

BRIEF

Children of Dawoodi Bohra

community participate in a

religious procession on the

occasion of Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi,

in Bhopal, Sunday.

New Delhi: A group of

a protest against

people on Sunday staged

Canadian Prime Minister

accusing him of support-

ing Khalistani separatists.

United Hindu Front chief

Jai Bhagwan Goyal also

submitted to authorities a

memorandum addressed

to the prime ministers of

outfit said in a statement.

Canada and India, the

Darjeeling: Gorkhaland

Territorial Administration

(GTA) chief executive Anit

Thapa on Sunday said that

the BJP needs "political

Gorkhaland state out of

West Bengal.Thapa, who is

also the Bharatiya Gorkha

(BGPM) supremo, asserted

that the Gorkhaland issue is

tripartite talks (between the

Centre, Gorkha parties and

West Bengal government).

Gangtok: Heavy rain in

the hills of West Bengal

and Sikkim triggered a

landslide that caused a

cave-in on the National

district on Sunday, dis-

rupting vehicular move-

ment on the key arterial

link between the two states, officials said.

Following heavy rain, a massive amount of rocks

and slush rolled down the

highway at Sethi Jhora in

Highway10 in Darjeeling

Landslide

known to everyone and

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willpower" to carve

Praiatantrik Morcha

Willpower

The protesters led by

Justin Trudeau at the

Jantar Mantar here.

Protest

Terrifying robbery on Sambalpur-Jammu Tawi Exp

Over a dozen passengers assaulted

Belongings worth Rs 76,000 looted

Latehar, Sep 24 (PTI):

Over a dozen passengers were assaulted and belongings worth Rs 76,000 were looted by robbers in Sambalpur-Jammu Tawi Express in Jharkhand's Latehar district in the wee hours on Sunday.

The incident happened around Saturday midnight between Latehar and Barwadih stations under Dhanbad division of East Central Railway (ECR). Around 10-12 robbers boarded the train at Latehar station and threatened passengers by firing in the air near Chhipadohar station, a passenger claimed.

Two passengers, who received bullet wounds, are admitted in



Passengers, injured by robbers in Sambalpur-Jammu Tawi Express, being treated, in Jharkhand's Latehar, Sunday.

Medininagar government medical College hospital at Daltonganj.

Vikas Mittal, one of the passen gers in S 9 coach of the train travelling in the 18309 Sambalpur-Jammu Tawi Express said he was going to Vaishanav Devi with family members. About 10 robbers boarded the train at Latehar sta-

tion as passengers. They started beating the passengers with rifle butts and did not spare even children and women. Two passengers, who resisted the loot, were hit by bullets on their heads. The robbers snatched mobile sets, ornaments and Rs 75,000 cash from the passengers. They deboarded the train near Chhipadohar station and carried many suitcases with them.

Senior divisional commercial manager of Dhanbad division Amresh Kumar told PTI, "The incident happened in S9 coach. Seven passengers received minor injuries, while belongings of 13 passengers worth Rs 75.800 were loot ed."He said an FIR has already been registered. "Around eight mobile phones were also looted. Four of them were found active in the morning. Our technical team is tracing their locations," he said.

Passengers created a ruckus against the loot when the train reached Daltonganj station. The train was stopped there for around two hours.Daltonganj sub-divisional magistrate Rajesh Kumar Shah. who also reached the station last night, said that the injured were admitted to Medinirai Medical College and Hospital. Two of them are little serious. he said.

AP Skill Devt Corpn Scam CID interrogates Naidu for 2nd day in iail

Rajamahendravaram, Sep 24 (PTI):

A team of Andhra Pradesh Police CID officials has conclude ed its two-day interrogation of **TDP chief N Chandrababu** Naidu in the Skill Development Corporation scam case on Sunday at Rajamahendravaram Central Prison. The Anti-**Corruption Bureau Court had** on Friday granted the CID two days' custody of the 73-year-old TDP chief for interrogation in the case. In compliance with the court's orders. Naidu's questioning by CID officials was allowed from 9:30 AM to 5 PM on both days (September 23 and 24) with regular fiveconsult his lawyer. Coastal Andhra Range DIG of prisons M

Narayana Thank you Raipur You all have proved it this year that nothing can stop us from makin health our priority. We that you all for your enthusiasm and making -X 11-X 11-

Rahul Gandhi to launch rural housing scheme today

Raipur, Sep 24:

Ahead of Chhattisgarh assembly elections due later this year, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi will on Monday launch Gramin Mukhvamantri Awas Nyay Yojna (MGANY) in Bilaspur district.

This scheme aimed at providing financial assistance to the homeless and families having the kutcha houses in rural areas.

'Awas Nvav At Sammelan', Gandhi and Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel will disburse the first instalment of Rs 25,000 each to 1,30,000 beneficiaries for the construction of houses, officials said

The event will be held around noon in Parsada (Sakri) village under the Takhatpur development block in Bilaspur district, a public relations depart ment official said.

Of the 1.30 lakh beneficiaries, 1 lakh are those who are listed on the permanent wait list (PWL) under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna (PMAY- rural), but are yet to get the benefit of the Central scheme, he said. On the occasion. Rs 5 crore will be trans-



About the scheme...

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ferred to the accounts of 500 beneficiaries under Mukhvamantri Nirman Shramik Awas Sahayata Yojana (MNSASY), which was launched in May this vear. according to the offi-

INT'L LAWYERS' CONFERENCE

'Three proposed criminal laws seek to provide justice rather than punishment'

Modi flags off 9 Vande Bharat trains with new features

Speed and scale of infrastructure development matching aspirations of 140 cr Indians

New Delhi, Sep 24 (PTI):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said the speed and scale of infrastructure development matched the aspirations of 140 crore Indians as he flagged off nine Vande Bharat Express trains connecting religious and tourist destinations across 11 states.

Flagging off the Vande Bharat Express trains via video conferencing, Modi also slammed the previous governments for not paying



PM Modi virtually flags off nine Vande Bharat Express trains via video conferencing, in New Delhi, Sunday.

adequate attention for modernisation of railways and assured that the "day is not far when Vande Bharat will connect every part of the country". Governors, chief ministers, Union ministers and elected representatives were present at the nine railway stations from where the indigenously

ROW OVER BIDHURI'S REMARKS

Treat Danish Ali as accused,

not victim: Ravi Kishan

built semi-high speed trains were flagged off. The trains

stopped at various stations where they were welcomed by enthusiastic school children and hoards of people with elected representatives addressing functions en route. Union minister Kailash Choudhary and Rajasthan BJP president C P Joshi boarded the Vande Bharat Express train at Udaipur and travelled till Chhittorgarh where a huge

of BJP workers crowd raised the slogans of "Vande Mataram" and "Bharat Mata ki Jai' as the train chugged into the station

In his address, the prime minister said the popularity of Vande Bharat trains was rising constantly and more than 1.11 crore passengers have already travelled in them

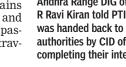
pocket money

- **Rahat Kosh'**

minute breaks given to him to R Ravi Kiran told PTI that Naidu was handed back to the iail authorities by CID officials after completing their interrogation.

Two Shimla school students donate





Bengal, around 30 km from Siliguri, they said.

hill and damaged the

Rescued

Leh: A tourist from Germany was rescued from a remote area in southern Ladakh after he fell sick during a trekking expedition and made a distress call, police said on Sunday. A police team safely evacuated Cristo, a German national. from Nurbo Sumdo in Nyoma subdivision, 75 km from Korzok, near the Himachal Pradesh border on Saturday evening, the police said.

Cooperation

New Delhi: Ways to expand bilateral maritime security cooperation in sync with fast-expanding India-US strategic partnership figured prominently during Navy Chief Admiral R Hari Kumar's four-day visit to the US. officials said on Sunday. The Chief of Naval Staff visited the US from September 19 to 22 primarily to attend the 25th International Seapower Symposium (ISS).

Injured

Palanpur: All 46 pilgrims travelling on a private luxurv bus were injured after the vehicle moving down a slope hit a rock on the roadside near the temple town of Ambaji in Gujarat's Banaskantha district on Sunday, police said.



After Nishikant Dubey, another BJP MP Ravi Kishan Shukla wrote to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Sunday urging him to examine the conduct of BSP MP Danish Ali, alleging "unparliamentary" acts and use of words by the opposition

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lawmaker in the House. With opposition parties demanding stringent action against BJP's Ramesh Bidhuri over his derogatory remarks against Ali in the House on Thursday, Dubey had alleged that the BSP MP had made unsavoury remarks aimed at instigating the ruling

party member. Ali on Sunday termed Dubey's allegations as "baseless" and claimed that after his "verbal



lynching" in Lok Sabha a narrative was being set for "lynching" him outside the House.

In his letter to the Speaker, Shukla said whatever words Bidhuri used against Ali are "unacceptable in any way" but the circumstances that led to the use of "such objectionable" words by an MP against another member of Parliament in the House "needs to be revisited and examined".



BSP MP Danish Ali on Sunday alleged that after his "verbal lynching" in Lok Sabha a

narrative was being set for "lynching" him outside the House as he hit back at BIP leader Nishikant Dubey for accusing him of making unsavoury remarks aimed at instigating the ruling party MP Ramesh Bidhuri. Bidhuri's derogatory remarks targeting Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) member Ali during a discussion on the success of Chandrayaan-3 in the Lok Sabha on Thursday triggered a furore, with opposition leaders calling for stringent action against the BJP MP.

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Two students of a school here donated their pocket money towards the state disaster relief fund on Sunday by presenting their piggy banks to Himachal Pradesh Chief Sukhvinder Minister Singh Sukhu, a statement said.

Aahana Verma of class 7 and Jiya Verma of class 2 contributed Rs 10,229 and Rs 9,806 respectively towards Aapada Rahat Kosh, it said.

Appreciating the ges-ture of the students, Sukhu said that it was a matter of happiness that the children were also donating towards the noble cause to mitigate the sufferings of the disaster-affected people.

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday said the three proposed criminal laws are people-centric, have the flavour of Indian soil and their main purpose is to protect the constitutional, human and personal rights of citizens.

Addressing International Lawyers' Conference organised by the Bar Council of India here, Shah also said the approach of the three bills is also to provide justice rather than mete out punishment. He appealed to all lawyers in the country to provide their suggestions to the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS-2023), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS-2023) and the Bharatiya



Union Home Minister Amit Shah addresses the concluding session of the 'International Lawyers' Conference 2023 organised by the Bar Council of India, in New Delhi, Sunday.

Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA-2023) so that the country can have the best laws that benefit all.

The three bills, which were introduced in the Lok Sabha on August 11, will replace the Indian Penal Code, 1860, Criminal Procedure Act, 1898, and the Indian Evidence Act,

1872 respectively. "India's criminal justice system was imprinted with colonial law. All three new bills do not have colonial imprint but have the flavour of Indian soil. The central point of these three proposed laws is to protect the constitutional and human rights of citizens as well as their personal rights," he said. Shah said the initiative has been taken to comprehensively change the criminal laws keeping in mind the present-day demands.

"These laws are coming after almost 160 years with a completely new approach and new system. Along with new initiatives, three initiatives have also been taken by the government to create a law-friendly ecosystem," he said.

'Kullu Dussehra festival to see participation of 20 countries'

Shimla, September 24 (PTI):

Despite the worst-ever natural calamity in Kullu this monsoon, the upcoming Dussehra festival in the district will be a gala affair, with troupes from 20 countries participating in it, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said on Sunday.

Releasing the promo of the 'International Kullu Dussehra Festival', Sukhu said this event would mark the revival of tourism in the region by sending across the right signal that the situation has normalised in Kullu and Manali and these places are all set to welcome



tourists. He also virtually inaugurated several development projects worth Rs 12 crore for the Kullu assembly constituency, including a four-storey multipurpose building of the Deputy Commissioner Office, constructed at a cost of Rs 5.49 crore, a statement issued here said.

'Nationwide cleanliness drive to be conducted on Oct 1'

New Delhi, Sep 24 (PTI):

A nationwide cleanli ness drive will be conducted on October 1 responding to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's appeal

for "one hour of shramdaan for swachhata", the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs said on Sunday. In a statement, the min-

istry said that in the run up to Gandhi Jayanti, a unique call has been given by the prime minister to fellow citizens.

In the 105th episode of 'Mann Ki Baat', the prime minister appealed for "one hour of shramdaan for swachhata" at 10 am on

collectively, and it will be a 'swachhanjali' to Mahatma Gandhi on the eve of his jayanti, it said.

'This mega cleanliness drive calls upon citizens from all walks of life to join in actual cleaning activities of public places like market spaces, railway tracks, water bodies, tourist locations, religious places etc," the statement said. "Every town, gram panchayat, all sectors of the government like civil aviation, railways, information and technology etc, public institutions will be facilitating cleanliness events led by citizens," it said.

October 1 by all citizens



Assistant Loco Pilot Rubby Kumari (R) and Loco Pilot Guddy Kumar during the flagging off ceremony

of Patna-Howrah Vande Bharata Express, at Patna Railway Station, Sunday.



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25 September 2023 | 2:00 PM

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Approval letters to **30,000 beneficiaries** of Mukhyamantri Gramin Awaas NYAY Yojana

Disbursement of the 1st instalment of ₹25,000 each to 1 lakh PMAY (Rural) beneficiaries

Disbursement of **₹1 lakh** each to 500 beneficiaries of Mukhyamantri Nirman Shramik Awaas Sahayta Yojana

Issuance of appointment letters to 2,594 teachers from various districts

Distribution of 1,117 forest rights titles in urban areas

Inauguration and foundation laying of 185 projects and development works worth ₹524.33 crore of Bilaspur district

Shri Bhupesh Baghel Chief Minister, Chhattisgarh

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RAIPUR

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Physiotherapists played a crucial role in removing the adverse effects of COVID in the body: CM

People should be made aware of the importance of physiotherapy: Singh Deo

Raipur, Sep Physiotherapists played a significant role in removing the adverse effects that occurred in people's bodies after the difficult phase of the Corona pandemic. During that difficult time, we all learned about the importance of physiotherapy. Today, physiotherapy is proving to be very helpful in many cases, including physical pain, paralysis, and neurological disorders.

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel was addressing the first 'Physiocon 2023' organized at the Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Medical College Auditorium in Raipur today. In this program organized under the aegis of the Indian Association of Physiotherapists, there was a fruitful discussion between physiotherapists and experts from across the state. In the program, Chief Minister Baghel and Deputy Chief Minister T.S. Singh Deo were honored with me-

mentos

CM Baghel said that due to increasing material comforts and modern proper movement. means of transportation, the amount of physical activity in humans has declined, which has led to many problems and diseases. We have to underhas increased the imporstand that our body needs tance of physiotherapy. He adequate hard work along said that in the last five with rest to function propyears, health facilities erly. He said that today, not have expanded rapidly in only has physiotherapy the state and because of emerged as an important the schemes and commitnecessity in the field of ment of the state government, great achievements sports, it has also enhanced the physical abilihave been made in the ty of players. Baghel said field of healthcare. The that it can be seen in hos-Chief Minister also appreciated the role of physiopitals that patients suffertherapists during the chaling from a fracture or experiencing pain are adlenging period of coronvised physiotherapy. One avirus disease. On the rething to keep in mind is quest of the association, that physiotherapy should always be conducted the Chief Minister said that the executive constiunder the supervision of a tution Physiotherapy Council trained physiotherapist. Regular exercise and yoga should be completed soon. also keep the body healthy. More than 250 hooligans, rowdies

apy has the utmost importance in the lives of common people as well as in the field of sports. Physiotherapy has become an integral part of sports. Today, sportspeople depend on physiotherapy for Physiotherapy is based on better performance. He the principle that the also mentioned the contrihuman body requires bution of physiotherapy to the improvement of the The Chief Minister said health of the former CM that with the present Minister Ajit Jogi after his lifestyle, less physical acaccident, and shared his tivity and more mental enpersonal experiences reergy are being used, which lated to physiotherapy. The Dy CM Singh Deo stressed

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Deo, while addressing the

program, said that in the

present times, physiother-

the need to convey the importance of physiotherapy to people. Dr. Sanjiv Jha, the National President of Indian Association of Physiotherapists, also addressed the program. The President of the Indian Association Physiotherapists (Chhattisgarh branch) Dr. Prashant Chakraborty, physiotherapists Faizan, Dr. Ali Irani, Dr. Joji John, Dr. Ruchi Wasnik, and Dr. Avinash Kushwaha, along with other physiotherapists the from all over the state were present on the occa-Deputy CM TS Singh sion

Dr.

Eleven caught for gambling

• Rs 2 lakh in cash with 9 mobile phones, 2 bikes seized

Raipur, Sep 24: Eleven persons were arrested for allegedly gambling at a transport garage behind Hotel Grand Rajputana here. Police have recovered cash of Rs 2 lakh 920 along with nine mobile phones and two bikes from their possession. The total value of recovered items is estimated to be around Rs 5 lakh. Offence under Section 4 and 5 of Chhattisgarh Gambling (Prohibition) Act against all of the, The police raided the

garage acting on a tip off received from an informer last night. Those arrested for allegedly gambling old Kishor Wadhwani, resident of Ramsagarpara, have been identified as 32vear old Sumit Raiaram Azad Chowk Raipur.

Jaish, resident Ramsagarpara behind Hanuman Mandir near Azad Chowk, 32-year old Manish Patel, resident Moudhapara Akbar Bada beside Shiv Mandir, 27year old Rohit Motwani, resident of Ramsagarpara behind Anuman Mandir near Yashwant Kirana Shop, 38-year old Devesh Kumar (son of Hari Singh Thakur), resident of behind Ganjpara Hanuman Mandir, 30-year old Shiv Tandon, resident of Ganjpara, 19-year old Aman Yadav, resident of BSUP Colony Kabir Nagar, 53-year old Sohan Lal Kosle, resident of Gogaon Gudiyari, 27-year old Shubham Rathor (son of Ajay Rathor), resident of Rathor Chowk and 28-year



Raipur, Sep 24: In view of the rising incidents of violence and other crimes in the city and ongoing festivals and upcoming elections, classes for goons and rowdies were held in all the police stations of the city. They have been advised to stay away from crime. More than 250 goons, history sheeters and other criminal elements were brought to the police stations and paraded. SSP Prashant Agrawal told all police gazetted officers and SHOs to keep close eves on miscreants and rowdies in their respective areas and take necessary legal action against them in a bid to ensure peace during ongoing

of

'Ganeshotsav' celebrations. On Saturday, under the leader-Additional ship of Superintendent of Police City Lakhan Patle, under the supervision of all the city Superintendents of Police,

Acting on this instruction all the police station in-charges summoned more than 250 miscreants and criminal elements in their respective police station areas under the direction of Additional Superintendent of Police City Lakhan Patle and supervision of all CSPs. All the miscreants and criminal elements were paraded and adviced to stay away from crime and live a peaceful life with their families.



