km 8/8-100 to 9/4) Length - 0.70 km (Part - 5) & (km 9/6 to 10/2-100) Length - 0.70 km (Part - 6) Total Length - 2.10 KM. Under Survey Sub Division, Raipur, Chhattisgarh.	Rs. 186.53 Lakh
155/146491	Annual Repair Work For B.T. Renewal Work of Bhatagaon Mahadeoghat Raipura Sarona Ettabhata Road Km 10, 11, 12, to 13/6-3.50 Km, Datrenga Parsada Khorpa Road Km 16 & 17 Total Length - 5.50 km Under Maintenance Sub Division, Raipur, Chhattisgarh.	Rs. 162.82 Lakh
156/146492	Annual Repair Work For B.T. Renewal Work of Gondwara Gudiyari ram Nagar Kota Mahoba Bazar Hirapur & Tatibandh Road (km 7/8 to 8/6 & km 10/2 to 11/2 Length - 2.00 km Under Maintenance Sub Division, Raipur, Chhattisgarh.	Rs. 152.26 Lakh
157/146493	Annual Repair Work For B.T. Renewal Work of Bhatagaon Mahadeoghat Raipura Sarona Ettabhata Road 1,2,3,7,8, & 9 Length - 6.00 km Under Maintenance Sub Division, Raipur, Chhattisgarh.	Rs. 177.67 Lakh
161/146494	ANNUAL REPAIR WORK FOR B.T. Renewal Work of Raipur Bilaspur Road (Urkura to Dhaneli) (km 6/2-100 to 6/8) Length - 0.70 km (Part - 1), (km 6/10 to 7/4-100) Length - 0.70 km (Part - 2) & (km 7/4-100 to 7/10) Length - 0.70 km (Part - 3) Total Length - 2.10 KM. Under Survey Sub Division, Raipur, Chhattisgarh.	Rs. 186.53 Lakh
162/146495	ANNUAL REPAIR WORK FOR B.T. Renewal Work at Pandari to MMI Hospital (Canal Linking Road (Part-4 km - 5/2 to 5/10, Part-5 km 6/2 to 1/10 = 2.00 km) Raipur	Rs. 143.71 Lakh

Last date of tender Download Date up to 23.09.2023 Time 17:30 PM

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

Superintending Engineer  
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### India & Bharat Harmony in Diversity

In a country as diverse as India, the very essence of its identity lies in the seamless coexistence of contrasting elements. For decades, both 'India' and 'Bharat' have stirred deep emotions among patriots, serving as symbols of pride and unity. However, these cherished labels have now become pawns in a political chess game, where their usage is being weaponized for narrow political gains. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government's decision to favour 'Bharat' over 'India' in official communications has ignited a passionate debate, one that seeks to assert the dominance of one name over the other. Yet, in this debate, it is crucial to recognize that both 'India' and 'Bharat' are integral components of India's identity, and the attempt to prioritize one over the other is both unnecessary and divisive. The roots of this controversy can be traced to the Constitution of India, where it is stated, 'India, that is Bharat, shall be a Union of States.' Historically, the choice between 'India' and 'Bharat' has been contextual, reflecting the intricate tapestry of India's rich heritage and diverse culture. The cultural resonances of 'Bharat' have always been acknowledged, and the current fervor surrounding it is more about discarding the use of 'India' as if the two cannot coexist harmoniously. Such an approach implies that 'India' is a foreign imposition, deemed unfit for national dignity, while 'Bharat,' linked to ancient sources, transcends the modern geographical and cultural landscape of the Indian republic. In reality, both names have evolved as a result of India's ongoing nation-building journey, a journey that has been shaped by centuries of migrations, diverse ethnicities, languages, and genetic influences. This unnecessary brouhaha should have been allowed to dissipate, but the opposition's reaction has inadvertently turned it into a fundamental identity issue. The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) has advocated for 'Bharat' over 'India' for some time, and the opposition's decision to brand itself as I.N.D.I.A through an acronym may have hastened the BJP's efforts to emphasize 'Bharat.' However, this exercise, far from strengthening a nation's pride, has inadvertently undermined India's soft power and self-confidence. 'Bharat' holds a significant place in India's cultural and political lexicon, appearing in literature and idioms across various Indian languages. Similarly, 'India' is embraced by millions, both within and outside the country, as a symbol of progress and hope. The context and constituencies of these terms may vary, but the underlying essence they convey remains the same. The needless juxtaposition of 'India' against 'Bharat' should not disrupt the unity of a diverse nation, nor should it be used as a divisive cultural battleground. As India stands on the cusp of the G20 summit, it is essential to remember that the strength and pride of a nation do not hinge on the choice of words. Instead, it lies in the country's ability to showcase its global potential in various fields, from technology and innovation to economic growth. India's unique identity is founded on its ability to embrace contradictions and diversities, where ancient traditions coexist seamlessly with modern aspirations. 'India' and 'Bharat' symbolize this harmonious coexistence, reflecting the multifaceted nature of the nation.

### The Lethal Air We Breathe

Dr. Krishna Kumar Vepakomma

The specter of air pollution looms large, a global crisis with devastating consequences for public health. This silent assailant, often overlooked in our daily lives, imperils countless individuals worldwide. Alarming forecasts suggest that if we fail to take immediate and resolute action, the death toll attributed to polluted air could surge by more than 50% by the year 2050. At the heart of this crisis lies a menacing adversary: PM2.5, the ominous fine particulate air pollution consisting of minuscule particles that carry grave health implications. Turning our gaze toward India, a report from the University of Chicago's Energy Policy Institute casts a spotlight on the severity of this predicament. On average, air pollution in India exacts a toll of 5.3 years from life expectancy. In the case of Delhi, one of the world's most polluted cities, the situation is dire, with pollution dramatically reducing life expectancy by a staggering 11.9 years. The report, released by the Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago (EPIC), underscores the persistent and substantial threat posed by particulate air pollution, particularly PM2.5, to global public health. This research exposes the dire consequences of these minuscule airborne particles. Often generated by fires, industrial activities, and motorized vehicles, these particles bear carcinogenic properties and elevate the risks of lung diseases, heart conditions, and strokes. Their diminutive size allows them to infiltrate deep into our lungs, sowing the seeds of illness. Astonishingly, in India, these minuscule assailants exact a heavier toll on public health than smoking, alcohol consumption, road accidents, or even the scourge of HIV/AIDS. To gauge the impact of pollution on life expectancy, the report employs a metric known as the Air Quality Life Index (AQLI). In regions of India afflicted by severe air pollution, such as the Northern Plains, individuals may lose a substantial eight years of their lives—a staggering loss considering the standards of safety. Simply put, in India, pollution rivals grave afflictions like heart diseases and food scarcity in its perilous impact on longevity. However, the report offers a glimmer of hope by illustrating how cleaner air can significantly extend human lives. Should India succeed in reducing pollution levels to meet the World Health Organization's guidelines, residents of Delhi, India's largest city, could gain nearly 12 additional years of life. Similarly, in the densely populated North 24 Parganas district, the second most crowded area in the country, citizens might enjoy an extra 5.6 years of life. Thus, the imperative of cleaner air emerges as a potent force for improved health and increased longevity. In 2022, the Indian Government adopted a revised strategy to combat pollution. Departing from a blanket approach, they established specific pollution reduction targets for 131 cities grappling with this issue. The objective is clear: to reduce PM2.5 pollution by 40% compared to 2017 levels, striving for attainment by 2025-26. Success in this endeavor would herald cleaner air in these cities, potentially granting residents an additional 2.1 years of life on average. Nationally, it could translate into an extra 7.9 months of life for all Indians—a significant step toward healthier living. EPIC's estimations of pollution's impact on life expectancy draw upon rigorous research, subject to expert scrutiny. These studies meticulously examined groups of individuals residing in areas with varying levels of air pollution over extended durations, enabling a precise determination of polluted air's direct health effects, distinct from other contributory factors. One study, for instance, revealed that inhaling an additional 10 micrograms of PM10 per cubic meter of air diminished life expectancy by roughly 0.64 years. The impact was even more pronounced for PM2.5, where an extra 10 micrograms per cubic meter translated to a loss of nearly 1 year of life, approximately 0.98 years. These findings underscore the stark reality of air pollution's substantial influence on our lifespan.

(Writer is Professor & Principal (Rtd), Rajiv Nagar, Hyderabad)

### JANMASHTAMI CELEBRATION



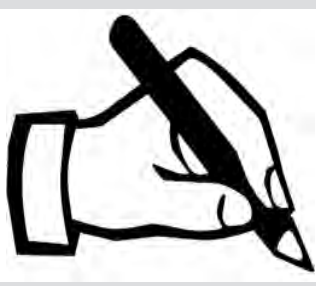
Sri Krishna Janamsthan temple illuminated on the occasion of Sri Krishna Janmashtami, in Mathura, Thursday, Sept. 7.

