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BRIEF



is made for the Ganesh Chaturthi festival, in Guwahati, Tuesday

Appointed

■ New Delhi: Senior IPS officer Kuldeep Dwivedi has been appointed as Deputy Inspector General (DIG) in the Central Bureau of Investigation, a Personnel Ministry order said. He is currently working as DIG, Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP).

Heated exchanges

■ New Delhi: Rajya Sabha witnessed heated exchanges between the treasury and opposition benches after Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge made remarks on the manner in which political parties select women candidates from weaker sections and raised the issue of "delayed" GST payments to non-BJP ruled states.

Shock

Thiruvananthapuram: **Kerala Chief Minister** Pinarayi Vijayan on Tuesday condemned the alleged caste discrimination faced by Devaswom Minister K Radhakrishnan at a temple and said follow-up action on the matter will be taken after discussing with him. Addressing a press conference here, Vijayan termed as "shocking" Radhakrishnan's disclosure of caste discrimination he faced at

Arrested

Ghaziabad: Police have arrested 15 people, including seven women, from an eatery here who were allegedly engaged in converting people to Christianity by offering money to them, officials said.

the temple in the state.

Unveil

■ Bhopal: Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan will unveil on September 21 a grand statue of Hindu saint Adi Shankaracharya in

Omkareshwar, a temple town which houses one of the 12 Jyotirlings dedicated to Lord Shiva, an official said on Tuesday.



Trashes Canada's

leader's killing

allegations over Khalistani

New Delhi, Sep 19 (PTI):

India on Tuesday reject-

ed as "absurd" and "moti-

vated" Canadian Prime

Minister Justin Trudeau's

allegations of "potential"

Indian links to the killing

of a Khalistani separatist

leader and expelled a sen-

ior Canadian diplomat in

retaliation to Ottawa's ex-

Canadian

Women's quota to run for 15 years, includes SC/STs

- Unlikely for **2024 polls**
- Bill to provide 33 pc reservation to women in Lok Sabha, state assemblies

New Delhi, Sep 19 (PTI):

Meeting a long-pending demand, the government on Tuesday introduced a bill to provide 33 per cent reservation to women in Lok Sabha and state assemblies.

However, its implementation may still take some time and is unlikely to be in force for the next Lok Sabha elections in 2024 as the reservation will come into effect only after a delimitation exercise is completed.

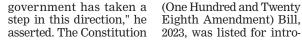
The bill has proposed that the reservation will continue for a period of 15 years and there will be quota for SC/STs within the reserved seats for women. Speaking in Lok Sabha ahead of its introduction, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the government wants more and more women to join the development process of the country. "For that work of giving power to women and for many such nobel works, God has chosen me. Once again our



BJP Mahila Morcha activists celebrates the passing of Women's Reservation Bill, in Patna, Tuesday.

'Unanimously pass women's reservation bill'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday urged Rajya Saba to unanimously pass the women's reservation bill once it comes before the Upper House to realise the full potential of 'narishakti' in nation-building. The government on Tuesday introduced in Lok Sabha the constitutional amendment bill to reserve one-third of seats in lower house and state assemblies for women, reviving a bill pending for 27 years for want of consensus among parties. Once approved by Lok Sabha, the bill - Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam - will come to Rajya Sabha for passage. In his first address in Raiva Sabha in the new Parliament building, Modi said that today's occasion is historic and memorable. Noting that Rajya Sabha



(One Hundred and Twenty Eighth Amendment) Bill,

duction in the Lower House through a supplementary list of business.

while giving a direction to the nation.

PM Modi speaks in the Rajya Sabha during a special

session of the Parliament, in New Delhi, Tuesday.

is considered the Upper House of Parliament,

he underlined the intentions of the makers of

the Constitution that the House become a cen-

tre for serious intellectual discussions rising

above the ebb and flow of political discourse

renamed 'Samvidhan Sadan'

The old Parliament building will

Old Parl bldg

New Delhi, Sep 19 (PTI)

now be known as 'Samvidhan Sadan', Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said on Tuesday as the functioning of Parliament shifted to its new building here. The Speaker also announced that henceforth, terms such as 'House', 'Lobby', and 'Galleries' used in the proceedings of the Lok Sabha will refer to the new building, which is now the Parliament



Robbers strike at pvt bank, loot cash and gold after attacking manager

Raigarh, Sep 19:

Armed robbers struck at a private bank in Raigarh city Chhattisgarh on Tuesday morning and decamped with cash and gold after injuring the bank manager, police said.

The exact value of the cash and gold looted in the incident is vet to be ascertained. The incident occurred at around 9.30 am at Jagatpur branch of Axis Bank under the city Kotwali police station limits, said Raigarh senior superintendent of police Sadanand Kumar.

'Around six to seven robbers entered the bank and held bank employees as hostages in a room," he said. They attacked the bank manager with a sharp weapon on his leg while demanding keys to the locker room. The miscreants fled after looting the cash and gold orna-



around 9.30 am at Jagatpur branch of Axis Bank under the city Kotwali police station limits. Around six to seven robbers entered the bank and held bank employees as hostages in a room. They attacked the bank manager with a sharp weapon on his leg while demanding keys to the locker room. The miscreants fled after looting the cash and gold ornaments and bars. Police said around Rs 7 crore in cash and gold worth about Rs 1.5 crore was kept in the strong room of the bank when the robbery occurred.

rushed to a nearby hospital where his condition is said to be stable, he said.

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was kept in the strong room of the bank when the robbery occurred. A case has been regis

tered and efforts are on to nab the robbers, he added.

Police from neighbouring Odisha and Jharkhand have also been informed about the incident to nab the robbers.

Divya

G20 FWG meet successfully concludes in state captal

The fourth and final meeting of the G20 Framework Working Group (FWG),under the Indian G20 Presidency successfully concludedtoday in Raipur, Chhattisgarh. The FWG is co-chaired by India and the UK. The two-day meeting during 18-19 September 2023, wasco-chaired by Ms Chandni Raina, Adviser, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, and Ms. Sam Beckett, Chief Economic Adviser, HM Treasury, UK. Around 65 delegates from G20 membersandinvitee countries and international and regional organisations attended the meeting. Meeting was chaired by Ms Chandni Raina, Adviser, Ministry of



Finance, Government of India, and Ms. Sam Beckett, Chief Economic Adviser, HM Treasury, UK. This meeting marked the culmination of the work done by the FWG during India's G20 Presidency.It provided an opportunity to reflect on the substantial progress achieved by the FWG in 2023 and to explore options for carrying

Anantnag gunfight over; LeT commander among 2 terrorists killed

Srinagar, Sep 19 (PTI):

Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) commander Uzair Khan was among the two terrorists killed in a gunfight in Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag district that ended after seven days, Additional Director General of Police. Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said on Tuesday.

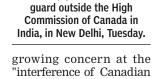


nel, including two army officers and a police officer, lost their lives in the gunfight, which Kumar said is over. "Till now, LeT com-

mander Uzair Khan's body has been recovered. The dead body of another terrorist is visible, but it has not been possible to retrieve it yet," the ADGP reporters Anantnag. He said the gunfight, which began in the Gadole forest area of the south Kashmir district on Wednesday last week, is over, but the search op-

In tit-for-tat, India asks Canadian diplomat to leave 'Canada not looking to 'provoke' India

Toronto: Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on Tuesday said he was not looking to "provoke" India or "escalate" tensions, but urged New Delhi to take the killing of a Sikh separatist leader with the "utmost seriousness". Trudeau's comments came hours after Canada and India expelled a senior diplomat each following his allegations about the involvement of "agents of the Indian government" in the killing of Sikh separatist leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar in June. He said the Indian government needs to "take this matter with the utmost seriousness". "We are doing that. We are not looking to provoke or escalate," he told reporters. "We want to work with the government of India to lay everything clear and to ensure there are proper processes."



Security personnel stand

pulsion of an Indian official over the case, in fresh diplomats in our internal strains to the bilateral ties. matters and their involvement in anti-India activi-Commissioner to India ties." In a strong reaction to remarks by Trudeau Cameron MacKay was summoned and informed and the Canadian foreign about the decision to expel minister, the MEA said the senior official, with such "unsubstantiated" allegations seek to "shift the the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) saying the focus from Khalistani termove reflects New Delhi's rorists and extremists,

who have been provided shelter in Canada and continue to threaten India's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Though the MEA did not divulge the name of the Canadian diplomat who has been asked to leave India within five days, people familiar with the matter said it is the Canadian intelligence agency's station chief in Delhi Olivier New

Sylvestere. The Indian action to expel the Canadian diplomat came hours after Canada's Foreign Minister M lanie Joly announced that a "top Indian diplomat" has been expelled from Canada in view of the alleged links to the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a Canadian Khalistani leader. He was shot dead by two gunmen in Surrey in June.



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Law and order situation very poor in the state: Brajesh Bichpuriya

Parivartan Yatra reaches Bhilai todav

Bhilai, Sep 19:

BJP's Parivartan Yatra is scheduled to reach Bhilai on September 20 evening. BJP District President Braiesh Bichpuriya detailed about the route of Parivartan Yatra in Bhilai and also spoke about the law and situations in Chhattisgarh. While interacting with media persons, Bichpuriya said that the law and order situation has deteriorated in Bhilai city. He said that the murder case of vouth Malkit Singh in Khursipar and Chandrashekhar murder case of Kohka have exposed the ground reality. Expressing concern over rising incidents of crime. he said that after demonstrations, the government agreed to provide Rs 10 lakh compensation and contractual job to one of the dependents in Malkit



other hand, the condition of Late Chandrashekhar Thakur's family is very

He left behind four daughters and one son. Bichpuriya said that the government should not practice double standard and must provide Rs 10 lakh compensation and government job to the family of Chandrashekhar Thakur. BJP District President said that it is not fair if the government is waiting for a dharna or demonstration to make an

announcement for compensation. Citing the examples of several crimes, he said that there is no fear among the criminals. Due to unemployment, the young people are getting indulged in illegal activities of betting and gambling. The online cricket betting through Mahadev App is spoiling the young

Speaking about the Parivartan Yatra, he said that the BJP's Parivartan Yatra will enter Bhilai from Jamul on September

generation.

20 at 5:00 pm. This yatra will be welcomed by five hundred bike riders of Yuva Morcha and a public meeting will be organized in Kurud.

Thereafter the Yatra

will proceed from Kurud village to Bhagwa Chowk, Kailash Nagar, Om Shanti Chowk, Ekta Chowk, Baikunth Dham, Chhawni Chowk and a general meeting will be held at Durga Pandal in Khursipar. Jas Geet pro-Samrat bv gramme

staged here. After the public meeting, the yatra will be welcomed at Power House Square and night halt will be at the office of Bharatiya Janata Party. On Sep 21 morning, the

senior leaders of BJP will address media persons and thereafter the yatra will start again at 11:00 am. It will move across Nehru Nagar Chowk, Gurudwara Chowk, overbridge, Sector 7, Sector 6 Market, Globe Chowk, Sector 10, Talpuri and Station Maroda. Former Minister Jharkhand - Raghuvar Das, BJP State President Arun Sao and other senior leaders will be present. District President Brajesh Bichpuriya, District Secretary General Yogendra Singh, District Secretary Jai Prakash Yadav, District Secretary Bijendra Singh and Amit Pahuja were present in the

Indoor Stadium, Planetarium and other projects

Baghel inaugurates BPO,

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Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated various development works in Bhilai and performed bhoomipujan for other projects on Tuesday. He inaugurated the BPO constructed under Zone 4 Khursipar of Municipal Corporation Bhilai. After inaugurating the Centre, he inaugurated Indoor Stadium, Khursipar. Thereafter, he attended "Aabhar Sammelan" at Nehru House of Culture in Sector He performed bhoomipujan and inaugurated various development works from this venue also. After this, the Chief

Martyrs Memorial and beautification of Nehru Nagar Chowk. He unveiled the statue of Pt Jawahar Lal Nehru at this square. The Chief Minister also inaugurated the Nehru Planetarium built at GE Road, Nehru Nagar. Home Tamradhwaj Minister

Congress President Chandrakar, Antyavasayi Cooperative Vice President Neeta Lodhi, CREDA member Vijay Sahu, Mayor Neeraj Pal, Speaker Girwar Bunty Sahu, Mayor-in-Council members and

Dukalu Yadav will be Man kills brother; hides body in pond (Works) Trophy Work Skills Competition

SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant is organising the Executive Director (Works) Trophy Work Skills Competition 2023-24 Non-Executives the (Technical) from Oct 26, 2023 to Nov 04, 2023 (excluding 29th Oct 2023, Sunday), at HRDC Workshop.

The ED (Works) Trophy is being organized to recognize, promote and showcase the skills and talent of BSP employee(s) at Plant as well Regional / National Level. The participants of the competition shall compete with each other in ten different which include Carpentry, Computer, Fitting, Hydraulics, Machining, PLC, Turning, Welding.

Personnel except the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Position holders of last year's ED (Works) Trophy are eligible to take part in this competition. Minimum 10 participants are required for conducting competition in any trade.

Applications invited for BSP's ED

The top three position holders shall be rewarded with a Cash prize of Rs.5,000, Rs.4,000 and Rs.3,000 respectively, while the fourth and fifth position holders will be awarded with a Cash prize of Rs.2,000 each. Consolation Prizes will also be given to the appropriate position holders at the competition.

The top three prize winners in each trade shall be entitled for participation in Regional Skills Competition. The department with maximum number of participation across all trades shall be felicitated with a Special

Non-Executives (Technical) may apply for the ED (Works) Trophy Work Skills Competition from September 20, 2023 to October 10, 2023 through E-Sahyog on BSP Intranet Homepage. Nisha Soni, CGM (HRD & BE) shall be the Convener of this competition while Mukul Kumar Saharia, DGM (HRD) will be the Coordinator.

ED (Works) Trophy Work Skills Competition is a prestigious competition, which was instituted in the year 2008-09 and is being organized every year since then. Since its very inception, the competition has been evoking good response amongst employees.

Police arrested a man on charges of killing his younger brother. To hide the evidence, the accused dumped the body in a small pond (dubri) after tying a heavy stone with it. Police have recovered the

body and the absconding

accused has been arrested.

Bhilai, Sep 19:

ASP Sanjay Dhruv informed that the wife of the accused had given information about the incident to the cops. On September 17, the lady returned home in the evening and found that her brother-in-law Sunny alias Nepali Rapjut was lying dead on the bed. When she asked her husband Deepak Rajput, he disclosed that he killed his brother with a heavy object. Deepak threatened

his wife not to disclose the incident to anyone. Frightened lady went to her maternal house at Station Maroda and next morning reached the police station. A case was lodged under section 174

On receiving information about the death, a police team reached the crime scene at Indira Chowk in Station Maroda. Police found that the body was not there in the house and the accused Deepak was also absconding. Police searched the nearby places and found the deceased Sunny alias Nepali Rajput drowned in water at a Dabri. The body was fished out and identified by the local Panchs. Police found a stone tied to the body and there was a seri-

preparing an inquest, police sent the body for autopsy

On the instructions of SP Shalabh Sinha, a team was formed to catch the absconding murder accused. Cops were sent in different directions to search the accused. Cops were also deployed in the railway station and bus stand to prevent the acous head injury also. After cused from escaping to

Chowk in Station Maroda. An offense under section 302, 201 of Indian Penal Code has been registered against the accused. He was produced before the court and sent to jail on judicial remand. Inspector Mamta Ali Sharma, Sub Inspector DR Narange, ASI Ramchand Kanwar, Gangaram Yadav,

some other city. With sus-

tained efforts, police man-

aged to arrest the accused

Deepak Rajput (22) son of

Deva Rajput at Indira

Head Constable Jagatpal Jagde, Constable Vikas Sharma, Chandan Bhaskar, Shailesh Maurya, Ravi Bisai, Lakshminarayan Yadav, Chhatrapal Verma and Chittaranjan Dewangan played a vital role in ar-

Bhilai Vidyalaya, Sector-2 observes World Ozone Day 2023



International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer or World Ozone Day was observed by the Eco Club of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Bhilai Vidyalaya Sector-2. Vijay Pawar, Principal, flagged off the Ozone Layer Protection & Awareness Rally on this occasion. Under the leadership of Nishi Shivappa, In-charge

(Eco Club), the rally marched with posters and banners showcasing the importance and need for conservation of Ozone Layer. All the students and teachers of the school took part in this Awareness Rally and shouted slogans to make people aware for Laver

Conservation. An Interhouse Drawing & Painting Competition themed on ozone conservation was also organized on this oc-

casion. Geetanshu, President (Eco Club) shared important insights on need and importance of the ozone shield of Earth's stratosphere and the necessity to protect it from depletion. Ketan, Secretary (Eco Club) made the students aware through a questionnaire based on the ozone

layer. Sarita Shakya, Vandana Sonawane, GP Joshi, DK Sahu and other teachers were also present during the programme.

International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer was designed by the United Nations General Assembly and is observed every year on September 16 to commemorate the Montreal Protocol, an environmental agreement that regulates the production and consumption of nearly 100 man-made chemicals referred to as ozone-depleting substances (ODS). The theme of World Ozone Day 2023 is ''Montreal Protocol: Fixing the Ozone Layer and Reducing Climate

Bhilai Mahila Samaj Collective celebrates Shri Vishwakarma Puja

Bhilai, Sep 19: Shri Vishwakarma Puja was celebrated with fervour at its various Production Units of Bhilai Mahila Samaj (BMS) on September 17, 2023. The BMS Office Bearers visited the Production Units to offer obeisance to Lord Shri Vishwakarma on this occasion, and conveyed their best wishes to the BMS Collective and urged them to follow safety standards at the workplace.

Dasgupta, Triparna President (BMS), Pranati Mukhopadhyay, Addl Vice President, Molly Chakraborty, Addl Vice President, Nupur Swarup, Addl Vice President, were present on this occasion, along with Sadhana Goyal,



Shikha Jain, Treasurer, Deepanvita Treasurer, and In-charges and members of various Production Units of Bhilai Mahila Samaj. After comPuja at BMS Masala Unit, Triparna Dasgupta, President (BMS) along with accompanying BMS Office Bearers took part in the ongoing Puja Ceremonies at various Production Units of Bhilai Mahila Samaj in-

cluding Stationary Unit,

Soap Unit and Petrol Pump, followed by Gloves Unit, and conveyed their best wishes to the BMS Workers on Shri Vishwakarma Puja. Prasad Sweet Boxes were also distributed to the workers on this occasion, followed by Festival Lunch.

Obituary **Anand Kumar**



resident civil engineer Anand Kumar Tiwari left for heavenly abode at the age of 50 years on Monday. Funeral procession will be taken out from his residence on September 20 around 10:30 hrs and last rites of the mortal remains will be performed at Ramnagar Muktidham. He was the son of retired Principal SK Tiwari and brother of IPS (MP Cadre) officer Arvind Tiwari.

Weather to change again in Chhattisgarh

Raipur, Sep 19:

The weather pattern is going to change again in Chhattisgarh and incessant rain will start across the state from Wednesday.

