



BRIEF



PM Modi offers prayers at Danteshwari Temple at Jagdalpur, in Bastar district, Tuesday.

Vehicle pile-up

Silchar: A vehicle pile-up in senior Congress leader Gaurav Gogoi's convoy in Assam's Cachar district injured several party workers on Tuesday, police said. Gogoi, the Congress's deputy leader in Lok Sabha, was unhurt, while nine party workers, including two women, sustained minor injuries, they said. The accident happened in Moinarbond when the police pilot vehicle applied a sudden brake, a senior official said. "Following this, one car after the other crashed, leading to a pile-up," he said.

Bust racket

Mumbai: The Mumbai police busted a racket involved in selling babies and arrested six women for allegedly selling a newborn for Rs 5 lakh in the eastern suburbs here, an official said on Tuesday. The police had received a tip-off about a fake nursing home being operated in Trombay and that a baby was sold at the premises for Rs 5 lakh to a woman without providing any documents, the official said.

Proposals

New Delhi: Ahead of the winter session of Parliament, the finance ministry has sought expenditure proposals for the first batch of supplementary demands for grants from various ministries and departments. The first batch of supplementary demands for grants for 2023-24 is proposed to be placed before Parliament in the ensuing session, the ministry said in an office memorandum. The month-long winter session of Parliament usually begins in the last week of November.

Animal deaths

Chandrapur: A wild elephant died due to electrocution and the carcass of a tigress was found in different parts of the forest in Maharashtra's Chandrapur district in 24 hours, a forest official said on Tuesday. This was the first such death of a wild elephant recorded in the forest of Chandrapur in 100 years, chief conservator of forest Dr Jitendra Ramgaonkar said. The elephant, aged around 30 to 35 years, was found dead in Chitki village of Sindewahi tehsil, around 74 km away from the district headquarters, on Tuesday morning, he said.

Weather
High 31 Low 23

MARKET
NIFTY 19,528.75
SENSEX 65,512.10

BULLION
GOLD 56,225
SILVER 67,050

'Cong trying to divide Hindus'

Jagdalpur, Oct 03:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said the Congress should clarify whether rights can be given in proportion to the "abadi" (population) and asserted that poor people have the first right over the country's resources. He also asked whether the grand old party wants to decrease the rights of the Muslims. His statements come a day after the Nitish Kumar-led Bihar government released a caste survey, which revealed that OBCs and EBCs constitute a whopping 63 per cent of the state's total population. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi had hailed the Bihar caste survey saying that the country needs a caste-based census to give people their due rights as per their population. Addressing the 'Parivartan Mahasankalp' rally of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) at

- Can rights be based on 'abadi'
- Questions if Cong wants to decrease rights of Muslims

Jagdalpur, the headquarter of Bastar district in poll-bound Chhattisgarh, PM Modi also alleged that the Congress has entered into a secret pact with some other country and taking pleasure in speaking against India, and asked people to remain alert. He also said the grand old party was being run not by its leaders but by some "behind the curtain" elements who are in nexus with anti-national forces. "Congress says the 'abadi' (population) of people will decide the rights (on resources), but for Modi, poor people are the biggest abadi of the country and they have the first right over resources. Welfare of the poor is my

aim," he said. "What would former prime minister asked. Whose population is more, PM Modi asked, and said will it be possible to ensure the rights ac-



Manmohan Singh be thinking? Manmohan Singh ji used to say minorities have the first right over resources of the country and Muslims have the first right over resources. But now Congress is saying the population will decide who will get how much share of rights. Do they want to decrease the rights of Muslims?" he

cording to the population. "Should Hindus take all the rights? Congress should clarify whether the rights will be given according to the population. Does Congress want to remove minorities?" he said. "I have been saying this that the Congress party is no longer being run by Congress people. Big leaders of Congress are sitting

with their mouths shut. Now those people are running Congress from behind the curtain who are in nexus with anti-national forces. Congress wants to destroy India by dividing the Hindus of the country at any cost and wants to divide the poor," he alleged.

"What secret pact Congress has entered into with some other country it has not disclosed so far. After the agreement, Congress is taking pleasure in speaking against India. It is presenting the good things of India in a bad light and enjoying it. It seems their love for the country has declined," he said, cautioning people to remain alert of them. He also accused the Congress of converting 'loktantra' (democracy) to 'lootanttra' (corruption) and 'prajatantra' (democracy) to 'parivartantra' (dynasty). The prime minister said that for him, the poor are the biggest community

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Three share Physics Nobel for short pulses of light to study electrons

Stockholm, Oct 03 (AP):

The Nobel Prize in physics was awarded Tuesday to three scientists who look at electrons in atoms during the tiniest of split seconds. Pierre Agostini of The Ohio State University in the US; Ferenc Krausz of the Max Planck Institute of Quantum Optics and Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich in Germany; and Anne L'Huillier of Lund University in Sweden won



the award. Their experiments "have given humanity new tools for exploring the world of electrons inside atoms and molecules," according to the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, which announced the prize in Stockholm.

'KCR wanted to join NDA, I rejected,'



Nizamabad (T'gana), Oct 03 (PTI): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said he had rejected a request of Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao to join the NDA, after the Hyderabad Municipal Corporation elections in 2020, citing his "deeds". Speaking at a rally here, Modi said before Greater

Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) polls, Rao used to come to the airport to receive him with fanfare and show a lot of respect. "But, why did it stop suddenly?" he asked. "Why so much anger suddenly? The reason for that is, after Hyderabad polls, he came to Delhi to meet me. He gave a beauti-

ful shawl and honoured me. He showed so much love that it was not in the character of KCR," Modi said. "Then, he told me that the country is progressing under your leadership. We also want to be part of NDA. Make us part of NDA. I said what next? Support us in Hyderabad municipal corporation. I told KCR, your deeds are such that Modi cannot join with you," he said. Modi said he had "rejected the entry of KCR into NDA" even if it meant the BJP sitting in opposition in GHMC. Modi accused the BRS dispensation of 'looting' funds meant for development of the state.

Police seals news portal NewsClick's office after raid

New Delhi, Oct 03 (PTI): Delhi Police on Tuesday searched 30 locations connected with online news portal NewsClick and its journalists in a case filed under the anti-terror law UAPA following allegations that it received money for pro-China propaganda and later in the day sealed its office.

Police said no one has been arrested so far in the Special Cell searches that began early in the morning and were concentrated in the Delhi-NCR region. Founder and editor-in-chief Prabir Purkayastha was taken to the NewsClick south Delhi office where a forensic team was present. Among those questioned were journalists



Delhi Police brings senior journalists Pranjoy Guha Thakurata and Urmillesh to the Lodhi Road Special Cell office, in New Delhi, Tuesday.

Urmillesh, Aunindyo Chakravarty, Abhisar Sharma, Paranjay Guha Thakurata as well as historian Sohail Hashmi and D Raghunandan of the Centre for Technology & Development. Police posed a list of 25 questions on various issues, including their foreign travels, protests against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act in

Shaheen Bagh as well as the farmers' agitation, sources said. Those being questioned have been divided into three categories, A, B and C, sources said. Addressing a gathering in Bhubaneswar, Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur said probe agencies in the country are independent and work

in accordance with law. "... If someone has done something wrong, probe agencies work on it... Nowhere is it written that if you have got money through illegal manner or done something objectionable, then probe agencies cannot investigate that," Thakur said. The issue led to political ripples with the Congress, the Aam Aadmi Party and the Samajwadi Party as well as the Press Club of India reacting to the searches and criticising the government for the action. Urmillesh and Chakravarty emerged from the Special Cell office at Lodhi Road after about six hours of questioning around 4.15 pm.

Quakes rock Nepal; north India feels the tremors

Kathmandu, Oct 03 (PTI): At least seven persons were injured and several houses damaged when two successive earthquakes measuring 5.3 magnitude and 6.3 magnitude respectively hit the western parts of Nepal on Tuesday, authorities said. The first earthquake measuring 5.3 magnitude was recorded at 2:40 p.m. and another 6.3 magnitude quake at 3:06 p.m. in Bajhang district, 700 km west of Kathmandu, the National Earthquake Monitoring and Research Centre said. Later, aftershocks ranging from 4 to 5 magnitude hit the Bajhang district six times between 3 pm and 5.38 pm, the National Seismological Centre said.



People gather outside their offices after tremors were felt due to an earthquake, in New Delhi, Tuesday.

Tremors send people running out of homes, offices
No loss of life or property has been reported in the national capital, which was jolted by tremors after four earthquakes hit Nepal in quick succession on Tuesday, according to police. In Delhi and neighbouring cities, many people ran out of their homes and office buildings when strong tremors hit after the second quake. Tremors measuring 5.1 magnitude at 15:13 p.m., 4.1 at 15:45 p.m., 4.1 at 16:28 p.m., 4.3 at 16:31 p.m., 5 at 17:19 p.m. and 5 at 17:38 p.m. hit the sparsely popu-

lated mountainous region, the agency said. Six persons, including four students, were injured in the Bajhang district and one person was injured in neighbouring Achham district, according to officials. One of the students panicked and jumped from a two-story building and sustained injuries. A building of the district police office in Bajhang and several houses were damaged due to tremors, according to the local administration office. Many smaller aftershocks were also felt after the tremors, said an official at the District Administration Office Bajhang.

MoE GUIDELINES ON SUICIDE PREVENTION

'Set up wellness teams, identify students at risk of self-harm'

New Delhi, Oct 03 (PTI):

Setting up wellness teams, identifying students exhibiting warning signs and those at risk of self-harm and supporting them are among the draft guidelines prepared by the Union Ministry of Education for schools to prevent student suicides. With "Every Child Matters" as the underlying belief in developing the guidelines, the draft details directions to schools for enhancing sensitivity and understanding and providing support in case of reported self-harm. In addition, the guidelines also emphasise nur-

turing partnerships between schools, parents and the community, fostering societal support as a critical strategy for preventing suicides and reducing the stigma associated with suicidal behaviour. Discarding damaging notions, including comparisons with peers, the perception of failure as permanent and the sole measurement of success based on academic performance, have also been recommended in the draft, besides locking empty classrooms, lighting up dark corridors and cleaning gardens and areas with excess growth of grass.

'Will stay along LAC till disengagement'

IAF to procure additional batch of 97 Tejas Mark-1A jets

New Delhi, Oct 03 (PTI): The Indian Air Force is in the process of finalising a Rs 1.15 lakh crore deal to procure an additional batch of 97 Tejas Mark-1A aircraft besides upgrading 84 Sukhoi-30MKI jets at a cost of Rs 60,000 crore, Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari said on Tuesday. In February 2021, the defence ministry sealed a Rs 48,000-crore deal with state-run aerospace major Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd for the procurement of 83 Tejas MK-1A jets for the IAF. With the additional 97 Tejas Mark-1A jets, the total number of indigenously-developed aircraft



Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari addresses a press conference.

being procured by the IAF would go up to 180. Addressing a press conference ahead of the Air Force Day on October 8, the Chief of Air Staff also said that 84 Sukhoi-30MKI fighter jets will be upgrad-

ed at a cost of a little over Rs 60,000 crore. The defence ministry is also looking at signing a contract with the HAL next year to procure a total of 156 light combat helicopters (LCH) out of which 66 will be for the IAF. The IAF now operates 10 light combat helicopters. "We had signed the contract for 83 LCA-Mark 1As. What we are looking at is now to supplement that contract with 97 additional aircraft. "So it will bring the total to about 180 LCA-Mark 1As. The contract value will be a little over 1.15 lakh crores," Air Chief Marshal Chaudhari said.

Sena MP makes Nanded hospital Dean clean toilet

Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar, Oct 03 (PTI): Shiv Sena MP Hemant Patil on Tuesday made the acting dean of the government hospital in Nanded, where 31 patients have died in 48 hours, clean a dirty toilet and urinals, a video of which has gone viral. Amid outrage over the deaths, including of 12 infants, from September 30 to October 2, the Hingoli MP visited Dr Shankarrao Chavan Government Medical College and Hospital and took stock of the situation. "You don't have simple mugs (in the toilet) and you shout at people who don't use toilets. Do you (doctors and the dean) behave similarly at your home?" Patil can be heard saying. He then asked a

doctor to get another bucket. "Do you have only one bucket in this medical college?" Patil asked. The video shows Patil handing a broom to the acting dean, S R Wakode, and making him clean a toilet and wall-mounted urinals. "The government spends crores but I am pained to see the situation here. The toilets have not been cleaned for months. The toilets in the wards of the hospital are locked. No water is available in toilets," Patil, who belongs to Chief Minister Eknath Shinde faction of Shiv Sena, told a news channel. "I went to the office of the dean where I saw that the wash basin is broken and the tap has no water," he said.

CM inaugurates model library for Bar Association

Performs bhoomipujan for development works worth Rs 2.52 crore in District Court complex

Bhilai, Oct 03:

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel gifted a Model Library to the advocates of the district on Tuesday. This Model Library has been established with an investment of Rs 33 lakhs for the District Bar Association in the District Court premises. CM performed bhoomipujan of the new construction work of the Bar Room No. 04 in the old building at a cost of Rs 2.19 crore. On this occasion, Advocate General of Chhattisgarh High Court, Satish Chandra Verma was present as a special guest.

Addressing the ceremony, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that during the swearing in ceremony of the Bar Association, the office bearers had demanded repair of the library and bar room. The demands related to the judicial system in Chhattisgarh have been fulfilled. Citing the contri-



bution of lawyers in the independence movement, he said that the lawyers made significant contributions for the development of society. Today, lawyers

are considered to be the most intellectual class in the society. The Chief Minister spoke about the constitutional provision in which the Advocates get an opportunity of representation if they are accused in any case. He said that presently an atmosphere of fear is prevailing and someone has to come forward against it. The Chief Minister congratulated the law practitioners for their contribution in strengthening the judicial system. Advocate General of Chhattisgarh High Court, Satish Chandra Verma, in his address, highlighted the Chief Minister's initiative for fulfilling the needs of the court system. In the welcome address, Bar Association President Neeta Jain thanked the Chief Minister for fulfilling the much awaited demand of the association. District and Sessions Judge Rita Yadav and other judges, officials and advocates of the District Bar Association, MLAs Arun Vora and Devendra Yadav, RN Verma, Mayor Dheeraj Bakliwal and others were present.

After an officer refused to receive the memorandum

Bhilai, Oct 03:

Joint Trade Unions staged a demonstration at Equipment Square for about an hour on Tuesday. They are demanding to convene a meeting for wage revision and bonus of SAIL employees. When the ED in-charge (P&A) refused to take the memorandum, hundreds of union leaders undertook a foot march towards Ispat Bhawan to submit the memorandum directly to the Director Incharge. Stunned by this move of the joint union, the Chief Manager (Personnel) met them midway and requested the union leaders to hand over the memorandum. Union leaders termed the behaviour of in-charge ED (P&A) as a move to create industrial unrest in Bhilai. INTUC, CITU, AITUC, HMS, AICCTU, Loktantrik Ispat and Engineering



Mazdoor Union, Ispat Shramik Manch and Steel Workers Union jointly staged a demonstration on Tuesday.

They raised the issues of 39 months arrears, night shift allowance, house rent allowance and other pending issues of wage revision as well as finalisation of festive bonus. Thereafter, the Joint TU leaders informed the officials of the IR Department that they would hand over the memorandum to ED (P&A). On this, the IR Department officials informed them that ED (P&A) Pawan Kumar was on leave and Chief

General Manager Nisha Soni is looking after the work as in-charge ED (P&A). IR officials further informed the union leaders that she has refused to accept the memorandum.

Irked with the refusal to accept the memo, TU leaders suddenly announced that they would submit the memorandum directly at the Director In-charge office and started marching towards the Ispat Bhawan. Stunned with this step, BSP management swung into action and initially the General Manager (Industrial Relations) JN Thakur requested the

union leaders not to visit Ispat Bhawan directly. When the union leaders remained adamant on their decision, Chief Manager (Personnel) Sandeep Mathur met them near the Public Relations Office and convinced the union leaders to hand over the memorandum to him.

The joint unions handed over the memorandum addressed to the Director Incharge to Chief General Manager Sandeep Mathur. The CGM assured that they will immediately convey the demands to the top management.

Warm regards extended to senior citizens on International Day of Older Persons

Bhilai, Oct 03:

On the occasion of International Day of Older Persons, taking a unique initiative, Bhilai Steel Plant warmly celebrated this day dedicated to Older Persons with the 19 senior citizens living in BSP's 'Siyan Sadan - a Retirement Home'. The residents of Siyan Sadan were welcomed warmly with a Rose and affectionate greetings, during the morning and were wished Happy Senior Citizens Day. The members of Plant's Corporate Social Responsibility Department (CSR) Ashutosh Soni, Sita Sinha and Vijay Lakshmi also took blessings from the residents on this occasion. A collective Breakfast was also organized by the CSR Department for the Siyan Sadan residents. All the resi-



dents expressed their happiness and gratitude towards the CSR department and Plant Collective for this cordial and affectionate gesture. A Cultural Evening & Felicitation Programme was also organized at Mahatma Gandhi Kala Mandir, Indira Place, Civic Centre, on October 01, 2023. Senior Citizens, along with the residents of Siyan Sadan were

felicitated on this occasion by the Plant Management, followed by Musical Performances. It is noteworthy that, under the guidance of Dr Ravindranath M., CMO i/c (M&HS), an expert Medical Team from BSP's Jawahar Lal Nehru Hospital & Research Centre, also conducted Medical Examination and treatment camp for all the senior citizens at Siyan Sadan, on September 30, 2023. There are currently 19 Senior Citizens living in the Siyan Sadan Retirement home, maintained by SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant. The SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant collective has extended their best compliments to all the senior citizens of the steel city and wished them a healthy and happy life.