कांग्रेस अब दे रही 'आवास का न्याय' आवास न्याय सम्मलन

25 सितम्बर 2023, दोपहर 2 बजे फायर एवं एसडीआरएफ मैदान, परसदा (सकरी), विकासखंड तखतपुर, बिलासपुर



Anwita Vishwakarma shines hright at 38th Chakradhar Samaroh



Raipur, Sep 24: In a remarkable display of talent and dedication, 9-Anwita vear-old Vishwakarma, a student of DPS Raipur, stole the spotlight as the youngest Kathak performer at the Chakradhar 38th Samaroh 2023 held in Raigarh from September 19th to 21st. Anwita's enchanting performances,

ing renditions of the Shiv Tandav and Krishna Leela, left the audience in awe and admiration.

Anwita's exceptional journey to the stage was made possible through the unwavering guidance and blessings of her Kathak guru, Dr. Rajshree Namdev, and Smt. Anjani Thakur. Their support and men-

Anup Jain (Co - Gaya Milk) and

officials from various banks.

MYFM team . and IBC24 team.

Health, Raipur Tapani Ghosh,

presence along with Ravi

Bhagat (DGM - Marketing), Dr.

Facility Director of Narayana

including the mesmeriztorship nurtured

The young prodigy received well-deserved recognition as she was felicitated by Ved Mani Singh Thakur and the esteemed Raigarh Collector, Taran Prakash Sinha, who praised her extraordinary talent and dedication to the art of Kathak.

Anwita's talent and paved

the way for her outstand-

ing performance at this

prestigious event.

'NH Walkathon' held to promote heart health'



Hosted by Narayana **Health-Raipur**

Raipur, Sept 24: Narayana Health, Raipur, a leading healthcare institution, organised a remarkable event to promote the importance of physical activity in having a healthy heart - the NH Walkathon. For the past 12 years this event has aimed to raise awareness about the crucial role of physical activity in maintaining heart health. The NH Walkathon, which

took place on Sep 24th, wit-

nessed enthusiastic participation from across the city, all coming together to promote a heart-healthy lifestyle. The event was a resounding success, with over 1000 particigraced the occasion with their pants of all ages joining in to walk for a cause. Dignitaries, including

Akshay Kiledaar (MS). Ghosh, Pramod Dubey (Speaker RMC), while addressing the partici-Sanjay Sharma (ADG NCC) pants, emphasised the imporwere present. The event was tance of regular physical activpowered by Shri Ganesha Gulal ity in preventing heart disand Krishna Public School, coeases. He said, "The NH powered by Rishabh Builders, Walkathon is a testament to and supported by AT jewellers our commitment to heart and Gaya Milk. NH Walkathon health. It's heartening to see so was graced by the presence of many people come together to

prioritise their well-being."

The event also saw the active participation of doctors from Narayana Health, Raipur, who joined hands to spread the message of heart health. Dr. S. S. Padhi, Dr. Sunil Gounyal, Dr. P.K. Harikumar, Dr. Kinjal Bakshi, Dr. Snehil Goswami, Dr. Sumit Gupta, Dr. Prashant Madharia, Dr. Rakesh Chand, Dr. Dharmesh Lad among others actively participated in the event. Their presence underscored the importance of community support in raising awareness about heart diseases.

The NH Walkathon not only encouraged physical fitness but also fostered a sense of togetherness within the community. It served as a reminder that a small step towards a healthier lifestyle can lead to significant improvements in heart health.

Narayana Health, Raipur extends its gratitude to all participants, dignitaries, and volunteers for making the NH Walkathon a grand success. The hospital remains committed to its mission of promoting heart health and well-being in the community.

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छत्तीसगढ़ ग्रामीण आवास न्याय योजना के 30,000 हितग्राहियों को आवास स्वीकृति पत्र का वितरण

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विभिन्न जिलों के 2,594 शिक्षकों को नियुक्ति पत्र

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Bhilaians demand PGI at JLNH & RC

Bhilai, Sep 24:

Bhilai Vikas Manch and Hindu Yuva Manch jointly raised the demand of upgradation of Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru Hospital and Research Centre, Sector 9 as PGI. Under the leadership of Bhilai Vikas Manch Convenor Nitesh Mishra, a Jan Chaupal was organised. #Bhilai_mange_pgi campaign was run from March 12, 2023 during which the common people were made aware about the benefits of developing the Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru Hospital and Research Center as a postgraduate institute of medical education. The benefits were explained through Jan Choupal. The gathering also discussed the present pitiful condition of the hospital.

Nitish Mishra said that if Pandit Jawahar Lal studies. Nehru Hospital and Research Center is up-

graded as a PGI, then its said, if Sector 9 Hospital is



benefits will be available developed as PGI, then to the common people of Bhilai will create its dis-Bhilai Durg as well as aftinct identity in the entire fordable medical treatnation for its excellent ment to the entire state. medical system. This deci-They will be able to get the sion would bring back the benefit of good medical golden era of JLNH. Former Deputy General treatment and at the same Manager Gurdeep Sigar, time, medical graduate

students of the state will while highlighting the hisnot have to move to other tory of Sector Hospital, presented his views states for postgraduate among the general public Dr Jai Tiwari, IMA about the benefits of up-President Durg District grading the hospital as PGI. Amit Purohit of

Yuva Manch proposed the vote of thanks.

Nitesh Mishra, Dr Jai Tiwari, Gurdeep Sengar, Govind Raj Naidu, Arun Singh, BL Saraf, Amit Purohit, Surendra Jain, Bhavna Diwakar, Ashok Jain, Radhakant Pandey, Ujjwal Dutta, Anu Vijay Shukla, Anu S Mohan, Chahal Amarjeet Singh Chahal, Saurav Jaiswal, Dinesh Sahu, Uday Singh and others were present.

OBC Commission intervenes on pending cases of teacher recruitment Bhilai, Sep 24:

C h h a t t i s g a r h Commission for Other Backward Classes intervened to provide relief to 83 OBC candidates, who were selected for Teacher Grade 2 but their appointment letters were put on hold for the last one-and-ahalf years. The candidates had approached the commission in this regard on 20 September 2023. Taking cognizance of the applicants' application, the Commission issued a letter to the Director of Public Instruction Raipur on the same day and sought information about the cases. After receiving the Commission's letter, the concerned department swung into action. On 21st September 2023, Prakash (Assistant Mishra Director, Directorate of Public Instruction) appeared before the commis-



sion and informed the Commission that the all the formalities, the order for issuing appointcaste certificate of his son ment letters to the candidates has been given. Subhash Dewangan and Pleased with the resoludaughter tion of their problems, the Dewangan were not being issued by the Tehsildar of applicants again visited the Commission and ex-Mahasamund. cognizance of the applipressed their gratitude to cant's application, a letter Chief Minister Bhupesh was sent to the Sub-Divisional Officer Baghel and the Commission. Mahasamund seeking in-

In another case, an application was submitted by Kamal Narayan Dewangan, a resident of Birgaon. He complained

Steel

Bhilai, Sep 24:

SAIL-Bhilai

tificate of the applicant's son and daughter and subbefore the mit it Commission. On receiving the letter of the Commission, the permanent caste certificate of the applicant's son Vedprakash Dewangan, Subhash Dewangan and daughter Preeti Dewangan were issued. Kamal Narayan thanked the Backward Classes Commission. The other 9 cases presented on 20 September 2023 and 22 September 2023 were heard and resolved by the Commission. During the public hearing in the Backward Classes Commission, Chairman Thaneshwar Sahu, Vice Chairman RN Verma, members Sadhu Charan Yadav, Kiran Sinha, Secretary Biru Kumar Sahu and Research Officer Anita Dekate were present

ment, issue the caste cer-

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Diesel Dispensing Unit of Mobile Diesel Tanker revamped at Plant Garage

Bhilai, Sep 24:

Plant Garage The Department of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant, which is responsible for the maintenance and operation of approximately 390 Earth Moving Equipment and Heavy Vehicles has successfully revamped an inoperative Diesel Dispensing Unit of Garage's Mobile Diesel Unit of Tanker. The entire revival of Diesel Dispensing Unit has been executed by making necessary modifications and utilising Plant's in-house resources with negligible expenditure.

The newly-revamped Mobile Diesel Dispensing Unit was handed over to the Operation department by the Chief Guest SK Gajbhiye, CGM (Mechanical) and BD Babu, GM I/C (Plant Garage)



Gajbhiye lauded the Plant Garage collective for accomplishing this challenging task and motivated them to face the upcoming challenges with the

same spirit. Pradipta Bhaumik, GM (PG), and K Gnananand, GM (PG) were also present on this occasion, along with NK Sahu, DGM(PG), SP Sharma AGM(PG), PK

Kamble Senior Manager (PG), and Sudarshan, Manager (PG) and others.

The task of revamping the inoperative Diesel Dispensing Unit of Garage's Mobile Diesel Tanker was accomplished by the team led by Asheesh Gupta, Manager (PG) and consisting of BS Netam and Siril Nand. The process of revamp-

ing involved replacement of some special imported spare-parts, which were not available with the supplier and the complete replacement of the Unit also incurred huge funds. Therefore, it was decided by the PG Management to revamp the unit by utilising in-house resources.

The Earth Moving Equipment and Heavy

Vehicles operated and maintained by the Plant Garage Department are deployed round the clock in transportation of raw materials, necessary spares for different departments, to ensure continuous production of hot metal in the Plant.

The diesel which is required to power these heavy equipment are supplied by the Mobile Diesel Tanker. The Diesel Dispensing Unit of the Mobile Diesel Tanker, which has now been revamped by the department, was inoperative for quite some time due to technical failures. The diesel dispensing unit ensures accurate measurement of the diesel filled in the earth moving equipment thus saving the precious fuel and providing an accurate data of fuel consumption.

Plant's Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital and Research Centre, Sector-9 has successfully completed the two-years long operation of the Government of India's - Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana & Dr Khoobchand Baghel Swasthya Sahayata Yojana on September 23, 2023. The flagship health schemes of PM-JAY and & Dr Khoobchand Baghel Swasthya Sahayata Yojana were launched at JLN Hospital & RC two years ago on the same date in 2021.

PM-JAY is the largest health assurance scheme in the world which aims at providing a yearly health cover of Rs 5 lakhs per family for secondary



Vedprakash Dewangan,

formation about the actu-

al situation. The SDO was

directed to follow the in-

structions of the govern-

JLNH & RC completes 2 years of Ayushman Bharat

PM-JAY & Dr Khoobchand Baghel Swasthya Sahayata Yojana

Preeti

Taking

and tertiary care hospitalization to the BPL families and Rs 50000/- per family annually for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization for APL families.

The scheme allows a PMJAY beneficiary having an Ayushman Card, free indoor treatment of diseases of the Eye, ENT & Dental, Obstetrics & Gynecology,

individuals, including 432 cases of Ophthalmology Department, 341 cases of **Obstetrics & Gynecology** Department, 332 cases of the Neonatal Department, 71 cases of Pediatric Department, 63 cases of General Surgery along with 34 cases of ENT Department, have benefitted till date through these schemes at the JLN Hospital & RC since its initiation. The health schemes operated at SAIL-Bhilai

Pediatrics/Neonatal and

General Surgery. As per

the reports, a total of 1,278

Steel Plant's Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital and Research Centre, Sector-9 aim to achieve universal health coverage and ensure accessibility and affordability of healthcare services for people from all walks of life.

Man

gets life

imprisonment

for murder

Bhilai, Sep 24:

Additional Sessions

Certificates distributed to students of DDU-GKY institutions

Bhilai. Sep 24:

After receiving training from the institutes of DDU-GKY, many talented youth are getting employ-

Bhilai, Sep 24: youth aged 18-35 years are given 3 months free train-

Bhilai Nagar MLA ing in various trades. Devendra Yadav is regularly conducting Pragati After training, it is the responsibility of the insti-Yatra in Bhilai Nagar assembly constituency. On tute to provide them em-Sunday, the Pragati Yatra covered about 10 kilometers in a single day. In Ward 51, the MLA gifted development several works to the people. In Ward 42 Gautam and Nagar, he inaugurated the community building of Devangan Samaj. Similarly, people of Rajbhar Samaj will also get their building soon. For this. MLA Yadav announced the construction of a community building and also laid the foundation stone for building. It will be constructed at a cost of Rs 10 lakh. Bhoomipujan was performed by the senior lems of the ward. He in-

members of the society. After this, the reading room was inaugurated at Buddha Vihar in HUDCO and the bhoomipujan of the dome shed was performed. Paver block will

Devendra performs bhumipujan for several works during Pragati Yatra

ward. He

teracted with people and took information about the development of the

performed bhoomipujan for the renovation work of Hanuman temple; construction of

stage near Hanuman Temple in HSCL Colony;

building construction in

HLCS Colony; restoration

work of HLCS Colony

Shiv Hanuman Temple;

Nala Basti Bamleshwari

Temple, Ganesh Manch,

Pachari construction and

lighting work; inaugura-

tion of Sheetala Temple

Upper Building, Ganesh Manch and Jaitkham;

bhoomipujan for CC road

in Peepal Basti, Nala

Basti, Ganesh Manch,

drain and culvert con-

struction; construction of

upper building of Shishu

Park Garden and garden

beautification, etc.

ment in different states of India. Such talented students were honoured during a programme held recently.

The students shared their experiences on the occasion. To encourage the 300 students who came from Ramkali Devi Seva Sansthan Durg, Sun Skill Durg and other DDU GKY run institutions, certificates and gifts were presented to more than 70 students by the district administration. Deendayal Upadhyay Skill Development Scheme DDU-GKY is a scheme run by the Government of India, under which rural

ployment opportunities. Under this scheme, 100 participants from Durg district are employed in KPR Tiruppur,

Coimbatore, Bangalore, Chennai Chhattisgarh. Deputy Director of District Panchayat Durg, Kavya Jain and NRLM District Program Manager Sagar Pansari were present as chief guests in the program. The program was organized under the aegis of Ramkali Devi Seva Sansthan of Chhattisgarh Engineering College, Durg. The event was coordinated by Project Head VP Singh.

be installed in Aurobindo Yoga Sadhana Center Sector 7. Bhoomi pujan has also been done for this project.

Pragati Yatra commenced from Ward 51. MLA Devendra Yadav visited all the Ganesh pandals of the ward and offered prayers to Lord Ganesha.

He prayed for the wellbeing, peace and prosperity of the people of Bhilai. After this, while moving across the ward, he interacted with the people and inquired about their well being. He also took information about the prob-



BSP's SMS-II organises 'Chetna-Safety Workshop' for Women Contractual Workers

Bhilai, Sep 24:

Bhilai Steel Plant's Steel Melting Shop - II organised 'Chetna- Suraksha ki bat, Shram Veeron ke sath', a Workshop to spread awareness on safety among Women Contractual Workers. The Programme was organized at HRD Centre, on September 20. 2023. This unique initiative was launched by the Continuous Casting Shop Mechanical Section of SMS-II, on August 16, 2023. Susanta Kumar Ghosal, CGM (SMS-II) was the Chief Guest on this occasion. As many as 100 women contractual workers took part in this interactive workshop, along with their family members

Susanta Kumar Ghosal, CGM (SMS-II) appreciated the women contractual workers for their participation and spoke at



ples that may lead to accidents, Ghosal said.

Office) stated that Safety

begins at home and that we

have a lot to learn about safety

tives being taken at SMS-II and encouraged all present to work In his welcome address, Yogesh Shastri, GM (SMS-II), while adhering to safety standards. He said that Safety is spoke on the basic aim of this iust a matter of common sense programme, which is to and one should be fully alert emphasize the importance of and conscious at the workplace Safety in day-to-day work at to avoid activities which can SMS-II and also to engage workers' families in the journey pose a safety hazard. Common mistakes like not using NRV in towards Safety excellence. SK Agrawal GM I/c (SED-

cutting sets, ELCB in welding machines, not using PPEs properly, walking under the load carrying EOT cranes can be some of the common exam-

Anant Sontake, GM (SED) spoke on various Safety measures at home and how our attentive approach can help in dealing with risks and Hazards at home.

The women contractual workers also shared their views on safety and Susanta Kumar Ghosal, CGM (SMS-II) also assured them to provide every possible aid needed for safety at the workplace.

Aftab Alam, Safety officer of M/s Protective General Engineering, conducted a Safety Quiz. The winners of the Quiz were also felicitated by the Dignitary guests. The programme was conducted by Sanjeev Singh, SMS-II.

Steel Melting Shop-II has been at forefront in SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant in devising new ways to communicate and encourage everyone to adopt from our homemakers. Dr safe ways of working.

Graphic Designing Contest organised at St Thomas College

Bhilai, Sep 24: The PG Department of Commerce of St Thomas College, organised a graphic designing contest to tap into the latent ingenuity of the students. The participants showcased their creative brilliance by crafting unique designs for the social media platforms of the institution along with its website. The designs were evaluated by a panel of three judges, including the college administrator Father Dr Joshi Varghese, Head of the PG Department of Commerce Dr Sapna Sharma and Assistant Professor of the Department of Education Chandan Dekate. They considered both technical & aesthetic aspects of the designs presented by the students in eight different criteria. Riya Sara Jijy (B Com final year) was declared the winner of the contest. The first runner-up was K Abhishek (B Com 1 st year) and the second runner-



up was Purna Jena (BSc Computer Science 2 nd year). The administrator of the college Father Dr Joshi Varghese appreciated the designs of all the participants. He also announced that they would join the social media committee of the college and their posts would be displayed on the institutional social media platforms. Principal Dr MG Roymon commended the initiative of the Commerce department and encouraged students to hone their signature style and find their own design specialty. Dr Sheeja Varkey, Additional Head of PG Department of Commerce, Dr Rincey B Abraham. Dr Sunita Kshatriya, Dr Pratik kumar Sharma, Dr Neelam Gandhi, and other teachers were present during the event. Tabassum Hasan, Assistant Professor, Commerce Department hosted the event and was assisted by Abish Thomas, Bijoy Kujur, and Mili Mathew of M Com 3 rd semester.

Court (Eighth) ın Durg awarded life imprisonment to the accused of a murder case which occurred on September 26, 2021 in Amleshwar.

deceased The Mukesh Yadav was brutally stabbed by the accused Kailash Nirmalkar in Durga Nagar of Amleshwar. The deceased Mukesh Yadav had gone to a nearby shop to purchase gutka after havdinner ing on September 26, 2021.