Meteorological Department said that there may be heavy rain in some areas of the state and there will be no significant change in the temperature for the next three days. Especially in Raipur and Jagdalpur there may be rain with thun-

Till September 15, 937.6 mm rainfall has been received across the state. Raipur district has also received more than 1000 mm rainfall. Now again the weather patterns will change in the state and heavy rains will be there in some part. As soon as the

rain has stopped, the humidity has increased again. On Tuesday, the maximum temperature of Raipur was recorded at 32.5 degrees Celsius and the minimum temperature degrees Celsius. Meteorologists said that now the weather patterns will change and people are

going to get relief from the heat. Meteorologist HP Chandra said that the monsoon trough at mean sea level now passes through Jaisalmer, Ajmer, Shivpuri, Sidhi, Digha and then towards the south-east till the central Bay of Bengal. Due to its effect, there is a possibility of heavy rainfall in some areas of the state on Wednesday, along with which there may also be lightning and thunder

Raipur, Sep 19:

National Institute of Technology (NIT) Raipur's Department Electronics Communication

Engineering (ECE) in association with Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Electron Devices Society, Student Branch Chapter (IEEE EDS SBC) hosted an online expert lecture talk on 16th September 2023. The session was graced by the Guest speaker Dr. Hiroshi Iwai, Vice Dean and Distinguished Chair Professor, National Yang Chiao Tung Ming University; Professor Emeritus, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan, who gave important insights on the topic, "Invention of

Transistor

December 1947; The Origin of Device Miniaturization towards Super-Intelligent Society". The event was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Guru Prasad Mishra, Faculty In-Charge, IEEE EDS NIT Raipur, by a dedicated leadership team headed by Abhishek Ray, Chapter Chair, IEEE EDS

NIT Raipur. The session began with Tejasree, a pre-final year student from the ECE Department explained about IEEE which is a vibrant student community and an association of electrical and electronics engineers, providing them a platform to exchange ideas and opinions. Beginning with his discourse, Dr. Iwai explained the importance of conducting this talk so as to

NIT Raipur hosts an online informative talk session honour the 75 years of invention of the transistor, without which the concept of a digital society would have been unimaginable. He further elaborated on the contributions of various scientists and explained the evolution of technology from the first telegraph to triode vacuum tube to finally the transistor which brought in the concept of miniaturization and introduced a whole new field of science called micro/nano electronics, with a lucid explanation of the underlying physics. Finally, he concluded with the fact that the coming centuries would be controlled by the

far more sophisticated and

efficient bionics and

biosystems just as me-

chanics and electronics

dominate the world today.

Sixth accused arrested in Malkit murder case

Bhilai, Sep 19:

Police arrested another accused in Malkit Singh murder case after finding criminal evidence against him. Police found evidence against him after CCTV analysis, IPDR, CDR analysis and interrogation of 30 other eyewitnesses.

It needs to be mentioned here that Malkit Singh alias Veeru, a resident of Khursipar, died during treatment due to the injury caused by the assault on September 15. A case was registered against the accused in the Khursipar police station. Police had earlier arrested five accused identified as Tarun Nishad, Tasbur Khan, Shubham Lahare, Faisal Qureshi and a juvenile. During the investigation,



CCTV analysis, IPDR, CDR analysis and interrogation of more than 30 eyewitnesses. It was discovered the involvement of another youth in the murder. After finding criminal evidence, police arrested Shubham Sharma (24) son of Devideen Sharma a resident of Zone 1, Khursipar and sent him to jail on judicial remand.

HUGE IDOL

Remarkable efforts in progress to make Ch'garh healthy and prosperous: CM

CM attends 'Aabhar program' organized by the beneficiaries of the CM Special **Health Assistance** Scheme

Baghel assured further expansion of the necessary facilities at Advanced **Cardiac Institute, Ambedkar Hospital**

Raipur, Sep 19: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel attended the 'Aabhar Program' organized by beneficiaries of the Chief Minister Special Health Assistance Scheme at the Cardiac Institute, Ambedkar Raipur on Hospital. Tuesday Patients and their families benefited from the scheme expressed their gratitude towards CM Bhupesh Baghel for launching this welfare scheme. It is worth mentioning that the scheme



tance up to Rs 25 lakh. Parliamentary Secretary Vikas Upadhyay, Chhattisgarh Housing Board Chairman Kuldeep Juneja, Advisor to the CM Ruchir Garg and Dr. Preeti Nagaria along with Dr. Smith Srivastava, Dr. Rakesh Gupta were present at the program.

CM Baghel, while addressing the Aabhar Program, stated that Chhattisgarh has significantly promoted health and happiness. The state's health facilities have been expanded to reach even remote forest areas for easy access to treatment. It is a

Chhattisgarh's government hospitals now boast world-class equipment and facilities, including the Advanced Cardiac Institute at Government Hospital. He also assured to provide all necessary facilities, including modern equipment, to strengthen the Advanced Cardiac Institute in Ambedkar Hospital, Raipur.

CM Bhupesh Baghel, stated that heart disease is regarded as one of the most severe medical conditions. Treating diseases related to the heart is a complicated and costly process, and hospitals frequently

sources. To address these issues, we have established the Advanced Cardiac Institute. Additionally, we are running Khubchand Swasthya Sahayata Yojana and the Chief Minister Special Health Assistance Scheme to ensure that patients receive financial support for treating heart diseases and all other ail-

He further added that 6.9 lakh families in the state are covered by the Dr. Khubchand Baghel Sahayata Swasthva Yojana. As of now, claims worth Rs. 3643.09 crore

financial difficulties.

ments without facing any

Additionally, the Chief Minister Special Health Assistance Scheme provides financial aid of Rs. 25 lakh to eligible recipients, up from the previous amount of Rs. 20 lakh. The scheme has approved assistance worth Rs. 79.57 crore for 2,643 patients. CM Baghel, expressed

his delight that Ch'sgarh's Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru Medical College and Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Government Hospital are the pride of the state. He added that these institutions benefit not only the citizens of Chhattisgarh but also those in neighbouring states. Our efforts to equip all departments of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Hospital with modern facilities are supplemented by plans to expand its infrastructure. Recently, we performed the Bhoomi Pujan for a 7-story super speciality hospital, which will have 700 beds and cutting-edge technology. The construction of this hospital will cost Rs 325 cr



pandal for the 10-day long 'Ganesh Chaturthi festival' beginning here on Tuesday.

CM extends greetings on occasion of Nuakhai festival

Raipur, Sep 19: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has extended his best wishes to the state, especially the Utkala community, on the occasion of the Nuakhai festival. In his congratulatory message, the Chief Minister men-

community celebrates Nuakhai festival on the second day of Ganesh Chaturthi, also known as Rishi Panchami.

This festival symbolizes the arrival of the new harvest, reverence to the earth and the divine, and

among the farming community. On this occasion, after offering the new harvest to the deities, people come together for feasts and strengthen social bonds. He wished happiness, prosperity, and wellbeing for all the residents

'Conspiracy being hatched against Sanatan culture' in Ch'garh'

Raipur, Sep 19: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Tuesday alleged that a conspiracy being hatched against "Sanatan culture" in the Congress-ruled Chhattisgarh.

He was speaking at a rally in Bhatgaon assemconstituency of Chhattisgarh as part of the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) `parivartan yatra' campaign ahead of the state elections.

"A conspiracy is being hatched against Sanatan culture in Chhattisgarh. Since Bhupesh Baghel was elected as chief minister, the influx of Rohingya (refugees from Myanmar) in the state has become a major issue,' the BJP leader claimed.

He also accused the Opposition's INDIA alliance of hatching a conspiracy to create "anti-Hindu" atmosphere in the



The Congress (when it was in power) allowed Bangladeshis to enter Assam illegally, he alleged, claiming that "lakhs of Bangladeshis are living in Assam.'

Chhattisgarh, Rohingya have started entering....Bhupesh Baghel says he worships Gaumata (cow) but we don't want this. We want you to say that you are a Hindu devoted Hinduism," Sarma added.

Opposing education at Madrasas (Islamic seminaries) for children, Sarma said he closed Madrasas in Assam.

"Now our Muslim daughters go to our schools. This time in Assam, a large number of Muslim daughters have cleared medical exams. We don't see Hindu-Muslims, we see the development and education of our daughters," he said.

Targeting the ruling Congress in Chhattisgarh over corruption, he asked why Baghel did not use the money he "invested in Assam and Himachal Pradesh elections (for Congress)" for empowerthe tribals in Chhattisgarh instead.

The Assam chief minister took part in parivartan vatra events in Bhatgaon (Surajpur district) and Nawagarh (Bemetara district) assembly constituencies on Tuesday.

Man kills youth suspecting illicit affair with his wife

Police arrest him with two of his accomplices

Raipur, Sep 19: Police today arrested four suspects in connection with the incident of murder held four days ago near Bridge track and tower Pvt. Ltd. behind country liquor shop in Urla area. According to information available suspect Ajay Tandon's wife had illicit affair with the deceased Aman Banjare. Aman died during treatment. Urla Police have registered crime under Sections 307, 302, 34 IPC.

The complaint was lodged four days ago by Mahesh Mahilange. resident Satnam Chowk -2 Urla. On September 15 at around 3 pm complainant was talking with Ajay Tandon and Aman Baniare under a tree in front of Bridge Track and Tower Company. Meanwhile Raju Sahu and Sunil Pal, Mahesh and their accomplices came



to the spot where they started beating Aman Banjare with the support of Ajay Tandon, Raju Sahu and Sunil Pal to settle old scores.

stabbed Banjare with knife and fled, leaving him seriously injured. **During treatment Aman** succumbed Banjare injuries. After registering case police launched search and arrested Ajay Tandon and Sunil Pal and Raju Sahu. **During interrogation Ajay** Tandon said that his wife had illicit affair with the deceased Aman Banjare. On being upset on this he along with his accomplices had planned to murder Aman Banjare. Accordingly they called Aman Banjare over phone to the spot and murdered him. After murdering him they threw the knife on the pond.

Why is reservation bill pending in Raj Bhavan?: Congress to BJP increased,

PCC charges BJP with adopting antireservation policy

Raipur, Sep 19: Pradesh Congress Committee's sernior spokesman Surendra Verma has charged the Bharatiya Janata Party with hating social justice. The new reservation bill, which refers to important issues like education and employment of the majority population of Chhattisgarh, is pending from December 2, 2022 till today, but no Bharatiya Janata Party leader is seen appealing to the Governor for its early signature, Verma said, In fact the new reservation bill has been forcibly stalled in Raj Bhavan for more than 9 months due to conspiracy Bharatiya Janata Party leaders, he said adding that this is the character of BJP

Wherever Janata Party is in opposition, they conspire to stop important bills passed by the elected government under the cover of Raj Bhavan after misusing constitutional agencies, Verma BJP only does politics in

the name of women em-

powerment, he said adding

that the basic character of RSS and BJP is anti-women anti-reservation. Bharatiya Janata Party's Raman government was not worried about women while it was in government in Chhattisgarh for 15 years, he said and added that Bhupesh government took major decisions in the interest of women from day one. Under the Bhupesh government, the honorarium of Anganwadi helpers and workers has almost doubled, and the honorarium of cooks has been

Bhupesh government increased the amount of assistance under Chief Minister Kanya Vivah Yojana from Rs 25 thousand to Rs 50 thousand, said Verma. Moreover women's groups were given loan waiver of Rs 12 crore 70 lakh, he said, adding that the doors to economic prosperity of women have been opened by connecting more than 85 thousand women through the women's group in Gouthan.

Verma also said that more than 50 thousand women were linked to forest produce processing Under Chhattisgarh State Rural Livelihood Mission Bihan, about 27 lakh women are getting self-employment from 2 lakh 54 thousand self-help groups in Chhattisgarh, he said and added that Congress did the work of women empowerment in the country.

BJP demands CBI probe into CPSC exam irregularities



Sept 19: Raipur. Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) State Unit General Secretary OP Chaudhary on Tuesday reiterated demand for Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probe into reported irregularities in the examina-

conducted tion Chhattisgarh Commission Service

Addressing a press conference at party office situated at Ekatma Parishar, the BJP leader Chaudhary alleged that the talented

aspirations from weaker section of society are left into lurch due to irregularities in PSC exams as they are victim of scam and termed the situation to be disappointing.

He also alleged negligence in the process of valuation of answer sheets and added that entire exercise has been undertaken to give post and position to key people who are close to the associates in PSC. Terming the result of PSC exam to be forgery, the BJP leader said that CBI probe should be carried out into entire examina-

Allotment list for vacant seats released Raipur, Sep 19: The allot-

ment list for 344 vacant seats Chhattisgarh was released on September 19. Students will have to take admission in the respective colleges from September 19th to 22nd. During this period, verification of documents will also be done. Meanwhile, they will have to prepare bank guarantee, bond and other docu-

The allotment list for mop up round will be released on September 25th and admission will have to



be taken by September 28th. Stray vacancy round will be held on September 29th. Students allotted in this will get only two days for admission. In any case, they will have to take ad-

mission by September 30th. DME office has released a new schedule of counseling for admission in MBBS. There are 1,910 MBBS seats in the state. Of these, 1,449 seats are of

NRI quota, 91 seats are vacant in government colleges and 253 seats are vacant in private colleges. There is only time till September 30th to fill the vacant seats.

Counseling Committee Chairman Dr. Arvind Neral said that the medical seats will be completely filled within the stipulated

In Raipur Medical College, Raipur, 32 out of 189 seats of state quota are vacant. 9 out of 148 seats are vacant in Bilaspur, 5 out of 104 in Rajnandgaon, 6 out of 104 in Jagdalpur, 8 out of 104 in Kanker. 5 out of 82 in Raigarh. 5 out of 104 seats are yet to be filled

164 in Durg, 6 out of 104 in Ambikapur, 6 out of 104 in Korba. In private colleges, admission is yet to be given on 75 seats in Balaji, 95 in RIMS and 83 seats in Shankaracharya College. Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Health Science and AYUSH University has declared the time-table of MBBS First Year main examination. This exam will be held from November 21st to 29th. For this, online examination form will be filled from October 20th to November 3rd. More than 1,800 students from 10 government and three private medical colleges of the state will appear in the

in Mahasamund, 9 out of

OBITUARY

Rooprani Nayak

Raipur: Rooprani Nayak, R/o Om Society, Sunder Nagar breathed



She was W/o Roshan Lal Nayak. The final journey will leave from her residence on Sept 20 at 11:30 to Mahadev Ghat crematorium. She was mother of Late PRadeep Nayak, Sanjeev Nayak and Arvind Nayak and grand-mother Janmajay Nayak.

Two children drown in water-filled pit dug for under construction house

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Sep 19: Two children have died due to drowning in water in Lakhe Nagar, falling under jurisdiction of Azad Chowk Police Station of Raipur.

It is being told that both the children were playing in an empty land filled with water.

While playing they had no idea about nearby pit which was dug for house under construction on

Tuesday afternoon. Deceased-Mohammad Avesh (10) and Abid

Khatri (12) were resi-

dents of Ashwani Nagar and Lakhe Nagar. Both of them got into water for playing.

They had no idea about the pit as the empty land was filled with water. They started having

fun and taking bath. Meanwhile, suddenly they drowned in the deep pit inside. It is being told that one

child died on the spot while the other child was rushed to declared brought dead.

AIIMS Hospital where he was According to the infor-

mation, an old house was

demolished at that place two months ago. The land owner was building a new house there. Recent rainfalls caused inundation of the land.

The land owner had not made any arrangements for security. Neither was there any boundary wall nor was there any barricading of the shed.

Family members of deceased allege that a pit was dug in the ground and abandoned carelessly due to which children died by drowning. They demanded strict action in this matter.

Chandigarh defeats Odisha by 6 runs in T-20 match

Central Chronicle News

Sep Raipur, Chandigarh registered a 6 run victory against Odisha in the Senior Women Chhattisgarh T-20 Cup tournament being organized under the aegis of Chhattisgarh State Cricket Sangh (CSCS) here on Tuesday.

Put into bat first, the Chandigarh scored 131 runs for 4 wickets. Shivi Pandey scored maximum 57 runs from just 54 balls to help Chandigarh post a massive total of 131 runs. Monika Pandey (30 runs) and Kavshi (17 runs) also made valuable contributions for the

In reply, the Odisha team managed to score 126 runs to lose the match by 6 runs. Tanmiya Mehra scored maximum 36 runs for Odisha whereas Madhur Mehta (30 runs) and Sangeeta Khadia (29 runs) also made valuable contributions but could not ensure victory for their team.

Shivi Pandey once again excelled with her bowling as she claimed 3 wickets to restrict the opposition.

Lucky, Pankaj become NIS Weightlifting Coaches



Weightlifting player Markam and Lucky Shukla from Pankai Raipur have become NIS Coach after their success completion of Diploma in Sports Coaching Course from NIT Patialala of



Raipur Weightlifting Association Shrivasatava, Rajjan Rajendra Singh Yadav Budhram Sarang and President Radheshyam Sahu have congratulated them on the success.

Ozone layer important to protect all living beings: Director General Bajaj

Regional Science Center celebrated World Ozone Day with school children

Raipur, Sep 19: Director General of Chhattisgarh S. Bajaj has said that the ozone layer plays an important role in protecting life on Earth. He said that in the absence of ozone layer, the life of all living beings on earth will be surrounded by various crises and their existence will be in danger. S. S. Bajaj was addressing school children in a prosion of World Ozone Day on Saturday. On this occasion. along with the painting competition, subject experts also gave lectures on the importance of ozone layer and



General of Chhattisgarh Regional Science Center Bajaj stressed the need for collective efforts to protect and preserve the ozone layer and the need for environmental protection. In the program he gave detailed information about the importance of ozone layer and its importance for maintaining life on earth.

Higher Secondary School, Daldal Seoni and Jora participated in the program and demonstrated their creativity towards the environment. The creative skills of the students came to the fore in the painting compe-

> through artwork based on ozone layer conservation. Present in the program were Project Director Dr. Shirish Kumar Singh, Scientist - D., Engineer Amit Kumar Meshram, Scientific Officer Pragya Kadam and JRF Shreya Mishra and Tarni Verma

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Collector inspects beautification, wall painting on Late Rajiv Gandhi Road

Raipur, Sep Collector Sarveshwar Narendra Bhure observed the wall painting and beautification done on Late Rajiv Gandhi Marg in the capital today. To welcome the meeting of the Working Group of the Fourth Framework of the G-20, wall painting and beautification has been done on the said route and other routes of the capital. G-20 summit meeting is to be held on 18th and 19th September. Several roads have been beautified to welcome the foreign delegates. Dr. Bhure inspected the plantation done on the divider and gave instructions regarding their maintenance. Municipal Corporation Commissioner Mayank Chaturvedi and other officials were present on

CII-Yi Yuva Utsav 2.0 on Sept 22

Dreams to Reality-**India's Global Ascent**

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Sep 19: The youth of a state represents its vibrant potential, embodying the fuarchitects progress and prosperity. Their vitality, creativity, and adaptability are invaluable assets for any society. However, to harness this potential effectively, empowering them with the right skills is

Skilling the youth not only equips them to meet the demands of the modern job market but also fosters innovation, entrepreneurship, and overall socio-economic development. By investing in education and vocational training, a state can unlock a plethora of opportunities for its young pop-

ployment, and steering the region towards sustainable growth. Recognizing the significance of skilling, the youth is essential for fostering a prosperous and progressive society that thrives on the energy and ambition of its young generation.

With this background Education and Skills Chhattisgarh and Yi Raipur Chapter is organising Yuva Ūtsav 2.0, with theme "Dreams Reality: India's Global Deendayal Auditorium, Raipur, Chhattisgarh on September 22. The Yuva Utsav will be an outcome driven effort for the youth to visualize and voice their imagery for their future and future of our Nation.

It will have a participation of more than 1500 students from more than 13 colleges/universities part of India@100 Towards a Competitive and Sustainable India-Growth. Livelihood Globalisation, Building Trust towards providing a platform for the Youth.