Chief Minister inspects Organic C-Mart

Bhilai, Oct 03:

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inspected the newly constructed Organic C-Mart at Ganjpara in Durg. This C-Mart has been built at a cost of Rs 67 lakh. Arrangements have been made for the sale of organic products produced by farmers in this organic C-Mart. It needs to be mentioned here that there are a total of 155 organic farms in the district, out of which greens, vegetables and fruits are being produced in 60 organic farms. 1200 farmers registered in the district are practicing organic farming. After the launch of C-Mart, they are getting fair prices for their



produce. Till now, organic products worth Rs 1 crore 78 lakh have been sold through C-Mart. MLAs Arun Vora and Devendra Yadav, Mayor Dheeraj Bakliwal, Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena, Superintendent of Police Shalabh Sinha, District Panchayat CEO Ashwani Dewangan and other officials were present.

Online NEET and JEE coaching launched in four schools of Durg district

Bhilai, Oct 03:

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched the Swami Atmanand Coaching Scheme of the School Education Department on Tuesday. Under this scheme, free online coaching will be provided for entrance examinations of engineering and medical.

District Education Officer of Durg informed that online coaching has been started in four schools in the district, including Swami Atmanand English Medium School in Patan; JRD School and Girls Middle School in Durg and Girls College in Dhamdha. The students will receive coaching for



JEE and NEET preparations in these schools. The Chief Minister virtually interacted with the children of Patan School. The children expressed their happiness for the scheme. They expressed gratitude towards the Chief Minister and the School

Education Minister. It needs to be mentioned here that under this scheme, coaching will be given to class 12th students in government schools through 150 coaching centres established in 146 development block headquarters of the state.

CRIME ROUND UP

Theft at locked house in Kelabadi

Bhilai: Unidentified thieves trespassed into a locked house in Kelabadi of Padmanabhpur Police Station area and decamped with jewellery worth Rs 6 lakhs. The incident occurred at the residence of Sajida Banu, who is posted as BFO in the Forest Department. The incident occurred in the second week of September but the FIR was lodged recently. According to the victim, she had gone to her maternal home in Rajnandgaon on September 03. On September 12, her tenant informed that the door lock was broken. She returned back immediately and found that the almirah was broken and jewellery and cash were stolen. Police are investigating the case.

Two peddlers nabbed with psychotropic drugs



Bhilai, Oct 03: Police arrested two drug peddlers and seized psychotropic drugs from their possession. On the instructions of SP Shalabh Sinha, a special campaign is being conducted against the drug dealers and peddlers. Cops are maintaining vigil on the activities of sus-

pects and criminal record holders. In this sequel, Vaishali nagar Police received a tip off regarding two persons, who were looking for customers to sell drugs near Subhash Chowk BSP School Ground in Road Number 18. Police team swung into action and the suspects were taken into custody. On searching, 557 capsules of psy-

chotropic drugs (Spas Trancan Plus capsules and Alprazolam tablets) worth about Rs 7680/-, cash Rs 8600/-, 01 mobile phone and Activa vehicle were seized from the possession of the accused.

The accused were booked under Section 8/21 (B) NDPS Act. The accused were identified as Vinod Tiwari (36) son of Markandey Tiwari a resident of Camp 01 and Surendra Gill (42) son of Balkar Singh a resident of Zone 03 Khursipar.

ASI Shamit Mishra, Head Constable Satyendra Mandhariya, Constable Arvind Mishra, Amit Dubey, Rinku Soni, Nitin Singh, D Prakash, Rakesh Chaudhary, Suresh Pandey, Dinesh Kumar, Bhagwat Kumar, Jitendra Singh and Hemendra Banchhor played a vital role in arresting the accused.

Car-borne ruffians thrash fuel station worker

Bhilai, Oct 03: Five car-borne ruffians thrashed a fuel station worker on the intervening night of Monday. The entire incident was caught on CCTV. According to information, the victim is Rohit Singh (22), who works at Krishna Energy Petrol Pump in Kumhari. Around 03:00 hrs on October 02, five ruffians reached there in a car bearing registration number CG04-HX-0396 and asked him to refuel their car. When he demanded money prior to refuelling the car, the ruffians got irked and started beating him. Rohit tried to hide in the office but the ruffians reached there also and thrashed him badly. The entire incident was caught on CCTV. Kumhari Police has lodged an FIR and investigations are on.

Eight arrested for murder, paraded in public

Bhilai, Oct 03:

Police arrested eight ruffians including five juveniles on charges of murder. They had stabbed a youth to death near Shivnath River on October 01 during the idol immersion. After arresting the accused, the three adult accused were paraded in market areas of Power House to eliminate their fear. It needs to be mentioned here that youth of Green Chowk Ganesh Samiti and Khursipar Ganesh Utsav Samiti had reached Shivnath River for the immersion of Lord Ganesha idols. Rahul Sahu of Green Chowk committee was having tea at a kiosk near Vrindavan Hotel. Suddenly some tea from his cup fell on the feet



of a youth of Khursipar Samiti. The youth of Khursipar started abusing him and stabbed Rahul with a sharp knife. Rahul was rushed to District Hospital where he was declared dead. Police examined the CCTV footage and arrested eight accused including five juveniles within 24 hours. The arrested accused are Vivek Chaudhary, Sameer Khan, Purushottam Rao and five juveniles of Khursipar, Bhilai.

Youth drowns in Shitala Pond

Bhilai, Oct 03: A 19-year-old youth drowned in Shitala Pond, Supela on Monday. Inspector Durgesh Sharma (SHO, Supela) informed that the deceased was Prakash Chauhan (19) a resident of Indira Nagar, Supela. He had gone to Shitala Pond with three friends. After having snacks, they decided to enjoy boating in the pond. In the middle of the pond, Prakash lost his balance and fell in the water. His friends raised alarm after which a local shopkeeper jumped into the water to rescue Prakash but failed in his attempt. On information, SDRF reached the spot and around 19:00 hrs, they succeeded to fish out the body. After preparing an inquest, police sent the body for autopsy.

DJ sound system seized in Durg



Bhilai, Oct 03:

Durg City Kotwali Police seized a DJ Sound System along with the vehicle on charges of playing loud music around midnight. CSP Mani Shankar Chandra informed that they received a complaint around 23:30 hrs on October 02 that loud music was being played by a DJ Sound System in-

stalled on a mini truck at Pachripura. A team of City Kotwali Police Station immediately reached the spot and seized the sound system laden vehicle. Action was taken against the sound system owner Satyaveer Markam (21) son of Late Chandan Markam a resident of Kasaridih Durg under Section 15 of the Kolahal Niyanttran Adhiniyam.

State Biennial Conference of Student Nurses' Association concludes

Bhilai, Oct 03: Under the aegis of Indian Trained Nursing Organization, Delhi (Head Office), Chhattisgarh State's Student Nursing Association organised 30th State Conference at PG College of Nursing Sector-9, Shri Shankaracharya College of Nursing Hudco and Kala Mandir (Civic Centre), Bhilai in which about 1200 nursing students from 15 colleges of the state along with principals, vice-principals and other teaching fraternity participated and made the conference successful. The Chief Guests of the conference, Durgavati Kunjam (Nursing Registrar, Chhattisgarh State) and Tamradhwaj Sahu (Home Minister, Chhattisgarh State) provided strength to this conference by indirectly attending the program due to their busy schedule and delivered online message to the event by congratulating the nursing students for their noble profession and nursing related issues. They appreciated them for their present and future and extended best wishes to the organizers in this conference. The members of TNAI of Chhattisgarh State Branch, respectively, President Dr Prof Abhilekha Biswal, Vice President Dr Prof Sreelata Pillai, Secretary Prof Dr Sindhu Anil Menon, Treasurer Dr Prof Daisy Abraham SNA Advisor Beena R Thomas, Chairperson (Nursing Services) Sushila Singh, Chairperson (Nursing Education) Dr Prof Dr Sreemini Pillai, Chairman (Public Health Section) Dr Prof Jaya



Chakraborty, Chairman (Membership Committee) Ritesh Sonwani and Chairman (Programme Committee) Sahil Masih graced the event by attending the event. Welcome Speech was delivered by Secretary Prof Dr Sindhu Anil Menon. Thereafter, along with lighting of the lamp, welcome song was presented by the students in the conference, competitions of various activities were included like scientific research paper, extempore speech, essay writing, quiz, poster, on the spot painting, pencil sketching, Mr and Miss personality and monact competitions etc. in which the students participated and stood first, second, third and consolation category awards. State Branch President of the TNAI Chhattisgarh Dr Prof Abhilekha Biswal boosted the morale of the principals and students from various nursing colleges and gave them best wishes for the future. After that, in the next phase of the program, prizes were distributed and the winners were selected by different judges

In this conference, the first prize of the best SNA unit of the state was given to PG College of Nursing Bhilai, second prize was won by Shankaracharya Swami Swaroopnand College of Nursing, Junwani, Bhilai, third prize was won by Shri Shankaracharya College of Nursing, Hudco and Consolation prize was won by Government Nursing College, Rajnandgaon. PG College of Nursing emerged victorious in the conference and earned its place in the National Conference of TNAI to be held in the month of November at Hyderabad, Telangana State. Vote of thanks to the gathering was given by Vice President Dr Prof Sreelata Pillai. The moderators of this entire conference were Prof Dr Jaya Chakraborty, Dr Shalvina Nand, Dr Rema Rajesh, Elizabeth Masih, Shabnam Bano, Ambika and Mahima. The organization of this entire conference was delegated by Student Nursing Association Advisor of State Branch, Prof Beena R Thomas.

CM expresses concern over irregular train services and passenger fare

● CM Baghel writes letter to PM

Raipur, Oct 03: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has written a letter to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi regarding the difficulties faced by the public because of problems like irregular running of trains, their cancellation at any time, and charging of fares for express trains even from the passengers of passenger trains. The Chief Minister has written in the letter that the Railway Administration has been taking action to cancel many long-distance trains and local passenger trains passing through the state of Chhattisgarh for a long time without any prior



notice or valid reason. Due to excessive delays in the remaining trains, lakhs of train passengers in the state are angry and dissatisfied. Despite several requests to the Railway Administration and the Central Government, the situation is not improving. The public is extremely agitated due to the indifference of the Central

Government on this matter of widespread public interest.

He wrote that the main reason for the disorganized operation of passenger trains is the increase in the number of goods trains carrying minerals from the state to other states and the priority given to them in operation compared to passenger trains. Another rea-

son for the dissatisfaction of the passengers is that the railways are imposing express train fares on passengers traveling on passenger trains as well. There is no such disorder or anarchy in the operation of passenger trains in any other state of the country. Due to the lack of a solution to such a serious issue in the state, people are expressing anger and dissatisfaction.

Baghel has requested the Prime Minister to show sensitivity towards the suffering of the people of the state, provide necessary instructions to the Railway Ministry to restart the operation of all passenger trains without any further delay, and to prevent prolonged delay of trains.

Many business establishments remained closed in Bastar division

Business and works in urban areas badly affected

In protest against privatization of NMDC Nagarnar Plant called by SAS and supported by Congress



during this he would dedicate the NMDC's Steel Plant at Nagarnar to the nation at the cost of Rs 23800 cr. During this the members of SAS called

for one-day Bastar Bandh and it was very much visible in the entire region.

The business establishments in Bhanupratapur and other urban areas

nearby remained completely closed since morning. But the movement of vehicles continued. BJP termed this call for bandh as an attempt to affect Modi's public meeting.

BCC Block President Virendra Singh Thakur said that Congress party has nothing to do with PM Narendra Modi's arrival and it is just a coincidence that the PM Modi is arriving in Bastar on Tuesday and we are just protesting against the privatization of NMDC Steel Plant in Nagarnar.

CM in his Tweet questions PM

Raipur: CM Bhupesh Baghel in his Tweeter message has sought help to 'save Nagarnar' and in this context he had questioned PM as to what is the mistake of people of Bastar region? Marking skirmish remark on the same, he also mentioned that 'is it just for the fact that they chose

Congress government in all 12 Vidhan Sabhas and from Bastar Lok Sabha seat as well! If at all you (BJP) will lose the election, then their (Bastar people) Nagarnar plant would be handed over to private hands. Then CM questioned that 'if the state government wants to purchase it, then why

you (Centre) is not handing it over to them?'

CM has also mentioned that they will never allow the dreams of people of Bastar to be shattered and would register stiff protest against handing over of NMDC Steel Plant in Nagarnar into private hands.

Two arrested with 60 grams of heroin



Raipur, Oct 03: Amanaka police of Raipur have arrested 2 accused with 60 grams of heroin. The accused had brought the drug consignment from Punjab to Raipur. They were looking for a customer to dispose of it in a deserted area near the pond located in Hirapur. Then the police caught him.

Acting on tip off about two youths selling heroin in Tatibandh area the police laid a trap and caught with heroin. During interrogation and search drug paraphernalia was recovered from the pocket of one of the youths.

Police have arrested Punjab resident Kulwinder Singh (39 years) and Raipur resident Nishanji Singh (35 years) and seized 60 grams of heroin in 2

packets, about 500 tablets of Alfazolam and Lomitol, and 3 mobile phones from them. Value of recovered items has been estimated at Rs 6 lakh 30 thousand.

According to the information, their main customers are truck drivers and helpers. Truck drivers and helpers mostly stop to rest in dhabas and depots on the outskirts of the city and that both the arrested youths remained active in such areas.

On September 26, Kabirnagar police arrested 24-year-old Nishant Singh Sandhu, a resident of Sondongri area. Names of some more persons involved in illicit drug trade also came to light in the police investigation. Police had recovered 15 grams of heroin worth Rs 1.5 lakh from Nishant.

Amidst unrest, BJP has put on hold declaration of candidates

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Oct 03: Amidst reported unrest among few section of society over the ticket distribution, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has put on hold the declaration of the second list of the candidates for the upcoming Legislative Assembly polls. Meanwhile, the Community Organizations like Sindh and Gujarati office-bearers have written separate letters to the BJP in-charge OP Mathur to give two seats each to them for the 90-member Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly.

It is notable that a viral list of the candidates for the remaining seats had gone to various social media platforms as well as section of media platforms. The aspirants, whose names were found in the list, are reportedly agitated and few of them have

even expressed their ire to the senior leaders of the party with their emotions. To check the further unrest among party rank and file, the central leadership has reportedly put on hold the declaration of the second list of the candidates. In the meanwhile, the Organizational leaders have also started exercise to ease the brewing unrest among key leaders.

Main reason stated behind the unrest among party workers is that several faces who had lost the 2018 Legislative Assembly polls have been again considered for the party ticket ignoring the candidatures of the new faces.

While the central leadership was considering declaring the list on Tuesday, the changed scenario has forced them to hold the list and would be declaring candidates after a week.

CG Blue defeat MP by 9 wickets in CG Cup T-20

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Oct 03: Ranji star Amandeep Khare on Tuesday scored half century to ensure victory against the heavy-weight Madhya Pradesh by 9 wickets in the Chhattisgarh T-20 Cup tournament being organised under the aegis of Chhattisgarh State Cricket Sangh (CSCS) here.

Batting first, the MP team scored just 124 runs against the Chhattisgarh Blue team. Himanshu Mistry was the highest scorer for MP with 25 runs

whereas Parth Sahni (21 runs) and Subham Sharma (20 runs) also made valuable contributions. Prashant Sai Paikra, Sourabh Majumdar claimed two wickets each for Chhattisgarh Blue.

In reply, the host scored the required runs in just 14 overs losing one wicket only. While Amandeep Khare scored 59 runs from just 31 balls with the help of 6 fours and 3 sixes, the opener Sanidhya Hurkat (39 not out) and Harpreet Singh Bhatia (23 not out) ensured victory for the team.



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Free NEET and JEE coaching for the children of Ch'garh: CM

Baghel launches Swami Atmanand Coaching Scheme

Free NEET and JEE coaching

Free Swami Atmanand Coaching Centers opened in four cities and all the 146 development blocks of Ch'garh

MoU signed between Samagra Shiksha, CTBC and Allon Career Coaching Institute Pvt. Ltd

Hindi and English medium students to get free coaching in these centers

FIRST Photo-CM_SACC -1-2 Raipur, Oct 03: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel virtually inaugurated the innovative 'Swami Atmanand Coaching Scheme' of the School Education Department today from his residence office. Under the scheme, students of class 12th in government schools will be provided free coaching facility for the preparation of competitive examinations of engineering and medical. 150 Coaching centers are being opened under the scheme in all the 146 development block headquarters of the state as well as in Raipur, Durg, Bilaspur and Korba. In the presence of Chief



Minister Mr. Baghel and School Education Minister Ravindra Choubey, a MoU was signed between Samagra Shiksha Division of School Education Department, Chhattisgarh Text Book Corporation and Allon Career Coaching Institute Private Limited for the implementation of Swami Atmanand Coaching Scheme. On this occasion, Chief Minister released a brochure on Swami Atmanand Coaching Scheme, prepared by School Education Department. He interacted online with the students present in the coaching centers of various development blocks of the state and took information regarding the scheme. Students thanked Chief Minister and School Education Minister for the scheme and said that it would help them build a better future for themselves.

At the inaugural program of Swami Atmanand Coaching Scheme, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel made another important announcement in the interest of school students, saying that in the near future, we will make full-fledged arrangements to provide online coaching facilities for PSC and

other competitive examinations in all the development blocks.

CM Baghel said that Swami Atmanand Coaching Scheme will prove to be an important factor in shaping a brighter future for children. Our government has been making consistent consolidated efforts to create a positive environment for education in the state. Provision of Rs 1100 crore was made for the infrastructure development of schools. With this amount, necessary resources including maintenance of school buildings and rooms and additional rooms were arranged. Recruitment of 30 thousand teachers has started in schools. Measures taken in the field of agriculture have led to a significant increase in the number of farmers and expansion in the area and production of agricultural sector. Similarly, the health sector has also undergone an evident transformation. CM Baghel said that 753 Swami Atmanand Excellent English and Hindi medium schools are being run in the state to provide quality education to children, especially those in rural and remote

areas. The scheme has grown so popular nowadays that we have more than 10 applications per seat in these schools. Swami Atmanand Coaching Scheme launched today will prove to be a revolutionary decision and an important step in the field of education.