### A G20 of Jan Bhagidari

## How India transformed an elite diplomatic event into a people's event



S. JAISHANKAR



India's G20 Presidency has proven itself to be unique in different ways. It has focused on the priorities and key concerns of developing nations, amplified the voice of the Global South and raised ambition in areas like climate action and finance, energy transitions, SDG implementation and technological transformation. What has further added to making India an extraordinary G20 Presidency is the extensive participation of people or 'Jan Bhagidari' from across the nation in various G20 related events and activities. The Presidency has not been limited to the highest echelons of the Government. Through active participation from people across different states and UTs, India's G20 has truly been a People's G20.

With approximately 220 meetings spanning 60 cities, nearly 30,000 delegates in G20 meetings, over 100,000 participants in their side events as well as involvement of citizens from all corners of the nation, the G20 engaged with the people in myriad ways. Various line ministries diligently spurred active participation. The Ministry of Education orchestrated Jan Bhagidari events, witnessing enthusiastic involvement from diverse stakeholders including students, teachers, parents, and the community at large. Organized at levels ranging from state and district to block, panchayat, and school, these events cultivated awareness about the G20, the National Education Policy, and Foundational Learning and Numeracy - priorities central to India's Presidency. These events collectively drew over 23.3 cr participants, encompassing 15.7 cr students, 25.5 lakh teachers, and 51.1 lakh community members.

Yet, the essence of Jan Bhagidari extends beyond participation numbers. An array of engaging activities - ranging from the enlightening G20 University Connect lecture series to interactive Model G20 meetings, Special G20 sessions in educational institutions, G20 Pavilions at prominent festivals, quiz contests, selfie competitions, and the captivating #G20India stories - played a pivotal role in nurturing widespread and enthusiastic engagement. The Working Groups displayed innovative means to enhance public involvement. Notably, the G20 Infrastructure Working Group initiated a G20 cyclothon and a motorbike rally on National Youth Day.

Moreover, India's G20 Presidency has highlighted the nation's distinct model of cooperative federalism. The States and Union Territories have competed with each other to welcome G20 delegates, generate local

and regional enthusiasm, and showcase their respective traditions and achievements. In many cases, this has provided an occasion to carry out development initiatives that has contributed to such projection. Some examples are those of the restoration of Loktak Lake in Manipur, urban sanitation campaigns in Mumbai, or infrastructure enhancements in Lucknow. This synergy has not only showcased indigenous cultural legacies and artisanal skills on a global platform but has also increased employment opportunities for diverse communities. Many delegates saw for themselves the richness of 'One District One Product' (ODOP) initiatives and were themselves able to visit artisanal centres.

Furthermore, it has effectively unveiled India's captivating natural landscapes and architectural splendour, igniting a robust resurgence in post-COVID tourism. Indeed, the economic benefits of the manner in which the G20 programme has been implemented across the country are still unfolding. By celebrating the G20 across the nation, we have sought to create a pan-national experience that is to the benefit of both India and the world. It can be seriously asserted that overall, it has both made India world-ready and the world more India-ready.

The various Working Groups and Engagement Groups have also been a powerful platform to generate societal interest and commitment on global issues. In cases such as Science, they have contributed to a collaborative thinking about the key challenges we confront. Similarly, that on Labour provided opportunities for exchanges of experience to mutual benefit. The Youth 20 was particularly impactful and a strong validation of the Jan Bhagidari approach. More than 125,000 delegates in 1563 meetings

Development Rules (MCDR) 2017 outline rules for reducing environmental impact and carbon footprint, including removal and utilization of top soil, storage of waste rock, and precautions against ground vibrations, surface subsidence, air pollution, toxic liquid discharge, noise, and flora restoration. The Indian Bureau of Mines has also introduced a system of Star Rating for evaluating sustainability footprints during mining operations. Under Rule 35 of MCDR 2017, every lessee is required to obtain a three-star rating since the start of operations. The Ministry encourages mining leases to generate and use green energy. A survey of 293 mines revealed a total installed renewable energy plant capacity of approximately 583 Megawatts, including both wind and solar power.

The Indian government and state authorities have taken several initiatives to promote sustainable mining practices. In 2020, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) ordered re-grassing in mined-out areas to make them suitable for flora and fauna growth. In 2014, the Karnataka state established the Karnataka Mining Environment Restoration Corporation (KMERC) to oversee the implementation of the Comprehensive Development Plan

for Mining Impact Zones (CEPMIZ) in mine-affected districts. As many as 466 villages in four districts have been declared mine-affected, and the Supreme Court has approved an action plan costing Rs 24,996.71 crore for their development. NLC India is also establishing a 50 MW solar energy project in mine-reclaimed land in Neyveli, Tamil Nadu.

**Importance of the G20**

India's G20 summit has launched the Gandhinagar Implementation Roadmap (GIR) and Gandhinagar Information Platform (GIP) to strengthen the G20 Global Land Initiative. The roadmap aims to enhance collaboration among participating countries to accelerate ecosystem restoration in mining-affected areas. The GIR-GIP will act as a bridge between global stakeholders and countries, providing strategic inputs on knowledge sharing, financial infusion, and technological aggregation. It will also create a standard on how global cooperative actions can enhance mining-based land restoration activities. The initiative aims to align mining industries with social, environmental, and economic sustainability guidelines.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### A Clash of Identities

The ongoing 'Bharat'/India dispute is emblematic of political maneuvering and vested interests. 'Bharat' carries the weight of our cultural heritage, while 'India,' like the English language, represents a modern, secular, and inclusive identity. Article 1 of the Constitution emphasizes 'India, that is Bharat, shall be a Union of States,' granting the President and government the right to employ 'Bharat' in official documents. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) can adopt the constitutional nomenclature of 'India, that is Bharat' without controversy. Any contentious attempt to amend the Constitution to omit 'India' should be avoided, preserving both identities.

MK Niar, Raipur

#### A Political Maneuver

The reported plan by the Central Government to alter India's official name to 'Bharat' appears more as a political maneuver than a genuine necessity. Such a change would necessitate citizens updating various government-issued documents, such as Aadhaar cards, PAN cards, passports, driving licenses, and vehicle registration certificates, incurring administrative hassles and potential costs. Furthermore, government departments and ministries bearing the name 'India' would require extensive re-branding, encompassing new signage, letterheads, and identity branding.

Vijayakumar Singh, Mohali

#### Aditya-L1 Mission

India's remarkable strides in space exploration and technology have reached a new pinnacle with the launch of Aditya-L1. This mission signifies a significant leap in the nation's ongoing quest to delve into the mysteries of the sun. Such endeavors serve as crucial catalysts in advancing our comprehension of space and celestial phenomena. An in-depth study of the sun's behavior and the enigmatic solar corona holds immense importance, contributing to space weather prediction and its potential impact on Earth. Following the triumph of Chandrayaan-3, the Aditya-L1 mission has elevated India's global standing in the realm of space exploration. Heartfelt commendations to our dedicated scientists for their unwavering efforts.

Sulliya Muhammad, Mumbai

(Author is the Union External Affairs Minister government of India.)

## Restoration of Mining Affected Areas - A National and Global Imperative and India's G20 Priority



C P Goyal

However, this has led to deforestation, topsoil displacement, and garbage dumping, which negatively impact ecosystem services. Recent progress in rehabilitating mine-damaged lands is crucial for long-term management. Selective plantation and soil additives can improve recovery, benefiting mining businesses and the local community economically, socially, and environmentally. Research highlights the importance of plantation characteristics like stress tolerance, climatic resilience, and native to the local ecosystem. Restoring the ecosystem is essential to meet international policy objectives and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

**Impacts of Mining and Unplanned Mine Closures**

Mining has significant environmental and societal impacts, including deforestation, habitat loss, and hazardous chemical pollution. It can also lead to social dislocation, economic changes, and climate change due to greenhouse gas emissions. Unplanned mine closures can cause environmental harm and social disruptions, such as water contamination and economic decline. Addressing these challenges requires responsible practices that prioritize sustainability, community well-being, and comprehensive closure plans.

Although global regulations and legislation have been introduced, implementation varies greatly, especially in developing countries. Therefore, understanding these impacts is crucial for sustainable practices.