The accused intercepted him and started arguing over some issue. Later, he took out a sharp knife and stabbed Mukesh Yadav on different parts of the body. Injured Yadav was rushed to Government Hospital in Jheet where he was declared dead.

The accused were found guilty in the court trial. Additional Sessions Judge (Eighth) convicted and awarded life imprisonment and Rs 1000 fine under section 302 and seven years imprisonment and Rs 1000 fine under section 24(1-B)(B), 27 of Arms Act to the accused Kailash Nirmalkar (28) son of Bagas Ram Nirmalkar, a resident of Durga Nagar, Amleshwar, Durg. Additional Government Pleader Pradeep Nema informed that the prison sentences will be served concurrently.



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Basis of the beliefs of Vanbandhus is rooted in science: Prof. Chakrawal

Tribal Studies and Research: Conclusion of a Two-day Workshop on Inclusive Education under the National Education Policy 2020

Bilasnur Sen 24:

A two-day national workshop organized on 'Tribal Studies and Research: Inclusive Education under the National Education Policy 2020', organized under the joint aegis of Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (Central University) and All India Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram, concluded at 2.30 pm on September 24, 2023 at the Smart classroom of the Department of Biotechnology. The Chief Guest of the concluding program was Prof. Sachchidanand Shukla, Vice Chancellor of Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla University, Raipur. The program was presided over by the Honorable Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal.

At the conclusion of the Honorable workshop, Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal said that for tribal development, we will have to make integrated, organized, consolidated and combined efforts. He said,



Pandit Ravi Shankar

Shukla University, Raipur,

Prof. Sachchinand Shukla

appreciated that many

valuable ideas were ex-

changed in the two-day

workshop. He said that

Chhattisgarh is a tribal

dominated area and it is

important to understand

Chhattisgarh to under-

stand the soul of India. He

said that both the universi-

ties together can cooperate

At the conclusion of the

two-day workshop Shri

Vaibhav Surange, social

worker, All India Vanvasi

Kalyan Ashram, , urged

the researchers to go to the

forest-dwelling areas and

conduct research and

study there. He pointed

out that the solution to

various problems of the

present society lies in

BJP Mahila Morcha protests corruption with pot breaking ceremony

in this field.

"The beliefs of the Vanbandhus have a scientific basis but the British spread many types of misconceptions in the society to create differences between the Vanbandhus and the Nagarbandhus. We need to remove the misconceptions that have persisted since the colonial period". The Vice-Chancellor,

Prof. Chakrawal further said that tribal societies are a great source of knowledge and we need to know and understand them. Lord Ram lived his life in the forest with his brothers. Similarly, the need of our times is also that we should spend time among our brothers living in the forest area so that our study gets a proper

The Vice-Chancellor of looking at the knowledge

basis.

tradition, culture, life values and nature of the tribal society.

Before this, the guests lit the lamp and garlanded the portraits of Goddess Saraswati and Saint Guru Ghasidas Baba. Also, the guests on the stage were welcomed with saplings. The workshop coordinator, Prof. Praveen Mishra delivered the welcome address

The guests present on the stage were honored by presenting mementos. The participants at the workshop expressed their views in the concluding program. The workshop coordinators were Prof. Mukesh Singh, Prof. Praveen Kumar Mishra and Prof. Jagdish Kumar. In the end, the vote of thanks was presented by the Registrar of the University, Prof. Manish Srivastava and the event was conducted by Dr. Shweta. More than 150 participants had registered in the program and they were presented certificates. Deans of various schools, heads of departments, teachers, and students were present in the workshop.

competitions held in Dantewada

District level voting awareness

Students from 6 tehsils of the district participated in rangoli, quiz, speech, slogan and poem writing events

Dantewada, Sep 24:

Dantewada district in Chhattisgarh has taken a giant leap towards strengthening its democby organizing racv District-Level Voting Awareness Competitions. These initiatives, conducted under the guidance of **District Election Officer** and Collector Dantewada

Vineet Nandanwar, in collaboration with SVEEP Nodal Officer cum CEO District Panchayat Kumar Biswaranjan, are propelling civic participation to new heights.

With crucial assembly elections on the horizon in Chhattisgarh, the Election Commission of India and the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer have made it their mission to educate and engage citizens on the importance of voting. This drive has culminated in a series of dynamic voting awareness competitions held across schools and six tehsils within Dantewada district.

the At District Panchayat Office, the grand District Level Voting Awareness competitions featured a diverse range of contests, including rangoli, quizzes. speeches, slogan creation, and poetry writing in regional languages, all aimed at nurturing the civic spirit among school-

children. Director Assistant Panchayat Mithileshwar Kisan underscored the pivotal roles that students and teachers play in disseminating voting awareness across families, villages, and cities. Kisan passionately called upon citizens to complete Form 6 and submit it to the near polling est centers, Panchayat offices. Tehsildar offices, and the District Election Department for new voter registrations and inclu sion in the voter list.

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The event garnered participation from 70 students, teachers, and officials representing six tehsils of the district, reaf firming the commitment to building an informed and engaged electorate. Notably, winners were celebrated with trophies books, compass boxes, and pens, marking a significant step toward shaping the future of democracy in Dantewada.

Public will break Congress 'pot of sins' in elections: Shalini Rajput

were

Jagdalpur, Sep 24:

BJP Mahila The Morcha staged a unique protest against the Congress government's alleged misgovernance and corruption by smashing a symbolic "pot of sins" at the Golbazar intersection. State President of BJP Mahila Morcha, Shalini Rajput, actively participated in the demonstration

Rajput emphasized that the metaphorical "pot of sins" representing the Congress-led Chhattisgarh government's alleged transgressions is now overflowing. In response, the BJP Mahila Morcha organized



ed with various governthis protest, shattering the pot to symbolize their disment projects content. Concerns over brought to the fore, all of which have marred the rising crimes against women, escalating crime five-year tenure of the rates throughout the state, Baghel-led Bhupesh and deteriorating law and Congress government. She criticized the order were highlighted during the protest.

Congress government for betraying the state's citizens with empty promises and asserted that people

Swachhata Hi Seva cam-

paign and aimed to pro-

mote cleanliness and

Led by Yashwant Nayak

and assistant leader

Daneshwar Sahu, the cam-

paign took place on

September 21st at the

Botanical Garden of

Dongargaon College, with

active participation from

dedicated NSS volunteers,

from all walks of life, including women, elders, youth, farmers, and laborers, are disheartened by the ineffectual Congress government. The public is determined to hold the Congress government accountable in the upcoming assembly elections by symbolically breaking the "pot of sins."

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Smt. Sudha Mishra, Mahila Morcha District President, raised concerns about the lack of employment opportunities for women in Chhattisgarh. She accused Bhupesh Baghel's government of outsourcing jobs through commissions, labeling it as yet another unfulfilled promise. The

protest witnessed the participation of several prominent members, including Kiran Dev. Vedwati Kashyap, Sanjay Pandey, Suresh Gupta, Avinash Srivastava, Maheshwari Thakur, Rana, Mamta Ram Kiran Kumari Yadav, Diwan, and many others.

Medicine fraudster arrested, millions worth scam uncovered

Jagdalpur, Sep 24: The Kotwali police station in Jagdalpur has taken swift action against a case of fraudulent activities involving the purchase and sale of medicines worth crores of rupees. Mayank Bajaj, a local businessman engaged in wholesale medicine trading in Golbazar, reported the alleged fraud to the police, leading to the arrest of the prime suspect, Sharad Pade, the proprietor of Swastik Medical Agency in Raipur. The investigation revealed that Sharad Pade had been procuring medicines from Mayank Bajaj's business for an extended period, with a substantial quantity purchased in 2019.



However, after this major transaction, Sharad Pade ceased making any payments to Bajaj, leaving an outstanding amount of Rs 26,80,19,24. As a result of this fraudulent activity, a case was registered against Sharad Pade under Section 420 of the Indian Penal Code at the Kotwali police station, prompting a thorough investigation.

During the course of the inquiry, Sharad Pade confessed to withholding pay ment for the substantial medicine purchase made from Dhanraj Agency in Gol Bazaar, Jagdalpur, owned by Mayank Bajaj Subsequently, Sharad Pade was apprehended and presented before the court to face charges related to the

pot-breaking

Protest leads traffic jam after schoolgirl's accident

successful cleanliness drive

Additionally, allegations

of corruption, embezzle-

ment, and scams associat-

NSS volunteers conduct



Dongargaon, Sep 24:

Under the guidance of Dr. BN Meshram, Principal of Government Postgraduate College, and

Asharam Sahu, the program officer for the NSS program, a cleanliness campaign was conducted by the National Service

including Gagan, with direction from Dr. Deekshant, Tejesh, Umesh. Mukesh, Thaneshwar, Kanishka, Reena, Kajal, Heena, Goveshwari, Anisha, and others.

awareness.

Community unites for safer roads

Scheme (NSS) unit at Dongargaon, Sep 24: Dongargaon College. This initiative was part of the

In the village of Arjuni, a fervent call for road safety resonated as concerned citizens rallied together following a serious road accident that left a schoolgirl injured. The incident, attributed to a substantial pothole on the main road, prompted BJP workers and villagers from neighboring communities to stage a two-hour roadblock during the after-noon, causing temporary traffic disruption.

The unfortunate incident occurred near Arjuni market on the main road when Kiran Sonkar, a 9th-



grade student at Kisan High School in Gram Barsan Tola, was returning home on her bicycle. A treacherous pothole in the road caused her to lose balance and fall, leading to a collision with a school bus. Kiran suffered a severe head injury and was promptly transported to Rajnandgaon Hospital.

Due to the critical nature of her condition, she was later referred to Raipur. The entire incident was captured by a nearby CCTV camera and quickly circulated on social media, prompting swift action from the community.

In response to the distressing accident, BJP workers, supported by

Ayushman Bhava campaign boosts healthcare in Korba

local villagers, organized a roadblock in protest. Their primary demand was the urgent repair of potholes and overall road improvement. During the demonstration, residents also engaged with their local MLA, Daleshwar Sahu.

Dongargaon police, recognizing the importance of addressing the commu-

the Public Works Department provided written assurances of necessary repairs. The state of the State Highway, extending from the district headquarters to Dongargaon, has deteriorated not only in Arjuni but also throughout the region. Despite the dangers

nity's concerns, arrived at the scene and collaborated with the villagers. The

roadblock was eventually

cleared after officials from

A particular concern is the road near Gram Sukhri, which has significantly deteriorated, heightening the risk of accidents.

posed to motorists by large

potholes, inaction from

local authorities has per-

sisted.

District-level election training workshop concludes successfully



Jagdalpur, Sep 24:

In a concerted effort to ensure the upcoming assembly elections proceed smoothly, a one-day training workshop was conducted at the Shaurya Bhawan Auditorium under the leadership and guidance of Deputy Inspector General of Senior Police and Superintendent of Police, Jitendra Singh Meena.

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The primary objective of this workshop was to prepare police officers for the unique challenges they might encounter during the upcoming assembly elections. By equipping law enforcement with essential knowledge and strategies, the authorities aim to conduct the elections in a fair, transparent, and peaceful manner. Deputy Inspector

General of Police Jitendra

Singh Meena and Senior Superintendent of Police Mrs. Nivedita Paul played pivotal roles in informing police officers about their responsibilities before, during, and after the voting process.

They also provided vital guidelines regarding the adherence to the model code of conduct, emphasizing the importance of maintaining election integrity.

The workshop included discussions about the roles and responsibilities of police personnel after the implementation of the Model Code of Conduct and covered the guidelines issued by the Election Commission. Attended by various highranking police officials, including Additional Superintendent of Police Yogesh Dewangan, Additional Superintendent of Police Medha Tembhukar, City Superintendent of Police Vikas Kumar, SDOPs, **Deputy Superintendents** Police, of police station/post in-charges, and other officers and staff, the training aimed to ensure a successful and peaceful electoral process.

Health fair encourages organ donation and free medical services

Korba, Sep 24:

Korba district is witnessing a transformative healthcare drive known the as "Ayushman Bhava" campaign, following the directives from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. As part of this initiative, Ayushman Mela is currently being held at community health centers, primary health cen-

wellness centers across the district. The campaign operates on two fronts. Healthcare professionals at various levels, including primary health centers, health and wellness centers, and sub-health centers, are conducting screenings for communicable diseases, diabetes, hypertension. cancer, NCDs, TB, and leprosy.

Additionally, it emphasizes maternal and child health facilities, offering free treatment to those in need. The campaign also promotes organ donation, encouraging individuals to register for this noble cause. A recent "Ayushman Bhava" ters, and health and health fair at the

Health Community Patadi Center on September 22nd was successful. highly Specialist doctors from Medic College and healthcare practitioners Samu Health from Center Patadi provided free health check-ups, consultations, and treatments, along with essential medicines. During the event, 156 patients received crucial medical attention, and 40 individuals pledged to donate their organs, reflecting the campaign's community impact.

Chief Medical and Health Officer Dr. S. N. Keshari administered the oath for organ donation on September 21, encouraging public figures like Mrs. Haresh Kawar, President of District Panchayat Korba, as well as officers, employees, and citizens to participate in this noble cause.

Dr. Keshari has urged stakeholders to actively promote the upcoming 'Ayushman Bhava' health fair scheduled for September 27in Katghora. Public representatives are encouraged to motivate beneficiaries to attend the camp for a comprehensive free health checkup, treatment, and the opportunity to obtain an Ayushman card, ensuring healthcare accessibility for all residents of Korba district.



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Konika and Poonam shine in **HC quashes rape charges** 'Junk to Innovation' competition against BJP MLA's son Dongargarh, Sep 24: In a remarkable display of creativity and intellectu-

Savs relationship with tribal woman seems consensual

Bilaspur, Sep 24:

The Chhattisgarh High Court on Friday quashed rape charges against a Bharatiya Janata Party MLA's son accused of sexually exploiting a tribal woman on the pretext of marriage with the observation that it appears to be a case of "consensual relationship".

A bench of Justice Rakesh Mohan Pandey passed the verdict on the petition filed by the accused Palash Chandel, who had sought to quash the chargesheet and subsequent criminal proceedings in the case, the petitioner's lawyer Hari Agrawal said.

The HC also quashed Indian Penal Code section 313 (causing miscarriage

without woman's consent) provisions and Scheduled Caste Scheduled (Prevention of Atrocities)

marry her as she belonged to a Scheduled Tribe. of She had complained in and this regard to Chhattisgarh Tribe

in the case.

It, however, maintained with Mahila Thana Raipur. the criminal proceedings Palash Chandel was under section 323 of the booked under IPC sections IPC in the case and directed 376 (rape), 376(2)(n) (comthe trial court to take necesmitting rape repeatedly on the same woman) and 313 sary steps, Agrawal informed. Palash Chandel is (causing miscarriage withthe son of Chhattisgarh out woman's consent) as Assembly Leader of well as provisions of SC & Opposition and Janjgir ST Champa MLA Narayan Atrocities) Act. The case Chandel. In January this was registered as a 'Zero year, a case was registered FIR' in Raipur and then against Palash Chandel in transferred to Janjgir Champa police for further Raipur after the victim, a action. The police had filed government school sports

(Prevention

stant petition in the HC

seeking to quash the

chargesheet and subse-

of

teacher, accused him of a chargesheet in May besexually exploiting her sevfore a special court in the eral times in Janjgirdistrict. Champa district on the pre-In April, the HC had granted anticipatory bail to text of marriage. The victim had also al-Palash Chandel in the case. Later, he had filed an in-

leged the accused made her undergo an abortion in 2021. She claimed he had assaulted her and refused to quent criminal proceedings in the case, Agrawal said.

After the final hearing in State Women Commission the case on August 23, the before lodging a complaint HC had reserved its order, which was delivered on Thursday, he said.

"From the perusal of the contents of FIR and the statement of the victim recorded under section 161 of the CrPC, it appears it is a case of a consensual relationship, as both of them came in contact through social media i.e. Facebook. They were in a relationship with each other for quite some time and enjoyed each other's company," the HC observed.

'The victim is a well-educated lady who knows the pros and cons of such a relationship and entered into it with wide and open eyes based on her consent and volition. It is also not in dispute that the victim has not obtained a divorce from her first husband. Since that is

the indisputable factual position in this case, it cannot be held that the consent of the victim was obtained based on a misconception of fact or fraud," it further said

The HC said the two were in a relationship for about two-and-half years and added there was no material or document to establish the allegation that he got her pregnancy terminated. The HC said the petition

is allowed in part and the FIR, chargesheet and criminal proceedings are hereby quashed with respect to offences punishable under Sections 313, 376, 376(2)(n) of the IPC and Sections 3(2)(v) and 3(2)(va) of the SC/STAct.

However, the continuance of the criminal proceedings under Section 323 of the IPC is hereby maintained and the trial court is directed to take necessary steps in furtherance of this order, the HC said.

al prowess, a Junk to Innovation competition took center stage at Swami Atmanand Vidyalaya in Dongargarh on September 21. The event was graced with the presence of esteemed dignitaries, including BEO R.L. Patre, ABEOs Rashmi Thakur and Jayant Sahu, Arvind Ratnakar, Block

Coordinator of Development Block, and Manoj Sonaklihare, the Principal of Atmanand Vidyalaya, who inaugurated the event with a ceremonial worship of Goddess Saraswati. Rahul Jain, the Sankul Block Coordinator, elaborated on the competition's format, where all middle and primary schools from Dongargarh Block were amalgamated into five zones, namely Dongargaon, Bijebhatha, Sonesarar, Arjuni, and Tumdivod. The competition witnessed remarkable talent across different categories. In the primary



level, Konika Soni from Sankul Kokapura, Dongargaon zone, secured the first position in mathematics, while Poonam Joshi from Bijebhatha zone emerged victorious in the science category. Equally impressive was the middle-level competition, where Bhuneshwar Chandravanshi from Jarwahi clinched the top spot in mathematics. Khomeshwar Sahu from Arjuni Zone's Purv Madhyamik Singarpur Shala claimed the first position in the science category. The evaluation process was meticulously handled by a team of dedicated evaluators, including Shailendra Yadu Kumkum Jha, Ramesh Hirwani, Punaram Yadav, Mithilesh Sahu, and Mahendra Kumar Baghel, all hailing from various regions. The seamless organization of this program was made possible through the unwavering support of all 23 Sankul Coordinators from Dongargarh Block, whose dedication played a pivotal role in its success. The entire event was skill fully coordinated by Devendra Kishore Sahu, the Sankul Coordinator of Dongargarh.