Chief Minister said that going a step ahead in the implementation of this scheme, we have appointed teachers and made proper arrangements for coaching. Separate nodal teachers have been identified for Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Mathematics subjects in every coaching centre. There will be regular observation of the teaching work in coaching centers and parents feedback will also be taken. There will be two-way communication in online classes, that is, students will be able to ask questions to subject teachers. During this period, students will be continuously assessed.

School Education Minister Ravindra Choubey, while presiding over the program, said that School Education Department has taken immediate action and implemented the announcement made by

the Chief Minister on August 15. Chief Minister has taken meaningful steps for educational development in the state. He said that earlier children studying in rural areas could not imagine having access to Kota like coaching institutions. But with the commencement of this scheme, children even in the remotest area of the state can dare to dream big and have a brighter future.

Regarding the Swami Atmanand Coaching Scheme, Principal Secretary School Education Dr. Alok Shukla said that 150 coaching centers in 146 development blocks and four cities of the state have been equipped with internet connections and computers. In these coaching centers, Hindi and English medium students of class 12th will be provided free coaching in Mathematics and Biology. So far 9 thousand 13 children have been registered under this scheme. Of these, 6 thousand 553 have registered for NEET and 2 thousand 460 have registered for JEE coaching.

On this occasion, Chairman of State Mineral Development Corporation Girish Dewangan, Director State Educational Research and Training Council Mr. Rajesh Singh Rana, Director Public Education Sunil Kumar Jain, Managing Director Holistic Education Iffat Ara, Managing Director Chhattisgarh Text Book Corporation Inderjit Chandrawal, Mitakshara Kumari, Advisor of State Planning Commission, representative of Allon Coaching Institute and departmental officers were present.

CM Baghel inquired about the well-being of Bijapur MLA

Raipur, Oct 03: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel today met Bijapur MLA Vikram Mandavi and Chhattisgarh Shakambhari Board Chairman Ramkumar Patel, admitted for treatment in a private hospital in Raipur, to inquire about their well-being and wish for their speedy recovery.

It is noteworthy that MLA Mandavi was injured in a road accident yesterday, because of which he sustained an injury to his shoulder. Mandavi has been admitted to a private hospital in Raipur for treatment after the road accident.



Chief Justice unveils statue of Mahatma Gandhi, paid tribute to him

Former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri also remembered on the occasion of his birth anniversary

Raipur, Oct 02: On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi, Chief Justice Ramesh Sinha, Sinha unveiled the statue of Mahatma Gandhi in Chhattisgarh High Court building and paid tribute to him. The program started with the national anthem. On this occasion, the program was completed in the dignified presence of all the judges of the High Court, Advocate General, President of the Bar Association, Deputy Solicitor General of India, senior advocates, officers and employees. Addressing the function on the occasion of the 154th birth anniversary of



Mahatma Gandhi, Chief Justice Ramesh Sinha said that Mahatma Gandhi, fondly known as Babu, is not just a name but an institution of unparalleled reputation, who was beyond the limits of caste, religion and nation. Describing the High Court as the highest institution of the judicial system, he described it as the center of justice. Today has been declared as World Non-Violence Day by the United Nations General Assembly to honor the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi. Chief Justice Ramesh Sinha expressed the need to introspect today and take inspiration from Babu's ideals and work to make the country clean, dignified and peaceful. On this occasion, he also remembered former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri on the occasion of his birth anniversary and expressed that he is appreciated across the country for his simplicity and decisiveness.

The program was organized by Advocate General Satish Chandra Verma, Chhattisgarh. The function was also addressed were Abdul Wahab Khan, President of the High Court Bar Association and Ramakant Mishra, Deputy Solicitor General of India.

IIM Raipur takes the lead in Swachhata hi Sewa: Ek Tareekh-Ek Ghanta

Raipur, Oct 03: In an earnest effort to contribute to the Swachhata hi Sewa initiative, Indian Institute of Management, Raipur organized a commendable cleanliness drive under the banner of Swachhata Pakhwada.

"Ek Tareekh-Ek Ghanta" was observed on October 1, 2023. The event kicked off at 10 am and saw an overwhelming participation of both students and staff members.

The primary objective of this initiative was to foster a sense of responsibility towards the environment and to instill the importance of cleanliness among the students. More than 70 students, along with faculty and staff members, participated wholeheartedly in the pro-



gram, demonstrating their commitment to a cleaner and greener future.

The participants worked tirelessly for an hour, cleaning streets, collecting litter, and disposing it off properly. Speaking on the occasion, Professor Ram Kumar Kakani, Director, IIM Raipur, expressed his pride in the students and

staff for their enthusiastic participation in the cleanliness drive. The event concluded on a positive note with all participants feeling a sense of accomplishment. IIM Raipur's commitment to such initiatives reaffirms its dedication to producing responsible and socially conscious leaders of tomorrow.

Imbibe the thoughts of Gandhiji and Shastriji in mind, action and words: V-C

Program organized on Int'l Day of Non-Violence in CU

Bilaspur, Oct 03: Programs with national Unity Rally and presentation of bhajans were organized, on October 02, 2023 at Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (a Central University) on the occasion of the birth anniversaries of Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi and nation builder, former Prime Minister Late Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri ji. The Chief Guest of the program was Prof. G.C.R. Jaiswal, Dean, Commerce and Management, BHU, Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh) and the program was presided over by Honorable Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal.

The program was organized after the Unity Rally in the conference hall of the administrative building. The Chief Guest, Prof. G.C.R. Jaiswal said that Gandhiji was a worshiper of truth and non-violence who had said that truth



was his God and the way to God is through non-violence. Ego is a hindrance in attaining truth. Prof. Jaiswal said that 2nd October is celebrated as International Day of Non-Violence all over the world. We should definitely follow the path of truth and non-violence. In the presidential address, Honorable Vice-Chancellor Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal said that to become the best citizens of a great nation, we must imbibe the thoughts of Gandhiji and Shastriji in mind, and in words and deeds. Professor Chakrawal exhorted the students by saying, "Understanding the pain and suffering of others and working for their relief is humanity in the true sense. We, too, must serve the

society and nation by imbuing human values and developing good character".

Vice Chancellor Prof. Chakrawal, "Mahatma Gandhi ji and Shastri ji are the fathers of the modern era, who dedicated everything to the nation and sacrificed a lot like the great sage Dadhichi. Our life becomes meaningful by following any one of the various dimensions of national character mentioned by Gandhiji and Shastriji".

Earlier, at 9 am in the morning, after paying floral tributes before the oil painting of Gandhiji and the statue of Lal Bahadur Shastri in the premises of the Department of Management Studies, the university family, under the leadership of the

Honorable Vice-Chancellor, marched from the Department of Management Studies to the administrative building on the International Day of Non-Violence in the shape of the National Unity Rally and participated in the celebration in an atmosphere of elation, enthusiasm and joy. The guests visited the exhibition of products and handicrafts made under the Swavalambi Chhattisgarh Scheme of the university. After this, in the program organized in the auditorium of the administrative building, the guests lit the lamp and offered flowers before the oil paintings of Maa Saraswati, Saint Guru Ghasidas ji, Mahatma Gandhi and Shastri ji. The guests were welcomed with saplings. The Coordinator of the program, Prof. Shailendra Kumar delivered the welcome address. After that, Tarang Band gave a captivating presentation of Mahatma Gandhi's favorite bhajans.

On this occasion, the guests were honored by presenting

memorabilia. The program was conducted by Dr. Shweta Subramaniam. In the end, the vote of thanks was delivered by the Registrar of the University, Prof. Manish Shrivastava did it. The program ended with the national anthem. Deans, heads of departments, teachers, officers, employees and students were present on this occasion.

"One date, one hour, all together" - "Swachhata Hi Seva" Program Organized in Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya National Service Scheme Cell organized a program on cleanliness and hygiene awareness at the weekly vegetable market of Koni area at 10 am on October 1, 2023. In the program, a street play was presented by the volunteers of National Service Scheme Cell to create awareness about cleanliness in which people were made aware about water pollution, air pollution, water conservation, saving electricity, and about the need for throwing wet waste and dry waste separately.

BALCO culminates two-month celebration of initiatives boosting Mother and Child Care

The celebration included a range of activities under Poshan Maah and Breastfeeding Week

Balconagar, Oct 3: Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO), India's iconic aluminium producer and a subsidiary of Vedanta Aluminium, successfully concluded a two-month long celebration of maternal and child health initiatives as part of its flagship project, Project Arogya. The celebration included a range of community awareness efforts as part of Poshan Maah and Breastfeeding Week within the company's nearby communities.

Conducted in collaboration with the District Health Department and several community partners, the celebration promoted healthy nutritional practices focused on breastfeeding, nutrition, and overall personal well-being. Together, they posi-

tively impacted over 1000 women from 32 Anganwadi centers in the community.

Highlighting the impact of BALCO's health interventions under Project Arogya, Rajesh Kumar, CEO, and Director of BALCO, said, "BALCO's community development efforts envision a brighter, healthier future for all, one where every child can thrive, and every mother receives the care she deserves. As we recommit to a focus on Maternal and Child Health during Breastfeeding Week and Poshan Maah, BALCO reaffirms its commitment to nurturing healthier, happier communities through consistent and transformative efforts."

Expressing her appreciation towards BALCO's initiatives, Shrimati Jaya Rathiya, Sarpanch of Bela village in Korba, said, "The awareness sessions organized by BALCO on anemia and cancer were truly enlightening. In addition, the



breastfeeding support sessions have been instrumental in normalization conversations around women's health. These interventions are set to make a profoundly positive impact on maternal and child health in our community."

Aligned with Poshan Maah, an initiative launched by the Government of India, BALCO, through its Project Arogya health initiative, observed a dedicated Nutrition Month in

September with the aim of addressing community healthcare, raising awareness about the importance of nutrition, and promoting healthy nutritional practices, especially among pregnant and lactating women, as well as mothers of malnourished children.

The month encompassed a range of activities such as Awareness Sessions on Anemia. The month-long celebration featured a series of activities, includ-

ing awareness camps and sessions led by nutrition experts and gynecologists, covering topics related to nutrition and anemia.

PD Hearth Sessions and THR Training Programs: These sessions include Positive Deviance/Hearth (PDH) sessions, an effective behavior change program for rehabilitating and sustaining malnourished children without medical complications. It also included training on Take-

Home Rations (THR), which is a supplementary food product provided by the Women and Child Development Department for improving the nutrition levels of mothers and children. Recipe Competitions: Interactive discussions, Q&A sessions, and a 'Vyanjan Pratiyogita', a special recipe-making competition utilising THR

Godh Bharayi: BALCO celebrated traditional Indian Baby showers of 30 pregnant women from the community, providing them with expert advice to enhance their nutrition intake.

Distribution of Poshan Badi Kits: BALCO also encouraged the development of Nutrition gardens with the distribution of Poshan Badi kits containing fruit and vegetable seeds and fruit saplings to malnourished households, in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK).

Nutrition for Men: The month also featured spe-

cial awareness talks that emphasized the nutritional needs of men, highlighting and creating awareness on men's health.

BALCO also observed 'Breastfeeding Week' under Project Arogya with the theme 'Let's make breastfeeding and work, work' in the month of August.

The campaign, underscoring the significance of breastfeeding, especially for women engaged in agricultural and household activities, included several initiatives such as

Awareness Sessions on Cancer Prevention: Expert health professionals, including Cancer Specialists, Gynecologists, and Doctors from BALCO Medical Centre, BALCO Hospital, and Government Hospital, conducted informative health talks with women and lactating mothers in the communities, covering breast cancer awareness, early detection, risk

factors, self-examination techniques, and proactive breast health practices.

Health Check-up Camps: These were organized in partnership with the District Health Department, offering free diagnostic tests for diabetes, blood pressure, and hemoglobin, emphasizing on the importance of regular medical check-ups.

Project Arogya, a comprehensive health initiative by BALCO, provides quality primary healthcare services, with a focus on maternal and child health. The project has successfully reached over 30,000 individuals through curative and preventive healthcare services. Over 3000 mothers and 430 malnourished children have benefited in FY23. The project has trained over 600 mothers on recipes from Take Home Ration (THR) and developed 150 Nutrition gardens at Anganwadi centers, households of pregnant & lactating mothers and malnourished children.

'Rlys moving towards 100 % electrification of rail lines'

Nizamabad (Telangana), Oct 03 (PTI): The Indian Railways is moving forward with the aim of 100 per cent electrification of all rail lines in the next few months, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said here on Tuesday.

He was speaking after inaugurating and laying the foundation stone of multiple development projects worth more than Rs 8,000 crore at Nizamabad in Telangana.

"Indian Railways is moving forward with the aim of 100 per cent electrification of all rail lines in the next few months," Modi said.

Among others, Modi inaugurated the first 800 MW unit of phase 1 of the Telangana Super Thermal Power Project of the NTPC.

"Today in Peddapalli district, NTPC's super thermal power plant's first unit was dedicated to the nation. Very soon its second unit will also be opera-



PM Modi waves at supporters as he arrives for an event organised for laying of foundation stone of various developmental projects, in Nizamabad, Telangana, Tuesday.

Manoharabad and Mahabubnagar-Kurnool.

Today in India, the world's largest health insurance scheme, Ayushman Bharat is being implemented, the Prime Minister said.

Modi laid the foundation stone of 20 critical care blocks (CCBs) under the Pradhan Mantri - Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission.

These CCBs will be built in the districts of Adilabad, Bhadrachalam, Kothagudem, Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Jogulamba Gadwal, Hyderabad, Khammam, Kurnool, Kumuram Bheem Asifabad, Mancherial, Mahabubnagar (Badepally), Mulugu, Nagarkurnool, Nalgonda, Narayanpet, Nirmal, Rajanna Sircilla, Rangareddy (Maheshwararam), Suryapet, Peddapalli, Vikarabad and Warangal (Narsampet), an official release had said.

After the first and second phases are completed, the plant's installed capacity becomes 4,000 MW," Modi said.

"I am happy to note that this plant is the most modern plant of NTPC in the whole country," Modi further said. Telangana will be immensely benefitted with the power produced in this plant, Modi added.

The power plant will provide low-cost power to the state and will boost its economic development.

The PM also dedicated to the nation, rail projects including the new line connecting Manoharabad and Siddipet and the electrification project between D h a r m a b a d -

ALL WOMEN EXPEDITION



CRPF women bikers leave for the motorcycling expedition 'Yashasvini' from the Lal Chowk in Srinagar, Tuesday.

Uddhav Sena eyes 8 out of 10 LS seats in Mumbai

Mumbai: The Uddhav Thackeray-led faction of Shiv Sena is keen to contest 8 out of the 10 Lok Sabha constituencies in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region with some 'give and take' in the next elections, sources said on Tuesday.

Thackeray has been holding consultations with the party workers and leaders for the last few days. On Tuesday, he met with office-bearers from the Mumbai North East and the Mumbai North Lok Sabha constituencies.

The Shiv Sena (undivided) had won three of the total six LS constituencies in Mumbai in 2019 when it contested in alliance with B.J.P. Besides Mumbai South, Mumbai South Central, and Mumbai Northwest seats, the Shiv Sena had also won Kalyan, Thane, and Palghar seats in the last elections. However, MPs from Mumbai South Central, Mumbai North West, Palghar, and Kalyan have switched their loyalties to the Shiv Sena led by Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde.

Karanvir Bohra honours his mother's wishes with a sweet gesture

Mumbai, Oct 03:

Popular television actor Karanvir Bohra, is widely known for his compelling portrayal as Viraj Dobriyal. He is currently seen in the new season of 'Saubhagyavati Bhavnaniyam aur Shartien Laagu'. Viraj Dobriyal recently expressed his heartfelt gratitude and love for his mother through a touching and heartwarming gesture.

Bohra took to social media to share a personal moment with his fans, revealing the beautiful bond he shares with his mother. He wrote, "My mommie makes homemade Prasad every Thursday and gives it down at the mandir. This time she made Prasad for the entire unit of Saubhagyavati bhavnaniyam aur Shartien Laagu" and specifically asked me to serve everyone with my own hands. I would anyway have done it, but I love it how moms still treat us like babies and give us instructions. I



never want this relation to change."

This heartfelt message showcases Bohra's appreciation for the love and care he receives from his mother and emphasizes the importance of cherishing the enduring bond between a mother and her child. Bohra's willingness to serve Prasad to the unit, following his mother's request, reflects the deep-rooted values and traditions he holds dear.

Rs 10,000 fine on students for protesting segregation of tables

Mumbai, Oct 03 (PTI): A students body of the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT B) has claimed a fine of Rs 10,000 has been imposed by the administration on pupils who protested against segregation of tables over vegetarian food at its hostel's canteen.

"@iitbombay has imposed a fine of Rs 10,000 on the students who had stood against the food segregation policy of the institute by a peaceful act of individual civil disobedience. This action of the admin is similar to a Khap Panchayat (caste council) acting to uphold untouchability in modern times," the Ambedkar Periyar Phule Study Circle, a Left-leaning students body of the institute, said in a post on X on late Monday night.

There was no response from the IIT B administration when contacted for a comment on the students body's claim.

Following a row over segregation of tables for vegetarian students in one of the canteens of the IIT B last week, the Mess Council officially stated that six tables in common canteen of three hostels would be earmarked for vegetarians.

NMDC paid floral tribute to Mahatma Gandhi



Hyderabad, Oct 03:

and employees. The National Miner ran a massive Swachhata Hi Sewa campaign in the honor of Mahatma Gandhi from 15th of September to the 2nd of October 2023. During this two-week program, various interactive workshops, competitions, and cleanliness drives were organized to encourage environmentally conscious behavior.

