



### BRIEF



A Sikh volunteer walks past with ornamental flowers as the Golden Temple is being decorated on the eve of the first 'Parkash Purab of Guru Granth Sahib', in Amritsar, Friday.

### Smuggler killed

**Krishnanagar(WB):** A smuggler was killed in firing by BSF jawans near the India-Bangladesh border in West Bengal's Nadia district on Friday, police said. The smuggler was cutting the fence on the international border in the Nonagunj area of the district in the early hours of Friday. When BSF jawans challenged him the smuggler and other gang members attacked the BSF personnel, the police said. The BSF jawans opened fire killing the smuggler. The body of the unidentified smuggler was handed over to the police by the BSF, they said.

### Country bomb

**Dindigul (TN):** Two persons were killed in an explosion at Natham in this district on Friday while making a country bomb, police said. The victims were killed on the spot, police said without divulging further details. Investigation is on to find out why the deceased were making the explosives, including whether it was to be used against wild animals.

### CBI court

**Thane:** A special CBI court has sentenced a clerk from the Provident Fund (PF) office in Navi Mumbai to three years of imprisonment for accepting a bribe of Rs 3 lakh from a company. Special judge (CBI) Amit M Shete sentenced Kallakuri Vijay Ramarao (52) to three years of imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs 50,000 on him after finding him guilty of charges under the Prevention of Corruption Act. The court also acquitted another accused who was also tried on the charges of abetment of the crime. The copy of the order passed on September 8, was made available on Friday. Special public prosecutor Om Prakash Chauhan informed the court that an infrastructure firm from Vashi had not filed its PF returns from 2002 for which it was issued a notice and called for a hearing in July 2008. The complainant, who is the representative of the firm, met the accused at the PF office in Vashi and the latter informed him that the company would be saddled with a penalty of Rs 10 lakh and the same can go up to Rs 50 lakh. The accused demanded Rs 5 lakh to settle the matter and after negotiations, the amount was brought down to Rs 3 lakh.

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## Nadda alleges Congress agenda to 'abuse and disrespect' Sanatan Dharma

Jashpur, Sep 15 (PTI):

BJP president JP Nadda on Friday hit out at opposition alliance INDIA and claimed the agenda of Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, top leaders of its key constituent Congress, was to "abuse and disrespect" Sanatan Dharma. Addressing a rally at Jashpur in north Chhattisgarh held to flag off the second 'Parivartan Yatra' of the opposition BJP ahead of assembly polls, he also targeted Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and asked him to clarify his stand on anti-Sanatan Dharma remarks made by Tamil Nadu minister Udhayanidhi Stalin, whose party DMK is a member of INDIA. "Indi alliance...

Parivartan Yatra aimed at exposing corruption of Baghel government, ousting Congress from power in Chhattisgarh: BJP chief JP Nadda.

ghamandiya (arrogant) alliance held a meeting in Mumbai on September 1. On September 3, Tamil Nadu CM Stalin's son Udhayanidhi Stalin, whose party DMK is a key partner of the alliance, disrespected Sanatan Dharma by linking it with serious diseases. He left no stone unturned in disrespecting Sanatan Dharma in every way," Nadda said. The next day, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's son, who is a minister in the Karnataka government, attacked Sanatan Dharma and subsequently another minis-

ter from Tamil Nadu, too, targeted the ancient faith, he said. "What should we understand from this? Sonia Gandhi is silent till today on the issue. Rahul goes all over the world and talks about the Constitution, but avoids saying even a single word on it (Sanatan issue)," said the BJP president. "My allegation is that the mother-son duo handed over the agenda abusing and disrespecting Santana Dharma in the Mumbai meeting to the DMK and other parties (of INDIA). Actually, it is the

agenda of Sonia and Rahul," he said, attacking the two senior Congress leaders.

The BJP chief sought to know if the Constitution has given right to anyone to disrespect a religion. "Is it written in the Constitution that any religion, any idea, any belief should be abused or has the Constitution given right to disrespect any religion? You (Rahul) say that you run 'mohabbat ki dukan' (shop of love), but hatred is being sold in your shop," Nadda said. He also slammed Chief Minister Baghel, a senior Congress leader, for skipping the G20 dinner hosted by the President on September 9 in New Delhi during the summit of the influential global forum.

### BSF arrests 45 people for illegally crossing international border

**Kolkata:** Forty-five people, mostly Bangladeshis, were arrested for trying to cross the international border illegally in separate operations in West Bengal, the BSF said. Among those arrested were 32 Bangladeshis who tried to cross the border to India and 13 Indians who tried to go to the neighbouring country illegally, it said. Personnel of the Singamora border outpost arrested 20 Bangladeshi women, four children and four men. They also arrested six Indian women, three children and a man. The arrests were made in three separate operations on Wednesday, it said. The arrested Indians are from various parts of Maharashtra, Jharkhand and West Bengal, while the Bangladeshi nationals are from Bagairhat, Barisal, Ferozepur, Khulna, Jessore, Ghazipur and Gopalganj districts.

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### ED has frozen/seized proceeds of crime worth Rs 417 cr



**Raipur, Sep 15:** Directorate of Enforcement (ED) is investigating M/s Mahadev Online Book Betting APP which is an umbrella syndicate arranging online platforms for enabling illegal betting websites to enrol new Users, create User IDs and laundering of money through a layered web of benami Bank accounts. ED has recently conducted wide spread searches against the money laundering networks linked with Mahadev APP in cities like Raipur, Bilai, Kolkata, Bhopal, Mumbai etc and retrieved large amount of incriminating evidences and has frozen/seized proceeds of crime worth Rs 417 crore. ED investigation into the matter has revealed that Sourabh

### In context of M/s Mahadev Online Book Betting APP

Chandrakar and Ravi Uppal who hail from Bilai, Chhattisgarh, are the main promoters of Mahadev Online Book and are running their operations from Dubai. Their M/s Mahadev Online Book is run from a central Head Office in UAE and operates by franchising "Panel/Branches" to their known associates on 70%-30% profit ratio. Large scale hawala operations are done to siphon off the proceeds of betting to off-shore accounts. In the course of further investigation, ED has conducted searches at multiple locations in Bhopal, Mumbai and Kolkata and identified other major players involved in the money laundering operations of the Mahadev Online Book APP and has seized illegal assets worth Rs 417 cr. ED has also earnestly taken up investigation abroad.

### Worker's death after molten slag fell on him in Ch'garh NGT issues notice to Jindal Steel

**New Delhi, Sep 15 (PTI):** The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has issued a notice to Jindal Steel and Power Limited in connection with the death of a worker after hot or molten slag allegedly fell on him at the company's steel plant in Patrapali village in Raigarh district of Chhattisgarh. The NGT was hearing an application registered on the basis of a news report published by PTI on August 22 regarding the worker's death. The application

raised an apprehension of non-compliance with environmental laws in the process of disposal of slag, a byproduct of steel manufacturing. In an order passed on Thursday, a bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice Prakash Shrivastava said the Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board had filed a reply without touching the aspect of handling slag, which was the cause of the accident in the present case.

### Cong MLA Mamman Khan held

**Gurugram/Chandigarh, Sep 15 (PTI):** Congress MLA Mamman Khan has been arrested in connection with the July 31 Nuh violence, police said on Friday as the administration imposed prohibitory orders under section 144 in the district and suspended mobile Internet services for two days. The Ferozepur Jhirka legislator, who was named as an accused in an FIR lodged after the communal clashes, was arrested late on Thursday night. The charges in the FIR include promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion. The violence had occurred at mainly

three to four places in the Nuh district. Addressing a press conference in Nuh along with Deputy Commissioner Dharendra Khadgata, Superintendent of Police Narendra Bijarniya said on Friday that Mamman Khan has been arrested. During the investigation into incidents of violence that took place around Barkali Chowk Nagina, some accused were interrogated and "the MLA's name came to the fore," the SP said. To a question about the charges against the Congress legislator, the police officer said, "In the acts of vandalism and arson that took place at Nagina's Barkali

Chowk, he is accused of provoking people and inciting violence." When asked if any such evidence has come to the fore which points to the legislator's involvement in a larger conspiracy behind the Nuh violence, the SP replied, "From the details which have emerged during the investigations so far, his involvement is there." To a question on whether the legislator was physically present on the day of violence, Bijarniya claimed that from the information which has emerged so far, he was present there shortly before the violence occurred.

### 6-year-old son bids farewell as Col Manpreet Singh is cremated

**Chandigarh, Sep 15 (PTI):** "Jai Hind Papa." A stoic six-year-old Kabir dressed in army-style fatigues saluted his father one last time before Colonel Manpreet Singh, killed in the gunfight with terrorists in Kashmir valley, was cremated at his village in Punjab's Mohali district on Friday.



Wife of Colonel Manpreet Singh mourns near his mortal remains before his last rites, at his native place in Mohali, Friday.

Since early morning, Colonel Singh's house in Bharanujan village witnessed a steady stream of mourners who joined his inconsolable wife, mother and other family members in his final journey. An Army officer was seen holding Kabir as the family and others paid their last respects while a relative held on to his two-year-old daughter Banni. Kabir was later seen clinging to the tricolour wrapped coffin of his father along with other family members. He bowed be-

fore his father's body just before cremation as "Bharat Mata ke Sapoot Ki Jai" and "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" slogans rent the air. The cremation took place with full military honours, including a wreath laying ceremony and a gun salute. Punjab Governor Banwarilal Purohit, former Army chief V P Malik and Punjab ministers Chetan Singh Jouramajra and Anmol Gagan Maan as well as senior Army and police officers were present at Bharanujan and laid wreaths. Lt Gen D P Vats (retd), a BJP leader, was also present. In the morning, Colonel Singh's mother was seen weeping as she waited at the doorsteps for her son's mortal remains. A third-generation soldier, Singh's father who died nine years ago, was an ex-serviceman.

### Case against man for posting fake news on social media



Health workers and security personnel control entry at an emergency ward at the medical college amid an outbreak of Nipah virus in Kerala, in Kozhikode, Friday.

and relevant provisions under the Kerala Police Act among others have been invoked. The accused was summoned to the police station, served notice and let off, police said. Section 505 (1) of the IPC deals with the offence of creating rumours which are likely to cause, fear or alarm to the public. According to the complaint, the accused had in a social media post claimed that Nipah virus, which has so far claimed two lives and has infected four others in the state, was a "narrative" created by pharma companies. The state government and the police had earlier warned the public not to spread fake news about the Nipah outbreak. A 39-year-old man has tested positive for the Nipah virus today taking the number of active cases in the state to four.

fake news through social media in connection with Nipah. In the post, he claimed that Nipah was a fake narrative created by pharma companies," a senior police official said. Police added that as the post became viral and people started complaining, he deleted it. A case under Section 505 (1) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC)

**Kozhikode, Sep 15 (PTI):** Kerala police has registered a case against a 40-year-old man for allegedly posting fake news through social media on the deadly Nipah virus infections in the state. Police registered a case last night against Koyilandi resident Anil Kumar, a newspaper agent. "He had circulated

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## MiC gives approval for modernisation and expansion of Shastri Hospital

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Sep 15:** Lal Bahadur Shastri Hospital, Supela is going to get a facelift along with modernisation and expansion of facilities. Vehicle parking and gardens will be developed in the campus. Mayor in Council of Bhilai Municipal Corporation approved a project in this regard along with 20 other proposals.

Mayor Neeraj Pal chaired the MiC meeting in the presence of Additional Commissioner Ashok Dwivedi and MiC members. 21 proposals were tabled before the Council for consideration. MiC approved the first phase of the project for modernisation and expansion of Lal Bahadur Shastri Hospital, Supela.

As per the chief minister's announcement, the Municipal Corporation Bhilai and Chhattisgarh Medical Services Corporation will make

arrangements of parking in the hospital premises and make construction of a garden and additional rooms, expansion of the existing wards, false ceiling work, etc.

The existing beds in the wards will be replaced with new ones. Lift will also be installed in the hospital so that the patients coming to the hospital do not face any inconvenience.

Under Chhattisgarh Government's ambitious scheme 'Roka Chhaka Sankalp Abhiyan', action is being taken to catch the roaming cattle on the roads of Bhilai Corporation area and the cattle are kept in Gauthan. For the first time, the fine fixed for their release has been increased to Rs 2,000.

The proposal of taking Rs 3000 for the second time and Rs 5000 for the third



and final time and then filing an FIR has been approved. Similarly, by calculating the carbon emitted through various means in the corporation area, carbon credit work has been approved for economic benefit to the BMC.

Encashment of leave to officers and employees of the Corporation and payment of the pending amount of arrears in the amount of Consolidated Fund of the Corporation Fund, approval of additional post of Executive Engineer in Bhilai, appointment of employees

working in Timekeeper or Work Assistant Grade 2 to the post of Sub Engineer, were approved.

For amendment in recruitment rules for promotion and relaxation in qualification and merger of the post of Sub Engineer in Bhilai Corporation, approval was given to send the letter to the government.

Other proposals presented in the meeting were arrangement of security guards for the protection of corporation's property, purchase of sweeping machine,

arrangement in the vending zone under construction in Dabrapara Chowk, construction of community hall near Samta Udyan in Ward 4 Nehru Nagar, Ward 37 (Old Ward) Construction of dome shed in Shivalaya, construction of 3 nos pink toilets for women in Khursipar area, etc.

Approval was given to give no objection letter for the work of laying the main pipeline till the filter plant, increase in the fee for publication of advertisement board on the roof and allotment of social building land.

Council members Siju Anthony, Laxmipati Raju, Keshav Choubey, Sandeep Nirankari, Ekansh Banchhor, Lalchand Verma, Mannan Ghaffar Khan, Neha Sahu, Rita Singh Gera, Malti Thakur, Meera Banjare, Departmental Secretary of the Corporation, Zone Commissioner and others were present in the meeting.

## Innovative initiative to promote millets for a healthier lifestyle

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Sep 15:** The Durg district administration has undertaken a unique initiative to promote a healthy lifestyle by raising awareness about the benefits of millets, a nutritious whole grain. As part of this effort, the administration is collaborating with selected social media creators to organize "Millets Lunch."

To commemorate the International Year of Millets, the Durg district administration will host the Millets Lunch event on September 16 at the Forest Millet Cafe in Durg, from 11:00 hrs to 16:00 hrs on a Saturday. Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena will share a meal with these

creators and discuss various activities aimed at promoting millets.

The primary goal of the Millets Lunch with the Durg Collector is to showcase the numerous benefits of incorporating millets into our daily diet and encourage a healthier lifestyle within the district.