The conclave will provide a platform for young minds to converge, coand through exciting formats on key aspects which will help shape their future, through sessions focusing on entrepreneurship and personal & professional development. The event will have renowned guest speakers from across India, covering various sessions on inspiring and motivating students to choose entrepreneurship and job cre-

As chief guest of the Biswabhusan event Harichandan, Governor of Chhattisgarh is gracing the event with his

Various competitions organized on International **Ozone Layer Preservation Day**



Increased awareness among students regarding ozone layer

Raipur, Sep 19: On the occasion of International Ozone Layer Protection Chhattisgarh Environment Protection organized Envirothon competition at the new rest house. Raipur. The theme of this competition, organized with the aim of giving information about environmental protection and importance of ozone layer to the college and school students, was based on

"Solutions for the utilization of waste". Along with this, a poster making competition was also organized based on the theme of improving ozone layer and reducing climate change. School students showed curiosity about the program and displayed their creativity on various relevant topics related to it. The winners of the competition were distributed prizes by Chief Engineer Chhattisgarh **Environment Protection** Board, Mr. R.P. Tiwari and

of Kalinga University, Dr. R. Shridhar said that we have to change our lifestyle to ensure that the substances that damage the ozone layer are gradually eliminated. Protection of ozone layer will cause great harm to the environment and it will have direct and indirect effects on human society. It is the responsibility of the future generation to always strive for environmental protection and promotion and play its role in this direction. First position in Envirothon competition was won by Swarnim and team of class 10th and 12th, Rajkumar College, Raipur and Kashish Tandi and team, Rani Durgavati Higher Secondary School, Raipur and in the graduacategory, Mokshraj Sahu, Badri Prasad Lodhi P.G. college won and in post graduate category, Ms. Poonam Singh, Indira Gandhi National Open University

guest lecturer Manish

Kumar Ahir gave a lecture

on the importance of ozone

layer as well as environmen-

tal protection and inspired

the school children to com-

pulsorily plant a tree on the

occasion of their birthday.

He said that the paintings

made by the students in the

Transport Department conducting an intensive checking campaign

At all 16 check posts in the state

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Sep 19: The Transport Department has initiated various security measures as per the directives of the Election Commission to maintain law and order amid the preparation of upcoming Chhattisgarh Assembly Elections 2023. The department is conducting an intensive checking campaign at 16 toll posts with seven flying squad

For the upcoming election, the Transport Department has started rigorous checking of four-wheelers, goods-carrying vehicles, and individuals deemed suspicious at all checkpoints. Authorities are focusing on detecting unauthorised transportation of cash, liquor, gold, silver, and other valuables with-



Ahead of the upcoming

elections, the Election Commission has issued essential directives to all departments. In response directives. **Transport Commissioner** Mr. Dipanshu Kabra has instructed Enforcement

Branch Officers to conduct rigorous vehicle checking and take stringent measures against the transportation of prohibited materials in compliance with these guidelines. The Transport Department is conducting thorough vehicle checking at 16 border checkposts with seven flying squad teams within the state to ensure continuous vigilance.

Bamboo craftsmen get advanced tools kit distributed

Central Chronicle News



Mission is being run by

Kawardha, Pandaria to witness change along with entire Ch'garh: Raman



and Village Industries Board. While presiding Chhattisgarh Khadi and Village Industries Board Chairman. Raiendra Tiwari praised the program and said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, better efforts are being made in the interest of traditional artisans. He explained in detail about the schemes run by the state

sion, Mr. Anand Ubale, Mr. Yogesh Tiwari, Mr. Rajesh Pandey, Mr. Harishankar Banswar, Mr. Indraraj Kandra, Mrs. Champa Bai, Dooi Bai. Anusuiva Kandra, Bhim Kandra Mrs. Savitri Chudamani Nayak, public representatives and officials of Chhattisgarh Khadi and Village Industries Board, Bamboo craftsmen including employees

IIM Raipur hosts first IR dialogue

Kalinga University Vice

Shridhar. Addressing the

students, Vice Chancellor

Dr.

PANEL DISCUSSION

Chancellor

With International **Relations Committee**

Raipur, Sep 19: Indian Institute of Management Raipur is excited to announce the successful conclusion of the eminent speaker session titled "IR Dialogue: Pursuing an International Career -Challenges Opportunities," which took place on Wednesday, 13th September with distinguished speaker Mr. Vipin Agrawal, Managing

Partner at AG Management Advisory (UAE). The event was organized International Relations Committee of IIM Raipur. It provided attendees with invaluable insights into international career opportunities.

Mr. Vipin Agrawal is an accomplished international banking and finance professional with over 30 years of experience. An alumnus of IIT Delhi and IIM A, his career includes leadership roles at Citibank and CIMB Malaysia, where he excelled in regional and country management positions. Recently, returning to India after over 24 years abroad, Mr. Agrawal has chosen Bengaluru as his base.

The event commenced with a brief address by Mr Vipin Agrawal. He highlighted various facets of pursuing a career overseas. He also emphasized the importance of getting exposed to multiple cultures in order to successfully navigate through one's career.

The address was followed by an enriching panel discussion moderated by Prof. Navneet Bhatnagar, Chairperson of International Relations. The discussion also featured Prof Ketan Reddy, Economics and Public Policy. The panel contemplated the various trends shaping the aspects of career overseas such as global expansion, rise in cross cultural teams, increased interconnectivity during Covid-19 and importance of emerging east in global scenario. They also discussed the challenges brought by the virtual working mode post panAttempts being damage to 'Santan' in conspired manner: Sharma

Kawardha, Sep 19: Former Chief Minister and BJP National V-P Dr Raman Singh addressing a press conference raised serious charges against the Congress government and party's MLA Mohammed Akbar over the local issues. Raman charged that a community in particular has started encroaching near the road-side and alleged that it is the roadmafia, land-mafia, liquormafia which is prospering in Kawardha and the law & order in the district is facing a blow each day.

Former CM Raman said that Singh Chhattisgarh was known for its 'Mukhyamantri Khadyan Yojana' and as an island of peace and with good network of roads under PMGSY. But now in Chhattisgarh, the



crime rate and related incidents and anarchy is now prevailing. The development in the last 5 yrs has come to a stand still and no works has been done related to construction of roads, bridges, and other basic infrastructure, he alleged.

BJP National V-P furinformed that ther 'Sutiyapath' reservoir canal lining was sanctioned during BJP's period, but till date the Congress government has not taken any initiative to start the same. Due to this, the farmers of 26 villages

and hundreds of acre laid is deprived of irrigation. In the same way, the farmers of Sugar factory were supplying sugar at affordable rates to shareholders during BJP's rule, but after the Congress rule this scheme has been stopped. Set aside this the farmers of the Sugar factory have been stopped the payment of Rs 9000 per acre under Rajiv Gandhi Nyay Yojana and the Sugarcane farmers have not being paid bonus till

Dr Raman Singh said

mineral reserves of such fearful condition, the place for last 5 yrs and due teo which thousands of labourers have become unemployed. Contrary to his Mohammed Akbar's protection, the illegal felling and transportation of thousands of costly teak, 'Saja', 'Beeja' trees is being done, he alleged. The distribution of funds under CAMPA fund by the Forest department too is being misutilised under Forest Minister's protection. The adopted forest people of the President in the forest area- Baiga brother are not being given 'patta' and instead persons from a community in particular only are being provided 'pattas', he alleged.

In-charge Parivartan Yatra Shivratan Sharma speaking to media persons charged that the way crime incidents have increased in every corner of Chhattisgarh, is indirectly an attempt to cause damage to 'Sanatan dharm'. Getting frustrated with

change Chhattisgarh and the next elections would bring winds of change. State general secy. Viyay

Sharma charged Forest Minister Mohammed Akbar of increase terror among peaceful people of Kawardha and informed that YC V-P forcefully entered inside a teacher's house in Garm Ghughari and had beaten a woman and its video is also available. But till date no justice has been provided to the woman.

In the same way a Congress party worker hit a police jawan in front of Circuit House openly and no action was taken against him. People from a community in particular chased people with naked sword in their hands on the main road, but till date no inquiry has taken place. Despite regular demand for inquiry by VHP and other organisation, no action is being taken, he

Young artists illuminate path to environmental preservation

Students' painting contest promotes sustainable practices and awareness

Kareli Badi, Sep 19: In a colorful and inspiring event, the Government Higher Secondary School in Kundel hosted a painting competition focused on energy conservation. Students from all age groups participated, showcasing their artistic talents while



spreading a crucial message about safeguarding our

planet Principal Santosh Kumar Sahu expressed his enthusiasm for the students' commitment to environmental protection. The participants demonstrated their dedication to harnessing solar energy, reducing electricity wastage, and curbing harmful practices like burning petrol and diesel. They also emphasized responsible garbage disposal, separating dry and wet waste, and protecting trees and plants

from hazardous materials. Through their paintings, the students effectively conveyed the importance of responsible waste management, the harmful effects of sulfur dioxide and carbon emissions, and the peril of chloro-fluoro rain caused by sulfuric acid. Additionally, the artworks highlighted the need for prudent use of water resources. During the program, Principal Santosh Kumar Sahu shared details about the 10 participants,

with recognition for first second, and third place at both the central and state levels. In an encouraging twist, the children were urged to continue their efforts in promoting environmental protection through their paintings, with the potential to advance from the state level to the national level. In this programme, lecturer HK Sahu, Yogesh Kumar Nishad, head reader NR Sahu, DL Sonwani and all the teachers were pres-

Bike-rider smuggler arrested with 10.394 kg Ganja

Jagdalpur, Sep 19: Nagarnar police station of the district received tip from an informer that a person was transporting the drug Ganja in a motorcycle bearing number OD 10-1494. Based on the information received, a police team was formed. The police team arrested Kanda Pradhani, S/o late Guru Pradhani, age 40 years, R/o village Nuwagaon Haldikund, tehsil post Vyapargud police station Ramgiri district Koraput Odisha, accused of ganja near village smuggling Machkot Tiraha under police station Nagarnar area. The



of illegal ganja on Honda bike with registration number OD 10-1494. Since the act of the said accused was found to be a crime under Section 20B of the NDPS Act, the crime was constituted and taken into consid-

Sanjay Gandhi Hospital's licence suspended after woman's death

(PTI): The health department here has suspended the licence of the Sanjay Gandhi Hospital in Munshiganj area Amethi and halted OPD and emergency services in connection with the death of a 22-year-old woman, an official said on Tuesday.

Amethi Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Anshuman Singh said that on the basis of a report of the probe committee, the department suspended the licence on Monday.

The hospital was given time arrange for treatment of the patients admitted there and their dis-

Awadhesh Sharma, the hospital's CEO, said, 'With the licence of the hospital being suspended all services provided by the hospital including emergency and OPD have come to a halt."

Sharma alleged the the hospital didn't get a fair hearing and called the suspension its licence an act said in a post on X in of political vengeance. "This is a one-sided action on the part of the administration, and we will move the court against this.'

Health department officials said that a threemember team led by Additional CMO Dr Ram Prasad in its report said there was laxity in the treatment given to the deceased patient, Divya, and if specialist doctors had reached the hospital, she could have been saved.

'Taking immediate cognisance of the case of death of a female patient due to doctor's negligence Sanjay Gandhi Hospital, Munshiganj, Amethi, as per the orders given by me, Chief Medical Officer of Amethi immediately conducted a preliminary inquiry into the matter through a three-member committee," UP Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak, who also holds the health portfolio, had on Sunday

Hindi. "On the basis of shortcomings found in the preliminary investigation, orders have been given to issue a notice to the hospital administration for seeking a clarification under the Clinical Act,

Pathak said. He had warned the hospital of licence revocation and sealing of its premises if it is found involved in recklessness.

On Sunday, a case of causing death by negligence was registered against four employees of Sanjay Gandhi Hospital, including its chief executive officer, over the death

Divya was taken to Sanjay Gandhi Hospital on September 14 morning by her family after she complained of a stomach ache.

After examining her, the doctor suggested an operation to remove stones in her gallbladder, her family said. On the same day, she went into a coma before the operation and was kept at the hospital for more than 30 hours before being referred to Lucknow.

Divya died in Lucknow around 4 am on September 16, her husband Anuj Shukla said.

Shukla alleged that she suffered a heart attack at the hospital. Awadhesh Sharma said

Divya had a reaction to the anaesthesia administered to her before the operation. A case was registered Awadhesh Sharma, general surgeon Dr Mohammad Raja, anaesthesia specialist Dr Siddiqui and physician Dr Shubham Dwivedi under section 304A (causing death by negligence) of the Indian Penal Code at the Munshiganj Police Station. The Sanjay Gandhi Hospital is run by Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Trust New Delhi and Sonia Gandhi is its chairperson while Rahul

Gandhi and Priyanka

IDOL IMMERSION



Devotees immerse an idol of Lord Vishwakarma, at Pattinapakkam beach in Chennai, Tuesday.

'Cong never serious about women's reservation'



Amit Shah

New Delhi, Sep 19 (PTI):

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday slammed the opposition, particularly the Congress, for showing only "tokenism" on the Narshakti Vandan Adhiniyam and said the party has never serious about women's reservation in legislative bodies.

He also said the Congress either let legislations lapse or their friendly parties prevented the women reservation hill from being tabled

The home minister said across the length and breadth of India, people are rejoicing the introduction of the Narishakti Vandan Adhiniyam in Parliament and it shows the unwavering commitment of the Modi government to empower women.

"Sadly, the Opposition is unable to digest this. And, what is more shameful is that except tokenism, the Congress has never been serious about women's reservation. Either they let legislations lapse or their friendly parties prevented the Bill from being tabled. Their double standards will never be hidden, whatever stunts they try to take credit," he

The government on Tuesday introduced a constitutional amendment bill to reserve one-third of seats in Lok Sabha and assemblies for women, reviving a bill pending for 27 years for want of consensus among

'Never thought I would see new Parl building in my lifetime'

Bengaluru, Sep 19 (PTI):

As the Parliament started to function from the building from Tuesday, former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda, being one of its senior most members, advised younger colleagues that the Parliament has to be made use of for debates and not as a stage for protests, and to always come prepared to the House for informed discussion.

The 90-year-old veteran politician, who is also JD(S) patriarch, suggested that the bigger national parties should realise and acknowledge the contribution of smaller, regional parties and independent members to India's progress as a nation and its democracy.

Stating that Parliament should never forget the poor, farmers, oppressed, marginalised, minorities and the voiceless, he hoped that the 90 per cent of the new Parliament's time is spent discussing their needs and their development.

"Today we have moved

from the old Parliament

building to the new Parliament building. We carry a lot of memories of the old building to the new, and also carry the spirit of our great democracy to the new building," Gowda, who is the Member of Rajya Sabha from Karnataka, said in a statement. Recalling his tenure as the chief minister of Karnataka, and as prime minister after landing in Delhi, he said, he had never thought that he would last this long in politics and had never thought he would see a new Parliament building in his lifetime. "It is an indication of this nation's steady progress and the deepening of its democracy.



H D Deve Gowda

The new Parliament building has more seats in the chambers of the two Houses and will in the near future see India represented better, Gowda said, adding, "at this juncture of moving into a new House, being one of the senior most members, I would like to say four things to my younger colleagues." Parliament has to be made use of for debates and not as a stage for

protests, the former PM said. Gowda said in his entire legislative career, he only once for a very brief moment went to the well of the House and regretted for taking that decision. Please make use of the

Parliament library, he told MPs. "Try to understand our legislative history well. When I came to Delhi in 1991, I had no friends not that I have many now I spent all my time reading in the library. I had done the same when I entered the Karnataka assembly in 1962. Please always come prepared to the House. Let there always be informed discussion."

India is a multiparty democracy, Gowda said, as he noted that the bigger national parties should realise and acknowledge the contribution of smaller, regional parties and independent members to India's progress as a nation and its democracy.

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'Nipah outbreak under control but threat is not over yet'

Thiruvananthapuram, Sep 19 (PTI): Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said on Tuesday the Nipah outbreak reported from Kozhikode district is under control but the threat of the infectious disease is not over yet.

He said that at present, it is not possible to rule out the chance of a second wave of the Nipah outbreak. "It cannot be said that the threat of Nipah is completely over," the Chief Minister told a press conference here.

Vijayan said the state health system could effectively prevent the spread of the deadly virus.

"The health system is working cautiously. Early detection of the virus averted a dangerous situation," he said. Narrating the steps

taken by the government to check the prevention of the disease, Vijayan said currently 994 people are under surveillance.

Samples of 304 people were collected, and of this. the test results of 267 peo-



Pinarayi Vijayan

ple have been received, he added. He said six people tested positive and nine people are under observation at Kozhikode Medical College.

The Chief Minister said even the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) could not provide a clear answer to why Nipah cases are being reported from Kozhikode district.

Nipah cases were re ported from the Kozhikode district on previous occasions in 2018 and 2021.

आम स्चना

मारं मुवक्किल बैंक ऑफ बडोदा टाटीबंब शाखा, संयपुर र तमझ प्रस्तावित ऋणी श्री बच्चा सिंग पिता श्री सुरेश सिंग तेवासी हीरापुर, तह, व जिला रावपुर के स्वामील्व ए त्राचिपत्य की परिवर्तित भूगि खसरा न 501 / 3 रकवा 550

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धक रखें जाने के पश्चात उक्त सम्पत्ति के विषय में किसी । कार के किये गए उजर या दावे अमान्य य अवैच होंगे उ मारे मुवकिकड़ बैंक पर एवं उक्त प्रस्तावित ऋणी श्री बच्च

तया आमंत्रित करता है।



MP CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan with Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami during BJP's 'Jan Ashirwad Yatra', at Khurai in Sagar district, Madhya Pradesh, Tuesday

In Goa, Ganesh festival a time for devotion and family bonding

ilies welcomed their beloved Lord Ganesh on Tuesday as the ten-day festival began with enthusiasm and fanfare.

Panaji, Sep 19 (PTI): Goan fam-

Extending wishes for the festival, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant said people worship Vighnaharta Lord Ganesh, the remover of obstacles. Main markets in Panaji, Mapusa, Vasco and Margao were abuzz with activities as people rushed in for the last-minute purchasing of various items including decoration items, flowers, and sweets. Small idols were installed in households amid chanting of 'Ganpati Bappa Morya' with members of families joining the welcome puja.

Organisers at many pandals took out processions of big idols of Lord Ganesh, who is associated with wisdom and knowledge. The festival is a homecoming for natives of Goa who travel back to their home state from neighbouring Maharashtra and other states. "The Ganesh festival epitomises the unity and spiritual harmony of Goa. May this occasion strengthen the bonds of brotherhood that have always existed among people of diverse traditions, in our State," the chief minister said in a post on X. "The uniqueness and popularity of this festival is highlighted as the people of all religions, caste and creeds fervently participate in the celebrations, which in turn promotes goodwill, brotherhood and harmony in the society," he added. Neeraj Bandekar, who has returned from Margao in south Goa to his hometown Palolem in Canacona taluka, said, "You will find that the cities are empty and villages are full during these days.

Women's Reservation Bill inspired by Nitish: JD(U)

Patna, Sep 19 (PTI): The Women's Reservation Bill brought by the Narendra Modi government at the Centre was "inspired" by quotas for women brought long ago by Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, his party JD(U) claimed on Tuesday.

A statement to this effect was issued by JD(U) national general secretary and spokesman Rajib Ranjan who asserted "the bill proves that Bihar shows the way" Bihar, in 2006, became

the first state in the country where women were given 50 per cent reservations in local bodies and Panchavats. Nitish Kumar took the bold step within months of taking over as Chief Minister in November 2005", said Ranjan. He added, "Bihar is the only state where women have been given 35 per cent reservations in government jobs. In the education department the quota is 50 per cent. As a result, we now have two lakh female teachers".