A prize distribution event was also held today to felicitate Safai Mitra and to award the winners of the Swachhata Hi Sewa competitions.

On this occasion, B Sahoo, ED (PC & S) said, 'this Gandhi Jayanti, let us reflect on Mahatma Gandhi's timeless wisdom and work towards developing a more compassionate and inclusive society, and work towards a cleaner, greener, and more peaceful world.'

While addressing the gathering, Satyender Rai, ED (P&A & DT) said 'this day holds great significance in India and around the world, as it serves as a reminder of Gandhi's principles. On this Gandhi Jayanti, may we all be inspired by the fundamentals of Satya (truth), ahimsa (nonviolence), and swaraj (self-rule) that Mahatma Gandhi stood for.' The event concluded with a Cleanliness Drive at the Head office with the participation of senior officials and employees.

CELEBRATION TIME



Second batch of Agniveer soldiers celebrate after the passing out parade at Gaur Drill Ground, Danapur in Patna, Tuesday.

'Jali': Book gives detailed description of over 200 latticed screen across India

New Delhi: From the intricate latticed screens built in 17th-century Agra to those designed by global contemporary artists influenced by historical styles, a new book explores the delicate beauty of over two hundred jalis across India. 'Jali: Lattice of Divine Light in Mughal Architecture', the illustrated edition by author Navina Najat Haidar, Nasser Sabah al-Ahmad al-Sabah, curator in charge of Islamic Art at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, is published by Mapin. A jali is a perforated stone or latticed screen, with ornamental patterns that draw on the compositional rhythms of geometry and calligraphy. It brings filtered light into enclosed spaces while providing protection and privacy. "This volume was first imagined as a small picture book of a few extraordinary jalis but when the variety and brilliance of this feature became apparent, it grew into a more substantial study tied into the history of Mughal architecture. Working with scholars and photographers who have a gifted eye for Mughal art helped contextualise the jali within the wider language of architectural ornament.

Skill Development Corporation Case

Naidu fails to get relief in SC, hearing deferred to Oct 9

New Delhi, Oct 03 (PTI): Former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister and Telugu Desam Party (TDP) chief N Chandrababu Naidu Tuesday failed to secure any relief from the Supreme Court which posted for October 9 his plea challenging the high court order refusing to quash an FIR against him in the Skill Development Corporation scam case.

A bench of Justices Aniruddha Bose and Bela M Trivedi asked senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for the Andhra Pradesh government, to place on record all material which were produced before the high court in connection with the case.

Rohatgi argued that

Naidu's petition for quashing the FIR be rejected as the question about the applicability of section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act does not arise as the provision came into force in July 2018, while the CBI began probing the case in 2017.

Section 17A was introduced by an amendment with effect from July 26, 2018 and the provision stipulates a mandatory requirement for a police officer to seek prior approval from the competent authority for conducting any enquiry or inquiry or investigation into any offence alleged to have been committed by a public servant under the Prevention of Corruption Act (PC

Act). Senior advocates Harish Salve, Abhishek Singhvi and Siddharth Luthra, appearing for Naidu, said all allegations in the FIR pertain to decisions, instructions or recommendations made by Naidu when he was the chief minister.

"This is nothing but a political case and section 17A would apply in the matter," Salve said, adding section 17A is applicable in the case as the inquiry started in December, 2021.

There is a subtle difference between the words enquiry and inquiry, with the former denoting general asking of questions and the latter meaning formally seeking information or beginning investigation.

GENERAL NOTICE

It is informed to the general public that my party Shri Bharat Lakhota S/o Shri Dwarika Das Lakhota R/o House No. 67/4 Gurudwara Road Nehru Nagar (West) Bhilai Tah. & Dist. Durg has missed a sale deed in his possession in which seller is Sumant Kumar Dubey S/o Krishna Prasad and buyer is Shri A.K. Saxena S/o Shri P.S. Saxena, whose registration was done on 16/12/1998 in the office of SRO Rajnandgaon, whose book no. is 15046 and document no. is 3263. Which has been lost somewhere. Even though a lot of searching, when it was not found, the information was given to the nearest police station in Durg Tah. and Dist Durg. If any person receives the said document, please return it.

A part of that loan facility is being availed by my party from Punjab National Bank and the above document is a link document. If any person, Institution, Fincal Institution, Government Department has any objection or any interest or Claim on said Document, Please contact in my office and present relevant documents in support of your side.

Therefore, it is informed to the general public that they receive said original Sale deed. It can be deposited in my office. Get information Accordingly.

Place:- Durg
Date: 26/09/2023

Shailendra Jogewar Advocate
Marg-8, Zone-3, New Adarsh Nagar,
Durg (C.G.) Mob: 98279-48381

Affidavit

I Harish Golchha son of late Aanand Raj Golchha age 48 yrs resident of makan No. 158 hospital ward kondagaon, district kondagaon do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under:-

- 1) That the deponent is permanent resident of the above said address.
- 2) That previously the name of the deponent was Harish Golchha father late Aanand Raj Golchha resident kondagaon pin 494226.
- 3) That the new name of the deponent i.e Harish kumar Golchha father late Aanand Raj Golchha resident kondagaon pin 494226 will be used by the deponent he all the purposes in future in the government, semi-government, non-government and any other sector.

VERIFICATION

Verified at 03 October on this day Tuesday of 2023 that the contents of the above said affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

DEPONENT

Notice under section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (The Act)

S. No.	Name of Borrower(s) (A)	Particulars of Mortgaged property/ (ies) (B)	Date Of NPA(C)	Outstanding Amount (Rs.) (D)
1	LOAN ACCOUNT NO. HHLRPR0402395 1. CHARAN SINGH MARKAM 2. RAJBTI MARKAM 3. SARIT KUMAR MISHRA (GUARANTOR)	PLOT NO. 1-15, CHINATAMANI GANESH VATIKA, PART OF KH. NO. 5/9, MOUJA SALONI, PH. NO. 134/13, RNM ABHANPUR, RAIPUR-492001, CHHATTISGARH	09.09.2023	Rs. 10,46,010.91 (Rupees Ten Lakh Forty Six Thousand Ten and Paise Ninety One Only) as on 15.09.2023

That the above named borrower(s) have failed to maintain the financial discipline towards their loan account (s) and as per books of accounts maintained in the ordinary course of business by the Company, Column D indicates the outstanding amount. Due to persistent default in repayment of the Loan amount on the part of the Borrower(s) the above said loan account has been classified by the Company as Non Performing Asset (as on date in Column C) within the guidelines relating to assets classification issued by Regulating Authority. Consequently, notices under Sec. 13(2) of the Act were also issued to each of the borrower.

In view of the above, the Company hereby calls upon the above named Borrower(s) to discharge in full his/her liabilities towards the Company by making the payment of the entire outstanding dues indicated in Column D above including up to date interest, costs, and charges within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, the Company shall be entitled to take possession of the Mortgaged Property mentioned in Column B above and shall also take such other actions as is available to the Company in law.

Please note that in terms of provisions of sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, "A borrower can tender the entire amount of outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Secured Creditor only till the date of publication of the notice for sale of the secured asset(s) by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty. Further it may also be noted that in case Borrower fails to redeem the secured asset within aforesaid legally prescribed time frame, Borrower may not be entitled to redeem the property."

In terms of provision of sub-Section (13) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of his business) any of the secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of secured creditor.

Place: RAIPUR For Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd. Authorized Officer

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

Corporate Office: Unit No. 802, Natraj Rustomjee, Western Express Highway and M.V. Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400069

Dhamtari Branch : 2nd Floor Beside Dr. Panjwani Clinic Ratnabandha Road Dhamtari-493773 (CG).

POSSESSION NOTICE Appendix IV (for immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) in exercise of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of AHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

S. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Co Borrower(s) (Name of the Branch)	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Date of Possession
1	(Loan Code No. 11100000047/ Dhamtari Branch) Keju Ram Jain (Borrower) Chandra Bai Jain (Co-Borrower)	All that Piece and Parcel of the property bearing, Kh No. 612 1 B No. 05 Ric Kanker Ph No. 5 Village Nara, Kanker, Chhattisgarh 494334 Boundaries: East: Land of Sangram Singh Jain, West: Road, North: Land of Nemish Jain, South: Land of Krishna Jain	11-07-2023 & ₹ 8,30,496/-	29-09-2023

Place : Chhattisgarh
Date : 04-10-2023 Authorised Officer
Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

BJPMM submits memorandum to TI Kurud

■ Demands action against illicit sale of liquor, other intoxicants

Kurud, Oct 03:

The illegal business of liquor and drugs in the Kurud city and nearby areas has increased alarmingly and the condition is such that illicit sale of liquor, drugs, psychotropic drugs is being openly sold in the lanes & by-lanes of the city. In the same way the illicit sale of liquor and banned tablets has increased manifold in village areas and many a small and medium mediators have come into existence and they are openly doing all such illegal activities and created terror among common men.

Even after complaint, ac-



tion is taken just for formality's sake and in such conditions, those involved in mediation get information well in advance and they become underground. Due to this there is great deal of resentment and dissatisfaction among the peace-loving and noble citizens, women, senior citizens and businessmen of Kurud city.

Illegal drugs business in city: Mahila Morcha

In view of increasing cases of illicit sale of liquor and other intoxicants in the city and nearby villages, the BJP's Mahila Morcha (BJPMM) has asked the police administration of the city to put a check and take strict action against those involved.

They also submitted a memorandum to the TI Kurud to maintain law & order situation and demanded strict action soon and gives ultimatum of a week's time.

It is notable here that liquor and other intoxicants are being sold openly in Kurud city and nearby villages and due to which

the incidents of looting, chain snatching and goondaism has increased manifold. Due to this the people of city, especially women and girls are terrified. This was strongly condemned by the BJP Mahila Morcha and they submitted a memorandum to TI Kurud to root out this social evil at the earliest and help in restoring peace, Law & order in city.

Among those submitted memorandum to TI Kurud Deepa Kewat included BJP Mahila Morcha Mandal President Jagriti Sahu, Jigyasa Sinha, BJYM Secretary, Anuradha Sahu c i t y - i n - c h a r g e ; Tumeshwari Dhruv-corporator; Sangeeta Sen Booth President; Varsha Nirmalkar; Mamta Sahu, Media in-chargea Neetu Nirmalkar, Anita Nirmalkar, Keja, Tishwari and others.

VKS members meet TI, lodge complaint

■ Demands action against accused in online fraud, cheating cases

Kurud, Oct 03:

The members of Vayapar Kalyan Sangh (VKS) Kurud submitted a complaint to the TI Kurud Deepa Kewat to check into fraud and cheating through social media and take action against the accused. Members of VKS informed TI Kurud that many businessmen of the region have received fake messages, and calls from fraudsters and in this many Grocery owners, stationary shop owners, Hardware, rods and cement shop owners and dealers have fallen victim of messages through fake

IDs and links. Set aside this many businessmen have received forged WhatsApp call with forged video-calls from one of their relative's photos and demanding cash.

It is notable here that many incidents of cheating and forgery has taken place with businessmen of the city through social media platforms like Facebook, WhatsApp, Telegram and fake links. In this they received messages or phone calls from unknown numbers and are demanding cash from them. The members of VKS have urged the people to make other aware about such fake calls and messages.

Lodging complaint with police, VKS members urged for early action. Among those who submitted complaint

What SDOP Says

SDOP Kurud KK Patel informed that they have received complaint about illicit sale of liquor from the market area and on which action has been taken. On complaint by BJPMM, due action will be taken by intensifying patrolling in sensitive areas. In the same way in cases of online fraud and complaint by the members of VKS, investigation is in process and necessary action will be taken. SDOP Kurud-KK Patel.

from VKS included President VKS Yogendra Sinha, V-P Ravi Chandrakar, Gen.Secy. Khilendra Chandrakar, Treasurer Dhanesh Bais and others.

Gandhiji offered rich tributes by Collectorate staff

Bijapur, Oct 03:

Officers and employees of the district administration including Collector Rajendra Kumar Katara garlanded and paid floral tributes to the statue of Mahatma Gandhi located in the Collectorate premises on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti on Oct 2. During this, Collector Rajendra Kumar Katara paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi.

He appealed employees to get inspired by following the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi, incorporate his principles of truth and non-violence in his practical life and move forward. Mahatma Gandhi's sacrifices and his contribution in liberating the country have an important role which will always be re-



membered. 'We will always be indebted to a great man like Mahatma Gandhi', he added.

On this occasion, all the officers remembered Mahatma Gandhi by garlanding his statue. During this, Joint Collector Pawan Kumar Premi, Deputy Collector Dilip Uike, senior officers and employees of the district administration were present.

Boida NSS spearheads massive cleanliness and awareness drive

Korba, Oct 03:

Boida NSS, in an exemplary display of community spirit, led a robust cleanliness campaign and awareness rally in Korba. Under the esteemed guidance of Dr. Ashok Kumar Shroti, Director, and Dr. Nita Bajpayee, State National Service Scheme Officer, along with support from the Ministry of Sports and Youth Welfare, Delhi, and the Regional Directorate of Bhopal, this initiative left an indelible mark on the ongoing Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

The campaign, which spanned from September 15th to October 2nd, coinciding with Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary, reached its pinnacle



on October 1st. At 10:00 AM, a special cleanliness drive commenced with an ardent aim to transform Boida's bus stand and passenger waiting area into spotlessly clean spaces, devoid of plastic waste and garbage.

Dushyant Sharma, a respected citizen, graced the occasion with his presence and unwavering support. He not only motivated the volunteers but also provid-

ed much-needed refreshments, including water and biscuits.

The event witnessed the active participation of numerous volunteers, including Janak Ram Patel, Rajkumar Marawi, Ramkumar Kewat, Chandrika Shrivastav, Ramesh Rajak, Veerendra Kumar Yadav, Lakeshwar Kumar Shrivastav, Teesa Marawi, Ritu Patel, Toshika Patel, Saraswati

Students take rally of Swachhta Pakhwada



Gaurelaendra Marwahi, Oct 03:

A program was organized under Swachhta Pakhwada at DAV Chief Minister Public School, Kudkai Pendra, where students took out a rally from the school to Dubatia Chowk and went to Kudkai village and cleaned the surrounding

areas and performed a street play. The main point of the play was cleanliness and education, in which children tried to tell people how cleanliness and education are important in life. The children as well as the teachers were appreciated by the people present there and villagers for their efforts.

Congress has won the trust of every section of society : Surana

■ BJP only kept cheating every section of the society: Mandavi

Bijapur, Oct 03:

On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri, as per the instructions of the State Congress Committee, District Congress Committee (DCC) Bijapur has taken out Congress Bharosa Yatra to spread the schemes of the state government among the people. Congress Bharosa Yatra was started by offering prayers at Bhairamdev Temple Bhairamgarh and concluded the Yatra at Madedad.

Addressing the media persons Vimal Surana, Joint General Secretary of the State Congress Committee and in-charge of



Bijapur at the district headquarters Bijapur, said that the Congress government in Chhattisgarh is about to complete five years. Today, Congress Bharosa Yatra was organized in every assembly seat of the state on Gandhi and Shastri Jayanti. Today, people from every society of Chhattisgarh are saying that they have trust in Congress because it did what it promised.

Vimal Surana said that on the other hand, during last 15 years of Raman

Singh's tenure as CM every section of the society was unhappy with his governance. Every leader of BJP was neck-deep in taking commission business. Raman Singh himself was unhappy with commission work in BJP that is why he went on to say to his party workers and leaders that "Leave taking commission for one year; no one can remove you from power for thirty years." He further said that in the 15 years of BJP, farmers neither got the price of Rs 2100 per quintal

nor the promise of bonus every year was fulfilled.

On the other hand, Congress fulfilled the promise of loan waiver as soon as it came to power and the Congress government has waived off loans worth Rs 9000 crore of 18 lakh farmers of the state. The promise of giving Rs 2500 per quintal to the farmers was kept and this year they are getting Rs 2640 per quintal.

Addressing the press, Bijapur MLA and Vice Chairman of Bastar Area Tribal Development Authority, Vikram Mandavi said that 3000 schools were closed during the BJP rule. Congress not only opened closed schools but also opened more than 700 schools under Swami Atmanand English Medium School Scheme. Rs 1100 crore was given for the renovation of schools in the entire state. Swami Atmanand English medium colleges were also

opened and the state also got four new medical colleges. In the name of health, during the BJP rule, there was the Cataract scam, sterilization scam, uterus scam, fake medicine scam. During the rule of Congress, facilities like Haat Bazaar Clinic, Urban Slum Health Scheme and Dai Didi Clinic are being provided.

During the BJP rule, jobs were not coming out for years, while thousands of posts were filled in the Congress government. Vikram Mandavi further said that the unemployed are getting an allowance of Rs 2500 every month. Industry and trade has also increased in the state, let alone the rice mill. So far 500 new rice mills have opened in the state. Overall, BJP's Raman Singh government had lost the public trust and Congress's Bhupesh government has won the public trust.

NTPC Korba organizes Prabhat Pheri

■ And pays tribute to the Father of the Nation at NTPC Korba

Korba, Oct 03:

As per the guidelines of the Government of India, Swachhta Pakhwada is being organized by NTPC Korba from 01 October to 15 October 2023 under the Swachh Bharat Mission. On this occasion, B. Ramachandra Rao, Business Unit Head, NTPC Korba, took oath on the occasion of Swachhta Pakhwada-Swachhta Hi Seva on Oct 01.