This initiative aligns with global efforts to raise awareness about millets' nutritional value, their sustainability in agriculture, and their contribution to food security and environmental conservation. Senior officials will join the Durg Collector in the discussion.

A key highlight of this event is the participation of social media creators who will play a

major role in spreading messages about a healthy lifestyle and the consumption of millets across various online platforms.

These creators will be encouraged to share wholesome and delicious millet-based recipes with the residents of Durg and its surrounding areas.

The best content produced as part of this collaborative effort will also be shared through the district's official social media handles to acknowledge the collective efforts.

This programme promises to be an engaging and informative event, empowering individuals and communities to make informed dietary choices and embrace the nutritional benefits of millets.

## DAV Ispat Public School Sector 2 celebrates Hindi Diwas

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Sep 15:** DAV Ispat Public School, Sector-02 celebrated Hindi Diwas with great zeal on September 14, 2023 in its school premises. The students of the junior wing enthusiastically participated in the celebration in coordination with their teachers.

On this special occasion the Principal of the school Priyanka Shukla greeted everyone and congratulated the students for coming up with such good and creative presentations in the form of poems, speeches and conversations in Hindi language.

Principal in her address



to the little ones urged them to have the knowledge of this ancient language though they are studying in an English medium school.

It is very necessary to learn and have a good command over the Hindi language as it is one of

those languages which is widely spoken across the country by a majority of Indians. The language has its own beauty and casts its spell whenever spoken with dexterity and flawlessly.

The students also came up with little slogans, banners and quotes written in placards relevant to the Hindi Diwas. The school, as a practice, has been observing this day since its inception and so the students were also quite acquainted with its significance and importance in their lives.

## Training Workshop held on 'Maintenance & Safety in Power Plant Operations'

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Sep 15:** SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Human Resource Development Department and Power Plant, in association with the National Safety Council (NSC), Mumbai jointly organised a three-day Special Training Programme titled "Maintenance & Safety in Power Plant Operation". The 03-day Training Program was organized from September 11-13, 2023 at BSP's HRD Centre, and 25 personnel participated.

Addressing the gathering Rajiv Pandey, CGM (Power Facility) urged everybody to continue the learning process and em-



phasised on the complete implementation of Zero Accident Policy in Bhilai Steel Plant by adopting the safe work culture by following safety norms at the workplace.

Bajirao Detha and Pradeep Kumar Singh, Technical experts from NSC, Mumbai, shared their insights on various topics related to Maintenance & Safety in power plant operations.

The participants also shared their experiences with the Technical Experts and discussed the causes of various accidents occurring in power plants along with the possible safety measures to prevent such accidents.

Technical experts from NSC, Mumbai encouraged the participants to strictly adhere to Safe Practices and work with the same spirit and also appreciated

Bhilai Steel Plant Management for its commitment towards safety.

At the end of the program, Rajiv Pandey, CGM (Power Facility) took feedback regarding the three-day Special Training Programme from the participants. Amulya Priyadarshi, GM (HRD) proposed the Vote of Thanks, while Saifuddin Fazly, Jr Officer (HRD) compered the programme.

## Durg Police camps in Haryana to trace ATM robbers

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Sep 15:** Several teams of Durg Police are camping in Delhi, NCR and Haryana in search of the thieves who robbed three ATM kiosks in a single night in Durg - Bhilai. According to sources, Durg Police succeeded in arresting two of the accused and recovered over Rs 3 lakh cash from them. Police teams are searching for the other absconding accused.

It needs to be mentioned here that some unidentified thieves robbed three ATM kiosks and decamped with over Rs 50 lakhs on the intervening night of August 27. The accused used gas

cutters to break the ATM machines and steal the cash. After stealing the cash, they set the ATM machine and Air Conditioners on fire.

On entering the kiosks, they sprayed black paint on the CCTV cameras. After investigation, Durg Police discovered that this modus operandi is followed by the Mewat Gang after which technical evidence was collected. Following the digital footprints of the accused, Durg Police has reached Haryana in search of the accused.

It could be recollected here that on August 27, Police had reached the ATM Kiosks after receiving information about the

fire. Later, it was discovered that the machines had been cut and cash stolen.

The thieves targeted the ATM kiosks of State Bank of India located near Shri Ram Square and Milan Square in Hudco Colony as well as a Kiosk in Borsi. Footage of the thieves was caught in the CCTV installed at a house near one of the kiosks.

They were seen approaching the kiosks around 13:30 hrs in a car. The accused used gas cutters to break the machines and steal cash. Before leaving, they set the machine and air conditioner on fire at both the kiosks.

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**Bhilai, Sep 15:** Hindi Day program was organized by the Hindi Department at St Thomas College. Chief guest in the program was Dr Nalini Shrivastava, former Head of Hindi Department, Bhilai, Principal In-charge Dr James Mathew, second shift In-charge and IQAC coordinator Dr Debjani Mukherjee, Head of Hindi Department.

Captain (Dr) Surekha Jawade was present. The program started with Ish Vandana. College Administrator Father Dr Joshi Varghese, Principal, Dr MG Roymon appreciated the program and wished everyone a happy Hindi

## Hindi language is the lifeblood of nationalism: Nalini



Day. The guests were welcomed by presenting them with flower bunches. Chief guest Dr Nalini Shrivastava said in her address that we are proud of Hindi language and said that Hindi language is the lifeblood of nationalism and it is Hindi which can connect people.

Today Hindi is being propagated in other countries also. Principal in-charge Dr James Mathew, while presiding over the program, said that everyone should respect Hindi as a colloquial language and in daily routine.

Head of Hindi Department Captain (Dr)

Surekha Jawade addressed the program and introduced the chief guest. Welcome speech was given by Assistant Professor Dr Rupa Srivastava and vote of thanks was given by Assistant Professor Lieutenant Santosh Yadav. The program was conducted by Harshita Jolhe.

## Two day workshop at CCET from Sep 21

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Sep 15:** Christian College of Engineering & Technology, will organise a two-day workshop on September 21 and 22, 2023. The workshop is being conducted by Computer science and Engineering Department and Research and Development cell under the Coordinator cell activity of Chhattisgarh Council of Science and Technology. The workshop will be on "Advanced Network, Information, & Computing". A renowned speaker from Indian Institute of Information Technology, Nagpur, Dr Kaushlendra Sharma, will be the speaker of the workshop. The objective of the workshop is to focus on engineering applications that greatly rely on cross disciplinary areas that aim at the convergence of advanced network, informatics and computing.

## Man killed in road accident

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Sep 15:** A 31-year-old man was killed in a road accident which occurred on the Power House Flyover on National Highway on the intervening night of Friday. The man moving on a scooter rammed into the rear end of a stationary truck.

He suffered fatal injuries and died on the spot. According to information, the deceased was Shiva Sahu (31) a resident of Chhawani, Bhilai. CSP Ashish Banchhor informed that the incident occurred during heavy rains around 22:00 hrs on Thursday. A truck bearing registration number CG04-J-7289 was

moving from Durg to Raipur. The vehicle developed some fault while crossing the Power House flyover. Sensing trouble, the driver parked the vehicle on the roadside on the top of the flyover. Meanwhile, a speeding scooter rider rammed into the rear end of the truck.

Possibly he was unable to notice the parked truck due to the rain. He suffered fatal injuries on head and died on the spot. On information, an Emergency Response Vehicle reached the spot and the body was shifted to the mortuary of Supela Hospital. Police have lodged a case and seized both the vehicles.

## Hindi Diwas observed at various departments of Bhilai Steel Plant

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Sep 15:** SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's various departments observed the Hindi Diwas Programme on September 14, 2023, with the aim of encouraging people to use Hindi for Official Correspondence. Hindi Diwas Programme at Sinter Plants was jointly organized by SP-2 & 3. Anup Kumar Dutta, CGM (SPs) was the Chief Guest on this occasion. Umesh Awadhya, GM (SP-2) and MRK Shariff, GM (SP-3) were present as Special Guests.

The program started by lighting the Ceremonial Lamp and Saraswati



Vandana. Addressing the gathering, Dutta said that we should promote the use of Hindi language and encourage others to do the correspondence in Hindi, as it makes the system more simple and convenient. All the section officers of Sinter Plants-2 & 3 were present in the pro-

gramme. Viteswar Nath spoke on the role and importance of Hindi Language in the Freedom Struggle of India. Manish Gupta, Chandan, Gangaram Choubey, and Ritam Lal Sahu recited Hindi poetry, followed by staging of a street-play "Meri Maati Mera Desh" by the department's



Contractors Workers. The participants of the programme were also felicitated by the dignitaries. Hindi Diwas was also celebrated at BSP's Bhilai Vidyalaya Sector -2 which began with prayer. The Chief Guest VS Pawar, Principal, said that Hindi is the language of masses and most convenient for

expressing our emotions and feelings.

A Street Play on the importance of Hindi language was performed under the guidance of teacher Sangeeta Mishra. Student Uma Sen read-out the Hindi Diwas News Headlines, while student Simran recited inspirational quotes by eminent

personalities. Students Megha conducted a Quiz on Hindi literature, while Amritadeva explained their meaning of Sanskrit Shlokas in Hindi. Kashish spoke on the origin and development of Hindi, and Naina spoke on the contribution of Hindi literateurs.

While compering the programme, Teacher SK Khobragade spoke on the role of Hindi language in the Indian Constitution. Sarita Shakya, Vandana Sonawane, Nishi Shivappa, GP Sharma, Tanveer, Parvez, DL Joshi, DK Sahu and other teachers of the school were also present on this occasion.

## Tekam chairs the review meeting of State Planning Commission



### Releases evaluation report of the schemes

**Raipur, Sep 15:** Chairman of Chhattisgarh State Planning Commission, Dr. Prem Sai Singh Tekam chaired a meeting at Yojana Bhawan, Nava Raipur, today to review the works of the Commission. At the meeting, Chairman Dr. Tekam reviewed the framework and the SDG (Sustainable Development Goals) dashboard developed by the Commission to assist in regular monitoring of Sustainable Development Goals in the state. He also released the evaluation report of the state government's ambitious schemes such as Mukhyamantri Haat-

Bazar Clinic Yojana, Mukhyamantri Slum Swasthya Sahayta Yojana, Mukhyamantri Suposhan Abhiyan and Godhan Nyaya Yojana in the meeting. In his address to the officials of State Planning Commission, Chairman Dr. Tekam said that the framework and the dashboard created by the Commission will effectively assist the government departments and district administration officials in achieving Sustainable Development Goals. "SDG State Indicator Framework" has been prepared to evaluate the progress towards these goals at the state level and "SDG District Indicator Framework" has been prepared for evaluation at the district level and a

progress report based has also been prepared based on the aforementioned indicators. This evaluation report was also released today. He said that the recommendations mentioned in the report will help the concerned departments to ensure better implementation of their plan.

State Planning Commission Chairman Dr. Tekam said that the "SDG Dashboard" includes year-wise target-based and district-based analysis of the Sustainable Development Goals.

This Dashboard will help all the districts and the concerned departments to self-evaluate and move faster towards the goal. This report and the dashboard of the Commission will guide the

Collectors, Chief Executive Officers of District Panchayats and Heads of Departments in identifying the constraints of development and implementing their strategies based on data based evidence. Keeping in mind the progress displayed through the dashboard, all the concerned departments and district officers will be able to effectively monitor various schemes.

These reports and dashboards have been prepared by the State Planning Commission in coordination with the concerned departments. Dr. Tekam expressed hope that all departments and district officers will regularly review their progress on the basis of this framework and ensure achievement of the targets set as per the Sustainable Development Goals. Vice Chairman of State Planning Commission Mr. Ajay Singh, Member-Secretary Mr. Anoop Kumar Srivastava and senior officials of the Commission were also present in the meeting.

### Ch'garh records an average rainfall of 890.1 mm so far

**Raipur, Sep 15:** According to the information gathered by the State Revenue and Disaster Management Department through the State Control Room, the state has recorded an average rainfall of 890.1 mm from June 1, 2023, till now. Analyzing the rainfall data from June 1 to the morning of September 14, the Bijapur district experienced the highest average rainfall of 1537.8 mm, while the Surguja district recorded the lowest average of 397.4 mm during the same period. As per the information provided by the State-Level Flood Control Room, the average rainfall recorded since June 1 varies across districts. In Surajpur district, an average rainfall of 718.8 mm has been registered, while Balrampur has experienced 811.7 mm, Jashpur has recorded 714.0 mm, and the Koriya and Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur districts have recorded 833.5 mm and 829.0 mm of average rainfall respectively.

## BJP insulted 'Chhattisgarh Mahtari': Congress



### "Nadda should apologize to 'Chhattisgarh Mahtari' and the people of Ch'garh"

**Raipur, Sep 15:** Congress today charged BJP with insulting 'Chhattisgarh Mahtari' in its 'Parivartan Yatra' flagged off by BJP National President JP Nadda from Jashpur. Pradesh

Congress Communication Department head Sushil Anand Shukla said that picture of 'Chhattisgarh Mahtari' was placed below the stairs on which people will climb and go to the top of Parivartan Rath (chariot).

People will climb on the 'Parivartan Rath' of BJP while trampling the picture of Chhattisgarh Mahtari, he said, adding

that this showed anti-Chhattisgarh mentality of BJP. Shukla said that after Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel's initiative to promote the culture and civilization of Chhattisgarh and glory of Chhattisgarh Mahtari in the country and the world, BJP started using Chhattisgarh Mahtari for show in its platform and programmes to save its political existence. BJP has not developed a sense of respect for Chhattisgarh's culture and Chhattisgarh Mahatari, he said. Shukla said that BJP, which had forgotten Chhattisgarh's identity, Teej-festivals, food habits and even Mata Kaushalya and Lord Ram for 15 years, was pretending to accept the traditions of Chhattisgarh after the formation of the Congress government.

## Ananya secures 2nd position in National Squash championship



**Raipur, Sept 15:** Ananya Pandey of Raipur secured second position in the National Squash championship held at Bengaluru after losing final match in

a close encounter to Samayra Raj Bhandare from Goa.

Ananya becomes the first woman player to qualify for the final in the national squash. Earlier, she had defeated Vaibhavi Balaji from Karnataka with the score of 11-6, 11-3 and Shivvani Philips with the score of 13-11, 11-3 in the best of three quarter finals. She defeated Skandha Pakki from Karnataka in the semi-final with the score of 11-6, 11-8, 11-4 but eventually lost to Samayra Raj Bhandare from Goa in the final with the score of 11-6, 11-8 and 11-4.