"Women's representation has improved drastically in the police force, too. With 29,175 personnel, Bihar has the highest number of women in police force", added the JD(U) spokesman cum national general secretary.

He also enumerated various other steps in the direction of women's empowerment taken by the state, which include free bicycles and uniforms to school girls which led to a remarkable improvement in their enrollment ratio.

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NOTICE

Office at 2nd Floor, Park Avenue Complex,

Opp. Deen Dayal Garden, Vyapar Vihar, Bilaspur

Under instruction from my client namely M/s Godawari Power and Ispat Limited.

having its registered office at Plot no. 428/2, Phase 1, Industrial Area, Siltara,

Raipur, Chhattisgarh- 493111. I hereby publish this caveat notice for general public, that on 02.02.2023 vide order bearing No. 239/F-15/07/2023/Paa. Laa. Ni../13/2 issued by the Department of Energy, Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar,

Distrct-Raipur, Chhattisgarh, my client has been granted approval under Section

68 of the Electricity Act, 2003 for construction of 132 KV DCSS transmission line

of approximately 24.3 KM from 132/33 KV CSPTCL Bhanupratappur (Puttarvahi)

substation to the Godawari Power and Ispat Limited, Aridongari Iron Ore Mines,

Village- Kachhe, Tahsil Bhanupratappur, District Kanker, Chhattisgarh, That my

client apprehends that a petition may be preferred before the Hon'ble High Court

of Chhattisgarh at Bilaspur to challenge the approval granted to my client as well as the proposed construction being carried out by my client. Therefore the

present caveat notice is being published for general public that in the event of

filing of any such writ petition/application/proceeding before the Hon'ble High

Court of Chhattisgarh at Bilaspur, an advance copy of the petition may be served

upon me before filing so that no ex-parte stay order is passed by the Hon'ble

Court without notice to my client and without hearing him in the matter. Kindly

Date: 19.09.2023 Advocate for Godawari Power & Ispat Limited

आवेदन पत्र पलिस थाना खरोरा के

अतः महानुभव से निवेदन है कि उक्त गंजीकृत बैनामा स्टाम्य पेपर गुमने की सूचना दर्ज कर करने की कृपा करें। स्थान :- खरोरा दिनांक:- 18/09/2023

समक्ष प्रस्तुत है।

आम सचना

स्व. रामजी लाल अग्रवाल निवासी वार्ड क्रमांक 13 खरोरा पोस्ट व थाना व तह. खरोरा जिला रायपुर (छ.ग.) का हैं। मेरे हक एवं स्वामित्व की भूमि जो ग्राम खरोरा प.ह.न. 31 रा.नि.म. व तह. खरोरा जिला रायपुर छ.ग. में रिश्रत जिसका खसरा क्रमांक 987 का रकबा 0.591 हे भूमि के राजस्व अभिलेखों पर मेरा नाम दर्ज है। उक्त भूमि को मेरे द्वारा पूर्व में पंजीकृत बैनामा के माध्यम से क्रय किया हूँ जिसकी ओरिजनल पंजीकृत बैनामा स्टाम्प पेपर खरोरा में कही पर गुम हों गया है जिसे मेरे द्वारा ढुंढने का बहुत प्रयास किया गया परन्तु उक्त पंजीकृत DOCUMENT: बैनामा स्टाम्प पेपर नहीं मिला जिसके (A) OI DNAME WITH DATE OF BIRTH कारण से मुझे उक्त भूमि से संबंधित कार्य करने में असुविधा होता है इसलिए उक्त पंजीकृत बैनामा स्टाम्प पेपर गुम होने की सूचना दर्ज कर करने बाबत यह

(DOB-16 DEC 1972). OLD NAME WITH DATE OF BIRTH

AFFIDAVIT

THE FOLLOWING FAMILY MEMBERS OF NO 6499582K SEP/ASH ESWARA REDDY MAJJI RESIDING AT VILL - CHERAKUPALLE, POST OFFICE -CHITTIVALASA, TEH - BHOGAPUARAM, DIST - VIZIANAGARAM, STATE ANDHRA PRADESH - 531162 AND PRESENTLY POSTED WITH 350 (I) SUPPLY PLATOON ASC PIN-905350, C/O 56 APO ARE REQUIRED TO BE CHANGED THEIR NAMES WITH DATE OF BIRTH MENTIONED AGAINST FACH. AS SAME HAS ERRONEOUSLY RECORDED IN MY SERVICE

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POTHAYYA (DOB - 12 MAY 1958) NEW NAME WITH DATE OF BIRTH MAJJI POTHAYYA (DOB - 12 MAR 1966).

DEPONENT

जो सूचना जाने। रायपुर (छ.ग.) दिनाक ०७.०७.२०२३ एन.के. श्रीवास्तव

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UCO BANK

Dhamtari Branch, Bhatana Chowk, Distt.- Dhamtari (C.G.)

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Properties) [Under Rule-8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002]

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the UCO Bank, Branch-Dhamtari (C.G.) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of Powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued Demand Notice on the dates, mentioned against each Account (given below) calling upon the Borrowers/ Guarantors / Mortgagers to repay the amount as mentioned against each account within 60 days from the date of notices / date of receipt of the said notices. The Borrowers/ Guarantors / Mortgagers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers Guarantors / Mortgagers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act real ith rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on the date mentioned bel

The Borrower's / Guarantors' / Mortgager's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 1: of the Act in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

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with the properties and any dealings with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of UCO Bank for the amounts

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BR Sao school students celebrate Ozone Conservation Day

Celebration promotes Ozone **Protection and Eco-Consciousness**

Mungeli, Sep 19:

Government Excellence Hindi Medium School in Mungeli marked Ozone Conservation Day with a grand celebration under the guidance of the district collector. This event coincided with the district-level International Ozone Protection Day and witnessed the enthusiastic participation of approximately 300 students from primary, high school, and higher secondary sections across all three development blocks, alongside members of the Eco Club.

A spectrum of activities revolving around ozone conservation and protection graced the event, including a spirited rally, quizzes, speeches, postermaking, essay writing, slogan competitions, a science model exhibition,



guest list featured Chief Guest Guru Hemendra Goswami, President of Nagar Palika Parishad Mungeli and President of the School Development Committee, Rahul Kurra, Nagar Palika Parishad Mungeli and member of the Praina Committee. tion initiatives. Ram Kinkar Parihar, District Nodal and Principal P.C. Divya, Principal Deputy Rajendra Singh Kshatriya.

address.

pants to embrace environmental consciousness and champion cleanliness while avoiding the use of pollutants such as polythene plastic and harmful chemicals. He also encouraged students to actively engage in tree planting and environmental protec-

The Eco Club coordina-Vedaram Patel, Paramanand Sharma, Sabruddeen Sheikh, Mana Krishna Chandrakar, Dinesh Bhosale, Dinesh Divakar, and a host of esteemed educators, teachers, and decision-makers were present throughout the program.

Following the engaging activities, awards were bestowed upon the participants. In the drama category, B.R. Sao Excellence Hindi Medium School, Mungeli secured the first place, with Sejas Daupara taking second place and Seias Patharia earning the third spot. The first place claimed by High School Suretha, with B.R. Sao Excellence Hindi Medium School, Mungeli, securing the second position. In the slogan competition, Sejas Patharia secured the first place, Sejas Daupara the second place, and B.R. Sao Excellence Hindi Medium School, Mungeli, the third

For the essay writing

competition, Vivek Rajput and Poonam Jayaswal clinched the first place, Durga Sahu secured the second position, and Kheta Lahare earned the third place. In the art competition, Prajna Dhurwe secured the first place, Ayushi Upadhyay the second place, and Sunita Yadav the third place. The speech competition saw Seema Kurre taking the first place, Himani Jangde the second place, and Drishti Sharma the third place. Finally, in the science model category, Sejas Patharia earned the first place, B.R. Sao Excellence Hindi Medium School, Mungeli, the second place, and Sejas Daupara the

NCC cadets of SEGEMS Charra won gold in CATC-13



On the instructions of Brigadier VS Chauhan YSM, Group Commander of Raipur Group under Madhya Chhattisgarh Directorate, and as per the orders of Colonel Saurabh Kumar, Commanding Officer of 27 Chhattisgarh Battalion and under the direction and guidance of Camp Commandant Colonel Lieutenant Pradeep Kumar, a joint Annual Training Camp-13 was organized at Lakholi

(Arang) camp site. In this 485 cadets from various schools and colleges participated and received training in various divisions of Army and Civil. In the said camp, 59 cadets of Swami Atmanand Government School of Excellence, (SAGEMS) Charra, participated actively in .22 Rifle, Drill, Sports, Social Equity, under the able leadership of Second Officer Khuman Sahu (Lecturer and ANO). Also the Cadets of SEJAS Charra participated in various competitions or-

Cadet Konika in debate competition, Cadet Vedika in quiz competition and Neelam and Damani in group dance got first position in the entire camp and got medails from the hands of Commandant Lt. Pradeep Kumar. On this achievement, Principal, Development Committee officials, teachers and all the villagers congratulated and expressed happi ness and wished the cadets

Lord Vishwakarma has been the God of creation in every era: Tiwari

Berla, Sep 19:

Farmer leader Yogesh Tiwari participated in the Vishwakarma Jayanti celebrations organized in the city wards, where special prayers were offered to Lord Vishwakarma.

this occasion, farmer leader Tiwari, while addressing the workers, said that today Vishwakarma Jayanti was celebrated across the country and is also considered as the seventh son of Brahma and is the only God who has been the God of creation in every era



creative in the entire creation, and everything by which life is governed is

the Vishkarma. On this day,

shiped in all the factories and industrial institutions and it is believed that by Vishwakarma on this day, all the wishes of the devotees are fulfilled and they also get progress and advancement in business.

On this occasion, Rajeev Peman Sahu, Netram, Praveen Patel, Krishna Manikpuri, Manikpuri, Santosh Sahu, Lokesh Dhruv Umesh, Gokarn, Santosh Chauhan, Tiken Sahu, Chetan Sahu, Komal Jangde, Anil, Lekhan Sahu and many others

Convocation and Lord Vishvakarma Jayanti organized



Bemetara, Sep 19:

A convocation ceremony and Lord Vishvakarma Jayanti was organized here at Chandulal Chandrakar Government Industrial Training Institute. Bemetara, with District

trainees who passed in the year 2023. In which 40 marksheets have been provided in trade-COPA, 16 in tradeelectric car, 10 marksheets in trade-mechanic diesel

The result of the institute has been 90 percent and was



Deputy Collector Ms. Pinkv Manhar was also present along with the Collector. The Collector addressing

by the trainees and staff.

the meet said that the training was taken as per the student's interest but make wise. Deputy Collector Pinky Manhar also motivated the students to appear in various competitive examinations as per their eligibility. The stage was conducted by Aruna Phate and vote of thanks was given by Ghanshyam Prasad Verma.

Collector inspects Anganbadi centres

Khairagarh, Sep 19:

Collector Gopal Verma Anganbadi Anganbadi centre of the district on Saturday. During this he visited Anganbadi centre Khaira, Navapara and Palimeta and met the children and expected mothers and took infomration about the supplementary meals being served to them and gave necessary instructions to the officers. During this surprise inspection by the Collector Gopal Verma, District Women and Child Development officer RK Jabulkar and party workers of Anganbadi were directed that for good nutrition to all children and expected mothers coming to Anganbadi centres, they should be served hot and nutritional meals. During this he took information

ciaries and about the quality of hot food being served. Along with this he also took information about the total strength of children, their presence, breakfast and hot food served to children, their weight, height, number of mal-nourished children and facilities being provided to pregnant women and gave necessary instruc-

Collector served breakfast to young children:

Collector Gopal Verma during inspection of 'Anganbadi centres' in Khaira, Nagapara, and Palimeta held discussions with the beneficiaries about the quality of the breakfast and ready-to-eat

about the schemes of the hot meal being served to state government for them. A group of children Anganbadi centres, from Centre, made a presstrength of eligible benefientation to the Collector and they also sang a poem and song. On this Collector expressed his happiness and wished all the children best of luck and even served nutitional food to some of the children pres-

> Collector also inspected the Rangoli drawn and toys being used in the Ceentre. He took information from the beneficiaries and Anganbadi workers about the food being served to anemic girls in the age-group of 5-8 and pregnant women under the Mukhyamantri Suposhan Abhivan, Collector gave instructions to the officers of the department present to ensure cross-ventilation in the rooms and sufficient

Teejarahins enjoying 'Ramdhuni' songs, bhajans

Anwari, Sep 19:

Mahayagna' and competition organised on occasion of 'Teeia-Pola' in Gram Semara (Bhakhara) with assistance of all the villagers, the 'Ramdhuni' Mandalis are presenting variety of 'bhajans' and songs in the name of Lord Shri Ram and to witness the same. large number of 'Teejarahin' mothers and sisters are arriving daily. Following the last year's tradition, this time also the villagers organised 'Ramdhuni' competition on Sep 15 and it was inaugurated on Friday last. To make this programme successful, 21 well-known 'Ramdhuni' mandalis have been invited for the competition. Under this on the first day. 'Jaitpuri', Bohara Balod; on second day- Sirsida, Lader, Supela and Gagadih and on third day-



Gokulpur, Mahila Mandli, Gokulpur, Bodachapar, Supela Chote, Biroda nd Aamadi presented wonderful mix of 'Ramdhuni' music and bhajans and tableau as well. On the fourth day i:e Monday, Dotopar, Devari, Megha, Semara B, Devpur, and on the last day the Mandalis from Kanharpuri, Kurud and Senchuwa gave their presentations. In this way the 'Ramdhuni Mandalis' are giving wonderful presentation of songs & bhaians based upon Lord Shri Ram and keeping audience spellbound.

Peace committee meeting commences before Ganpati festival

A peace committee

meeting commenced here at Dongargaon Nagar Panchayat meeting room before Ganpati festival to ward off alcoholism and unpleasant incidents during the festival. During this, SDM AK.Pusam and Additional SP/SDOP Verma, City Neha Inspector Upendra Shah along with officials and employees of Revenue Nagar Panchayat, officials and members of Ganesh committees were present.

SDM Shri Pusam told the committee members that the immersion yatra will be carried out as per the guidelines of the government and administration and the committees



strained manner. Keeping in mind the accidents that have happened in the past, members have been prohibited from entering deep water. SDOP Mrs. Verma said that it will be the responsibility of the committee members to ensure that they do not participate in the immersion journey under the influence of alcohol and the members will follow a dress code in the immersion journey.

At the same time, the Nagar Panchayat team was also ordered to keep the route through which the immersion vatra will take place clear and the building material should be removed, especially in Sadar Line, there has been discussion about removing the vehicles kept in front of the houses during immersion. All pandals will be monitored through CC cameras and vigilance will be maintained by po-

One dies, two other seriously

Due to attack by wild boar

Dongargaon, Sep 19:

A wild boar killed an aged 45 yr old man in Gram Bananvagaon and Manohara of Khujji forest circle and injured two other youth seriously. In addition to this another youth managed to save his life climbing a

The incidents of wild boar attack in village Bananvagaon of Pangari Khurd beat coming under Khuiji forest circle is on the rise. On Monday, an aged person Hemlal Rawate (45), S/o Late Suraju Rawate, left for morning round to farm nearby and was killed by a wild boar mid-way and the person died on the sport. The wild boar had attacked him on the chest and other parts of the body and due to which he died on the spot. It was around 12:00 noon, when the police and forest deptt team arrived that the body



was recovered and sent for postmortem. Just near this incident, two youths were also seriously injured by a wild boar in Gram Manhora and since the rescue team was busy in Panchnama, the forest department team reached Gram Manohara and gave information about it to the senior officers. On injury to two brothers, they were sent to Dongargaon hospital in a private vehicle and where after primary treatment they were referred to

Rajnandgaon district hospital.

The eye witness speaking about the Manohara wild boar incident informed that the youth went to nearby busy along with one of his friend and were attacked by a wild boar. In this Prakash alias Gopal Sahu (30) got seriously injured and his other colleague saved his life climbing a tree nearby.

The incidents of wild boar attack are on the rise in the region and the persons taking their cattle for grazing to fields have also spotted wild boar many times. Recently a bull was also attacked by a wild boar and the villagers are panicky about the presence of wild boar in their villages and are expressing their resentment against the Forest deptt. The forest department team also reached, but were empty handed. They informed that the senior officers have been informed about it and team from Raipur-Durg will take necessary action.

While crossing overflowing rivers and streams and old bridges

Bemetara, Sep 19:

Due to monsoon rains and heavy rains in the district for the past few days, there is a possibility of excessive rainfall, overflow of rivers and streams and flood situation, giving top priority to the work of protecting people's lives and instructions to provide immediate relief to the Collector. Padum Singh Elma has given it to the concerned authorities.

Collector Elma appealed to the residents of the district to take precautions

Collector appeals to take precautions while crossing rivers, drains, old bridges, culverts etc. Along with this. on receiving information about the disaster, inform it at the district level flood control room +91 7824-222103. This control room is working round the clock. During the current monsoon in Bemetara district, an average rainfall of 790 mm has been recorded from June 1 to September

15, 2023 The Collector asked the general public to know the probability of flood in their city or village and the highest levels of flood in the last year. Keep your valuables and important documents safe. Know your nearest primary health and assistance center. Prepare an emergency kit, which should include dry food items, drinking water, essential medicines, radio, torch, necessary documents, matches, rope etc. and keep them ready for

Considering the possibility of flood, send pets to safe and high places in advance or leave them free if the water level is rising. When you receive flood warnings, follow them, inform your neighbors and move to safe, higher ground. If you are leaving the place, be sure to carry an emergency kit with you. Before leaving the house, turn off the main electricity switch, gas and water taps and inform friends and relatives about your departure. Follow the instructions of the police and fire officials and cooperate with them, their goal is your safety. Drink boiled or purified water with chlorine tablets. Stay away from snakes and poisonous animals, incidents of snake bites often occur during floods. Listen to local weather and news reports for the latest information. Keep the environment around you clean and neat.

The Collector said that neither drink flood water nor cook food with it. Do not eat food items that have come in contact with flood water. Do not go to flood-affected areas and avoid driving. Do not go into flood water without help, do not allow children to play near flood water. Do not use electrical appliances that are soaked in flood water.

India reaches moon while Pakistan begs for funds: Nawaz Sharif

bucks. In July, the IMF

transferred USD 1.2 billion

to cash-strapped Pakistan,

part of the USD 3 billion

bailout programme for

nine months to support

the government's efforts to

stabilise the country's ail-

Sharif has for the first

time announced his re-

turn to the country on

October 21 to lead the

party's political campaign

in the upcoming elections,

ending his over four years

of self-imposed exile in the

Sharif, serving a seven-

year jail term in AlAzizia

Mills corruption case, was

helped by the then army

chief Gen Bajwa to leave

the country on medical

grounds. The PML-N says

it will secure a protective

bail for him before his ar-

rival to Lahore next month. His party has

planned a historic wel-

November 2019,

ing economy.

Lahore, Sep 19 (PTI)

Pakistan's self-exiled former prime minister Nawaz Sharif has said that his country is begging money from the world while India has reached the moon and hosted the G20 summit, blaming the country's former generals and judges for its econom-

Pakistan's economy has been in a free fall mode for the last many years, bringing untold pressure on the poor masses in the form of unchecked double-digit in-

"Today Pakistan's prime minister goes country to country to beg for funds while India has reached the moon and is holding Why meetings. Pakistan couldn't achieve the feats India did. Who is responsible for this here?" Sharif asked while addressing a party meeting in Lahore from London



via video link on Monday evening.

The 73-year-old supreme leader of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) party further said that India had followed the economic reforms initiated by his government in 1990.