During this fortnight, on Oct 2, NTPC Korba organized Prabhat Pheri at NTPC Korba Township and also paid tribute to the Father of the Nation. NTPC Korba unitedly cooperated for one hour for Prabhat Pheri. Prabhat Pheri was led by B.R. Rao, Business Unit Head, NTPC Korba. On this occasion, Madhu S., General Manager (O&M),



Shri Somnath Bhattacharya, General Manager (Operations), Manish V. Sathe, General Manager (Ash Dyke Management), Prabhat Ram, Additional General Manager (HR) and other senior officials, Employees, Union and Association members, NTPC Korba team were present. In this sequence, everyone paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on his 154th birth anniversary at Pragati Club of NTPC Korba Township. The importance he gave to cleanliness inspired the public for cleanliness. Everyone wishes that his ideas enable every human being

to promote unity and harmony in today's world and that his timeless teachings continue to illuminate our path. It is noteworthy that during Swachhta Pakhwada, various types of awareness programs and competitions are being organized in NTPC Korba. Swachh Bharat Abhiyan is a Swachh Bharat Mission of the Government of India that supports making India clean. The campaign was initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and launched on 2 October 2014 to honour Mahatma Gandhi's vision of Swachh Bharat.

Mass cleanliness campaign launched

Bemetra, Oct 03:

Under the Swachhta Hi Seva Fortnight under the Swachh Bharat Mission, under the guidance of Collector P.S.Elma, "One Date" One Hour - Clean was organized in all the wards of all the urban bodies of the district under the Swachhta Hi Seva Fortnight. Common citizens including officers and public representatives donated their labor by collectively cleaning the streets, localities and public places.

People seemed enthusiastic in taking ownership for urban cleanliness. In the program organized at the district headquarters, MLA Mr. Ashish Chhabra administered the oath of



cleanliness to the people present. On this occasion, Chairperson Municipal Council, Shakuntala Mangat Sahu along with councilors cleaned the area.

Ashish Chhabra also honored Swachhta Didis, Mitans and social serv-

ice organizations under Swachhta Hi Seva. He highly praised the work of Safai Didis and Mitaneen and social service organizations of the city in cleaning and greening the city. The MLA said that cleanliness makes our life and environment happy.

International Day of Older Persons organised

Bemetra, Oct 03:

On the International Day of Older Persons, which is celebrated on October 1, the Election Commission took a unique initiative. On this occasion more than 4000 voters above 80 years of age are to be honoured across the district and there are approximately 4000 voters above 80 years of age in Bemetra district. Collector and District Election Officer P.S.Elma along with the Sub-Divisional Officer (Revenue) Election Registration Officer,

Tehsildar, Assistant Election Registration Officer of the three assembly constituencies of the district number 68, Saja, and 69 Bemetra and assembly constituency number 70 Navagarh, honoured elderly above 80 in the region.

They were administered the oath of voting that / We, the citizens of India, having full faith in democracy, take this oath that we will maintain the dignity of the democratic traditions of our country and will keep intact the dignity of free, fair and peaceful elections.

Gandhi Jayanti celebrated in SECL

Korba, Oct 03:

The 154th birth anniversary of Pujya Bapu Mahatma Gandhi was celebrated at SECL on 02 October 2023. On this occasion, CMD Dr. Prem Sagar Mishra, Director (Finance) G. Srinivasan, Director Technical (Operations & Planning/Projects) S.N. Kapri, Director (Personnel) Debashish Acharya, Chief Vigilance Officer Jayant Kumar Kharnari, various heads of departments, officers-employees, labor union representatives paid their respects by offering garlands and flowers at the Gandhi Statue located at SECL Nehru Shatabdi Nagar. Thereafter, CMD Dr. Prem Sagar Mishra administered the cleanliness oath to all the attendees and everyone took a pledge to devote 100 hours for



cleanliness every year. Safai Mitras honored: Safai Mitras working in SECL were also honored in the Gandhi Jayanti program today. It may be noted that Swachhta Hi Seva Abhiyan has been celebrated across the country from 15th September to 2nd October under the joint aegis of the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation and Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. The

theme of this year's campaign was Garbage Free India and the main objective of this year's campaign is to promote cleanliness of our surroundings and the welfare of our Safaimitras. The campaign concluded today with 139 Safai Mitras working at SECL Headquarters, Vasant Vihar and Indira Vihar Colonies being honored by SECL CMD Dr. Prem Sagar Mishra and other distinguished guests.



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ISIS's Agenda in India

A Closer Look

The development that has gripped the nation's attention is the apprehension of three individuals connected to an ISIS-inspired module operating within India. This incident is a stark reminder of the persistent threat posed by extremist ideologies, and it raises pressing questions about their influence and objectives within our borders. The three individuals in question, Mohammad Shahnawaz Alam, Mohammad Rizwan Ashraf, and Mohammad Arshad Warsi, have been linked to a sinister plot that closely aligns with the objectives of the ISIS terror network. Their alleged involvement in radicalization, the creation of improvised explosive devices (IEDs), and the identification of potential targets in various Indian cities serves as a troubling manifestation of the evolving threat landscape. Shahnawaz, previously a fugitive listed among the National Investigation Agency's most-wanted terrorists, presents a particularly disconcerting case. His journey from a bright and promising student to an alleged extremist underscores the insidious influence that ISIS ideology can wield. It highlights the urgent need to understand the dynamics of radicalization and how individuals with promising futures can be lured into the abyss of extremist activities. Shahnawaz's activities, which encompassed not only the manufacturing of IEDs but also reconnaissance missions to identify crowded areas and routes frequented by VIP political figures, reflect a chilling intent to inflict violence and chaos. The methodical planning and determination to carry out targeted killings pose a grave threat to the safety and security of our nation. What is especially disheartening is that individuals initially drawn to education and career prospects can be swayed by extremist ideologies. This transformation from aspiring students to potential perpetrators of violence underscores the critical importance of early intervention and robust counter-radicalization efforts. It is essential to address the underlying factors that make individuals susceptible to extremist propaganda, such as social isolation, vulnerability, and exposure to radical online content. The incident also underscores the need for greater cooperation and coordination among law enforcement agencies, intelligence services, and educational institutions. Early detection of radicalization signs and swift intervention can play a pivotal role in preventing extremist ideologies from taking root. While the details of this ISIS-inspired module continue to emerge, one thing remains clear: the threat of extremist ideologies is an ongoing and evolving concern. It is imperative that our nation's security forces remain vigilant and proactive in identifying and thwarting such threats. The safety and security of our citizens should always be paramount. In addition to the immediate security concerns, this incident should prompt a broader national conversation about the influence of extremist ideologies. It is essential to address the root causes that drive individuals toward radicalization. This includes understanding the role of online platforms, peer influence, and socioeconomic factors in shaping extremist narratives. Efforts should be made to engage communities, religious leaders, and civil society organizations in counter-radicalization initiatives. Building resilience against extremist propaganda and providing alternative narratives is crucial to preventing the spread of radical ideologies.

Transforming Education

The Impact of AI

Dr Krishna Kumar Vepakomma

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has embarked on a transformative journey in the realm of education, revolutionizing the way we learn, communicate, and engage with knowledge. This technological marvel, often hailed as a game-changer, is bringing about significant changes that extend far beyond the classroom walls. One of the most remarkable contributions of AI to education is the breaking down of language barriers. Education is a global endeavor, with students and educators hailing from diverse linguistic backgrounds. AI-powered translation tools have stepped in as the ultimate linguistic bridge, facilitating effective communication and understanding across languages. Whether you are a student striving to comprehend a lecture delivered in a foreign tongue or a teacher trying to reach a diverse group of learners, AI seamlessly facilitates this exchange. It ensures that education transcends geographical boundaries, fostering inclusivity and diversity. AI is fundamentally changing the dynamics of education by personalizing the learning experience. It's akin to having a dedicated tutor who understands your unique learning needs, strengths, and weaknesses. Through sophisticated algorithms and data analysis, AI assesses your progress and adapts the learning materials accordingly. For instance, if you excel in one subject but struggle with another, AI detects this disparity and tailors its recommendations to bolster your weaker areas. This individualized approach not only enhances learning outcomes but also boosts self-esteem by catering to your specific requirements. In essence, AI is transforming education into a customized journey, ensuring that no student is left behind. AI is not just confined to the student-teacher interface; it permeates the administrative fabric of educational institutions. Imagine having a diligent assistant that handles routine tasks, answers queries, registers students for courses, and devises timetables. This is the reality AI is creating in schools and colleges. By automating mundane administrative processes, AI liberates teachers and administrators from the burdens of bureaucracy, allowing them to channel their energy and expertise into teaching and nurturing students. The result is an educational ecosystem that is more efficient, less encumbered by administrative hassles, and better positioned to foster holistic growth. While the impact of AI on education is undeniably transformative and promising, it's imperative to tread cautiously. Ensuring responsible AI usage is paramount. Fairness, ethics, and accountability must be the guiding principles as AI permeates education. It should never discriminate or disadvantage any student or group. Teachers, educational leaders, and tech experts must collaborate to harness the power of AI for the collective good. This involves continuous monitoring, evaluation, and adaptation of AI systems to ensure they remain inclusive, unbiased, and beneficial to all learners. AI is not merely a technological advancement; it is a revolution that is reshaping education as we know it. By transcending linguistic barriers, personalizing learning experiences, and streamlining administrative processes, AI is making education more accessible, effective, and enjoyable. However, as we embrace this transformation, we must also embrace the responsibility of ensuring that AI-driven education remains a force for good, fostering equality and empowering every learner on their unique educational journey.

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LOTUS PICKING SERENITY

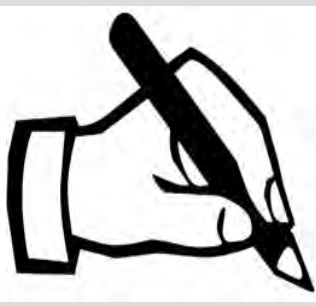


A man sailing a small boat plucks lotus flowers from a water body, in Nadia, Tuesday, Oct. 3.

Defeat Childhood Cancer Before It Becomes Lethal and Fatal



DR. MAN MOHAN PRAKASH



In the modern scientific era, we are fortunate to enjoy a life that is not only comfortable but also longer, thanks to the relentless efforts of scientists and advancements in the medical field. These developments have significantly improved disease diagnosis and treatment, thereby reducing mortality rates. What were once deemed incurable diseases a few decades ago are now manageable and, in some cases, curable. In India, initiatives like 'Ayushman Bharat Yojana,' 'Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra,' and 'E-Sanjeevani National Telemedicine Service,' along with various state government health schemes, aim to provide affordable healthcare to the underprivileged. It is crucial for the public to be aware of and take advantage of these programs. Cancer, however, remains a formidable challenge in our society. It is often viewed as an incurable and agonizing dis-

ease, leading families to count the moments when a loved one is diagnosed. The high cost and lengthy treatment process add to the distress. To combat cancer effectively, patients need strong family support, self-confidence, a positive outlook, and unwavering determination. It is equally essential that patients and their families understand that medical science has made remarkable progress in treating various diseases, including cancer. While cancer cases affect individuals of all ages and genders, the alarming fact is that it not only afflicts children but also places them in life-threatening situations. In India, cancer ranks as the second leading cause of death among children under 15 years, following accidents. Among youth aged 15 to 19, it is the fourth leading cause of death, trailing behind accidents, suicides, and homicides. Early detection in high-income countries saves 90 to 95 percent of children and adolescents from this deadly

disease. In contrast, in developing nations like India, only 40 to 50 percent of cancer patients survive. Notably, India accounts for 20 percent of the world's pediatric cancer cases, and only 34 percent of these patients can access cancer treatment facilities. Collaborative efforts between medical institutions, voluntary organizations, and national and international NGOs could increase the survival rate from 34 to 80-90 percent, as cancer treatment is most effective before it becomes metastatic. I believe that in India, Panchayat and Anganwadi workers, as well as schools, play a pivotal role in raising awareness about cancer and other fatal genetic diseases. They can organize 'cancer screening and treatment camps' in collaboration with government and private hospitals, charitable trusts, and NGOs like Lions and Rotary in villages and tehsils. These organizations should go a step further by adopting villages for public awareness campaigns, as cancer diagnosis and treatment facilities are rapidly expanding in large cities compared to small towns and villages. If social organizations and charitable and religious trusts can convey information to the impoverished about where to find the best cancer diagnosis and treatment facilities and how to access financial support, it would be a significant step forward. One key mes-

sage about cancer that needs to be propagated is that while it is indeed fatal, it is not incurable, and it is not contagious. Cancer occurs when normal cells in the body transform into abnormal, uncontrollably dividing cancer cells for reasons that are not entirely understood. Sometimes, these cancer cells form lumps. Parents and family members should remain vigilant for sudden symptoms in children and adolescents, such as prolonged fever, unexplained yellowing of the body, weakness, lumps, swelling or pain, headaches, frequent vomiting with pain, diminishing eyesight, rapid weight loss, or the appearance of red spots on the body. In such cases, consulting a cancer specialist without delay is imperative. It is crucial that government hospitals nationwide prioritize pediatric oncologists, advanced cancer detection and diagnosis methods, dedicated beds for children with cancer, basic chemotherapy facilities, and cancer medications. On September 30, 2023, the Health Department of the Government of Madhya Pradesh established the 'State Help Coordination Center' and a home away from home named 'Sukhanand' for the care of child cancer patients. This initiative provides essential assistance, treatment, care, and support to children with cancer in the state, representing a commendable step forward by the Madhya Pradesh government.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Shastri ji is an example of honesty

Former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri, an epitome of honesty and high ideals, loved simplicity so much that he used to wear torn kurtas under his coat and later made handkerchiefs from the torn clothes. The meaning of ethics, honesty and ideals of Shastri ji can be understood from the fact that during his tenure as Railway Minister, many people were killed in a train accident. Then, considering himself responsible for that accident, he resigned from the post of Minister of Railways. However, the irony is that in today's polluted political environment, no political party or leader of any party considers Shastri ji as a role model. After Shastri ji, morals like him have not been seen so far.

N Mateeni, Mumbai

Swaminathan's contribution

A definite void has been created with the death of the famous agricultural scientist MS Swaminathan, the father of the green revolution in the country. He was a part of every important initiative in food security and agriculture. He also made significant contributions in focusing on millets for nutritional security. Today, Dr. Swaminathan first realized the importance of the promotion of coarse grains by the Modi government. His death marked the end of an era that was full of effortless innovation. His unparalleled contribution to Indian agriculture ensured prosperity for millions of farmers as well as food security for the country.

Ashraf Nawaz, Hyderabad

Inflation Woes

As elections loom, inflation emerges as a key concern for the opposition, impacting the daily lives of the lower and middle classes. Rising prices of essentials like flour, pulses, and fuel, coupled with increasing costs of medicines and education, are causing distress. While some may splurge, the ruling party must address this stark reality. State elections serve as a preview for national polls, with erratic rains affecting Kharif crop and potential food scarcity in a nation of 1.44 billion. Amidst inflation, the government faces the challenge of securing ample food production. The nation awaits the government's strategy.

N Ashraf, Mumbai

May All Buds Bloom To Flowers

Kajal Chatterjee

People bond with each other through various common interest - - Literature Films Music Sports Adventure Politics or Food. As my son reaches the doorstep of start of the 20th year of his life, suddenly I realise that letters hold a special place in our relationship. As a matter of fact letters got associated with him right from his day of arrival in the world 19 years ago. I was working in office. At the stroke of noon, one of my colleagues of neighboring room informed me that a call has arrived for me in the office landline. As I responded, got to know that I have turned a father. During lunch hour, I ventured out to submit a letter to the office of the iconic "The Statesman". Following a week it got published also. So that published letter will always remind me of such a special day in my life. 3 days later, while waiting at the junction station for arrival of the train to go to my in-laws place in a neighboring state, I purchased the latest issue of Bangla literary magazine

'Desh'. And got delighted to notice that a letter of mine has seen the light of the day. So on the day when I first met my baby and took him in my arms, that day also remains intrinsically associated with a published letter of mine. Whenever I visit any tourist place, it has been a "ritual" for me to write down my experiences there and post it on the day of return addressing the editor of any daily. Our 2009 trip in West Bengal Himalayas ended with a tiny hilltop town named Lava. The small post office was located near our hotel. So next morning, I dropped the letter for a Kolkata daily through the hand of my then 4-year old son - - my "lucky charm" since the day of his birth. How nice was it to view that very letter in a published version sitting in humid hot perspiring Kolkata as if the cool climes of Himalayan Lava had arrived near the Bay of Bengal. In the meantime son also grows up and felt interested in writing letters, perhaps getting inspired by me! His first letter got published when he was of 10 years of

age. Drawing inspiration from such success, he also took writing as a passion and started sending it through email to various newspapers with the result also being positive. I vividly remember one of his earliest published article (in Central Chronicle Chattisgarh) was based on "Father's Day" where he wrote about my involvement with him revolving "home cricket" and various other simple joyous activities. Often letters of both of us started getting published in the same issue, thereby augmenting our collective joy. However we have come across "failure" as well as in Kathmandu 2015. After jotting down our respective experiences in night revolving Nepal tour, we started for the office of the 'Himalayan Times' in a taxi to personally hand it over. But both of our letters didn't find place in the column. Yet our mind feels up with joy when get remembered of our 'Himalayan Times' rendezvous. But the best memory that we cherish revolved around Tawang 2016! It was the last night in Tawang. From next day our Kolkata-bound re-

turn journey would commence through halts in Dirang Bhalukpong Guwahati. So post-dinner, we started our respective writings, pasted the envelopes with 'Shaving Cream' and next morning after breakfast, we set off for Tawang post office downhill. It was a very cold misty cloudy morning with continuous drizzle. Yet by braving the adverse weather, reached the cute small post office with my son dropping the envelopes in the post box for Itanagar-based 'Arunachal Times'. After 9 days we were thrilled to find it published in the daily! Indeed what a nostalgia of our "postal adventure" in misty Tawang remain embedded within those letters. Not to forget publication of a photograph featuring both of us overlooking the beautiful Paro airport accompanied with my article on our 2013 Bhutan trip published in that country's in-flight magazine 'Tashi Delek'. On the verge of the start of his 20th year, it is nice to cherish our common bond with the noble hobby of writings. Today it gets often heard how children and parents get mentally dissociated

with each other despite living under one roof due to various distractions like social media with all immersed in their own virtual world, leading to depression and all sorts of negativities. Perhaps nurturing and pursuance of common interests among parents and children are essential to strengthen a healthy mutual bond. And also I pray earnestly that all children of the society remain safe and secure just as I wish for my son. Never never should any parent lose their child due to fangs of Ragging. Never never should a labourer father have to bring the coffin of his labourer son home (as happened in recent Mizoram railway disaster). Never should the heart of any parent get shattered following the death of the son during river bridge collapse in Morbi Gujarat. Fatal calamities due to strike of thunderbolt or cancer are unavoidable. But never never should light of any parent get brutally terminated for ever due to man-made factors and callousness. Wishing the best for my child as well as of all children under the sky.

