



BRIEF



Bhojpur actor Akshara Singh during the inauguration of Akshara's Studio, in Patna, Tuesday.

Arrested

■ **Jaipur:** Cow vigilante Monu Manesar, who was booked by Rajasthan Police for the murder of two Muslim men in February and is also accused of inciting violence in home state Haryana, was arrested Tuesday, officials said. He was handed over to Rajasthan Police after it obtained a transit remand for him from a court in Haryana's Nuh. The arrest was made by the Nuh police, reportedly in Gurugram's Manesar.

Stolen

■ **Medininagar:** An idol and two crowns worth lakhs of rupees were stolen from a temple in Jharkhand's Palamu district, police said on Tuesday. An idol of Lord Laddu Gopal made of 'astadhatu', and silver crowns of Lord Vishnu and Goddess Laxmi were stolen from the famed temple, located on the bank of Koel river in Medininagar, on Monday night, they said. The entire theft was caught on CCTV cameras, and an investigation has been started. Superintendent of Police Reeshma Ramesan said.

Operations

■ **Bengaluru:** Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru commenced international operations at Terminal 2 (T2) on Tuesday at 10:15 AM, with the arrival of Saudi Airlines' flight SV866 from Jeddah. IndiGo was the first Indian carrier to start international operations from T2 with its flight 6E1167 to Colombo.

Encounter

■ **Jammu:** One suspected Pakistani terrorist and an Army soldier were killed in a gunfight during an ongoing search operation in a remote village in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday, officials said. Three security personnel were injured in the exchange of fire, they said. Additional Director General of Police, Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh said the encounter broke out between terrorists and security forces in Narla village.

Shift

■ **New Delhi:** The Railway Board has directed that employees of the Central Organization for Railway Electrification (CORE) be shifted to railway zones, citing that its present electrification assignment is ending and no new work has been allotted to it. The CORE had electrified 58,812 route kilometers (RKM) of the Indian Railway's broad-gauge network by March 31, 2023, which is 90 per cent of the total network (65,300 RKM).

Weather
High 33 Low 26

MARKET
NIFTY 19,993.20
SENSEX 67,221.13

BULLION
GOLD 58,594
SILVER 71,745

MATTER OF CONCERN

Nipah virus confirmed, central team rushed to Kerala

New Delhi, Sep 12 (PTI):

Two deaths reported from Kerala's Kozhikode district were caused by Nipah virus, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said on Tuesday.

He said a central team of experts has been sent to Kerala to take stock of the situation and assist the state government in the management of the Nipah virus infection.

Two "unnatural deaths" following fever were reported from Kozhikode on Monday. Relatives of one of the deceased are also admitted to the ICU, the



People wear masks at a medical college after the Nipah virus alert, in Kozhikode, Tuesday.

Kerala health department said in a statement issued last night. Following the deaths, the health department sounded an alert in the district. It has been con-

firmed that the two deaths reported from Kozhikode were caused by Nipah virus, Mandaviya told reporters. A central team of experts has been sent to the

state to take stock of the situation. It will also help the state government in the management of the infection, he said. According to official sources, samples of four more people from Kerala have been sent to the National Institute of Virology in Pune for testing for the deadly virus.

Earlier in the day, the Kerala government set up a control room in Kozhikode and advised people to use masks as a precautionary measure.

In a Facebook post, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said his government is viewing the two deaths seriously.

MANIPUR VIOLENCE

Three from tribal community killed

Imphal, Sep 12 (PTI):

Manipur witness more violence on Tuesday when unidentified armed men, suspected to be cadres of banned terror groups, attacked people from the tribal community on Tuesday morning killing three of them in Kangpokpi district, officials said. The incident took place between Ireng and Karam Vaiphei villages in the tribal-dominated Kanggui area, located at the bordering districts of West Imphal and Kangpokpi. The three persons had started their journey from Ponlen in Kangpokpi district and were proceeding towards Lemakong using the hill road when they were stopped by the armed assailants at Ireng near Singhda dam and gunned down, the officials said, adding automatic weapons were used in the incident.

NEW ELECTORAL RULES

'Voters on poll duty to cast postal ballot at facilitation centre only'

New Delhi, Sep 12 (PTI):

With an aim to check the potential misuse of postal ballot facility extended to voters on poll duty, electoral rules have been changed to ensure that such people cast their vote at designated facilitation centres only and do not keep the ballot papers with them for a long time.

The Election Commission (EC) had in September last year recom-

mended to the Union law ministry to tweak the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961 to ensure that voters on poll duty cast their vote at voter facilitation centre located where they are deployed. The EC was of the view that if a postal ballot remains with a voter for a long time, the person could be highly susceptible to undue influence, threats, bribery and other unethical means by candidates or political parties. Now, the

Legislative Department in the law ministry has come out with a notification amending the Conduct of Election Rules. A new section 18A has been added in the rules. It states that "Notwithstanding anything in this Part, a voter on election duty shall receive his postal ballot, record his vote thereon in accordance with this Part and return the same at the facilitation centre as specified, in writing, by the returning officer."

TMC MP Nusrat Jahan questioned by ED

For 6 hours

Kolkata, Sep 12 (PTI):

TMC MP and actor Nusrat Jahan was on Tuesday grilled by Enforcement Directorate (ED) sleuths for nearly six hours at its office in a case linked to alleged duping of senior citizens by promising them flats in New Town area here, a senior official of the probe body said.

The 33-year-old actor, who was summoned by the federal agency for questioning last week, was asked to clarify her role as the director of the real estate company besides other questions related to the investigation. "I answered all the questions I was asked. Thank you so much," was her brief reply to questions by told reporters after coming out of the ED's office in the evening.



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CHAMBAL RIVERFRONT



Newly-developed Chambal riverfront following its inauguration by Rajasthan UDH Minister Shanti Kumar Dhariwal, in Kota, Rajasthan, Tuesday.

SC refuses Govt plea, refers sedition law plea to Constitution bench

New Delhi, Sep 12 (PTI):

The Supreme Court on Tuesday referred to a constitution bench of at least five judges a batch of pleas challenging the constitutional validity of the IPC provision on sedition, a month after the Centre introduced in Parliament bills to replace the colonial-era penal statutes IPC, CrPC and the Evidence Act, proposing among other things the repeal of the sedition law.



The apex court declined to accept the Centre's fervent request that reference of the petitions to a larger bench be deferred as Parliament is in the process

of "re-enacting" the provisions of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and a bill has been placed before a standing committee. The court said assuming that the bill, which proposes among other things the repeal of the sedition law and introduction of a new provision with a wider definition of the offence, becomes a law, it cannot be applied with retrospective effect. "We are not inclined to accept the request for deferring the consideration of the consti-

tutional challenge in these batch of matters for more than one reason," said the bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud. The bench, also comprising Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra observed that Section 124A (sedition) of the IPC continues to remain in the statute book, and even if the new bill becomes a law, there is a presumption that any new law in the penal statute will have prospective and not retrospective effect.

Om Mathur flagged off BJP Parivartan Yatra

Dantewada, Sep 12:

The BJP on Tuesday rolled out 'Parivartan Yatra' from tribal-dominated Dantewada in Chhattisgarh eyeing a comeback in the upcoming assembly polls, due later this year. The Yatra was scheduled to be launched by Union Home Minister Amit Shah but his visit was cancelled at the last moment due to some urgent reason, a party leader said.

In the absence of Shah, BJP's Chhattisgarh incharge Om Mathur flagged off the yatra after performing rituals at the famous Maa Danteshwari temple in



Dantewada town. The Bharatiya Janata Party has planned two Parivartan yatras in poll-bound Chhattisgarh. BJP chief JP

Nadda will launch the second Yatra from Jashpur on September 15.

The two yatras, which will see 84 public meetings, 85

"swagat sabhas" (welcome gatherings) and seven road shows, will culminate in Bilaspur on the same day after covering a distance of 2,989 km across 87 out of the total 90 assembly constituencies.

After offering rituals at Danteshwari temple, Mathur, Chhattisgarh BJP chief Arun Sao, and other senior leaders addressed a public rally at the High School ground here before flagging off the Yatra.

Speaking at the rally, former chief minister Raman Singh hit out at the Congress government in Chhattisgarh and claimed it has indulged in corruption and looting people for the last five years.

Kashmir's 'Shravan Kumar' leaves wife to take care of his ailing mother

Srinagar, Sep 12 (PTI):

Farooq Ahmad is a regular 'chaiwala' who sells tea outside the old Saddar Court Complex in Lal Chowk area of the city but his dedication and affection towards his ailing mother makes him a modern day 'Shravan Kumar'.

Ahmad, a resident of Batamaloo area here, brings his mother Daulat Dee in a

wheelchair to his roadside tea stall everyday as he takes care of her with religious zeal. "It is my religious obligation to take care of my mother as, for me, the paradise lies under her feet. The God rewards those who are able to take care of their mother," he said as his mother sat behind him. The tea seller, who lost his father at the age of 10, even sacrificed his marital life to take care of

his mother. "My wife refused to look after my mother. So, we got separated four years ago. Since then, I take my mother along with me to my tea stall as she is a heart patient and cannot stay alone at home," he added.

Ahmad has decided not to remarry till his mother is alive. The tea seller said he has two siblings a brother and a sister who are married and live separately else-

where. The mother has only kind words for her favourite son. "I remain here (the tea stall) from morning till evening. We go home together...Farooq serves me well. I go mad if he goes anywhere without me," the woman in her eighties said.

People, who deal with Ahmad, like his milk supplier Shakeel Ahmad said that the tea seller is a role model for today's youths.

आदरांजलि



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13 सितंबर 1999

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स्थित्वास्यामन्त कालेऽपि ब्रह्मनिर्वाणमूर्च्छति।।

ब्राह्मी स्थिति में रहने वाला महात्मा पुरुष इस अवस्था को प्राप्त करके मोहग्रस्त नहीं होता है तथा अन्त समय में भी इस ब्रह्म निष्ठा में स्थित होकर ब्रह्मानंद गति को प्राप्त करता है.



न्याय-भरोसा-सुधार से संवारा शहरी जीवन

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1.20 लाख सरकारी दस्तावेज

22.33 लाख से अधिक ड्राइविंग लाइसेंस
और आरसी की होम डिलीवरी

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मोबाइल अस्पतालों से
59 लाख लोगों का निःशुल्क इलाज

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संबंधित शिकायतों का निराकरण

11,757 लोगों को घर बैठे
ऑनलाइन डायरेक्ट बिल्डिंग परमिशन

मोर मकान-मोर चिन्हारी
सिर्फ 75,000 रुपये में आवास

मोर जमीन-मोर मकान
2,20,189 आवास स्वीकृत

आवासीय व गैर आवासीय भवनों
का नियमितीकरण

30% की कमी
रजिस्ट्री गाईडलाइन दरों में

छत्तीसगढ़ सरकार

भरोसे की सरकार

श्री भूपेश बघेल
मुख्यमंत्री, छत्तीसगढ़

Industries in the state are getting a more favourable environment: Baghel

Businessmen to get plots at Rs 540 per sqft in Nava Raipur's Commercial Hub
CM lays foundation stones for 'Commercial Hub,' 'Aerocity,' and 'Shaheed Smarak' in Nava Raipur



a conducive environment for people to prosper, and they have successfully done so for the state's farmers. Additionally, efforts have been made to enhance school education, promote Chhattisgarh's rich culture, and boost tourism within the state.

Furthermore Baghel mentioned that the government is actively working to foster an environment favourable for industrial growth. He encouraged industrialists to contribute to making Chhattisgarh's Industrial Policy the best in the country. As a result of these efforts, the state has witnessed an increase in the number of industries, leading to a boost in employment opportunities for its citizens.

Businessmen to get plots at Rs 540 per sqft in Nava Raipur's Commercial Hub. During the programme, CM Bhupesh Baghel responded to the demands of the business community by making a significant announcement. He declared that commercial plots would be allocated to businessmen in the

Commercial Hub of Nava Raipur at the rate of Rs 540 per sqft. Additionally, he mentioned that the state government would bear the additional cost required for the construction of the Commercial Hub due to this announcement. While presiding over the programme, Housing and Environment Minister Mohammad Akbar stated that the Chhattisgarh Government,

under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, is actively working to ensure economic stability for the common people. He stressed that the government's foremost priority is to create employment opportunities, thus ensuring continuous development in Chhattisgarh. The 'Commercial Hub' is being developed in an area spanning 1083 acres within

sectors 23, 24, 34, 35, and 40 of Nava Raipur, with the goal of promoting investment and commercial activities. Similarly, to improve passenger facilities, stimulate commercial growth in the airport vicinity, and generate employment opportunities, 'Aerocity' is being established in a designated 216.63-acre area near Swami Vivekananda Airport in the villages of Baroda and Ramchandi. The 'Shaheed Smarak' is being established in the VIP Battalion in the village Parsada (Sector-3) in Nava Raipur, covering an area of 13 acres. Present at the event were Panchayat and Rural Development Minister Shri Ravindra Choubey, MLA Shri Dhanendra Sahu, Chief Minister's Special Advisor Dr Rakesh Gupta, and office bearers of Chhattisgarh Chamber of Commerce.

Modi govt conspiring to privatise railways: Baij

● **Congress to hold 'rail roko andolan' today in all districts of state**

Raipur, Sep 12: Congress in the state is going to stage 'Rail Roko Andolan' in all districts to protest against frequent cancellation of many trains by the Modi government and inordinate delay in movement of many trains through Howrah-Mumbai route via Raipur and causing lots of inconveniences to the passengers. The place where there is no railway track, there the demonstration will be held and memorandum will be submitted to the District Collector.

PCC Chief and LS MP Deepak Baij charged that the Centre's attitude related to Railways is anti-people. He charged that the Modi government is conspiring to close down passenger trains and railway facilities for common men. Trains all over the country are being cancelled and with no formal declaration about cancellation, the passengers had to cancel their tour. Set

aside this many a trains are running not only 1-2 hours late, but by even 1-2 days. From this working system of Modi government towards the railway, it appears as if they are conspiring for privatisation of the most reliable source of transportation for common men in the country. The Modi government has left the country's most convenient and cheapest of all transport i.e. railways as subject of ridicule. The people who generally books their railway tickets two-three months in advance lands in soup due to sudden cancellation of train and having no other alternative for travel at the last moment, they had to cancel their well-chalked out travel plan and are left with no option but to curse the railway and its administration. It is more than last 3 years that the sudden cancellation of trains is going on in the railways. PCC Chief Deepak Baij the erstwhile government at the Centre used to run the railways for convenience of general public and to which the Modi government has now transformed into looting the public. The railways have

stopped many a facilities provided to passengers earlier and the facilities to seniors, aged, disabled and youths have been withdrawn. By stopping selling of ticket from railway station, the cost of tickets have been increased manifold. Baij charged that the Modi government has become so inhuman and irresponsible that many a Express trains are cancelled mid-way before its actual destination. Prior to independence, railway was the most important source of travel and to which the Modi government has destroyed it.

PCC Chief charged that the BJP MPs of the Modi government by remaining silent have added more pain and woes to that of general public and the burden of inactiveness of the 9 MPs from state is being borne by 2 crore people of the state.