"When Atal Vajpayee became the prime minister of India, it had only a billion dollars in kitty but now India's foreign exchange reserves have risen up to \$600 billion," he said and questioned where India has reached today and where Pakistan is left behind beg-

Sharif lashed out at the military and judicial establishment of 2017 whom he termed responsible for sending him home from the office of the prime minister.

"The man (Nawaz) who rid the country of power load shedding was sent home by four judges,' Sharif said in his emotional speech. He added that then-army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa and then Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) chief General Faiz Hamid were behind his ouster.

"(Former) chief justices Saqib Nisar and Asif Saeed Khosa were tools of Ithe former army chief and his spy chief]. Their crime is bigger than a murder offence. Giving them pardons will be an injustice to the nation. They don't deserve par-don," Sharif said, vowing to hold them accountable.

BUS ACCIDENT



General view of the scene of a bus accident in Micheldorf, Austria, early Tuesday. A bus coach traveling through Austria has driven off the road and crashed on its side, killing a woman and injuring 20 other passengers. Austrian broadcaster ORF reported the accident took place Tuesday near the village of Micheldorf in Carinthia state in central Austria.

India trade talks 'continue as before' amid Canada allegations: UK

London, Sep 19 (PTI):

The UK government said on Tuesday that the "serious allegations" over the murder of a Sikh separatist leader in Canada will not impact its own ongoing trade negotiations with India.

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's spokesperson at 10 Downing Street was asked about the impact the issue may have on India-UK relations after a government spokesperson said the UK remains in "close touch" with the Canadian authorities.

It follows Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's statement in Parliament on Monday that it is pursuing "credible allegations" of "potential" Indian links to the killing of Khalistani separatist leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar, the Chief of Khalistan Tiger Force and a designated terrorist.

Canada also expelled an Indian diplomat.

Ministry External Affairs (MEA) in New Delhi on Tuesday strongly rejected the claims as "absurd and motivated" and dismissed a senior Canadian diplomat in a reciprocal move.

'We are in close touch with our Canadian partners about these serious allegations," a UK government spokesperson said.

"It would be inappropriate to comment further during the ongoing investigation by the Canadian authorities," spokesperson said.

Later, when Sunak's spokesperson was pressed on the matter, he said work on the trade negotiations with India "continue as be-

India and the UK earlier this month agreed to continue to work at pace towards a "landmark" free trade agreement (FTA).

Russia and China must edge closer to counter Western efforts to contain them: Kremlin

Moscow, Sep 19 (AP)

A senior Kremlin official on Tuesday called for closer policy coordination between Moscow and Beijing to counter what he described as Western efforts to contain them as he hosted China's top diplomat for security talks. Nikolai Patrushev, the

secretary of Russia's Security Council chaired by President Vladimir Putin, told Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi that Moscow "seeks progressive development and strengthening of the Russian-Chinese relations of comprehensive partnership and strategic cooperation." "Amid the campaign unleashed by the collective West that is aimed at the double containment of Russia and China, it's particularly important to further deepen Russian- frastructure initiative.



Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, 2nd left, speaks with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, 3rd right, during their talks in Moscow, Russia.

Chinese coordination and interaction on the international arena," Patrushev said. He noted that Putin is set to hold "substantive" talks with Chinese leader Xi Jinping during next month's trip to Beijing to attend a summit of the Chinese Belt and Road in-

Patrushev, a longtime Putin associate, reaffirmed Russia's "invariable" support for Beijing's policy on issues related to Taiwan, the western Xinjiang region and Hong Kong, which he said "are being used by the West to discredit China." China claims Taiwan as part of its terri-

tory and has conducted increasingly large military drills in the air and waters around the island. Chinese authorities also have sought to eradicate any possibility of unrest in regions that are home to sizeable ethnic and religious groups, including Tibetans and the Uyghur community in Xinjiang, north of Tibet, the harsh policies that have drawn strong criticism from the West.

The Kremlin has continuously expressed support for Beijing as Russia and China have grown increasingly close while their relations with the West deteriorate. Last month, China helped engineer an expansion of the BRICS partnership, which invited six more countries to join what has been a five-nation bloc that includes China, Russia, Brazil, India and South Africa.

group with links to US Berlin, Sep 19 (AP): self as the elite of the

Germany bans neo-Nazi

The German government on Tuesday banned the neo-Nazi group Hammerskins Germany and raided homes of dozens of its members. The group is an offshoot of an American ring-wing extremist group and plays a prominent role across Europe.

Hammerskins The Germany is an offshoot of the Hammerskins Nation founded in the United States in 1988, according to the interior ministry.

It plays a prominent role in the right-wing extremist scene in Europe. Worldwide, members of this association refer to themselves as "brothers" and see themselves as an elite "brotherhood" practising their subcultural way of life.

The group also sees it-

Biden to send message on world leaders

right-wing extremist skinhead scene, according to the ministry.

"The ban Hammerskins Germany is a hard blow against organised right-wing extremism," Interior Minister Nancy Faeser said, adding that the ban included the association's regional chapters and its sub-organisation Crew 38.

"With this ban, we are putting an end to the inhumane activities of an internationally active neo-Nazi association in Germany," she added. "This sends a clear signal against racism and antisemitism."

In Germany, the grouping comprises around 130 members. During the early morning raids in 10 states, police searched homes of 28 group mem-

ASEAN nations hold first joint navy drills near disputed South China Sea

Jakarta, Sep 19 (AP)

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations began its first joint naval exercise on Tuesday at a time when several member countries are responding more strongly to increasing Chinese assertiveness in the area.

The non-combat drills, named ASEAN Solidarity Exercise, include joint maritime patrol operations, search and rescue operations, and humanitarian and disaster relief, Indonesian military chief Adm. Yudo Margono said.

He said the five-day exercise in Indonesia's Natuna waters aims to boost military ties among the ASEAN nations and enhance interoperability. The



Military personnel stand near Indonesian Navy hospital ship KRI dr. Radioman Wedyodiningrat during the opening ceremony of the military non-combat exercise called **ASEAN Solidarity Exercise at Batu Ampar Port on Batam** island, Indonesia, Tuesday.

drills also involve civilian groups involved in humanitarian relief and disaster prevention.

ASEAN nations have taken part in naval exercis-

es before with other countries including both the United States and China but this week's drills are the first involving just the bloc and are being read by

China's "nine-dash line", which it uses to demarcate its claim to most of the

many as a signal to China.

South China Sea, has brought it into tense standoffs with rival claimants Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei and the Philippines, with Chinese fishing boats and military vessels becoming more aggressive in the disputed waters. The line also overlaps with a section of Indonesia's exclusive economic zone extending from Natuna Islands. Margono initially said the exercises would take place in the North Natuna Sea at the edge of the South China Sea, a fault line in the rivalry between the US and China, following meetings of ASEAN defence officials in Bali in June.

about reestablishing US leadership

New York, Sep 19 (AP)

President Joe Biden will use his annual address before the UN General Assembly on Tuesday to make the case to world leaders and the 2024 US electorate that he's reestablished US leadership on the world stage that he says was diminished under former President Donald Trump.

White House officials said Biden would make a robust case to members of the world body to continue to back Ukraine's effort to repel a nearly 19-month old Russian invasion that has no end in sight.

Biden previewed his thinking in a pair of fundraisers on Monday



evening, telling supporters that he stood up to Vladimir Putin's invasion, and questioning whether Trump, the 2024 GOP presidential frontrunner, would have even attempted to help Ukraine stop the Russian land grab if he were in power. "I will not side with dictators like Putin. Maybe Trump and his MAGA friends can bow down but I won't," Biden told supporters at a Broadway fundraiser.

There will be notable absences as the president makes his case before the General Assembly: British Prime Rishi Sunak, French President Emmanuel Macron, Chinese President Xi Jinping and Putin are all skipping the gathering. For Biden, the more im-

portant audience for Tuesday's speech could be closer to home as he looks to make the case to voters that he's skilfully handled a complicated foreign policy agenda and that the experience that comes with age has proved to be an asset. It's an argument that the 80year-old president is likely to continue to make to try to counter scepticism even in his own Democratic Party among voters who are concerned about his

"We rallied the world to support Ukraine and united NATO because I was convinced from the beginning that Putin's counting on NATO not being able to stick together," Biden said another Monday fundraiser. "He's still trying. And our allies know once again, the United States can be counted on."

Biden's message of unwavering support for Ukraine will play out as Congress is increasingly divided over providing additional funding for Kyiv.

has 145 leaders scheduled to

Trusts Russia as much as the West: Erdogan

Istanbul, Sep 19 (AP):

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said that he trusts Russia as much he trusts the West.

Explaining his recent meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin, Erdogan said he had failed to get him to resume the Black Sea grain deal the Kremlin withdrew from in July but had elicited a pledge for Russia to supply 1 million tons of grain to Africa. "I have no reason not to trust them," Erdogan said during an interview late Monday with US broadcaster PBS in New York, where he is attending the UN General Assembly. "To the extent the West is reliable, Russia is equally reliable. For the



last 50 years, we have been waiting at the doorstep of the EU and, at this moment in time, I trust Russia just as much as I trust the West." Ankara has maintained close ties with both Russia and Ukraine during the 19month war. In July last

year, Turkiye and the UN

engineered a deal to allow Ukrainian grain to be safely shipped from its Black Sea ports, helping alleviate a global food crisis.

Moscow pulled out of the agreement two months ago, claiming a parallel deal to allow its exports of foodstuffs and fertiliser had not been honoured.

Erdogan is visiting New York four months after winning elections that extended his 20-year rule for another five years. His fresh mandate has seen signs of an improvement in Ankara's often fractious relationship with the West. Speaking at an event on Monday, the Turkish leader appeared to roll back comments he made immediately prior to his

departure for New York, in

which he Turkiye could end its 24year bid for European Union membership.

"We see that a window of opportunity has opened for the revitalization of Turkiye-European Union relations in a critical period," Erdogan said, according to a text of the meeting published by his office.

"We continue to emphasize the importance of revitalizing Turkiye's EU accession process.

Erdogan also indicated improving ties Washington, which have focused recently Ankara's approval of Sweden's NATO membership application and a possible deal to supply Turkiye with F-16 fighter

United Nations, Sep 19 (AP):

Leaders of a world fractured by war, climate change and persisting inequality gather under one roof on Tuesday to hear the UN chief summon them to take united action on humanity's huge challenges and to start delivering their own assessments on the most global of stages.

"People are looking to their leaders for a way out of this mess," Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said ahead of the annual gathering of presidents and premiers, ministers and monarchs at the General Assembly.

He said the world needs action now not merely more words to deal with the worsening climate emergency, escalating conflicts, "dramatic technological disruptions"



President of Iran Ebrahim Raisi meets with United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres at U.N. headquarters.

and a global cost-of-living crisis that is increasing hunger and poverty. "Yet in the face of all this and Guterres said, more." "geopolitical divisions are

undermining our capacity to respond". This year's week-long session, the first full-on meeting of world leaders since the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted travel,

speak. It's a large number that reflects the multitude of crises and conflicts. But for the first time in years, US President Joe Biden, who will speak soon after the UN chief, will be the only leader from the five powerful vetowielding nations on the UN Security Council to address the 193-member assembly. China's Xi Jinping, Russia's Vladimir Putin, France's Emmanuel Macron and Britain's Rishi Sunak are all skipping the UN this year. That should put the spotlight on Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who will be making his first appearance at the assembly's podium later Tuesday, and on Biden, who will be watched especially for his views on China, Russia and Ukraine.

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Strategic Stance

India's Sukhoi Deal

In the intricate realm of geopolitics and defense acquisition, India's decision to procure 12 Sukhoi 30-MKI fighter jets from Russia resonates with a resounding message: strategic needs stand as the linchpin of our nation's defense policy. This move, arriving hot on the heels of a groundbreaking deal for sophisticated US arms, defies the notion that New Delhi is gradually tilting towards Western reliance. Instead, it underscores an unwavering commitment to nurturing our domestic arms industry and fostering indigenous hardware development. Regardless of the nation with which India engages, a striking commonality prevails in most major weapon acquisitions: the inclusion of provisions for joint manufacturing or technology transfer. Over the years, India has contracted a substantial 272 Su-30-MKIs from Russia, dating back to the 1990s. Remarkably, a staggering 222 of these aircraft have been license-built by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). The 12 new fighter jets are intended to offset the losses incurred due to aircraft crashes. In its relentless pursuit of the 'Make in India' initiative, India is diversifying its import portfolio, underscoring an explicit reluctance to depend solely on any single nation. Bridging the technological divide vis-à-vis a better-armed China remains a paramount challenge. It is in this context that India envisions an avenue for strengthened collaboration with the United States. However, the Sukhoi deal could potentially raise eyebrows in Washington, particularly in the wake of the sanctions waiver granted to India for its acquisition of the Russian S-400 air defense systems. This move will undoubtedly put to the test once more the United States legislation that authorizes sanctions on countries engaging in substantial defense hardware deals with Russia. India's seemingly unworried stance underlines its burgeoning global stature. What stands incontrovertible is that the era of a select few dictating terms in the global defense market has irrevocably waned. No single nation now wields the power to impose its will on others. Simultaneously, the Defense Acquisition Council has greenlit the procurement of vital military hardware from Indian vendors. This decision represents a pivotal moment that promises to breathe fresh life into our domestic defense industry, bolstering its capabilities and fortifying self-reliance. In this evolving landscape, India emerges as a discerning player, carefully balancing its defense portfolio to meet evolving challenges. The Sukhoi acquisition is a testament to India's pragmatic approach, prioritizing strategic necessity while steadfastly advancing its 'Make in India' aspirations. As the global defense arena undergoes seismic shifts, India's stance reminds the world that, in the pursuit of security and sovereignty, no compromise will be made, and no stone left unturned. The strategic imperative remains clear: India's defense policy is determined by its unique needs, guided by an unwavering commitment to self-sufficiency and global relevance

Unlocking Ladakh

A Road to Prosperity

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is orchestrating an ambitious transport trating an ambitious transformation of the 230-kilometer-long Kargil-Zanskar Road in Ladakh, a critical segment of National Highway 301. This extensive project, divided into eight packages, with Package 5 already completed and Packages 6 and 7 slated for completion within the current fiscal year, stands as a testament to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for efficient, trouble-free, and environmentally sustainable transportation in the border region. Undertaking the task of widening and constructing an allweather road in this challenging terrain is a monumental feat. These three packages collectively span a considerable distance, involving the construction of multiple major and minor bridges and hundreds of box culverts. The rugged terrain, featuring a deep gorge on one side and steep hills on the other, presents significant challenges. Harsh environmental conditions, characterized by sparse vegetation, low oxygen levels, and extreme cold, further intensify the complexities of the project. Moreover, more than half of the stretch lacks human habitation and network connectivity, making logistics a daunting aspect of the undertaking. Efforts to enhance connectivity in Ladakh extend beyond road infrastructure, with significant progress in the railway sector. The Bilaspur-Manali-Leh railway line, spanning almost five hundred kilometers, is nearing completion. These projects hold the promise of reshaping regional connectivity and are anticipated to have a substantial impact on transportation in the area. The importance of all-weather connectivity for Ladakh cannot be overstated. It brings manifold benefits to the region's economic, social, and infrastructural landscape. Establishing a reliable and efficient mode of transportation that links various parts of Ladakh to the rest of the country is imperative. All-weather connectivity holds the potential to attract a significant influx of tourists to Ladakh, boosting the local economy and creating employment opportunities. It also addresses the challenge of reaching remote areas and connecting isolated communities to larger economic hubs, driving economic growth through improved trade routes, reduced transportation costs, and expanded market access. This massive construction project is poised to generate significant employment opportunities for residents, offering them a sustainable source of income. The boost in tourism and economic activities will create job openings across various sectors, enhancing education and healthcare facilities within the region. It simplifies the movement of students and patients, particularly for specialized treatments. Striving for all-weather connectivity in Ladakh is of paramount strategic importance. Ladakh's strategic location, sharing borders with both China and Pakistan, demands enhanced defense capabilities and mobility. Improved connectivity will play a pivotal role in enhancing the movement and deployment of military personnel and equipment, enabling quicker responses to security threats. In times of emergencies or security crises, the ability to swiftly mobilize troops and resources becomes imperative. These infrastructure improvements will also yield secondary benefits by bolstering defense logistics and mobility in the region. While it will take time, these initiatives will bring about significant socio-economic changes in Ladakh, unlocking its potential for growth

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GANESH CHATURTHI CELEBRATIONS



Devotees wait for the 'darshan' during the 'Sinjara' celebrations ahead of the Ganesh Chaturthi, at Moti Doongri Ganesh temple

Modi is set to transform India into an energy independent nation



he energy transition is continuing at an unprecedented pace and scale, requiring new low carbon technologies. To date, India has had limited success in capturing the manufacturing benefits of certain clean energy technologies, such as solar PV and batteries. TERI sees green hydrogen as the next 'clean energy prize', which will require coordinated action from industry and government for India to capture the benefits. Early demand markets for hydrogen include fuel cells for trucking, balancing supply and demand in the power sector and replacing fossil fuels in industry.

The potential scale of hydrogen use in India is huge; increasing between 3 and 10 times by 2050. Hydrogen can provide a supplementary role to renewables and batteries, in a transition to a carbon neutral economy. Hydrogen can be divided into 'grey' (produced from fossil fuels), 'blue' (produced from fossil fuels with carbon capture and storage) or 'green'

For India to guarantee its role as a technology leader in the next phase of the energy transition, it will need to greatly increase activity across the public and private sectors to develop a hydrogen economy. India should focus public money for R&D and technology development to try and be on the global frontier in each part of the value chain of green hyrogen, with the

objective of lowering costs and increasing deployment. This requires a coordinated push from the supplyside, with increased investment and R&D commitments by government and industry, as well as demand-side

support in the form of guaranteed markets, enabled by government procurement, subsidy schemes or regulations / standards on fossil fuel alternatives. No doubt, 'India is committed to the rapid expansion of the hydrogen economy, ensuring the cost-effective deployment of low carbon hydrogen technologies across the transport, industry and power sectors by 2030'. Clear recognition of hydrogen's

cross-economy role, with outlines for scaling-up use in transport, industry and power; Commitment to update existing regulations to permit the safe use of hydrogen, at high pressure, across a number of end-use sectors; 'Make in India' policy support to champion electrolyser manufacture and commercialisation, realising their suiticant potential for emissions reduction; Significant increases in existing hydrogen R, D & D spending, Policies to create a guaranteed market for hydrogen technologies, where they are not yet at cost parity with fossil-fuel equivalents, for example in the steel sector; Meaningful engagement in international collaborations on developing hydrogen technologies, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is now all set to transform India into an energy independent nation by 2047 where green hydrogen will play an active role as an alternate fuel to petroleum/ fossilbased products. In 2020, India's hydrogen demand stood at 6 million tonnes (MT) per year. It is estimated that by 2030, the hydrogen costs will be down by 50 per cent. The demand for hydrogen is expect-

ed to see a five-fold jump to 28 MT by 2050 where 80 per cent of the demand is expected to be green in nature. Some of the prominent industrial mammoths such as Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL), National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) and Larsen and Toubro (L&T) plan to foray into the green hydrogen space. RIL plans to become a net-carbon zero firm by 2035 and invest nearly INR 750 billion over the next three years in RE. The government-led public sector undertaking (PSU), Indian Oil, is at the forefront of the green hydrogen revolution. It is planning to setup India's first green hydrogen unit for the Mathura refinery, which will be used to process crude oil.