**Sustainable Mine Restoration**

Crafting sustainable mine restoration plans is crucial for mitigating mining and closure impacts on the environment and communities. Such plans encompass key elements to ensure effective rehabilitation of mined areas. Baseline assessments of pre-mining ecosystems are fundamental for informed decision-making. Goals, ecological and social, must align with local needs and conservation aims. Tailored implementation strategies encompass native species replanting, habitat reconstruction, and soil stabilization. Monitoring and adaptive management ensure progress and long-term success. Inclusive stakeholder engagement fosters support. Ultimately, these plans recognize the interplay between ecological health, community well-being, private sector involvement and environmental resilience, solidifying sustainability.

**The India Story**

The Ministry of Mines has implemented measures to promote sustainable mining in coal mines. The Mineral Conservation and

Development Rules (MCDR) 2017 outline rules for reducing environmental impact and carbon footprint, including removal and utilization of top soil, storage of waste rock, and precautions against ground vibrations, surface subsidence, air pollution, toxic liquid discharge, noise, and flora restoration. The Indian Bureau of Mines has also introduced a system of Star Rating for evaluating sustainability footprints during mining operations. Under Rule 35 of MCDR 2017, every lessee is required to obtain a three-star rating since the start of operations. The Ministry encourages mining leases to generate and use green energy. A survey of 293 mines revealed a total installed renewable energy plant capacity of approximately 583 Megawatts, including both wind and solar power.

The Indian government and state authorities have taken several initiatives to promote sustainable mining practices. In 2020, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) ordered re-grassing in mined-out areas to make them suitable for flora and fauna growth. In 2014, the Karnataka state established the Karnataka Mining Environment Restoration Corporation (KMERC) to oversee the implementation of the Comprehensive Development Plan

for Mining Impact Zones (CEPMIZ) in mine-affected districts. As many as 466 villages in four districts have been declared mine-affected, and the Supreme Court has approved an action plan costing Rs 24,996.71 crore for their development. NLC India is also establishing a 50 MW solar energy project in mine-reclaimed land in Neyveli, Tamil Nadu.

**Importance of the G20**

India's G20 summit has launched the Gandhinagar Implementation Roadmap (GIR) and Gandhinagar Information Platform (GIP) to strengthen the G20 Global Land Initiative. The roadmap aims to enhance collaboration among participating countries to accelerate ecosystem restoration in mining-affected areas. The GIR-GIP will act as a bridge between global stakeholders and countries, providing strategic inputs on knowledge sharing, financial infusion, and technological aggregation. It will also create a standard on how global cooperative actions can enhance mining-based land restoration activities. The initiative aims to align mining industries with social, environmental, and economic sustainability guidelines.

(Author is DG Forest and Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate change)



**BRIEF**

**Clean energy**



**New Delhi:** Setting up a transnational grid interconnection system will make round-the-clock (RTC) clean energy supply cheaper and “do away” with dependence on storage, Union minister R K Singh said. The Minister of Power, New and Renewable Energy was speaking at a conference on “Transnational Grid Interconnections for One Sun, One World, One Grid (OSOWOG)”. India has already established cross-border interconnections with its neighbours and strengthening of various cross-border links is under process, Singh said.

## Huge potential to increase exports of organic agri products: Sunil

New Delhi, Sep 07:

There is a huge potential to increase exports of organic agri products as the global market stood at about USD 135 billion and India's shipments are only over USD 700 million, a top government official said on Thursday. Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal said that the industry should also work on improving the quality and standards of these products. “Organic food segment is an important area. We need to work on this. The world market is about USD 135 billion and India's share is USD 700 million, so there is a huge potential in this... We are focusing on the sector,” Barthwal said here while inaugurating a fair of organic products - BIOFAC INDIA at India Expo Mart in Greater Noida. It was organised by APEDA. He also said that there is a need to promote Indian



standards of these goods and comply with the standards of importing countries. The secretary urged the industry to promote the logo of India organic as it would help in promoting the credibility of the products in the international market. He added that there are several goods which India is producing organically like avocado and passion fruit and there is a need to increase awareness about these domestically-produced products. “Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority

(APEDA) should run a campaign about these products which are available in India,” Barthwal said, adding these exports can be further promoted through e-commerce medium and there is a need to establish the credibility of Indian organic goods. He announced that soon the commerce ministry would convene a meeting of all the stakeholders of the sector to resolve their issues, if any. Additional Secretary in the department of commerce Rajesh Agrawal said that APEDA will play a critical role in increasing exports. Agrawal added that the ministry is working to create a platform for the sector where industry can flag their issues. About industry demands to increase the number of certification bodies, he said there are 30 and the ministry would look into the issue of increasing the number.

Chennai, Sep 07:

Hinduja group flagship Ashok Leyland on Thursday said its aim to be among the top 10 global commercial vehicle manufacturers in the near future. According to company chairman Dheeraj Hinduja, the heavy commercial vehicle maker is looking at exploring newer markets. Top officials of Ashok Leyland were here to mark the 75th anniversary celebrations of the city-headquartered company. “You know our vision is clear and we have discussed it many times, that is to be a global Top 10 commercial vehicle player. Currently, we are at No 20...” Hinduja told select reporters.

Elaborating, he said the company's sales volume was growing in the Indian market and the ‘Avatar’ product developed by Ashok Leyland was a



Switch Mobility CEO Mahesh Babu, Chairman of Ashok Leyland Dheeraj Hinduja and others during the launch of companies' ev4 model vehicle, in Chennai, Thursday, Sept. 7.

modular product, and such products have been developed with a mindset to serve international markets. “What is critical for us is to create the right network outside of India, find appropriate distributors in markets where we are currently not present,” he added. In the last 16 months, the company appointed 13 distributors

in the African market with some of them having their own Assembly facility. “We are constantly looking at newer markets.” Hinduja said. On the products offered by the company, Ashok Leyland Managing Director and CEO Shenu Agarwal said the country's first hydrogen fuel bus developed by them

would be commercially plying on the road by December. On the Hydrogen fuel bus developed by the company for state-owned NTPC, he said, “... it is going to be the country's first hydrogen fuel bus that would be commercially plying on the road. This is for the Leh and Ladakh region. Because of the high altitude it will undergo some testing and may be in early December we may be supplying the hydrogen fuel-operated bus to NTPC.” Referring to Hinduja's comments that the company should be among top 10 global commercial players, MD and CEO Agarwal said, “it is a long way to go since we are in the top 20 now. With the new products that are coming up, and with the new technologies that we are investing in, we are going to expand our global footprint in a much more aggressive manner.”

**No negotiations**

**New Delhi:** Tata Consumer Products Ltd (TCPL) on Wednesday said it is not in negotiations with Haldiram's to acquire a 51 per cent stake in the company. According to reports, the Tata Group's FMCG arm is in talks with Haldiram's to buy a majority stake, but not comfortable with a high enterprise value. Haldiram's is a leading snacks maker and restaurant operator. “The company is not in negotiations as reported” to acquire Haldiram's, TCPL said in a regulatory filing. The filing was in response to a clarification sought by the NSE and the BSE regarding the reports. “Tata Consumer Products does not comment on market speculation,” a company spokesperson said earlier in the day.

## Shareholders appreciate the Co's growth trajectory

NMDC addresses shareholders at 65th AGM

Hyderabad, Sep 07:

India's largest iron ore producer, NMDC addressed its shareholders at the company's 65th Annual General Meeting today. Adhering to the guidelines from the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and SEBI, the AGM was conducted via virtual mode.

Amitava Mukherjee, CMD (Additional Charge) and Director (Finance) chaired the Meeting and addressed the shareholders. Company's Board Members - Dilip Kumar Mohanty, Director (Production); V Suresh, Director (Commercial); Vinay Kumar, Director (Technical), AS Pardha Saradhi, Company Secretary along with



Independent Directors Sanjay Tandon, Dr Anil Kamble, Vishal Babber, Sanjay Singh came together to present the company report to its shareholders.

Laying an overview of FY23's accomplishments within the company and the roadmap chalked for the future, the CMD said, “The world is evolving, and so are the demands and expectations from re-

sponsible mining companies. Our vision is to emerge as a global environment-friendly mining company, one that not only meets the needs of the present but also safeguards the needs of future generations.” Thanking the shareholders, he said, “With your unceasing support and trust, I am confident that the narrative we create in the coming years

will echo the determination that has brought us to this point. I call upon all the stakeholders to partner with us in building a stronger industrial culture and a brighter future.”

The shareholders appreciated the company's growth trajectory and its commitment to Responsible Mining during the interactive session. The concerns and questions raised by the shareholders during Q/A were duly addressed by the Board. NMDC Steel Limited also conducted its 8th Annual General Meeting today. This was the company's first AGM post the demerger and after the listing of equity shares on BSE, NSE and CSE.