BJP MPs have never stood in favour or support of problems being faced by railway passengers of the state and in the last few months, around 2600 trains have been cancelled and due to which the passengers had to face maximum problems.



Swasth Bharat Samarth Bharat



Launch of Ayushman Bhav Campaign by Smt. Droupadi Murmu Hon'ble President of India (Virtually)

From 17 September 2023:

- Expansion of Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana under Ayushman Aapke Dwar 3.0
- Ayushman Mela: Organisation of weekly health melas at Health and Wellness Centres and Community Health Centres
- Organisation of blood donation camps and information sharing on voluntary blood donation.
- Pledge for voluntary organ donation.

On 2 October 2023:

- Organisation of Ayushman Sabha and distribution of Ayushman cards, ABHA ID generation, and information about health schemes.

Ayushman ke uphaar se jan-jan ka ho raha kalyan.



Wednesday, 13 September 2023



Noon, 12 PM

Auspicious Presence

Prof. S.P. Singh Baghel
Minister of State
(Health & Family Welfare)

Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya
Minister of Health and Family Welfare & Chemicals and Fertilizers

Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar
Minister of State
(Health & Family Welfare)

In the august presence of Chief Ministers and Governors of states. (Virtually)

BJP gherao Zone-9 against 8 point demands



Raipur, Sep 12: The BJP leaders and workers under leadership of BJP District President Raipur (urban) Jayanti Patel gherao the Zone-9 of RMC in support of their various demands and submitted memorandum to the Zone Commissioner. They warned that if the demands are not fulfilled soon, they will lockout the Zone office. With cases of Dengue on the rise in city and potholes all over the capital city, with demand for permanent lease of land and lack of cleaning in city and lack of solution to waterlogging that the BJP is carrying out gherao of RMC Zone offices from 1-9.

where digging has been done and potholes are left in open; permanent land lease to slum people residing in slum localities; proper planning for prevention of mosquito menace in city; proper arrangements for 'swachh water'; proper solution to stray cattle and dogs and to increase pace of Amrut Mission Scheme, so as to provide solution to general public. Among those who gheraoed Zone-9 of RMC included Rajesh Munat, Jayanti Patel, Ashok Pandey, RK Agrawal, Prafulla Vishwakarma, Gowardhan Khandelwal, Channi Verma, Seema Santosh Sahu, Vinod Agrawal, Satyam Duba, Ashu Chandravanshi, Gopi Sahu, Amit Meshari, Khem Kumar Sen, Krishna Sahu, Vikram Thakur, Gajju Sahu, Anand Nishad, B Srinwas Rao, Omprakash Sahu, Bajrang Khaldelwal and others.

Prominent among the demands against which BJP gheraoed Zone-9 of RMC included demand for fogging and spraying of anti-larvae in all wards for prevention of Dengue; levelling of all city roads with tarring

RBI organises painting competition



Bhagidari', event, which was organised on September 12, 2023, a painting competition on the theme of 'G20 Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' and a slogan writing competition on 'Digital Banking' were conducted. This competition was organized at Deendayal Upadhyay Auditorium, Raipur.

More than 350 school children participated in the event. Differently-abled children also participated enthusiastically in the program. RBI Deputy General Manager Mohan Rawat; District Education Officer, Raipur, Himanshu Bharatiya were also present in this program.

CM Baghel lays foundation of Ch'garh Krishi Bhavan

In Nava Raipur

Well-furnished Krishi Bhavan to be built at a cost of Rs 49.50 cr on 3.14 acres of land in Sector 19



Department about the construction of the new Krishi Bhavan and took information about the facilities that will be provided to the farmers after the construction is complete. At the program, Agriculture Development and Farmers Welfare, Biotechnology Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu, Panchayat and Rural Development Minister Ravindra Choubey, Chhattisgarh Building and Other Construction Workers Board President

that the five-storey 'Chhattisgarh Krishi Bhavan' will be constructed on 3.14 acres in Sector-19 of Nava Raipur. Krishi Bhavan will house all the departments related to agriculture - Directorate of Agriculture, Directorate of Agricultural Engineering, Horticulture and Field Forestry, Watershed Management, Livestock Development, Fisheries. The offices of the Agriculture Minister and Agriculture Production Commissioner will also be established in the building.

The construction of Integrated Agriculture Building will enhance the coordination between the supporting institutions of the department, which will speed up the agricultural development work and expedite the resolution of farmers' grievances. In future, Krishi Bhavan will be developed as an 'Integrated Resource Centre' for the development of agriculture sector.

CM inaugurates new office building of the CSAMB

New Mandi Board building will be named after Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel



Raipur, Sep 12: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel today inaugurated the new office building of the Chhattisgarh State Agricultural Marketing (CSAMB) Board in Nava Raipur. On this occasion, he announced that the building would be named after Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The office of the Seed Corporation will also operate in this building, constructed at a cost of Rs 40 crore in Sector 24 of Nava Raipur. Various agriculture-related activities will be conducted from this building, which is built on an area of approximately 1 lakh 58 thousand square feet, which will benefit the farmers.

While addressing the inauguration ceremony, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that they are expanding the market in the state for the convenience of the farmers. About 1.25 lakh metric tonnes of paddy are to be purchased in the state.

Keeping this in mind, paddy collection centers are also being developed as markets. He said that the cultivation of millets is also being continuously encouraged in the state, and they are being purchased at the support price.

As a result of farmer-friendly policies in the state, inclination towards farming has increased in the Bastar region. Earlier, there was almost no vegetable production in Bastar; now, the area of vegetable production has increased considerably here. The Chief Minister said that it has been the government's continuous endeavor to ensure that farmers get the right price for their produce. At present, the reduction in rice procurement for the Central Pool by the Central Government is an injustice to the farmers. Now the rule of purchasing

paddy through the biometric method is being implemented by the Central Government.

New way to harass the farmers

On this occasion, School Education Minister Ravindra Choubey said that with the formation of the government in the state, revolutionary changes are continuously taking place in the field of agriculture. The state government will now purchase 20 quintals of paddy from farmers. Last year, Rs 1 lakh 75 thousand crore was given to the farmers for their produce. The economic condition of farmers has strengthened due to the farmer-friendly schemes of the government. In the program, Tamradhwaj Sahu said that new resources are being adopted for the progress of farmers in the agricultural state. With the

construction of the new Mandi Bhawan, all the Mandi members of the state will now have ease in their work. He also talked about fulfilling the various demands made by the Mandi Committee members as soon as possible.

In the ceremony, Chief Minister's Advisor Pradeep Sharma, Chairman and Committee members of all the Mandi Boards of the state, Agriculture Production Commissioner and Secretary Kamalpreet Singh, Managing Director of Mandi Board Yashwant Kumar, IG Ratan Lal Dangi, Managing Director of Godhan Nyay Mission Dr. Ayyaj Fakirbhai Tamboli, Director of Agriculture and Livestock Chandan Tripathi, Deputy Secretary Tulika Prajapati, and a large number of citizens were present.

State govt increases honorarium of Swachhta Didi for 1 yr term

Approves Rs 79.76 cr in consonance with the CM's announcement

CM's announcement comes into effect from Sept 2023

Independence Day and will take effect from September 2023 and

The state government has allocated a substantial sum of Rs 79.76 cr. This allocation is intended to support 9232 workers for the forthcoming year, spanning from October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024, with each worker receiving Rs 7200 as part of their honorarium.

The Urban Administration and Development Department has issued an official order to implement this decision. Moreover, the UAD Department has urged urban bodies to promptly take necessary actions to secure the remaining funds required to fulfill their financial obligations for the fiscal year 2023-24, particularly with regard to Octroi compensation items.

State govt is following the ideals of Ramrajya: CM

CM Baghel unveiled a 30-foot statue of Lord Shri Ram in Sihawa

Constructed as a part of the Ram Van Gaman tourism circuit

State govt carried out beautification work worth Rs. 9.61 cr on the Ram Van Gaman tourism circuit in Nagri-Sihawa of Dhamtari district



Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Sep 12: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the Ram Van Gaman tourism circuit in Nagri-Sihawa of Dhamtari district, aimed at preserving and developing the sites related to Lord Shri Ram. This part of the Ram Van Gaman

tourism circuit, developed at a cost of Rs. 9.61 crores, features a 30-foot white statue of Lord Shri Ram. Following the inauguration, the Chief Minister joined the Karneshwar Ramayana Mahotsav in Sihawa, celebrating the sacred land's rich cultural heritage.

During the Ramayana

Mahotsav, the Chief Minister emphasised the ideals of Ramrajya, where everyone receives respect and equal opportunities. He highlighted the state government's commitment to drawing inspiration from Lord Shri Ram to ensure respect and opportunities for all citizens. The state government is

actively engaged in uplifting the economic status of farmers and labourers, generating better employment opportunities, and ensuring the purchase of 20 quintals of paddy per acre from farmers, regardless of any challenges that may arise.

The Chief Minister highlighted the development of locations traversed by Lord Shri Ram in Chhattisgarh, starting with Mata Kaushalya's sacred place in Chandkhuri. He shared the state government's plans to select and develop 10 locations across the state as part of the Ram Van Gaman tourism circuit. Additionally, he mentioned that the state government has organised the nation's first National Ramayana Mahotsav. He also shared the state government's ongoing development efforts in Sihawa

city, focusing on places associated with Lord Shri Ram.

Home and Tourism Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu shared the state government's investment of Rs. 162 crore in the development of the Ram Van Gaman tourism circuit across the entire state. The state government has implemented a tourism policy to boost the sector, attract tourists, and promote overall regional development. The Chief Minister inaugurated a coffee table book prepared for the National Festival. Additionally, he handed over a cheque of Rs. 5000 each to the following cultural groups: Ramsiya Manas Mandali of Kotgaon; Ramsiya Manas Mandali of Kurud; Jagatrani Manas Parivar of Nagri; Jai Tulsi Manas Parivar of Kanker; and Bastariya Manas Mandal

of Kondagaon, for the purchase of musical instruments. The Chief Minister also honoured the renowned devotional singer Anup Jalota, who attended the festival.

Chairman of the Chhattisgarh Gau Seva Aayog Mahant Ramsundar Das, MLA Sihawa and Deputy Chairman of the Central Region Tribal Development Authority Dr. Lakshmi Dhruv, Mayor of Dhamtari Municipal Corporation Vijay Dewangan, Chairman of the Chhattisgarh Advisory Board on Disability Mohan Lalwani, Vice President of the Zila Panchayat Nishu Chandrakar, IG Arif Shaikh, Collector Rituraj Raghuvanshi, SP Prashant Thakur, and various public representatives and officials were present.

Saint Vinoba Bhaveji dedicated his life to the welfare of the marginalised and homeless: Guv

Following the footsteps of Gandhiji



nation, and independent thinking. Bhaveji dedicated his life to the welfare of the marginalised and homeless, and followed the footsteps of Gandhiji in the pursuit of the independence of India. The Governor highlighted Bhaveji's extensive work for the underprivileged and his unwavering commitment to spreading Gandhiji's ideals. He further stated that Bhaveji embodied Gandhian principles in both thought and action, perpetuating their legacy.

Acharya Vinoba Bhaveji's legacy is marked by his profound impact on countless individuals through the Bhoodan movement. His tireless efforts, travelling on foot throughout the nation, resulted in providing lakhs of acres of donated irrigated land and sustenance to countless homeless individuals, effectively combating poverty. Recognised as a revered revolutionary, he is remembered for his transformative actions. Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan

emphasised that revolution entails public awakening, drawing parallels to Vinoba Ji's dedication to the rights of the poor and oppressed. To realise Vinobaji's vision, the youth and citizens must raise awareness and support the work carried out for the marginalized. He urged the people to undergo a revolution of awareness, inspiring the youth to embrace Vinobaji's ideals. Reflecting on Vinobaji's significance, Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan mentioned that without independent thinkers like Vinobaji, such monumental achievements would not have been possible.

Former Odisha Minister and MLA Prafulla Samal, MLA Mohammad Mokim, former Union Minister Braja Kishore Tripathy, and other dignitaries were present.

Annual sports meet 'Sangathan-2023' begins

At Amity University



Raipur, Sep 12: "Sangathan-2023" a two-week long major event was inaugurated with the Lighting of the Torch by the Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Piyush Kant Pandey and the initiation of a torch rally by student sports coordinators, amidst loud cheering and a large gathering of faculty and students at the Amity University Chhattisgarh, Raipur.

VC, Professor Pandey inspired the students with his charming remarks and urged them to compete in the Sangathan matches with competitive zeal. He told youngsters that winning and losing are both a part of sports and that they should be respected in the tradition of Sangathan. He also

thanked the students for performing in 'Sangathan' and sharing their talents with the community. All the student and faculty sports coordinators took an oath, which was administered by Vice Chancellor Prof. Pandey.

The students participation in Sangathan, a competition featuring multiple

sports, was met with excitement and enthusiasm. Indoor (Carrom, Table Tennis, Chess, etc.) and outdoor (Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Kabaddi, Volleyball, etc.) sports competitions for men and women are planned. A friendly Cricket was played between the Amity

University Raipur Staff and that of the Adani Power Limited, Tilda as an opening event.

"Sangathan-2023" will culminate at a mega event where the students from all the campuses of Amity in India and abroad will be showcasing their sports and cultural talents at New Delhi.

OBITUARY

Hajjan Azeem Bee

Raipur: Hajjan Azeem Bee, 80, breathed her last here on Tuesday. She was 85. She was cremated at Byron Bazar cemetery after 'Namaze Isha'. She was W/o Late Abdul Rashid Khan and mother of Abdul Gani, Sami Abdul Shafi, Mohammed Rafi (Director-Sumit Advertiser), Ayub and Sikandar (Director-The Signage).



Raipur, Sep 12: Rotary Club Of Raipur Cosmo Divas is organising the World's Most Subscribed Mentalist show "Suhani Shah's Chatmatkar" on September 17, 2023 Sunday at Maharaja Agrasen International College (AIC), Raipur. This club has been formed on June 2022. In a very short span of time this club has done many noteworthy projects.

Rotary Club to host 'Mentalist Show' on Sep 17

This Club is into many social activities like Blood Donation Camp for thalassemia kids, Tree Plantation, Crowning Glory (Hair Donation for Cancer Patients) where adults as well as Kids are participating actively, Oral Health Awareness Camp, Kite Fest, and many more. Club President Richhi Agarwal & Secretary Shailja Jain said Suhani Shah is one of the biggest names in the magic industry with an experience of over 2 decades of performing over 5000 shows. Program Chairpersons Swati Maloo, Ankita Farmania and Divya Singhania said that this is a really nice event and has encouraged youngsters to participate.