National Thermal Corporation (NTPC), has recently set up a first-of-its-kind hydrogen refuelling station to be powered entirely by renewables in Leh through a standalone 1.25 MW solar system. Two hydrogen refuelling stations have already been established (one each at Indian Oil R&D Centre, Faridabad and Gurugram). India has declared its ambition to become an exporter of hydrogen to Japan, South Korea, and Europe. Various hydrogen powered vehicles have been developed and demonstrated under projects supported by Government of India. These include 6 Cell buses by Tata Motors Ltd., 50 hydrogen enriched CNG (H-CNG) buses in Delhi by Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. in collaboration with Govt. of NCT of Delhi, 2 hydrogen fuelled Internal Combustion Engine buses (by IIT Delhi in collaboration with Mahindra & Mahindra). India's distinct advantage in terms of low-cost renewable electricity, complemented by rapidly falling electrolyser prices, can enable green hydrogen to be not just economical compared to fossilfuel based hydrogen but also compared to the green hydrogen being produced around the globe.

Going further, Indian Railways has initiated "Hydrogen for Heritage" project, plans to operate 35 Hydrogen trains for a greener future. The Hydrogen for Heritage project aims to revolutionise the railway industry by incorporating hydrogen fuel cells as an alternative to diesel engines. The project also promotes clean energy sources with the aim of minimising harmful pollutants.

While the initial costs of running these hydrogen fuel trains is expected to be expensive, but with the increase in the number of trains running on the alternative fuel, the projected expenditure will decrease. The introduction of hydrogen as a fuel source will not only offer significant advantages in the realm of green transportation technology, but will also align India's zero carbon emission goals. By utilizing hydrogen fuel cells instead of diesel engines, these trains emit zero carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxides, and particulate matter, making them a far more environmentally friendly option. The introduction of hydrogen-powered trains will

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EC's Dilemma

Elections form the bedrock of democracy, and the Constitution established the Election Commission under Article 324 to ensure free and fair elections. The Chief Election Commissioner's removal process mirrors that of a Supreme Court judge, safeguarding their independence. For seven decades, this institution communicated directly with the Prime Minister Minister, maintaining equality with judges to investigate electoral irregularities. Recent changes propose a selection committee comprising the PM, a cabinet minister, and the opposition leader, diminishing the Commission's status to that of a cabinet secretary. This shift threatens the Commission's dignity and contradicts claims of good governance and minimal

N Ashraf, Mumbai

Preserving the Ozone Layer

Certain man-made chemicals, including chlorofluorocarbon, methyl chloroform, bromide, halon, and more, pose a severe threat to the ozone layer. These substances, prevalent in air conditioners, refrigerators, and various industries. have detrimental effects on the ozone layer. To protect our planet and future generations from the dire consequences of ozone layer depletion, it is imperative that we take meaningful steps and promote environmentally friendly products. Preserving the ozone layer is not just a responsibility; it is a necessity for the wellbeing of our planet.

N Mateeni, Mumbai

Media Integrity

In response to the alarming rise of biased news anchors, the call for boycotting certain individuals has become imperative. The inflammatory rhetoric and divisive debates presented by some anchors have raised serious concerns. Their actions not only harm political opponents but also poison the minds of ordinary citizens. While the INDIA bloc's decision is criticized as an assault on oress freedom, it is essential to differentiate between journalism and promoting hatred from TV studios. True journalism demands neutrality and a commitment to addressing the con-

cerns of the people. Hassan Khan, Mumbai

RBI's New Directive

Protecting Borrowers' Rights and Promoting Transparency



Safeguarding borrowers' interests and enhancing transparency in the lending industry, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued a significant directive regarding the release of movable and immovable property documents upon the full repayment or settlement of personal loans. Effective from December 1, 2023, these guidelines represent a crucial step toward creating a more accountable and transparent lending

Key Provisions of the RBI Directive

Prompt Release of Property Documents: According to the RBI's guidelines, regulated entities (REs) are now mandated to release all original movable and immovable property documents 5. within 30 days after the complete repayment or settlement of a loan account. This provision ensures that borrowers regain ownership of their assets promptly.

Borrower's Freedom of Choice: Borrowers have the flexibility to collect their original property documents either from the hranch where the loan account was serviced or from any other office of the RE where the documents are available, based on their preference. This added convenience enhances the borrower's experience.

Transparency in Loan Sanction Letters: The RBI emphasizes the importance of transparency by requiring REs to specify the timeline and location for returning original property documents in loan sanction letters issued on or after the effective date. This clarity ensures that borrow-

ers are aware of the process. Rights of Legal Heirs: In cases of a borrower's demise, the RBI mandates that REs have a welldefined procedure for returning property documents to legal heirs. This procedure must be readily accessible on the REs' websites, promoting transparency and customer awareCompensation for Delays: To discourage delays in the release of property documents, the RBI introduces compensation measures. If REs fail to release documents or file charge satisfaction forms within 30 days, they must communicate the reasons for the delay to the borrower. In cases where the RE is responsible for the delay, they must compensate the borrower at the

Loss or Damage to Documents: In the unfortunate event of loss or damage to the original property documents, either partially or entirely, REs must assist the borrower in obtaining duplicate or certified copies. The REs will bear the associated costs and pay compensation as mentioned in paragraph 5. However, they are granted an additional 30 days to complete the process.

rate of Rs 5,000 per day of delay.

Additional Legal Rights: The compensation provided under these directives does not affect a borrower's rights to seek further compensation as per applicable laws.

Applicability: These directions shall be applicable to all cases where the release of original movable and immovable property documents falls due on December 1, 2023, and after that date.

A Boost for Borrower's Rights

This RBI directive signifies a significant step toward improving transparency and customer awareness in the lending industry. Its effective date, starting from December 1, 2023, aims to protect borrower's interests and ensure a smoother and more accountable lending process. It has been observed that REs have followed divergent practices in the release of such movable and immovable property documents, leading to customer grievances and disputes. To address the issues faced by borrowers and promote responsible lending conduct among REs, the RBI has issued these comprehensive instructions.

Promoting Responsible

Lending Conduct Despite orders dating back to 2003 under the Fair Practices Code, which directed REs to return original documents to customers immediately upon the settlement of loans, the practice was not strictly followed. The RBI has now sought to eliminate the flaws and loopholes in the policy, ensuring that borrowers' rights are protected.

Clarity and Protection for Borrowers This notification holds significant importance from the customer's perspective, as it effectively addresses several longstanding concerns and provides much-needed clarity and

protection. These measures collec-

tively provide substantial relief to customers and are in alignment with the government's overarching goal of implementing user-friendly guidelines. The inclusion of specific instructions for doorstep service delivery underscores a commitment to making processes more accessible and convenient for customers. Ultimately, these actions by the RBI are pivotal in nurturing stronger and more trusting relationships between customers and financial institutions.

A Step Toward Governance and **Customer-Friendly Policies**

In May, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das cautioned banks against aggressive growth strategies and the evergreening of loans, which could lead to a rise in non-performing assets (NPAs). In loan evergreening, banks save borrowers from defaulting by giving them another loan so that bad loans do not appear as NPAs in the

Governor Das must be applauded for his efforts to plug the gaps in bank governance practices. It is expected that such steps will continue in the future, with a focus on implementing customer-friendly policies that prioritize transparency and borrower protection.

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New Delhi: Jindal Steel and Power said its chairman Naveen Jindal will be re-designated as non-executive director from October 1, 2023. The term of appointment of Naveen Jindal as Executive Director, designated as Chairman, is due to end on September 30, 2023, the steel maker said in a filing to BSE. "Naveen Jindal has chosen to continue on the Board in the capacity of Non-Executive Chairman, with effect from October 1, 2023. Accordingly, Naveen Jindal will be re-designated as Non-Executive Director of the Board, with effect from

October 1, 2023," it said.

ITR filing

■ New Delhi: The Department has extended the income tax return filing deadline for charitable trusts. religious institutions and professional bodies by one month till November 30. Also, the due date for furnishing audit reports for 2022-23 by a fund, trust, institution or any university or educational institution or medical institution in Form 10B/10BB has been extended by a month till

Support price

October 31, 2023.



■ **Shimla:** There is no support price (MSP) for cocoons which are being sold as per the existing cocoon marketing policy of Department of Industries, Industries Minister Harshwardhan Singh told Vidhan Sabha. In a written reply to a question of Rajesh Dharmani (Congress), he said that the rates are invited from cocoon buyers of Himachal and outside the state in sealed envelopes and based on the highest rate per kg offered for different grades of cocoons, rates are worked out based on quality of

Appointment

cocoons



■ New Delhi: Biotechnology major Biocon Ltd announced the appointment of Peter Bains as the group Chief Executive Officer. Bains has stepped down from his role as a non-executive independent director from the Board of Biocon Ltd with immediate effect to assume this executive role as Biocon Group CEO, the company said in a regulatory filing.

SMEV writes to Gadkari; seeks unified policy of road tax exemption for EVs

New Delhi, Sep 19:

Society Manufacturers of Electric Vehicles (SMEV) on Tuesday urged the government to formulate a unified policy of road tax exemption for Electric Vehicles (EVs) across the country. In a letter to the Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari, SMEV said a consistent and favourable policy environment is essential to accelerate the shift towards electric mobility in India. "I am writing to request your esteemed office to weigh in on a unified policy of road tax exemption for EVs that will play a pivotal role in encouraging the adoption of clean and sustainable

Air India Express and

AirAsia India have com-

menced interline book-

ings, as part of an agree-

ment between the two Tata

Group airlines, to enable

customers have a seamless

travel on their entire do-

mestic and international

network amid the ongoing

customers can now book a

single itinerary for both

airlines, including a single

PNR (Passenger Name

Record) on the common

website and other OTAs

(Online Travel Agents)

and travel partners, a joint

statement by the two air-

lines said on Monday.

Budget carrier AirAsia

India, which has been

Under the arrangement,

merger process.



which is vital for our nation's environmental and economic future," SMEV Chief Evangelist Sanjay Kaul wrote. In July, SMEV had named Kaul as its Chief Evangelist to help revise the association's agenda. In view of the Ministry

of Heavy Industries' decision to reduce the subsidy through the FAME II scheme, this input (unified policy of road tax exemption for EVs) from the government would become even more relevant and critical, he stated, Road tax and registration fees aren't just bureaucratic formalities; they're pivotal factors influencing the rise or fall of EVs, Kaul said. "These fees can act as either a carrot or a stick, nudging consumers toward greener choices or pushing them back into the arms of traditional gas-guzzlers. EVs often carry a heftier price tag due to their advanced battery systems, so these extra upfront costs can be the tipping point that deters would-be buyers," he

said. The patchwork of road tax policies across states is a roadblock to the EV revolution, Kaul said. While some states like Uttar Pradesh and Puniab have already waived road tax and registration fees, others lag woefully behind, he wrote. "This uneven playing field doesn't just sow confusion; it actively discourages eager EV adopters, stalling the momentum of a market ready to shift into high gear. "Even more disheartening are states like Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, who once enticed buyers with tax breaks only to backtrack and impose taxes, adding yet another hurdle in the race toward a sustainable future." he noted.

Neelam Gill wears a creation for the Burberry Spring Summer 2024 fashion collection in London.

Jio announces launch of JioAirFiber in 8 cities

New Delhi, Sep 19

India's largest telecom company Reliance Jio on Tuesday announced the launch of JioAirFiber, its much-awaited 5G home broadband service, across eight metro cities. The cities are Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai and Pune. The new offering was announced by Reliance **Industries Chairman Mukesh** Ambani at the company's 46th AGM last month. The company said JioAirFiber will enable millions of homes with world-class digital entertainment, smart home services and broadband through its solutions across education, health, surveillance and smart homes. "Jio, the world's largest private mobile data network, today announced the launch of JioAirFiber services, its integrated end-to-end solution for home entertainment, smart home services and high-speed broadband, across 8 metro cities," a Jio

Air India Express, AirAsia India **Tata Motors to** commence interline bookings hike commercial vehicles prices Mumbai, Sep 19: rechristened as AIX

Connect, flies on domestic

routes, while Air India

Express operates on over-

seas routes. AIX Connect

is in the process of inte-

grating and merging with

Air India Express. Along

with a single PNR facility,

the passenger will also re-

ceive a single boarding

pass at the departing air-

port when undertaking a

domestic journey on

AirAsia India flight and a

connecting international

flight with Air India

Express, as per the state-

ment. However, customs

and immigration formali-

ties will need to be done at

the airport from where the

connecting flight is being

undertaken, while bag-

gage can be labelled to the

final destination, it said.

■ By up to 3%

Tata Motors on Monday said it will increase prices of its commercial vehicles by up to 3 per cent from October 1, 2023. The price increase is to offset the residual impact of the past input costs and will be applicable across the entire range of commercial vehicles, Tata Motors said in a statement. The company increased prices of commercial vehicles by up to 5 per cent from April 1 this year.

from October

New Delhi, Sep 19:

Gas price for Reliance to be reduced by 14% from next month erence period of July 2022 er capped at USD 6.5 per

New Delhi, Sep 19:

The price of natural gas produced from difficult areas like KG-D6 of Reliance Industries is likely to be cut by about 14 per cent from next month in line with softening energy prices, sources said. For the six-month period starting October 1, the price of gas from deepsea and high-pressure, high-tem-perature (HPTP) areas is likely to be cut to around USD 10.4 per million British thermal unit from the current USD 12.12, they said. The government bi-annually fixes prices of the locally-produced natural gas -- which is convert-

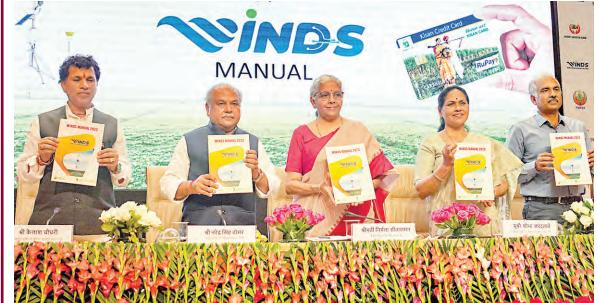
tomobiles, piped to household kitchens for cooking and used to generate electricity and make fertilisers. Two different formulas govern rates paid for gas produced from legacy or old fields of national oil companies like Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Oil India Ltd (OIL), and for newer fields lying in difficult-to-tap areas, such as deepsea. Rates are fixed on April 1 and October 1 each year.

In April this year, the formula governing legacy fields was changed and indexed to 10 per cent of the prevailing Brent crude oil

mmBtu. Rates for legacy fields are now decided on a monthly basis. September, the price came to USD 8.60 per mmBtu but because of the cap, the producers would get only USD 6.5. Brent crude oil has averaged around USD 94 per barrel this month but rates will continue to be capped at USD 6.5. Sources said the price for difficult area gas continues to be governed by the old formula that takes oneyear average of international LNG prices and rates at some global gas hubs with a lag of one quarter. International prices had fallen in the ref-

to June 2023 and so it will translate into lower prices for difficult fields, they said. The price for gas from difficult fields was cut to USD 12.12 per mmBtu for a month period, beginning April 1 from a record USD 12.46 earlier. The global spurt in energy prices after Russia's invasion of Ukraine has led to rates of locally-produced gas climbing to record levels USD 8.57 per million British thermal unit for gas from legacy or old fields and USD 12.46 per mmBtu for gas from difficult fields October 2022 and March

WINDS MANUAL



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman with Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar and Ministers of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shobha Karandlaje and Kailash Choudhary releases the 'WINDS Manual' during the launch of 'Kisan Rin Portal and Ghar Ghar KCC Abhiyan', in New Delhi, Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023.

Govt may soon tweak PLI schemes for pharma, textiles, drones

New Delhi, Sep 19:

The government may soon tweak the producincentive scheme for pharmaceuticals, drones and textiles sectors to encourage investment and boost manufacturing, an official said. These sectors have been identified after inter-ministerial consultations on the performance of the scheme for various products. The official also said that disbursement of production-linked incentives (PLI) for white goods (AC and LED lights) would start this month and that would push the amount of disbursement, which was only Rs 2,900 crore till March 2023. The scheme was announced in 2021 for 14 sectors such as telecom-

munications, white goods, textiles, manufacturing of medical devices, automobiles, speciality steel, food products, high-efficiency solar PV modules, advanced chemistry cell battery, drones and pharma with an outlay of Rs 1.97 lakh crore. "We have identified the sectors. We are going to send the combined note to seek approval of the Union Cabinet.

The changes include extending some time (for pharma sector) and adding some additional products in some sectors. 'In textiles, we are expanding the definition of certain other products in the technical textiles segment; in drones, we are increasing the amount," the government official, who did

not wish to be named said. The total amount allocated for the PLI scheme for drones and drone components is Rs 120 crore spread over three financial years. A senior official of the commerce and industry ministry had earlier stated that some course corrections or tweaking were needed in PLI schemes that were not doing well. PLI schemes for sectors which are not picking up well include high-efficiency solar PV modules, advanced chemistry cell (ACC) batteries, textile products and speciality steel. On the other hand, the scheme is doing well in sectors such as electronics, pharma, medical devices, telecom, food processing, and white

Govt says working on using AI to reduce pendency of consumer cases

New Delhi, Sep 19:

The Consumer Affairs Ministry on Tuesday said it is working on using artificial intelligence (AI) to reduce the pendency of cases in various consumer courts in the country.

The ministry also said the National Consumer Redressal Commission (NCDRC) has successfully resolved 854 cases during August, the highest disposal rate in the current year. This was possible due to proactive steps taken by the NCDRC, streamlined processes and advanced technology like E-daakhil, which helped resolve cases faster than ever before, it added. "In furtherance of keeping the same

momentum of disposal of

cases, the Department has made filing of cases through E-daakhil in consumer commissions compulsory and soon going to launch the feature of VC (video conference) on Edaakhil," the ministry said in a statement. As the scope of artificial intelligence is increasing rapidly, the ministry is "also working on using the AI facilities in reducing the pendency of cases in the National, State and District Consumer

The case filed in the Consumer Commissions will be analysed through AI and will generate the summary of the case and many more actions will be done through AI in resolving the case, the statement said.

Commissions," it added.

States shifting to old pension scheme major step backwards, fiscally unsustainable: RBI article

Mumbai, Sep 19:

States reverting to the old pension scheme is a "major step backwards" and may take the fiscal stress of states to "unsustainable levels" in the medium to long term, according to an article by RBI staffers.

The article by Rachit olanki, Somnath Solanki, Sharma, R K Sinha, S R Behera and Mukherjee said the cumulative fiscal burden in the case of the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) could be as high as 4.5 times that of the New Pension Scheme, which was implemented over a decade ago as part

of pension reforms. The

views expressed in the re-

search paper are not that of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Recently, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh have announced reversal to the OPS from NPS, the article said. The OPS has Defined Benefits (DB) while the NPS has defined contributions, the article said, adding that while the OPS has a short term allure, the same poses challenges in the medium to long term. " short run reduction in states' pension outgo which may be driving decisions to restore OPS, would be eclipsed by the huge rise in future unfunded pension liabilities in the long run," it said. "States' reverting to the

OPS would be a major step backwards and can increase their fiscal stress to unsustainable levels in the medium to long term," the

article warned. The immediate gain for states shifting back to the OPS is that they will not have to spend on the NPS contribution of the current employees, but in the future, the unfunded OPS is likely to exert "severe pressures" on their finances, it said. States will save only 0.1 per cent of GDP in yearly pension outgo by reverting to the OPS till 2040 but would be required to incur an average additional increase in pension expenditure by 0.5 per cent of yearly GDP

post 2040.

