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People and vendors at the Char Minar, in Hyderabad, Wednesday.

BRIEF

Multiple projects
New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch development projects worth Rs 12,600 crore in Madhya Pradesh and Rs 5,000 crore in Rajasthan during his visit to the two poll-bound states on Thursday. In Jodhpur in Rajasthan, the Prime Minister's Office said, Modi will lay the foundation stone and inaugurate multiple development projects in sectors like road, rail, aviation, health and higher education. In Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh, he will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of development projects in sectors such as road, rail, gas pipeline, housing and clean drinking water, it said.

Retrieved
Shimla: A search team has retrieved the body of a trekker missing since September 28 from near Jogini waterfall in the forest in Manali suburbs, police said Wednesday. A body was spotted by the rescue team on Tuesday but could not be identified. Rahul Ramesh, 35, from Bengaluru, prima facie fell from a cliff and died, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Manali, K D Sharma told PTI. His body was spotted 400 metres down the cliff.

Reserve
New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday reserved its verdict on a plea challenging the designation of lawyers as senior advocates. The matter came up for hearing before a bench of Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Justice CT Ravikumar and Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia which observed that sometimes it is easy to criticise. "Criticism is easy but constructive working of the system is difficult," the bench told advocate Mathews J Nedumpara who, along with seven others, has filed the petition. "Arguments heard. Judgment reserved," the bench said.

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Golden moments for Indian athletics

Neeraj, men's 4x400m relay team win gold medals

first effort was not recorded due to a malfunction in electronic distance measurement, defended his title with a season's best throw of 88.88m in his fourth attempt, while Kishore came up with his personal best of 87.54 -- also his fourth attempt -- to finish 1-2. Kishore thus sealed his berth for the Paris Olympics.



Neeraj Chopra, Kishore Kumar Jena, and relay squad consisting of Muhammed Anas Yahiya, Amoj Jacob, Muhammed Ajmal, and Rajesh Ramesh celebrate together in style.

Ramesh sealed the gold for India in the men's 4x400m relay with a timing of 3:01.58. Indian quartet of Vithya Ramraj, Aishwarya Mishra, Prachi and Subha Venkatesan also claimed a silver in women's 4x400m relay. The India quartet came up with an effort of 3:27.85 to finish second, while Bahrain dished out a Games record effort of 3:27:65 to claim the top position, while Sri Lanka won the bronze with a timing of 3:30:88. It was third silver of the day for India in athletics. Harmilan Bains and Avinash Sable won a silver medal each in women's 800m and men's 5000m respectively.

PROTEA, CUPDA AUR MAKHAN

Amul WINNING TASTE!
Amul is sponsor of South African cricket team

LPG subsidy for Ujjwala beneficiaries hiked to Rs 300

New Delhi: The government on Wednesday raised the subsidy provided to poor women, who got free cooking gas connections under the Ujjwala Yojana, to Rs 300 per cylinder as it looked to blunt opposition criticism of high fuel prices. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs raised the subsidy from Rs 200 per 14.2-kg cylinders for up to 12 refills per year to Rs 300 per bottle, Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur told reporters here.

ED summons actor Ranbir Kapoor 'Cong for census of backward classes'

MAHADEV BETTING APP CASE
New Delhi, Oct 04 (PTI): The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has summoned actor Ranbir Kapoor for questioning on Friday in connection with the Mahadev betting application money-laundering case in Chhattisgarh, officials said. They said the agency has accused Kapoor of receiving money from the promoters of the app for promoting their product in the virtual (online) space. The ED has asked Kapoor to appear at the agency's Raipur office on October 6, they said. Around 14-15 other celebrities and actors are under the ED's scanner in the case and they will also be



summoned soon, sources said. The company promoted by Sourabh Chandrakar and Ravi Uppal was being operated from Dubai. It was allegedly using the on-line book betting application to enrol new users, create IDs and launder money through a layered web of benami bank accounts, the agency has alleged. The ED investigation has shown that the Mahadev Online Book App is run from a central head office in the

United Arab Emirates (UAE), officials said. It operates by franchising "Panel/Branches" to their known associates on a 70-30 profit ratio, the agency had said. Large-scale hawala operations are done to siphon off the proceeds of the betting to offshore accounts, it had said. A huge expenditure in cash has also been incurred in India for advertising of betting websites to attract new users and franchise (panel) seekers, it had said. The company promoters hail from Bhilai in Chhattisgarh and the Mahadev online book betting application is an umbrella syndicate arranging online platforms for enabling illegal betting websites.