BRIEF

Mega projects



Kochi: Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated seven "mega projects" at Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) here. The chief minister launched the operation of the Import Cargo Terminal, DigiYatra software and Airport Emergency Services at the international airport at an event held at CIAL. He also launched the projects for the first phase of the expansion of Terminal 3, the '0484' luxury aero lounge, an intrusion detection system at the airport and golf resorts.

Road safety



New Delhi: Union minister Nitin Gadkari reiterated India's commitment to achieving global road safety targets set in the Stockholm Declaration, according to an official statement. Gadkari, while addressing the ministerial session focusing on road safety at the 27th World Road Congress in Prague, Czech Republic, emphasized on adopting a holistic approach to minimise road crashes and fatalities by stakeholders at all levels. The road transport and highways minister reiterated the country's special focus on spreading awareness to effect behavioral change and ensuring flawless enforcement of rules.

Coal output

New Delhi: State-run power giant NTPC on Tuesday reported an 83 per cent rise in coal production in April-September period of this financial year, compared to a year ago. NTPC Ltd has reported a substantial growth of 83 per cent in coal production from its captive mines during H1 FY 2023-24, as compared to the corresponding period in the previous year, a company statement said. The company achieved a coal production of 16.05 million metric tonnes (MMT) during H1 FY24, as compared to 8.76 MMT in H1 FY23 (April-September 2022).

Indian economy to grow at 6.3 pc in FY24: World Bank

New Delhi, Oct 03:

The Indian economy is projected to grow at 6.3 per cent in current financial year aided by investment and domestic demand. According to a World Bank report released on Tuesday, India continues to show resilience against the backdrop of a challenging global environment.

In India, which accounts for the bulk of South Asia region, growth is expected to remain robust at 6.3 per cent in 2023-24, India Development Update of the World Bank said. On inflation, the report said,

it is expected to decrease gradually as food prices normalize and government measures help increase the supply of key commodities. The World Bank said South Asia is expected to grow 5.8 per cent this year higher than any other developing country region in the world, but slower than its pre-pandemic pace and not fast enough to meet its development goals. Relative to the spring forecast, growth in 2023 has been upgraded by 0.2 percentage points due to stronger-than-expected data in India. "At a first glance, South Asia is a

bright spot in the global economy. The World Bank is forecasting that the region will grow more quickly than any other developing country region over the next few years," said Martin Raiser, vice president, South Asia Region, World Bank. Although India's post-pandemic economic rebound is now fading, growth is expected to remain stronger than in other large emerging market and developing economies (EMDEs). Output is forecast to grow 6.3 per cent in FY2023-24 and 6.4 per cent in FY2024-25 roughly equal to the estimated pace of India's po-

tent growth, the World Bank said.

"The dampening effect of monetary policy tightening on domestic demand, particularly investment, will likely peak in the coming year. The effects of slowing global demand and rising interest rates will be mitigated by India's low external debt and the healthy balance sheets of its financial and corporate sectors," the bank said in its report. Growth of merchandise exports is expected to slow as a result of weak foreign demand growth, although this will be offset by robust services exports.

Maruti Suzuki production dips 1 pc in September

New Delhi, Oct 03:

Maruti Suzuki India on Tuesday said its total production declined by 1 per cent to 1,74,978 units in September. The company had produced 1,77,468 units in September 2022. Last month, production of entry level cars - Alto and S-Presso - declined by 70 per cent to 10,705 units from 35,887 units in the year-ago period, Maruti Suzuki India said in a regulatory filing. Similarly, production of

models like Baleno, Celerio, Dzire, Ignis, Swift and WagonR, declined to 90,849 units in September as against 92,717 units in the same month last year. Production of mid-sized sedan Ciaz declined to 2,304 units last month. It was 2,654 units in September 2022.

Total passenger car production dropped by 21 per cent to 1,03,858 units last month as against 1,31,258 units in the year-ago period.

Vedanta split does not address debt: CreditSights

New Delhi, Oct 03:

Vedanta Ltd's move to split into six separate units is unlikely to address the mining conglomerate's debt obligation, Fitch group firm CreditSights said, adding precarious debt situation at parent firm still remains unaddressed. On September 29, Vedanta Ltd said its board has approved a major reorganisation, separating aluminum, oil and gas, power, steel and ferrous material and base

metals into separate listed companies. "We do not believe that this reorganisation addresses Vedanta's debt obligations," CreditSights said in a note. "The consolidated debt across all its proposed entities will still remain the same. We remain concerned that the precarious debt situation at Vedanta Resources is still unaddressed." VRL, the parent firm of Vedanta Ltd, has been the financing vehicle for its debt obligations and

JSW Infrastructure has huge potential to grow its business: Sajjan Jindal

Mumbai, Oct 03:

Commercial ports operator JSW Infrastructure, which got listed on the bourses on Tuesday, said it has a huge potential to grow its business and aims to become a global company, JSW Group Chairman Sajjan Jindal has said. Speaking at the listing event, Jindal cited the example of Singapore and said that it is a City-State and handles more cargo than all of India.

"We can also create such ports which handle not just our own cargo but also of the countries around us," he said. "We cannot think only India centric, we have to think global and we have to really build ourselves as a



global company. So we have to really think at those levels," he said. Jindal further said that India has a large coastline and logistics cost in the country is among the highest in the world. "The cost of transporting goods in India is the highest, so JSW Infra has a huge potential to grow its busi-

ness to create what the government has created, CONCOR," Jindal said. A Public Sector Undertaking, CONCOR (Container Corporation of India) provides total logistics solutions for containerised cargo.

The shares of JSW Infrastructure on Tuesday got listed with a premium of over 20 per cent against the issue price of Rs 119. The stock made its debut at Rs 143, registering a jump of 20.16 per cent from the issue price on the BSE. At the NSE, it got listed at Rs 143. The Initial Public Offering (IPO) of JSW Infrastructure was subscribed 37.37 times on the last day of bidding on Wednesday.

India Inc's financial health moderates in H1FY24

Mumbai, Oct 03:

India Inc's financial health measured by the credit ratio, or the proportion of rating upgrades to downgrades, moderated in the first half of current fiscal year and is set to dip marginally further in the second half, Crisil Ratings said on Tuesday. Crisil, which rates 6,500 companies, however, made it clear that the credit ratio will stay above 1 going forward as well, which means the number of upgrades will outpace the downgrades. In April-September FY24, there were 443 upgrades as com-

pared to 232 downgrades, the agency said, adding that the credit ratio moderated to 1.91 from 2.19 in the preceding six months. It said the upgrades are much higher than the decade average, but the downgrades are inching up lately, largely due to difficulties faced by export-linked sectors due to slowing growth in the world. Crisil's Managing Director Gurpreet Chhatwal said the moderation in the first half was along expected lines, and the government's infrastructure push and spending are helping corporate India report positive credit ratios.

Hyundai Motor India says all its vehicles to come with 6 airbags

New Delhi, Oct 03:

Hyundai Motor India on Tuesday said all its models in the country would now come with six airbags as standard. The automaker also announced that it has decided for voluntary participation in the recently introduced Bharat NCAP with 3 models to begin with, and more models to follow. Under the Bharat NCAP programme, car manufacturers can voluntarily offer their vehicles tested as per the Automotive Industry Standard (AIS) 197. Based on the performance of the car in the tests, the vehicle will be awarded star rat-



ings on a scale of 0-5, for adult occupants (AOP) and child occupants (COP). Potential car customers can refer to these star ratings to compare the safety standards of different vehicles and accordingly make their purchase decision. The carmaker also announced that its mid sized sedan Verna has received a five-star rating in adult and child occupant protection by Global

Aishwarya Rai wears a creation for the L'Oreal Spring/Summer 2024 womenswear fashion collection presented Sunday, in Paris.

NCAP. Hyundai Motor India MD & CEO Unsoo Kim said safety for all is the company's utmost priority. "We have been benchmark creators in standardisation of vehicle safety features. Now, we are elated to announce the standardisation of six airbags across all models and all variants," he added. Hyundai Motor India COO Tarun Garg said with rising road network and increase in speed limits it is natural to upgrade the cars. Taking a big leap in the safety journey, the company has now decided to standardise six airbags in all models and all variants, he noted.

NMDC records its best-ever H1 performance since inception

Hyderabad, Oct 03:

India's largest Iron Ore producer, NMDC delivered stellar performance with a production of 3 Million Tonnes and sales of 3.11 Million Tonnes of iron ore in the month of September 2023 registering highest ever since inception with a month-on-month increase of 10% in production and an increase of 7% in sales respectively. The National Miner also recorded marvelous half-yearly performance by producing 19.56 Million Tonnes and selling 20.53 Million tonnes up to September 2023. With a significant growth of 21% in production and 25% in sales figures over CPLY,



NMDC has set new records with its historic best-ever H1 production and sales since inception. Commenting on the performance, Amitava Mukherjee, CMD (Additional Charge) said, "NMDC is on the path of transformation and our figures speak for themselves, we have achieved our best-ever

H1 performance in company history with rigorous planning, rapid technology advancement and consistent monitoring. NMDC witnessed substantial growth even during the monsoon period and we will strive to maintain this increase to meet the target of becoming a 100 Million Tonnes company by 2030.' With consistent efforts for increasing steel consumption and a steady supply of raw materials to meet the rising domestic steel demands of the country, NMDC has yet again surpassed its previous records and is committed to setting the industry benchmark for responsible and environment-friendly mining practices.

Skoda Auto India launches new product offensive

With festive pricing and all-new features

Mumbai, Oct 03:

As Skoda Auto India continues its reign as the producer of the safest cars in India and of having a fleet full of 5-star-rated cars for both adults and children, its product actions continue through 2023. This time in the form of a widened portfolio for the festive season, attractive festive period pricing, a host of new features in the cars, and an all-new Slavia Matte Edition.

Speaking on the enhanced portfolio, Petr Solc, Brand Director, Skoda Auto India, said: "Our



product offensive is aimed at welcoming more customers into the Skoda family and coincides with the festive spirit in the country. It has always been our endeavour to provide to our customers the safest family cars and ensure high level of customer satisfaction with our products and services. These festive offerings and enhancements in our products deliver on these fronts and offer fantastic value to our customers." The Kushaq and the

Slavia - get an attractive Rs 10.89 lakh base pricing, which will be limited to the festive season. The top-of-the-line Style variants of the Kushaq and Slavia get all-new features like electric seats for the driver and co-driver, which is a segment-first, and an illuminated footwell area. The centre of the dash is dominated by a 25.4 cm infotainment screen with Skoda Play Apps. The system links wirelessly with Apple Carplay and Android Auto. Also standard in the Style is a subwoofer in the boot of the Kushaq and Slavia.

The Kushaq Monte Carlo will also get the electric seats and footwell illumination.

India's coal production rises 16 pc in Sep

New Delhi, Oct 03:

The country's coal output increased 15.81 per cent to 67.21 million tonnes in September as against 58.04 million tonnes in the year-ago period, an official statement said on Tuesday. The cumulative coal production up to September increased to 428.25 MT in the ongoing fiscal, over 382.16 MT in the year-ago period, registering a growth of 12.06 per cent, the coal ministry statement said. The output of state-owned Coal India Ltd, which accounts for over 80 per cent of domestic coal output, increased to 51.44 MT in September as against 45.67 MT a year ago. Additionally, coal dispatch increased to 70.33 MT over 61.10 MT in September last fiscal.

Equity indices fall on unabated foreign fund outflows, weak Asian markets

Mumbai, Oct 03:

Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty declined on Tuesday amid unabated foreign fund outflows and sluggish Asian market cues. Fall in index majors HDFC Bank and Reliance Industries also dragged the benchmark indices lower. The 30-share BSE Sensex declined 316.31 points or 0.48 per cent to settle at 65,512.10. During the day, it fell 483.82 points or 0.73 per cent to 65,344.59.

The Nifty fell 109.55 points or 0.56 per cent to end at 19,528.75. Among the Sensex firms, Maruti,



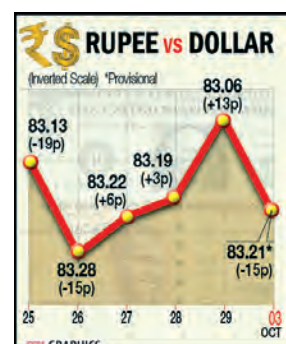
NTPC, Tata Motors, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Reliance Industries, JSW Steel, ITC and Mahindra & Mahindra were the major laggards. Bajaj Finance, Larsen & Toubro, Bajaj Finserv and Titan were among the gainers. "Consolidation continued

given the rising US bond yields and dollar index, prompting FIIs to pull funds. While the moderation in oil prices may provide respite on the downside. Infrastructure activity indicates an acceleration led by the rise in core sector output. Auto stocks declined due to mixed bag monthly data, while a near-normal monsoon will aid positive sentiment for consumption in the near term," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services. In the broader market, the BSE smallcap gauge climbed 0.61 per cent and midcap gained 0.09 per cent.

Rupee falls 15 paise to close at 83.21 against US dollar

New Delhi, Oct 03:

The rupee depreciated 15 paise to close at 83.21 (provisional) against the US dollar on Tuesday, as a strong US dollar and weak domestic equities dented investor sentiments. Forex traders said muted domestic macroeconomic data and sustained FII outflows also mounted downside pressure on rupee. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened at 83.21 against the US dollar and



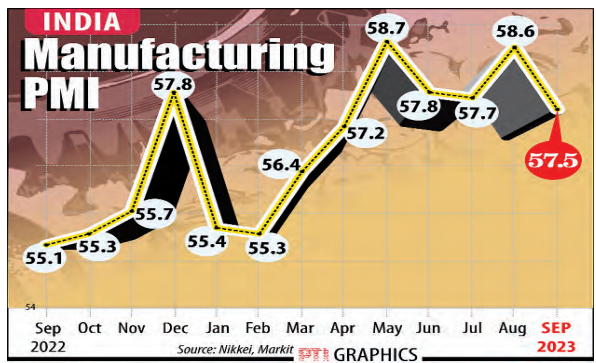
moved in a range of 83.23 to 83.17. The rupee finally settled at 83.21 (provisional) against the US dollar,

down 15 paise from its previous close. On Friday, the rupee appreciated 13 paise to settle at 83.06 against the US dollar. On Monday, the domestic forex market was closed on account of Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose by 0.14 per cent to 104.05. Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, declined 0.02 per cent to USD 90.69 per barrel.

India's manufacturing sector activity falls to 5-month low in Sep on softer increase in new orders: PMI

New Delhi, Oct 03:

Manufacturing activities in India fell to a five-month low in September as new orders rose at a softer pace, which tempered production growth, a monthly survey said on Tuesday. The seasonally adjusted S&P Global India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) fell to 57.5 in September, down



from 58.6 in August -- the lowest in five months. The September PMI data pointed to an improvement in overall operating conditions for the 27th straight month. In PMI parlance, a print above 50 means expansion while a score below 50 indicates contraction. "India's manufacturing industry showed mild signs of a slowdown in September, primarily due

to a softer increase in new orders which tempered production growth. "Nevertheless, both demand and output saw significant upticks, and firms also noted gains in new business from clients across Asia, Europe, North America and the Middle East," said Pollyanna De Lima, Economics Associate Director at S&P Global Market Intelligence.

CM approved 37cr for Rural Road transformation

Residents of Kurud constituency express gratitude

Kurud, Oct 03:

The residents of Kurud Assembly Constituency have expressed their heartfelt gratitude to Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel for approving a significant development project aimed at improving the condition of rural roads in the area. This transformative initiative, with an allocated budget of approximately 37 crores, will benefit over a dozen villages in the constituency.

The District Panchayat President, Tarini Neelam Chandrakar, who is also a Secretary of the Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC), played a pivotal role in securing this approval. She brought to light the dire state of rural roads and made an earnest request to Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel for their enhancement. The Chief Minister, known for his empathy towards the needs of the people, swiftly approved the project, which includes road widening, strengthening,



bridge construction, and overall development.

This project is set to transform approximately 21 kilometers of rural roads in Kurud. Tarini Neelam Chandrakar, a prominent Congress leader from the Kurud constituency, and her dedicated team successfully secured approval for the enhancement of roads on the Charra-Katalbod and Gadadih-Parakhanda to Nari routes. This includes the construction of an 8.80

km road on the Charra-Katalbod-Nawagaon route, along with bridge construction, with a budget of 19.36 lakhs. Similarly, for the Gadadih-Parakhanda-Gudga-Nari Marg, a 12.20 km road will undergo significant improvement with a budget of 17.52 lakhs. In total, an approximate sum of 37 crores has been sanctioned for the development of 21 kilometers of rural roads, benefiting eight villages.

The citizens of the

Kurud Assembly constituency, including Raman Sahu, Chandras Sahu, Sumari Sahu, Lakhush Sahu, Narendra Dheedi, Bhikham Sahu, Devendra Sahu, Ramratan Sahu, Ghanshyam Sahu, Kunju Sonkar, Santosh Sahu, Jagatpal Sahu, are wholeheartedly grateful to Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel for his swift action and the diligent efforts of District Panchayat member Tarini Neelam Chandrakar.