## Sanskrit became language of people: Sahu

**Raipur, Sep 15:** A 5-day training camp for teachers of state level Sanskrit schools organised by Chhattisgarh Sanskrit Vidyamandalam was organised from September 11 to 15. The closing program was conducted under the chief hospitality of Chitralakha Sahu, Vice President of Chhattisgarh Tourism Board. While addressing the closing programme, he said that Sanskrit should become the language of the people. Sanskrit aphorisms are heart touching. He said that Sanskrit has to be made available to everyone. There should be conversation in Sanskrit, for this one should learn Sanskrit. In the training, teachers were trained



in Grammar, Literature, Vedas, Astrology, Philosophy, Economics including Porohityam, Pravachanam, Astrology, Yogadarshan and Ayurveda by subject experts. About 80 teachers participated in the training. This training was given by Sanskrit Vidyamandalam members Dr. Toyanidhi Vaishnav, Dr. Ramkishore Mishra, Dr. Santosh Tiwari, Dr.

Satyendra Sharma, Dr. Kunjdev Manish, Mr. Lalit Sharma and Mr. B.P. Tiwari. In the concluding program, Chhattisgarh Sanskrit Vidyamandalam President Dr. Suresh Kumar Sharma, member Dr. Toyanidhi Vaishnav, Secretary Dr. Alka Dani, Assistant Director Mr. Laxman Prasad Sahu, Dr. Garima Tamrakar and a large number of trainees were present.

## Amity University celebrates Hindi Diwas 2023

**Raipur, Sep 15:** Amity School of Communication, Amity University Chhattisgarh celebrates Hindi Diwas 2023 at the University Audio-Visual Studio. Prof. (Dr.) Piyush Kant Pandey, Vice-Chancellor of Amity University Chhattisgarh graced the occasion as chief guest. In his address Prof. Pandey explain the vitality of Hindi as official language of India. "Hindi being a language, emerged in 12th century but with the flexibility to adopt words from all languages of India and World it grows rapidly as compared to other Indian languages" he added. Dr.



Shivam Arun Patnaik, CPRO, Amity University Chhattisgarh by gracing the occasion as chief speaker emphasized on the mediocrity of the language in our day-to-day life. He also encouraged the students to feel proud of the language with proper utilization. In the

event Controller of Examination, Ashish Singh, HOI Amity Law School Dr. Abhinav Pradhan, faculty, and staff members of the university along with students of Amity School of Communication (ASCO) and Amity Law School (ALS) were present.

## Man with broken ribs gets new life after Titanium Rib Plating

### Complex operation successfully performed by Dr Krishnakant Sahu, HoD of Heart Chest and Vascular Surgery of Ambedkar Hospital

Central Chronicle News

**Raipur, Sep 15:** 63-year-old man, resident of Rajim and a teacher by profession, who suffered severe deep injuries on his head and chest in road accident while coming from school, got new lease of life after undergoing Titanium Rib Plating at Advance Cardiac Institute of Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar Memorial Hospital, affiliated to Pt Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Medical College, Raipur.



After accident he was rushed to Gariaband Hospital where after first

aid, he was shifted to DKS Hospital. But due to continuous falling of



oxygen saturation, the patient was immediately shifted to the Heart Chest and Vascular Surgery Department of ACL, Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar Memorial Hospital. As soon as he was shifted to the heart surgery department, the patient had to be put on a ventilator because he had developed a flail chest due to the fractured ribs. Even after ventilator support, the patient's

oxygen saturation was not very good and in such a situation the patient had to be taken for operation at very high risk, said Dr Krishnakant Sahu, Head of Heart Chest and Vascular Surgery Department who performed the complex surgery with his team.

According to Dr Sahu more than 7 ribs of the patient's right chest were broken at various places, due to which a flail chest was formed and the chest was deep injury in the lungs. In such a patient, a new shape is given to the chest by making artificial ribs of titanium and 05 long titanium plates were used in it, he said. Injury in the lungs was also repaired. This is a

very complex and high risk operation and is done in very few institutions. Dr Sahu said that 4 units of blood were used in this operation. The patient's daughter is a nursing staff in DKS Hospital and is very happy with the service and efficiency of the staff and doctors in ACL.

The team led by Dr Sahu comprised Dr Nishant Singh Chandel, Dr Ajiit (PG), Dr Sanjay Tripathi (JR), Aestheticist-Dr Maninder Kaur (PG), Technician-Bhupendra Kumar and Harishchandra, Nursing Staff - Rajendra, Narendra, Chowaram, Munesh, Kiran, Priyanka, Kusum and Tejendra.

## WATERLOGGING



Many low lying areas of the capital city were inundated with knee-deep water even a day after heavy rains and people faced lots of problems in moving from one place to another.

## Retirement age of Anganwadi workers and assistants increased

### From 62 years to 65 years Order issued by Women and Child Development Department from Mantralaya

**Raipur, Sep 15:** Anganwadi workers and assistants working in more than 46,000 Anganwadi centers run across the state for nutrition and vaccination of women and children have got another big gift after the increase in honorarium. The

retirement age of Anganwadi workers has been increased from 62 years to 65 years by the state government. Along with this, the filling of vacant posts of Anganwadi workers from Anganwadi assistants has been increased from 25 percent to 50 percent. Also, the experience required for recruitment from 10 years has been reduced to 05 years. In this regard, an order has been issued by the Women and Child Development Department of the Ministry on September 14. It is noteworthy that in the budget 2023-24 pre-

ented this year, Chief Minister Mr. Baghel had announced increase in the honorarium of Anganwadi workers and assistants, fulfilling their demands. In compliance with the order issued, increased honorarium is being given to Anganwadi workers and assistants from April 1, 2023. The amount of monthly honorarium to Anganwadi workers is being increased from Rs 6,500 per month to Rs 10,000. Similarly, the honorarium of Anganwadi assistants has been increased from Rs 3,250 to Rs 5,000 and

the honorarium of mini Anganwadi workers has been increased from Rs 4,500 to Rs 7,500 per month. A provision has been made for ex-gratia amount on the death of Anganwadi workers and assistants and lump sum payment on retirement in the state. By increasing the ex-gratia amount on the death of Anganwadi workers and assistants, at present Rs 50 thousand is being provided. Similarly, on retirement, there is a provision to pay Rs 50 thousand to Anganwadi workers and Rs 25 thousand to assistant.

## Nadda to be responsible for BJP's defeat in Ch'garh: Cong

### PCC says Nadda did not say anything on inflation, unemployment, farmers

**Raipur, Sep 15:** Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) Chief and MP Deepak Baij said that BJP President JP Nadda went to Chhattisgarh showing arrogance like his leader Modi. Nadda had nothing to say on the works of Modi government; rather he talked on Chandrayaan, G-20 in a way as if it was not India's achievement but BJP's achievement, Baij said.

He said that BJP President had no answer to questions of people on

issues like two crore jobs every year, doubling income of farmers' income, low inflation in 100 days, demonetization, GST etc. The BJP President exposed the anti-Chhattisgarh character of BJP by not saying anything on the discrimination being done by the Center with Chhattisgarh, reduction in rice, gunny bags, waiting list of 7 lakh houses under 'Pradhan Mantri Awaas', Baij said.

Baij said that Dilip Singh Judeo was forgotten by BJP while he was alive. Judeo was a victim of the administrative anarchy of Raman Government, he said, adding that Nadda was now remembering Judeo to take electoral ad-

vantage. BJP is now trying to make political use of 'Pahari Korvas', whom it had neglected for 15 years, said Baij. Congress government worked for the educational and economic progress of the Pahari Korvas, he said, adding that 190 Pahari Korvas have been made direct guest teachers.

Baij said that the onus of BJP's crushing defeat in Chhattisgarh will be on BJP National President JP Nadda. Nadda had already been rejected by the people of Himachal and Karnataka, where BJP has suffered a defeat, he said.

In the upcoming assembly elections, Congress will form the government again by winning more

than 75 seats and 'Naya Yojana' being run for every section of the state will gain momentum, he said. BJP leaders have neither any plan nor any achievement to show in Chhattisgarh, Baij said and added that during the 15 years of BJP government led by Raman Singh, there were atrocities on the tribal community of Chhattisgarh and innocent tribals were imprisoned after being branded as Naxalites. Tribals' land was snatched away, PESA rules were not made, he added. According to him after the formation of the Congress government, there have been revolutionary changes in the lives of the tribals.

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- No. of Paper publications in various national/international journals.
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- Total No. of conferences attended.

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## AI club will be formed in 3 Swami Atmanand schools of Raipur district

**Immediate implementation by the district administration on the announcement of the Chief Minister**

**MoU signed between district administration and iGebra.AI, Raipur is the first district of the state to take this unique initiative**



This will develop understanding of AI among the students of these schools. Students will become familiar with this latest technology of Science and will be able to use it in projects and other works. This will create more interest in Science among the children of Chhattisgarh and they will also work shoulder to shoulder with other youth not only in the country but also in the world. In this club, students will be taught in AI club by the trainers of the concerned institution and there will be workshops. Project models will also be displayed. On this occasion, District Education Officer Mr. Himanshu Bharatiya and District Mission Coordinator Mr. K.S. Patle was present. It is noteworthy that iGebra.AI is an American company which is working in the field of AI. Its objective is to educate the youth about AI.

district. It is noteworthy that on Independence Day, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has announced to include information about modern technologies like Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Internet of Things in the curriculum of school children from the next academic session. The district administration has taken this step with immediate implementation in this direction. Raipur is the first district to take this important step. This MoU was signed by District Panchayat CEO, Mr. Abinash Mishra and Company Director Mr. Chiranjeevi Madala on behalf of the district administration. Under this MoU, AI Club will be formed at Swami Atmanand RD Tiwari, Amapara, Swami Atmanand BP Pujari Rajatalab and Swami Atmanand Shahid Smarak, Fafadih.

## Narayanpur district receives citation for the excellent performance in Jal Jeevan Survey 2023

**From the Union Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation**

**CM Baghel congratulated people of Narayanpur district and the officers-employees of JJM on the achievement**

**Tap connections provided to 18072 houses in Narayanpur and 100% of the houses in 14 villages of the district**



Raipur, Sep 15: Public welfare schemes and programs of Chhattisgarh are being widely appreciated at the national level. Under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, Chhattisgarh has bagged several national awards, honours and achievements. And now, adding another feather to

the cap, Union Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation has honoured Narayanpur district with a citation for the excellent work in the Jal Jeevan Survey 2023 under the Aspirational District Program. Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel has congratulated the residents of Narayanpur district and the officers-employees of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) engaged in this work, for this achievement.

It is noteworthy that providing safe drinking water to every rural household in Narayanpur district was a challenging task, because of the difficult geographical location. But the task was accomplished despite the challenges, and for this accomplishment, Narayanpur district has been honoured by the Government of India, under Aspirational District Program. The 'Jal Jeevan' Survey was conducted by the central government from 1 October 2022 to 30 June 2023 and the work of Narayanpur district among aspirational districts was found to be excellent. For Narayanpur, Jal Jeevan Mission had set a target of providing safe drinking water to 30 thousand 322 families, out of which tap connections have been provided to 18 thousand 72 families. There are 14 villages in the district, where each and every house-

hold has been equipped with the tap connections. It is noteworthy that on the instructions of CM Baghel, Jal Jeevan Mission is being implemented on a mission mode across the state. Mission Director JJM Alok Katiyar said that under the competent guidance of CM Baghel, desired progress has been achieved with standard quality in the works of JJM. Presently, an average of 7000 domestic connections is being provided in the state per day, and so far, 60 percent families have got the domestic connections. Till date, "Har Ghar Jal" certification has been awarded to a total of 422 villages of the state. Katiyar said that under Jal Jeevan Mission, every possible step is being taken to make Narayanpur the first 'Har Ghar Jal district' in the state by providing household tap connections to 100 percent of the families here.

## Collector instructs for smooth voting arrangements

## Hindi Day celebrated with enthusiasm in CLA

## Around 300 students of MATS benefitted

● **Appearing in the orientation cum Induction prog**



● **Police sector officers, sector officers of Dharsewa, Abhanpur assembly constituencies trained**

ty, drinking water, separate toilets for men and women, furniture, mobile networking and ramps for disabled people should be arranged in the polling stations. He has instructed all the sector officers to ensure arrangements for conducting the election process with transparency at the polling stations. Sector officers should seriously inspect the polling stations and prepare information in contact with the concerned BLO, he said. Deputy District Election Officer Gajendra Thakur, Additional Superintendent of Police Neeraj Chandrakar and master trainers also informed the sector and sector police officers about completing the

Raipur, Sep 15: On the occasion of Hindi Day on Thursday in Chhattisgarh Lok Aayog (CLA), Raipur, organised a programme which was chaired by Lokayukta Justice T.P. Sharma. Officers and employees participated in the program and they congratulated all the officers and employees on Hindi Day. Lokayukta Justice Sharma, while highlighting the specialty of Hindi in the program, said that we should not oppose any other language for working and publicity of our language, but should respect all the languages and give importance to Hindi language. He also stressed on promoting work in Hindi in the office. Secretary of Chhattisgarh Public Commission, Mr. Anurag Pandey said that there is a need to promote the use of Hindi in daily behavior to respect Hindi. Expressing happiness, he said that all the work in Chhattisgarh Lok Aayog is being done in Hindi language. Along with Hindi Day, Pandey also wished everyone a Happy Pola Festival. The program was organized by Higher Judicial Service officer



Mr. Satyendra Kumar Sahu posted as Legal Advisor in the Commission, Technical Advisor Mr. Rakesh Puram, Personal Assistant Mr. Phoolchand Dewangan, In-charge Section Officer Mr. Gajendra Singh Thakur and Mrs. Sadhna Srivastava, P.R. Tirath Ram Thackeray also addressed and expressed his views. The program was successfully conducted by Deputy Secretary, K.P. Singh. Vote of thanks was given by Inspector Mrs. Swati Mishra. Financial Advisor Mrs. Shradha Trivedi, Deputy Superintendent of Police Mr. Arjun Singh and other officers and employees were present in the program.