Collector briefs political parties on election preparations

Korea. Sep 24:

District Election Officer Vinay Kumar Langesh held a crucial meeting with political party representatives to discuss preparations for the 2023 elections in Bakhuntpur and Sonahat constituencies. The meeting aimed to ensure transparency and readiness for the upcoming legislative assembly elections.

Langesh briefed the parties on vital election logistics, including polling centers, strong rooms, counting locations. material distribution. and return centers. The Ramanuj Higher Secondary School in Bakhuntpur will serve as the strong room, consistent with past years.

The district will host 306 polling centers, with 228 in Bakhuntpur and 78 in **Bharatnur-Sonahat**, Parties were informed about charges for the Shado Register, which will adhere to designated



rates. A Media Certification lance against fake news and and Monitoring Committee tree-cutting incidents. Assistant District Election will oversee media advertising and publicity, with pre-certifi-Officer Ms. Nandini Sahu detailed postal ballots for votcation becoming mandatory. Transportation rules for camers aged 80 or older and those paigns, rallies, and roadshows with a 40% disability, emphasizing registration in the voter were discussed, emphasizing the ban on arms, explosives, list. Ms. Sahu introduced the effigy burning, and firecrack-Suvidha portal for online perers. The use of charter planes missions related to campaigns. Collectively, the participants or helicopters requires prior nledged cooperation to ensure information and party permission. Superintendent of Police fair elections and maintain the Trilok Bansal warned against election code of conduct's hate speech and stressed vigiintegrity.

Bilaspur, Sep 24:

PREM (Participation of Railway Employees in Management) meeting was held at zonal level on September 21, 2023 at South East Central Railway, Headquarters Bilaspur. The objective of Prem Meeting is to bring qualitative improvement in the productivity and functioning of the organization through discussions between the representatives of the unions and associations and the management of the railway organization. This meeting was presided over by Alok Kumar, General Manager, South East Central Railway and in this meeting, along with the heads of departments, Mazdoor President. Congress Secretary of Scheduled Caste and Tribe Railway Employees Association, Zonal Secretary, President Backward Class



Railwav Employees Association, General Secretary were present., Working President and General Secretary of Promoted Officers Association, President and General Secretary of Officers Association were also present.

At the beginning of the meeting, the Deputy Chief Operating Manager gave a detailed presentation about the meeting. An action plan has been prepared for the improvement of rail

operations in all three railway divisions of South East Central Railway Bilaspur zone. To make the operations more smooth, to save loco reversal. from April 24, 2023, 04 pairs of express trains i.e. 15159/15160 Durg-Chhapra-Durg Sarnath Express, 12853/12854, Durg-Bhopal-Durg Amarkantak Express, 12823/12824 Durg-Nizamuddin-Durg Sampark Kranti Express and 12549/12550 Durg-Udhampur-Durg Express

have been diverted via Dadhapara-Uslapur Bypass. Out of 28 train rakes, 18 have been converted to LHB so far. Apart from this, 02 rakes of Jan Shatabdi have also been converted into LHB. SECR has standardized the reco of 18 trains. So that it can help in improving punctuality in case of late arrival of rakes. Bilaspur flyover connection work is being done which is planned to be started in November-2023. To avoid rake block-

age in Bilaspur, further ac tion is being taken by making a modified rake link of train 18239/18240 (Shivnath Express).

Everyone gave their valuable and useful suggestions in the meeting. Addressing the meeting, General Manager Alok Kumar talked about increasing the quality of services provided to the passengers with mutual cooperation of all. He said that small reforms turn into big reforms.

At the beginning of the meeting, Principal Chief Personnel Officer, Ajay Kumar Srivastava welcomed i Alok Kumar, General Manager and all the officers and officials of the unions and at the end of the meeting, Deputy General Manager Himanshu Jain welcomed the railway officials and union officials present in the meeting and expressed thanks for their presence

in critical need, earning heartfelt

appreciation from both the

recipients and their families.

Following the blood donation

drive, the collected blood units

were expeditiously handed over

to the Mungeli District Hospital,

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Khairagarh Municipality's 'Rain-or-Shine' cleanup drive BJYM's blood donation drive: 57 donors

Khairagarh. Sep 24:

Despite incessant rain, the town of Khairagarh is witnessing an unwavering commitment to cleanliness as the municipal team tirelessly conducts a daily cleanup campaign. Under the guidance of the Collector, the municipal administration actively participates in the Swachhata Hi Seva Pakhwada cleanup campaign, running from September to the first week of October. Impressively, sanitation workers have been diligently serving the community, rain or shine.

This extensive campaign encompasses both the inner and outer regions of Khairagarh. In the past few days alone,



the dedicated municipal team has successfully collected and disposed of more than one ton of waste. The campaign

spans all corners of the city, from Pipariya to Dhaneli, Sonesarar to Lalpur Mongra, and Amleedih. In response to

citizen complaints, sanitation worker teams are rapidly dispatched to ensure the campaign's suc-

The primary focus of the cleanup efforts is the thorough cleaning of drainage canals, while in some outer areas, the

team is tackling significant amounts of litter, including polythene bags and disposable glass, discarded by liquor vendors. While the municipal team continues its relentless efforts, they are also actively raising awareness among citizens. However, full citizen participation in the campaign remains a goal vet to be achieved.

Residents are encouraged to register their complaints and actively contribute to maintaining the cleanliness of their streets, neighborhoods, and the entire city. Through the Nidan Center, citizens can report sanitation-related issues, with the Raipur-based team promptly notifying the municipal workers with specific location de-

What official said.

"Under the Swachhata Hi Seva Abhivan. Khairagarh's municipal team is going above and beyond, not just in response to complaints but proactively ensuring the town's cleanliness. even during the challenging rainy season."

Pramod Shukla, CMO Khairagarh Municipal Corporation.

tails. The municipal team is committed to addressing citizens' complaints efficiently. In the coming days, ad-

ditional inner wards of the city, including Pipariya and Dhuneli, will be identified for cleanup as part of this dedicated campaign.

contribute to a life-saving cause

Mungeli, Sep 24:

As part of the Seva Pakhwada initiative commemorating Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday, the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) orchestrated a remarkable blood donation camp at the Atal Parisar District BJP Office in Mungeli. The event witnessed an inspiring turnout, with 57 individuals stepping forward to donate blood. The inauguration of this noble initiative was graced by esteemed BJP members, including Shaillesh Pathak, the District BJP President, Girish Shukla, a member of the State BJP **Executive Committee, and Rana** Pratap Singh, the City BJP President, among others. They commenced the event by lighting a ceremonial lamp and paying tribute to Bharat Mata, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay, and



Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee's portraits, symbolizing their commitment to serving the nation. District BJP President Shaillesh Pathak emphasized the profound significance of blood donation. referring to it as the "gift of life." He articulated that donating a small amount of blood not only poses no harm to the donor but also contributes to maintaining their own health. Furthermore, the generous act of donating blood plays a pivotal

Pakhwada initiative, which cele brates Prime Minister Modi's birthday, numerous creative activities are being undertaken. with the blood donation camp standing out as a testament to the BJYM's dedication to foster ing a healthier and more vibrant role in saving the lives of those society.

Sumitra Dhritalhare claims ticket from Bilaigarh Assembly

Katgi, Sep 24:

Sumitra Dhritalhare has put forward her claim for ticket from **Bilaigarh Assembly** as not only she is becoming the first choice of the people, she is known to be a strong leader who has performed the responsibilities of two-time District Panchayat member and State Congress General Secretary as well and belongs to Satnami society, with a strong hold. Coming from a family where both her father and grandfather were

Congress supporters, she has won from Bilaigarh area number 43 and also being a post

graduate her

demand for ticket is being supported by people from all sections of the society.

She has also discharged the responsibility of former Block Vice

President Pragatisheel Satnami Samaj, Woman President Pragatisheel Satnami Samaj **Raipur Division, District Vice** President Satnami Utthan and Jagriti Samiti, Chhattisgarh Satnami Samai District Vice

President twice.

Maharaja Bhakta Guha is the ideal & pride of Nishad community: Chhabra

Foundation stone laid for construction of high mask light at Bhakta Nishad Raj Chowk, Samajik Bhawan and Stadium worth Rs 80.97 lakh

Bemetara, Sep 24:

Chief guest Ashish Chhabra MLA Bemetara participated in the foundation stone laying ceremony of Maharaja Guha Nishad Raj Chowk and Nishad Samaj community building and construction of high mask light organized at Town Hall Bemetara under the assembly constituency. First of all, by performing Aarti of Lord Shri Ram, devotee Guha Nishad Raj laid stone for construction of Maharaja Bhakt Nishad Raj Chowk at the cost of Rs 15 lakh, construction of Nishad Samaj community building cost Rs 15 lakh, construction of high mask light in Swami Vivekananda Stadium and this

ritual was performed breaking a coconut . Addressing on this occasion, MLA Ashish Chhabra said that today is a historic and golden opportunity for the brothers of Nishad community, the construction work of Maharaja Bhakta Guha Nishad Raj Chowk is going to be done. I believe that it is the best in the entire state'. First, a Chowk is being established in the Municipality area, it is a matter of pride for all of us residents of Bemetra district, the state government under the able leadership of the successful Chief Minister of the state Bhupesh Baghel is working for the welfare of every section of the society. Every possible step is being taken to ensure that people of all sections of society

get the opportunity to move forward.

The government is working to increase the self-respect of Chhattisgarh, by reviving the culture, special attention is paid to the health, education and employment of the people. The state government is continuously working for the upliftment of the Nishad community. Loans are being given at zero percent interest for everything from education, employment to the traditional fishing business of the society. The fish farmers are being given electricity supply like the farmers. Facilities are also being provided. Nishad (Kewat) community is maintaining its own identity with self-respect, apart from tradition-

al business, the society has progressed strongly in various fields of life, devotee Guha Nishad Raj was a dear friend of Lord Shri Ram, Due to which today Nishad community is a devotee of Lord Shri Ram, we all should take inspiration from Guha Nishad Raj, the devotee who helped Marvada Purushottam Lord Shri Ram cross the boat and should tell his story of glory to the coming generations, so that our coming generations can continue our civilization and To know the culture. Nishad (Kevat) society is a simple and easy society following the footsteps of Lord Shri

Ramchandra. Devotee Guha

Nishad Raj is the ideal and pride

of Nishad society, who helped

Lord Shri Ram in crossing the river during his exile. The Nishad community has the blessings of Lord Shri Ram, which the society will always receive. With time, the Nishad community is moving forward by joining the mainstream of development. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel is determined for the upliftment of every society.

On this occasion, Shakuntala Mangat Sahu President Municipal Council Bemetara, Dilip Nishad President District Nishad Samaj Bemetara also addressed the meeting along with Panchu Sahu Vice President Municipal Council Bemetara and a large nmber of others. Social officials and members were present.



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State govt is working to promote culture and tradition of Ch'garh: Dr. Dahria



Raipur, Sep 24: Urban Administration Minister Dr. Shivkumar Dahria said that the state government has established the Official Language Commission to promote the culture and tradition of Chhattisgarh. Under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, the state government is doing better work in preserving and promoting the food, lifestyle, clothing and Teej festivals of the state. The state government worked to restore the disappearing culture tradition and of Chhattisgarh and has brought respect to the peo-

ple of state. The objective of the commission is bemeaningful. coming Minister Dr. Dahria was addressing the two-day seventh divisional conference organized by the Official Language Commission at a private hotel in Raipur.

Minister Dr. Dahria said that our government has done the work of giving respect to Chhattisgarh. He said that there is no dearth of talent in Chhattisgarh, by providing opportunities to such talents, the state will have distinct identity. Parliamentary Secretary Kunwar Singh Nishad

said that about 1652 types of mother tongue are available in the country. Each state has different dialects and languages.

Everyone is proud of their mother tongue. Our Chhattisgarhi dialect is full of sweetness. We all should be proud of our mother tongue. Nishad stressed upon the people to use Chhattisgarhi language in their daily life. He explained the importance of Chhattisgarhi dialect, the rich mother tongue of our ancestors, through Chhattisgarhi songs.

Addressing the conference, Dr. Anil Bhatpahari,

Chhattisgarh Official Language Commission, said that efforts are going on to include Chhattisgarhi language in the Eighth Schedule. Chhattisgarhi language is being standardized. He said that on the announcement of Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel, the process of including Chhattisgarhi in the curriculum in schools from class 1 to 5 of the state is going on. In Bastar and Surguja division also, the process of including local dialects in the curriculum is going on. On this occasion, Vice Chancellor of Chhatrapati Shivaji Mahavidyalaya Dr. Kesari Verma, Lal former Chairman of Official Chhattisgarh Language Commission Dr. Vinay Pathak, senior litterateur and linguist Pardeshiram Verma and a large number of litterateurs and district coordinators were present.

Secretary of

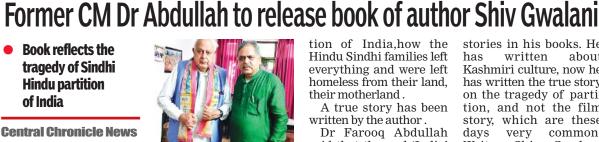
Book reflects the tragedy of Sindhi **Hindu partition** of India

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Sep 24: The book Master of Everything WD. written by Chhattisgarh's literary writer Shiv Gwalani,will released at the be Constitution Club of India , New Delhi on October 11, Wednesday, by the former Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir Dr. Farooq Abdullah. Three-time Chief

Minister of Jammu and Kashmir Dr. Farooq Abdullah was welcomed in New Delhi by writer Shiv Gwalani by offering him a 'gamcha' from Chhattisgarh. Gwalani met him at the National Conference House in Delhi and requested him to release his book Master of Everything WD. On Gwalani's request, Dr. Farooq Abdullah happily accepted it. Dr Faroog Abdullah thanked the land of Chhattisgarh and

CM Baghel inaugurates new Musaria Mata Temple in Chhindgarh



newspapers Chhattisgarh and said that through these newspaperthe story of Hindu -Muslim unity has come to light while there is an atmosphere of hatred in the country.

Dr Farooq Abdullah reached the Parliament wearing Chhattisgarhi 'Gamchha' as an example of friendship between Shiv and Shafi and participated in the Parliament wearing the Gamchha. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's farewell greeting from Parliament was also accepted by Dr Abdullah wearing Chhattisgarh Gamchha

Author Shiv Gwalani told that this book tells the tragedy of the parti-

For outstanding

field of mining

SECL CMD Dr. Prem Sagar

the prestigious "MGMI

Coal Mining" for his out-

standing contribution in

the field of coal mining.

The said award was pre-

sented by B. Veera Reddy,

Director (Technical), Coal

India, at the National

Seminar on Green Mining

and Net Zero organized by

the Mining, Geological and

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tion of India,how the Hindu Sindhi families left everything and were left homeless from their land, their motherland.

A true story has been written by the author.

Dr Farooq Abdullah said that the real 'India' was made up of Hindus and Muslims. The British had divided India into two parts by discriminating between Hindus and Muslims. The British had not only divided the country but also the hearts of people. Dr Abdullah said that actually this is the true India for which he went to Chhattisgarh in December.

From the soil of Chhattisgarh, the story of friendship between Shiv and Shafi Kashmiriyat, of love has emerged, this is the real identity of Hindu -Muslim, friendship. Today again hatred is spreading in the country, it has to be stopped . We all have to love each other only then true India will be created.

Dr Abdullah praised writer Shiv Gwalani and said that he writes true

SECL CMD honoured with MGMI Excellence Award

'CAIT demand digital payment regulation board & waiver of charges on digital payments'

Raipur, Sep 24: CAIT National Senior Vice President Amar Parwani. Mangelal chairman Maloo, Amar Gidwani, State President Jitendra Doshi, States Working President Vikram Singh Deo, Parmanand Jain, Vashu Makhija, State General Secretary Suriender Singh, State Working General Secretary Bharat Jain, and State Treasurer Ajay Agrawal informed that in furtherance of the vision of Government for adoption of Digital payments and landmark decision of G20 summit to extend digital economy to MSMEs, the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) has urged Union Minister for IT Ashwini Vaishnav and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to constitute a Digital Payment Promotion Board in order to make India a less cash economy, the faster adoption of digital payments by trade & commerce as also by public at large. The

in order to ensure smoother adoption & acceptance of digital payments by small businesses

which are more than 9 crore in India, the transaction charges on digital payments needs to be subsidised bv the Government directly to the Banks reliving both traders & consumers from the burden of transaction charges.

CAIT National Senior Vice President Mr. Amar Parwani and State President Mr. Jitendra Doshi informed that also opined that National Payment Corporation (NPCI) should run UPI, Bheem etc and a separate Regulatory Authority should be set up for monitoring and regulate the payment Indistry. He also said that when

open network is being created as a policy by the Government then payment industry should also he given open network ensuring best services to the users. Undoubtably, the Rupey has played an im-

portant role in the Country.

Mr. Parwani & Mr. Doshi said that burden of tansaction charges is one of the major deterrent in adoption and acceptance of digital payments in the Country and as such steps are needed to incentivise usage of digital payments. It will also help the efforts for bringing informal economy to formal economy.

Mr. Parwani & Mr. Doshil suggested that on usage of ATMs beyond three times in a month, a nominal fee should be levied for subsequent cash withdrawal at ATMs. Further, an incentive scheme for greater usage of digital payments needs to be introduced and all sorts of debit and credit cards all other mode of digital payments including POS terminals, M-POS, mobile wallets, mobile applications, QR code, UPI & Aadhar enabled applications should be brought under the ambit of incentive schemes.



Society leaders were also respected

Konta/Sukma, Sep 24: The Chief Minister of the state Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated Naveen Mata Musaria Temple at the cost Rs 30 lakh, located in Chhindgarh here on Sunday. Let it be known that Mata Musaria is considered as highly worshipped Goddess of the villages of 64 Parganas of the region. Before reaching the temple building, CM was accorded warm welcome by the regional Gedi dance groups of the area.

On this occasion, the Chief Minister honored the community leaders of 64



Parganas, Gaita, Sirha, Perma, Manjhi and Patel drivers by wearing traditional turbans.

worshiped He also Musaria Mata and wished for the well-being of the residents of the area. On this occasion, Excise Minister Kawasi Lakhma, Sarpanch Chandana Negi, other public representatives and Collector Haris. S, SP Kiran Chavan, other officers and employees along with villagers were present.



ceived to the MGMI library. award ceremony by the Dr. Mishra has more Mining, Geological and than 16 years of experience Metallurgical Institute of in various positions in the coal industry. He complet-India held in Kolkata. ed B.Tech (Mining) from Mishra has been awarded Indian School of Mines in 1987 and obtained first Award for Excellence in class certificate in Mining in 1990.