BJP in-charge criticises Congress

In response to this development, Bhojraj Chandrakar, the BJP City Incharge, criticized the Congress, alleging that they are more inclined towards making false promises and engaging in deceit rather than genuine development efforts. According to him, their intentions are not aligned with actual progress, and their claims are merely aimed at taking credit, revealing what he perceives as deceitful intentions.

NTPC Korba conducted cleanliness campaign

At NTPC Korba Township under 'Swachhata Pakhwada 2023 - Swachhta Hi Seva'



Location: Sabzi Mandi, NTPC Korba Township

Korba, Oct 03: Swachhta Pakhwada is being organized by NTPC Korba from 01 October to 15 October 2023 under the Swachh Bharat Mission as per the guidelines of the Government of India. On this occasion, B. Ramachandra Rao, Business Unit Head, NTPC Korba took oath on the occasion of Swachhta Pakhwada - Swachhta Hi Seva on 01 October 2023.

This program was organized in the vegetable market (Sabzi Mandi) of NTPC Korba Township. In the same session, on 01 October 2023, cleanliness campaign was also launched in the vegetable market by NTPC Korba and cleanliness was also done inside and outside the vegetable market. NTPC Korba unitedly volunteered for one hour for the cleanliness drive.

"The campaign focuses on to maintain cleanliness in our surroundings and helps the children and fellow people to learn the significance of cleanliness,"

said B.R. Rao, CGM, Korba. This cleanliness campaign at NTPC Korba Vegetable Market is being led by B.R. Rao, Project Head, NTPC Korba. On this occasion, Madhu S., General Manager (O&M), Somnath Bhattacharya, General Manager (Operations), Manish V. Sathe, General Manager (Ash Dyke Management), Prabhat Ram, Additional General Manager (HR) and other senior officials, employees, union and association members, NTPC Korba team and CISF team of NTPC Korba were present.

More than 100 people were present on this occasion.

Madhu S., GM (O&M) addressed the campaign by saying the moral of the campaign that "Don't litter and don't let others litter." It may be noted that during Swachhta Pakhwada, various types of awareness programs and competitions are being organized in NTPC Korba.

Swachh Bharat Abhiyan is a Swachh Bharat Mission by the Government of India which is supporting to make India clean. The

campaign was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and launched on 2 October 2014 to honor Mahatma Gandhi's vision of Swachh Bharat.

Under the cleanliness campaign, Swachhta Pakhwada was conducted at the national level and covered all rural and urban areas.

Swachhata Pakhwada - Swachhta Hi Seva 2023 is being organised between 15th September and 2nd October the day observed as the Swachh Bharat Diwas (SBD) on Mahatma Gandhi's Jayanti.

151 children embark on uninterrupted Hanuman Chalisa recital

Raipur, Oct 03:

In adherence to tradition, the Chhattisgarh Lohana Mahila Mandal orchestrated a day of unbroken and melodious recitations of 108 Hanuman Chalisas at Ashirwad Bhavan in Bairan Bazaar on the first Sunday of Pitru Paksha this year.

The event, which spanned 12 hours, was highlighted by a collective and harmonious chanting of the Hanuman Chalisa by 151 children adorned in traditional attire, including kurta-pajamas. These young participants ranged in age from three to fifteen years old. Notably, among them was Sheetal Devangan, a six-year-old prodigy who mastered the



Chalisa at an age when most children are just learning to speak. Sheetal's remarkable talent has earned her invitations to recite the Chalisa on various esteemed religious platforms.

Throughout the day, the renowned bhajan singer

Mitesh Parmar from Gondia, along with his fellow artists, presented captivating renditions of bhajans, entrancing the audience. Devotees also immersed themselves in Garba during the bhajan performances.

As evening descended,

Chhattisgarh Lohana Mahila Mandal initiates a remarkable tradition

devotees danced continuously for three hours to the melodious tunes dedicated to Lord Hanuman and other deities' bhajans. The day culminated in a grand aarti ceremony featuring the illumination of 1008 lamps.

Notably, during the Chalisa recitation, special recognition was extended to the efforts of Mahant Ramsundar Das of Dudh Dhari Math and Yudhishthir Lal, the head priest of Shadani Darbar, who initiated the Chalisa recitation with the chil-

dren. The event welcomed dignitaries from various facets of the Gujarati community, including Kishan Mirani, Kirti Vyas, Nitin Dholakia, Prakash Barmada, Rajesh Raja, Shailesh Kariya, Jai Shah, Girish Dubey, Arun Shukla, Rajjan Agnihotri, Hemant Tiwari, Dr. Rakesh Gupta, Sushil Sunny Agrawal, and many others.

This splendid event was orchestrated with meticulous coordination and organization by Hitesh Raychura, Mukesh Shah, Prakash Pujara, Lalit Jobanputra, Santosh Parmar, Anil Raychura, Gopu Raychura, Neha Manek, Prerana Bhatt, Tripti Jhaveri, Nitin Pomal, among others.

NSS students spearhead Kumarada School's cleanliness campaign



Dongargaon, Oct 03: In a heartening display of civic responsibility, the National Service Scheme (NSS) students, under the able guidance of Officer Basant Kumar Yadav, conducted a robust cleanliness drive at Kumarada Higher Secondary School on October 1st. The event garnered enthusiastic participation from NSS and Red Cross students who, armed with brooms, dustpans, and garbage bags, embarked on a mission to make their surroundings pristine, all while

chanting slogans of cleanliness and echoing "Jai Bharat Mata." Their efforts extended far and wide, covering not only the school premises and classrooms but also the sports fields, public areas within the village, street-sides, and the local market. By actively engaging in this collective endeavour, these young volunteers aimed to emphasize responsible waste disposal and uphold the principles of cleanliness. Notable figures present during this commendable ini-

tiative included the school's Principal, Milap Das Sahu, lecturer Basant Kumar Yadav, teacher Bharti Yadav, village Sarpanch Dinesh Thakur, School Development Committee President Lalchand Sahu, along with dedicated social workers Kishan Sahu, Navin Sahu, and members of the Gan Man Citizen Women's Association. Together, they joined hands with the spirited NSS and Red Cross students to champion the cause of cleanliness and civic duty.

State's Tennis Ball Cricket team gears up for national championship

Arang, Oct 03: The cricket enthusiasts of Chhattisgarh are on their way to compete in the much-anticipated T-10 Tennis Cricket National Championship in Chandigarh. The event is scheduled to run from October 3 to October 6 and features the participation of 30 teams from across the state. This spirited Chhattisgarh team includes five exceptional players from Arang: Arun Kumar, Arjun Soni, Tikeshe Patel, Shivam Chandrakar, and Mahendra Jalkshatri. Guiding these cricket prodigies is coach Vishnu Prasad Dhruv, a distinguished figure from Arang.



The team comprises a stellar lineup of players hailing from various regions, showcasing the state's cricket prowess. The roster includes Arun Kumar, Arjun Soni, Tikeshe Patel, Shivam Chandrakar, Mahendra Jalkshatri

(Arang), DJ Mandale Virkoni, Sumit Dubey (Rahul Sahu Rajim), Sanat Sonwani (Abhanpur), Prakash Yadav (Farfod), Vincent Luke Harris (Kawardha), Rakesh Kansari (Nayapara), Vasudev Sharma

(Bilaspur), Ayup Chandrakar (Bagbahara), Raman Sahu (Lakholi), with Coach Vishnu Prasad Dhruv (Arang).

Extending their heartfelt support and best wishes to the team, Minister Dr. Shivkumar Daharia, alongside Vijay Ratnakar, General Secretary of the Chhattisgarh Tennis Cricket Association, and members of the Pipila Welfare Foundation, have come forward to rally behind these aspiring athletes. Minister Daharia is widely recognized for his commitment to encouraging sports activities and nurturing talent within his legislative constituency.

Principal's remarkable commitment to Govt School dress code

Rajim, Oct 03:

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, Principal Santosh Kumar Sahu of Government Primary School Devri, affectionately known as "Prakriti," has taken a remarkable vow that reflects his dedication to education and discipline. He has pledged to wear the government-prescribed dress code, the same attire worn by school children in government schools, for the duration of his service in the public sector.

This dress code includes items such as trousers, shirts, shoes, socks, belts, and ties, all of which students are required to procure at their own expense. Principal Sahu's commit-



ment to adhering to this dress code himself is a profound gesture aimed at instilling discipline and a sense of responsibility in his students.

Principal Sahu is no stranger to recognition for his outstanding contributions to education. He has received prestigious awards such as the Rajyapal Puraskar,

Gajanand Madhav Mukti Bodh Samman, and Chief Minister Gaurav Alankaran Shikshadoot Samman from the government. In a remarkable act of generosity, both he and his wife have chosen to donate their bodies to medical colleges, setting an inspiring example of altruism. One of Principal Sahu's motivations for this

commitment is the observation that many students do not consistently adhere to the school dress code, even though the government provides them with the necessary attire. Instead, students often come to school in colorful clothes, and some parents may not prioritize their children's cleanliness and hygiene.

Understanding the importance of this uniformity, Principal Sahu has taken it upon himself to lead by example. He hopes that his dedication will inspire all students to embrace the dress code daily and encourage parents to support their children in maintaining cleanliness and hygiene standards at school.

Swami Atmanand School conducts cleanliness drive

Mungeli, Oct 03: Swami Atmanand Government English School in Daupara set an exemplary standard by hosting a comprehensive cleanliness and community service program, adhering to the directives of the Chhattisgarh Education Department and the District and Session Judge. The event encompassed a cleanliness seminar, a spirited awareness rally, and enthusiastic voluntary contributions within the school's precincts.

Dr. I.P. Yadav, the school's esteemed principal, extended a warm welcome during the cleanliness seminar. In his address, he underscored the vital role of cleanliness in averting various diseases. Dr. Yadav stressed the dual



importance of personal and environmental hygiene, asserting that in today's world, cleanliness is an essential social responsibility.

Mayank Soni, Secretary of the Legal Literacy Authority, emphasized the intrinsic link between cleanliness and daily life. He drew a compelling parallel to the heightened emphasis on cleanliness dur-

ing the COVID-19 pandemic for the sake of well-being. Soni encouraged students to actively participate in environmental conservation by planting more trees.

Mrs. Shweta Thakar, a distinguished First-Class Judicial Magistrate hailing from Mungeli, delivered a powerful message on cleanliness. She appealed to all present to up-

hold both personal and public hygiene, as it significantly contributes to individual health, mental clarity, and the achievement of personal goals.

Prominent orator Mohan Upadhyay underscored that the quest for a cleaner India necessitates collective effort from everyone. Following these enlightening speeches, students and teachers em-

barked on a spirited cleanliness rally, marching from the school to Daupara Chowk.

The rally culminated with an inspiring scene as all participants, including representatives from the District and Session Judge, Neeraj Sharma, Special Posko Judge P.S. Markam, and Chief Magistrate Balram Devangan, united in cleaning the school premises. The event also saw the presence of Ramesh Bunker, Hiralal Sahu, Anoop Jain, Kulim Tanwar, and special guest Jeeba Tabbsun Parul Ojha. The program's seamless execution was attributed to the diligent coordination by Rahul Verma, the NSS in-charge of the school.

Arang college students lead inspiring cleanliness rally



Arang, Oct 03: In a remarkable display of civic responsibility, students from Badri Prasad Lodhi Postgraduate Government College in Arang organized a resounding cleanliness rally on the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi's birthday. This initiative was conducted under the aegis of the National Service Scheme (NSS) and was guided by the college's Principal and NSS Officer, Prof. Dharmendra Ghrifalhare. The event commenced with

enthusiastic NSS volunteers diligently cleaning their college premises as part of the ongoing "Swachhata Hi Seva" campaign.

Following this, the spirited volunteers embarked on a symbolic cleanliness run, carrying vibrant banners and raising awareness with spirited slogans. Their journey led them from the college grounds to the bustling Indira Gandhi Square, where they continued their noble mission by cleaning the

area around the bus stand. During their drive, the volunteers engaged with local citizens and travellers, passionately advocating for cleanliness and encouraging everyone to contribute to this vital cause. As a fitting tribute to Mahatma Gandhi's legacy, the participants concluded their endeavor by offering a heartfelt rendition of his beloved hymn, "Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram," in front of the King Mordhawaj statue.



Jaiswal hundred helps India beat Nepal, reach semifinals

Hangzhou, Oct 03 (PTI):

Yashasvi Jaiswal smashed a blazing hundred to lead India to Asian Games semifinals but cricketers from Nepal showed a lot of promise by putting up a fearless fight in their 23-run defeat here on Tuesday.

Jaiswal, Indian cricket's new pin-up boy, earned the distinction of being the youngest T20I centurion from the country en route his 49-ball-100 that took India to a healthy 202 for 4. The men from the Himalayan nation made a match of it but lack of experience became their undoing as their innings ended at 179 for 9, ensuring a last four spot for Rituraj Gaikwad's men.

No praise would be enough for the Monty Desai-coached Nepalese side as the smaller ground dimensions helped them embarrass two Indian pacers Arshdeep Singh (2/43) and Avesh Khan (3/32), who gave away 75 runs in their 8 overs. There is one piece of statistics that will certainly annoy head coach VVS Laxman. India, in all, hit 12 sixes



but Nepal batters surpassed them with 14 maximums. It was debutant left-arm spinner R Sai Kishore (1/25) and IPL star Ravi Bishnoi (3/24) who actually controlled the middle overs to save India from what could have been an upset. The likes of Kushal Bhurtel, Kushal Malla, Deependra Airee and Sundeeep Jora are blessed with talent and hopefully the global cricket establishment will give them enough exposure to consistently challenge heavyweights like they did this day.

Against better teams like Bangladesh or Pakistan, the Indian

Brief Scores

India: 202/4 in 20 overs (Yashasvi Jaiswal 100 off 49 balls, Rinku Singh 37 not out off 15 balls, Sandeep Lamichhane 1/28, DS Airee 1/31)
Nepal: 179/9 in 20 overs (DS Airee 32 off 15 balls, Ravi Bishnoi 3/24, Avesh Khan 3/32)

pacers, who bowled too full or too short will be in trouble keeping the ridiculously short side boundaries into account. But nothing can take the credit away from 21-year-old Jaiswal, who enthralled the crowd with eight fours and seven sixes. There was slog sweep off pacers and spinners, the pick-up pull behind square, the square cuts, the heave over cow corner and the deftly executed lap shot over keeper's head to reach to 99 before a single took him to the milestone.

Credit should also be given to Rinku Singh, who once again enjoyed his role as a finisher with 37 off 15 balls, including 20-odd in the final over which made the difference in the end.

India rout Bangladesh 55-18 in men's kabaddi

Hangzhou, Oct 03 (PTI):

The Indian men's kabaddi team, who are a record seven-time champions, began their campaign with an emphatic 55-18 win over Bangladesh in a group fixture at the Asian Games here on Tuesday. In their bid to regain the Asian Games gold medal, the Indians, who slipped to a bronze at the 2018 edition, took a 24-9 lead at the half-time. Naveen Kumar Goyat and Arjun Deshwal spearheaded their raids in style to inflict the first all-out in the 12th minute. Bangladesh managed to inflict two super-tackles in the first half on Pawan Sehrawat and then on Goyat but that proved insufficient as India took 12-point lead inside 20 minutes. Bangladesh faltered in their raids as the Indians extended their lead in the second-half and sealed the issue. The women's kabaddi team, last edition's silver medallist, endured a disappointing start after being held to an unexpected 34-34 draw by Chinese Taipei on Monday.

Parul wins gold in women's 5000m

■ Mohammed Afsal and Vithya claims silver and bronze

Hangzhou, Oct 03 (PTI):

India's Parul Chaudhary displayed tenacity and tremendous temperament to clinch a gold medal in the women's 5000m at the Asian Games here on Tuesday.

The 28-year-old stayed in the top two before stepping up in the final moments to pip Japan's Ririka Hironaka for the top position with a timing of 15:14.75.

Mohammed Afsal Pulikkalath fetched a silver in the men's 800m with a timing 1:48.43.

For Parul, it was a second medal at the continental championships after she had claimed a silver in the women's 3000m Steeplechase on Monday.

Earlier, Vithya Ramraj, 25, came up with a timing



of 55.68s to claim a bronze medal in women's 400m hurdles.

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Vithya Ramraj wins bronze in women's 400m hurdles

Hangzhou, Oct 03 (PTI):

India's Vithya Ramraj could not produce her best show but it was good enough to secure her a bronze medal in women's 400m hurdles at the Asian Games here on Tuesday. The 25-year-old came up with a timing of 55.68s to finish third, while Bahrain's Oluwakemi Mujidat Adekoya produced a games record of 54.45s and Jaidie Mo of China came up with a season best of 55.01 to claim the gold and silver respectively. The Indian had equalled PT Usha's 400m hurdle national record, which was set in 1984, with a personal best effort of 55.52s to top her heat and directly qualify for the final on Monday.



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Sindhu, Prannoy, Srikanth enter pre-quarterfinals

Hangzhou, Oct 03 (PTI):

Star Indian shuttlers HS Prannoy, PV Sindhu and Kidambi Srikanth progressed to the singles pre-quarterfinals with straight-game wins over their respective opponents in the badminton competition at the Asian Games here on Tuesday.

World no. 7 Prannoy, who had missed the men's team championships final against China due to a back injury, was back on the court, dishing out a clinical performance to expectedly outwit Mongolia's Battavaa Munkhbat 21-9 21-12 in 25 minutes. He will face Kazakhstan's Dmitriy Panarin next. Srikanth



also notched up a 21-16 21-11 win over Korea's Lee Yun Gyu to set up a clash with Japan's second seed Kodai Naruka. Former world champion Sindhu also looked good as she prevailed 21-10 21-15 over



world no. 21 We Chi Hsu of Chinese Taipei. The last and only time Sindhu played Hsu was at the Asia Badminton Championships in Dubai earlier this month. Sindhu will play Indonesia's Putri

Kusuma Wardani next. However, it was curtains for Ashmita Chaliha, who lost 17-21 16-21 to Indonesia's world no. 7 Gregoria Mariska Tunjung in 35 minutes. Both the players had received a bye in their opening match.