National Lok Adalat settles 4,30,095 pre-litigation and 42,082 pending cases

Bilaspur/Raipur, Sep 12: Under directions of National Legal Services Authority and under guidance of Chief Justice and Patron in Chief of Chhattisgarh State Legal Services Authority, Justice Ramesh Sinha and directives of Justice Goutam Bhaduri, Executive Chairman, CGLSA, National Lok Adalat was organized across all District Courts, Tehsil Courts, Family Courts, Forum, Tribunal, Permanent Lok Adalat, Revenue Courts and High Court within the State on 09th September 2023 and compoundable cases were disposed with mutual understanding and settlement between parties. The said National Lok Adalat was organized with appearance of parties both in virtual as well as



physical mode along with Special Sitting of Magistrates for disposal of cases related to petty offences. In present National Lok Adalat 4,30,095 Pre litigation cases and 42,082 pending cases were settled under mutual terms of compromise across different Courts in which total award of 1,35,28,66,993 was passed. Similarly 78 cases

were settled by three benches of High Court, Bilaspur in which total award of 1,30,38,000 was passed.

It is pertinent to mention that the proceedings of National Lok Adalat on 09th September 2023 were also inspected by Executive Chairman Justice Goutam Bhaduri at District Durg and Bemetara and Judicial

Officers, Lawyers, Litigants, officer of Financial Institutions were encouraged to participate and settle more and more number of cases in National Lok Adalat. He also stressed upon providing benefit in cases pertaining to Women, Children and Undertrials through necessary Legal Assistance.

During such visit of Executive Chairman at Durg, a matter of theft was settled in Court of JMFC, wherein complainant studying at Bihar due to his academic curriculum was unable to physically secure his presence before Court, hence securing his presence through Video Conferencing and ensuring identification through his Aadhar Card and Photo annexed under

Statement of Sec. 161 CrPC, the case was settled. Similarly during visit at Family Court by Executive Chairman, in a matter pending before Court of Principal Judge, Family Court, Durg concerning petition of divorce between husband and wife who were residing separately for past four years, however with intervention and counseling of Executive Chairman and Presiding Officer, the said couple agreed to reunite and live together setting aside their differences. National Lok Adalat in organized under the aegis of NALSA across all Courts within the country and next upcoming National Lok Adalat for the year 2023 is scheduled to be held on 09th December 2023.

Court cancels NBW against Nawab Malik

Mumbai, Sep 12 (PTI):

A magistrate court here on Tuesday cancelled a non-bailable warrant (NBW) issued against NCP leader and former Maharashtra minister Nawab Malik in a defamation complaint filed against him by BJP worker Mohit Bharatiya in 2021.

The matter has been adjourned to October 25 for recording of evidence. A Metropolitan Magistrate S B Kale (Mazgaon court) last month issued the NBW against Malik for failing to appear before the court.

The NBW was cancelled after the former state minister marked his presence before the court on Tuesday.

In October 2021, Bharatiya filed a complaint against Malik for allegedly making "baseless comments" in connection with the Narcotics Control Bureau's (NCB) cruise drug seizure case, in which Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan's son Aryan Khan was arrested.

He had sought registra-

tion of offence against Malik under Indian Penal Code sections 499 (defamation) and 500 (punishment for defamation).

Bharatiya in his complaint alleged that Malik, in a press conference on the NCB's action, had "purposefully and intentionally defamed" him and his brother-in-law Rishabh Sachdev. In the complaint, Bharatiya alleged that Malik grossly misused his dominant position to defame him and his family with highly speculative statements without any evidence to substantiate his malicious claims.

The Enforcement Directorate arrested Malik in February 2022 in a case allegedly linked to the activities of fugitive gangster Dawood Ibrahim and his associates.

Malik is currently out on interim bail granted to him last month on medical grounds by the Supreme Court.

Apples, peas from Kinnaur being transported through ropeway

Shimla, Sep 12 (PTI): Apples and peas are being transported by a ropeway in Himachal Pradesh's Kinnaur after a major landslide blocked the national highway connecting the district to state capital Shimla. After the successful trial of the ropeway (span) on Monday,

apples, peas and other crops would be transported through the ropeway at Negursari free of cost so that the produce reaches the markets and no loss is caused to farmers, Revenue and Horticulture Minister Jagat Singh Negi said on Tuesday. Negi, who is also the sitting

Congress MLA from Kinnaur, said over 20 apple-laden trucks have been diverted from Kazakunzum road. The ropeway has been set up

at Krampa in Negursari to Dhumti on Chaura-Rupi link road. Machinery has been deployed on both sides of the landslide-

hit road and majority of the stretch has been cleared but the rocky 70-metre path is creating hindrance as the slide is continuing, he told PTI. The

minister also directed officials to arrange for transportation of all essential items so that there is no inconvenience caused to the people of Kinnaur.

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Bank of Baroda. E-AUCTION CUM SALE NOTICE OF VEHICLE. Bank of Baroda, Regional Office, Raipur is conducting e-auction cum-sale of its Vehicles by holding e-auction on 'AS IS WHERE IS, WHATEVER THERE'S AND WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS'. The details of vehicles are as given below.

Bank of Baroda. E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF PROPERTIES. APPENDIX-IV(A) (See Proviso to Rule 6(2) & 8(5)). Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable/movable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6(2) & 8(5) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

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Canara Bank. E-Auction Date: 16.10.2023. Auction Sale Notice For Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

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नाम परिवर्तन. श्रीमती मृगि साहू, उम्र-30 वर्ष, पति-श्री रविन्द्र साहू, जाति - तेली निवासी- हासिंग बोर्ड कॉलोनी दोन्हेखुर्द रायपुर व. बजिला रायपुर छ. मेरा विवाह सामाजिक रीति रिवाज के अनुसार दिनांक 07.07.2019 को संपन्न हुआ है। शादी के पूर्व मेरेपत्नी आलमजा श्री शीतल प्रसाद जाति तेली निवासी पन्द्रमटा जिला मुंगेली छ. के नाम से जानी एवं पहचानी जाती थी। तथा शादी के पश्चात मेरा नाम श्रीमती मृगि साहू पति श्री रविन्द्र साहू हो गयी है तथा गतिविधि इसी नाम से जानी एवं पहचानी जायगी। शादी के पूर्व नाम मेरेपत्नी आलमजा श्री शीतल प्रसाद जाति तेली शादी के पश्चात श्रीमती मृगि साहू पति श्री रविन्द्र साहू हो गया है तथा सम्स्त शासकीय अर्थशासकीय अभिलेखों में मेरेपत्नी आलमजा श्री शीतल प्रसाद जाति तेली के स्थान पर श्रीमती मृगि साहू पति-श्री रविन्द्र साहू दर्ज कराने हेतु शासकीय प्रस्तुत है। दिनांक: 12.09.2023

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Police solves blind murder mystery within 24 hours

Bhilai, Sep 12:

Team of Utai Police Station succeeded to solve a blind murder mystery within 24 hours. The murder was an outcome of extra marital affairs. The accused murdered a lady after an affair of two years.

While addressing media persons here at the Police Control Room on Tuesday, SP Shalabh Sinha informed that on Tuesday morning they received information about a body lying near Kargadhi in Mahuari Bhatha. Utai Police immediately reached the spot and the deceased was identified as Jamuna Bai Goswami, a resident of Adarsh Nagar, Utai. Under the supervision of Additional Superintendent of Police (Rural) Anant Kumar Sahu and SDOP (Patan) Devansh Singh Rathore, the team of Utai Police Station led by Inspector Kapil Dev Pandey and Machandur Chowki Incharge Purushottam Kurre conducted the crime scene investigation.



They quizzed the family members and neighbours of the deceased. Police came to know that the deceased Jamuna Bai had a love affair with Yashwant Sahu of Purai, who worked as a mason contractor.

Police searched for him and soon he was taken into custody. During interrogation, he confessed to killing Jamuna Bai. He disclosed that Jamuna Bai Goswami worked with him as a labourer for the past two years. Meanwhile, they started liking each other and entered into a love affair.

Soon, Yashwant's wife Damini Sahu came to know about this illicit relationship. About a year ago while working at a site in Purai, Damini Sahu spoke to Yashwant and Jamuna Bai and tried to explain to them. Later, Damini left Yashwant about four months ago and returned to her maternal house in village Bhotipar. Since then, Yashwant was in constant stress. On the other hand, Jamuna Bai was repeatedly contacting him on mobile. She insisted on meeting her and also asked for money. Yashwant got upset and

planned to kill Jamuna Bai. Yashwant purchased a razor blade and kept it in his wallet. They decided to meet on September 11 around 19:00 hrs near Mahuari Bhatha Kargadhi Mill.

Yashwant reached there on foot and met Jamuna Bai, who was waiting in the fields with an empty bucket. When Yashwant asked about the bucket, Jamuna replied that she had come out of the house on the excuse of attending nature's call. When Jamuna demanded Rs 4000, Yashwant got irked and strangled her with a

stole. Jamuna Bai resisted and scratched his face. Due to strangulation, she became unconscious and fell down. Yashwant took out a blade and inflicted injuries on Jamuna Bai's neck. He wiped the blood off his hand with the stole of Jamuna Bai and threw the blade there only. He returned home and went to bed. The accused was arrested and sent on judicial remand.

Inspector Kapil Dev Pandey (SHO, Utai), Sub Inspector Purushottam Kurre, ASI Manoharan Sahu, ASI Neman Singh Sahu, ASI Mohd Sharifuddin Shaikh, ASI Rajkumar Deshmukh, Head Constable Hemant Chandel, Bhisma Narayan Sahu, Constable Vijay Kurre, Dushyant Lahare, Jagendra Sahu, Chumman Hari Netam, ASI Chandrashekhar Soni, Head Constable Roman Sonwani, Sagir Khan, Constable Rajkumar Chandra, Meghraj Chelak, Ashwini Yadu and Ajay Dhimar played a vital role in solving the case.

Worker injured in mishap at Ladle Furnace of BSP's SMS-II

Bhilai, Sep 12: Tulsi Ram Prajapati, a Semi-Skilled Worker of Gopal Traders, got injured in a mishap that took place at the Ladle Furnace of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Steel Melting

Shop-II during the morning hours around 6:40 on September 12, 2023. Prajapati, a 47-year-old worker sustained burn injuries when the metal splattered on his body while fitting the Argon Hose Pipe in the Ladle. He was rushed to the Plant's Main Medical Post without any delay, from where after the preliminary medical examination he was referred to Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital & Research Centre, Sector-9, Bhilai, for further treatment.

The injured worker, Tulsi Ram Prajapati was admitted to the Burn Unit of JLN Hospital & RC, at around 06.55 hrs, where he is undergoing medical treatment. According to Doctors, the patient's condition is stable and adequate treatment has been ensured for his speedy recovery.

All India Radio's 'Swar Dhara' under G-20 enthalls audience



Bhilai, Sep 12:

A Sugam Sangeet Programme 'Swar Dhara' was organised under the auspices of All India Radio Raipur at Mahatma Gandhi Kala Mandir, Indira Place, Civic Center. All the high grade artists of All India Radio gave their performances in the programme organised in collaboration with Bhilai Steel Plant.

The ceremony was inaugurated in the evening with the traditional lamp lighting ceremony and followed by the welcome of guest artists. The programme began with Ganesh Vandana presented by Prabhanshu Chaturvedi, A grade artist of

Akashwani. Thereafter Prabhanshu presented more hymns. After this, Pandit Ashwani Verma kept the audience engaged with traditional ghazals. Prachi Kokanankar, who came from Bhopal, presented bhajans and songs in her sweet voice. The programme ended with many traditional ghazals by Sadhna Rahatgaonkar. In this prestigious event, General Manager of Bhilai Steel Plant S Ramaraju, Ashok Singh, Dipankar Roy along with Prashant Tiwari, many officials and members of the steel fraternity were present. The programme was organized and coordinated by members of AIR, Raipur.

Health Awareness Programme marks World Physiotherapy Day



Bhilai, Sep 12:

Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital & Research Centre, Sector-9, of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant observed the World Physiotherapy Day programme on September 12, 2023. On this occasion, a Health Awareness Programme was organized at Ispat Bhawan Conference Hall to make people aware of the benefits of yoga, exercise and a balanced diet in the contemporary hectic lifestyle.

Dr Vivek, Dr Vikas Pandey, Dr Shweta Sharma and Dr Viji Pillai were the Keynote speakers at the programme. SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Senior Officials and personnel of various departments were also present on this occasion. The programme was compered by Dr Anupam Lal.

Physiotherapist Dr Shweta Sharma spoke on the benefits of Yog and exercise and shared insights on enhancing immunity through Yog.

Dietician Dr Viji Pillai spoke on the importance of a balanced diet in human life and made the attendees aware of the health hazards caused by a careless diet.

World Physiotherapy Day is celebrated every year on September 08.

Physiotherapy is beneficial in getting relief from various types of pains and sprains in the body. Also, it provides relief in problems like Arthritis, Knee Pain, backache, muscle sprain, Spasticity, etc. Physiotherapy also helps a person feel healthy by improving mental health and relieving stress and anxiety.

Shri Shankaracharya Mahavidyalaya organises session on 'Mission Millet'

Bhilai, Sep 12:

A Lecture on Mission Millet organised in Shri Shankaracharya Mahavidyalaya in association with Hemchand Yadav University Durg. The chief guest of the programme was Dr Aruna Palta Vice Chancellor, Hemchand Yadav University.

The session started with the welcome speech by College Principal Dr Archana Jha. She explained that the motive behind the Millet library inaugurated in the college is to make aware the staff about different millets through literature and detailed recipes.

She informed that the college has established Dietary Club and every Saturday we have millets served in lunch that is prepared by the college staff with the help of non-teaching staff of college. Dr Prashant Srivastava,



Dean, Student Welfare, shared the reason why this college was selected for Mission and said that because it is first NAAC A Grade private college of Durg District. Under the Poshan Maah eight programs were listed by Women and Child welfare, Chhattisgarh and first program was started from Shri Shankaracharya College Junwani, Bhilai.

In her address on "Millets for better health" under the Nutrition Month (Poshan Maah) chief guest Dr Aruna Palta detailed about the importance of

millets on health. She revealed that Chhattisgarh state is now called as Millets hubs, as millets were easily available in Grocery Shops and we have millets café in our area. India is the largest producer of Millets. She detailed about importance of millets, Types

of millets easy recipes of millet dishes. She added that Millet has a low-glycemic index (GI) as well as a non-acid forming food because it is low in simple carbohydrates and high in complex carbohydrates. Therefore, millet flour re-

quires more time in the digestive process. People with diabetes can better control their blood sugar levels by eating meals with a low glycemic index (GI).

She further detailed about important information like Suji and Maida are of same composition and it is not good for health, she added sweet potatoes are very good for health. Millets Khichdi is very easy to cook and have a good amount of nutrition value. She added millets are very good for skin because finger millet, the super food has a lot more

to offer in addition to being a great immunity booster. Making ragi a part of your daily diet is a very efficient way of maintaining youthful and healthy skin and hair. She also explained about the MoU signed by the 14 district of CG state with the Indian Institute of Millets Research situated in Hyderabad (ICAR) for the awareness about millet farming. She added about the millet rich in B 12 is Foxtail millet.

This was followed by a quiz competition in which questions were based on the information like: which millet is useful for the brain, how millets are helpful in preventing cancer, millet man, millet woman, millet ambassador and various other questions based on millets. A two minutes millets making video competition was organized in college by Dietary Club of college Master Mohammad Faiyaz, BA final year stu-

dent stood first as he prepared Kodo Millet Kheer. Certificate of Appreciation for promotion of millets in their daily diet was given to teaching faculties and non-teaching staff of the college including Dr Shraddha Mishra, Dr Malti Sahu, Dr Neeta Sharma, Hembai Paswan, Vidya Nagpure.