## Indian agro-chemical industry can grow over 9 pc: Niti Aayog

New Delhi, Sep 07:

India's agro-chemical industry has the potential to grow more than the current nine per cent notwithstanding the competition from China, government think tank Niti Aayog member Ramesh Chand said. Chand also observed that many Western countries are shifting from agrochemicals to biopesticides and the Indian industry needs to pay attention to this aspect. He urged the Agro Chem Federation of India (ACFI) to come out with a document on ease of doing business in agrochemicals. The Niti Aayog member was addressing a panel discussion on the occasion of the sixth annual general meeting of ACFI



in the national capital on Wednesday. “The agrochemical industry has achieved a miracle growth of nine per cent... much of this growth rate has happened during the Covid-19 pandemic years when the production activities were seriously disrupted,” he said. Despite economic and production disruptions, the domestic agrochemical

industry had shown an impressive growth between 2017-18 and 2022-23, he added. That apart, India's exports have crossed USD 5 billion and even surpassed China according to different data sources, Chand said. The Niti Aayog member further stated, if India can achieve a nine per cent growth rate in the absence of favourable China factor, the China competition is not as hard it was in the past. “We can easily raise this growth rate from nine per cent to anything in the realm of reality,” he said. On biopesticides, Chand said the industry needs to ponder why many Western countries are shifting from agrochemicals to biopesticides.

## Western Digital introduces high performance WD Blue SN580 NVMe SSD

**Mumbai, Sep 07:** In today's world, demand for visual brilliance and digital content creation is skyrocketing. This is spurring the way for more advanced technologies that support the production and consumption of rich content. For consumers, students, and professionals, fast, reliable tools area must-have to keep their imaginations flowing. Building upon its award-winning SSD portfolio, Western Digital released the WD Blue SN580 NVMe solid state drive (SSD). The new, NVMe PCIe Gen 4.0 internal flash drive is purpose-built for the creative enthusiast community and professionals to use when upgrading current PCs or elevating a custom build. Khalid Wani, Senior Director- Sales, India, Western Digital, said “As the demand for immersive digital

content grows in India, so does the need for high-performance tools. With lightning fast NVMe PCIe Gen 4.0 technology, the WD Blue SN580 NVMe SSD turns lengthy load times into a thing of the past. Its slim M.2 form factor accommodates up to 2TB of content, and the 5-year limited warranty ensures peace of mind. Whether you're a professional or an aspiring creator, this SSD is made just for you. Jaganathan Chelliah, Senior Director- Marketing, India, Middle East and TIA, Western Digital, said, “Today content creators work with resource-intensive applications and large multimedia files such as 4K videos, and they often encounter challenges such as lengthy loading times. Western Digital addresses such concerns with its latest offering- the WD Blue SN580 NVMe SSD.

## TVS Motor rolls out TVS Apache RTR 310

Chennai, Sep 07:

Two and three-wheeler major TVS Motor company, strengthening its product portfolio, has rolled out its premium motorcycle RTR310 at Rs 2.42 lakh (ex-showroom) on Wednesday. The motorcycle was formally launched at a ceremony in Bangkok in the presence of senior company officials and it would be available in markets including Europe, LATAM (Latin American), ASEAN countries and India. This naked sports motorcycle is set to redefine the realm of two-wheeler exhilaration with its impressive blend of power, agility and style and is poised to captivate motorcycle enthusiasts and adrenaline aficionados, the company said in a statement. “The global launch of the all new TVS Apache RTR 310 marks a



momentous occasion for us, as this motorcycle encapsulates Apache's 18-year legacy of innovation and performance,” said Managing Director Sudarshan Venu. “With the TVS Apache RTR 310, we are taking our engineering to a whole new level, offering enthusiasts a motorcycle that is not only powerful but also brings together different

technologies to give a unique riding experience,” he said. The motorcycle's 312.2 cc engine has a unique reverse inclined DOHC engine providing compact engine layout resulting in mass centralisation. The forged aluminium piston is 5 per cent lighter which produces a peak power of 35.6 PS @9700 rpm and maximum torque at 28.7 Nm.

## Air India enters into interline partnership with Bangkok Airways

**Mumbai, Sep 07:** Air India has entered into an interline partnership with Bangkok Airways that will allow the Tata group airline's customers seamless connections to 10 Southeast Asian destinations beyond the Thailand capital. The two carriers have also entered a Special Prorate Agreement that allows them to file ‘through fares’ on routes covering each other's networks. This arrangement means that a passenger can have a single fare for a single ticket covering all destinations in an itinerary. The partnership enables Air India passengers to take convenient connections via the airline's Bangkok, Hong Kong, and Singapore gateways to and from 10 destinations in Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia on Bangkok Airways' route network, a release said on Thursday. An interline arrangement refers to a pact to issue and accept tickets for flights that are operated by the part-

ner airline. When selling an interline ticket, the operating airlines' own flight numbers are used. The collaboration with Bangkok Airways also includes Inter Airline Through Check-In (IATCI) implementation. This will enable guests to receive their boarding passes at the first point of departure for all the travel sectors on a single ticket, and have their baggage checked-in through to their final destinations, Air India said in the release. Currently, Air India operates daily flights to Bangkok from Delhi and Mumbai, to Singapore from Delhi, Mumbai, and Chennai, and thrice a week to Hong Kong from Delhi. Moreover, Air India passengers taking connecting flights on Bangkok Airways will also receive complimentary access to the Thailand-based airline's boutique lounges and courtesy corners at available airports, irrespective of the class of travel, it said.

**Yono app**

**Mumbai:** State Bank of India's mobile banking app Yono will be available in four more countries in the next one year, a senior official said on Wednesday. Currently, the app is available in nine countries — Britain, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Canada, Mauritius, Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka and South Africa. “We will be expanding the global footprint of Yono across more geographies and streamline the user experience.

**Appointment**

**Mumbai:** Specialty chemicals manufacturer Anupam Rasayan India on Thursday said it has appointed Gopal Agrawal as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) with effect from September 11. Prior to this role, Agrawal, a chartered accountant, was Managing Director and Head of the Investment Banking business at Edelweiss. “With his extensive experience and a proven track record in the financial and industrial sectors, we are confident that his leadership will play a pivotal role in shaping our strategic direction as we embark on an exciting journey of growth and innovation,” Anupam Rasayan Managing Director Anand Desai said in a statement.

## Shakti Pumps receives Patent for innovative Energy efficient Motor

Pithampur, Sep 07:

Shakti Pumps (India) Limited, India's leading manufacturer of energy-efficient pumps and motors has received a patent for inventing a “High Starting Torque Direct Line Operated Energy Efficient Motor (Shakti Slip Star Synchronous Run Motor - S4RM)”. The Patent Office, Government of India, has awarded Shakti Pumps this patent, fully adhering to the provisions set forth in the Patents Act of 1970. This patent is set to maintain its validity for a duration of 20 years, commencing from the date of filing. Previously, the company was granted a comparable patent by the United States



Patent and Trademark Office in August 2022. Thus far, the company has secured 3 Patents, while also having submitted 25 Patent applications, spanning both domestic and international jurisdictions. This motor uses innovative technology which saves electricity. The motor described not only

operates more efficiently itself (due to the improved power factor) but also helps make the entire electrical system more efficient by minimizing energy losses during transmission. This is beneficial for both energy conservation and cost savings in electricity distribution systems. Sharing his views on this vital development, Mr. Dinesh Patidar, Chairman, said: We are extremely happy to share about our New Patent. We are thrilled to announce our new patent. This cutting-edge technology can help reduce cost for farmers, industry, and the environment as well. Shakti Pumps is committed to helping India meet its energy goals.

## Wynk Studio wins music distribution rights

**Gurugram, Sep 07:** Wynk Music, India's number 1 music streaming app by downloads and daily active users, today announced that Wynk Studio, India's largest music distribution ecosystem, has won the distribution rights to Kay Kay Menon's starrer “Love All”, a movie based on the life of badminton superstar, P Gopichand. “Love All” is produced by Mahesh Bhatt and P Gopichand along with Anand Pandit. It will be released by M Ramesh's Laxmi Ganpathy Film Studios on September 01. Directed by Sudhanshu Sharma, the movie also features Swastika Mukherjee, Robin Das, Shrishwara, Atul Srivastava and Raja Bundela. The movie has five memorable tracks, which are already available on Wynk.