World no. 17 pair of Treasa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand began their campaign with a 21-14 21-12 win over Aminath Nabeeha Abdul Razzaq and Fathimath Nabaaha Abdul Razzaq.

The Commonwealth Games bronze medallists will meet third seeded Korean combination of Kim So Yeong and Kong Hee Yong.

Neeraj all set to defend his gold



Hangzhou, Oct 03 (PTI):

India's Neeraj Chopra would seek to defend his gold medal and end the season on a high when he takes the field for the much-anticipated men's javelin throw event here on Wednesday.

It could just be a cakewalk for India's greatest athlete as his nearest competitor and world silver medallist Arshad Nadeem has pulled out of the

Games due to a chronic knee injury which has troubled him for some time now.

Chopra has won every competition against Nadeem, nine in all, including the 2018 Asian Games, where the Pakistani was third when the Indian stood on top of the podium.

"After consulting the medical personnel, Mr. Arshad Nadeem has now decided not to participate in the Asian Games in order to prevent any untoward situation that may hinder his training program and participation in the Paris 2024," Pakistan contingent issued a press release.

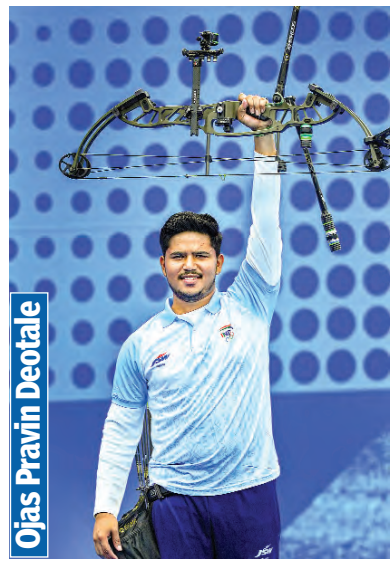
Verma, Deotale set up all-Indian final, archers assure country of three medals

Hangzhou, Oct 03 (PTI):

Reigning world champion Ojas Deotale blazed his way to the final with a perfect score of 150, while veteran Abhishek Verma also shone bright to set up an all-Indian gold medal clash and assure the country of a top-two finish in the men's individual compound archery at the Asian Games, here on Tuesday.

Seasoned Jyothi Surekha Vennam also advanced into the women's individual final at the expense of world champion Aditi Swami, as the compound archers led India's charge at the continental showpiece. India have thus confirmed three medals in archery, matching their best-ever feat of 2014 Asian Games in Incheon where they have won one gold, one silver and one bronze.

The Indian archers also remained in the hunt for a podium finish in seven more events across recurve and com-



pound sections. Fresh from winning the senior World Championship crown in

Berlin two months back, Deotale was up against South Korean seventh-seed Yang Jaewon.

But the 21-year-old Indian did not give his rival any chance, blazing his way to all perfect 10s from 15 arrows.

Seven of Deotale's 15 perfect 10s were closer to the centre (X) as the Indian youngster celebrated his thumping 150-146 win by waving to the crowd.

He will face compatriot Verma, who will be looking to upgrade his 2014 silver medal in what appears to be his last Asian Games appearance.

The 34-year-old Verma evicted another South Korean, top-seed Joo Jaehoon with a clinical 147-145 win.

In the women's compound individual semifinal, Jyothi used all her experience to prevail over her younger teammate Aditi. Eyeing her first individual gold at the Asian Games, the 27-year-old multiple World Cup medallist will face So Chaewon of South Korea in the final.

India power into women's hockey semifinal

■ Vandana, Deep Grace, Deepika slam hat-tricks

Hangzhou, Oct 03 (PTI):

Experienced striker Vandana Katariya, vice-captain Deep Grace Ekka and Deepika slammed a hat-trick each as India stormed into the semifinals of the women's hockey competition at the Asian Games with a 13-0 drubbing of Hong Kong in their final pool match here on Tuesday.

Vandana (2nd, 16th, 48th minutes) scored three field goals, while Deep Grace (11th, 34th, 42nd) converted three penalty corners for India. Deepika (4th, 54th, 58th) was not to be left behind as she also emulated the feat of her senior teammates in India's rout of Hong Kong.

Sangita Kumari (27th, 55th), Monika (7th) and Navneet Kaur (58th) also registered their names on the scoresheet.

India are on top of Pool A with 10 points from four games and have much superior goal difference than second-placed side South



Korea who have seven points with a match in hand. South Korea take on Malaysia in their final group league match later on Tuesday. Two teams from each pool qualify for the semifinals. It was a complete domination from the Indians as they toyed with Hong Kong's defence from the word go to pump in six goals in the first two quarters and seven more after half-time. It took India just two minutes to surge ahead when Vandana found the net from Navneet Kaur's pass. The Indians soon earned back-to-back penalty corners but wasted the chances as Hong Kong defended bravely. India doubled their lead

from a quick counter-attack through Deepika, who found the net from Vandana's assist.

It was raining goals as Monika and Deep Grace scored two more in quick succession to hand India 4-0 lead at the end of the first quarter. A minute into the second quarter, Vandana scored her second with a tomahawk from edge of the circle. Three minutes from half-time, Sangita tapped in Monika's pass as India enjoyed a comfortable 6-0 lead at the break. The trend continued after the change of ends as India's relentless pressure resulted in seven more goals. Deep Grace converted two penalty corners in the third quarter to complete her hat-trick. Vandana followed suit with another tomahawk goal to bring up her hat-trick. Deepika then converted two penalty corners with scorching flicks to match her senior teammates. In between, Sangita and Navneet also found the net once each. India will be the second placed team of Pool B in the semifinals on Thursday.

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'Centre making efforts to make life easier for the people of Chh'garh'

PM dedicates new rail projects

During the event, the PM inaugurated a new rail line between Antagarh and Tadoki and a rail line doubling project between Jagdalpur and Dantewada. He also laid the foundation stone of Boridand-Surajpur rail line doubling project and redevelopment of Jagdalpur Station under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.

The prime minister also inaugurated a road upgradation project from 'Kunkuri (Jashpur district) to Chhattisgarh - Jharkhand Border section' of National Highway-43. Expressing happiness that Chhattisgarh has completed the work of 100 per cent electrification of

railway tracks, he said, "Vande Bharat train is also operating in the state. More than 30 stations of Chhattisgarh are being upgraded under Amrit Bharat Station Yojana. Of which the foundation stone for redevelopment of 7 stations has already been done. Along with Bilaspur, Raipur and Durg station, today Jagdalpur station has been added to this list." In the coming days, Jagdalpur station will become the main centre of the city and passenger facilities here will be upgraded, he said, adding that in the last nine years, free Wi-Fi facility has been provided at more than 120 stations in the state.

ing all possible efforts to make the lives of Chhattisgarh's people easier. "Today, Chhattisgarh is receiving development projects worth around Rs 27,000 crore and these new

projects will open up ample employment opportunities for the people of the state, expedite its progress and create an environment for business activities," Modi said.



PM Modi with others flags off the Taroki-Raipur DEMU train service during the foundation stone laying ceremony of various developmental projects, at Jagdalpur, in Bastar district, Tuesday.

Jagdalpur, Oct 03 (PTI)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday inaugurated development projects worth more than Rs 26,000 crore in poll-bound Chhattisgarh, where he said the dream of a developed Bharat will be realised only when all states, districts and villages become developed.

He was speaking at an event held at the Lalbag Maidan in Jagdalpur, the headquarter of Bastar dis-

trict, where he dedicated to the nation the NMDC Steel Ltd's steel plant at Nagarnand village, located around 22 km away from here, and virtually flagged off a new train between Tadoki and Raipur in the state.

It was PM Modi's fourth visit in the last two-and-half months to the Congress-ruled state, where assembly elections are due by this year-end.

The prime minister said the government was mak-



Bhopal Metro train runs on a track during its final trial run from Subhash Nagar Depot to Rani Kamalapati Railway Station, in Bhopal, Tuesday.

TRIAL RUN

'Concept of SC/ST, OBC reservation would not apply to minority institutions'

HC RULING

Chennai, Oct 03 (PTI)

The Madras High Court has held that the concept of communal reservation or reservation for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other Backward Classes of citizens would not apply to minority institutions.

The first bench comprising Chief Justice S V Gangapurwala and Justice P D Audikesavalu gave the ruling while partly allowing an appeal and a petition from Justice Basheer Ahmed Syed College for Women (Autonomous) in the city, assailing a November 2021 order, rejecting the extension of religious minority status to the college.

The college also sought a direction to issue the Permanent Religious Minority status certificate.

Though reservation was made applicable to the so-

cially and educationally Backward Classes of citizens, the SCs and the STs for admission, from the educational institutions, the minority educational institutions were consciously excluded from the operation of Article 15(5) of the Constitution of India, the bench said.

It noted that Article 15(5) of the Constitution does not empower the State to compel a minority educational institution to admit students from the Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes or Backward Classes of citizens.

A minority institution was permitted to admit 50 per cent of the students from a minority community and the remaining 50 per cent from other communities, it said.

In view of that also, the policy of Communal Reservation cannot be implemented i.e., reservation for the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and the Other Backward

Classes, the bench added.

Quashing the government order, which refused the extension of Religious (Muslim) Minority status to the petitioner institution, the court said in case the petitioner complies with all other requirements, then the authorities shall permit the college to function as a minority educational institution, unless the minority status was cancelled by the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions.

"The Minority status is not a tenure status, ergo is not for a limited period," the bench pointed out.

It further held that competent authority may adopt regulatory measures and supervisory measures, such as periodical calling for the list of members of the governing board of the college and the Memorandum and Bylaws, so as to monitor that the Institution was manned by the members of the minority.

Singhvi goes against party line on caste count



Abhishek Singhvi

New Delhi, Oct 03 (PTI)

After the Congress strongly battled for a national caste census with the assertion that rights should be proportionate to the population, senior party leader Abhishek Singhvi on Tuesday struck a note of caution, saying it will eventually culminate into majoritarianism.

The remarks by Singhvi, a spokesperson of the party and a member of its apex decision-making body Congress Working Committee, countered the pitch for "Jitni abaadi, utna haq" (rights proportionate to the population) made by Rahul Gandhi and

other leaders following the release of Bihar caste census on Monday.

"Equality of opportunity is never the same as equality of outcomes. People endorsing #jitniabaadiutnaaq have to first completely understand the consequences of it. It will eventually culminate into majoritarianism," Singhvi said on X.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi while speaking at a poll rally in Jagdalpur said the Congress should clarify whether rights can be given in proportion to the "abaadi" (population) and asserted that poor people have the first right over the country's resources.

Modi also asked whether the grand old party wants to decrease the rights of Muslims.

On Monday, former Congress president Rahul Gandhi said the caste census of Bihar has proved that 84 per cent of people in the state are OBCs, SCs and STs and their rights should be according to their population.

Students perform namaz during school program

Gujarat gov orders probe following protest

Ahmedabad, Oct 03 (PTI)

Hindu right-wing activists staged a protest on Tuesday and the Gujarat government ordered a probe after Hindu students were allegedly asked to perform namaz as part of an awareness program at a private school here.

Videos of the protest showed a teacher being beaten up.

The state government ordered an inquiry into the program organised at Kalorex Future School, located in Ghatlodia area of the city, on September 29.

The intention behind organizing the program in question was only to make students aware of the practices of different religions and no student was forced to perform the

Islamic prayer, the school said, while also tendering an apology.

In a video of the event, which was later removed from the school's Facebook page, a student of the primary section can be seen performing namaz. Then, four other students join him in singing 'Lab pe aati hai dua', a prayer, in the Islamic way.

Activists of the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad, Bajrang Dal and other right-wing organisations staged a protest on the school premises.

"It seems that some people want to disturb the peaceful atmosphere of the state by organising such programs in schools. Students who took part in that program may not be even aware what exactly they were doing. This is not at all acceptable," said Minister of State for Primary, Secondary and Adult Education Praful

Pansheriya. "We will conduct an investigation to find out the mentality and intention behind organising such a program and then appropriate action will be taken. We will not spare those who have done anything wrong," the minister added.

"We came across a video which showed that Hindu students of this school were forced to perform namaz during an activity. Following our protest, the school management has tendered an apology and also given an assurance that such activities will not be conducted in the future because only Hindu students have taken admission here," said Meet Bhavsar, Gujarat ABVP's media coordinator.

A teacher seen playing a musical instrument in the event's video was thrashed by the activists as well as angry parents during the protest on Tuesday, some viral videos showed.

Oppn slams raids on NewsClick portal

Govt says agencies work as per law

New Delhi, Oct 03 (PTI)

Opposition parties on Tuesday slammed the Centre over raids on journalists linked with NewsClick portal, alleging the "coercive" actions were directed only against those who speak truth to power, even as the government asserted that probe agencies are independent and work in accordance with law.

The Congress alleged the raids were a "fresh distraction" from the "explosive" findings of the caste survey in Bihar and the growing demand for a caste census across the country. In a statement, Opposition bloc INDIA strongly condemned the raids and alleged the BJP government's "coercive" actions are directed only against those who speak truth to power and not against those who spread hatred and divisiveness.

However, Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur said probe agencies in the country are independent and work as per law.

"I need not justify the raid. If someone has done something wrong, probe agencies work on it... Nowhere is it written that if you have got money

Journalist bodies condemn raid

Various organisations, including the Editors Guild of India, condemned the Delhi Police raids on news portal NewsClick and its scribes on Tuesday, with some claiming that it was an attempt to "muzzle" press freedom.

The Editors Guild of India (EGI) issued a statement saying it was deeply concerned about the raids at the residences of senior journalists early this morning. These raids are yet another attempt to "muzzle the media", it said.

"We remind the government of the importance of an independent media in a functioning democracy, and urge it to ensure that the fourth pillar is respected, nurtured and protected," the guild said. "While we recognise that the law must take its course if actual offences are involved, the due process has to be followed. The investigation of specific offences must

not create a general atmosphere of intimidation under the shadow of draconian laws, or impinge on the freedom of expression and the raising of dissenting and critical voices," it added.

Through a post on 'X', the Press Club of India said it was deeply concerned about the raids. "We are monitoring the developments and will be releasing a detailed statement. The PCI stands in solidarity with the journalists and demands the government to come out with details," it said.

A spontaneous protest meeting was held at the Press Club of India here against the police action. The meeting resolved to continue the protest to defend media freedom.

The Indian Women Press Corps (IWPC) demanded that "this harassment" of the media by government agencies should stop.

portal NewsClick and its journalists in a case filed under the anti-terror law UAPA following allegations that it received money for pro-China propaganda.

Some journalists, including Urmillesh and Abhisar Sharma, were taken to the Lodhi Road Special Cell office for questioning. Sources said that they have posed a list of 25

questions to them.

The Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) said in its statement that the government has also tried to convert the media into a mouthpiece for its partisan and ideological interests by allegedly facilitating the takeover of media organisations by crony capitalists.

"Both the government and its ideologically aligned organisations have resorted to reprisals against individual journalists who spoke truth to power. Furthermore, the BJP government has also spearheaded regressive policies like the Information Technology Rules 2021 that constrict the media from reporting objectively. In doing so, the BJP is not only hiding its sins of omissions and commission from the people of India, it is also compromising India's global standing as a mature democracy," the opposition alliance said in the statement.

"The BJP government's coercive actions are invariably directed against only those media organisations and journalists that speak truth to power. Ironically, the BJP government is paralysed when it comes to taking action against those journalists inciting hatred and divisiveness in the nation," it said.

'Mann ki Baat' mentions boosted traction of policy initiatives, other issues

New Delhi, Oct 03 (PTI)

A study by IIM-Bangalore has found that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's monthly 'Mann ki Baat' broadcast succeeded in popularising a host of policy initiatives centred around issues like the welfare of girls, yoga and the use of Khadi.

Modi shared the collaborative study by the IIM and State Bank of India on his website, noting that his broadcast has completed nine years.

The interesting study highlights some of the themes covered and their societal impact, he said, adding that it is amazing how several life journeys and collective efforts have been celebrated through the medium.

The research has analysed the impact of 105 episodes of the programme in the last nine years and has assessed the lasting impact of changes (both tangible and intangible) brought in by the powerful and strategic medium of communication that is Mann Ki Baat, it said.

This report has also focused on analysing the policy implication of Mann Ki Baat using Natural Language Processing (NLP), it added.

IIM STUDY

"Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme launched in Jan 2015, gained traction in Google searches popularity after Mann Ki Baat in Jan 2015.

"It has further gained Google searches popularity after continuous Mann Ki Baat mentions for 2 years. Sukanya Samridhi Yojana (SSY) launched as a part of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Campaign has been a large success," it said, sharing graphics.

The SSY is a small deposit scheme of the government meant exclusively for a girl child.

"Yoga, the word which has been around since time eternal, gained popularity in Google searches after Mann Ki Baat on Dec 14, but after heavyweight communication on Mann Ki Baat in May and June 2015, it has gained popularity enough to increase the mean of google search popularity," the study said.

On Khadi, it said, "Khadi gained immense popularity during our freedom struggle, but with changing times, it was losing its popularity."

With Mann Ki Baat, Khadi has gained im-

mense popularity and a concomitant rise in sales. Social media coverage of Khadi has gone up too, it said.

Popular interest in Mudra loan, Statue of Unity and millets also surged following their mentions by the prime minister in his radio programme, it said, sharing related graphs.

On COVID-19, it said, "Average Covid Panic Index 2020-22 was one of the lowest in India with continuous positive communication through Mann Ki Baat."

"It has been found that there was a 25 per cent increase in average searches about Swami Vivekananda after it was mentioned in the Mann Ki Baat

episode," it added.

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