He also has a PhD in Management Studies from IIT (ISM) - Dhanbad. Before SECL, he had also been the CMD of Eastern Coalfield Limited (ECL).

Under the able leadership of Dr. Mishra, SECL has set new records in coal

production and various other areas. In the year 22-23, SECL recorded the highest coal production. OBR and offtake in its history and this year also in the period of April-August 2023, the company has made the record of highest coal production, OBR and

offtake. Along with this, SECL is continuously making efforts for quick employment and proper settlement of project affected people. The company has made positive changes in the liabilities of land acquisition. In this financial year '23-24, employment approval has been given to a record 254 land oustees from April to July 2023.

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Writer Shiv Gwalani

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tacted PMO House and

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New Delhi where he gave

the invitation letter to

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General of Supreme

Court and two time Rajya

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Games should be played in sportsman spirit: Bhagat

23rd state level school sports competition begins, **390 players are** participating

CAIT has also urged that

Raipur, Sep 24: Food and Culture Minister Amarjeet Bhagat inaugurated the four-day 23rd state level school sports competition Government the Multipurpose Higher Secondary School ground in Ambikapur of Surguja district. In the state level competition, there was a march past by the players from all the divisions representing their district. after which an oath was taken to play the game



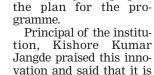
Players from all five diviwith sportsman spirit. Minister Bhagat said on sions of the state, Durg, this occasion that players Raipur, Bastar Bilaspur and Surguja divisions are should play in the spirit of the game without worrytaking part in the competiing about victory or defeat. tion. 78 players from each Chhattisgarh government division i.e. a total of 390 is very conscious about players are participating sports due to which talents in the competition. The are getting opportunities. winning players of divi-Chhattisgarhia Olympics sion level games will repreis playing an important sent the state in the nationrole in reviving folk sports. al level competition. On

this occasion, CGMSC President and Lundra MLA Dr. Pritam Ram, District Panchayat President Mrs. Madhu Singh, Vice President of Point Twenty Implementation Program Ajay Aggarwal, Mr. District Panchayat member Mr. Rakesh Gupta, Collector Mr. Kundan Kumar, Telghani Development Board member Lakshmi Gupta, Food Preservation and Civil Supplies Commission member, Abhishek Singh, Municipal Corporation Commissioner Abhishek Kumar, local public representatives and players from all divisions were present.

Kareli badi, Sep 24: Apart from bookish knowledge, knowledge is also important, only then it can be said that the student's development is all-round. Many students are introverts who hesitate to come forward and speak on stage. Sukumar Sahir, teacher and poet of Government Higher Secondary School Kareli Badi, in order to develop the expression skills in his school organizes along with poetry recitation, songs, speeches, the qualities of stage management on every Saturday in his first period. JS Sahir informed that every Saturday it is

Children are being taught skills of stage management

practical Jitendra the turn of a boy and n girl student respectively to run the stage and prepare



helping in the expression development of children. Ram Teacher Avadh Sahu, who arrived for inspection, enjoyed the presentation of the students and while addressing the children said that in our time no teacher has taken

any such initiative due to which even today there is hesitation while speaking from the stage. He was all praise for JS Sahir for providing a good opportunity to all students and appeals all to take its full advantage

Husband appeals SP for justice in case of his wife's suicide case

Appeals to appoint two employees of Kalinga company as police captain

Korba, Sep 24: In the famous private contract company Kalinga, operating in Korba District, SECL, Manikpur, the work of providing jobs was going on openly by paying money, the videos of which went viral in the social media many times. But after this, neither the colliery management nor the famous private contract Company Kalinga paid attention to it. As a result, the wife of a driver working in the same company ended her life by

hanging herself. The deceased was repeatedly requesting the well-known Kalinga Company to employ her husband, but despite this the deceased's husband was not employed.

The deceased's husband, Rumel Singh, lodged a written complaint with the Korba District Police Captain and said that his wife Jindi Singh had committed suicide after being fed-up with the torture and harassment by officers Alok Kumar Panda and Prashant Kumar Deori of Kalinga Company Manikpur. Rumel Singh, husband of the victim and the deceased, told that 'I am resident of Amraiyyapara **Bypass**



Earlier, I was working as a in Narayani driver Company under Manikpur Coal Field, during this time Narayani Company ended its work and became SECL'. Kalinga Company again took charge of the SECL Manikpur project by signing a contract with the SECL management system on the new contract system which was adopted from the Manikpur mine. After taking charge, Alok Kumar Panda and Prashant Kumar Deori started hiring people by taking money. Rumel said that since he was already working as a driver in Manikpur Coal Mines he should have been taken in the post of driver on priori-

Road Police Post Manikpur. ty basis. Despite many requests, initially I was kept being taken around by the said two officers by assuring them of employment and after that they demanded Rs 40,000 from me in the name of getting me a job and it was said that on giving the said amount I would be released.

In this regard, assurance has also been given to me in writing by the above two officers. Trusting this, I was forced to withdraw Rs 20,000 from my bank and my wife borrowed Rs 20,000 from her acquaintances and gave it to me. Then I took the said Rs 40,000 in cash and gave it to the two officers, but even after this I did not get employment.

Rumel said that when his wife Jindi Singh, went with hiim and requested the said two officers several times due to the bad condition of their family, the wife was badly harassed and humiliated by the said two officers and they refused to give me a job. Angered and upset by this, my wife Jindi Singh had gone towards Kalinga Company's office to commit suicide on 6 July 2023 due to the tortures of the above mentioned two officers, but on the way, she committed suicide by hanging herself in Manikpur Coal Mines. It was done for which both the above mentioned officers are fully responsible, he alleged. Not only this, my wife's body remained lying

at the spot from July 6, 2023 to July 9, 2023, because even after a lot of searching, we could not find her. After which, after receiving the information on 9th July 2023, the post-mortem of my wife was conducted by the police on 10th July 2023. Rumel Singh has demanded from the Superintendent of Police that Alok Kumar Panda and Prashant Kumar Deori officers of Kalinga Company Manikpur are responsible for his wife's muder and it was getting fed-up with the torture and harassment by the two, she committed suicide and cime should be registered against the two and punishment be given for forcing her wife to commit suicide.



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India's Naval Buildup

Amidst Pakistan-China Submarine Deal

ndia's maritime security is facing a significant test as Pakistan prepares to acquire eight Chinese Yuan-class submarines between 2023 and 2028. This development has thrust immense pressure upon Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders (MDL) to swiftly finalize a deal for the construction of three additional diesel-electric Kalvariclass submarines, in collaboration with the French Naval Group. The urgency arises from the risk of MDL's submarine-building capacity, currently at 11, becoming idle by year-end. MDL is currently completing the last of the six Kalvari-class submarines, INS Vagsheer, soon to undergo sea trials. Simultaneously, negotiations with the Naval Group are underway for the additional three submarines, which will boast operation-specific features along with indigenous torpedoes and air-independent propulsion (AIP) for extended endurance. Currently, the indigenous torpedoes and AIP systems are undergoing operational validation in France. Pakistan's existing submarine fleet comprises an aging French Agosta 70 (PNS Hurmat) and an upgraded Agosta 90 B (PMS Hamza) equipped with French single-use MESMA AIP technology. Furthermore, it is set to welcome four Yuan-class diesel-electric submarines this year. Of note, the Yuan-class submarines represent a significant advancement, featuring AIP and potentially submarine-launched cruise missiles. The three additional submarines under discussion are expected to outperform the Kalvari-class in terms of advanced capabilities. These submarines, approved for necessity by the Modi government in July, could be up to seven meters longer than the Kalvari-class if the Navy opts for a pure diesel-electric model, accommodating additional batteries for extended submersion. Alternatively, they could be 10 meters longer to house the AIP unit designed by DRDO. These vessels will be equipped with advanced optronics, electronic warfare suites, and heavyweight torpedoes boasting a 40-kilometer range and higher explosive content. Future iterations may also include SM-39 Exocet missiles and SCALP 1000-kilometer range submarine-launched cruise missiles. Furthermore, a recent memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the Naval Group and MDL has opened doors for submarine exports to countries like Indonesia and Malaysia, giving India an opportunity to showcase its Scorpeneclass submarines. Collaborative efforts are also underway with Kolkata-based GRSE to build surface combatants, such as destroyers and frigates, for export to third countries. This strategic move ensures that the capacity of these dockyards does not dwindle due to a lack of work orders. Given India's depleting submarine force strength, characterized by aging Shishumar and Sindughosh-class submarines facing spare parts issues, the Indian Navy requires additional sub-surface combatants. These vessels are vital for safeguarding the nation's 7,500-kilometer coastline and establishing a deterrence against regional rivals, namely Pakistan and China. The Kalvari-class submarines have been actively patrolling Pakistan's Makran coast, located a mere six hours from Mumbai. These submarines also played a pivotal role in Operation Balakot in 2019 when they were operationally deployed outside Karachi and Gwadar harbors. As the U.S. anticipates a military crisis in Taiwan by 2027, and with China likely to extend its naval presence in the Indian Ocean by 2025-2026, India's indigenous submarine building capacity assumes paramount importance. This capacity forms a vital component of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "Atmanirbhar Bharat" plan in defense and security, emphasizing self-reliance and security in these strategic domains.

Equity in SC Reservations An Imperative Move

he proposition of implementing a sub-quota within the Scheduled Castes (SC) reservation system signifies an essential stride towards rectifying the prevailing imbalance in benefit distribution among these marginalized communities. It is indeed a commendable initiative. The system of reservations was established with the noble intent of offering opportunities for representation in prominent political and pureaucratic positions to the underprivileged and oppressed segments of society. However, the data gathered over the generations since its inception reveals a stark reality the lion's share of these privileges has consistently funneled into the hands of a select few families or segments that have already reaped the advantages of the reservation system. This unfortunate trend has created a lopsided scenario, wherein the more disadvantaged factions within the SCs have been systematically excluded from access to jobs and educational prospects, resulting in their continued marginalization. The root cause of this predicament lies in the fact that the offspring of those who have secured government positions through reservations invariably hold a significant advantage over their peers. This advantage translates into preferential treatment when it comes to securing reserved seats in prestigious educational institutions and coveted government jobs. It's essential to recognize that the SC community itself encompasses a broad spectrum of distinctions, ranging from sub-groups of agricultural laborers to those who endure the harsh reality of manual scavenging. Consequently, it comes as no surprise that certain segments of the SC population in various states are vehemently advocating for a sub-quota within the overarching SC reservation. They have resorted to legal avenues, with the matter currently awaiting a Supreme Court verdict. The government, too, finds itself at a crossroads, pondering over the merits and demerits of this proposition. While it could await the court's judgment, it also possesses the prerogative to amend the reservation rules autonomously. The timing of this issue is noteworthy, particularly in an election year, where it has taken center stage. particularly in states like Telangana. Here, the Madiga community has raised its voice, contending that the Mala community has disproportionately seized the majority of opportunities available within the SC quota. In light of these developments, it is imperative for the government to address this issue judiciously and promptly. The objective should be twofold: firstly, to guarantee that the original intent of reservations - uplifting the most marginalized and underprivileged is upheld, and secondly, to ensure that the advantages of this system are more equitably dispersed among the diverse factions that constitute the SC community. The principle of reservations is a powerful tool to address historical injustices and offer a semblance of justice to those who have been systematically oppressed. However, it must evolve with changing times to remain effective. The introduction of a sub-quota within the SC reservation is a step in that direction, aimed at fine-tuning the system to make it more inclusive and representative. The government faces a critical choice. It can choose to adapt and proactively address this matter or await a judicial directive. However, given the urgency and the aspirations of marginalized SC communities, it would be wise for the government to act swiftly. A fair, just, and inclusive society is the collective vision of a thriving democracy, and ensuring equitable distribution within the SC reservation is a vital component of realizing this vision.

KARMA, A HARVEST FESTIVAL



Tribal youth perform a cultural programme on the eve of Karma, a harvest festival, in Ranchi, Sunday.

Coaching hub 'Kota' facing the eclipse of innocent suicides?

RAJENDER KUMAR SHARMA



ome time ago, a heart-wrench-ing news was in the headlines that in just 24 hours, 3 students of a renowned coaching institute in Kota committed suicide. It is being told that 20 children have sacrificed their lives in the last 11 months. According to a recent news, a student of this famous coaching institute of Kota committed suicide. According to this news, in the last 245 days, 18 students committed suicide in same coaching institute. The figure is shocking. The future generation of the country is having to wither before it can blossom. Some time before, similar news also came from another branch of the same coaching institute located in Jaipur, where first the issue of suicide of a student was heated up and then the issue

of two girl students of the same institute leaving the hostel without informing, made headlines in Newspapers. Earlier such incidents were limited

to Kota, but now as renowned coaching institutes have started expanding their institutes as branches in other coaching and student suicides. After analysing the data related to suicide published in various newspapers, it was found that from the year 2012 to 2016, about 73 students committed suicide in Kota. In 2019 alone, 19 students committed suicide and this year also many students have committed suicide. How much truth is there in these figures is a matter of research and investigation, but such news is often read. This matter is no less than a big tragedy for a sensitive society. Coaching institutes and administration cover up the reason behind these suicides by citing mental pressure or by showing a love affair. Does the government or adminis-

tration have any logic or analysis or any research paper or report of any investigation committee that can tell the country what is the reason behind such a large number of suicides of minors? Has the responsibility of the coaching institutes that reaped profits How do these education shops give admission to the child without checking his/her ability? Was it ever investigated what kind of education was being given to 150 children in a single class? What remedial resources do these coaching institutes have for children's mental pressure related problems? When a child is not able to accommodate in these coaching institutes, do these institutes refund the full fee and guide the child and his parents? After the suicide of so many children, have these coaching institutes made any analysis public till date on the causes and prevention of suicides? Do institutions conduct psychometric tests (educational psychological tests) of children to assess their mental ability and intelligence quotient (IQ) before admission?

These are the real questions to which neither these coaching institutes nor the administration have the answer. It is often seen that the reasons for these suicides are that immature children are unable to bear the pressure of this blind race of competition and the unlimited expectations of the parents force the students to take such drastic steps. Parents ignore the child's natural and innate talents and abilities and put pressure on their children to achieve things for which the child is not inclined. In such a situation, students become frustrated, either become victims of depression or take suicidal steps like suicide.

In the year 2016, according to a news, in the suicide note written by a student after committing suicide in Kota, she made a poignant request to the government to close these coaching institutes. Just think ... a child, who has not lived his life and wants to live it, but if the ambitions of his parents and the pressure of studying in coaching institutes take away his right to live, then before whom should he beg for his life? The student is interested in humanities or any other subject but the parents have only one dream that their children become a great surgeon or an engineer from IIT

who do not allow their children to study despite knowing about the mental capabilities of people, they put such pressure on them.

This is enough to expose the rules of coaching institutes, our education system and education boards. There is a rule of all the education boards of the country that only those students can give the board examination, who have minimum 75 percent attendance in regular school. How the thousands of students who are taking coaching in the coaching institutes of Kota, while staying in Kota, are achieving 75% school attendance is a big question, the answer to which neither the School Education Board nor our education system can give. Let's understand the mechanism : Because it is not possible that all the students who have enrolled them in some coaching in Kota, take coaching only in the evening and then who is ensuring the attendance of the students, taking coaching in the morning sessions in Kota i.e. during school time? This is a matter of investigation.

It is a strict rule of almost all School Education Boards that no school can admit students in the classes as dummy or non-attending students and if the schools are doing so, then should strict action be taken against them and should their recognition be terminated? Shouldn't it be done? The future of the country is dying, it would not be an exaggeration to call it murder instead of suicide. This highly ambitious civilized society and parents are not ready to introspect even after the suicides happening every day. Hon. Supreme Court of the country will have to come forward to protect the little children so that the flowers do not have to wither before they bloom. Their right to live. see and celebrate the world should be protected at any cost.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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China's Arunachal Pradesh Maneuvers

China is making strategic moves in Arunachal Pradesh recruiting local Bhutanese youths proficient in the Chinese language for the People's Liberation Army (PLA). China has enlisted one hundred such individuals, with fifty already deployed in the PLA and the remainder undergoing training, after which they will be stationed in the Arunachal Pradesh region. China appears to be gaining an advantage despite decades of poor communication infrastructure in the area, which lacked adequate road, rail, and air connectivity. Recent developments have transformed this landscape, with improved communication networks and the establishment of airbases to facilitate rapid responses and logistical support. In response, India has been recruiting locals fluent in the Chinese language to bolster its military capabilities. China has persistently pursued an encroachment policy, expanding its territorial claims in Arunachal Pradesh over the years, identifying vulnerabilities in India's administration since the country's independence.

Rathin Kumar Chanda, Hooghly.

Indo-Canadian Strain

Canadian PM Justin Trudeau's accusation of Indian government involvement in the assassination of Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar has sparked a diplomatic crisis, leading to the expulsion of diplomats from both sides. This standoff will adversely impact Indian students and potential immigrants to Canada. With a historically strong bond between the two nations and a significant Indian diaspora in Canada, Trudeau faces a critical choice between his pro-Khalistan vote bank and maintaining a healthy relationship with the world's largest democracy.

MK Nair, Raipur

Gender Equality

The passage of the Women's Reservation Bill marks a historic and progressive step for the nation, fostering gender equality and empowering women in politics. The recent display of unanimity among MPs from different parties in the new Parliament building offers hope for future legislation related to public welfare. While seeking unanimous support for such bills is commendable, it's crucial to acknowledge that robust debates, discussions, and dissent remain vital components of a healthy democracy. Shiv Kumar Mishra, Raipur

Central Chronicle invites articles, write-ups, and comments on a wide range of issues for our editorial page. Submissions should be between 800-900 words in length. In addition, we welcome letters to the editor for this page. While letters may be edited for clarity, we aim to preserve the integrity of the original message, and ask that they be kept to around 50-60 words. Submissions can be sent via email to editorcentralchronicle@gmail.com. cities of the country, such tragic incidents are gradually becoming common there too. Such accidents are not new in Kota city, which is called Kashi of coaching. Recently, I was saddened to read the painful news of another student committing suicide in the same coaching town of Rajasthan. The student was from Orissa state who was living in Kota for the last six months and taking coaching. It is not new that there is a close connection between Kota itself, this ambition is responsible for taking the child to this position. It hurts more when even learned intellectuals are seen supporting coaching without exception.

The government will have to take strict steps in this direction. If any coaching institute admits students without assessing the mental capabilities of the children and their natural interests, then strict action should be taken against such institutes and such parents also need to be put in the dock

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Why are simultaneous elections harmful to India's democracy?