## Skoda Auto India rings in festivities with new variants of the Kushaq and Slavia

Mumbai, Sep 07:

Skoda Auto India, makers of the safest, highest-rated, crash-tested cars in India, have announced two new product actions with the Kushaq Onyx Plus and the Slavia Ambition Plus. Both variants feature festive pricing, attractive new exchange benefits, and special corporate plans, all for a limited period. The Kushaq Onyx Plus boasts all-new R16 Grus alloys and a Window Chrome Garnish. The front grille ribs and the trunk garnish at the rear are now finished in chrome. The Onyx Plus will be powered by the 1.0 TSI engine mated to a manual transmission. The Kushaq Onyx Plus is priced at Rs 11.59 lakh and will be



available exclusively in Candy White and Carbon Steel colours. The Slavia Ambition Plus is adorned with a Chrome Package for the front grille, lower door, and trunk garnish. The car will feature an in-built dashcam and is available in all-existing colour options. Like the Kushaq Onyx Plus, the Slavia Ambition Plus will also be exclusive with the 1.0 TSI engine. Customers can

choose between a 6-speed manual and automatic transmission Options. The Slavia Ambition Plus is available at special festive price of Rs 12.49 lakh. Based on the made-for-India, ready-for-the-world MQB-A0-IN platform, the Kushaq and Slavia are part of the company's India 2.0 project and have been instrumental in Skoda Auto India having its Biggest Year in 2022.



# Collector and SP reviews law and order ahead of elections

Central Chronicle News

**Korea, Sep 07:** In a dedicated effort to maintain law and order, Collector Vinay Kumar Langesh and Police Superintendent Trilok Bansal joined forces for a comprehensive review at the Collector's Office Auditorium. Their focus encompassed various aspects, including the storage, sale, and transportation of illegal narcotics.

With the imminent legislative assembly elections in mind, the Collector and SP diligently guided officials to pinpoint sensitive areas within the district. Their directive stressed the vital importance of rigorous surveillance and monitoring along all major routes,



spanning inter-state borders, international barriers, and entry points into the district.

Korea district is presently operating under a mission mode to combat the unlawful storage, sale, and trafficking of narcotics. In light of the

forthcoming assembly elections, sensitive areas are under scrutiny, and officials are resolute in taking decisive action against criminal activities.

The vigilance extends to the monitoring of narcotics transportation

within the district and the scrutiny of vehicles arriving from other states, employing internal routes. Stringent measures have been set in motion to tackle illicit pursuits such as gambling and betting.

The Collector has charged election teams

with the responsibility of creating route charts for polling booths and designating necessary facilities to accommodate incoming security forces. The collaborative efforts of this dedicated team will be carried out transparently, with a commitment to promptly informing higher authorities of any developments.

The meeting convened with the participation of Deputy Election Officer Nandini Sahu, Deputy Collector Neelam Toppo, Additional Police Superintendent Monika Thakur, SDM Ankita Som, Deputy Collector Rakesh Kumar Sahu, and officials from the Excise Department, Tehsildars, as well as officers in charge of police stations and outposts.

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**Korba, Sep 07:** As a unique initiative towards employee welfare, the newly constructed Vatsalya Shishu Sadan (VSS) at the Headquarters for the care of children of women employees working in SECL was inaugurated by CMD Dr. Prem Sagar Mishra.

With the opening of Vatsalya Shishu Sadan, the women employees working at the headquarters will be able to take care of their children during work. The newly constructed 2 storey Shishu Sadan has three rooms and 1 kitchen and CCTV has been arranged keeping in mind the safety of the children.



Provision of various facilities has been made for the care of children, including sliders for sports, soft toys, nannies and attendants for care. On this occasion, Director

(Planning/Projects) SN Kapri, Director (Personnel) Debashish Acharya, various heads of departments, officers-employees, women and children were present.

# Massive show of support for Gaurishankar Agrawal's candidacy



## In Kasdol Vidhan Sabha Elections

Central Chronicle News

**Katgi, Sep 07:** In a remarkable display of unity and enthusiasm, approximately 500 dedicated BJP workers hailing from the Kasdol legislative assembly constituency in Chhattisgarh made their way to the BJP state headquarters in Raipur.

Their mission was to champion the cause of Gaurishankar Agrawal, the former Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, and

ardent support for Agrawal's candidacy. Gaurishankar Agrawal's reputation extends far beyond the confines of the Vidhan Sabha, where he has made significant contributions during his tenure.

His track record is adorned with several pioneering projects that have transformed the lives of countless individuals. Recognizing these achievements, workers and citizens from the Kasdol Vidhan Sabha constituency, encompassing various regions such as Kasdol, Lavan, Palari, and South Palari, have united to back Agrawal's nomination.

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# Dongargaon College honours teachers on Teacher's Day

## A day of reverence and celebration of education

Central Chronicle News

**Dongargaon, Sep 07:** Teacher's Day was marked with great enthusiasm at Dongargaon's Government College, thanks to the dedicated efforts of Principal Dr. B.N. Meshram and the National Service Scheme (NSS) unit. The campus came alive as students and faculty gathered to pay homage to the mentors who shape their lives.

The celebration commenced with the garlanding of the idols of Goddess Saraswati, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, and Swami Vivekananda, followed by the lighting of a ceremonial lamp. It set the tone for a day filled with reverence and gratitude.

In a series of enlightening speeches, the educators underscored the profound impact of education and the pivotal role played



by teachers. Dr. C.K. Sahu eloquently expressed the timeless significance of teachers, emphasizing that anyone who imparts new knowledge is, indeed, a guru.

Dr. A.K. Dhamgaye echoed this sentiment, highlighting the unique place a guru holds in one's life. B. Mahobia delved into the age-old tradition of guru-shishya (teacher-student) relationships, emphasizing its relevance in the modern world.

Prof. Ganesh Kumar

Netam brought a different perspective, emphasizing that parents are the first teachers, instilling fundamental values and wisdom in their children. Finally, Principal Dr. B.N. Meshram shed light on the life philosophy of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, celebrating his significant contributions to education and underscoring the enduring importance of gurus in our lives. The program, organized as part of the National Service Scheme,

was conducted under the able leadership of Dr. Ashram Sahu for boys and Priyanki Gajbiye for girls. The event concluded with the felicitation of all the teachers and educators, who were honoured with pens and trophies for their dedication and commitment to shaping young minds.

Notable personalities in attendance included Prof. Ganesh Kumar Netam, Chanchal Stella Kujur, Shweta Agrawal, Prof. Shivanath Devangan, Prof.

Gautam Kumar Netam, Parth Sahu, Asha Verma, Usha Sahu, Chandan Sahu, Kishan Sahu, Yogendra Devangan, Leena Sahu, Khemchand Ravat, Chandra Prakash, Chandu Verma, and others.

The event was further enriched by the presence of dedicated volunteers such as Yashwant Sahu, Daneshwar Sahu, Reshma Ramteke, Umesh Kumar, and numerous others who tirelessly contribute to the college's educational endeavors.

# Dr. Kailash Chandrakar's healing touch reaches remote villages

## Physiotherapy camps bring relief to ailing patients

Central Chronicle News

**Anwari, Sep 07:** Dr. Kailash Chandrakar, a dedicated healthcare professional serving the BhakharaBhattheli town panchayat for nearly two decades, has been capturing the spotlight recently. His commendable efforts to organize physiotherapy camps in remote villages, aimed at providing much-needed relief to patients, have garnered widespread attention.

Amidst heartfelt gratitude from patients who have witnessed transformative results, Dr. Kailash Chandrakar



Kailash-Chandrakar

conducted a healthcare campaign in the vicinity of Bhakhara. The outreach encompassed villages like DomaSihada

Colliery, where individuals suffering from various ailments such as joint pain, arthritis, shoulder discomfort, bone-related issues, back pain, as well as those affected by hand and leg paralysis, numbness, stiffness, burning sensations, and headaches, were provided with expert care and therapy.

Speaking passionately about his mission, Dr. Kailash Chandrakar expressed his commitment to extending these healing camps to every village within the Kurud Vidhan Sabha constituency.

# GHS Semra celebrates teacher's day with heartfelt tribute



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**Anwari, Sep 07:** The Government High School (GHS) Semra witnessed an outpouring of gratitude and admiration on Teacher's Day as students came together to celebrate the birth anniversary of the former President, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. The occasion was marked by a grand commemoration in the school's auditorium, where students orchestrated various programs to express their deep appreciation for their teachers.

In a touching gesture, mem-

bers of the Rajiv Gandhi Youth Mitran Club showered teachers with symbolic tokens of gratitude, exemplifying the profound impact educators have on shaping young minds.