Dr Prashant Srivastava (Dean, Student Welfare), Dr Rajmani Patel (Deputy Registrar, Exam), Dr Sumeet Agarwal (Asst. Registrar, Academics), Dr Dinesh Namdeo (Director, Physical Education), Dr RP Agarwal (Principal Kalyan College & Programme Coordinator NSS) were present along with students, teaching non-teaching staff of the college. The programme was compered by Dr Vandana Singh (Education Department). Vote of thanks was proposed by Dr J Durga Prasad Rao.

Obituary AK Srivastava



Bhilai: Retired HSCIL executive AK Srivastava left for heavenly abode on Monday. Funeral procession was taken out from his residence situated at Qr No 7B, Street 7, Sector 7 and last rites of the mortal remains were performed at Ramnagar Muktidham. He was the father of Nidhi Srivastava, Pooja Srivastava, Monika Srivastava and Deepika Srivastava.

SMEFI emphasises on public awareness against anti-labour policies

Bhilai, Sep 12:

Twenty representatives of Bhilai Shramik Sabha and Chhattisgarh Engineering led by HS Mishra attended 11th National Conference of Steel Metal and Engineering Workers Federation of India (SMEFI) held at Durgapur. HMS National General Secretary Harbhajan Singh Sidhu was the chief guest while SMEFI President SD Tyagi presided over. The National Executive of SMEFI unanimously re-elected their President SD Tyagi and General Secretary Sanjay Wadhavkar. They will make appointments on the

remaining posts. General Secretary Sanjay Wadhavkar presented the annual report and account statement. He emphasised on creating public awareness among the common people against the anti-labour policies of the government. He provided a detailed description of six demands being raised by SMEFI.

The demands include immediate recruitments against the vacant posts within the government, semi-government, central and state-owned industries; instead of outsourcing; stop privatizing government industries; provide legal protection and social security to the workers in the unorganized sec-



tor and implementing an all-inclusive Law; After the abolition of the contractual system, the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act 1970 should be amended and a provision should be made to convert the existing labourers into regu-

lar labourers; to reduce the increasing unemployment, work should be given. If you cannot work, then unemployment allowance should be given; Women's labour force should be promoted and they should be given equal pay for equal work and a

safe environment should be created for women in the workplace and society.

On the second day, all the leaders shared their views on various issues. Harbhajan Singh Sidhu, SMEFI President SD Tyagi, General Secretary Sanjay Wadhavkar,

Executive President Rajendra Singh, HS Mishra, Vidyadhar Rane, Sanjot Wadhavkar, Surendra Lal, Ravindra Singh, Shashadhar Nayak, Umashankar Mishra, Ravindra Pratap Singh and labour leader from Bhilai - Trilok Mishra condemned the decision of the Central Government to sell the Nagarnar Steel Plant of Chhattisgarh.

Devendra Kumar Singh, SMEFI special invitee from Bhilai Shramik Sabha, said that there is a lot of resentment among the BSP workers due to delay in finalisation of pending issues of wage revision including arrears of 39 months. SMEFI Organization Secretary

Prem Singh Chandel suggested that elections should be conducted through ballot boxes instead of EVMS.

Bhilai Shramik Sabha President HS Mishra congratulated Durgapur HMS Union President Sukata Rakshit and his entire team for successfully organizing the convention. HS Mishra Prem Singh Chandel, Devendra Kumar Singh, J Jagendra Rao, JK Gahine, HN Bharti, Savitri Mishra, Gayatri Sahu, VK Patel, Dhaniram Sonwani, Tikaram Sahu, PK Saudagar, Chinnayya, Trilok Mishra, Anu Kumar, Kanna Rao, Shiv Kumar and Durgesh Prasad from Bhilai attended the convention.

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Chronicle

Dengue Prevention Campaign continues, 1,425 houses covered in township area

Bhilai, Sep 12:

On Tuesday, 1,425 houses in the township were surveyed and intensive Spraying and fogging were carried out under Dengue Prevention Campaign at as many as 98 houses. For the possibility of Mosquito Larvae breeding, stagnant water sources were inspected at 1,170 spots. 163 houses were found with

spots having mosquito larvae, which were cleaned and sprayed with medicines along with Temephos distribution at 748 houses. Oiling, spraying of medicines in the backline, fogging with portable mist blower machines etc., along with pamphlet distribution and loudspeaker announcements were also done in Sectors-2, 5, 8, 9 and

Hospital Sector areas to raise awareness. Similar operations were also done at specific areas in Sectors-6, 10 Zonal Market, New and Old Civic Centre. Strict warnings were issued to those individuals at whose premises mosquito larvae were found.

Here it needs a mention that in view of the rising cases of dengue in Durg and Bhilai, the Public

Health Department, under the TSD of SAIL-BSP and Durg Malaria Eradication Department, of Chhattisgarh is jointly running an intense Dengue and other mosquito-borne diseases prevention campaign in the Township. All Bhilai residents have been requested to keep a strict vigil and make collective efforts to

check mosquito infestation around them. The residents are requested to adhere to special precautionary measures. BSP's Public Health Department has made an appeal to the common public to take precautionary measures at individual as well as collective levels to ensure everyone's safety. Mosquito-Breeding Checkers have also been

hired by the Plant's Public Health Department on payment-basis from Durg Malaria Eradication Department since June 13, 2023. The Breeding Checkers are visiting door-to-door and inspecting mosquito larvae and spraying medicines, besides making people aware of prevention and precautionary measures of mosquito-borne diseases.

Tharman Shanmugaratnam to be sworn in as Singapore's president on Thursday

Singapore, Sep 12 (PTI)

Indian origin Singapore-born economist Tharman Shanmugaratnam will be sworn in as the ninth president of the city-state on Thursday, days after he was overwhelmingly elected as the ninth head of state of the country. The 66-year-old president-elect won 70.4 per cent of the (1,746,427 votes) of the 2.48 million ballots cast by local voters on September 1, while his Chinese-origin rivals Ng Kok Song and Tan Kin Lian received 15.72 per cent and 13.88 per cent respectively. About 76 per cent (2,834) of overseas Singaporeans voted for Tharman, while Ng and Tan received 595 votes (15.99 per cent) and 292 votes (7.85 per cent) re-

spectively.

Incumbent President Halimah Yacob's term will end on September 13. The elected president serves a six-year term.

After the inclusion of overseas votes, which were counted on Tuesday, the total number of ballots cast for the presidential election 2023 stood at 2,534,711, including rejected votes.

This makes up 93.55 per cent of the 2,709,407 registered electors for this election. A predominantly Chinese society has overwhelmingly endorsed Tharman who has served Singapore all his life in public service.

Prior to being president-elect, Tharman served as a senior minister between 2019 and 2023; coordinating minister for social policies between

Spain strips deceased former Chilean President Pinochet of a Spanish military honour

Madrid, Sep 12 (AP)

Spain is stripping deceased former Chilean leader Gen. Augusto Pinochet of a Spanish military honour bestowed on him more than 40 years ago by the country's former dictator, Gen. Francisco Franco. The Cabinet of Spain's acting government announced on Tuesday that the Cross of Military Merit, an award for gallantry or merit granted to Pinochet in 1975, was being withdrawn. The announcement came a day after the 50th anniversary of the US-backed coup led by Pinochet that installed a brutal military dictatorship in

Chile.

Pinochet, who died in 2006, was never put on trial for crimes against humanity committed during his 17-year rule.

Government spokesperson Isabel Rodriguez said the step represented Spain's commitment to democratic values. Acting Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez said on Monday that 50 years ago Chilean democracy was "the victim of a brutal attack that shook the world."

Stripping Pinochet of the Spanish medal would "make amends for an historical injustice," he wrote on X, formerly known as Twitter.

Israeli Supreme Court hears first challenge to Netanyahu's judicial overhaul

Jerusalem, Sep 12 (AP)

Israel's Supreme Court heard the first challenge Tuesday to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's contentious judicial overhaul deepening a showdown with the far-right government that has bitterly divided the nation and put the country on the brink of a constitutional crisis. Netanyahu's coalition, a

collection of ultranationalist and ultrareligious lawmakers, unveiled the overhaul earlier this

year, saying it was necessary to rein in an unelected judiciary they believe wields too much power.

Pak's apex court upholds sentences of army officers

For conspiring against Benazir Bhutto's 1995 govt

Islamabad, Sep 12 (PTI)

Pakistan's Supreme Court on Tuesday upheld the sentences of military officers involved in the 1995 conspiracy to overthrow the government of slain former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto.

The case was based on a plan by a group of officers to storm a corps commanders meeting scheduled to be held on September 30 in 1995 at the General Headquarters in Rawalpindi to kill then Army chief Gen Waheed Kakar and prime minister Bhutto.

The plotters allegedly wanted to set up a so-called Islamic government in the country.

The conspirators were led by Maj Gen Ziaheerul Islam Abbasi, Brig Mustansir Billa and 38 other military officers, in-

cluding Col Mohammad Azad Minhas and Col Inayat Ullah Khan. They were arrested on September 26, 1995.

The Field General Court Martial (FGCM) sentenced Maj Gen (retired) Abbasi to seven years in jail and Brig Mustansir Billa to 14-year jail term for their involvement in the attempted coup.

Col Minhas and Col Khan were court-martialled in September 1996 for their alleged role in the conspiracy and sentenced to four years each in prison.

Years later, Col Khan challenged the sentence in the Supreme Court in 2000 and Col Minhas in the Lahore High Court which dismissed his appeal in May last year. Later he also challenged it in the apex court.

The court after hearing the appeals had reserved its judgment on February 15 which it announced, dismissing their appeals against the original conviction.

Two Indo-Canadian Sikhs sentenced

For role in murder of man over drug debt

Toronto, Sep 12 (PTI)

Two 24-year-old Indo-Canadian Sikhs have been sentenced for their roles in the 2019 targeted killing of a man in British Columbia over a drug debt, according to a media report.

Andrew Baldwin, 30, was stabbed to death on November 11, 2019, while he watched a movie with a friend in a basement apartment. Jagpal Singh Hothi, now 24, was charged with first-degree murder and was sentenced to three years in prison, with about 3 1/2 months' credit for pretrial time served, Justice Martha M. Devlin wrote in the British Columbia Supreme Court judgments, the Vancouver Sun reported on Monday.

Jasman Singh Basran, also 24, who tried to get rid of evidence, was charged with being an accessory after the fact but pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of obstruction of justice. He was sentenced to 18 months to be served as a conditional sentence, meaning under curfew in his own home, the report added.

Earlier this summer, Devlin sentenced a third man, Jordan Bottomley, who was found to have stabbed Baldwin six times, once fatally in the heart, in a bloody attack that was over in less than 90 seconds.

He also pleaded guilty to manslaughter after being charged with first-degree murder. His sentence of eight years was reduced to three years and 38 days after subtracting the pre-trial custody credit.

A fourth person, Munroop Hayer, who was not present at the killing, has been charged with

first-degree murder and has yet to face trial.

Devlin wrote in the three separate judgments how Bottomley, Hothi and Baldwin worked for a fourth man in the local drug trade. Hothi was asked by that fourth man to pick up Bottomley and drive him to collect on a drug debt that Baldwin owed.

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Strategic Alliances

India and Saudi Arabia Forge a Path Forward

In an era defined by geopolitical complexities, strategic alliances between nations become the bedrock of progress and prosperity. The visit of Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, to India, witnessed the cementing of such ties through a series of crucial agreements, igniting hope for a brighter, interwoven future. The ink on eight consequential agreements has dried, resonating with the echoes of collaboration and mutual benefit. These pacts, spanning diverse domains, encompass the realms of energy, digitalization, electronic manufacturing, and anti-corruption endeavors. In each of these arenas, India and Saudi Arabia have laid the foundation for a promising partnership, one that transcends borders and cultures. Energy, the lifeblood of modern economies, featured prominently in this diplomatic dance. The agreement in the field of energy, signed by the Saudi Minister of Energy and India's Minister of New and Renewable Energy, embodies a shared commitment to sustainable growth. At the precipice of an energy revolution, this partnership promises to usher in a new era of clean and abundant power, fueling the aspirations of both nations. Digitalization and electronic manufacturing have become the linchpins of progress in the 21st century. With the agreement between the IT ministries of both nations, doors open to boundless opportunities, from fostering startups to enhancing e-governance. The battle against corruption knows no borders, and in this endeavour, India's Central Vigilance Commission and Saudi Arabia's Oversight and Anti-Corruption Authority join hands. This partnership is a resounding affirmation of the collective commitment to transparency, accountability, and the rule of law. Corruption, once a scourge, shall now find itself besieged on two fronts. Shared history and cultural legacies find resonance in the agreement between the National Archives. In preserving historical tapestries, lessons of the past enrich our shared future. Investment, the lifeblood of economic growth, forms the crux of collaboration. India's Invest India and Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Investment have embarked on a journey to catalyze economic transformation. The agreements between the two EXIM banks and the Small and Medium Enterprises Banks of both nations underscore the commitment to nurturing entrepreneurship, innovation, and inclusive growth. Desalination, a testament to human ingenuity, reflects the shared commitment to solving critical challenges. As arid landscapes beckon, the agreement in this domain signifies the determination to harness the power of technology to quench the thirst of our nations. Moreover, over two dozen Memoranda of Understanding have been inked, spanning sectors ranging from Information Technology, agriculture, pharmaceuticals, petrochemicals, to human resources. These agreements between private companies of both countries, including esteemed names like Serum Institute of India, HP, VFS Global, and ICICI Bank, herald a new era of economic interdependence. Such partnerships are the bedrock of progress in the globalized world. In a remarkable exchange, the Crown Prince congratulated India for its successful G20 presidency. The outcomes of the G20 meeting resonate far and wide, promising benefits not just for our two nations but for the entire world. The India-Middle East-Europe Corridor holds the promise of transforming trade and connectivity, while Saudi Arabia's full membership in the BRICS is a testament to its growing influence on the world stage. This visit, and the agreements it has borne witness to, are more than diplomatic niceties; they are the embodiment of shared dreams, aspirations, and destinies. They reflect the collective resolve to overcome challenges, seize opportunities, and build a brighter future for the people. Now it is clear that India and Saudi Arabia are not just nations; they are partners in progress, bound by a shared commitment to prosperity, peace, and the betterment of humanity. Together, they embark on a journey towards a future that is not just brighter but also more closely intertwined, where the destinies of two great nations are inextricably linked.