Raipur, Sep 15: With the joy, dream and hope to be a what that set by themselves and by the society, the new students included UG and PG in Sciences (core and applied, i.e. B.Sc., M.Sc.), today enter the world of knowledge and innovation, i.e. University, the MATS University. Thus, this is the programme sets for their dreams come true not only science and technology but beyond it. This orientation-cum-Induction programme is scheduled from for every student who has been enrolled to pursue their B.Sc. or M.Sc. from the academic session 2023. About 300 students appeared in this programme and benefitted with the following vertices of MATS University: academics, laboratory, training and placement, research and development, state-and national projects, competition exams preparation, expert's talk, workshop, seminar, conference, symposium with the introduction of each faculty with their specialization and achievements. Vice Chancellor of



MATS University, Prof. K.P. Yadav inspired the students with his 3decades of academic and administration experience over the said domain and shared the success mantras for next 3 or 5 years generalized the same of those who is leading on their respective field nationally and internationally. He illustrated the importance of time in context to current challenges and future goals. Next, Dr. Vijay Bhushan, Dean Academics delivered his speech for achieving the excellence with the corresponding excellence at every node of journey, at home, at class, at society, at where, there you are vertex of excellence. Dr. Ashish Saraf, Prof. & Head, MSS set the 3 key vertices among students, be a regular student, be a consistent performer and ready to serve to everyone anytime, for anyone and

anywhere. It's the formula of success through learning with serving. Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Deepika Dhand shared her thoughts about students being the pillars of the new society and their responsibilities to bring about the change. Chancellor Gajraj Pagariya, Director General Priyesh Pagariya and Registrar Gokulananda Panda have shared their best wishes for the future of the students. Dr. Meghna Shrivastava is the in-charge of this 3 days Orientation-cum-Induction Programme. Next two days comprise with advanced academic introduction session and MATS University-Arang campus visit program. The faculty members, Dr. V.P. Roy, Dr. Prashant Mundeja, Dr. Sandhyarani Panda, Dr. Radha Krishnan, Dr. Jasmeet Kaur Sohal, Dr. Bindushree Baghel, Dr. Bhagyashree Deshpande, Dr. Manoj Banjare, Dr. Jagriti Chandrakar, Dr. Jitendra Sahu, Dr. Soumik Sarkar, Dr. S.K. Kashyap staff Mr. Mahendra, Mr. Maheshwar and students (senior & junior both) of MSS participated actively in this Orientation-cum-Induction Programme.

## CAIT to organise free huge health camp on Sep 24: Amar Parwani

## NIT Raipur celebrated Hindi Diwas

Raipur, Sep 15: National Senior Vice President of Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) Amar Parwani, Chairman Mangal Malu, Amar Gidwani, State President Jitendra Doshi, Working President Vikram Singhdeo, Parmanand Jain, Vashu Makhija, General Secretary Surinder Singh, Working General Secretary Bharat Jain, and Treasurer Ajay Agarwal said that a huge health camp under 'Swastha Vyapari - Swastha Vyapar' will be organised on September 24 by CAIT CG Chapter, Raipur at CAIT CG Chapter office C-1, E.A.C. Colony, Canal Road, Near Oxygen Garden, Raipur from 11 am. The poster of 'Swastha Vyapari - Swastha Vyapar' was released by CAIT's National Senior Vice President Amar Parwani and State President Jitendra Doshi. CAIT's National Senior Vice President Mr. Amar Parwani and State President Mr. Jitendra Doshi informed that a huge health camp is being organised by the CAIT CG Chapter under 'Swastha Vyapari - Swastha



Vyapar'. In the above camp, free consultation and examination will be done by the expert doctors of the city. In the camp specialist doctors of MD medicine, heart disease, orthopedics, eye disease, dental disease, etc. will provide their services. BMD (Bone Quality), Uric Acid, Blood Sugar and BP test will be done in the camp and medicines will also be distributed. CAIT has released the poster of 'Swastha Vyapari - Swastha Vyapar' organised by CAIT, Raipur officials of CAIT and youth team were mainly

Raipur, Sep 15: National Institute of Technology (NIT) Raipur's Rajbhasha Samiti organized Aahwaan '23, a series of events on the occasion of Hindi diwas. From 7th to 14th September 2023 many activities are organised at the institute premises. The main aim of the event was to incite the importance and to honour the people who are demonstrating their faith and dedication towards the Hindi language in our society. The events were organized under the guidance of Dr. Sapan Mohan Saini, Professor In-charge, Rajbhasha Samiti.



On Sept 7, Nukaad Natak was organized to show the importance of Hindi Language. On Sept 13th, Chakravay which consists two events for the students like Kavita Vachan (Poem Recitation), Tatkalik Bhashan (Impromptu speech) on topics such as G20, Importance of Hindi, Student life, etc. were conducted to showcase their language skills. On Sept 13th, Chakravay which consists two events for the students like Kavita Vachan (Poem Recitation), Tatkalik Bhashan (Impromptu speech) on topics such as G20, Importance of Hindi,

members were held such as Kavita Lekhan (Poem Writing) and ShabdKosh (categoric word formation with the given letters) to improve their command over the Hindi Language. Sept 14, celebrated as Hindi Diwas, because on this day in 1949, the Hindi language was adopted as one of the official languages of the Republic of India. The event concluded successfully witnessing enthusiastic participation from the students and faculty members, and managing to raise consciousness of the Hindi language among the participants.

## IIM Raipur extends application deadline

Raipur, Sep 15: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Raipur, in collaboration with the Digital Health Academy, has extended the application deadline for its Postgraduate and Diploma Certificate Programmes in Digital Health until October 15, 2023. This extension represents a pivotal move towards advancing the digital health landscape in India, with a vision to nurture future leaders who will pioneer the digital health revolution, bridging the gap between healthcare and technology. The Post Graduate Certificate Programme in Digital Health (PGCPDH) and the

Diploma Certificate Programme in Digital Health (DPDH) are meticulously designed to provide a holistic understanding of the intersection of healthcare and technology. Participants will delve into various facets of digital health, encompassing telemedicine, data analytics, digital health policies, and entrepreneurship. The year-long curriculum comprises of online classes, interactive sessions, live discussions, and immersive case studies, enabling participants to grasp the nuances of digital health comprehensively. A unique feature of these programmes is a three-day

personal immersion experience hosted at IIM Raipur's campus. This on-campus opportunity will offer hands-on learning and invaluable networking prospects, enriching the participants' educational journey. Upon completion of the PGCPDH and DDPH, participants will be conferred with prestigious Postgraduate and Diploma Certificates in Digital Health jointly issued by IIM Raipur and the Digital Health Academy, New Delhi. The application process for these programmes commenced on July 15, 2023, and will culminate on October 15, 2023. These

programmes hold immense potential in equipping professionals with the requisite knowledge and skills to excel in India's rapidly evolving digital health sector. As the demand for digital health solutions and innovations continues to surge, these programmes will empower future leaders to spearhead positive change and transformation within the healthcare domain. Don't miss this opportunity to become a catalyst for the digital health revolution in India. Join the PGCPDH and DDPH programmes and be at the forefront of this transformative journey.

'Stray dog menace serious issue'

Needs to be addressed with urgency: HC

New Delhi, Sep 15 (PTI):

The Delhi High Court has said the stray dog menace in the national capital is a serious issue which needs to be addressed with urgency and asked the municipal commissioner to take appropriate action.

The high court's direction came while quashing two FIRs lodged against a woman, who is a philanthropist and an animal lover, on the allegation that her dogs had bitten a man and his father on different occasions in 2014.

The court quashed the FIRs after the parties-the woman and her neighbours-amicably settled the issue last year.

"The parties are neighbours living in the same vicinity. The dispute between the parties is predominantly private in nature and the parties have amicably settled all their disputes. In the interest of justice it would be better to put a quietus to the dispute. The chances of conviction would also be bleak, given that the parties do not wish to pursue the present complaints on account of the settlement.

"I do not see any reason to reject the settlement. However, the issue of stray dog menace is a serious issue, which needs to be addressed with urgency by the concerned authority. Let a copy of this order be sent to Commissioner, MCD for taking appropriate action," Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma said.

The woman submitted that being an animal lover she regularly feeds stray dogs and small pups living in her neighborhood. The dogs that were alleged to have bitten the complainants were stray animals and not her pets and she possibly could not have any control over the stray dogs, she said.

The counsel for both the parties said while the proceedings were underway, they reached an amicable settlement. Since they no longer have any grievance against each other, it would be futile to keep the complaints pending, the lawyers said.

AIADMK advises ally BJP to focus on developing its party

Chennai, Sep 15 (PTI): The principal opposition AIADMK on Friday advised its ally-BJP to refrain from targeting departed leaders and instead focus on developing its own party. The party's senior leader D Jayakumar said he was offended, as did scores of AIADMK cadres, over BJP state chief K Annamalai's recent remarks on former Chief Minister C N Annadurai. "One should not undermine the contribution of Anna (as Annadurai is addressed) to the state. Though he is no more, the leader is admired by Tamils. It will be better if Annamalai refrains from speaking ill of Anna," Jayakumar said, while speaking to reporters here.

HEAVY RAINFALL



Pedestrians during rainfall, in Kochi, Friday. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecasted heavy rainfall and lightning in isolated parts of the state and issued a yellow alert in 11 districts excluding Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam and Pathanamthitta.

SAND ART



A BJP supporter looks at a sand statue of Prime Minister made by sand artist Anil Joshi ahead of PM's birthday, in Gandhinagar, Friday.

Sanatan Dharma does not teach anyone to keep other religions away: Kamal Nath

Bhopal, Sep 15 (PTI):

Senior Congress leader Kamal Nath on Friday said India is home to many religions and Sanatan Dharma does not teach anyone to keep other faiths away. His statement comes a day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi accused the opposition INDIA bloc of trying to "destroy" Sanatan Dharma. Speaking at events in poll-bound Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh on Thursday, the PM alleged that the newly-formed front of anti-BJP parties wants to erase Bharat as well as its rich culture of thousands of years.

Talking to reporters in Ashok Nagar town in Madhya Pradesh, Nath said, "All of us have accept-

ed Sanatan Dharma. There is no need to tell anyone about it. There is no point in making someone understand that our country is a nation of Sanatan Dharma as there are other religions too. Sanatan Dharma never teaches anyone to keep other religions away." Tamil Nadu minister Udhayanidhi Stalin recently kicked up a row after he compared Sanatan Dharma with diseases like malaria and dengue, and called for its "eradication". Stalin's party DMK is a key constituent of the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA), a grouping of more than two dozen anti-BJP outfits.

When asked about the distribution of tickets by the Congress in the upcoming Madhya Pradesh

assembly polls, Nath said, nobody from other party will be given entry into the party until the local unit of the organisation gives its approval for that. "Party tickets will be given only on the basis of surveys conducted by the Congress's state unit and the All India Congress Committee (AICC)...," the former Madhya Pradesh chief minister said. When asked about Jyotiraditya Scindia, who quit the Congress in March 2020 and joined the Bharatiya Janata Party before being made a Union minister, the state Congress president said,

"Scindia ji is now in the BJP. He has decided his fate and now the BJP will decide his future." On the "revdi" (freebies) culture, Nath said that since the last four to five months, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan's "machine of making false announcements has been running at a double speed". "He started remembering employees, women and youths, among others, after 18 years. Today, MP has a debt burden of Rs 3.30 lakh crore. What have they done with this loan? This question should be asked," Nath said.

84 artistes to be conferred Sangeet Natak Akademi Amrit Awards on Saturday

New Delhi, Sep 15 (PTI):

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar will on Saturday present the one-time Sangeet Natak Akademi Amrit Awards to 84 artistes from the field of performing arts.

The award will be given to Indian artistes aged above 75 years who have not been accorded any national honour in their ca-

reer so far. Addressing a press conference on Friday, Sandhya Purecha, chairman of Sangeet Natak Akademi, said this award is bestowed on performing artistes as well as teachers and scholars in the field of performing arts.

"The recipients are selected by the Akademi's General Council, consisting of distinguished musi-

cians, dancers, theatre artists and scholars in these disciplines and nominees of the Central government, state governments, and Union Territories," Purecha said.

The list of awardees include Krishen Langoo (theatre and music) from Jammu and Kashmir, John Claro Fernandes (playwriting) from Goa, Mahabir Nayak (folk

music and dance) from Jharkhand and Tsering Stanzin (folk music) from Ladakh. The list also includes three artistes from Andhra Pradesh, two from Arunachal Pradesh and six from Maharashtra.

Three from Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat and two each from Punjab and Delhi have also been selected.

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## To stay healthy we will have to return to traditional food: Dr. Palta

Dongargaon, Sep 15:

Under the International Nutritious Food Year 2023, a series of lectures on tribal-centric nutrition sensitization was organized on 12th September in the Government Post Graduate College of the city. The chief guest of the program was Dr. Aruna Palta, Vice Chancellor Hemchand Yadav University Durg, while the program was presided over by the Principal of the college, Dr. B.N. Meshram. Dr. Nisha Sharma from Agricultural Science Center Anjora Durg and Dr. Renu Tripathi, Assistant Professor from Government Kamaladevi Rathi Post Graduate College, Rajnandgaon as subject experts.



Public Participation Management Committee, Priyank Jain was present as a special guest. After the formal inauguration of the program, college students Chanchal Ahir and her friends presented Saraswati Vandana, state song and welcome song. In his presidential address, the Principal of the college, Dr. B.N. Meshram said that the presence of the Vice Chancellor as the chief guest is a matter of

pride for this college. Millets/local food/traditional food is very useful for our life and we have to adopt this traditional food to stay healthy. In her address, chief guest Dr. Aruna Palta said that to remain healthy we have to return to our traditional food. She gave many tips to keep our daily routine organized including sleeping early at night and waking up early in the morning. A large number of students

along with professors from Government College Chhuria, Chowki, Mohla, Manpur and Arjuni were present. Women and Child Development Department officer Kiran Srivastava and a large number of employees of this department and local Anganwadi workers also participated. In the program, senior professors of the college, Prof. B. Mahobia, Dr. A.K. Dhamgaye, Ms. Renuka Thakur, G.K. Netam, Gautam Netam, Shivnath Dewangan, Dr. Asharam Sahu, Ms. Chanchal Kujur and all the guest lecturers working in the college were present. The program was successfully conducted by Dr. C.K. Sahu and in the end Professor Priyanki Gajbhiye thanked everyone present on behalf of the college family.

## Collector and SP review law and order situation

Mahasamund, Sep 15: In a concerted effort to bolster law and order ahead of the upcoming elections, Collector Prabhat Malik and Superintendent of Police Dharmendra Singh conducted a comprehensive review of the district's security situation. During this meeting, Collector Malik issued directives to prioritize the prompt resolution of pending cases under Sections 110, 107, and 116. Additionally, he oversaw a review of cases filed under Section 145, underscoring the importance of creating contingency plans for potential traffic congestion to minimize inconvenience to the public. With the elections on the horizon, meticulous mapping of all polling booths and police station locations was ordered for enhanced accessibility and transparency.