The event drew the participation of esteemed figures, including the school principal, S.K. Sahu, as well as V.K. Sahu, N. Markande, Yatish Singh (President, Youth Mitra Club), Lakkan Sinha, Motilal Vishwakarma, Dashrath Sahu (School Committee Presidents), Kamlesh Sahu (Parents' Association President), and dedicated teachers and students.

# District level Ch'garhia Olympics concludes

- At Mini Stadium in Bijapur
- 450 players were selected at the final level for the division competition.



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**Bijapur, Sep 07:** The three-day district level Chhattisgarhia Olympics was organized at the Mini Stadium in Bijapur from Sept 4-6 and it concluded on Sept 6. In the closing ceremony, Bijapur Municipal Chairman Benhur Rawatia and Collector Rajendra Kumar Katara encouraged all the winning players and distributed prizes. On the special initiative of the Government of

Chhattisgarh, like last year, this year also thousands of players from the district enthusiastically participated in the Chhattisgarhia Olympics at various levels and special contribution of Rajiv Yuva Mitran Club also seen.

After excellent performance in sports competitions at 16 different types of traditional sports, were finally selected for the divisional level competition

to be held on Sept 13 and 14. In the closing ceremony of the game, Chhattisgarh State Youth Commission member Praveen Dongre, District Panchayat Vice President Sonu Potam, CEO District Panchayat Ravi Kumar Sahu, District Sports Officer Dilip Uike along with public representatives, officers-employees, sports trainers, teachers, players and distinguished citizens were present.

# Induction prog for students of CCSC held

- In the Induction Program 2023-24 of CCSC

Central Chronicle News

**Bilaspur, Sep 07:** Chouksey College of Science and Commerce (CCSC) conducted "Induction" programme for all the newly admitted students of B.Com. / B.A. / B.Sc. / P.G.D.C.A. / M.Sc by lighting the traditional lamp at the hands of Managing Director Chouksey College - Dr. Ashish Jaiswal as the Chief Guest and in the presence of special guests - Capt. Y. Srinivas (Retd. IAF officer), OSD Sharad Kaushik, A.O. Dr Nitin Jain, Registrar, Principal Dr. Mantosh

Sinha. 'Saraswati Vandana' was melodious sung by the NSS students. The programme was held at Swami Vivekanand Auditorium, main building of the College.

The atmosphere was lively and joyous as interaction by RJ Vishal from Radio FM made students and parents very happy and harmonious. With his "Sanju baba" voice, students were less nervous in his company and it encouraged them to open up with aims and dreams.

Convener of the program, Registrar, gave welcome speech in which he motivated and encouraged students to attend college regularly. He also informed about the benefits of

joining Chouksey College, and added that passing from here one can become an entrepreneur, land with government jobs as well as private jobs.

The Guest of Honour VK Kharsan ( Training & Placement officer of Chouksey, Group of Colleges, showed some slides which expressed how the Job replacement works. 42 companies visits Chouksey College for job offering to the students who are eligible.

Principal Dr. Mantosh Kumar Sinha proposed vote of thanks. The students were offered gifts and refreshments was distributed to parents and students, staff of Chouksey College of Science and Commerce.

# SVEEP program gathers momentum in Korea district

Central Chronicle News

**Korea, Sep 07:** With the upcoming legislative assembly elections and various other crucial polls on the horizon, a dedicated voter awareness initiative, under 'SVEEP' is sweeping through the district of Korea.

This program, steered by the directives of the Election Commission of India, aims to ensure a 100% voter participation rate and equip citizens with the knowledge they need to exercise their democratic rights.

What's particularly heartening is the active involvement of rural communities in these voter awareness campaigns, reflecting the widespread interest in the electoral process.



Under the able guidance of the District Election Officer of the District Literacy Mission Authority, the 'SVEEP' voter awareness program unfolded across several educational institutions, including the Government Higher Secondary School in Baikunthpur Assembly and newly established

Government Colleges and Higher Secondary Schools in the Bharatpur-Sonahat Assembly constituency. The discussions revolved around the process of obtaining new voter lists and a comprehensive review of Forms 6, 7, and 8.

Notably, 44 new voters seized the opportunity to

fill out Form 6, adding their names to the voter list. Participants also took an oath to exercise their voting rights diligently and stay informed about their electoral privileges.

The event witnessed the presence of key figures, including SVEEP Nodal Officer Mahesh Shivhare, Principal Smt. Rekha

Yadav, Devdatt Singh, BLO Vakeel Prasad, Jagatpal Singh, Pawan Pandey, as well as a large gathering of enthusiastic teachers and students. This growing momentum within the 'SVEEP' program signifies a proactive step towards fostering an informed and participative electorate in Korea district.



## Carlos Alcaraz reaches US Open semifinals

New York, Sep 07 (AP):

Carlos Alcaraz found himself in a hint of a predicament 35 minutes into his US Open quarter-final against Alexander Zverev.

At 3-all in the first set under the lights in Arthur Ashe Stadium on Wednesday night, Zverev earned the first break points of the match. An opening. An opportunity to gain an early edge against the defending champion. And then poof! gone. Alcaraz dismissed those chances to hold, then gained a break himself in the next game by depositing an overhead that bounced into the stands. One more service hold arrived and, just like that, the set belonged to Alcaraz, as did, eventually, a spot in the semifinals.

The top-seeded Alcaraz pushed aside Zverev 6-3 6-2 6-4 and moved a step closer to becoming the first man to win consecutive titles at Flushing Meadows since Roger Federer collected five in a row from 2004-08. "If I could have broken,

it could have gone my way. It didn't," Zverev said about that key segment in the match's seventh game.

"Even though I lost the first set, I thought it was going to be a competitive match. I thought my level was there. I thought his level was there. I thought it was going to be a fun one." But the 12th-seeded Zverev, a 26-year-old German who was the runner-up at the 2020 US Open, said he felt something bothersome in his left hamstring area early in the second set. And because of that, he explained, sprinting and pushing off properly to serve became problematic.

"I didn't give up," said Zverev, who left the court for a medical timeout before the third set, "but there is very little you can do, in a way, against Carlos then."

There have not been many instances in which anyone has managed to slow down Alcaraz, a 20-year-old from Spain, in any real way over the past year-plus of Grand Slam action.

## Babar Azam hails pace attack

**The effort is a confidence boost ahead of India showdown**

Lahore, Sep 06 (PTI):

Pakistan skipper Babar Azam on Wednesday hailed his team's pace bowling unit, saying the fast bowlers would boost the side's confidence ahead of its Super Sunday clash against arch-rivals India in the Asia Cup Super 4 stage in Colombo.

A four-pronged Pakistan pace battery was brilliantly led by Harish Rauf (4/19) and Naseem Shah (3/34) as they snared nine wickets between them to skittle out Bangladesh for a meagre 193 in 39.4 overs.

In response, Pakistan cantered home by seven wickets with 63 balls to spare to start off their Super 4 campaign on a rousing note.

"Credit to all the boys, especially the first 10 overs, first Shaheen and then Rauf... This win will give us confidence, we are always ready for a big match. We will give our 100 per cent in the next match," Azam said at the post-match presentation.

Asked whether the team is feeling any pressure, Azam said: "I don't think so. We are just giving our best in every match."



Pakistan's next clash is against India in the Super 4 stage in Colombo on Sunday.

Azam, who retained the same playing XI in the group league matches against Nepal and India, recalled pace bowling all-rounder Faheem Ashraf who bagged the prized-scalp of Bangladesh skipper Shakib-Al-Hasan (53).

"Yes we saw the games and fast bowlers were getting a little bit help and Faheem bowled really well. Winning always gives you confidence," he said.

Rauf, who returned with the Player-of-the-Match award, said the plan was to bowl back of the length on this pitch.

"On Lahore wickets you try to bowl stump-to-stump. I didn't go for the yorker as it wasn't needed. You have your goals in mind but you just keep working hard and try to give your best performance for the team," he said.

Bangladesh skipper Shakib Al Hasan blamed his batters for lack of application.

"We lost early wickets in the start and we played some ordinary shots. On a wicket like this we shouldn't lose four wickets in the first 10 overs, but it happens," he said.

"Very poor batting display on a surface like this but we have to move on to the next one. They (Pakistan) are the No.1 team and these are the reasons," he said.

## Training under Rupinder at national camp will help me during Asian Games: Deepika



New Delhi, Sep 07 (PTI):

Indian women's hockey team's penalty corner specialist Deepika feels the training stint at the national camp under former drag-flicker Rupinder Pal Singh will help her in taking decisions in match situations during the upcoming Asian Games.

The 19-year-old Deepika is one of three drag-flickers available to chief coach Janneke Schopman for penalty corners. She

has scored seven goals -- four of which came from penalty corners -- in six games at the women's Junior Asia Cup which India won earlier this year.