Will help in taking steps for their welfare

Kodatarai, Oct 04: Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Wednesday said his party wants a census of the backward classes as the move will provide exact details about their status and help in taking measures for their welfare. He slammed Prime Minister Narendra Modi for accusing the Congress of trying to divide the country, and said his "game" will not continue in 2024 as people of the country have become aware. Addressing the Chhattisgarh Congress government's 'Bharose ka Sammelan' event in



Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge with CM Bhupesh Baghel, AICC State Incharge Kumari Selja and others during 'Bharose ka Sammelan', in Raigarh, Wednesday.

Kodatarai village of Raigarh district, Kharge also accused the BJP and the RSS of having "anti-women ideology", and said if the saffron party is concerned about women, backward classes and the poor, it should implement the legislation on women's

'Jhoothon ke sardar'

Khargecalled PM Modi "jhoothon ke sardar" and accused him of lying. Targeting the BJP, he said, the saffron party's guarantee is to harass people, while the Congress' guarantee is to create employment and hike support price for farmers.

BJP anti-women.....

They (BJP) say the Congress had opposed the women's reservation bill. Who brought amendments (to the Constitution) and ensured reservation for women in panchayat bodies? It was the Congress, Kharge said. Be it the Jan Sangh, BJP or RSS, their ideology has been "anti-women", Kharge alleged.

ART WITH A DIFFERENCE



Sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik creates a sand sculpture congratulating Indian javelin throwers Neeraj Chopra and Kishore Kumar Jena on winning gold and silver medal respectively at the 19th Asian Games, in Puri district, Wednesday.

No FIR, didn't reveal offences: NewsClick on raids

New Delhi, Oct 04 (PTI): NewsClick on Wednesday issued a statement on Delhi Police raids at its premises claiming it has not been provided a copy of FIR, or informed about the offences people associated with it have been charged with. "Yesterday, raids were carried out by the Special Cell of the Delhi Police at various locations including NewsClick's offices, residences of journalists and employees. We have not been provided with a copy of the FIR, or informed about the exact particulars of the offences with which we have been charged," NewsClick said in a statement. The online news portal claimed that police seized



Senior journalist Paranjoy Guha Thakurta during a protest organised by journalists over Police actions on news portal NewsClick, at Press Club of India in New Delhi, Wednesday.

electronic devices from its premises and houses of employees without any due process such as the provision of seizure memos, hash values of the seized data, or even copies of the data. "NewsClick's

NewsClick founder, HR head sent to police custody

NewsClick founder Prabir Purkayastha and human resources head Amit Chakravarty, arrested in a case filed under anti-terror law UAPA, have been sent to police custody for seven days, even as the media organisation has said it has not been provided with a copy of the FIR or informed about the offences.

Police action based on 'solid evidence': BJP

Justifying Delhi Police action against the NewsClick portal, the BJP said on Wednesday that those involved in anti-India activities will face the strictest action as people have given the mandate to the Modi government to deal firmly with such elements. Addressing a press conference here at the BJP headquarters, its national spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia slammed the Congress and other opposition parties of the INDIA bloc for coming in support of the news portal and said police have taken action against NewsClick based on "solid evidence".

office has also been sealed in a blatant attempt at preventing us from continuing our reporting," the statement read. "We strongly condemn these actions of a Government that refuses to respect journalistic independence, and treats criticism as sedition or 'anti-national' propaganda," it added.

DELHI EXCISE CASE

ED arrests AAP MP Sanjay Singh

New Delhi, Oct 04 (PTI): The Enforcement Directorate on Wednesday arrested Aam Aadmi Party Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh in connection with the now-scrapped Delhi excise policy, officials said. The 51-year-old leader was arrested Wednesday evening after the anti-money laundering agency conducted searches at his premises. He becomes the second high-profile AAP leader to be arrested in this case after former deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia. The AAP has alleged the ED "targeted" Singh as he raised issues related to the Adani group in Parliament. The ED had



Sanjay Singh being escorted by police.