The gathering included various key officials such as Additional Collector Durgesh Varma, Additional Police Superintendent Akash Rao, revenue authorities, the Chief Medical Officer, RTO, and GST officers. Malik emphasized the need for continuous vigilance at checkpoints, particularly in preparation for the elections. He called for stringent inspections of cargo-carrying vehicles and the seizure of those

lacking proper documentation. Compliance with GST receipts was made mandatory, and plans for the construction of facilities, including restrooms and temporary shelters for police personnel, at interstate checkpoints were set into motion. Furthermore, District Transport Officer received instructions to address issues of overloaded vehicles and vehicles parked on roadsides with cargo between 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM. In an effort to

combat long-standing traffic issues, the Collector also proposed the confiscation of vehicles that remained stationary in the same location for an extended duration. In addressing concerns related to chit fund companies, Malik directed all divisional officers to take the necessary actions to ensure the prompt refunding of money to affected individuals, demonstrating a proactive approach to financial justice.

## Celebration of the Hindi Diwas at Allons Public School

Bemetara, Sep 15:

The Hindi Diwas was celebrated in the school on Sept 14. The program was inaugurated by lighting a lamp in front of the statue of the Hindi novelist Munshi Premchand Ji and garlanding him with the Saraswati Vandana by Dr. Satyajit Hota, Principal, teachers and the students. A group song named "Hindi Hamari Shan Hai" was sung from the Lata Mangeshkar Club. The Hindi speech was spoken by JiyaTandan of class-VIII. A Hindi NukkadNatak named "Hindi Bimar Hai" was performed by the students of the classes-VII & IX. A Group Dance was presented by the Natraj Club. The Hindi Poems were recited by the students of the Bhumika &Prathamesh-class -II, Samresh Mohanty-Class-III, Poorvi



Soni & Soham Kale-Class - V and the Tejashwi Patel-class IX from the Munshi Premchand Club. Poorvi Soni recited the couplets of Kabir. Dr. Satyajit Hota, Principal, said that a national language has the greatest importance in a nation. Every human being expresses his feelings only through some language or the other. A language is the basis of literature, art, science and philosophy. A teacher has no caste. A national language is essential for the development of the

national unity and national integration among the residents of any country. Firstly, Mahatma Gandhi proposed to adopt Hindi as the official language of India in 1918. The Hindi is descended of Sanskrit. A person who does not love his grandmother, cannot love his wife and sister. As per article 343 of the Indian constitution, the official language of the country shall be Hindi in Devanagari script. He said that it is matter of sorrow that a Hindi speaking person has to

say another Hindi speaking person to use this language. Hindi is a language of renaissance and language of freedom fighting of our country. Hindi is the language of our heritage and our cultural legacy. It is the language of empowerment of Hindustani citizens. It is a language which will help us to come out from colonial mindset and set the Hindustani or Bharti cloak in our mind set. A national language is also necessary for the mental and intellectual develop-

ment of human beings. No matter how many languages a person acquires, he has to take refuge of mother tongue to express the feelings. This gives more mental satisfaction. He said that Hindi is our official language which is used in the official work. We are ignoring the traditions of Hindustan in the modern age. Just as mother's milk has utmost value. Similarly, Hindi language is necessary for the national development. Just as mother's milk nourishes the child, the

## External Pranayama is useful in stomach diseases: Sunita

Manendragarh Sep 15:



Assimilating anything in life is a very challenging task and the Indian people have included Yoga in their lifestyle since the beginning of creation, said Sunita Mishra an invited lecturer and yoga practitioner from Higher Secondary School Belbaha, in "Pranayama Thought Series" by Patanjali Yog. Speaking on the place of Pranayama in Yoga and its effect, she explained in detail about "External Pranayam" and said that external pranayama is done with Tribandha. Sitting methodically in Siddhasana or Padmasana, the breath should come out in one go as much as possible and doing this pranayama removes restlessness of the mind, it is beneficial in stomach diseases. The intellect becomes sharp

along with Doing external pranayama has special benefits on all the organs of the stomach, she said. Patanjali Yoga Samiti's district in-charge and senior yoga instructor Satish Upadhyay expressed his gratitude to Sunita Mishra, present in the Vichar series, for giving information about the important Pranayama! The program was conducted by the district in-charge of Patanjali Yoga Samiti. On this occasion, all the yoga practitioners and officials of Patanjali Yoga Samiti were present.

## Two Public Service centers sealed in Janakpura

### Crackdown on overcharging



Janakpura, Sep 15:

Two public service center shops in Janakpura have been sealed by Tehsildar Bharatpur Manharan Rathia due to complaints of collecting fees that were 10 to 15 times higher than the rates specified by the government. The operators, Ashwini Shukla and

Vipin Singh, were found guilty of overcharging for various services and issuing fake voter identity cards at a fee of 1500 rupees each, despite these cards being free of cost from the government. Persistent complaints from rural residents prompted this swift administrative action. The problem extends be-

yond Janakpur; as excessive charges have become a common issue in public service centers throughout the district. People are being subjected to arbitrary and unlawful fees, causing concern among the local populace. The crackdown in Janakpura highlights the need for authorities to investigate similar practices in other service centers across the district.

The sealing of these shops was carried out in the presence of Tehsildar Yadavendra Kaivarty, Halka Patwari Janakpur Satyendra Verma, and Ashish Minz. Tehsildar Rathia also confirmed that FIRs will be filed against the accused individuals in Janakpur Police Station, ensuring accountability for their actions.

## One day training cum workshop organized

Bijapur, Sep 15:

### Under the auspices of State Information Commissioner and district admn



For the first time in the district Bijapur, a one-day training cum workshop of Public Information Officers and First Appellate Officers under the Right to Information (RTI) Act 2005 was organized under the chairmanship of GR Churendra, Secretary, Chhattisgarh Information Commission (CIC), in the conference hall of Collectorate, Bijapur. On this occasion, the Secretary of the State Information Commission (SIC) and the Information Commissioners gave detailed information about the objectives of the Right to Information Act and the nuances of the Act as well as the duties and responsibilities of the Public Information Officers and First Appellate Officers.

SIC Dhanendra Jaiswal, Collector Rajendra Kumar Katara, Joint Director Santosh Maurya, Joint Collector Pawan Kumar Premi and all the officers and employees of the district were present in this workshop. Secretaries and Sarpanchs in block offices took advantage of this workshop by connecting through online medium. On this occasion, Secretary of the (SIC) Churendra wished everyone in the meeting hall a happy Pola festival. He gave detailed information regarding the objectives of RTI. He gave advice on systematic maintenance of departmental information and documents in all

the offices. All district officers were requested to review their departmental information once every month. Along with providing timely information to the applicants, they were also advised to run a campaign before the rainy season and maintain records. In the workshop, the commissioners resolved the doubts of the officers and answered their questions. State Information Commissioner Jaiswal said that every public has the right to information. While giving information regarding the implemen-

tation of this Act to the Public Information Officers and the First Appellate Officers, it was said that the application form should not be rejected if it is not clear and the First Appellate Officers should get the name plate of Public Information Officer installed in their offices, demand fees from the applicant for asking for information and other things were discussed. State Information Commissioner Manoj Kumar Trivedi said that information should be provided to the applicant only till the date men-

tioned in the application form. He informed that recovery action will be taken against the officer concerned for not providing information within the prescribed time period. Instructions were also given to the first appellate officers to compulsorily mention their name and post while disposing of the applications received. In the workshop, Joint Director Santosh Maurya threw light on the objectives of the Acts and gave important information to the Public Information Officers and First Appellate Officers regarding their duties and responsibilities. Collector Rajendra Kumar Katara thanked the Secretary of the State Information Commission and the Information Commissioners for providing their valuable presence in the workshop.

## Complete pending work in village panchayats: Vishwadeep

Korba, Sep 15:



Chief Executive Officer Vishwadeep spearheaded a comprehensive review of rural development schemes in the district panchayat's auditorium. The focus was on expediting the completion of pending construction work, heralding brighter days for Village Panchayats.

Vishwadeep left no stone unturned as he rallied officials from the Rural Engineering Service (RES), Sub-Divisional Officer (SDO), and technical assistants to intensify daily site visits for work inspection. This crucial move is set to ensure the speedy and quality completion of various projects under schemes like the Mahatma

Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), Swachh Bharat Mission, National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), and the 15th Finance Commission. Vishwadeep also encouraged officials to propose eligible beneficiaries for the PMAY-G scheme during upcoming gram sabha meetings from September 13th to September 15th.

Vishwadeep directed the RES, SDO, and all technical assistants to inspire field-level personnel for the prompt completion of various projects. He emphasized the importance of timely evaluation of construction work and the mandatory submission of completion certificates for partially constructed PMAY-G houses. He also reviewed ongoing construction projects related to MGNREGA, including Anganwadi buildings, vermi tanks, and NADep, and instructed officials to ensure the quality completion of these projects. Additionally, he urged officials to expedite the construction of rejected transactions, complete geo-tagging of all works, and conduct Aadhar seeding.

## Teacher's felicitation ceremony organized

Kharora, Sep 15: In the teachers felicitation ceremony organized in Kharora under the aegis of Teachers Association District Unit Raipur Development Block Unit Tilda, retired and serving teachers of the district and officials who have done excellent work for the organization were honored. The chief guest of the program was former Chhattisgarh Teachers Association Provincial President DR Verma Former Treasurer Dilip Kesarwani Provincial Vice President Hari Sharma Provincial Minister Umesh Giri Goswami, President of Kharora Nagar Panchayat Anil



Soni, District Education Officer of Raipur Himanshu Bharti, Provincial General Secretary Yashwant Verma, Sitaram Yadav and others. Avadh Ram Verma Pradhan Pathak Pre-Secondary School was honored by the guests by presenting them shawl and quince. On this occasion, the guests said that teachers

play an important role in the all-round development of students. The program was conducted by Raipur District President of Teachers Association, Sunil Kumar Nayak and vote of thanks was given by Sitaram Yadav. On this occasion Dinesh Kumar Verma, Jitendra Verma, Naresh Verma, Man Vishram Gilhare and others were present.

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USCIRF to hold hearing on religious freedom in India

Washington, Sep 15 (PTI):

US Commission for International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) has announced it will hold a hearing on religious freedom in India next week.

Coming on the heels of two successful bilateral meetings between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Joe Biden — the Official State Visit of the Indian leader here in June and a bilateral meeting in New Delhi in September — USCIRF in its announcement of the meeting said the Congressional hearing is on how the US government can work with the Indian government to address violations.

Fernand de Varennes, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues, has been invited to testify before the Commission along with Tariq Ahmed, Foreign Law Specialist, Law Library of Congress; Sarah Yager, Washington Director, Human Rights Watch; Sunita Viswanath, executive director, Hindus for Human Rights and Irfan Nooruddin, Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani Professor of Indian Politics at Georgetown University.

Modi's state visit to Washington, DC, reflects the close bilateral relationship between the United States and India.

“However, over the last decade, the Indian government has enacted and enforced discriminatory policies targeting religious minorities, including anti-conversion laws, cow slaughter laws, legislation granting citizenship preferences based on religion, and restrictions on foreign funding for civil society organisations,” USCIRF said.

“Recent trends include the eruption of violence between Hindus and Muslims in Haryana in July and targeted attacks against Christian and Jewish minorities in Manipur, highlighting the need for new strategies to

mitigate violence against religious minorities in India,” it said.

Since 2020, USCIRF has recommended that the US Department of State designate India as a Country of Particular Concern (CPC) for its systematic, ongoing, and egregious violations of religious freedom, it said. “Witnesses will discuss the Indian government’s legal framework and enforcement of discriminatory policies, explain current religious freedom conditions, and offer policy options for the United States to work with India to combat abuses of religious freedom and related human rights in the country,” USCIRF said.

Mafia's economic bleed threatens Pakistan's stability

Pak's Intelligence Bureau report

Islamabad, Sep 15 (PTI):

A damning report by Pakistan's Intelligence Bureau (IB) has exposed how smuggling, tax evasion, drug trade, illegal currency business, and misuse of Afghan transit trade are bleeding the already battered economy, according to a media report. The detailed report submitted to the government has also highlighted what the agency is doing to “check the economic terrorism threatening Pakistan,” daily The News International reported on Thursday. The IB report to the government becomes significant as earlier in the month, signalling the powerful military's key role in Pakistan, army chief General Asim Munir held a series of meetings with the business community,

promising all-out efforts to bring in foreign investment worth billions of dollars to the cash-strapped country.

The meeting had come on the back of a traders' strike protesting the soaring cost of living, including higher fuel and utility bills and record depreciation of the Pakistan rupee against the US dollar.

The current economic crisis has resulted in massive inflation across the board. The prices for both petrol and high-speed diesel have crossed the mark of Pakistani rupees 300 resulting in a whole lot of illegal trade.

The IB report mentioned that the annual loss to the national exchequer amounted to at least Rs 225 billion through the illegal supply of Iranian Petroleum, Oil, and Lubricants (POL) products alone. As against only illegal sale at roadside petrol outlets, it is now

available at regular petrol pumps across Pakistan, it said. “The volatility in the stock market and imposition of capital gain taxes in real estate and capital markets resulted in investors with black money diverting their capital towards foreign currencies” to capitalize on the exchange rate devaluation, it said.

The IB report also drew attention to how Afghanistan's annual trade volume gap of USD 4 billion is “met through the drug trade, currency smuggling from Pakistan to Afghanistan” and the “receipts on account of hawala/hundi.”

As many as 122 currency smugglers and 40 exchange companies involved in the manipulation of the currency markets were identified.

Drug dealers across Pakistan and 22 transnational drug networks, some of them making

their way into educational institutions in urban centres; tax evasion of around Rs 240 billion with tobacco among the top five sectors; tea imported under the Afghan Transit Trade Agreement (ATTA) being smuggled back through reverse cargo into Pakistan, and 49 per cent of the annual demand of tyres in Pakistan being met through smuggling were among the main pointers of the report. It also added the detailed remedial measures taken by the IB.

The IB also monitored the entire supply chain and mapped out stakeholders and their nefarious role in the disruption of the supply chain vis-a-vis wheat and sugar hoarding and also those hoarding fertilisers being smuggled to Afghanistan.