Dr Satyavan Saurabh



There is also a possibility that the federalism of the country will be challenged by simultaneous elections. There is a danger of simultaneous elections blurring these specific platforms and areas of democracy, as well as the risk that state-level issues get subsumed into national issues. If elections for the Lok Sabha and State

Assemblies are held simultaneously, there is a greater possibility that regional issues may become secondary to national issues or, on the contrary, national issues may lose their existence in front of regional issues.

imultaneous elections imply S that elections to the Lok Sabha and all state assemblies across India will be held simultaneously, with voting possibly taking place around the same time. The idea of simultaneous elections, or "one nation, one election", was first formally proposed by the Election Commission of India in a 1983 report. Along with some potential benefits of holding simultaneous elections, there are also some drawbacks, which raise the question: Is holding simultaneous elections harmful to India's democracy?

Analysts against One Country One Election believe that the Constitution has provided us with a parliamentary model under which the Lok Sabha and the Legislative Assemblies are elected for five years, but our Constitution is

silent on the issue of holding simultaneous elections. Many provisions in the Constitution appear to be completely contrary to this idea. For example, under Article 2, Parliament can include a new state in the Indian Union and under Article 3, Parliament can create a new state, where separate elections may have to be held. Similarly, according to Article 85(2)(b), the President can dissolve the Lok Sabha and according to Article 174(2)(b), the Governor can dissolve the Legislative Assembly even before five years. Under Article 352, the tenure of the Lok Sabha can be extended by imposing a national emergency in the event of war, external aggression, or armed rebellion. Similarly, under Article 356, President's rule can be imposed in the states, and in such a situation, the possibility of re-election increases due to an unexpected reversal in the political equation of the concerned state. All these circumstances are completely contrary to one country one election.

Holding simultaneous elections would require a constitutional amendment to coordinate the terms of the State Legislative Assemblies with the terms of the Lok Sabha. In addition, the Representation of the People Act as well as other parliamentary procedures would require amendments. The main fear of regional parties regarding simultaneous elections is that they will not be able to raise their local issues strongly, as national issues will take center stage. Additionally, they will not be able to compete with national parties in terms of election expenditure and election strategy. There is also a possibility that the federalism of the country will be challenged by simultaneous elections. There is a danger of simultaneous elections blurring these specific platforms and areas of democracy, as well as the risk that state-level issues get subsumed into national issues

Blurred attribution prevents voters from holding governments accountable for poor performance or rewarding them for good performance. Having separate elections for different levels of government makes it clear to the voters which level of government is responsible for what and focuses on the performance of the respective government. The result will be a strong effort to save the government from collapse, even if it would, under normal circumstances, have lost the confidence of the House. There is a possibility of an explosive situation of horse-trading if elections are held simultaneously.

One Nation, One Election would be contrary to the federal structure of the country and would be a fatal step for parliamentary democracy. If elections for the Lok Sabha and state assemblies are held simultaneously, the tenure of some assemblies will be increased or reduced against their wishes, which may affect the autonomy of the states. The federal structure of India is inspired by the parliamentary system of governance and the frequency of elections in the parliamentary system of governance is an irrefutable fact. If elections for the Lok Sabha and State Assemblies are held simultaneously, there is a greater possibility that regional issues may become secondary to national issues or, on the contrary, national issues may lose their existence in front of regional issues. The nature and issues of Lok Sabha and Assembly elections are completely different. While Lok Sabha elections are held to form the national government, Assembly elections are held to form the state government. Therefore, while issues of national importance are given prominence in the

Lok Sabha, issues of regional importance remain at the forefront in the Assembly elections.

Democracy is called the rule of the people. Being a parliamentary system

in the country, elections are held at different times and the public representatives have to remain continuously accountable to the public. Apart from this, no party or leader can act autocratically after winning an election because it has to face some elections at short intervals. Analysts believe that if both elections are held simultaneously, the chances of this happening will increase. India is the second largest country in the world in terms of population. Therefore, in the absence of a large population and infrastructure, it does not seem logical to hold elections for Lok Sabha and state assemblies simultaneously.

There are many compelling reasons in favor of simultaneous elections. However, achieving political consensus on holding simultaneous elections among different political parties, especially regional parties, is a legal and political challenge in itself. Therefore, there is a need to harmonize the views of stakeholders including national political parties, the Election Commission of India, bureaucrats, academicians, and experts on the proposal of holding simultaneous elections in the country. There is no doubt that India, the world's largest democracy, seems to be surrounded by an electoral maze all the time.

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Higher targets

New Delhi: LT Foods Ltd, which owns basmati rice brands -Daawat and Royal, is

lookingat 'Convenience & Health' segment as a "growth enabler' for the company, as it targets up to 8 to 10 per cent revenue from this category in the next five years, its MD & CEO Ashwani Kumar Arora said. The company is leveraging existing brands and distribution strength for its ready-to-cook and ready-to-eat prod-

ucts in the Convenience & Health segment, a category where consumption has increased in Indian homes, particularly after the pandemic.

Deadline

New Delhi: All individual demat account holders and mutual fund investors have time till September 30, to nominate a beneficiary or opt out of it by submitting a declaration form, failing which their demat accounts and folios will be frozen, and they will not be able to redeem their investments. This mandate applies to both new as well as existing investors, according to the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi). The move is aimed at helping investors to secure their assets and pass them on to their legal heirs.

Agreement

New Delhi: Stateowned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has signed an agreement to sell crude oil it produces from Mumbai offshore fields to HPCL-the second such agreement in as many months, as India's top oil and gas

'Govt has 'mismanaged' economy across all sectors'

New Delhi, Sep 24 (PTI):

The Congress Sunday alleged that the government has mismanaged the economy across all sectors and since it is "too inept" in fixing issues such as unemployment and price rise, it is distorting the data instead.

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said now that the special session of Parliament is over, it is clear that the Modi government was trying to 'distract and divert" the nation from some critical issues "the Adani scam, the caste census and especially the rising unemployment, growing inequality and the economic distress".

In a statement, he said no matter how much the Modi government hides the data, the reality is that the vast majority of people are suffering. He claimed that some of the facts re-



Jairam Ramesh

ported last week are being "brushed under the carpet". He said RBI's latest bulletin of September 2023 shows the "complete failure" of the Modi government to execute a recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Forty-three per cent of people were in the labour force in February 2020. Over 3.5 years later, the participation rate remains around 40 per cent. As a matter of grave concern, a report from Azim Premji University shows that over 42 per cent of graduates under the age of 25 were unemployed in 2021-22, Ramesh said.

In 2022, women were still making only 85 per cent of their earnings before the pandemic, he claimed. "Remember that India was already facing the highest unemployment rate in 45 years before the onset of the pandemic a statistic that the Modi government tried hard to hide from the public domain," he alleged.

The Congress leader highlighted that the prices of essential commodities have been rising sharply, impacting the household budget of ordinary families.

"After the uncontrolled spike in tomato prices, now tur dal prices are up 45 per cent from January 2023, and overall pulses inflation has touched 13.4 per cent.

NMDC wins Champion of Champions at PRCI Excellence Awards 2023

Hyderabad. Sep 24:

NMDC bagged the Champion of Champions Award, sweeping the 17th PRCI Global Communication Conclave 2023, to bring home seventeen Corporate Communication Excellence Awards. The awards were presented at Global the **Communication Conclave** organised by Public Relations Council of India (PRCI) in New Delhi.

NMDC won the Crystal Award for CSR Campaign and the Platinum Award for Digital Newsletter, followed by the Diamond Award for Annual Report, Corporate Brochure and Website of the Year; Gold Award for Wall Calendar and Unique HR Initiatives; Silver Awards in the categories of House Journal - Print (Regional), Healthcare Communication Films, Best Use of CSR Project for Childcare and Most Resilient Company of the Year; Bronze Awards in



Visionary Leadership Campaign of the Year, Best Use of Social Media, Best Corporate Event, Customer Friendly Company of the Year and Internal Communication Campaign. NMDC was also recognised under Arts. Culture and Sports campaign category for the NMDC Hyderabad Marathon. Ρ Jaya General Prakash, (Corporate Manager Communication), NMDC and Somnath Acharya,

DGM. Regional Office, New Delhi received the awards on behalf of NMDC. Java Prakash said, "We strive to create communication campaigns that are deeply intertwined with our company's core values. These awards reaffirm our consistent efforts and propel us to continue crafting impactful narratives of the NMDC story for the na-Congratulating tion." NMDC's Corporate Communication team for

this outstanding achieve ment, Amitava Mukherjee, CMD (Additional Charge) said, 'NMDC's global brand recall value is a result of the deftness of our communication team in cross-collaborating with all departments and articulating our achievements accurately to all our stakehold ers. We remain committed to communication excellence and upholding our company values with pride.'

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INDEPENDENT EXPERT GRP MEETING

Truecaller unveils a new brand identity and upgraded AI identity features

For fraud prevention

Mumbai. Sep 24:

Truecaller announced a corporate rebranding and launch of a brand new app icon that will be instantly recognisable on the Google Play Store and Apple App Store. The timing of the new brand identity aligns with a significant transformation taking place in the digital space.

At the heart of this re-branding is Truecaller's renewed sense of purpose, energy and enthusiasm. Commenting on the announcement, Alan Mamedi, Co-founder and CEO. Truecaller said. "We are excited to unveil our new brand identity

and logo. It signifies our and improve, every day."

"Our mission, to protect communication for all, is what guides us to develop new anti-fraud solutions like Search Context and engineer improvements to improve user privacy."He added.

freshed identity, Truecaller users also get a powerful new antifraud feature called Search Context, as a part of the Truecaller AI Identity engine.

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Yogesh Mathur, Director,

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Apple to scale up production over 5 times in India To USD 40 bn in 5 years

New Delhi, Sep 24 (PTI):

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Mumbai, Sep 24: BOSS Appliances, a name synonymous with innovation and excellence,

With a visionary outlook and a dedication to delivering exceptional value, BOSS has expanded from a single product offering to a comprehensive product range encompassing over 60 products across 13 distinct categories. This re markable feat is supported by an expansive Pan India service network, along with a robust retail presence of 6000+ retailers **BOSS** Appliances' offerings have captured the hearts trust, and preference of not just Indian households, but have also made their mark in international markets. including the Middle East, Asia, Africa, and the USA. With 35 years of leadership in India's kitchen appliances sector, the brand has garnered numerous awards for its superior quality, user-centric design, and innovative edge.

continued commitment to our users and our focus to constantly evolve

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producer prefers term contracts over auctions where refiners hammer deep discounts. In a post on X, formerly known as Twitter, ONGC said it has inked 'term agreement with HPCL for sale of crude oil from Mumbai offshore." While it did not give details, sources aware of the matter said the pact for sale of about 4.5 million tonnes per annum of crude oil to Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd's (HPCL) Mumbai refinerv

Investment



New Delhi: Fertiliser cooperative Krishak Bharati Cooperative Ltd (KRIBHCO) is investing around Rs 1.100 crore to set up three ethanol manufacturing plants using maize and broken rice as feedstock. These three plants are being set up in Gujarat, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh with a capacity of 250 kilo litre per day. "We are setting up three bio ethanol plants as part of our diversification plan," KRIBHCO's Chairman Chandra Pal Singh said.

thrill of street riding, Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India (HMSI) today launched the exciting 2023 Repsol Editions of Hornet 2.0 and Dio 125. Attractively priced at Rs. 1,40,000 and Rs. 92,300 respectively, these new Limited Edition Repsol models will be available at all Honda Red Wing dealerships across the country.

Introducing HMSI's lat-Hornet 2.0 and Dio 125. est offerings, Tsutsumu Both these models have de-Otani, Managing Director, lighted customers in their President & CEO, Honda respective segments and Motorcycle & Scooter with the launch of these India, said, "Racing is the Limited-Edition versions. heart of Honda. The pinwe are happy to transform nacle of motorcycle rac-Honda's racing DNA on ing, MotoGP, is happening Indian roads for the in India for the first time MotoGP fans in India.

told to around USD 40 bil the 2023 Repsol Editions of lion (about 3.32 lakh crore) Hornet 2.0 and Dio 125. We in the next 4-5 years, acthe upcoming cording to government BharatGP to be a great sucsources cess." Commenting on the According to the official, launch of the 2023 Repsol

Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman chairs a meeting with Independent

who did not wish to be named, the company has crossed the USD 7 billion production mark in the last financial year.

Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India, said, "We "Apple has plans to inare excited to launch the crease production in India to over USD 40 billion in new 2023 Repsol Edition of the next 4-5 years. It has crossed USD 7 billion in the last fiscal," the official said. An email query sent to Apple did not elicit any reply. Apple manufacturers iPhones in India and has plans to start manufacturing Airpods from next year. The officer said

EXPERTS VIEW

A customer poses for photos with his new Apple iPhone at Select City Walk mall. at Saket in New Delhi.

that Apple has no immediate plans to make iPads or its laptops in India.

"They don't have anv plans to participate in IT hardware PLI. They may come at a later stage but as of now their focus is to

worth USD 38.36 billion in the wearable, home and accessories segment in the financial year ended on September 25, 2022.

In the first nine months of the current fiscal, the company recorded about a 4 per cent dip in iPhone sales at USD 156.77 billion and a slight decline in the wearable, home and accessories segment at USD 30.52 billion.

The company has become the largest exporter of mobile phones from India. According to industry sources, sales of Apple's iPhone 15 series registered a 100 per cent growth compared to that of the iPhone 14 series on the launch day on Friday.

proudly introduces India's first Hand Blender featuring an industry-disrupting 5-year warranty. With a rich history dating back to 1985, BOSS embarked on its mission with perseverance, continuous growth. and strategic reformation. The result was the creation of India's very first Hand Blender, a product that not only redefined cooking practices but also shaped the way Indian households operated. BOSS has evolved into a powerhouse of kitchen innovation, expanding into a diverse array of products, including mixer grinders, juice extractors, food processors,

'G20 declaration should spur govt to give big push to MSMEs'

New Delhi, Sep 24 (PTI):

The declaration of G20 nations under India's presidency should spur the government to give a big push to the MSME sector by simplifying the regulatory process and enhancing their access to affordable capital, say experts.

The commitments made in the G20's New Delhi declaration with regard to the MSMEs ought to be followed by the member nations as the sector has the potential to generate employment and promote sustained growth.

The New Delhi Declaration adopted early this month said the G20 recognise that startups and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) are natural engines of growth. They are key to socio-economic transformation by driving innova-

'We welcome the establishment of the Start-up 20 Engagement Group during India's G20 Presidency and its continuation," it said Chairman of CII Delhi State Council and MD and CEO of Samtel Avionics Limited Puneet Kaura said the MSME is considered important the

world over and the G20 declaration has once again underlined the need for extending financial and non-financial support by the governments to this sector.

"It was heartening for the MSME to have received the due recognition by the G20 under India's presidency. These promises, however, should not remain on paper but must result in action on the ground as the sector has immense potential to generate quality

tion and creating employment. employment across the country and contribute to the country's exports which have been suffering on account of global problems," he said.

Bhagyashree Bhansali, CEO of The Disposal Company (TDC), said that to further promote startups/MSMEs, the government should simplify regulatory processes, enhance access to affordable capital, foster industry-academia collaborations for innovation, and provide targeted skill development programmes. Creating robust incubation and mentorship ecosystems will also nurture entrepreneurship and innovation in India. "Startup/MSMEs are at the forefront of promoting digital technology and sustainable growth. They drive innovation in AI adoption, enhancing efficiency and reducing environ-

mental footprints. By creating tech-driven solutions, they enable businesses to operate sustainably, fostering a future where technology and environmental stewardship go hand in hand, advancing India's socioeconomic transformation." she said.

The G20 Declaration said it recognises challenges MSMEs, particularly in developing countries, face with respect to access to information and thus. welcomes Jaipur Call for Action for enhancing MSMEs' access to information to promote the integration of MSMEs into international trade. Deepak Bhardwaj, co-founder, IoTechWorld Avigation, said MSMEs are the backbone of organised as well as unorganised sectors and provide employment to millions of people.

New Delhi, Sep 24 (PTI):

French energy giant TotalEnergies SE's USD 300 million investment in clean energy projects of Adani Green Energy Ltd has taken the total investments poured in by global investors in India's largest renewable power producer to USD 1.63 billion or about Rs 14,000 crore, sources close to the compa-

ny said. Last week, Total announced it will hold a 50 per cent stake in the new joint venture firm where Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL) will hold the rest. The joint venture will hold a portfolio of 1,050 MW, including 300 MW of already operational capacity, 500 MW under construction and 250 MW under-development assets with a



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Why everyone wants a pie of Adani Green Energy

many more

blend of solar and wind power

Total already has a 19.7 per cent stake in AGEL. It also has an equal joint venture with AGEL, called AGE23L that holds a portfolio of 2,353 MW.

The USD 300 million investment Total is making in the joint venture is the first since the Hindenburg report in January highlighted Adani Group's debt pile and alleged accounting fraud and stock manipulation, which Adani de-

nies. Sources said AGEL is one company within the Adani Portfolio, which has attracted a range of investors over the past few months including repeat strategic investor Total, one of the largest emerging market funds GQG Capital Partners and one of the world's largest sovereign funds Qatar Investment Authority.

Together these three investors have invested USD 1.63 billion or close to Rs 14,000 crore over the past few months, taking advantage of the attractive valuations post the short-seller report, they said.

GQG Partners has taken a 6.8 per cent stake in AGEL while QIA picked up 2.7 per cent. IHC International Holding Company has another 1.3 per cent stake.

Railway board's member reviews SECR's remarkable progress

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, Sep 24: In a significant development, Rup Narayan Sunkar, Member Infrastructure of the Railway Board, embarked on a fruitful one-day official visit to the Southeast Central Railways in Bilaspur on September 23. Sunkar conducted a

comprehensive review meeting with Alok Kumar, the General Manager of Southeast Central Railways, and the heads of various departments at the Southeast Central Railways headquarters Hall

The visit highlighted substantial advancements



Jharsuguda third line and in numerous projects within the jurisdiction of the Pendraroad-Anuppur third line on September 14 Southeast Central Railways. Some sections in Raigarh, showcasing the have already completed rapid pace of construction. their tasks. while others Additionally, crucial rail are actively in progress. development initiatives, Notably, Prime Minister such as the construction of

Narendra Modi inauguratthe Champa-

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road development. As a re-

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ed for road construction.

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During rainy days, the

road becomes an impassa-

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lamentable condition.