Jute mills foresee 30-50pc production cuts on low procurement plan for jute packaging

Kolkata, Sep 19:

The jute industry is concerned over a threat of a 30-50 per cent production cut in three months till November, compared to the same period last year, because of a low demand for packaging material for foodgrains from various states, a senior official

said on Tuesday. The Indian Jute Mills Association (IJMA) has appealed to the Centre for a revision in the sixth (revised) supply plan issued by the Food & Public Distribution department. Foodgrain producers have to use jute as a packaging material to a certain extent. "In the current jute season from September to November 2023, the actual demand indent placement



is lower by 30-40 per cent. In September alone, demand indents are expected to be lower than 2.5 lakh bales against planned 3.21 lakh bales due to slow placing Maharashtra," Chairman Raghav Gupta told PTI. For the months of October and November, the indents are likely to be about 1.48 lakh bales against over 2 lakh bales as per the August plans, he

Villagers oppose proposed steel plant in Mohbhatta



Simga, Sep 19:

Preparations are being made to install a steel plant in Mohbhatta of Simga development block, which is being opposed by villagers, owing to the plant management denying giving NOC as per

The villagers believe that due to the installation of spat plant in the village, the situation here will be-

come like Siltara and Urla, and farming will become difficult.

The aware youth of the village are united regarding this, and they have vociferously opposed it and have taken out a bike rally in the affected villages Dawanbod, Khargadih, Kukrachunda and raised slogans against the company management, for which these youth have also received support.

Meanwhile, in view of the opposition to the establishment of the same company, the management is also being accused of misleading the villagers, as all kinds of tactics are being adopted by them to win over the villagers in their

According to the wishes of the villagers, the company should not be established in the area, but the elected public representathem till now. Mohbhatta area is the district area of ??Simga District President Veena Adil, while District Panchavat member Renuka Abhinav Yadu, who is claiming for the post of MLA, also represents the same area, in such a situation, the villagers themselves Feeling cheated.

The officials and members of the all-party forum Simga are also not in favor of setting up the plant in Mohbhatta. Forum member Ramesh

Soni said that a meeting

regarding this is being organized on September 19 at the Simga rest house, after which further strategy will be prepared. Soni further said that in Damakheda, CM Bhupesh Baghel has said that permission will not be given to set up a company within an air distance of 10 kilometers, therefore the opposition towards the plant

Tukaram Chandravanshi's grassroots journey reaches over 50 villages

The Bhupesh Message and **People's Blessings** tour makes progress

Pandaria, Sep 19:

Chandravanshi, District Panchayat member and Pradesh Vice-President of Youth Congress, continues to make strides with the Bhupesh Message and People's Blessings Journey. This journey, which started in the Pandaria Assembly constituency on August 31, has now visited and interacted with residents in more than 50 villages. The warm support and blessings of the locals have been pouring in at each stop.

Continuing the journey from Jhirouni village in Pandaria constituency on September 18, the journey has passed through Kosamanda, Chorbhati,

Heerapur, Baghmura, Paneka, and Baharmura. During these visits, rural communities warmly Tukaram welcomed Chandravanshi, a prominent youth leader of the

Congress party, offering

their wholehearted sup-

Notably

port.

Chandravanshi personally delivers the government's message and information about various welfare schemes to every household in these villages. People are increasingly influenced by the Chief Minister's message

and the government's de-

velopmental initiatives, pledging their support to the Congress party.

In addition to these interactions, Tukaram organizes street corner meetings in various villages, highlighting the achievements and development work during the Bhupesh government's tenure. He seeks public support and blessings for the Congress party to further advance development causes.

Chandravanshi expressed his satisfaction with the overwhelming public support received during the journey, which has exceeded his expectations. The journey continues to expand, with more people joining and resolving issues on the spot with the help of administrative and departmental officials present at the lo-

On the journey's tenth day, it witnessed the participation of Congress workers, Block Congress members, Zone coordinators, Sector coordinators, Booth Presidents, elected representatives, Janpad members, Sarpanches, Society Presidents, and members of the Gaon Sabha, among others.

Crocodile found in Korba forest, huge crowd of villagers gathered



Korba, Sep 19:

There was a sensation in Katelipara Bijrabhauna of Korba district when a crocodile reached the forest near the village. The villagers informed the forest department about the possibility of some untoward incident. Forest workers reached the spot and after a lot of effort, succeeded in capturing the Forest workers rescued it in Khuntaghat reservoir

crocodile. He has been released safely in the Khuntaghat reservoir.

Gram Panchayat Batra is situated under Pali forest range of Katghora forest division. Devcharan Uike, living in Katelipara (Bijrabhauna) dependent village of Batra, noticed this and informed the villagers and the forest department. After this a crowd of villagers gathered. The forest department team reached the spot and rescued him and released him again in Khutaghat reservoir.

Mungeli, Sep 19:

Mungeli city is abuzz with preparations for Ganesh Chaturthi, a popular Hindu festival. Committees in the city are busy adorning captivating pandals, while skilled idol makers add the finishing touches to Lord Ganesha idols. The festive spirit extends not only to urban areas but also to the rural regions, where people are bringing Lord Ganesha idols to their homes at their convenience. In rural areas, enthusiastic preparations are underway to celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi, which officially begins on September 19th. Lord Ganesha idols are

kets, with artisans having beautifully crafted and coloured Marketplaces like Bada Bazaar, Kumharpara, Kharrirpara, Gol Bazaar, and Sadar Bazaar are now home to these exquisite idols. The Ganesh festival has witnessed committees

actively collecting dona-

tions over the past week, as the festival's commencement date approaches. The market showcases stunning Lord Ganesha idols, each meticulously created and adorned with vibrant colours. On September 19th, the city's streets and

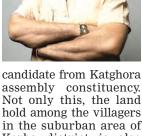
melodious chants of "Jai Ganesha, Jai Ganesha Deva." It is worth noting that among Hindus, worshiping and performing rituals for Lord Ganesha precede any other deity. Lord Ganesha is revered for removing obstacles and bestowing prosperity, happiness, and success upon his devotees. The offering of modaks, a sweet delicacy, holds a special place in his worship.

Across the city, preparations for installing Lord Ganesha idols are taking place at prominent locations, including Sadar Bazaar, Sonar Para, Purana Bus Stand, Padav Chowk, Balani Chowk, and residences through-

Mungeli gears up for Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations Kedarnath Agarwal's name included in the panel list



It may be noted that after the Emergency, in the 1977 elections, Kedarnath proved his mettle by con-



Korba district is also tremendous. Agarwal always keeps recording his presence during period of happiness and sorrow of

BJP's Parivartan Yatra rolls into GPM district

Central ministers **Tomar and Thakur to** address rally

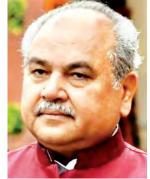
Pendra, Gaurela, Chhattisgarh's BJP has launched its Parivartan Yatra, challenging the non-responsive Congress government. Led by leader Opposition Narayan Chandel, the second phase began in Jashpur on September 15 with BJP's National President Jagat Prakash Nadda. On September 20, the journey will enter Gaurela, Pendra, and Marwahi districts.

Providing details, BJP District President Kanhaiya Singh Rathore, General Secretary Rakesh Chaturvedi, Lalji Yadav, BJP District Coordinator Balakrishna Agrawal, and Deputy Coordinator Sharma announced that the journey will enter these districts



at 4 PM on September 20. After a warm welcome, a massive rally at the Pandala Marwahi is scheduled at

Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmer Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister for Information and Youth Broadcasting, Sports Affairs, and Anurag Singh Thakur, Opposition leader Narayan Chandel, Former Pradesh BJP President Vishnudeo Sai, Former Member



readily available in mar-

Parliament Ramvichar Namdev, and Pradesh Spokesperson Anurag Singhdev will address the

The Parivartan Yatra will rest in Marwahi after a meal with party workers. On September 21, starting at 9 AM with a to the Shri Radhakrishna Temple in Marwahi, the journey commences at 10 AM. At 10:30 AM, a grand welcome by BJP workers and the public in Kotmi precedes the journey to Katghora.

Student Council elections held at Swami Atmanand School Bagbahra, Sep 19

In Komakhan village, Bagbahra, the new academic session commenced with the inauguration of esteemed Swami English Atmanand Medium School. As part of this educational journey, students learned valuable lessons about democracy through the democratic formation of the Student Council. The principal also provided students with a fundamental understanding of the voting

process. On a delightful Saturday morning, primary department teachers organized an art display featuring creations crafted from clay. Students unleashed their creativity, shaping various clay artworks. This artistic endeavour plays a pivotal role in nurturing talent and fostering skill development among young learners. Inside the school's ballot box, a secret



elect the Head Boy, Head Girl, Sports Captain, and House Captains. The selection of the Student Council leaders took place through elections, empowering students to vote for individuals with strong leadership qualities. Teachers also actively participated in the election proceedings, further reinforcing the principles of democracy. Various responsibilities were assigned to the newly elected

Darwin Sahu has been elected as the Head Boy, Dheerai Chandrakar takes on the role of Deputy Head Boy. Manya Yadav is the Head Girl, and Sahiba Parveen assumes the position of Deputy Head Girl. Tushar Vaishnav is the newly elected Sports Captain.

Kusum Lata Sahu is the House Incharge and Green House Captain (Arpa House) Homeshwari Chakradhari takes on the

(Mahanadi House). Dheeraj Chandrakar leads as the Blue House Captain (Shivnath House). Kusum Lata Sahu also becomes the Yellow House Captain (Indravati House). Discipline responsibilities are shared by Kavya Dhritlahare and Nutan Sahu, while Meraj Khan

the Cultural Incharges. The voting process was efficiently administered and explained by the dedi-

and Kusum Lata Sahu are

cluding Isha Shukla, Jeba Makrani, and Pratibha Sahu, with technical support from Junaid Ahmad. the school's administra tive team, comprising Principal Heera Singh Nayak, Vice-Principal Aniruddh Sahu, and Supervisor Devanand Vedvyas.

Throughout this event, the school's media coordinator, Sohan Patel, and teachers Ravi Kumar Dhruv, Joya Makrani, Sheetal Kaur, Gurudev Patel, Kundan Yadav, Roopali Sahu, Nandita Tamrakar, Rituraj Sahu, and Himanshu Soni were present to witness and encourage the enthusiastic participation of students. The students' active engagement in the voting process exemplifies their strong commitment to the democratic values instilled within the school's community.

Baba Ramdev's birth anniversary celebrated



Kurud, Sep 19:

On the birth day of Baba Ramdev, a Jagran and musical bhajan program of Darabad's famous singer Shri Anirudhji Dooniwale was organized by Naval Kishore Kela family, a distinguished citizen and social worker of the city. The devotees kept singing and clapping on Baba Ramdev's sweet hymns like Khamma



Khamma Ho Mhara Runiche Ra Dhaniya etc.Baba Ramdev's birth day on Dooj of Bhado month was celebrated with great joy in the new

agricultural produce mar-ket of Kurud, followed by Chhappan bhog.

On this occasion, former cabinet minister Ajay Chandrakar, social worker Muralidhar Kela, Ramesh Kela, Ramkishore Kela, Dr. Jugal Kishore Rathi, Vinod Kela, Harish Kela, Nilesh Rathi, Chiranji Lal Rathi, Dilip Rathi, Bhikham Chand Kela, Bhanu Chandrakar, Mrs. Rakhi Tapan. Chandrakar, Prakash,

Purushottam Kela, Rahul Bajaj, Hitendra Kela, Rashmi Kela, Manisha Kela, Radha Rathi, Deepti Kela, Sarita Rathi, Poonam, Preeti Neetu Kela, Yogita Gandhi, Apeksha, Diksha and others were present.

Needy do not get benefits of central schemes: Ambika Rai



Bagbahra, Sep 19:

Ambika Rai, the expatriate MLA from Khallari area of ??West Bengal, who is in the region as part of election campaigning for BJP, in a press conference said that, BJP's policy of Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas can pave the way for progress and this time BJP will not only win in Khallari with a huge majority, but also Chhattisgarh. She further said that under the guidance of BJP leadership, the workers are full

of confidence and energy, because of which the path to victory becomes apparent at first sight. Rai condemned the State Government and said that, the condition of roads in rural areas is bad as per Panchayat representatives there is no fund in the Panchayat.

The public now wants development and believes in the policies and schemes of Prime . Minister Narendra Modi, regarding which BJP is contacting the general public. Alka Chandrakar, City BJP Mandal President Prem Sahu, BJP Yuva Morcha District President Bala Chandrakar, Bagbahra Rural President Pileshwar Patel Sanjay Malve etc. were present in the press

Sculptors suffering loss for the sake of faith and tradition

Kurud, Sep 19: As the holy festival of Ganesh Chaturthi, has commenced, and idols of Lord Ganesha will be installed in many places of the region, the sculptors of the area are making the most beautiful and very attractive sculptures . But as per information, this year too, they are not getting the right price, and are forced to sell the idols at a throw away

price. The sculptors have opined that they work for this tradition to keep people connected to their faith instead of thinking about profit and loss.



Meanwhile not only in Kurud Nagar but also the sculptors of nearby villages like Parkhanda, Nari, Barna, Seoni Kodebod, Darba are facing the beat of inflation and cost of making materials. The increase in rate of clay, which is arranged 6 months in ad-



vance, by the sculptors, apart from rate of decorative items, color paint, stone wood etc. are continuously increasing, thereby making idols and set a margin for profit becoming a challenge for these sculptors.

Asian Games: China thrash India 5-1 in opener

Hangzhou, Sep 19 (PTI)

A severely-fatigued and under-prepared Indian team got a rude reality check with hosts China out-muscling them 5-1 in an opening group league encounter of the Asian Games football competition here on Tuesday.

Giao Tianyi (17th min), Dai Weijun (51st min), Tao Qianglong (72nd and 75th minute) and Hao Fang (90+2) scored for the hosts, while Rahul KP's (45+1 minute) equaliser from an acute angle was possibly the best strike of the match.

It was heartening to see a third-string team holding the title contenders on an even keel during the first 45 minutes, which saw Indian custodian Gurmeet Singh Chahal valiantly save a spot-kick taken by rival captain Zhu

India now need to beat Bangladesh and Myanmar in their remaining two games to qualify for the second round. Myanmar

New Delhi, Sep 19 (PTI):

Young Indian shooter

Nischal has won silver in

the Women's 50m Rifle 3

Positions at the ISSF World

She on Monday gave

India its second medal on

the concluding day of the

tournament. Her achieve-

ment becomes even more

credible given that this was

her very first senior World

She finished benind

Norwegian rifle ace

Jeanette Hegg Duestad

with a score of 458.0 in the

final. Duestad is the reign-

ing Air Rifle European

Champion and 300m 3P

World Champion and has 12

ISSF World Cup medals to

her name including five

Cup appearance.

Cup in Rio De Janeiro.

Indian rifle shooter Nischal

bags silver in Rio World Cup



Dai Weijun #8 of China drives the ball in the Men's Football Group A match between China and India ahead of the 19th Asian Games at Huanglong Sports Centre Stadium on September 19.

beat Bangladesh 4-2 in another game in this group.

Having reached the Games Village late on Monday evening, the

gold. She was also fourth in

Tokyo Olympics. Nischal

was in supreme shooting

form throughout the day,

breaking the qualification

national record in Women's

"It is my first world cup

final and I have a medal, so I

am very happy for that," the

It all began with the elim-

ination rounds in the morn-

ing where a total of 18

shooters were eliminated

over two rounds totalling 73

competitors. She shot a

solid 587 in relay one to safe-

ly make it to qualification.

So did her two country-

women, previous qualifica-

tion national record holder

Anjum Moudgil and Ayushi

Podder, both of whom shot

teenager said in a release.

3P in the process.

third-string Indian team, with not even four specialist defenders in their ranks, didn't have enough co-ordination amongst

themselves. They looked jet-lagged, not rested enough and there was no way that there could have been a miracle. A lot of

cramps due to humidity and, obviously, not having enough time to warm-up.

Skipper Sunil Chhetri was on the pitch for 85 minutes and, save a pile driver that sailed way over the horizontal, he had precious little to do with a literally non-existent feeder line, which concentrated on creating a melee in the defensive third to thwart the wave of Chinese attack. The only silver-lining was the goal by Rahul KP, the former U-17 World Cupper, who was freed on the wide right by Abdul Rabeeh and the Kerala Blasters player sprinted and smashed it in from near zero degree, much to the awe of a capacity home crowd.

Indians went into the break 1-1 but the wheels came off in the second half, and it was more due to fatigue. Most of these players are not even firstchoice substitutes for their respective ISL clubs and it was evident that match fitness was a big issue.

We are world champions, we will be favourites at Asian Games: Lakshya Sen

New Delhi, Sept 19 (PTI):

Young star Lakshya Sen said India, the Thomas Cup champions, are favourites to win the Asian Games men's team gold in badminton, and he is also nourishing the dream of meeting compatriot and Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra during the quadrennial event.

Sen, a 2021 world championships bronze medallist, was one of the architects of India's epic Thomas Cup victory in May last year. He said India will be a top contender for the gold at Asian Games. "Definitely, the team is looking really good. It is the same team that won the Thomas Cup, so we are going as world champions. I think the players who are playing against us know that it is not easy (to defeat India), as we can beat any team in the world," Sen told PTI. Sen underlined the need for a collective effort at the Asian Games.

"I don't think we lack confidence. We have this camaraderie, and we know how to go about it. All the teams are tough and we have to give our best. "We will need a Youth Olympics good, collective effort to do "So I am looking forward well there. The whole team

to the event and also I will be getting a chance to meet is positive and we are hoping for a good result," Sen other Indian and foreign athletes, and learn about said. The 22-year-old from Almora, who won a silver at their sports and life," said the 2018 Youth Olympic Games and a gold at the 2022

"In the Commonwealth Games last year, we were there with the TT contingent, as only we played from the first to last day of the tournament. Their matches were in next hall. So, I watched a lot of TT matches. I didn't have time to see other events." he said.

Sussex have also made the decision to stand down three players - Jack Carson, Tom Haines and Ari Karvelas - for behaviour that in the words of coach, Farbrace, "tarnished" the dramatic 15-run win over Leicestershire last week, the website reported. "We have made Jack and Tom unavailable for selection for this game at

Pujara suspended after Indian men's hockey team leaves for Asian Games **Sussex docked points**



Commonwealth Games, will

be playing only the team

championships at the 19th

"It will be my first experi-

like

ence at the Asian Games. It

is a similar kind of atmos-

Commonwealth Games and

phere,

edition of the showpiece.

Hove (England), Sep 19 (PTI):

India international Cheteshwar Pujara has been suspended from one county game after his team Sussex was docked 12 points in the County Championship due to a code of conduct breach during the match against

Leicestersnire. Pujara received an automatic suspension after the club reached the threshold of four fixed penalties in the same season and won't be available for this week's game against Derbyshire, according to a report in we needed to take a stance and show them we will not condone such behaviours. "Ultimately it has cost

Derbyshire," Farbrace

said. "Following the um-

pires and match referee's

decision to charge both

players with on-field level one and level two offences

us the availability of Cheteshwar and we have been deducted 12 points." It must be mentioned

that Sussex had previously been sanctioned twice by the umpires in the early part of the season, Pujara charged with a Level 1 offence in the opening game against Durham and Haines reprimanded similarly after the visit of Yorkshire to Hove.

Atanu Das takes lead role as recurve archers hope to shake off Asian Games 'jinx'

in relay two.