“IB's crackdown resulted in the recovery of 47,222 MT fertiliser valuing Rs 2.6 billion,” the report said.

Kim Jong Un tours Russian fighter jets factory



Governor of the Russian far eastern region of Khabarovsk Krai region Mikhail Degtyarev telegram channel, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, center, poses for a photo after visiting Russian aircraft plant that builds fighter jets in Komsomolsk-on-Amur, about 6,200 kilometers (3,900 miles) east of Moscow, Russia.

Seoul, Sep 15 (AP):

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un peered into the cockpit of Russia's most advanced fighter jet as he toured an aircraft factory Friday on an extended and rare foreign trip that has raised concerns about banned weapons transfer deals between increasingly isolated countries.

Since entering Russia aboard his armored train on Tuesday, Kim has met

President Vladimir Putin

and visited weapons and technology sites, underscoring deepening ties between the nations locked in separate confrontations with the West. Foreign governments and experts speculate Kim will likely supply ammunition to Russia for its war efforts in Ukraine in exchange for receiving advanced weapons or technology from Russia. Earlier Friday, Russia's state news agency RIA Novosti pub-

lished video showing Kim's train pulling into a station in the far eastern city of Komsomolsk-on-Amur and Kim's convoy sweeping out of the station shortly afterward.

Later, the region's governor posted on social media pictures showing Kim at the aircraft factory, looking at the Su-57, Russia's most sophisticated fighter jet, and shaking hands with a pilot. One photo showed a demonstration flight of a Su-35, another Russian fighter jet manufactured at the plant.

The governor, Mikhail Degtyarev, said Kim's late father, Kim Jong Il, also visited the plant in 2002.

“Our fathers and grandfathers jointly fought against the Japanese militarism, our country supported North Korea in its fight against the U.S. imperial

ambitions in the 1950s and now we are jointly resisting Western pressure,” he said. “I'm sure that our countries will keep upholding the ideals of freedom and the multipolar world through our joint efforts.” Besides Degtyarev, Deputy Prime Minister Denis Manturov accompanied Kim to the plant. According to a Russian Cabinet statement, Kim visited a facility producing Sukhoi SJ-100 passenger planes as well.

“We have shown one of our leading aircraft plants to the leader of (North Korea),” Manturov said in the statement. “We are seeing potential for cooperation in the aircraft-making and other industries, which is particularly acute for solving our countries task of achieving technological sovereignty.”

HARRY AND MEGHAN AT INVICTUS GAMES



Britain's Prince Harry and his wife Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, pose as they attend the sitting volleyball match between fans from Germany and Poland at the 6th Invictus Games in the Merkur Spiel Arena, in Duesseldorf, Germany, Friday Sept. 15. Prince Harry celebrates his 39th birthday today.

Pak Supreme Court reverses anti-graft law amendments

Islamabad, Sep 15 (PTI):

Pakistan's Supreme Court on Friday scrapped the amendments made by the previous government to the country's anti-graft laws, as it announced its reserved decision on jailed former prime minister Imran Khan's plea challenging the changes to the law.

Last year, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party chief filed a petition challenging the amendments made to the accountability laws by the then government led by

former prime minister Shehbaz Sharif.

A three-member bench comprising Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial, Justice Ijazul Ahsan and Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah issued a reserved judgment by a 2-1 majority. Justice Shah disagreed with the majority verdict. Annulling the changes, the court declared that amendments, like limiting the jurisdiction of the National Accountability Bureau (NAB), the anti-corruption watchdog, to the cases involving over Rs 500 mil-

lion, were against the Constitution. It restored corruption cases against public officeholders.

The court directed that the cases withdrawn after NAB's jurisdiction was limited to investigating cases below Rs 500 million be fixed for hearing in accountability courts.

It also declared the verdicts issued by the accountability courts null and void in light of the amendments made to the laws and directed the NAB to send the record to the relevant courts within seven days. The coalition

government had made several changes in the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) ordinance of 1999 through the National Accountability (Second Amendment) Act 2022, which Khan challenged in June last year.

These included reducing the term of the NAB chairman and prosecutor general to three years, limiting the anti-graft watchdog's jurisdiction to cases involving over Rs 500 million, and transferring all pending inquiries, investigations, and trials to the relevant authorities.

TikTok is hit with \$368mn fine under Europe's strict data privacy rules

London, Sep 15 (AP):

European regulators slapped TikTok with a USD 368 million fine on Friday for failing to protect children's privacy, the first time that the popular short video-sharing app has been punished for breaching Europe's strict data privacy rules. Ireland's Data Protection Commission, the lead privacy regulator for Big Tech companies whose European headquarters are largely in Dublin, said it was fining TikTok 345 million euros and reprimanding the platform for the violations dating to the second half of 2020.

The investigation found that the sign-up process for teen users resulted in settings that made their accounts public by default, allowing anyone to view and comment on their videos. Those default settings also posed a risk to children under 13 who gained access to the platform even though they're not allowed. Also,

a “family pairing” feature designed for parents to manage settings wasn't strict enough, allowing adults to turn on direct messaging for users aged 16 and 17 without their consent. And it nudged teen users into more “privacy intrusive” options when signing up and posting videos, the watchdog said. TikTok said in a statement that it disagrees with the decision, “particularly the level of the fine imposed.” The company pointed out that the regulator's criticisms focused on features and settings dating back three years. TikTok said it had made changes well before the investigation began in September 2021, including making all accounts for teens under 16 private by default and disabling direct messaging for 13- to 15-year-olds.

“Most of the decision's criticisms are no longer relevant as a result of measures we intro-

duced at the start of 2021 several months before the investigation began,” TikTok's head of privacy for Europe, Elaine Fox, wrote in a blog post. The Irish regulator has been criticized for not moving fast enough in its investi-

gations into Big Tech companies since EU privacy laws took effect in 2018. For TikTok, German and Italian regulators disagreed with parts of a draft decision issued a year ago, delaying it further.

रायपुर विकास प्राधिकरण (Raipur Development Authority) advertisement for recruitment. It lists various posts like Assistant Engineer, Junior Engineer, etc., with their respective salaries and application details. The deadline for applications is September 22, 2023.

Government of India advertisement for recruitment in the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change. It lists 27 posts of Scientists in various departments like Forest Education, etc. The advertisement includes a corrigendum with updated details and application instructions.

Advertisement for a recruitment drive in Raipur. It lists various posts with their respective salaries and application details. The advertisement includes a corrigendum with updated details and application instructions.

Municipal Corporation Bhilai (Chhattisgarh) advertisement for recruitment. It lists various posts with their respective salaries and application details. The advertisement includes a corrigendum with updated details and application instructions.





## BRIEF

### Portal launch



**Shimla:** Chief minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Friday launched the integrated electricity consumer portal of Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Limited (HPSEBL), which will allow consumers to pay their bills online. Through the portal, HPSEBL will also offer services such as application for change of name and load adjustments and for new electricity connections, according to a statement issued here. This digital transformation initiative aims to usher in a paperless work culture within the organisation, which is expected to streamline administrative processes and expedite services, the chief minister said.

### New office

**New Delhi:** IT giant Wipro on Friday said it has inaugurated a new office in Jefferson City, Missouri for over 500 employees. The 75,000-square-foot office will act as main support centre for some of Wipro's clients in healthcare and government sectors. The office includes a healthcare solutions innovation lab for digital-first solutions for Medicaid and Medicare programmes. The Indian IT company will partner with Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG), Missouri, to attract local talent, Wipro said in a statement. First Lady of the state & co-chair of JAG, Teresa Parson was the guest of honour for the inauguration of the office on September 14.

### Thermal power



**New Delhi:** Union Power Minister RK Singh on Friday said that India may add 25 GW to 30 GW thermal electricity generation capacity in addition to 50 GW already under works to meet the rising demand. Addressing a CII conference, Singh said that India has around 25 GW of thermal capacity under construction and another 25 GW is planned.

### Textile production

**Kolkata:** Tempe Grupo Inditex (Zara), a Spain-based textile major, is expected to start production in West Bengal before Christmas, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said. The state government would provide 100 acres of concessional land, besides all other support to the company, Banerjee, who is currently in Spain, said. "An exciting development is on the horizon! Tempe Grupo Inditex (Zara), a major player in the textile industry, is expanding its operations.

## 'India sent strong message to world by forging 'unprecedented' consensus at G20'

New Delhi, Sep 15:

By forging an "unprecedented and historic" consensus on the first day of the G20 leaders summit, India sent a strong message to the world that it has arrived, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Friday. The G20 adopted the New Delhi Leaders Summit Declaration on September 9, which is seen as a major breakthrough amid conflicting world views on the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war. "Every global leader from both sides of the divide in a very broken world wanted Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the G20 Presidency of India to succeed, and we were able to forge an unprecedented and historic consensus on the first day itself of the G20 leaders summit, send-



ing a strong message to the world that India has arrived," Goyal said while addressing a CII event on Clean Energy. He said the world also has seen India's capacity and capability, whether it was during the Covid pandemic or tackling the challenges that have emerged from the conflict in Ukraine. "...the world has seen India's leadership led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has seen the capability of 140 crore

Indians to be able to provide the world with a better deal," the minister said. Goyal also took a jibe at certain opposition political parties "who were almost being gleeful" that India will not be able to have an outcome document. He said the nation endorses the effort being made to position India as a global leader, and this was too unfortunately sought to be politicised.

The minister further said the larger companies in the renewable energy space should be looking at integrating with global companies by engaging in collaborations and partnerships.

Referring to agricultural exports, Goyal said agri-related exports crossed over USD 50 billion last year and are expected to grow significantly in the years to come.

## Nuvoco secures patent for revolutionary 'Fibre Reinforced Cement Composition'

Mumbai, Sep 15:

Nuvoco Vistas Corp. Ltd., India's fifth-largest cement group in terms of capacity, proudly announces it has been granted a patent for its revolutionary product, the 'Fibre Reinforced Cement Composition', branded in the market as 'Duraguard Microfiber Cement'. The patent, effective from the date of application - April 4, 2018, cites exclusive rights for the next 20 years. The concept of using fibres for concrete reinforcement emerged in the 1960s. Duraguard Microfiber Cement leverages this historical development to revolutionize the Indian cement market. This fibre-based cement significantly enhances the

bonding process, improves crack resistance, reduces permeability, improves impact strength and durability, and delivers a smoother surface finish. A distinctive feature of Duraguard Microfiber Cement is the visible presence of fibres in the product, which act as micro-reinforcing agents, enabling the cement to withstand seepage, dampness, cracks, shrinkage, and thermal stresses over the years.

Manufactured from high-quality clinker with 48-52% Tricalcium Silicate (C3S) and low Tricalcium Aluminate (C3A), the cement contains high-quality electrostatically precipitated dry fly ash, meeting the highest quality standards.

## Mercedes-Benz India to extend its EV charging network to customers of other brands

Pune, Sep 15:

German luxury car maker Mercedes-Benz India on Friday announced the extension of its electric vehicle charging network to the customers of other brands as it looks to accelerate faster adoption of electric vehicles in the country. The carmaker also launched the top-end EQE 500 4MATIC electric SUV at an introductory price of Rs 1.39 crore (all India ex-showroom) and a new 'Customer Experience Centre' at Chakan, in Pune. Mercedes-Benz is also supporting the EV (Electric Vehicle) transition in India by democratising the ultra-fast charging network. All EV customers in India across brands, can now enjoy the luxurious Mercedes-Benz



'Made-In-India' equipment and weapons based on Artificial intelligence (IA) Technology being showcased at North Tech Symposium 2023 at IIT Jammu, in Jammu.

## Hindware Home Innovation Limited opens new store

Mumbai, Sep 15:

Hindware Home Innovation Limited, one of the fastest growing consumer appliances brands in India, announced the launch of its new brand store 'Hindware Smart Appliance Exclusive Gallery'. The store was inaugurated in the presence of the President of Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Amar Parwani. The store's inauguration underscores the company's dedication to delivering a tailored shopping experience for consumers and maintaining exceptional customer service standards. The recently opened kitchen gallery features an array of offerings from Hindware Smart Appliances, thoughtfully designed to meet the re-

quirements of contemporary Indian homes in Raipur. It houses a complete range of large kitchen appliances, including kitchen chimneys, cook-tops, kitchen hobs, built-in sinks, dishwashers, and more. Alongside it also includes range of storage and instant water heaters. Speaking on the launch of the store, Mr. Sallik Kapoor, CEO, Hindware Home Innovation Limited said, "Given our ambitious plans for this state and the growing demand for Hindware appliances among consumers in the region, we have outlined a strategic initiative to strengthen our retail presence in Chhattisgarh. This expansion aligns with our long-term vision for the region's market potential."

## HTech brings Honor 90 5G in India

New Delhi, Sep 15:

HTech, a comprehensive solutions provider, announced the launch of Honor 90 5G in India. Equipped with a stunning 200MP Main Camera featuring AI Vlog Master and industry-leading Quad-Curved Floating Display with 3840 Hz PWM Dimming technology, the HONOR 90 5G packs groundbreaking hardware and software into one device to empower the always-on generation with personalised experiences and human-centric solutions. Commenting on the launch, Mr. Madhav Sheth, CEO, HTech, said, "We at HTech, are pleased to mark an important milestone by bringing back to Indian consumers



a strong brand that has cutting edge technology, and a self-reliant ecosystem. With a focus on empowering consumers with leading technology, Honor continuously works toward bringing innovation in display technology, battery tech software and artificial intelligence, which are backed by strong R&D capabilities. Leveraging

Honor's strong network and value chain, we are introducing the first smartphone in Indian shores with the launch of Honor 90 5G. Boasting cutting-edge AI technologies and best-in-class innovations, including an ultra-clear 200MP camera, AI Vlog Master and Zero Risk Eye-Comfort Display, the handset heralds a rev-

olution in smartphone photography and display technology. It is a convergence of advanced technology and sophisticated design which deliver a truly personalised experience. As we embark on this exciting journey in India, we are confident that users will wholeheartedly embrace Honor's exceptional products." Speaking about the collaboration, Ranjit Babu, Director, Wireles and TV, Amazon India, said, "We at Amazon are thrilled to witness the comeback of Honor in India through HTech, and we are certain that the Honor 90 will become the first amongst the many smartphones that will help honor tech become a popular smartphone brand in India."

## JLR India launches new and enhanced Range Rover Velar

**New Delhi, Sep 14:** JLR India has officially launched the new and enhanced Range Rover Velar in India. The Range Rover Velar is a pure expression of modern luxury, featuring the latest technology, trademark Range Rover refinement and a dramatic, clean and reductive new design.