One Nation, One Election

A Dangerous Pruning of Democracy

Sujit De, Kolkata

In the world of politics, proposals often carry the veneer of efficiency and cost-effectiveness. However, as we delve deeper into the notion of 'One Nation, One Election,' it becomes evident that the cost to our democratic ideals and diversity is far too high to bear. The concept, which aims to synchronize all elections in India, from the Vidhan Sabhas to the Lok Sabha, under a single electoral umbrella, is an idea fraught with challenges and consequences. The foremost issue with this proposal is its disregard for the fundamental nature of a parliamentary democracy. In such a system, elections are the lifeblood of representation, and the premature death of elected houses to fit into a uniform election schedule would be detrimental. It risks sacrificing the vital principle of regular accountability that elections provide. In a diverse nation like India, where regional concerns often take center stage, this move would stifle local voices and undermine the essence of federalism. Moreover, the practicality of ensuring that all elections fall into a synchronized pattern is highly doubtful. In a vibrant democracy like India's, it's almost impossible to guarantee that the Lok Sabha and all Vidhan Sabha elections will neatly align after a 'One Nation, One Election' initiative. The complexities of our political landscape make such synchronization a Herculean task. It's essential to recognize that the 'One Nation, One Election' proposal shares a common trait with authoritarian regimes—the notion of 'one-one' uniformity. Whether it's 'one-nation-one-party' or 'one-nation-one-leader,' these ideas bear the unmistakable scent of majoritarianism and totalitarianism. Such a top-down, one-size-fits-all approach is incompatible with the principles of our diverse, federal, parliamentary democracy. India has historically celebrated its diversity and recognized the importance of accommodating various languages and religions. The adoption of the three-language formula and the recognition of 22 official languages was a resounding rejection of the divisive 'one-nation-one-language' and 'one-nation-one-religion' notions. These moves have been pivotal in solidifying our unity in diversity. Similarly, secularism has been a guiding principle, rejecting the regressive idea of 'one-nation-one-religion.' Our commitment to pluralism and tolerance is enshrined in our Constitution and should not be sacrificed at the altar of uniformity. Sometimes, a tree has been pruned in a bad way, turning it into a sorry state of one-branch. Such a tree loses its balance and more often than not falls flat, causing grave accidents in the process. A democratic country is akin to a tree. To get the fragrance of beautiful flowers—equality, liberty, fraternity, justice, and welfare—it requires daily nourishment in the form of debate and dialogue. Moreover, it produces these flowers only when all its major branches—legislature, executive, and judiciary, as well as other branches such as financial, banking, investigative, and educational institutions—bask in the sunlight of transparency and freedom. Democracy cannot thrive if its institutions are undermined. But the most vital element is the constitutional soil. If toxic elements mix with the soil, the democracy tree will wither slowly. Eventually, its leaves will dry up, leaving behind only a skeletal remains. It will transform into a dry, naked question mark before our moist eyes. Dictatorship doesn't always emerge through a military coup d'état or violent seizure of power. It can also slowly take root within the democratic framework. History bears witness to leaders who, after gaining power through democratic means, start undermining institutions by exploiting their popularity. Subsequently, they alter the constitution to legitimize the notion of 'one-nation-one-leader.' In a time when democracy's branches need to flourish and its roots remain strong, the 'One Nation, One Election' proposal seems like a dangerous pruning that threatens to distort the very essence of our democratic tree. As citizens and custodians of this great democracy, we must remain vigilant and protect the delicate balance that sustains our democratic canopy. (The views expressed above are the author's own. They do not necessarily reflect the views of Central Chronicle.)

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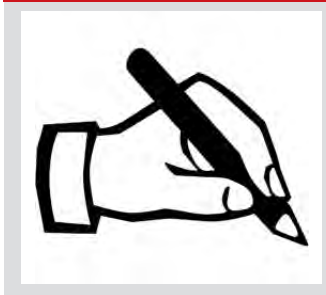
HOPE AMID ADVERSITY



AICC General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra meets families affected by rainfall-triggered flooding in Manali, Himachal Pradesh, Tuesday, Sept. 12.

BJP's defeat in Ghosi assembly poll is a big jolt for CM Yogi Adityanath

SUSHIL KUTTY



The Ghosi assembly constituency in Uttar Pradesh was going the INDIA way and the BJP couldn't have been in a worse place at noon September 8 when votes were being counted. At the end of the day, INDIA had nudged its first victory en route to the 2024 general elections. Seven bypolls in six states and the first time the INDIA block was testing the BJP-led NDA of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath was staring at a massive defeat. That would be one up for Prime Minister Narendra Modi and zero for the Yogi Adityanath. In recent years and months, there has been a lot of literature on how the monk Chief Minister was threatening to overtake Prime Minister Narendra Modi as the people's favourite. The likelihood of

Modi giving way to Yogi at the helm in 2029 was often bandied about in Social Media.

The Yogi has several advantages over the 'Vishwaguru' and hardcore supporters of the BJP have a distinct liking for the shaven-headed monk-turned-politician who is often referred to as 'Bulldozer Baba'. Modi just cannot conjure the same inspired imagery that the Yogi does. And though there is nothing to back it up, an intra-party rivalry between the Yogi and Modi isn't hard to envisage.

That being said, would the BJP waste time on intra-party conspiracies? The only rivalry there is, is the INDIA-BJP fight for the conquest of India. And Ghosi happens to be "Panipat" in this first battle for electoral supremacy leading up to 2024. Unfortunately, for the BJP, Ghosi was going INDIA's way and it was getting to be past noon.

The BJP was sliding and sliding fast. BJP candidate Dara Singh Chauhan, who had left the BJP to join the Samajwadi Party had returned to the BJP and was in a hurry to throw in the towel. By afternoon September 8, after 21 rounds of counting out of the total of 35, he appeared to be getting his wish. Voters were voting against price rise and other poorly placed economic indices. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's bluffs were being called. The INDIA supported SP candidate was leading by 24802 votes and there is every sign that the lead is going to be bigger.

Contrary to expectations, Udhayanidhi Stalin's Sanatana Dharma bashing did not leave any impact on voting. The 7 bypolls were being seen as a test for both alliances, the BJP-led NDA and the INDIA grouping. Victory or loss would decide which alliance stood that early chance to top the chart. For the INDIA block, a win in Ghosi would brighten up the horizon. For the BJP, a defeat would be a setback to the highflying Yogi. It would also demoralize Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

There will be implications for Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan and Telangana. If the BJP loses all four states, or even one or two, there would be hell to pay for Prime Minister Narendra Modi. His stock will fall like a wet-stone. The knives will be out for him. Don't forget the RSS doesn't think Modi has the mojo this time to take the BJP through. The RSS is waiting for Modi's house of cards to fall.

So the Ghosi bypoll will decide which alliance has the edge. It is a test for INDIA and

a challenge for the BJP-led NDA. Winning the bypolls in Tripura and losing the bypoll in Kerala wouldn't matter, it is Ghosi which has to be won. And at the halfway point, the Samajwadi Party was winning by a huge margin.

Also on test is the BJP strategy of poaching opposition legislators. Not every deserter gets the plum he deserted for. Victory in Ghosi will establish the one candidate-one constituency formula. An understanding of seat-sharing will make it by far easier. The question is how the BJP will get out of the hole it has dug itself into?

The bypolls were held in Bageshwar in Uttarakhand, Ghosi in Uttar Pradesh, Puthuppally in Kerala, Dhugguri in West Bengal, Dumri in Jharkhand, and Boxanagar and Dhanpur in Tripura.

About 4.30 lakh voted in the Ghosi bypoll. The SP's Sudhakar Singh was leading the BJP's Dara Singh Chauhan throughout the day and by 3 pm Sudhakar Singh was a clear winner. Will the BJP run out of options after the Ghosi defeat?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Successful G20 Summit

G20 summit hosted in New Delhi on September 9-10, which was a resounding success under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This event serves as yet another feather in PM Modi's cap, showcasing India's organizational prowess, warm hospitality, diplomatic finesse, negotiation skills, and remarkable leadership. The adopted Delhi Declaration is a testament to this defining moment in history. It addresses a wide array of global challenges spanning politics, economics, and the environment. More importantly, it reflects India's commitment to promoting global cooperation over conflict, embracing consent and consensus instead of contradictions, championing internationalism over nationalism, and advocating for a holistic approach over parochialism. This monumental achievement is undoubtedly the result of collective efforts, and all members of the Prime Minister's team deserve heartfelt commendations. Their dedication and hard work have not only enhanced India's global standing but have also set a shining example for the world to follow.

MK Nair, Raipur

Defuse the uses of Plastic

In a significant environmental stride, shopkeepers and vendors in Indore's vegetable market have embraced a plastic-free approach. Abandoning the use of harmful polythene bags, they have adopted eco-friendly alternatives, aiming to preserve the city's title as the cleanest in India for the seventh consecutive year in 2023. Dustbins have been thoughtfully placed near establishments to ensure the vicinity remains pristine. This transition has resulted in notable changes in customer behaviour, as they've adapted to the ban on single-use plastics. Beyond Indore's borders, this remarkable initiative serves as a compelling model for other cities seeking to address the plastic menace and foster a cleaner, more sustainable environment. The move not only safeguards the well-being of animals and the ecosystem but also underscores the collective responsibility we all bear in the global fight against plastic pollution.

Tauqueer Rahmani, Mumbai

India's Diplomatic Triumph at G20: A Global Turning Point



Yash Pal Ralhan

As the sun dipped below the horizon on a Sunday evening in Delhi, it marked the culmination of a momentous event that had the world's attention for days. The 2023 G20 Summit had come to a close, leaving behind a trail of discussions, agreements, and a renewed sense of hope for global diplomacy. The summit, hosted by India, was more than just a gathering of world leaders; it was a testament to the nation's rising prominence on the global stage. India's leadership, under the astute guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, had once again placed the country at the epicenter of international developments. In the annals of history, just as Jawaharlal Nehru played a pivotal role in founding the Non-Aligned Movement, Prime Minister Modi's leadership had posi-

tioned India as a diplomatic force to be reckoned with. The summit was not merely a diplomatic exercise; it was a platform where India showcased its prowess as a global leader and influencer. As the final communique was released, comprising 37 pages of consensus and commitment, it was evident that India had played a pivotal role in fostering unity among the world's most economically powerful nations. This joint declaration was more than just words on paper; it was a blueprint for a more equitable and sustainable global order.

Historic Joint Declaration
The G20 Summit in Delhi concluded with a resounding 37-page joint declaration, showcasing India's growing influence on the world stage. This document is more than just words on paper; it's a testament to India's ability to foster consensus among the most economically powerful nations.

Africa's Entry into G20
India's diplomatic prowess was on full display as it played a key role in welcoming the African Union (AU) into the G20, marking the first new member admission in 24 years. This historic move underscores Africa's importance in global geopolitics, as it possesses vast natural resources

and a burgeoning young population. With this admission, the G20 acknowledges the AU on par with the European Union, marking a significant diplomatic achievement.

Blueprint for a Sustainable Future
The G20 Summit of 2023 laid the groundwork for fundamental reforms, with a focus on renewable energy and green hydrogen as clean and sustainable energy sources. The summit also addressed issues such as sustainable development, multilateral development bank reforms, and digital public infrastructure, aligning with India's commitment to global environmental and economic well-being.

G20's Impact on Climate Change
One of the most notable achievements of the G20 conference was the consensus reached on combating climate change. Diverse and divisive issues, ranging from the Ukraine war to green initiatives, were tackled head-on. The summit culminated in ambitious goals and agreements aimed at combating global warming caused by climate change, representing a significant milestone in global environmental efforts.

Joe Biden's Support for India's UNSC Membership
During the G20 conference, President Joe Biden reiterated the United States' unwavering support for India's quest for a permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). This endorsement reflects India's growing influence and constructive role in international affairs, from peacekeeping missions to climate change negotiations.

A Bold Vision for Interconnectivity
The G20 conference facilitated broader consensus among eight countries on the ambitious concept of interconnectivity. This visionary idea, initially proposed in the 12u2 forum, aims to connect nations through joint infrastructure projects. India's strategic role as a consumer goods and labor exporter to West Asia underscores the significance of this initiative.

India's 'Land-Bridge' Project
Under the banner of the 'Build Back Better' World (B3W) initiative, India is actively engaged in the 'Land-Bridge' project. This project aims to create a robust railway network connecting the UAE, Saudi Arabia, and eventually Israel, with a potential extension to African markets via Egypt. The project bolsters India's logistics connec-

tivity, counters China's influence, and provides alternative trade routes to European markets.

The Role of Soft Power
India's influence at the G20 goes beyond the conference room. It extends to cultural diplomacy, soft power, and the ability to bridge diverse nations. Bollywood's global reach, India's ancient wisdom in yoga and meditation, and its thriving diaspora play a crucial role in shaping perceptions and building alliances.

India's prominent role in the G20 Summit of 2023 has marked a turning point in global diplomacy. With Africa's inclusion, ambitious environmental goals, and support for India's UNSC membership, the summit has laid the foundation for a more inclusive and sustainable global order. Prime Minister Modi's adept leadership has positioned India as a key player on the world stage, ensuring that it remains at the forefront of international developments.

India's influence is not just about policies; it's about shaping a world that is more equitable, sustainable, and inclusive for all nations. (The views expressed above are the author's own. They do not necessarily reflect the views of Central Chronicle.)

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Maruti, Hyundai say diesel PV sales likely to come down with stricter emission norms

New Delhi, Sep 12:

Leading carmakers Maruti Suzuki India and Hyundai Motor India on Tuesday said the percentage of diesel cars in passenger vehicle sales is expected to come down with stricter emission regulations, increasing the cost of ownership. On a day when Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari spoke of the need to levy an additional 10 per cent tax on diesel-run vehicles to help cut emissions, although clarified that there is no proposal under the government consideration to impose such a tax, the automakers pointed out that already sales of diesel passenger vehicle have been declining. "It is a natural phenomenon that as the emission regulations keep

tightening, the cost of acquisition will keep increasing, and this process (decline in diesel vehicle percentage) will be much faster going forward," Maruti Suzuki India Senior Executive Officer (Marketing & Sales) Shashank Srivastava told reporters here on the sidelines of SIAM annual convention. Most manufacturers have announced that they will move out of diesel, he added. In 2013-14, the diesel percentage in the passenger vehicle (PV) industry was 53.2 per cent. It has come down to 18.2 per cent in the April-August period this fiscal, Srivastava said. With the price difference between diesel and petrol narrowing, he said the advantage of running cost enjoyed by diesel vehicles is minimal.

Industrial production growth rises to five-month high of 5.7 pc in July

New Delhi, Sep 12:

India's industrial production growth rose to a five-month high of 5.7 per cent in July, mainly due to good showing by the manufacturing, mining and power sectors, according to the official data released on Tuesday. The factory output growth measured in terms of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) stood at 2.2 per cent in July 2022.

The previous high was recorded at six per cent growth in February 2023. Thereafter, the growth rate declined to 1.9 per cent in March 2023 before rising to 4.6 per cent in April and further to 5.3 per cent in May. The IIP growth again decelerated to 3.8 per cent



in June this year. During April-July 2023-24, the IIP growth works out to be 4.8 per cent, down from 10 per cent in the corresponding period a year ago. "The growth rates over the corresponding period of the previous year are to be interpreted considering the unusual circumstances on account of the COVID-19 pandemic since March 2020," an official statement said.