Manager of Southeast Central Railways, provided vital updates on the progress and activities associated with these rail development projects aimed at enhancing the infrastructure of Southeast Central Railways.

tion and the Dalli Rajhara-

Raoghat New Rail Line,

are proceeding with great

During the meeting,

Alok Kumar, the General

momentum.

The meeting was attended by department heads and other officials, including the Chief Administrative Officer (Construction), in the headquarters' hall in the fourth rail line in the Bilaspur-Jharsuguda sec-Bilaspur.

Management and **Union engage** in dialogue

Central Chronicle News

Pandaria, Sep 24: The Indian Labour Union, led by the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Cooperative Sugar Factory in Pandariya, embarked on an indefinite sitin protest starting last Friday, focusing on labour rights. The demonstration, which has drawn the active participation of hundreds of workers, extended into its second day on Saturday. Lalit Chandravanshi, the union's General Secretary,

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emphasized their commitment to continue the clarified that the Indian protest until their demands Labour Union had initially receive attention and action

presented a set of seven defrom the administration. mands to the factory's man-The demands outlined by agement via a memoran-

Indian Labour Union's sit-in protest highlights workers' rights

the Indian Labour Union primarily concern the wages of contract labourers, advocating for fair compensation based on their experience and qualifications.

The union is also pressing for uniform wage increments for all contract workers, an assured minimum

Health checkup camp promotes

well-being of sanitation workers

monthly wage, timely distribution of recovery bonuses, and Diwali bonuses for workers before the festival

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Additionally, they seek job security for existing workers when changes are made and the inclusion of a weekly off in the fiscal year 2023-24, with additional compensation for those engaged in work on that day.

She stressed the need for

sustained awareness ef-

forts to instill a culture of

Notably, the event wit-

nessed active participation

from several Municipal

Corporation officials, in-

cluding Sanitation Officer

Manager S.K. Tiwari, Municipal Corporation

A.E. Gajendra Singh, Sub

Engineer R.P. Sonkar, PIU

Prashant, Nodal Officer

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highlighting the collective

commitment to promoting

a healthier and cleaner en-

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cleanliness.

Deteriorating road challenges students and residents

Community demands urgent action for improvement

Central Chronicle News

Balrampur, Sep 24: The village panchayat of Tangarmari, nestled in the heart of the Balrampur Development Block, is grappling with the deplorable state of a dirt road that leads to the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya. This issue has grown into a major concern for students, parents, and local residents, making daily commutes to the school a daunting challenge.

The problem began when a new Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, constructed at a cost exceeding 23 crores, was inaugurated in Tangarmari last year. Although the school commenced operations,

poses significant challenges, especially to parents who visit the school to meet their children. The temporary principal of the Navodaya Vidyalaya had previously approached the District Collector, urging the prior-

itization of road construction. Unfortunately, the Collector's transfer, followed by the principal's replacement, left the issue unresolved. On a disheartening note,

the Gram despite Panchayat's expenditure of lakhs of rupees to re-



the Gram Panchayat's purview

ments have been discernible. This has raised Notably, the district's pride, Jawahar Navodaya suspicions among locals, who suspect embezzle-Vidyalaya, lies merely 6 funds by kilometers from the district headquarters. Yet, it officials. Villagers also allege that remains devoid of proper road connectivity, with and Secretary have siphoned neither the district adminoff significant amounts istration nor Panchayat ofearmarked for various deficials addressing the velopment projects under

In response, Panchayat Secretary Mrs. Lalati Ravi claimed that the road had indeed been repaired and was presently in good condition. She attributed the muddy conditions during rainfall to the road's unpaved nature and indicated that a proposal for road construction had been forwarded to the District Panchayat.

She expressed optimism that, upon approval and fund allocation, road construction would commence. While a proposal for constructing a concrete road under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana has been drafted and sent to the District Panchayat, a temporary resolution to address current road conditions is imperative. Coordination with the Panchayat Secretary is advised while awaiting the proposal's approval and subsequent action.

Swachhata Hi Sewa 2.0 ensures health and awareness

However, given the lack

of satisfactory responses

from the management, the

union felt compelled to re-

sort to a sit-in protest. He

Central Chronicle News

Chirmiri, Sep 24: health checkup camp for sanitation workers and cleanliness ambassadors was organized under the "Swachhata Hi Sewa 2.0 -Indian Swachhata League' at Mangal Bhavan, Chirmiri Municipal Corporation, under the guidance of Mayor Kanchan Jayaswal. During the camp, health examinations were conducted for cleanliness workers, cleanliness ambassadors, and their family members.

The health camp, conducted for 213 sanitation workers and their family members, was a vital component of the ongoing "Swachhata Hi Sewa 2.0 -



Indian Swachhata League" program, which runs from September 15th to October 2nd. Attendees received health examinations related to various schemes, including the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, health insurance, and the Mitan Yojana. The event also featured a rally to promote cleanliness awareness, accompanied by a collective pledge to uphold cleanliness standards.

Mayor Kanchan Jayaswal emphasized the importance of maintaining cleanliness not only within homes but also in the broader community.

> 65 minor forest produce items, procuring approximately 12 lakh quintals valued at around Rs 345 crores between 2018-19 and

> This significant boost in tendu leaf prices has in creased income for collectors, and the initiative to convert cow dung into vermicompost enhances soil fertility, offering a sustainable solution to the chemical fertilizer crisis and a fillip to agriculture. Moreover, Chhattisgarh has harnessed cow dung for natural paint production, establishing smallscale industries, generating employment, and fostering economic growth. The Rural Industries Promotion Agency (RIPA) is facilitating the setup of small-scale industries at the gram panchayat level. empowering rural populations economically.

Parivartan Yatra promises transformation across Chhattisgarh, says Gourishankar

Massive gathering anticipated in Kasdol for key BJP event

Central Chronicle News



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PDS scam and coal scam. He underscored that slogans like "Narva Garva Ghurva Bari" have lost their significance as pressing issues remain unresorvea.

commitment to women's

'Congress's strong position in Ch'garh'

Preparations for legislative assembly elections in full swing

Central Chronicle News

Katagi, Sep 24: The impending legislative assembly elections slated for November in Chhattisgarh have set the

political arena abuzz with

nection to the people and culture of Chhattisgarh. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel's efforts to preserve the state's culture, tradi-



2022-23

Kasdol, Sep 24: The eagerly awaited "Parivartan Yatra," which embarked on journey from Danteshwari Temple in Dantewada on September 12th, is set to make a significant impact as it reaches Kasdol on September 25th. Nearly 10,000 individuals are expected to gather to witness and hear Pradesh Adhyaksh Arun Sao during this pivotal event.

Former Legislative Assembly Speaker Gourishankar Agrawal, in a press interaction in Kasdol, expressed his belief that the ParivartanYatra would not only bring transformation

to the Kasdol Assembly constituency but also resthroughout onate Chhattisgarh, firmly asserting that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) would secure a resounding majority in the upcoming elections.

In response to Congress' slogan of "75 against 15," Agrawal dismissed it as a mere dream, citing that the Congress' Jogi

Sheila Yadav



ganize a ParivartanYatra in the state. He criticized Congress for baselessly accusing the BJP of copying their campaign. Agrawal didn't shy away

from pointing out various alleged scams and corruption allegations that have plagued the Congress government, including the

Praising the recent passage of the women's reservation bill, Agrawal commended Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his

empowerment, leaving opposition parties perplexed. With the Parivartan Congress's current five-Yatra's arrival in Kasdol approaching, the program feature Central will Minister Shripad Naik. Gourishankar Agrawal extended a warm invitation to the residents of the Kasdol region, encourag-

ing them to actively participate in this significant event that promises posichange for Chhattisgarh.

activity. As the Congress and BJP lock horns in this electoral showdown, the focus of Chhattisgarh's citizens will be on assessing the performance of these two parties during the BJP's 15-year reign and the

year tenure. Underlining the upcomelections, Satish ing Sharma. Secretary of the Pradesh Congress Committee, noted that the BJP had clinched victory in the three elections preceding 2018.

However, the Congress secured a resounding mandate in 2018, and the marked distinction lies in

tions, clothing, and cus toms are poised to resonate with voters, bolstering the Congress's prospects.

the Congress govern-

ment's deep-rooted con-

Over the past five years, Chhattisgarh has experienced remarkable development, with the accomplishments of this period eclipsing those of the BJP's 15-year rule. Strides have been made in education, healthcare, infrastructure, and more.

The government has introduced a slew of initiatives benefitting the masses, such as the Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana, Godhan Nyay Yojana, Chief Minister Urban Slum Health Swami Scheme,

Satish Sharma

Atmanand English Medium School Scheme, Rajiv Yuva Mitan Club Scheme, Ram Van Gaman Tourism Path, and support for tendu leaf and forest produce at remunerative prices.

Initially, only seven forest produce items received support prices under the Bhupesh Baghel government. However, the Congress government has expanded this support to

Women celebrate passage of Women's Reservation Bill

Historic legislation promises increased female representation in Indian politics

24: Fingeshwar, Sep

Women across India are celebrating the momentous passage of the Women's Reservation Bill in both Parliament and state legislatures. This historic legislation, which guarantees 33% reserva-

tion for women in these political bodies, marks a significant step towards increased female representation in Indian politics and a more equitable society.

Sheetal Rajput

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ment's significant step, saying, "This is a very commendable step by the central government. It will boost women's self-esteem in Indian politics. For the women who had to fight a long battle to reach the pinnacle of politics, there will be a change. With the passage of this law, the presence of women in the Indian Parliament will increase, which will strengthen their image as a symbol of women's empowerment."

Pramada Thakur

Pramada Thakur called the bill a "revolutionary step in the history of Indian politics" and, while acknowledging the delay in its passage, praised the government's commitment. She added, "It will increase

women's participation in politics, and they will work for the welfare of women in the country."

Gayatri Banjara

Gayatri Banjara welcomed the bill and noted, "This bill is definitely welcome, and it will provide an opportunity for women to participate in the country's development. With the passage of this bill the participation of women in Parliament and State Assemblies will increase."

Saroj Soni

Saroj Soni emphasized the importance of fully implementing h е

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Women's Bill, stating, "The Women's Bill has not yet been fully implemented. It will be premature to say anything about it until it becomes a law. However, with its passage, it is certain that the influence of women in Indian politics will increase. This is a good start, and we hope that the demand for a long time will be fulfilled. Women have not yet been able to find their rightful place in politics."

Aditi Pahadia

Aditi Pahadia praised the government's historic decision, saying, "The government has taken a historic decision to empower women, and this is highly commendable. So far, no other party's government has been able to achieve this; it is the Bharatiya Janata Party that has made it happen. With the passage of this bill, women from the SC/ST communities will also benefit. This bill, after being passed, will undoubtedly increase the participation of women in both the Parliament and the state assemblies. This bill was first introduced in 1996 but could not pass despite several attempts. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, it has now been passed. It reserves one

expressed her optimism, stating, "The current government has been con-

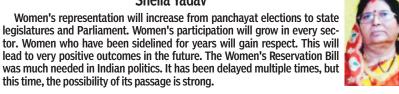
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sistently making efforts to ensure that women receive equal status to men. The bill introduced in the Lok Sabha under the Matruvandana Act for women is undoubt edly commendable.

It will provide women with greater strength and opportunity. The future belongs to women. This bill will prove to be a milestone for women in Indian politics. It will boost the confidence of women in the political arena."





Sheila Jeevanlal Shrivastav

Sheila Jeevanlal Shrivastav congratulated all sisters on the introduction of the Women's Empowerment Bill. She said that women's reservation is necessary for women's empowerment. Through this reservation, women will have the opportunity to participate in the decision-making process and contribute to the country's development. The Women's Empowerment Act will strengthen democracy.

this time, the possibility of its passage is strong.



Scheduled Tribe women."

third of the seats in the reserved

category for Scheduled Caste and



ASIAN GAMES - 2023 CENTRAL CHRONICLE, RAIPUR, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

India rout Uzbekistan 16-0 in Asian Games men's hockey

Hangzhou, Sep 24 (PTI):

9th Asian Games

Hangzhou 2022

In a spectacular display of prowess, the Indian men's hockey team initiated their Asian Games campaign with an overwhelming 16-0 victory over Uzbekistan, with Lalit Upadhyay, Varun Kumar, and Mandeep Singh each securing a hat-trick.

Ranked third in the world, India faced the 66thranked Uzbekistan as clear favorites in the Pool A match, and they lived up to the expectations, dictating the game from start to finish.

Lalit Upadhyay (7th, 24th, 37th, 53rd) and Varun Kumar (12th, 36th, 50th, 52nd) were unstoppable, scoring four goals each, while Mandeep Singh (18th. 27th. 28th minutes) found the net three times. Abhishek (17th). Amit Rohidas (38th), Sukhjeet (42nd), Shamsher Singh (43rd), and Sanjay (57th) were the other contributors to India's goal fest.

captain, India's Harmanpreet Singh, was rested for the match, having carried the flag alongside Olympic medalist

UZBEKISTAN 12' 36' 50' 52' VARUN KUMAR R'AMIT ROH #EnRouteToParis #IndiaKaGame

boxer Lovlina Borgohain during the Asian Games' opening ceremony on Saturday. The match witnessed complete domination by India, as they took just seven minutes to break the deadlock, unleashing a torrent of goals line's synergy with the

against Uzbekistan. India's proficiency in penalty corners was notable, as they earned 14 throughout the game but converted only five, a point of concern for coach Craig Fulton. Despite this, the forward-

midfield resulted in 10 field goals, with the other goal coming from a penalty stroke in the 36th minute.

Uzbekistan's goalkeeper, Davlat Tolibbaev, made some commendable saves early in the game, but Lalit Upadhyay eventually opened the scoring. Varun Kumar doubled the lead with a powerful penalty corner flick.

Mandeep Singh, who was instrumental in setting up goals, added two more to the tally just before half-time. India led 7-0 at the halfway mark.

The trend continued in the second half, with India's goalkeepers, PR Sreejesh and Krishan Bahadur Pathak, rarely called into action as India continued to dominate proceedings. In the last two quarters, India added nine more goals to complete their resounding victory. India's next match in the pool is against Singapore, scheduled for Tuesday. The dominant performance against Uzbekistan has set a high bar for the Indian team as they look to make a strong statement at the Asian Games.

Nikhat begins campaign with dominant win Preeti cruises to QFs

Hangzhou, Sep 24 (PTI):

In a rematch of World Championship final, top Indian boxer Nikhat outclassed Zareen Thi Vietnam's Tam Nguyen 5-0 to move to the women's 50kg pre-quarterfinals while Preeti Pawar (54kg) sealed a place in the quarterfinals of the Asian Games here on Sunday. Two-time world champion Zareen defeated the twotime Asian Champion Nguyen by unanimous decision.

One of only four boxers to not get a first round bye in the 50kg event despite being the reigning world champion, Zareen controlled the proceedings from the word go.

"I had not expected it (to be a one-sided bout) but my plan was to make it one because it's happening in another country and I didn't want to give any chance to her. My plan was to win the first two round unanimously and then relax in the third," Zareen said after the win. In the opening two rounds Zareen landed accurate punches, rattling her opponent. Such was her power that the referee was forced to give Nguyen the eight count twice in 30 seconds in the opening round.



India's Nikhat Zareen reacts after her win against Vietnam's Thi Tam Nguyen in women's 50 k boxing preliminaries at the 19th Asian Games, in Hangzhou, China, Sunday, Sept. 24.

Nguyen tried to attack in the second round but Zareen retaliated with strong combination punches, forcing a third eight count upon the Vietnamese boxer. With her work done, Zareen conserved energy in the final three minutes, defending beautifully with the help of her nimble footwork.

With coveted Olympic quotas at stake, Zareen said she is concentrating on qualifying for the Paris Games first. "I am focussing on qualification first. Then step by step I'll think of final and gold," Zareen said. All four semifinalists in the light flyweight category will earn Olympic quotas.

The 19-year-old Preeti, who made the pre-quarterfinals of the World Championships earlier this year, is now one bout away from assuring herself of a medal and an Olympic quota. Playing a strategic bout, Preeti started the contest on a defensive mode before unleashing her attacking game.

After a sedate start, the Indian went on the offensive and landed perfect jabs and hooks to win the opening two rounds easily. After showing promise initially, Silina faded away and looked at sea as the referee gave her two standing counts in the second and third rounds before stopping the contest.

Indian rowers make waves at Asian Games with two silver and one bronze

Hangzhou, Sep 24 (PTI):

The Indian rowing team had a stellar start at the Asian Games in Hangzhou, securing two silver medals and one bronze on a perfect morning for rowing at the Water Sports Fuyang Centre.

In a spectacular display of skill and determination. Arjun Lal Jat and Arvind Singh clinched the first medal, a silver, in the men's lightweight doubles sculls event. They clocked an impressive 6:28,18s, narrowly finishing behind China's Junjie Fan and Man Sun, who secured the gold with a time of 6:23.16s. The Uzbekistan pair of Shakhzod Nurmatov and Sobirjon Safaroliyev took the bronze with a time of



India's Neeraj, Naresh Kalwaniya, Neetish Kumar, Charanjeet Singh, Jaswinder Singh, Bheem Singh, Punit Kumar and Ashish celebrate at the podium after winning silver medal in Men's Coxed Eight event.

5:40.17s. Indonesia claimed a cox is to guide the boat, the third spot with a time give them the right inof 5:45.51S. structions about what pace Uttam to maintain in the race, Dhananjay Pande, who played a pivand which team to focus otal role as the coxswain, on. My job is to make all expressed his satisfaction the eight members think with the team's performtogether." Babulal Yadav and Lekh Ram secured a ance: "It was a great race for us. It went according to bronze medal in the coxless pair event, further the plan we had gone over adding to India's impreswith our coach and teammates yesterday. My role as sive medal tally.

Nagal, Myneni-Ramkumar enter pre-quarterfinals

Hangzhou, Sep 24 (PTI): India's top tennis player Sumit Nagal moved to the men's singles pre-quarterfinals of the Asian Games without losing a game as he expectedly thrashed Macau's hapless Ho Tin Marco Leung, here on Sunday. It was expected to be an easy second-round match for the 159th ranked Nagal, whose rival does not even have a ranking on the ATP computer. The fifth seed Nagal. who had got a first round bye, needed just 45 minutes to dispatch his opponent 6-0 6-0. He will next take on Kazakhstan's Beibit Zhukayev, who advanced after his Tajikistani rival Firuz Mukhidinov retired from the contest. Zhukayev was leading 3-0 in the match when Mukhidinov decided to concede the contest. The second seeded Indian pair of Saketh Myneni and Ramkumar Ramanathan outplayed Nepal's Abhishek Bastola and Pradip Khadka 6-2 6-3 in another easy match in their men's doubles opening round that lasted just 57 mins.