The New Range Rover Velar is available in Dynamic HSE with two powertrain options - the 2.0 l petrol engine delivering a power of 184 kW and 365 Nm torque and a 2.0 l Ingenium diesel engine delivering a power of 150 kW and 430 Nm torque.

Rajan Amba, Managing Director, JLR India, said: "The New Range Rover Velar is a forward-thinking sanctuary with curated and refined elements that make it both intriguing



and desirable. It has been carefully crafted for the transforming tastes of our discerning clients and is all set to elevate the bar for luxury travel in India. The New Range Rover Velar embodies effortless sophistication with a bold elegance and dramatic presence, and its latest technology and reductive design integrate seamlessly with our focus on modern luxury." The Range Rover Velar pioneers the

brand's reductive design philosophy, with an updated exterior and a revamped interior. Its design features a new grille combined with the characteristic floating roof, unbroken waistline and flush deployable door handles. On the inside, a full suite of technologies promotes passenger comfort and wellbeing, making the midsize luxury SUV a preferred choice for comfort-conscious consumers.

## Sensex, Nifty hit fresh lifetime highs as telecom, auto shares advance



Mumbai, Sep 15:

Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty darted up to fresh lifetime highs on Friday, propelled by a rally in global markets and renewed foreign capital inflows. Besides, buying in telecom, auto and tech stocks also helped markets to settle with gains, traders said. Rallying for the 11th day

running, the 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 319.63 points or 0.47 per cent to settle at a record closing of 67,838.63. During the day, it rallied 408.23 points or 0.60 per cent to hit its fresh all-time intra-day high of 67,927.23.

The Nifty went up by 89.25 points or 0.44 per cent to end at its all-time closing high of 20,192.35. During the day, it advanced 119.35 points or 0.59 per cent to hit its lifetime intra-day peak of 20,222.45.

"Nifty scaled fresh life highs on Friday, rising for the third consecutive session to end at a record close. Sensex rose for the 11th day, the longest streak of gains since October 2007," Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research, HDFC Securities, said.

## Housing sales in Mumbai likely to cross Rs 1 lakh cr this year: Naredco-JLL

May breach Rs 2 lakh crore in 2030

**Mumbai, Sep 15:** Housing sales in Mumbai are likely to cross Rs 1 lakh crore this calendar year and may breach the Rs 2 lakh crore-mark in 2030 on rising demand, according to a report. Realtors body Naredco's Maharashtra chapter and property consultant JLL India on Friday released a report "Unlocking Opportunities with Infrastructure Development" here. The report noted that Mumbai maintains its position as one of India's largest residential markets, contributing 40 per cent to the total residential sales value in the country. In number of units, the Mumbai market accounts for 25 per cent of total sales volume across

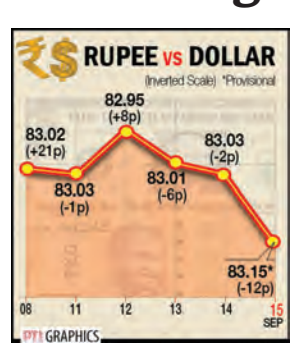
seven cities. "The market has witnessed a strong recovery in sales with 2022 surpassing 2018 both in terms of sales value and sales volume," the report said. In 2023, sales of residential units in Mumbai are expected to increase further. "Residential sales value is likely to breach the Rs 1 lakh crore mark." Sales would breach the Rs 2 lakh crore mark in 2030, the consultant estimated. Mumbai witnessed sales of Rs 90,552 crore during the 2022 calendar year and Rs 50,075 crore in the first half of this calendar year: Pre-Covid, the housing sales in Mumbai stood at Rs 60,928 crore in 2019 and Rs 66,820 crore in 2018.

Mumbai city has demonstrated a robust re-

covery in 2022, witnessing an increase in both sales value and volume. "Maharashtra is amid a remarkable transformation driven by the visionary approach of its government towards infrastructure development. The opportunities that lie before us are boundless, and it is our shared responsibility to harness them, for the betterment of the state and the advancement of the real estate sector," Sandeep Runwal, President of NAREDCO Maharashtra and MD of Runwal Developers, said.

Karan Singh Sodi, Senior Managing Director, Mumbai, MMR, India, JLL, said individuals have a preference for staying close to office markets.

## Rupee falls 12 paise to close at 83.15 against US dollar



**New Delhi, Sep 15:** The rupee fell 12 paise to settle at 83.15 (provisional) against the US dollar on Friday, dragged down by rising crude oil prices and a strong greenback against major rivals overseas. However, a positive trend in domestic markets restricted the downside for the local unit, forex traders said. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened at 83.02

against the US dollar and moved in a range of 82.98 and 83.20. The rupee finally settled at 83.15 (provisional) against the US dollar, down 12 paise from its previous close. On Thursday, the rupee closed 2 paise lower at 83.03 against the US dollar: "The Indian rupee traded in the narrow range amid dollar inflows from the FTSE rebalancing while the nationalised bank bought the dollar on behalf of oil importers," said Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, HDFC Securities. Spot USD/INR is expected to consolidate between 82.70 to 83.15 before next week's three major central banks' (Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC), Bank of England (BoE) and Bank of Japan (BoJ) policy decisions.

## Tarani Neelam empowers rural development with generous grants

### Dedicated work spurs progress in Kurud constituency

Central Chronicle News

**Kurud, Sep 15:** Tarani Neelam Chandrakar, Chairperson of District Panchayat Zone No. 04, has emerged as a beacon of hope for rural communities as she responds to their urgent needs with a generous allocation of funds.

Her unwavering commitment to improving the lives of the rural population has led to the approval of several vital projects financed through the District Development Fund.

Among these commendable initiatives are



Tarani Neelam Chandrakar

the constructions of durable tiles at Bhatapara Bajrang Chowk in Dandesara village, with an allocation of Rs 0.50 lakh. Additionally, a significant investment

of Rs 2.00 lakh has been designated for tile and beautification work at the Kodoras Community Building in Gram Silouti.

Furthermore, the approval of Rs 1.50 lakh for the construction of a concrete road in Gram Chinvi marks another significant step towards enhancing local infrastructure.

Tarani Neelam Chandrakar's extraordinary efforts have culminated in securing approvals totaling Rs 4.00 lakh for these vital projects. Her unwavering dedication to grassroots development has ignited

a wave of happiness and gratitude among rural residents throughout the Kurud constituency.

Chandrakar's consistent outreach and relentless pursuit of progress have earned her the deep admiration of the rural population. Numerous residents, including Basant Sahu, Kabir Sahu, Unendra Kumar, Bhuvan Lal Sahu, Balla Dhruv, Harendra Kumar, and many others, have expressed their heartfelt appreciation for the transformative development work she has undertaken.

## Bear fatally attacks villager, referred to SIMS Hospital

Reported in critical condition

Central Chronicle News

**Korba, Sep 15:** Villagers living in the forests of the district are becoming victims of attacks by wild animals these days and this include few who go out to search for cattle and some who go to see fields are falling victims of attacks by bears and elephants.

In village Patrapali under Pasarkhet range of Korba forest range, a wild bear attacked and seriously injured an old man, but when his life was in danger, instead of running away,

the old man also fought with the bear. According to the information, after a bloody fight between the two that lasted for about 15 minutes, the bear ran away towards the forest. But the old man also got seriously injured in this clash. He has been referred from Korba Medical College to Bilaspur SIMS for treatment.

It is being told that this entire incident has happened in Boirjhumar Tikra, a dependent village of Patrapali village in Pasarkhet range of Korba forest division. Where Jotram Rathia, S/o Sadhram Rathia, aged about 64 years, R/o

Boirjhumar Tikra, when his domestic cattle did not returned home till late evening on Sept 14, he went towards the jungle to search for the cattle. Meanwhile it started raining heavily and so he decided to return home to avoid the rains.

During this time he came face-to-face with the bear present there who attacked Jotram. To save his life, Jotram fought with the bear. This bloody conflict between the wild bear and Jotram continued for about 15 minutes and after which the bear ran away towards the forest.

Jotram Rathia has been seriously injured in

this incident. The bear has scratched his hands, legs, face and eyes with his nails. He somehow reached home drenched in blood. After which the Sarpanch conveyed the information about this incident to the Korba Forest Department.

Forest Department officials reached the spot and gave immediate assistance of Rs 2000. The injured old man Jotram Rathia was brought to Korba Medical College Hospital through an ambulance, where in view of his serious condition. After giving first aid, he was referred to Bilaspur SIMS and is currently undergoing treatment there.

## Arang's private schools shut down for protest

### Chhattisgarh's Private School Management Association demand their rights

Central Chronicle News

**Arang, Sep 15:** In a display of solidarity, private schools across the Arang block stood together in support of the Chhattisgarh Private School Management Association's call for action. Responding to the association's plea, all private schools in the region remained closed on Thursday.

The Arang unit of the Chhattisgarh Private School Management Association informed that the Chhattisgarh School Education Department has frozen Rs. 250 crores of the state's private school operators under RTI and has opened this front on the basis of eight different



demands.

As a result, the association declared a state-wide closure of private schools

on September 14. Numerous private educational institutions, both small and large, in rural

areas joined the cause. Schools such as Gandhi English Medium School, Sujan Sonkar Vidya

Mandir, Saraswati Shishu Mandir High School, Mothers Pride School, Radha Krishna Vidya Mandir, Saraswati Gyan Deep School, and Jeevan Jyoti School, among others in Arang, kept their gates locked in a unified stance.

The Arang unit of the association emphasized that if their demands continue to be ignored, they plan to escalate their protest. In the upcoming second phase of the agitation scheduled for September 21, private school operators from across the state will converge in Raipur to voice their concerns and protest against the department, following the directives of the state association.

Central Chronicle News

**Kasdol, Sep 15:** Heavy lightning struck a tree in Kasaundhi village of Chowki Sonakhan area, killing people sitting underneath it. Ramayan Thakur father Panchram Thakur age 36 years, Basant Sahu father Satyanarayan Sahu age 26 years, Jagsai Sahu father Ramlal Sahu age 46 years, Dhanau father Malik Ram Sahu age 58 years, Dukhu Kondh father India Kondh, aged 45 years, and Nirmal Sahu, father, Nand Kumar Sahu, aged 12 years, all residents of Kasaundhi village, were seriously injured.

As soon as the information was received, Assistant Sub Inspector Rajendra Patil, in-charge from Police Post Sonakhan, head constable Santosh Tandon and



constable Tilak Sidar immediately reached the village Kasaundhi spot.

Sensing the situation, the police team immediately arranged for a private vehicle and with the help of the villagers, all the injured were picked up in the vehicle and immediately taken to the Community Health Center Kasdol.

At the same time, the police team also informed about the injured in the hospital due to lightning in the hospital through phone. So that the treatment of all the injured can be started immediately as soon as they reach the hospital. People of the region have greatly appreciated this work done by the police.

## Students lead blood donation drive

Central Chronicle News

**Khairagarh, Sep 15:** In a heartwarming display of compassion and community spirit, students at Rani Rashmidevi Singh Government College in Khairagarh organized a blood donation camp, taking inspiration from the Red Cross's humanitarian mission. This noble endeavour was conducted under the guidance of the Youth Red Cross Committee.

The event welcomed distinguished guests, with Shaileendra Varma, President of the Guest Participation Committee, gracing the occasion as the Chief Guest. Jitendra Sakharé, Principal In-Charge, presided over the event's proceedings. Dr. Aparna Tiwari and Dr. Ansh Paikara from Rajnandgaon Medical



College also lent their support to this life-affirming initiative.

Shaileendra Varma commended the students who selflessly donated their blood and urged others to follow suit, emphasizing the critical role of good health in one's life. Jitendra Sakharé underscored the immense significance of blood donation in saving human lives and inspired young students to embrace this virtuous act. JK Vaishnav,

in his address, reiterated that the act of donating blood is nothing short of divine and emphasized that there is no substitute for this altruistic gesture.

The event saw numerous students, including Leena Varma, Devki Sahu, Pratibha Baghel, Rani Varma, Tinkendra Varma, Tamradhwaj Varma, Mopendra Varma, Shyam Sahu, among others, stepping forward to donate blood, exemplifying their com-

mitment to humanitarian causes.

Medical College personnel, including Dr. Rinku Singh, Kaushal Prasad (Technician), Damini Varma, Anil Yadav, Moradhvaj Sahu, and CR Sahu, extended their expertise to ensure the smooth execution of the camp. Professors and staff from the college also actively participated, reinforcing the sense of unity and purpose that defined this remarkable event.

Central Chronicle News

**Dongargaon, Sep 15:** On the morning of Sept 15, a farmer ended his life by committing suicide in village Jondhara under the police station area.

The reasons are reportedly unknown. According to the information received, in the early hours of Thursday, 45 year old Khorbahara Ram Khursam, resident of village Jondhara, committed suicide by hanging himself with the help of a nylon rope from a tendu tree in his field.

According to the information received from the sources, the deceased Khorbahara had left his house in the morning to buy some items due to the festival, after which he did not reach home till 10 o'clock and his mobile was also said to be switched off.

## Farmer commits suicide due to unknown reasons



Khorbahara Ram has left behind his mother, wife, four daughters and a son. In this case, Dongargaon

Police has established a trail and started investigation by taking the body to Dongargaon Hospital for

post-mortem.

The question that arises here is why village farmers are feeling the need to commit suicide and why the government is not taking any concrete steps on this.

Though in election slogans, the political party prepares its vote bank in the name of farmers, but at the same time, no attention is paid to their convenience and needs after the formation of the government.

Especially it is also necessary to ban drugs, and even the government administration is aware of this, yet it is being given free rein.

Also a few days ago, in village Dhangaon under Dongargaon police station, a father had killed his son due to alcohol intoxication and now his entire family is scattered.

### NEWS BELOW CAN WAIT

## Junk to Innovation: Local schools shine bright in competition

### Creative genius unleashed at Zonal-Level event in Dongargaon

Central Chronicle News

**Dongargaon, Sep 15:** A remarkable display of ingenuity and innovation took center stage at Aatmanand Vidyalaya, Dongargaon, during a zonal-level Junk to Innovation competition held on September 14th.

Teachers from primary and middle schools in the Sankul Dongargarh-1, Dongargarh-2, Kokpur, Asra, Khuji, and Mohad regions enthusiastically participated in the competition, showcasing their talents in the subjects of Science and Mathematics.