Chennai, Sep 19 (PTI)

He may no longer be the India

No. 1 recurve archer, but the

seasoned Atanu Das is fully aware of the responsibility of not only bringing out the best in him but also the team as they look to overcome the Asian Games 'jinx'. Recurve archery, an Olympic discipline, has been on a downward spiral and its slide has ironically coincided with the rise in the compound section, where India now boast of two recently-crowned world champions in Ojas Deotale and Aditi Swami. With the postponed Asian Games taking place just a year before the Paris Olympics, the pressure is more on recurve where no archer is inside the top-10 in world rankings. India have not won a recurve medal, individual or team, since the

Das, who is set for a third Asian Games participation, is the senior-most archer in the recurve team, which will have promising Army man Dhiraj Bommadevara and the rookie duo of Mrinal Chauhan and Tushar Shelke.

In the women's section, twotime Asian Games participant Ankita Bhakat will have the company of Simranjeet Kaur, Bhaian Kaur and Prachi Singh. "I am very much aware of my responsibilities to the team, and everyone is following my footsteps and guidance. So, the Games will be smooth for the

told PTI from Sonepat. "As a senior, I guide the team to be focussed on the work nrocess and stav as a team, work hard as a team, and win as a team.

team and individuals also," Das

Bengaluru, Sep 19 (PTI): The Indian men's hock-

ey team will look to extend its impressive run at the Asian Games in Hangzhou beginning September 23.

India will begin their against campaign Uzbekistan on September 24. India are placed in Pool A, alongside Pakistan, Japan, Bangladesh, Singapore, and Uzbekistan. Pool B consists of Korea, Malaysia,

China, Oman, Thailand,

and Indonesia. The top two teams from each Pool will qualify for the semifi-

Harmanpreet Singh will lead the team once again, with Hardik serving as his deputy

"The team has been rigorously preparing for the Asian Games and we performed well at the recently concluded Champions Trophy Chennai, so the goal is to maintain that level of perHarmanpreet before the Indian team left for Hangzhou.

"We have some tough opponents in our Pool, but we are confident in our preparation and hope to finish on the podium.'

The team includes goalkeepers PR Sreejesh and Krishan Pathak. Varun Kumar, Amit Rohidas, Jarmanpreet Singh, Harmanpreet Singh, and Sanjay are the defenders selected for the Asian

ICC charges 8 including 3 Indians

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has charged eight people including players, officials and a couple of Indian team owners, Parag Sanghvi and Krishan Kumar Chaudhary on different counts of corruption during the 2021 edition of Emirates T10 League. The two Indians were co-own-

and one of their players in that Test batter Nasir Hossain has also been charged for breach code. The third Indian, who is indulged in corrupt activities. is a little-known batting coach

"The charges relate to the 2021 Abu Dhabi T10 Cricket League and attempts to corrupt matches in that tournament these attempts were disrupted. The ICC was appointed by the ECB as the **Designated Anti-Corruption** Official (DACO) for the pur-

poses of the ECB's Code for a statement.

under Articles 2.2.1 and 2.4.6 of the Anti-Corruption code.

get fit in time for the global

'With the kind of experience Ashwin has, close to 100 Tests (94), close to 150 ODIs (113) and yes it is all in the past but he has been consistently playing

Test cricket and with guys like Ashwin having game time is not so much of a concern," said Rohit after the squad was announced for Australia

September 22. "...with guys like him, it's all in the head, more than

"It's not like he is not

Will be aiming for consistent show at Asian Games: Rudrankksh for corrupt activities

New Delhi, Sep 19 (PTI)

World champion air rifle shooter Rudrankksh Patil will be aiming for "consistency" at the upcoming Asian Games and Asian Championships, which he feels will help him in achieving the bigger goal of winning gold at next year's Paris Olympics.

Rudrankksh, following his World Championship gold medal-winning performance in Cairo last year and his sublime form throughout the year, is a favourite to clinch the yellow metal at the Asian Games in Hangzhou, but he said such big competitions "help us prepare and grow" as shooters for major events. Asked if the Asian Games, commencing on Saturday and the Asian Championships Changwon (South Korea) later this year, will be a stepping stone for winning the gold in Paris, the 19-year-old told PTI, "Our main focus is on the consistency of

process, to keep ourselves

maintained and to grow.

Sometimes we find new

methods to grow... I think



helping (prepare for the Maharashtra shooter, who was not included in the contingent for the World Championships in Baku recently as the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) wanted to give another shooter a chance to earn a Paris Olympic quota, said he just focuses on his shooting without worrying who his competitor is. Divyansh Panwar has also emerged as a leading air rifle shooter in the country and comparisons are bound to happen with Rudrankksh, much like when Abhinav Bindra and Gagan Narang emerged on

the scene in the 2000s.

However, Rudrankksh said both he and Divyansh enjoy a great relationship.

"The competition is not in the country but outside the country. We (Divyansh and Rudrankksh) mainly focus on ourselves because this is an individual game, we don't have to make any strategies on defeating other players," he said.

"We just have to make our own strategies to keep ourselves grounded, humble and keep working on our basics. That is something which is very important in our sport. And when we start seeing each and every shooter as a competitor, that's the the start of our downfall," Rudrankksh.

vice-captain Hardik said.

be anchored by Nilakanta

Sharma, Hardik Singh,

Manpreet Singh, Vivek

Sagar Prasad, Sumit, and

Shamsher Singh, while

the attack will be led by

Abhishek, Gurjant Singh,

Mandeep Singh, Sukhjeet

Singh, and Lalit Kumar

tough practice sessions in

the lead-up to the tourna-

ment and everyone in

camp is focused, working

towards the same goal,'

We have had some

Upadhyay.

Dubai, Sep 19 (PTI):

ers of the team Pune Devils

edition, former Bangladesh of league's anti-corruption named Sunny Dhillon.

this tournament and as such are issuing these charges on the ECB's behalf," ICC said in Sanghvi has been charged

With Ashwin, lack of game time is not much of

concern: Rohit

New Delhi, Sep 19 (PTI):

Ravichandran Ashwin finds himself in contention for a World Cup spot despite lack of game time but it doesn't concern skipper Rohit Sharma one bit.

The 37-year-old Ashwin, who last played an ODI in January 2022, was picked for the upcoming three ODIs against Australia Washington alongside Sundar. Both the off-spinners will be fighting for that potential World Cup spot if Axar Patel doesn't

event beginning October 5.

beginning

body and the stuff. We made the decision speaking to him and understanding where he is at with regards to his body and stuff like that.

playing any cricket. Yes, he hasn't played the format but he has been playing Test cricket in West Indies, and if I am not wrong played TNPL as well and although no comparison there but there is still some cricket there, and it gives us chance to look at how he is bowling," he said.

Ganesh festival begins in Maha amid fanfare

People welcome annual homecoming of deity

Mumbai, Sep 19 (PTI):

The 10-day Ganesh Chaturthi festival started Maharashtra on Tuesday, with idols of Lord Ganesh, the god of prosperity and wisdom, being installed in homes and at pandals across the state with pomp and

gaiety. The public celebration of the festival in the state dates back to the 1890s when the nationalist leader Bal Gangadhar Tilak and others decided to use it to mobilize the

Ganesh mandals in Mumbai and other major cities took large idols in processions accompanied by dhol-tasha beats to their pandals in the last few days.

Household Ganesh idols were brought mostly on Monday night or in the morning on Tuesday with chants of 'Ganpati Bappa Morya'.

Devotees thronged vegetable and flower markets, sweet shops and roadside stalls for buying flowers, puja materials, sweets and decorative items.

Idols in various shapes and sizes were installed at several households and in



Devotees carry an idol of Lord Ganesha on the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi festival at Karad, in Satara district, Tuesday.

pandals in Mumbai against the backdrop of elaborate decorations based on myriad themes from Chandrayaan-3 launch to Ayodhya's Ram Mandir.

Families, including children as well as senior citizens, stepped out of their homes early morning to bring their beloved "bappa" home amid chants of "Ganpati Bappa Morya" and the beating of

Many people were seen carrying the idols in autorickshaws, cars, and other modes of transport.

politicians, Maharashtra Minister Eknath Shinde and Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis installed Lord Ganesh's idols at their respective official residences

in Mumbai.

In Pune, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat performed "pran pratishhta" puja of Lord Ganesh at the pandal of the famous Dagdusheth Ganpati.

"I have prayed to Lord Ganesh to bring prosperity and peace to the people of the state," the chief minister said after performing puja with his family members at 'Varsha', his official residence.

Fadnavis installed Lord Ganesh's idol at his official residence Sagar.

Speaking to reporters later, Fadnavis said the blessings of the Lord are with "Mahayuti" (grand alliance led by BJP).

Many film and television personalities also welcomed the deity to their festival began in Pune pandals in the early mornamid usual fanfare with ing hours in Mumbai, inprominent Ganesh mancluding the most famous dals or the groups, includ-Lalbaugcha Raja, many idols were being taken out ing the five most revered ones, taking out big profrom workshops to the cessions to welcome the pandals in processions.

(drum) troupes accompa-

which began in the morn-

Mumbai's GSB Seva

Mandal's 'Mahaganpati',

renowned as possibly

India's richest idol and al-

ways the talk of the city

for the opulent way it is

decorated, is this year re-

splendent in 66.5 kilo-

grams of gold ornaments,

more than 295 kilograms

of silver as well as other

The mandal, at King's

Circle in the eastern part

of the city, is celebrating

its 69th year and a first in

the installation of facial

recognition cameras as

part of the security

arrangements, a Mandal

In Mumbai, more than

13,750 police personnel

have been deployed for se-

curity during Ganesh fes-

These comprise 11,726

constables, 2,024 officers

from the rank of sub-in-

spector to the assistant

commissioner and 15

deputy commissioners, he

said. While many famous

tivities, an official said.

spokesperson said.

precious items.

Traditional Dhol-Tasha nied the processions

> A total of 2,729 'sarvaianik Ganeshotsav mandals' have been permitted to organise public Ganesh festivities by erecting 'pandals', the city civic body

Mumbai.

The Konkan Railway operated special trains to Konkan from Mumbai to Goa to allow people to travel to their native places for the festival.

who works at a hotel in Mumbai and is originally from Munge village in Sindhudurg district, said he never misses Ganesh Chaturthi at his ancestral

People will be allowed to take darshan of the deity at pandals after the puja is performed as per the muhurat, an organiser

The festival is celebrated with great enthusiasm in the coastal Konkan region comprising districts of Thane, Ratnagiri, Sidhudurg, Raigad, and

Jayendra Mungekar,

"We have been celebrating this festival for generations and hope that it continues in the same way,'

'Origins of human agency discerned

by tracking babies' motions'

DASLAKSHAN PARVA



Priests of the Jain community perform 'Abhishekam' to Lord Mahaveer on the occasion of 'Daslakshan Parva', at a temple in Prayagraj, Tuesday.

Staff shortage at DGCA delays issuance of pilot licences

New Delhi, Sep 19 (PTI):

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) is taking at least a couple of months to issue licences to trained pilots as the regulator is grappling with the shortage of staff at key positions, according to sources.

After training, individuals need to obtain a Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL) to be eligible to fly commercial flights.

Sources in the civil aviation ministry said that at present, a pilot has to wait

for a couple of months to get his or her licence and the pendency time is likely to go up in the coming months. "The Directorate of Training and Licensing under Operations Department

tioned posts of assistant directors. Of those, 92 posts or almost 72 per cent of the total strength are lying vacant," one of the sources said.

which deals with licens-

ing, has a total of 129 sanc-

Till July 2022, the DGCA had only 72 sanctioned posts of assistant directors. In August 2022, the ministry created 57 new posts and the sanctioned strength rose to 129 posi-

"However, DGCA has failed to initiate any process to fill the 57 newly created posts. As many as 35 old posts out of the 72 that fell vacant due to retirement or promotions of the employees are also lying vacant," the source said. When contacted, DGCA Director General Vikram Dev Dutt did not offer any comment on the

Food festival serves street foods of world on platter

Food festival 'Around the

Globe' at Crowne Plaza New

Delhi Okhla serves street

thentic preparations, we

have also given inventive

twists to a couple of dishes

with millets as a star ingre-

dient," said Ashutosh

Bisht, executive sous chef

and curator of the festival.

up as iconic streets from

across the world like

Street' and Vietnam's

Lantern Street', include

culinary gems such as

shawarmas, doner kebabs,

falafel wraps, barbeque se-

lections, French galette

saucisse, Korean bap burg-

ers, Russian baked pota-

toes, Japanese okonomiya-

ki pancakes, Montreal

'Umbrella

Istanbul's

The food-stops, decked

food from 20 countries.

New Delhi, Sep 19 (PTI):

International food meets desi gourmands as an onfood festival, "Around the Globe", takes foodies on a roller-coaster ride of more than 100 delicacies from 20 countries one street food at a time. So, munch on New York-

style burgers, fork your way through the German cheese spaetzle, dig into the African bunny chow or go Mamma Mia over the Neapolitan pizza, no street food is out of bounds at the Crowne Plaza New Delhi Okhla. "This food festival is an ode to the street food culture around the world as well as a celebration of our in-house chefs who come with expertise in diverse cuisines across the globe. Our menu boasts of multiple dishes which have gained a cult status in their respective countries of origin. "While most of the dish-

es stay true to their au-

AROUND THE GLOBE

style bagel sandwich and others along with an elaborate main-course and dessert spread.

One can also spot multiple food carts and food trucks for an authentic street style experience peppered with just an adequate hint of nostalgia through humble ice pops, pulled sugar candies and candy floss counters.

"As we approach World Tourism Day, we strive to celebrate tourism's role in inclusive development with this immersive culinary dining experience. With guest delight and loyalty being at the forefront of our hospitality business, we are optimistic of winning hearts with such thoughtful curations," said Shuvendu Banerjee, general manager of the hotel. The crowd's favourite is the unique Turkish ice cream stall, seen tickling the taste buds and funny bones of the visitors.

New Delhi, Sep 19 (PTI):

The realisation that one's action is effecting change triggers a "positive feedback", which amplifies the "cause-and-effect relationship" between the organism and their environment, scientists say.

Our behaviour thus transitions from a spontaneous to an intentional one, according to the researchers from the Florida Atlantic University, US.

Choosing human babies as their subjects, they found that when infants' feet were tethered to a cribmounted baby mobile, infants discovered they could make the mobile move. The researchers saw that each movement of an infant's foot, tethered to the mobile, caused the mobile to move. More the mobile moved, the more the infant was stimulated to move, producing yet more mobile

'Positive feedback am-

plifies and highlights the cause-and-effect relationship between infant and mobile motion," said Scott Kelso, Eminent Scholar in Science and Professor, Department of Psychology and senior author of the study published in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS).

"At some critical level of coordination, the infant recognises its causal powers and transitions from spontaneous to intentional behaviour. This aha! moment is marked by an abrupt increase in infant movement rate," said Kelso. The moment of infants' realisation was captured as the researchers measured infant and mobile movements, which uncovered dynamic and coordinative features of the moment that they said marked the "birth of

The fact that goal-directed action appears in the first months of human life prompted the researchers to study human babies to answer the question "where does agency or purpose come from?" While previous model-

ling studies have suggested that agency emerged from the coupled relation between the organism and the environment, this study aimed to understand how exactly this happened. The study said that the approach used here framed 'agency" as an emergent property from the functional coupling of organism and environment. Further, agency emerges through a punctuated self-organizing process, with meaning found both in movement and stillness, the researchers found through a comprehensive analysis of baby motion, mobile motion and the interaction between the two.

'R & D culture lagging behind in Indian varsities'



Bengaluru, Sep 19 (PTI):

lagging behind in research and development (R & D) culture, veteran space scientist G Madhavan Nair has said and urged industries to back them with funding.

The former Chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation also batted for a better compensation package for ISRO scientists saying it cannot be treated as any other Government department. He said industries have

to come forward in a big way to support ISRO's programmes and projects.

"R & D culture in our institutions are lagging be-

on Universities blame lack of good facilities and resources for this. In countries like the US

he noted, funding for R & D in universities comes from private industries, who make huge investments in labs and talented people and give them good

'So that way, R & D is encouraged in (those) universities. Government cannot alone be doing that job (R & D funding). ISRO definitely has been follow ing an open policy and they are throwing problems to the universities and quite a few solutions have come out of them, but that's not sufficient. Basic R & D culture in uni versities has to improve,

Nair said. Speaking in general terms, he said the ISRO is on the right track, the government is also giving good support, and he is happy about it.

FARMERS' RALLY



Guv Bais performs Ganesh Aarti



Maharashtra Governor Ramesh Bais performed the puja and aarti of Lord Ganesh on the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi at the Governor's Residence, Raj Bhavan, Mumbai on Tuesday. Family members of the Governor, officers and staff of Raj Bhavan joined the Governor in per-

'Time to bury strategy of weaponising disruptions'

New Delhi, Sep 19 (PTI)

As proceedings of Parliament moved to its new building, Rajya Chairman Sabha Jagdeep Dhankhar on Tuesday called for burying the strategy of 'weaponising" disturbances and disruptions in parliamentary functioning, saying these are antithetical to democratic values.

Addressing a function to commemorate the rich legacy of the Parliament of India in the iconic Central Hall of the old Parliament building, he also called for emulating the exemplary conduct and decorum of the members of the Constituent Assembly. Dhankhar said that the time has come to give up the justification of transgression of conduct and outrageous disregard of rules in the temples of democracy by making reference to past instances. "As we march into the new Parliament building, we must en-

hance cooperation and

consensual approach.



Jagdeep Dhankhar

Time for us to bid farewell to confrontational stance and resolve to ever keep national interest uppermost," he told the gathering of parliamentarians in the central

"Time to bury the strategy of weaponising disturbance and disruptions in parliamentary functioning as these are antithetical to democratic values and can never have the sanction of the people our ultimate masters," Dhankhar said.

"Time has come to give up once and for all the premise of justifying the transgression of conduct and outrageous disregard of rules in the temples of democracy by making reference to past instances." he added.

HC for imparting training to newly recruited prosecutors

New Delhi, Sep 19 (PTI):

The Delhi High Court has directed the city government to impart training to the newly appointed public prosecutors in coordination with the Delhi Judicial Academy as prosecutors are an integral part of criminal court system. The high court said it is imperative that the appointees are adequately equipped to shoulder the weighty responsibilities which the post of prosecutors carries.

Amicus curiae Rajeev K Virmani, who has been appointed friend of court to assist it in the matter, told a bench of Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Sanjeev Narula that no training programme has been conducted for the newly appointed public prosecutors. The high court directed the Delhi government to coordinate with the Delhi Judicial Academy to conduct training of the 60 newly recruited prosecutors. "It has been brought to the notice of the court that 60 public prosecutors

have been appointed re-

cently, however, alarmingly, no training has been imparted to them," the bench said. "Delhi government shall also file a status report before next date of hearing regarding (i) the implementation of direction regarding training programmes and (ii) the latest position of vacancies in respect of public prosecutors," it added and listed the matter for further hearing on November 1.

ing a batch of petitions, including a suo motu case (a matter initiated on its own), concerning issues related to recruitment, appointment and working of public prosecutors

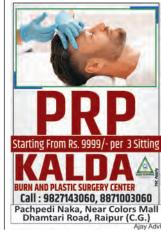
The high court was hear-

in the city. The PILs have also sought upward revision in the pay scales of prosecutors and for equipping them with facilities and infrastructure they need to do their job. The bench said public prosecutors are an integral part of criminal court system and "the Supreme Court has on numerous occasions highlighted the im-

port of the post, specifi-

cally highlighting its uniqueness vis--vis a counsel for a complainant or another ordinary party to a controversy'

It said a public prosecutor is positioned as a representative of the sovereign, whose interest is not to secure a conviction but rather to facilitate the administration of justice, and in doing so the prosecutor must act in a fair and impartial manner within the framework of the law and independent of undue influence by investigating agencies and the executive.



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