As per the IIP data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), the manufacturing sector's output grew 4.6 per cent in July 2023 against 3.1 per cent a year ago. Power generation rose eight per cent

NMDC sweeps Excellence Awards 2023

Hyderabad, Sep 12:

National Miner NMDC takes home 6 awards at HYBIZ TV's Education and Business Excellence Awards 2023. Winning the Leadership Excellence, Sustainability Champion, and Best Mineral Development Company awards at the Business Excellence ceremony, NMDC emerged as an industry champion. In the Education Excellence segment, the company's AasthaVidyaMandir won the Best School for Excellence in Transformation Learning; Saksham won the Best Innovative School of the Year; and the NMDC Residential School was awarded the Best Residential School of the Year. NMDC's CMD (Additional Charge) Amitava Mukherjee was felicitated with the Leadership Excellence Award for steering the country's largest iron ore producer from

strength to strength. Encouraging his team towards new milestones, he said, "Team NMDC has made the steely resolve to achieve in the next five years as much as the company has achieved in its entire history. We mine a better future for India and it is our honour to have contributed in building schools in the deep hamlets of Bastar Chhattisgarh, schools that can empower the dreams of the future of our country." Shri Vinay Kumar, Director (Technical) of the company received the awards on behalf of NMDC and appreciated the efforts of the media platform in recognizing the achievements and contributions of the business community. He said, "Mineral accountability and sustainable mining are at the heart of NMDC's era of Responsible Mining, and we are elated that our endeavors have been recognized and celebrated."

Asian Paints Royale Glitz paint offers ultra-sheen finish

Mumbai, Sep 12:

Royale Glitz by India's largest paint and décor company Asian Paints has been stealing the spotlight for all the right reasons. The luxury paint offering with its ultra-sheen finish and crack-free performance, drapes the walls with a smooth and exquisite look designed to last. Asian Paints further ups the glam quotient with a new ad that punctuates some reel glitz and opulence into your abodes.

The commercial presents brand ambassador, Deepika Padukone in a glam action girl avatar pushing boundaries just like Royale Glitz in the realm of luxury paints. The film also features celebrity director Karan Johar as a surprise element. The new Royale Glitz film showcases brand ambassador Deepika Padukone's whimsical relationship with the Glitz wall. The ad film opens with an interesting action sequence featuring

Deepika, elegantly styled and skillfully fighting goons in her living room. Amidst this action-packed scene, a barrage of glass and objects hurtle towards her that she dodges, striking the wall behind with force. The plot takes an intriguing turn as the action sequence unveils its true nature - a scene being filmed for a movie, directed none other than by Karan Johar himself - a much-awaited real-life melange that fans have been eagerly waiting for.

Hindalco plans to bring latest aluminium extrusion technology to India

Mumbai, Sep 12:

Hindalco Industries Ltd, the world's largest aluminium rolling and recycling company, has signed a technology partnership with Italy-based Metra SpA renowned for its expertise in producing structured and value-added aluminium extrusions. The partnership aims to enable the production of large-size aluminium extrusion and fabrication technology for building high-speed aluminium rail coaches in India, underscoring Hindalco's flagbearer role in upholding the Indian Government's vision to foster superior domestic manufacturing capabilities.

Combining Hindalco's vast experience in aluminium manufacturing and Metra's cutting-edge knowhow in aluminium extrusion, machining and welding, the collaboration marks a pivotal move to bring world class technology - currently limited to Europe, China, Japan and a few other countries - to India. The tie-up provides Hindalco the launching pad to drive the ambitious upgradation programme of Indian Railways that runs the world's largest rail network. "We are pleased to join forces with Metra to introduce a new era of aluminium extrusions for passenger trains in India," said Satish Pai, Managing Director of Hindalco Industries. "This is in line with our capability building for aluminium in commercial vehicles, freight wagons, electric vehicles and passenger train applications. Our combined expertise will undoubtedly enhance the efficiency, durability and sustainable performance of these trains and set new benchmarks for the Indian rail industry."

Cathay Pacific to resume direct flights between Chennai and Hong Kong from Feb '24

Chennai, Sep 12:

Hong Kong-based international airline Cathay Pacific will resume operating non-stop weekly

flights between Chennai and Hong Kong from February 2024. The airline in a statement on Tuesday said that after a hiatus of four years, it is

returning with its Boeing 777 aircraft, ensuring a comfortable and premium travel experience for passengers between the two cities.

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

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Sl. No.	Name of Branch/Contact Details	Name of Borrowers & Guarantors	Amount Dues	Date of Demand & Possession	Description of Property	Reserve Price Earnest Money
01	Ambikapur (2526) Mr. Shreyanshu Pandey 846002227	M/s. Amar Fly Ash Bricks	₹ 16.88 Lakh	02.09.2019	Owner of Property: Mr. Purneshwar Singh S/o Late Shri Amar Sai, Property Details: only Land and single story residential Building and Fly Ash Industries on plot Kh. No. 175/830 at Village Silphili to Latori Road inside of NH 43 Road Th. & Dist. Surajpur. C.G.	₹ 5490000/- ₹ 549000/- ₹ 25000/-

Date & Time of E-Auction 27.09.2023, 1.00PM. to 4.00 PM. & Property Inspection Date & Time: 22.09.2023, 1.00 PM. to 4.00 PM. For detailed terms & conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided in <https://mstcecommerce.com> and <https://ibapi.in>. Also prospective bidders may contact the authorised officer on Phone 9644007324.

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01	KOHKA (1227) Gaurav SEHGAL 999197470	Mr. Brij Bihari Singh	₹ 16.07 Lakh	16.11.2017	Brij Bihari Singh Property Details Residential House, KH no 56/45, PH no 19, ward no 07, Village- Kohka, Purani Basti, Bhalai, Dist- Durg. C.G. Plot area - 1170 SQFT.	1815000/- 1815000/- 25000/-
02	Pensionbada Branch (1834) sanjib kumar Gouda 9952053884	M/s. Ansh Medical Agency, Prop. Rajeev Singh	₹ 123.48 Lakh	04.03.2023	Owner of Property -Mr. Rajeev Singh S/o- Mr. I.N Singh, Details of Property: Land & Building in the name of Mr. Rajeev Singh at Kh. No. (Part of 258,259,1,292/1 & 283/1, Ph No 107, Size of Plot: 3710 Sq.Ft near Hanuman Mandir, Khalbada, Gudhniari, Raipur CG.	1,07,20,000/- 10,72,000/- 25,000/-
03	Kasdol Branch (1029) Rohit Kumar Banjara 09770413913	M/s New Chhattishgarh Collection & Matching Centre Prop. Pawan Kumar Agilale	₹ 4.04 Lakh	16.10.2023	Owner of Property: LIG-245, Housing Board Colony Situated at Deen Dayal Awas Yojana, Gatapur, Akhanpur, District-Raipur.C.G.	8,11,000/- 81,100/- 25,000/-
04	Maroda Branch (1110) Dibyendu Saha 9039604715	Mrs. Shreya Sinha & Mr. Malay Chandra S/o Laljee Prasad	₹ 35.81,000	13.04.2023	*Owner of Property -Mr. Malay Chandra S/o Sri Laljee Prasad Property Details: Kh. No. 316, Ph no 15/21 Flat no 03, Ground Floor, Block No. E4, Chauhan Town, Junwani, Bhalai Dist. Durg. (c.g.)	3950000/- 395000/- 25000/-
05	Tri-Junction Bhalai (1005) Pradeep Kumar Barla 797773249	Mrs. Jasbir Kaur	₹ 7.06 Lakh	06.08.2018	*Details of Property: LIG-90 1ST FLOOR, AREA 45.26 SQ.MT., DEENDAYAL HOUSING SCHEME - MOUZA JUNWANI, DURG DIST. DURG CG	650000/- 65000/- 25000/-
06	Pensionbada Branch (1834) sanjib kumar Gouda 9952053884	Dharendra Singh Raghav	₹ 6.85 Lakh	03.11.2015	Residential Apartment Situated at Flat No. 10, 3rd Floor, Block-D, part of Kh no 50/1, 50/4, Ph no 60 (A), Mouze- Jagdalpur, Moli Talab Para, Ramaya Ward no 17, RNM- Jagdalpur-1, Tah- Jagdalpur, Dist -Bastar (CG)	2540000/- 254000/- 25000/-
07	Civic Centre Bhalai (0298) Soomya Ranjan Sahu 8000545448	Anmol Dharmkanta	₹ 8.77 Lakh	17.06.2019	*Owner of Property - Mr. Gourav Shukla and Ms. Manjula Shukla, M/s Anmol Dharmkanta Details of Property: Part of plot no. 32, Zone "C" Industrial Growth Centre, Borai village rasmada Dist Durg	1886000/- 188600/- 25000/-

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Rupee rises 9 paise to close at 82.94 against US dollar

Mumbai, Sep 12:

The Rupee appreciated 9 paise to close at 82.94 (provisional) against the US dollar on Tuesday amid fresh foreign fund inflows and expectations of better macroeconomic data. Forex traders said the Indian rupee appreciated on Tuesday as domestic markets hit fresh record highs after Nifty breached the 20,000-mark for the first time on Monday. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened at 82.93 against the US dollar and moved in a range of 82.86 to 83.01 in the day trade.

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s) that, the Authorized Officer(s) of HDFC BANK LTD. had taken physical possession of the following property/ies mentioned, pursuant to demand raised vide notice(s) issued under Sec 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 in the following loan accounts with right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS, AS IS WHAT IS, WHATEVER IS THERE IS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS" for realization of Bank's dues plus interest as detailed hereunder and whereas consequent upon failure to repay the dues, the undersigned in exercise of power conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules proposes to realize the Bank's dues by sale of the said property/ies. The sale of the below-mentioned Properties shall be conducted by way of E-Auction through Web Portal: <https://www.bankeauctions.com>.

S. No.	Name of the Branch & Account	Name of the Mortgagor & Guarantors of the Property	Details of Common Collateral Properties	Amount as per Demand Notice / Demand Notice Date	Inspection Date and Time	Reserve Price EMD Bid Increase Amount	Date/Time of e-Auction	Name of Authorised Officer/Phone No./ Email Id
1.	HDFC Bank Ltd Durg (CG) & M/s. Jain Udyog	M/s. Jain Udyog through its acting partners Mr. Pravin Kumar Bakliwal, Mr. Mahesh Kumar Jain, Mr. Prashant Kumar Jain	Plot No. 08/A, Village Sikola, Audhyogic Nagar (South), Ward No.18, Dhamdha Naka Industrial Estate, Teh & Dist. Durg. (C.G.) Area- Admeasuring 22528 Sq. Ft. along with Plant & Machinery lying therein Owned by M/s. Jain Udyog. Boundaries- East- Plot No. 10,11,12, West- Road, North- Plot No.07, South-Plot No.08	Rs. 4,53,13,733.65/- Dues as on 30/09/2019 inclusive of interest with further interest @18% p.a. From 01/10/2019 till the date of full and final payment under the Credit facilities availed. Dated-10/10/2019	21/09/2023 2.00 PM to 04.00 PM	Reserve Price Rs. 3,08,000,00/- EMD- Rs.30,80,000/- Bid Increase Amount Rs.2,00,000/-	29/09/2023 11 AM to 01 PM With Unlimited extension of 5 Minutes each Last Date for Receipt of Bids 27/09/2023 Up to 4 PM	Amit Ranjan Singh Sengar Amit Sengar @hdfcbank.com 9518344952

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

- The e-Auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS, AS IS WHAT IS, WHATEVER IS THERE IS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS"
- The interested bidders shall submit their EMD details and documents through Web Portal: <https://www.bankeauctions.com> (the user ID & Password can be obtained free of cost by registering name with <https://www.bankeauctions.com>) through Login ID & Password. The EMD shall be payable EITHER through NEFT / RTGS in the following Account: 5750000904261, Name of the Account: DFSO Transitory account, Name of the Beneficiary: HDFC BANK LTD., IFSC Code: HDFC0000240. Please note that the Cheques / Demand Drafts shall not be accepted as EMD amount.
- To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, there is no encumbrance i.e. statutory dues like property taxes, society dues etc as per Banks's record on the property. The Bank however shall not be responsible for any present/past/future outstanding non-statutory dues/statutory dues/encumbrances/tax arrears/litigations, if any. The intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property/ies & to inspect & satisfy themselves. Property can be inspected strictly on the above mentioned date and time.
- The intended bidders who have deposited the EMD and require assistance in creating Login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting bid, training on e-bidding process etc., may contact our service provider M/s. C1 India Pvt. Ltd., Plot No 301, Gulf Petro Chem Building, Udyog Vihar, Phase 2, Gurgaon. Helpline Nos : 0124-4302020/21/22/23/24, Mr. Danish Khan Mobile : 09826804343, 09111444797 and Mr. Bhavik Pandya, Mobile- 8866682937. Help Line e-mail ID: support@bankeauctions.com and for any property related query may contact the Authorized officer as mentioned above
- The highest bid shall be subject to approval of HDFC Bank Limited. Linede Authorized Officer reserves the right to accept/ reject all or any of the offers/ bids so received, or cancel the auction/sale without assigning any reasons whatsoever. His decision shall be final & binding.
- (FOR DETAILED TERM AND CONDITIONS PLEASE REFER TO OUR WEBSITE www.hdfcbank.com and www.bankeauctions.com)

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

This may also be treated as notice u/r 8(6) read with Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to borrowers/ and Guarantors of the above said loan about the holding of E-Auction Sale on the above mentioned date. The borrower/ guarantors/mortgagors are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto dated interest and ancillary expenses before 15 days of this notice/the date of Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/ sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date - 11.09.2023, Place : Durg (Chhattisgarh) Authorised Officer - HDFC Bank Limited

Primary School building in Shikari Tola in dilapidated condition

- Built in 1963, no action taken till date
- Villagers fearing untoward incident are admitting children in other schools



Arjunda, Sep 12:

The School Education department of the state government in order to raise and improve the level and quality of education in the government schools in the state has constructed many Atmanand Schools. But still there are many schools in rural areas which are functioning in dilapidated condition. There are about 30-35 children studying in one school in the village and the condition of school building is dilapidated and due to which the parents are finding it dangerous to send their wards to the School. All the more the children who are going to the school for studies are forced to put their lives in danger! There is village Gram Shikari Tola, de-

pendent upon Gram Bhurkabhat, about 6 kms from Tehsil Arjunda where a Primary School exist since 1963 and here classes upto Class 5 are held. But the building of this school is in dilapidated condition and there are chances of any untoward happening any day as the classes are being held daily.

The School constructed in 1963 is with one room made out of raw soil, bricks and stone and the rooftop is with earthen tiles (Khaprail). Since the room has faced so much of damage over the period of time, it has become completely dilapidated and nearby it is also there are two rooms of the School building, which are also in bad shape.

It is notable here that the walls of the rooms are



with huge cracks inside and the earthen tiles atop the roof too have got damaged and during rains the children had to face lots of problems due to water seepage. Since half the part of the walls is covered with soil and it is very bad shape and even after complaint by the School management and villagers, no action has been taken till date.