The competition yielded outstanding results, with Sankul Kokpur emerging as the frontrunner at the primary level. Sanjeev Kulhare from Primary



School Jantar claimed the top spot in the Science category, while Konika Soni from Primary School Chichdo triumphed in Mathematics.

At the middle school level, Sankul Kokpur continued its winning streak by securing the first position

in Science, thanks to the brilliant efforts of Ashwani Sandeep from Kshirsagar Middle School Kokpur.

In the Mathematics category, Sankul Mohad showcased its exceptional talent, with Shri Nishad Sir from Rengakthera Middle

School clinching the top honour.

The event was a collaborative effort, and it saw the participation of school principals and teachers from these institutions who lent their full support to the budding innovators. Distinguished guests in

attendance included Development Block Education Officer R.L. Patre, Assistant Development Block Education Officer Rashmi Thakur, Development Block Coordinator Arvind Ratnakar, Aatmanand School Principal Manoj Kumar Sonaklihari, and the esteemed judge panel featuring Ramesh Kumar Hirwani, Shilendra Yadu, Saduram Sahu, Chumman Lal Sahu, and Sandeep Kumar.

The successful execution of the program was credited to the diligent efforts of Sankul Coordinator Devendra Sahu, who ensured that the event showcased the remarkable creative potential of the region's young talents.

Central Chronicle News

**Pandaria, Sep 15:** The villagers submitted a memorandum to the SDM office Pandaria and Collector Kabirdham regarding the construction of a paved road from village Karpi Kala of Pandariya block to Amaldiha via Bharewapara.

Describing the condition of 3 kilometer road from Karpi Kala via Bharewapara, a demand has been made for the construction of a road, as it is difficult to go on foot from Karpi to Bharewapara.

The villagers said that small school children go to school through this route to study and it is very muddy while going towards Amaldiha and Karpi. In this regard, the entire villagers held a meeting and submitted a memorandum to boycott the upcoming assembly elections.

Villagers told that only



Bhoomi Pujan was performed by former MLA Motiram Chandravanshi, and present MLA Mamta Chandrakar, though did not get the road constructed.

The villagers submitted a memorandum and discussed it in which it was said that it would be 4 km away from the collector's office. An assurance has been given that the work will start before the elections. Along with the villagers, Pandariya Block President Prakash Ravan Bhim Regiment went with the vil-

lagers and expressed his views regarding the above demand. Prakash Ravan said that if the road construction work does not start in the coming days, then they will definitely boycott the assembly elections.

While submitting the memorandum, Block President Pandariya Prakash Ravan, Dinesh Banjare, Sanjay Banjare, Birendra Lahare, Hiralal Bhaskar and all the villagers of Gram Panchayat Bharewapara, were present.

## Rohan Bopanna expresses concern over waning passion for Davis Cup

Lucknow, Sep 15 (PTI):

Rohan Bopanna, the seasoned Indian tennis player, is set to bid farewell to Davis Cup play, and his departure comes with a lament about the dwindling ardour for the prestigious tournament. Bopanna, who has been an integral part of India's Davis Cup squad, finds himself disheartened by the evolving attitude towards the event among the current generation of players. In an interview with PTI, Bopanna reflected on the changing dynamics of Davis Cup and the diminishing passion he perceives among the contemporary players. He observes that for many of today's competitors, Davis Cup has lost some of its former glory, becoming "too mechanical" in its execution. He states, "It has become too mechanical to just come, play and leave."

For Bopanna, Davis Cup was more than just another tournament for the current generation of players; it was a platform for representing one's country,



**Indian tennis player Rohan Bopanna, who is set to end his Davis Cup career on Sunday, being felicitated by the AITA for his career, in Lucknow.**

steeped in history and tradition. He believes that the camaraderie and team spirit that were once the hallmarks of Davis Cup have waned in recent years, adversely impacting the overall experience.

Bopanna expresses the importance of resurrecting the team atmosphere and unity that characterized Davis Cup in the past. He says, "There used to be fantastic team atmos-

phere, which has been kind of lost in the last couple of years. And we need to bring that back." He underscores that Davis Cup isn't just about individual performances but about the collective effort put forth by the team, both on and off the court. Bopanna firmly believes that restoring this camaraderie is crucial for the success of the Indian Davis Cup team.

Reflecting on his own experiences, Bopanna recalls the unique challenge of partnering with legendary Indian tennis players Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi during his career. He acknowledges that adapting his game to complement their respective styles was both a learning experience and a testament to the versatility of his play. Bopanna shares what he learned from Paes and Bhupathi: "The number one thing I learned from these two is fighting till the last point, keep your differences aside and when you are playing for the country, bring in 200 per cent. Both of them brought that."

Despite his impending retirement from Davis Cup competition, Bopanna remains passionate about tennis and its future in India. He emphasizes the importance of open communication with players and a willingness to listen to their concerns and suggestions. He envisions a role for himself in tennis beyond playing, perhaps even as a team captain.

## India to start overwhelming favourite against Morocco

Lucknow, Sep 15 (PTI):

Hauling itself up from World Group II should not be a complicated task for India when it takes on an unostentatious Morocco in the home tie, which will be more of a celebration of Rohan Bopanna's Davis Cup career, which will come to a halt after 21 years on Sunday.

Lack of singles players who could challenge the big boys of the ATP circuit, coupled with defeats in winnable matches, has hurt the Indian Davis Cup team badly in the last few years in this team tournament, but relegation to World Group II was a new low the Indian team hit in February.

It was for the first time since the new format was launched in 2019 that the Indians dropped to this level.

Much has changed since India last played in the Davis Cup tie in March, when it lost 2-3 to Denmark. Indian tennis has hardly had any memorable moments this sea-



**India Captain Rohit Rajpal and Morocco captain Mehdi Tahiri during the announcement of the Indian squad for the upcoming Davis Cup World Group II tie, in Lucknow.**

son until Bopanna reached the US Open final last week.

It's not just the lack of on-court results in singles; off-court, the country also felt the disappointment of losing its only ATP 250 event.

Yuki Bhambri, one of the finest players India has seen, has stopped playing the singles for-

mat. Ramanathan has dropped out of even the top-550 and is languishing at number 570.

Such has been his plight this season that the Chennai player has made 17 first-round exits at different tournaments, including the lowest rung, the ITF Futures level. It's not surprising that skip-

per Rohit Rajpal has not included Ramkumar in the lineup, though he remains a part of the squad to help train the players.

But Bopanna is still playing some solid tennis in the doubles format. At 43, he still is one of the most powerful servers on the circuit.

His strokes still have sting, and he can still pull off those stunning passing winners from difficult angles or while running on flanks.

It would have been ideal if he had got his farewell tie where he wanted -- in Bengaluru -- but he still has a chance to bid adieu to the Davis Cup before the home fans.

In 32 ties played since making his debut in 2002, the player from Coorg has won 22 matches, including 10 singles.

He will team up with Yuki for one final time in Davis Cup, even as he continues to play on the ATP circuit.

Ranked inside the top-10, he has no reason to hang up his racquet.

## Joshna Chinnapa relies on experience for Asian Games

Chennai, Sep 14 (PTI):

Indian squash veteran Joshna Chinnapa is gearing up for the Asian Games with determination and a wealth of experience. With her sights set on success in the individual competition, Chinnapa acknowledges the increased quality of squash in Asia in recent years. Despite the absence of eight-time world champion Nicol David, she expects a challenging tournament.

Chinnapa, who clinched a bronze in women's singles and a silver in the team event in the previous edition of the Games, recognizes that every round will be tough. She emphasizes the importance of not underestimating any opponent and believes that her knowledge and experience will be valuable assets.

At 36 years old, Chinnapa is ready to face any adversary and takes a day-by-day approach to the competition. She highlights the significance of representing India at the highest level and the motivation it provides to extend her career.

Although squash is not an Olympic sport, Chinnapa values winning medals at the Asian Games as a special achievement. She views these Games as prestigious and acknowledges



the high level of competition from participating teams.

Chinnapa and her fellow Asian Games-bound squash players are preparing for the event in Chennai, receiving coaching from former world champion Gregory Gaultier and James Willstrop. She appreciates the intensity and improvement these sessions offer.

## I've a lot of respect for Rohit Sharma: AB de Villiers

Chennai, Sep 15 (PTI):

South Africa great AB de Villiers has showered his respect for Rohit Sharma, stating that the Indian skipper is a "fighter" and "never backs down to anyone".

Rohit is currently leading India in the ongoing Asia Cup in Sri Lanka, where he has been their highest run-scorer, collecting 194 in four innings at an impressive average of 64.66 and a strike rate of 108.98, including three half-centuries.

Talking on his YouTube channel, de Villiers highlighted how Rohit began slowly in the ODIs before becoming the fastest to gain 10,000 runs in the format. "Rohit was fourth slowest to 2,000



runs, but the second fastest to 10,000. How's that for a comeback? I have a lot of respect for him," he said. "The first time I watched him play, I thought this guy has got something special to offer. What I like most about him - from a very young age, he's always had a fighting spirit. He

would not back down to anyone." Rohit is the sixth Indian to enter the 10,000 ODI runs club after Virat Kohli, Sachin Tendulkar, Sourav Ganguly, MS Dhoni and Rahul Dravid. He is also the second-fastest to do so after former skipper and current teammate Kohli. De Villiers also recollected how Rohit took on

fierce South African pacers Dale Steyn and Morne Morkel during a Durban Test.

"I think of a Test match in Durban where he just wouldn't stand back to Dale Steyn or Morne Morkel or any of our fast bowlers. He would make eye contact," he said.

"If anyone chirped him, he would be right in their face, chest out. I always liked that."

De Villiers also praised young India opener Shubman Gill, who has been on a roll at the Asia Cup alongside his opening partner and skipper Rohit.

"Very interestingly, he (Rohit) has had an incredible partnership with Shubman Gill. Two fighters at the crease is always a dangerous thing for the opposition.

## Uncertainty looms over Naseem Shah's World Cup availability

Colombo, Sep 15 (PTI): Pakistan skipper Babar Azam has cast doubts on the possibility of pacer Naseem Shah's timely recovery for their initial matches in the upcoming World Cup in India.

However, their ace pacer Haris Rauf is "recovering well" from a side strain and will be fit in time for their opening match against the Netherlands at Hyderabad on October 6, the skipper has said. The duo picked up niggling

injuries during Pakistan's Super Four clash against India in the Asia Cup and were sitting on from the sidelines when the team crashed out of the tournament after losing to Sri Lanka in Colombo on Thursday. The Pakistan Cricket Board has not yet released any official timeline regarding Naseem's rehabilitation process following a right shoulder injury. In light of this, Babar Azam expressed uncertainty regarding Naseem's fitness

for the start of the tournament. "I'll tell you later... Not telling you our Plan B now. But, yes, Haris Rauf is not bad. He's just got a little bit of a side strain, but he's recovering before the World Cup.

"Naseem Shah also... they have a couple of miss matches, I don't know (how long) the recovery (is), but in my opinion, Naseem Shah also (will be) in the World Cup later on. But let's see," he added. The 20-year-old injury-prone

Naseem had a back problem when he was 17 years old and it kept him out for 14 months.

Six weeks following his comeback, a shoulder injury occurred during his debut appearance in the County Championship with Gloucestershire, which kept him out of action for another month.

Initially identified as a red-ball specialist, he has evolved as a key bowler for Pakistan across all three formats of the game.

## I rank this innings second in my book: Charith Asalanka

Colombo, Sep 15 (PTI):

Batting allrounder Charith Asalanka described his sensational 47-ball 49 not out as the second best knock of his career after taking Sri Lanka to the final of the Asia Cup with a two-wicket win in a last-ball thriller against Pakistan here on Thursday.

The 26-year-old Asalanka kept his composure despite a mini batting collapse in the back end as Sri Lanka chased down a target of 252 in the last delivery.

"I just thought how can I get two to hit a gap and run hard because it is a big field and just told Pathirana to run hard," he said after the match.

"I thought either he will bowl a bouncer or a yorker and then he bowled a slower ball, so it was in my side. I am very excited.

"Mendis and Sadeera batted really well. I wanted to finish. That is my role. I can rank this innings second place in my book," he added.

Kusal Mendis slammed a 87-ball 91 to set up the chase. He added 100 off 98 balls with Sadeera Samarawickrama (48).

"Happy with my performance, happy to get to the final," said Mendis, who was adjudged the Player of the Match.

"Those two wickets fell down and we were nervous, but with Charith in the middle we



had hope. He's done this in one game against Afghanistan. I think we also bowled really well, so happy to be in the final.

"Wanindu, Kumara and Dusmantha are main bowlers, but we have these bowlers who are bowling well. This is a young unit."

Winning captain Dasun Shanaka praised his team for reaching back-to-back finals.

"We had the game under control, but the losing of wickets took it till the last over. We gave them a chance to come back in the game, but we knew Charith could get us home," he said. "We had a discussion before

batting and we discussed the mistakes we made in the India game. We gave away wickets in the first 10 overs, and Kusal and Sadeera played brilliant knocks.

"I think they are the best players of spin in the Sri Lanka squad. And Charith, he showed great character. Special feeling, back to back finals."

Disappointed with loss, Pakistan captain Babar Azam pulled up his bowlers for a below-par performance.

"Sri Lanka played very well, better cricket than us. We have not been up to the mark in the bowling and fielding. That is why we lost the match," he said.

## Talent like Bumrah shouldn't play all formats: Chaminda Vaas

Colombo, Sep 15 (PTI): A once-in-a-generation fast bowler like Jasprit Bumrah shouldn't be playing all three formats in order to avoid injuries and prolong his career, feels World Cup winning Sri Lankan legend Chaminda Vaas.

Vaas stressed that Indian selectors and team management must carefully choose the right formats and adopt strategies to keep a tab on Bumrah's workload management.

"Players like Bumrah have a unique action, and we must protect individuals of such caliber. They can't play in all formats. We need to identify the suitable format and manage their participation accordingly," Vaas told reporters here on Friday. Vaas shared insights



into the pivotal role of safeguarding unique talents like Bumrah and nurturing their cricketing journey. Vaas emphasized the importance of managing players like Bumrah, known for their unconventional bowling actions. The left-arm pace great feels that both skipper Rohit Sharma and the peerless Virat Kohli will come out all guns blazing to win the World Cup for India.

"We all know that Virat is special player and the way he performed for the last decade is extraordinary. Even Rohit, I'm pretty sure that they will give their 100% playing for India. All the fans are waiting to see these two performing. And I'm sure that they will go all out and trying to do well for India," said Vaas.