"We've been working on drag-flicking with Rupinder Pal Singh in camp for a few days now, he's got us working on beating the first rusher, showing us where the ball can be stopped, and how to release if the ball is stopped on the sides," Deepika said.

"All of this help will undoubtedly help me in match situations during the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou.

"I don't feel any pressure to score by flicking, all the players let me focus on my skill and encourage me to keep the shot on goal as much as I can," she added in a Hockey India release.

Deepika said she was not expecting to make it to the Asian Games team.

"With everyone vying for a spot, I never expected to make the team, and I was ecstatic when I found out. It's my first time going to a big tournament, and I was a little nervous at first, but chief coach Janneke Schopman and the senior players have kept me grounded," she said. "My father has had a few sleepless nights since he found out, I suppose because he can't believe it's actually happening, but seeing him as happy as a child when he was in Bengaluru for the send-off ceremony was very fulfilling. He himself said he didn't think I'd be chosen, but he is extremely proud of everything I'm accomplishing," she added.

## Sutirtha slays higher-ranked opponent from Chinese Taipei at Asian TT



Pyeongchang, Sep 07 (PTI):

India's Sutirtha Mukherjee beat higher-ranked Szu-Yu Chen to enter the women's singles round of 32 at the Asian Table Tennis Championships here on Thursday.

The world number 104 bounced back after losing the opening game against 40th-ranked Chen from Chinese Taipei to win 10-12, 11-8, 11-7, 11-7 in a round-of-64 match. However, India's top-ranked player Manika Batra gave a walkover to Thailand's Jinnipa Sawettabut in another round-of-64 contest.

Ayhika Mukherjee defeated Nepal's Suwal Sikka 11-2, 11-0, 11-1 to advance in the competition. Another Indian in the

fray, Sreeja Akula, could not put up much of a fight against world number 8 Mima Ito of Japan, losing 5-11, 6-11, 9-11. China's world number 2 Chen Meng was too good for Diya Chitale, winning 11-3, 11-6, 11-8 to reach the round of 32. Two doubles pairs enter quarterfinals Manav Thakkar and Manush Shah blanked the Uzbekistan combine of Abdulaziz Anorboev and Kutbidillo Teshaboev to enter the men's doubles quarterfinals. In the women's doubles, the duo of Ayhika and Sutirtha got past Kazakhstan's Angelina Romanovskaya and Sarvinov Mirkadirova 11-1, 13-11, 10-12, 11-7 to reach the last-eight stage. In the team events, Indian men ended with a bronze medal.

## Starc looking forward to IPL return after eight years

Sydney, Sep 07 (PTI):

Australian pacer Mitchell Starc is likely to feature in the IPL for the first time since 2015 after deciding to put his name in the auction ahead of the 2024 edition.

The left-arm pacer, who has often prioritised national duty over IPL participation, has played two seasons for Royal Challengers Bangalore with the last one being in 2015.

Starc feels an IPL stint before the T20 World Cup in June next year makes a lot of sense.

"Look it's been eight years. I'm definitely going back in (next) year," Starc told the 'Willow Talk' cricket podcast.

"Amongst other things, it's a great lead-up to the T20 World Cup. So a good opportunity to see if anyone's interested in the IPL, then lead into the T20 World Cup. And it's somewhat of a quiet winter next year in comparison to this winter, so I think a perfect opportunity to put my name in."

Starc, who has represented Australia in 82 Tests, hopes he remains good enough to play 100 games for his country.

"Not just get to 100, I'd like to be good enough to be picked for 100 Tests. And then the big one obviously in a couple of weeks is the World Cup, which in India just goes to another level.

"And then you look at the one-day format, it's sort of four years in between World Cups, so where do I see myself in that mix? But I've got to get to the end of this World Cup first."

Talking about some talented youngsters in the national team, Starc said, "We've got some superstars coming through. You've got your Jhye



Richardson, your Sean Abbotts, your Spencer Johnsons.

"You've got plenty of young guys coming through. (Lance) Morris is going to be a gun."

He said he does not want to look too far ahead with anything but hoping to do well in the 50-over World Cup (October-November) in India.

"Then we've got five Test matches here in Australia and then I haven't actually played a Test in New Zealand, so hopefully I'm on that tour and look forward to that challenge as well."

## Messi and Bonmati lead Ballon d'Or nominee lists

Paris, Sep 07 (AP):

Seven-time Ballon d'Or winner Lionel Messi is back in contention for the prestigious award a year after being omitted from the nomination list, which this time doesn't include long-time rival Cristiano Ronaldo.

Messi, the Inter Miami star who led Argentina to the World Cup title in December, was named on Wednesday to the 30-man list of nominees along with Erling Haaland and Kylian Mbappé. Ronaldo, a five-time winner who now plays for Al-Nassr in Saudi Arabia, missed the cut for the first time since 2003. The winner will be announced on Oct. 30. France Football magazine has given out the award to men every year since 1956 and to women each year since 2018 when Ada Hegerberg became the first



female winner though both were canceled in 2020 because of the pandemic. Aitana Bonmati, who last week was named the UEFA women's player of the year, is one of six female nomi-

nees from Spain. Bonmati led Spain to the Women's World Cup title last month. "Grateful & proud to be nominated alongside great players," Bonmati said on social media.

## Ishan Kishan's rise: From a humble village to India's trusted wicketkeeper-batter

Colombo, Sep 07 (PTI):

Ishan Kishan is a compelling package a hard-hitting left-hander who can bat anywhere from top to No. 5 and a capable presence behind the wickets.

It was a natural ascension for Kishan when he was included in India's World Cup squad as the second wicketkeeper batsman behind KL Rahul.

However, his journey to the top has not always been a rosy one.

Kishan had to shift from Patna to Ranchi in search of better cricketing facilities.

"He is a fighter from a very young age, and was clear in his career as a cricketer. His practice nets (SAIL grounds) were very close to MS Dhoni's house, and he always wanted to follow Mahi bhai's footsteps, and keeps watching his videos.



"Luckily for him the JSCA Stadium, where they have turf wickets, was opened in 2013, and it helped him a lot to develop his game," said Monu Kumar, the Jharkhand pacer and a close friend of Kishan. It is easy to mistake Kishan for a clone of Dhoni a destructive batter who keeps wickets, and both of them come from the same state. But there is more to Kishan than

being a mere Dhoni progeny. Former India stumper Kiran More, who has worked with Kishan since 2018 at the NCA as well as at the Mumbai Indians, shared more details about the many contours of his ward's game.

"He is a natural at everything he does. I was at the NCA for a wicketkeepers' camp and Kishan had others like Sanju Samson in his batch.

Kishan was so athletic and he had such soft hands even at that age," More told PTI.

More said he did not have to tweak Kishan's game much, and just had to make some minor corrections.

"He came with a naturally good game. I had to tell him a bit about his head and squatting positions. We also worked a bit on his ball collection and a few other minor techniques.

"Later, we worked on the same things a bit more during my time at the Mumbai Indians. What stands out is his ability to adapt and willingness to learn," said More.

Those abilities came to the fore when he was asked to bat at No. 5, a first in his nascent career, during the Asia Cup match against Pakistan last week here at Pallekele. Kishan fully ex-

ploited the opportunity handed to him making a fluent 82 off 81 balls.

More was pleased to see the development of Kishan as a genuine wicketkeeper-batter.

"Yes, I am sure he will make an impact for India. He is a long-term player and you will not get such players very often.

"Kishan being a left-hander will add more variety to the Indian batting order; you know that left-right combination a dream for any team management," said More.

Kishan's knock against Pakistan was all the more important because it came against a top-class bowling unit and India were struggling at 66 for 4 at one stage.

Kishan's innings offered little surprise to Mumbai Indians assistant batting coach and former Karnataka batter J Arunkumar.





# Delhi Decked Up To Host World Leaders

Delhi is in the throes of preparations as it readies itself to host the eagerly awaited G20 Summit this weekend. The event, featuring an assembly of world leaders, including US President Joe Biden and UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, will unfold at the International Exhibition-cum-Convention Centre (IECC) complex, famously known as Bharat Mandapam, situated within New Delhi's Pragati Maidan. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated this state-of-the-art complex on July 26 earlier this year, showcasing its impressive convention facilities, exhibition halls, and an amphitheater.

**Controlled Zone**  
Effective from September 8, the entire expanse of New Delhi will be classified as a "Controlled Zone." Months of meticulous planning, heightened anticipation, and rigorous security measures are poised to yield fruit as India stands on the brink of hosting this monumental G20 Summit, welcoming world leaders who have begun to arrive.