Children face problems during rains

With such an old building and room with 'kuc-

cha' tiles on the top, the children are made to face lots of problems during rains, as it makes difficult for them to study with damaged rooftop and water keeps dropping inside the classroom and waterlogging is there inside the room itself. The walls over the period of time too have become weak and are in damage condition.

No place for teachers to sit!

The place in this Primary School in Shikari Tola is so less that the

teachers are not even having place to sit. There is no separate room for the teachers to sit and do their work peacefully. Both during summers and rains teachers are forced to sit in the Verandah and do their work and it possess lots of problems to them.

Classes upto Class 5th are held

In the Primary School in Gram Shikari Tola, the Classes upto Class 5th are held and in this around 30-35 children study. There is boundary wall in the School premises which has constructed recently, but the School building which is in dilapidated condition has been left untouched for last so many year.

Complaint filed at many places

The Sarpanch Gram Bhurkabhat informed that

he has lodged complaint with the departmental officers, Collector and in Jandarshan along with MLA Gunderdehi Kunwar Singh Nishad, but so far no action has been taken.

Panch of Gram Shikari Tola Diges Sahu, Om Prakash sahu informed that the condition of school's building is in very bad shape and the parents too are in state of fear and do not want to send their children for studies in the School and are preferring to admit their children in other school.

What is surprising here is that many Schools in Chhattisgarh are being renovated or newly constructed, but this Primary School of Shikari Tola built last in 1963 has been left untouched and no one is paying any attention towards it.

Shala Samiti President also said that complaint about this School has been filed many times with the senior officers, but so far no action has been taken. Set aside this there are many anti-social elements in the village, for whom it becomes liquor den after sunset.

Mayank Kosare elected head boy of school

Student from Swami Atmanand School earns prestigious role



Bhakhra (Kurud), Sep 12:

The academic session of Swami Atmanand School for the year 2023-24 has commenced, and as part of this session, the process of selecting student leaders has begun through conducting elections. Students from class 6th to 11th participated in this election process. The main election was held to choose the Head Boy, often referred to as the school leader. Mayank Kosare and Dilip Soni both nominated themselves for this prestigious role, and it sur-

prised everyone because Mayank and Dilip are good friends and both are 11th-grade commerce students.

In the election, Mayank Kosare emerged victorious and earned the honour of becoming the Head Boy. It's worth noting that Mayank Kosare is the son of Block Congress President Mukesh Kosare and Leena Kosare, a member of the Kurud Agricultural Produce Market Committee. Mayank has been a dedicated student from the beginning.

Children of workers should be given low cost education in DAV: Mustaq

Dalli-Rajhara, Sep 12: District Minister of the city's trade union Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh, Mushtaq Ahmed, has submitted a memorandum to Rajhara Mines and Sub-Divisional Officer Rajhara Suresh Kumar Sahu, Chief General Manager (Mine)/Chairman, L. M.C., to oblige low cost education to children of contract workers studying in DAV schools. Mushtaq Ahmed told that a huge amount of fees is being collected by the DAV management and the parents who are unable to pay the fees of their children. Pre-examination admit card is not being given by the school management, which he said is very unfortunate. Let it be known that



ever since mining work has started in this area, the children of the area and the city have been given free education by BSP, but now as BSP schools are closed, DAV group has obtained contract to run schools. Also it needs a mention

that a provision of Rs. Two Crore Seventy Lakh (2.70) has been made in the budget of SAIL, out of which Rs. One Crore Eighteen Lakh (1.18) will be paid on 25.08.2023 by SAIL Corporate New Delhi to Steel Education Society New Delhi

D.A. In submitting the memorandum, Lakhman Choudhary, Deputy General Secretary of Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh, affiliated to Mine Labor Union Bhilai and Kishore Kumar Mayiti, President of Rajhara branch were present.

A meeting has been organized with local BSP management officials and the principal of DAV school on Wednesday. The decision will be taken with the consent of everyone in the meeting. (Suresh Kumar Sahu-SDM)

No paper has reached my office regarding DAV school fees. As soon as any paper or order comes from the SDM, only then some action will be taken. (R.B. Gaharwar CGM IOC Rajhara Mines)

Sahu Samaj demands candidates from all parties

Kasdol, Sep 12:

A social seminar of Sahu Samaj was organized in the Sahu Samaj Bhawan of the city, in which senior social worker of Sahu community Late Rajkumar Sahu was paid rich tributes. In view of the majority of Sahu community, in Kasdol Assembly, a major demand was made to make a local person of the community as representative from Kasdol Assembly.

It should be noted that there are 95000 Sahu community voters in Kasdol Assembly and in the last assembly elections, the Congress Party, respecting the Sahu community, had fielded its candidate from



the community, as a result of which the Sahu community candidate from the Congress Party had won by more than 50 thousand votes, but the members said that till now BJP has not got a chance to represent Sahu community in Kasdol Assembly, therefore the party's candidate too should be from the

same community. Prominently present were Sunil Sahu District President District Sahu Sangh Balodabazar, Maniram Sahu District Vice President, Garibdas Sahu District Convenor Literary Cell, Mahendra Sahu Kasdol Tehsil President, Sushil Sahu Lavan Tehsil. President,

Shaniram Sahu Bilaigarh Tehsil President, Shailesh Sahu Tehsil Secretary, Surendra Sahu and others.

Seeing the majority of Sahu community, all the officials unanimously passed a resolution demanding all national parties to field candidates from Sahu community. Mahendra Sahu- President Tehsil Sahu Union Kasdol In the history of Kasdol Assembly, till now BJP has not declared a candidate from Sahu community. If this time BJP declares a candidate from Sahu community then it will definitely benefit BJP.

Sushil Sahu- President Tehsil Sahu Sangh Lavan

Additional Collector inspects registration office



Bilaspur, Sep 12: On the instructions of Collector and District Magistrate Sanjeev Kumar Jha, the newly appointed Additional Collector of the district, Shiv Kumar Banerjee, on the complaint of black marketing and illegal collection of stamps inspected the Bilaspur Permanent Registration Office premises. The raid was conducted by surprise inspection in the presence

of Tehsildar Shashibhushan Soni and Deputy Registrar Lakshmi Pandey. In which first of all, by becoming customers, stamps were purchased from stamp vendors and the complaints received were confirmed. When the complaint was found to be true, Panchnama and sales register along with evidence were seized against stamp vendor Rajesh Kumar Yadav on the spot.

Instructions were given to stop the sale of stamps worth Rs 25 lakh without the permission of the competent authority till further orders and submit the stock register. It should be noted that a service charge of 2 percent is given to the stamp vendors on the official price of the stamp, while the stamp vendors are making illegal recovery by providing the stamp at 20 percent to 50 percent extra charge compared to the fixed price for all the stamps. The Collector is taking strict action and considering initiatives to simplify the purchase of stamps and giving necessary guidelines.

Collector addresses public concerns in 'Janchaupal'



Mahasamund, Sep 12: In a bid to connect with the people of remote areas, Collector Prabhat Malik led a public meeting at the district office. Residents from various parts of the district gathered to present their concerns and demands, resulting in 27 applications being submitted during the Janchaupal program at the Collectorate.

With the applications in hand, Collector Prabhat Malik promptly directed officials to take action and provide resolutions. The Janchaupal program tackled a range of issues, including financial assistance, land rights in forest

areas, land demarcation, distribution of relief pensions, the Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana's paddy bonus, house regularization, ration card issuance, and compensation for acquired land, among others.

This approach by the Collector showcases his commitment to addressing the public's grievances and ensuring their speedy resolution. Alongside Collector Prabhat Malik, Deputy Collector Durgesh Verma, Deputy Collector Shri Shrawan Kumar Tandani, and other departmental officials were present, making the Janchaupal an effective platform for addressing public concerns.

CG Congress Committee to stage Rail Roko agitation

Mungeli, Sep 12:

Chhattisgarh Pradesh Congress Committee will organize Rail Roko agitation on 13th September in protest against continuous cancellation of trains and handing over of Railways to private hands. Regarding this issue, the State Congress Committee is holding press conferences in all the districts and giving information about the movement.

Senior Congress leader Vandana Rajput, in a press conference, fiercely targeted the Modi government at the Centre and said that BJP MPs in the state are sitting silent regarding this problem.

While discussing with



journalists at the local rest house, senior leader Vandana Rajput said that the central government is engaged in selling public properties and thousands of trains have been cancelled for the last four years and the trains that are running are running late by four to five hours and platform ticket rate are increased manifold.

Government, private and daily commuters have suffered a lot due to

the sudden closure of trains in the last three and a half years and students, daily wage laborers and all the people are troubled by the dictatorship of the Central Government, she alleged. She further said, on September 13, Congress is going to organize Rail Roko agitation in the entire state and under this, Rail Roko movement will be conducted in every district.

Two accused of interstate gang arrested

- Involved in cheating people of Rs 2 lakh by replacing their ATM cards at ATM

Korba, Sep 12: Korba police has nabbed those who cheated people with about Rs 2 lakh by changing their ATM cards and producing them in the Court sent them to jail today. According to the information received in this regard, it was based upon complaint by Ashish Kant Pal, S/o Avnikant Pal, age 67 years, R/o Nehru Nagar, MIG-71 post Manikpur district Korba, in CSEB police station Civil Line Rampur district Korba that he is a retired employee of Balco and having an ICICI Bank TP Nagar Korba. Platinum Debit Card has been allotted in the said account. On Sep 11 he



went to withdraw cash from SBI ATM located at Budhwari Bazar Korba on 11 September 2023 at around 10 am to withdraw the money. As soon as Ashish Pal inserted his ATM card in the machine to withdraw money in the ATM, after that some error occurred in the ATM machine and it was not taking the command given by Ashish Pal, at the same time a boy came into



the ATM room. He was wearing a light sky white T-shirt with Kapka written on it told Ashish Pal that there must be some mistake in your card and said he will insert his card and see what happens.

After this he took out Ashish Pal's ATM card from the machine and inserted his card and in that too it started pointing out the errors. Then the boy returned the ATM card of Ashish Pal, gave him a card and went away. After some time, a

message of withdrawal of Rs 100,000 came on Ashish Pal's mobile, then he immediately called the bank management and informed them to block his card. Meanwhile, Rs 100,000 was withdrawn from the account again. Then Ashish Pal realized that on the pretext of helping him, the boy he met at the ATM on Wednesday fraudulently changed the ATM card and gave him his own card and had committed fraud by withdrawing Rs. 20,000 from Ashish

Pal's ATM card. On the report of Ashish Pal, crime number 412/2023 section 420.120 (B) of IPC was registered and taken into consideration. Considering the seriousness of the matter, immediate information about the incident was given to the senior police officers.

As per instructions Cyber Cell outpost in-charge CSEB sub-inspector Naveen Patel along with his subordinate staff constable Devnarayan Kurre, Gopiar Divya Heram Chauhan, scanned the CCTV footage of the incident spot and immediately identified the suspected accused and the team arrested Korba.

Blockade was done in the entire police station and outpost area of the district and photographs of the suspects were circulated departmentally.

Krishna Janmashtami celebrated with great enthusiasm

Birkoni, Sep 12:

The village of Birkoni, nestled in Kallari Para, came alive with fervour and excitement as Krishna Janmashtami was celebrated with great enthusiasm. The villagers organized a series of engaging competitions and vibrant cultural displays to mark the occasion.

In the heart of Yadav Para, women and children participated in a thrilling "Round the Chair" race competition, while dozens of children showcased their agility in the "Jalebhi Run" competition. One of the highlights of the day was a captivating tableau featuring the divine love of Krishna and Radha, presented by talented young children



near the Main road Lumber Tall. The Shiv Mandir Ward reverberated with devotional bhajans and kirtans, accompanied by the traditional Matka Phod event. The air was filled with heartfelt devotion to Lord Krishna. Meanwhile, Kallari Para showcased exquisite tableaux

depicting the legendary bond of Krishna Sudama and the eternal love of Radha, drawing devotees to admire these artistic creations. As night fell, the village hosted an exciting Dahi Handi breaking competition.

Children, dressed as the young Lord Krishna, enthusiastically participated and successfully broke the Dahi Handi, symbolizing the playful spirit of Lord Krishna during his childhood. Prominent community members, including Chunne Sahoo, Devendra Sahoo, Kisan Sahoo, Dushyant Sahoo, Mohan Sahoo, Damodar Patel, Shatrughan Yadav, and many others, graced the occasion and added to the festive spirit with their presence.

Rohit Sharma sixth Indian to amass 10,000 ODI runs

Colombo, Sep 12 (PTI)

India captain Rohit Sharma on Tuesday became the sixth batter from his country and 15th overall to complete 10,000 ODI runs. Rohit achieved the feat during India's Asia Cup Super 4 contest against Sri Lanka here.

The India skipper hit a six off Sri Lanka's Kasun Rajitha to complete the milestone in the seventh over of the innings, a day after Virat Kohli became the quickest ever batter to cross 13,000-run landmark in a record 267 ODI innings.

In fact, Rohit completed his 10,000 runs in 241 innings, which is second fastest ever after Kohli did so in 205 innings. The other Indians in the 10,000-run club are Sachin Tendulkar (18,426 runs), Virat Kohli (13,026), Sourav Ganguly (11,363), Rahul Dravid



(10,889) and MS Dhoni (10,773). As the only player in the history to have hit three double centuries in 50-overs cricket, Rohit also holds the record of most runs in an innings or the highest individual

Rain stops play with India struggling at 197/9

Colombo, Sep 12 (PTI)

India were 197 for nine in 47 overs against Sri Lanka when rain stopped play in their Super 4 clash of the Asia Cup here on Tuesday.

Sri Lankan left-arm spinner Duniya Wellalage returned with a career-best 5/40, while off-sinner Charith Asalanka accounted for the remaining four wickets in a stellar bowling display. Mohammed Siraj was batting on two and Axar Patel on 15



when rain halted play. Rohit Sharma top-

scored for India with a 48-ball 53.

ual score 264 against Sri Lanka at Eden Gardens in November 2014. Rohit recorded his first ODI double ton against Australia in November 2013 when he

scored 209. Four years later, he smashed another double ton against Sri Lanka 208 not out at Mohali in December 2017. With 30 centuries so far, Rohit is at joint-third with

former Australia captain Ricky Ponting for hitting most ODI hundreds. He is also third in the list of batters with most sixes in the format.

KL Rahul on his comeback match

'I was initially nervous'

Colombo, Sep 12 (PTI)

Returning to action after a long injury layoff, India wicketkeeper batter KL Rahul says he was a bundle of nerves and it took him some time to settle down before going for his shots against a quality Pakistan attack in the Asia Cup in Colombo.

The 31-year-old, who had suffered a debilitating thigh injury during the IPL which later necessitated a surgery, smashed an unconquered 106-ball 111 to play a vital role in India's massive 228-run win over Pakistan on Monday.

"Obviously, this is my first international match after a long time. I played a couple of practice games, but we all know the intensity is not the same. So when I walked in, I had that initial nervousness," Rahul told Star Sports after his sixth ODI



hundred. "It took me 10-15 balls to just calm myself down and get my feet moving, get my mind thinking of the right things. Then, when I hit one or two boundaries, all those things, the fogginess in your clarity, went away, and it became like before."