Indian women go down to Thailand 0-1

Wenzhou (China), Sep 24 (PTI): The Indian team failed to qualify for the knockout stage of the Asian Games after their 0-1 defeat to Thailand here on Sunday. Indian side fought bravely but a 52nd minute goal from Thongrong Parichat helped Thailand to emerge winner in their Group B match. India had lost their Asian Games opener to Chinese Taipei 1-2. The defeat against Thailand also ended their chances of finishing among the three second placed teams, who will enter the knockouts along with five top-ranked sides, from five groups

Men's volleyball team goes out of meal hunt

Vastrakar takes Indian women to final; to face SL for gold

Hangzhou, Sep 24 (PTI):

Pooja Vastrakar bowled a sharp and incisive spell to take the Indian women's cricket team to its maiden Asian Games final. crushing Bangladesh by eight wickets in a lopsided semifinal here on Sunday.

Right arm seamer Vastrakar, who replaced Aniali Sarvani in the squad just before leaving India, had career-best figures of 4/17 in four overs as Bangladesh were bowled out for 51 in 17.5 overs -- their lowest ever T20 score against the neighbours

India will face Sri Lanka in the final on Monday. Lankans defeated defending champions Pakistan, who had won the gold at Incheon Games 2014, by six wickets in the semili nals. Against Bangladesh, Vastrakar and her young new-ball partner Titas Sadhu (1/10 in 4 overs) extracted all the juice available from the deck as they bowled quick, with the bounce on offer also helping. Only skipper Nigar Sultana (12) was able to



Brief Scores

Bangladesh: 51 in 17.5 overs (Pooja Vastrakar 4/17) lost to India 52/2 on 8.2 overs (Shafali Verma 17, Jemimah Rodrigues 20 not out). Pakistan: 75/9 in 20 overs (Udeshika Prabhodini 3/21) lost to Sri Lanka: 77/4 in 16.4 overs (Harshitha

(7) and Shafali (17) cheaply. It was also sweet revenge for the women's team, who were forced to play the second game on the trot without their regular skipper Harmanpreet Kaur. who is serving a twomatch suspension.

Harmanpreet was suspended due to her angry public outburst and criti

6:33.42s.

The excitement contin-ued in the grueling men's coxed eight event, where India engaged in a fierce with China. battle Ultimately, India secured the silver medal, clocking 5:43.01s, just 2.84s behind the host nation, who finished first with a time of

Hangzhou, Sep 24 (PTI): Japan pushed Indian men's volleyball team out of the medal race at the Asian Games with a fluent 3-0 win in a cross-group match here on Sunday. Keihan Takahashi emerged as star performer for Japan by logging 21 points, playing a key role in his team's 25-16 25-18 25-17 victory in one hour and 11 minutes. Erin Varghese was top scorer for India with eight points. Japan will now face China in the semifinals whereas India will play against either Pakistan or Oatar in fifth-sixth place classification match on Tuesday. The Indian team had topped the Group C after winning against Cambodia and South Korea.

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reach double figures for Bangladesh. The chase of 52 was a cakewalk as it was achieved in only 8.2 overs. Kanika Ahuja (1 not out) and Jemimah Rodrigues (20 not out) took India home despite losing skipper Smriti Mandhana

cism of the quality of Bangladeshi umpiring while playing against them in an away series a few months back.

The Indian women couldn't have made a better statement than a per-

formance as dominant as the one on Sunday

Indian women's 10m air rifle team bags silver; Ramita win individual bronze



Indian women shooters Ramita Jindal (L), Mehuli Ghosh (C) and Ashi Chouksey stand at the podium after winning silver medal in 10m air rifle during the 19th Asian Games at Fuyang Yinhu Sports Centre, in Hangzhou, China, Sunday, Sept. 24.

Hangzhou, Sep 24 (PTI):

The experienced trio of Mehuli Ghosh, Ramita Jindal and Ashi Chouksey's bagged the women's team silver while Ramita also clinched an individual bronze in the 10m air rifle event as Indian shooters

made an impressive start to their Asian Games campaign, here on Sunday. A combined score of 1,886.0 earned the Indian troika the second spot behind hosts China, who smashed the Asian record with a score of 1,896.6. Junior world champion

Ramita then won the individual bronze in her event, shooting 230.1 in the eight-shooter finals. China won both the gold and silver medals in the event with Huang Yuting breaking the Games record with a score of 252.7 on way to top podium finish. Han Jiayu

came in second with 251.3 points. The 19-year-old Ramita was in contention for a silver medal before she fell behind because of a rank poor 9.9 on the 13th shot. Mehuli, the other Indian to make the eightshooter final, finished fourth with a score of 208.43.

Indore, Sep 24 (PTI):

Shubman Gill continued his sensational run with a fifth ODI hundred of the year while Shreyas Iyer hit a timely ton under pressure to fire India to a record 399 for five against Australia in the second game here on Sunday.

Gill (104 off 97 balls) and Iyer (105 off 90 balls) shared a stroke-filled 200run stand off 164 balls after Ruturaj Gaikwad (8) missed out on a batting beauty. Survakumar Yaday (72 not out off 37 balls) and skipper K L Rahul (52 off 38 balls) plundered a pedestrian looking Australian attack in the death overs to provide the final flourish for India. The last 10 overs yielded 103 runs as India

racked up their highestever total against Australia in ODIs.

The Holkar Stadium tends to produce highscoring games and Sunday's game proved no exception.

Both Gill and Iyer, who



Centurions Gill, Iyer, explosive Suryakumar fire India to 399/5

Shubman Gill celebrates after Shreyas Iyer celebrates after scoring a century. scoring a century.

struggled with cramps tosome bold strokes to up wards the end of his inthe scoring rate. After nings, continued to find that Suryakumar took the cenboundaries after resumption. They went on to tre stage. He did just that complete the century, to power India to a formi-Iyer's third in ODIs, while dable total Gill's sixth in the format. His innings included

When both the batters four sixes in a row off departed, Rahul and Green in the 44th over. Kishan (31 off 18) played The towering pacer con-

Revise target set due to rain delay

Due to a rain delay, the target for Australia had to be revised in their pursuit of a daunting 399 runs. At the time of the interruption, Australia was at 56 for 2, with David Warner and Marnus Labuschagne at the crease, facing an uphill battle. The heavens opened up at the Holkar cricket stadium, disrupting play, and Australia was left with the challenging task of scoring 344 runs in 41 overs to secure victory. After the rain delay, a revised target was set for Australia, requiring them to chase down 317 runs in 33 overs to win the match.

ceded 103 runs in his 10 overs, so symbolic of their wretched outing with the ball on the day.

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'Winning MP, Chh'garh, close in Rajasthan'

New Delhi, Sep 24 (PTI):

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Exuding confidence about a good showing in the upcoming assembly polls, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Sunday said that as of now the Congress is certainly winning Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, probably winning Telangana, and there is a "very close" contest in Rajasthan which the party believes it will emerge victorious in.

Gandhi also referred to the row over BJP MP Ramesh Bidhuri's derogatory remarks against BSP leader Danish Ali in Lok Sabha, alleging that the BJP indulges in such tactics to distract from the demand for a caste census.

He asserted that the opposition is adapting and working together and the BJP is "in for a surprise in 2024" general elections.

Speaking at a conclave organised by the Pratidin Media Network of Assam. Gandhi also said the idea 'One Nation, One



Telangana and Mizoram. Asked about the party's

chances, Gandhi said, "I would say, right now, we are probably winning Telangana, we are certainwinning Madhya Pradesh, we are certainly winning Chhattisgarh. Rajasthan, we are very close, and we think we will be able to win. That is what it is looking like, and by the way, that is also what the BJP internally is saying.

The Congress learnt a very important lesson in Assembly polls are Karnataka that the BJP scheduled to take place in wins elections by distract-Madhya ing and not allowing us to construct our narrative and so we fought the polls constructing our party's narrative.

'What you are seeing today, this gentlemen Mr. Bidhuri and then suddenly Mr. Nishikant Dubey, all this is the BJP trying to distract from the idea of the caste census. They know that the caste census is a fundamental thing that the people of India want and they don't want to have that discussion," the former Congress chief said.

"Every time we bring a point on the table, they use this type of stuff to distract us and we have learnt now how to deal with it," he said.

"What we did in Karnataka is we gave a clear vision for the state, 'this is the social security programme that we are going to set up for you' and then we control the narrative. "If you look at the Telangana polls, we are controlling the narrative, the BJP is not even in the narrative, it is gone. The

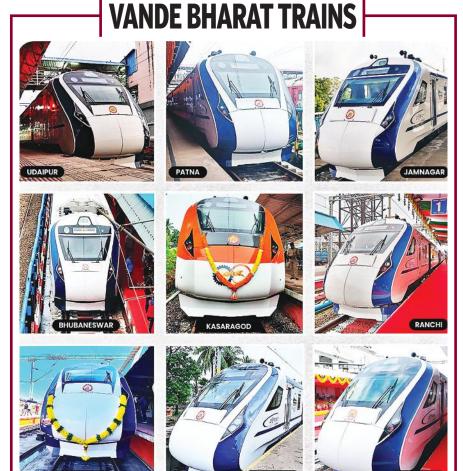
BJP has been decimated and it is over in Telangana," Gandhi said.

He claimed that the Congress is controlling the narrative in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh in the run up to the polls there.

"If you speak to people in Rajasthan on what is the issue in terms of antiincumbency, they will tell you they like the government," he said.

"We are adapting in a situation where the BJP controls the media. Don't think the opposition is not capable of adapting, we are adapting, we are working together, we are 60 per cent of India's population. BJP is in for a surprise in 2024 (Lok Sabha polls)," he said

Gandhi also said that the women's reservation bill can be implemented 'tomorrow morning" and all that is required to be done is to state that 33 per cent of the seats will be reserved in the Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabhas



Nine New Vande Bharat trains which were flagged off on Sunday.

'India-Middle East-Europe corridor will become **Churchill's OWO to reopen as Hinduja Group's new luxury hotel**

On Sept 26

Mumbai, Sep 24:

The Hinduja Group, a 109vear-old multinational conglomerate with a multi-billion dollar turnover that collaborated with worldrenowned Raffles Hotels & Resorts to restore The Old War Office (OWO) of Britain's World War II era prime minister Winston Churchill will be inaugurated on September 26th as a brand-new luxury hotel in the heart of London.

"When we came to Whitehall, the team were blown away by the size and beauty of this majestic building," said Sanjay Hinduja, who has overseen

the project. "No expense has been spared in bringing it back to its former glory and paying homage to its heritage, whilst breathing new life into it. Along with Raffles

Kathua/Jammu, Sept 24 (PTI) :



London at The OWO, we The Old War Office, origihope to create a legacy that nally completed in 1906 and designed by British archiis both timeless and unsurpassed," he said. The tect William Young, was for-Hinduja Family had acmerly the site of the original Palace of Whitehall. quired the landmark building on Whitehall, opposite The building has since wit-Downing Street, over eight nessed world-shaping years ago and tied up with events while influential po-Raffles Hotels to transform litical and military leaders like Winston Churchill and the building into an extravagant hub complete with lux-David Lloyd George held ofury residences, restaurants fice in the UK. Its grand architecture has also made

the building a backdrop for James Bond films and, more recently, 'The Crown' Netflix series. "Everyone at Accor feels honoured and privileged to be part of this historic project that has surpassed all expectations truly a legend in the making and possibly the most aweinspiring hotel on the planet," said Sébastien Bazin, Accor Chairman & CEO. 'Together with the Hinduja family, we proudly invite locals and travellers alike to experience this extraordinary hotel as well as the authenticity and graciousness of Raffles, one of our most prestigious brands in one of the world's greatest cities," he said.

As part of the renovation with the help of hundreds of artisans, the historic interior elements have been restored, including delicate hand-laid mosaic floors, oak panelling, glittering chandeliers, and a magnificent marble staircase.

New Delhi, Sep 24 (PTI): Minister Prime Narendra Modi asserted on Sunday that the India-Middle East-Europe corridor will become a basis of world trade for the coming hundreds of years and history will remember that it

was envisioned in India. In his monthly Mann ki Baat broadcast, Modi recalled the "Silk route", an ancient trade corridor used by India when it was a prosperous and great trading power, and said the country made the suggestion of the India-Middle East-Europe economic corridor at the re-

cent G20 Summit. "This corridor is going to become the basis of world trade for hundreds of years to come, and history will always remember that this corridor was initiated on Indian soil," he

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BJP president JP Nadda and other BJP members listen to Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his 'Man Ki Baat' programme, in New Delhi, Sunday.

said

Bharat Mandapam, the

venue which hosted the

G20 Summit, has become a

"celebrity", the prime min-

'Percentage of Indians appearing in TOEFL

for secondary education abroad rising'

said

The successful summit after the success of India's Chandrayaan-3 mission doubled every citizen's happiness, he said while noting that the two accomplishments have figured most in the messages he has received from people.

ister said, noting that people have been clicking selfies with the state-of-the-art conference hall.

birth anniversary falling on October 2, he said no one can forget the sight of world leaders paying homage at his memorial during the G20 Summit, a recognition as to how his ideas remain relevant globally.

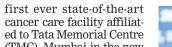
Modi expressed happibeing planned to mark his birth anniversary, with the launching 'Swachhta hi sewa' pro-

Noting that a big cleanlito join the exercise in their neighbourhood or any

public place.

'Affordable, accessible healthcare road map for healthy India'

Asserting that India has taken a lead in the production of vaccines for the prevention of malignancies like Cervavac, Union Minister Jitendra Singh on Sunday said affordable and accessible healthcare is the road map for a "healthy India" He said India has moved from a sectoral and segmented approach to health service delivery to a comprehensive need-based healthcare service and is now seen as a role model in crisis management and preventive healthcare. The minister of state in the Prime Minister's office was speaking at the launch of Jammu and Kashmir's





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ness programme will be organised at 10 am on October 1, he urged people

(TMC), Mumbai in the new block of Government Medical College Kathua.

"India has taken a lead in the production of vaccines for the prevention of malignancies like cervavac the country's first quadrivalent human papillomavirus vac-

cine to fight cervical cancer. The Biotechnology sector is growing by leaps and bounds as India is set to achieve USD 150 billion Bio-economy by 2025, which stood at over USD 100 billion in 2022," he said. 'Affordable and accessi-

ble healthcare is the road map for Healthy India' under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, which is

and spas.

Jitendra Singh

evident from the fact that more than 260 new medical colleges have been established in the country with a 79 per cent increase in MBBS seats and 93 per cent in PG seats in nine years besides approving of 22 AIIMS," he said.

Singh thanked Modi for bringing Preventive Health Care' into focus in the coun-

WAIT FOR VISITOR

Referring to the launch of the cancer care facility in Kathua, the minister said he felt pained to receive calls every day from will therefore prove to be a different parts of the region from desperate family

members pleading to arrange admission of cancer patients at Tata Hospital Mumbai or arrange accommodation for the attendants.

Singh said he then decided to start the facility at Kathua and moved the papers to the Department of Atomic Energy which is the controlling authority of

illestyles and environmen tal factors, the prevalence vaccines and one nasal vacof cancer is assuming epidemic proportions and cancers of all nature and all organs are happening everywhere. A Tata satellite cancer care facility in Kathua

> great boon for the region," he said. Under the leadership of Modi, he said, satellite hospitals and the facility of Tata Memorial Centre have been started in different parts of the country and in Guwahati, even Onco DM and MCh super speciality

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The percentage of Indians appearing in TOEFL to pursue secondary education and certifications abroad has seen a gradual increase over the years while those taking the test for immigration purpose has declined, according to Educational Testing Service (ETS).

The Princeton-based ETS, which conducts the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and Graduate Record Examination (GRE), said the trend reflects the shifting aspirations of the younger demographic. According to data

TI, the percentage of Indian test takers for licensure, certification or to attend secondary school abroad, has gone up from 5.83 per cent of the total aspirants in 2021 to 7.77 per cent in 2022. During the same period, the percentage of Indian test takers appearing in TOEFL for employment or immigration has declined from 8.19 per cent to 7.22 per cent.

Top officials at ETS have confirmed that the trend is being observed since 2018.

The data showed that the percentage of Indians appearing in TOEFL to attend a graduate or postgraduate business pro-

postgraduate programme. other than a business programme, has increased from 70.84 per cent in 2021 to 71.87 per cent in 2022.

"From our data, we observed a growing trend of secondary education students opting for the TOEFL test. This trend is testimony to the shifting aspirations of the younger demographic, especially in their pursuit of international education," Sachin Jain, the Country Manager of ETS India and South Asia, told PTI. There was a 53 per cent growth in Indian TOEFL test takers in 2021 compared to the previous vear.

Meghalaya coffee producer to help in conservation of Western Hoolock Gibbon

Shillong, Sep 24 (PTI):

Two tribal communities involved in the conservation of the endangered Western Hoolock Gibbon in Meghalaya have got a shot in the arm with a local coffee and chocolate producer announcing to support their cause.

The Western Hoolock Gibbon is called Huro by the Garo community while people in eastern Khasi-Jaintia Hills call it Huleng.

Dasumarlin Majaw, the proprietor of Smoky Falls Coffee, told PTI that their firm will help in the conservation of the endangered ape found in the forests of the state. officially 'We are

Garo Hills last month that felt strongly for the apes.

The Huros are found in several forests of Garo Hills and there are a few of them at the Sonja Wildlife Rescue Centre, where

they were brought after rescuing them from people who had held the apes as captive pets.

Garo Hills The Autonomous District Council also had formal ly identified a village combining wildlife reserve in Meghalaya's finest cof-Selbalgre village, about fee/cocoa and conserva-20 km from Tura in West tion efforts of the endan-Garo Hills district gered ape will stand to which is considered as a benefit both parties, she habitat for the Huros. said. Majaw said she could Around 300 km east of not relate to it at first until Sebalgre, communities

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(Malai Sohmat chief-

tainship) in East Khasi Hills district are also working on the conserva-tion of the Hulengs (local name for Hoolock Gibbons).

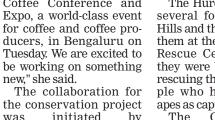


A man offering camel ride waits for visitors at the Sangam, during a cloudy day, in Prayagraj, Sunday.

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The collaboration for the conservation project initiated by Sauramangala Foundation founder Nagakarthik, whose con-



ducers, in Bengaluru on Tuesday. We are excited to be working on something new." she said.

launching the conservation initiative at the World Coffee Conference and