**World Leaders Converge**  
The commencement of world leader arrivals began with the Nigerian delegation on Tuesday, setting the stage for the grand arrivals expected tomorrow, which will include prominent figures such as US President Joe Biden, UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, and Canadian PM Justin Trudeau.



**Security Measures**  
In accordance with a gazette notification issued by the Delhi government, the entirety of New Delhi District will be deemed a "Controlled Zone" from tomorrow morning until Sunday. This decree restricts access to bona fide residents, authorized vehicles, and service vehicles engaged in essential functions, such as house-keeping, catering, and waste management for hotels, hospitals, and critical installations within the district. Furthermore, all cloud kitchens, commercial establishments, markets, food delivery, and commercial delivery services will remain shuttered during this period. While services like Swiggy, Zomato, Amazon, and Flipkart will be prohibited within the controlled zone, exceptions will be made for the delivery of medicines and essential items.

**A Multilayered Approach**  
Notably, the G20 Summit marks a historic occasion, as it is the first time that India will host such a formidable gathering of global leaders. Consequently, an elaborate security arrangement has been put in place, comprising a substantial number of personnel, including sharpshooters. The Indian Air Force will maintain a state of readiness, monitoring the airspace over the national capital diligently for any suspicious activities, including the presence of unmanned aerial vehicles and drones.

**An Unconventional Solution**  
Additionally, an unconventional yet effective security layer will involve the deployment of langur cutouts and mosquito larva-consuming fish. Monkeys have become a nuisance in various parts of the city, with incidents of these animals attacking and biting residents. To counter this issue, strategically placed langur cutouts, along with nearly 40 individuals trained to mimic langur sounds, will be enlisted to deter the monkeys.

**Aesthetic Transformation of Delhi**  
In a bid to enhance the city's visual appeal, authorities have planted nearly 7 lakh flowering and foliage plants across various locations in Delhi. This endeavor complements the clearance of approximately 15,000 metric tonnes of solid waste. Furthermore, Delhi's aesthetic charm will be amplified with the installation of over 100 sculptures and 150 fountains, each bearing unique designs, gracing different locations throughout the city. As the world's attention converges on Delhi, the stage is set for an event of paramount global significance, promising discussions, agreements, and the camaraderie of international cooperation, all within the secure embrace of this bustling metropolis.

## World Leaders' Residences in Delhi

New Delhi, Sep 07:  
As the Group of 20 (G20) major economies converges on New Delhi to deliberate upon the world's pressing issues, India, at the helm this year, has left no stone unturned in its preparations. While the global stage grapples with geopolitical divisions, notably surrounding the Ukraine conflict, the G20 Summit is set to address critical global challenges. India's commitment to hosting this monumental event is unmistakable, with measures ranging from drone surveillance over the national capital to the artistic touch of murals adorning the city's landscape. Even the persistent monkey menace is being addressed with the deployment of life-sized langur cutouts.

Here, we present a glimpse of the distinguished leaders attending the G20 Summit in New Delhi and their respective accommodations:

**1. Joe Biden: ITC Maurya**  
US President Joe Biden's arrival in New Delhi places him at the luxurious ITC Maurya, where he will engage in bilateral discussions with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Topics of discussion are expected to encompass clean energy transition and climate change, pivotal issues on the G20 Summit agenda.



**2. Rishi Sunak: Shangri La Hotel**  
Britain's Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, embarks on his first official visit to India as he participates in the G20 Summit. His accommodation of choice is the distinguished Shangri La hotel. In the lead-up to the summit, Sunak praised Prime Minister Modi's leadership, recognizing India's strategic importance on the global stage.



**3. China's Delegation: Taj Hotel**  
Premier Li Qiang will lead China's delegation, signaling President Xi Jinping's absence. This marks a significant departure, as it's the first time a Chinese president has missed a G20 leaders' summit since its inception in 2008. While Xi attended virtually in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year, the delegation will reside at Delhi's Taj Hotel.



**4. Justin Trudeau: The Lalit Hotel**  
Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will make a stop in Indonesia for the ASEAN summit before his arrival in New Delhi for the G20 Summit. During his stay in India, he will be accommodated at The Lalit Hotel.



**5. Anthony Albanese: Imperial Hotel**  
Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese's visit to India forms part of a broader three-nation tour, including stops in Indonesia and the Philippines. For the G20 Summit, he will take up residence at the Imperial Hotel. As world leaders converge in the heart of Delhi, the city's accommodations will not merely serve as resting places but as venues for crucial discussions and deliberations. Amid the backdrop of global challenges, the G20 Summit in New Delhi promises to be an arena where solutions are sought, alliances are forged, and the future of international cooperation takes shape.



## Bharat Mandapam: Showcasing Culture and Heritage

As the world's attention converges on New Delhi for the G20 Summit, one venue promises to be an extraordinary cultural showcase - Bharat Mandapam, fondly referred to as the "culture corridor." This unique space will serve as a captivating window into the rich and diverse traditions of not only India but also the 29 countries participating in the summit, including special invitees. Through a fusion of physical and virtual exhibitions, Bharat Mandapam aims to provide an immersive experience that transcends boundaries. A recent addition to this cultural haven is a towering 27-foot bronze statue of Nataraja, crafted meticulously from Ashtadhatu and weighing a staggering

18 tons. Renowned sculptor Radhakrishnan Sthapaty and his skilled team from Swami Malai in Tamil Nadu achieved the remarkable feat of completing this masterpiece in a mere seven months. Prime Minister Modi took to X (formerly Twitter) to share images of this awe-inspiring installation, stating, "The magnificent Nataraja statue at Bharat Mandapam brings to life aspects of our rich history and culture. As the world gathers for the G20 summit, it will stand as a testament to India's age-old artistry and traditions." Spanning across approximately 123 sprawling acres, Bharat Mandapam has been meticulously developed to emerge as India's largest MICE

(Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions) destination. In terms of covered event space, this complex ranks amongst the foremost exhibition and convention complexes globally, poised to host a diverse array of events and conferences. **But what does 'Bharat Mandapam' truly signify?** According to a government statement, the inspi-

## Courts must be on guard, test evidence meticulously when FIR is delayed: SC

New Delhi, Sep 07 (PTI): Courts must be on guard and test evidence meticulously to rule out possibility of embellishments in the prosecution's story when an FIR is delayed and there is absence of proper explanation, the Supreme Court has said. The apex court acquitted two people whose conviction and life

"When an FIR is delayed, in absence of proper explanation, the courts must be on guard and test the evidence meticulously to rule out possibility of embellishments in the prosecution story, inasmuch as delay gives opportunity for deliberation and guess work," the bench said in its verdict delivered on September 5.

## Asha Bhosle at 90: I faced difficulties but when I look back, it all looks mazedar'

Mumbai, Sep 07 (PTI): Music, like an ever flowing river, never ends, says Asha Bhosle. And as she turns 90 on Friday with a live concert in Dubai, India's singer for all times and ages could well be describing her own career that started an incredible eight decades ago. "At the age of 90, I have to stand for three hours on stage and sing songs, I'm happy I can do this at this age," Bhosle told PTI in an interview ahead of the show. She sang her first film



n't always easy, said the singer whose voice has emoted every nuance and every mood for actors down generations, right from Meena Kumari to Kajol and hundreds of others in between. "Humari saans nahin hoti hai toh aadmi mar jata hai. Mere liye music meri saans hai (For me, music is my breath). I have spent my life with this thought. I have given a lot to music. I feel good I've come out of difficult times. Many times I felt I would not be able to survive, but I did," Bhosle said.

## SECURITY FOR JANMASHTAMI



Security personnel stand guard as Kashmiri Pandits participate in a procession to celebrate the Janmashtami festival at Lal Chowk, in Srinagar, Thursday, Sept. 7.

## Ailing woman weighing 160 kg falls from bed, family seeks civic body's help to lift her up

Thane, Sep 07 (PTI): The family of an ailing woman weighing 160 kg sought the help of the fire department to lift her up after she fell from her bed in Maharashtra's Thane city on Thursday, a civic official said. The 62-year-old woman, who has mobility issues due to her poor health, accidentally fell from her bed around 8 am in their flat in the Waghbil area. However, her family members were unable to place her back on the bed, said the official from the Thane Municipal Corporation (TMC). According to Yasin Tadi, chief of TMC's Disaster Management Cell, the panicked family members then called

the fire officials for help. A team from the Regional Disaster Management Cell (RDMC) rushed to the flat, lifted the woman up and placed her on the bed, he said. The woman did not sustain any injuries due to the fall, the official said.

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