Rain interruptions made things further difficult as Rahul and Virat

Kohli (122 not out) had to restart the India innings, which was suspended on Sunday because of rain, at 147 for two in 24.1 overs.

"I was looking at the ball, looking at the situation, and you see what you have to do. But just when I got my rhythm, it started raining...and I had to wait for a whole day," Rahul said.

India lose 0-3 to UAE in AFC U-23 Asian Cup Qualifiers

Dalian (China), Sep 12 (PTI):

India lost to the UAE 0-3 as their campaign in the AFC U-23 Asian Cup 2024 Qualification ended with a second consecutive defeat, here at the Dalian Suoyuwan Stadium on Tuesday.

India finished at the bottom of Group G, having earlier lost to China 1-2.

UAE topped the group with four points and a better goal difference. China, who also have four points, now have an outside chance of making the next round as one of the four best second-placed teams. Both India and the UAE sensed the urgency and began the match at great intensity with tackles flying in both halves of the pitch. Jiteshwar Singh picked up a booking around the quarter hour mark for a tackle in the middle of the pitch. The UAE managed to take the lead in the 26th minute as the Indian defenders were left rather confused after a melee inside the box. Mohammed Abbas

Alblooshi was awarded the goal after a lengthy discussion between the referee and his assistant.

The lead was doubled just three minutes after the half-hour mark, when Sultan Adil Alameeri's low drive from inside the box found the back of the net.

Sensing the game slipping away, India began to rotate the ball around the park in search of openings.

However, the UAE back-line managed to keep the Indians at bay.

After the change of ends, India looked to put some pressure on the UAE defence. Parthib Gogoi made a foray down the right into the attacking third early in the second half, but his cross evaded all the forwards. India head coach Clifford Miranda made a couple of changes, bringing on Rabeeh Anjukandan and Sourav in place of Sanjeev Stalin and Parthib Gogoi a little after the hour mark, as they looked to pull one back.

Yuzvendra Chahal bags 3/63 in County Championship debut for Kent



Kent (England) Sep 12 (PTI):

India leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal has made an impressive start to his County Championship stint with Kent, claiming three wickets against Nottinghamshire in a Division One fixture here on Tuesday.

Snubbed by the national selectors for the ongoing Asia Cup and the upcoming World Cup, the 33-year-old returned 29-10-63-3.


Chahal dismissed Nottinghamshire batters Matthew Montgomery, Lyndon James and Calvin Harrison to help his side bowl out their oppo-

nents for 265 as Kent took a first innings lead of 181 on the penultimate day of the four-day contest. For his first wicket, Chahal cleaned up James with a superb leg break delivery which knocked down the batter's off-stump. Earlier this season, Kent had signed up India pacer Arshdeep Singh who played five matches and took 13 wickets. Chahal has been a regular member of the Indian T20 side but has not played ODI cricket since January this year. His last assignment with the Indian team was in their five-match T20I series against the West Indies.

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'Get facsimile of Vasco da Gama's diary to trace India's maritime history'

Panaji, Sep 12 (PTI):

Union minister Meenakshi Lekhi on Tuesday said the Indian government should try to get a facsimile of Portuguese explorer Vasco da Gama's diary, which is in a museum abroad, saying it will help trace India's rich maritime history.



Meenakshi Lekhi

"She was talking to reporters after laying the keel for the construction of a "stitched ship" at a Goa-based shipyard in the presence of Chief of Naval Staff Admiral R Hari Kumar, member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council Sanjeev Sanyal and others.

The Union Minister of State for Culture and External Affairs urged the government to get the facsimile of Vasco da Gama's diary, which is in a museum abroad as documented by archaeologist late Dr Vishnu Shridhar Wakankar. "India cannot get the original diary back because Vasco da Gama was not our citizen. But we can get a facsimile of

the diary so that we can trace the country's rich maritime history. The aim is to get correct facts based on the narrations by Dr Vishnu Shridhar Wakankar," she said.

Wakankar was a famous archaeologist and recipient of the Padma Shri award.

"When late Wakankar went abroad to study, he found the diary of Vasco da Gama in one of the museums there. In that diary, he (Gama) mentioned how he went up to Zanzibar and when he reached Africa, he said he wanted to go to India. He saw a ship which was three times bigger than his," she said.

According to Lekhi,

Vasco da Gama took help from a Gujarat-based merchant who was on his way back to India.

"That merchant used to go to Africa with pinewood and teak (for trading) and return with diamonds. His name was Chandan. He (merchant) said that he is returning tomorrow and he asked Vasco da Gama to follow him," she said.

The minister said this diary is important to let us understand how big our shipbuilding industry was, how the country's shipping trade was spread across the globe and how the traders were operating. "When we are talking about shared civilisation exchanges, it would be better if we get the diary," she added. The ancient stitched ship is the brainchild of Sanyal, who is also a noted writer, economist and historian.

Referring to India's ancient maritime tradition, Sanyal said, "Indian traders are known to have sailed as far away as China and Korea in the 4th and 5th century BC. Even the Pandyan and Chola kings

of South India sailed extensively 1,000 years ago. We are trying to recreate this history by building an ancient ship."

Admiral Hari Kumar said the country's navy was also reclaiming its own naval military history by adding 17th century Maratha warrior king Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's royal seal (rajmudra) on its official insignia.

Explaining the project in detail, Prathamesh Dandekar, managing director of Hodi Innovations, which is involved in it, said, "The project's primary goal is to revive and honour India's rich maritime tradition by meticulously constructing the ship using ancient techniques such as stitching planks with coconut fibres and treating the wood with natural resins and oils." Once the "stitched ship" is ready, the navy will undertake a unique voyage along the traditional maritime trade routes using ancient navigation techniques, a navy spokesperson earlier said. The project was ap-

proved by the National Implementation Committee, chaired by the Union home minister as a commemoration project on December 14, 2022, the official said.

The Directorate of Naval Architecture of the Indian Navy engaged in several rounds of discussions with the Ministry of Culture, culminating in the signing of a tripartite agreement with M/s Hodi Innovations on July 18 for the construction of the ancient stitched ship.

The stitching work will be undertaken by a team of traditional shipwrights, led by Babu Sankaran, who is an expert in stitched ship construction, the official said.

Using this age-old technique, the wooden planks will be shaped using the traditional steaming method to conform to the shape of the hull. Each plank will then be stitched to another using cords/ropes, sealed with a combination of coconut fibre, resin and fish oil akin to the ancient Indian shipbuilding practice, he said.

Scientist discover 28 new risk genes for COVID-19

New Delhi, Sep 12 (PTI):

An international research consortium has discovered 28 new risk factors for COVID-19, pushing the total number of candidate genes identified by the initiative up to 51.

The researchers noted that many criteria determine whether or not we get seriously ill from COVID-19. Besides our age and any previous or existing conditions, they also include genetic factors.

"Knowing about genetic risk factors helps scientists to develop successful drugs and predict risks better," said Kerstin Ludwig from the University Hospital Bonn, Germany.

In order to identify genes of this kind, however, researchers need huge groups of patients, who

are rarely all in the same place at the same time.

This was why the COVID-19 Host Genetics Initiative (COVID-19 HGI) was launched as a large-scale international project at the start of the pandemic. It aims to collate data from individual studies being set up all over the world and investigate it all together.

The latest findings covering 82 individual studies by COVID-19 HGI have been published in the journal Nature. The study features contributions from a total of 3,669 authors from across the globe.

The consortium is being co-led by the Broad Institute in the US and the Institute for Molecular Medicine Finland (FIMM).

"The consortium has successfully identified 51 risk factors in all, 28 of

which are new since the previous publication," said Axel Schmidt, who was responsible for data analysis.

"We also coordinated collaboration with the other university hospitals in Germany that were contributing in order to get even more patients involved in the study," Ludwig added.

The COVID-19 HGI published its initial results in the journal Nature in December 2021, adding its first update in August 2022. The latest publication thus represents the second update and is expected to be the final part of the documentation.

"With 82 studies from 35 countries and over 200,000 participants in the largest subgroup, the data pool is the biggest to date," Ludwig added.

Mumbai's iconic double-deckers to go off roads on Sep 15

● Commuters urge BEST to preserve two for display at museum

Mumbai, Sep 12 (PTI):

Mumbai's iconic red double-decker buses, which have been an integral part of the city's public transport system for more than eight decades, will go off the streets this week, an official from the Brihanmumbai Electricity Supply and Transport (BEST) Undertaking said on Tuesday.

The open-deck double-decker buses, which have served as sightseeing buses for tourists since the 1990s, will also disappear from the city streets in the first week of October, he said. As these buses are going off the roads forever, commuter groups and bus



enthusiasts have urged BEST to preserve at least two of these iconic vehicles at its Anik depot-based museum and have written to the Maharashtra chief minister, tourism minister and the BEST administration.

"Currently, just seven double-decker buses, including three open-deck buses are left in the BEST's fleet. As these vehicles are completing 15 years of their codal life, the double-decker buses will forever go off roads from September 15, while

CULTURE CORRIDOR



The Immersive zone with a selfie point at 'Culture Corridor: the G20 Digital Museum Exhibition' organised by the Ministry of Culture at Bharat Mandapam, in New Delhi, Tuesday.

Kashmiri saffron, Kannauj's 'ittar' among curated collection of gifts given to G20 leaders

New Delhi, Sep 12 (PTI):

Heads of state from across the world and other leaders who attended the G20 Summit here were gifted a curated collection of handcrafted artefacts and products that speak volumes about India's rich cultural traditions, officials said on Tuesday. Some of the gifts were meticulously

hand-crafted by master artisans of the country, they said. The gift items included saffron from Kashmir, sheesham wood chests with brass patti, Pekoe Darjeeling and Nilgiri tea, Araku coffee, Kashmiri Pashmina shawl, Sundarbans multiflora mangrove honey and Zighrana 'ittar' (perfume oil) from Uttar Pradesh's

Kannauj, they said.

The G20 Summit was held at the newly-built Bharat Mandapam at Pragati Maidan from September 9-10.

It was attended by US President Joe Biden, UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and French President Emmanuel Macron, among other world leaders.

FINAL TOUCHES



An artist gives final touches to the idols of Lord Ganesha ahead of the festival of Ganesh Chaturthi, in Kanpur, Tuesday.

'CBL to further boost tourist footfall in Kerala'

Kolkata, Sep 12 (PTI):

Kerala is banking on the innovative Champions Boat League to be held in the southern state later in September to further boost its tourism sector as a major all-season experiential destination, an official said here on Tuesday.

Modelled after the cricket IPL, the snake boat race competition is being touted by the state as a major event that it is confident of attracting a large number of tourists.

"After posting an im-

pressive surge in domestic tourist footfall, Kerala has gained further traction as a major all-season experiential destination with its innovative products like the IPL-model Champions Boat League (CBL) races helping the southern state to scale up its standing as a highly-preferred tourist hub," Kerala Tourism secretary K Biju told reporters here.

He said that the third edition of the annual CBL, starting later in September, is expected to boost domestic footfalls in all regions of the state.

SC protects ex-Army officer, professor from Manipur FIRs

New Delhi, Sep 12 (PTI):

The Supreme Court on Tuesday granted protection from any coercive action to a retired colonel against whom an FIR was lodged by the Manipur Police allegedly on the basis of the contents of his book published in January 2022.

The top court also protected a professor against possible coercive action in connection with another FIR lodged on the basis of his alleged speech made in public. A bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra took note of the submissions that no lawyers were willing to take

up their cases and appear in the Manipur High Court.

"Issue notice. We are going to ask you to file an affidavit that there is no lawyer who is willing to appear for you in the High Court of Manipur...no coercive steps shall be taken against petitioner till next date of hearing," the bench said. It asked Vijaykant Chenji, former army officer, and professor Henminlin, who have filed separate pleas seeking protection and the quashing of the FIRs lodged against them in Manipur, to file affidavits to the effect that lawyers were unwilling to appear for them in the Manipur High Court. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, ap-

pearing for the Manipur government, said there was "a pattern to approach the Supreme Court directly by the bench not to entertain such pleas which can be dealt by the Manipur High Court." "We have to satisfy our conscience that the lawyers are not appearing. Then, we can arrange the legal aid also. Or will seek a report from the Registrar General of the High Court..." the bench said, adding that it did not want to deal directly with the cases seeking protection and quashing of the FIRs.

'Research inputs into space prog from varsities need to go up'

Bengaluru, Sep 12 (PTI):

Former ISRO Chairman K Kasturirangan has called for creating more departments of aeronautics and aerospace in universities, and facilities in the field in the country to enhance research inputs into India's space programme. Speaking to PTI here, he also indicated that he expects investment into the space sector to go up by two to three times from the present level as the Government is keen to support this field.

"We need to make sure that we have a good education system which produces the best aeronautics and aerospace people. So, more universities need to be created that department and facilities. If necessary, ISRO should have a special pro-

gramme to improve the educational component of it," the veteran space scientist, who was the Chairman of the National Education Policy draft committee, said.

Research in universities also needs to be brought up to higher levels so that they can contribute to the space programme. Right now, research inputs into the space programme from universities is very limited, whereas ISRO does support research to some extent with various universities. "Eighty per cent of the students go to universities. So, youngsters are all there, bright minds are there. So, we need to improve that. Research, education and innovation, and industrialisation...these are things

which can have much more scope", Kasturirangan, a former member of the now defunct Planning Commission of India, said. Kasturirangan said he is extremely happy that the present government has created institutions such as the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACE) and NewSpace India Limited (NSIL) which have promoted industrialisation, commercialisation and freer international collaboration. These initiatives are already showing their outcome in terms of the number of missions that have increased, and type of income that they are generating, among others, he pointed out over the weekend.

"So, this is the direction in

which it's going and ISRO is core intellectual organisation, will (continue to) undertake cutting edge technology and science activities; the operational capabilities, service capabilities they will hand it over to some of these institutions and they in turn will create organisation systems or industries which will further take up and also through international collaboration and enhance the activities and financial viability," he said.

Asked if funding needs to go up for the space programmes, Kasturirangan, a former member of the Rajya Sabha, said he has seen this government's general disposition towards programmes which are fructifying in the country and doing well.

108 Hindu refugees from Pak get Indian citizenship

Ahmedabad, Sep 12 (PTI):

The Ahmedabad district authorities on Tuesday granted Indian citizenship to 108 Hindu refugees from Pakistan who have been living here after arriving in India.

Gujarat Minister of State for Home Harsh Sanghavi handed them citizenship certificates at the district collector's office, said a state government release.

The refugees, who had migrated to India years ago, thanked Sanghavi and the district authorities for the speedy processing of their applications for citizenship, it said. Sanghavi congratulated them for becoming

Indian citizens and urged them to commit themselves "to build a new India," it added. Both the state and the central government were committed to help refugees in all possible ways and bring them into the mainstream of society, the minister added.

So far, 1,149 Pakistani Hindus have been awarded Indian citizenship by the Ahmedabad District Collector, Sanghavi said.

Gazette notifications of 2016 and 2018 empower the district collectors of Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar and Kutch in Gujarat to grant Indian citizenship to the people

of minority communities from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh, said the release.

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