In 2020, it said, Singh allegedly requested him to ask restaurant-owners to generate funds for the Aam Aadmi Party for the Delhi assembly elections. He said he gave a cheque of Rs 82 lakh. According to the charge

Arrest 'completely illegal': Kejriwal

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday called the arrest of senior AAP leader Sanjay Singh "completely illegal" and claimed that more opposition leaders will be arrested in the run-up to the 2024 parliamentary elections. "The arrest of Sanjay Singh is completely illegal. This shows (Prime Minister Narendra) Modi ji's nervousness. They will arrest many more opposition leaders until the elections," the AAP national convener said in a post on X.

Flash flood wreaks havoc in Sikkim

Eight dead, 23 armymen among 49 missing



Flooded Teesta river in north Sikkim, Wednesday.

Gangtok: At least eight people died and 49 others, including 23 army personnel, went missing on Wednesday after a cloudburst over Lhonak Lake in north Sikkim triggered a flash flood in the Teesta River basin, officials said. Three of the dead were washed up in north Bengal, they said. The flood in Sikkim that started around 1.30 am was made worse by the release of water from Chungthang dam, the officials said. "Five bodies have been recovered from Golitar and Singtam region," Gangtok Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Mahendra Chettri said. Another official said besides the 23 army personnel, 26 civilians were also missing, while 45 people rescued, including 18 injured. "A steel bridge at Singtam, known as Indreni bridge, 30 km from the state capital Gangtok has been completely washed away by Teesta river water early Wednesday," the official said.

Contractors allege irregularities in tenders

Submit memorandum, demand transparent practices

Central Chronicle News

Kondagaon, Oct 04: In a display of unwavering commitment to transparency and accountability, contractors in the Kondagaon Municipal Corporation have raised concerns about irregularities in significant construction tenders, totaling crores in value.

Their collective efforts culminated in the submission of a formal memorandum to the Kondagaon Collector, seeking fair and equitable practices in municipal projects.

Ever since the appointment of CMO Bhupendra Wadekar, persistent grievances regarding construction projects have come to light. Contractors have alleged breaches of protocol, particularly in the awarding of beautifica-

tion contracts within the Commissioner's chamber.

These alleged deviations from established tendering procedures have raised eyebrows and prompted demands for clarity and adherence to regulations. One of the major concerns voiced by contractors centers around a substantial beautification initiative valued at Rs 3.54 crores.

Identified by NIT number 1913/PWD/NPP/2023-24, this project focuses on the development and enhancement of the Kopabeda reservoir in ward number 15 of the Kondagaon Municipal Corporation.

The heart of the issue



lies in the suspicion that the online bidding process for this project did not originate from the department's computer IP address but, rather, from the

IP address of a private entity.

This has led contractors to question the fairness of the process and to raise concerns about potential undue influence favoring specific firms over others.

In addition to these allegations, contractors have further claimed that improprieties occurred in the bidding for NIT numbers 1975 and 1956. It is alleged that certain officials accepted monetary inducements, which subsequently influenced the awarding

of contracts.

Notable examples include the assignment of CC Road construction projects in Forest Colony and Danteswari Colony to

Sanjana Enterprises, as well as the sewer construction in Vikas Nagar, awarded to contractor Amrit Patel.

Contractors also contend that the construction of drainage systems in Tehsil Para Ward and CC Road was unfairly granted to contractor Harmohan Kohli. These alleged irregularities have far-reaching consequences, resulting in substantial financial losses for the government.

Simultaneously, they have favoured specific contractors at the expense of others. In response to these concerns, contractors have come together to submit a memorandum to the Kondagaon Collector, aiming to restore transparency, fairness, and accountability to the municipal tendering process.

Postal department conducts cleanup and tree plantation drive

Central Chronicle News

Pithora, Oct 04: The Postal Department, under the directives of the Ministry of Communications, Government of India, embarked on a sweeping nationwide program dedicated to cleanliness and tree planting.

The green initiative resonated across the country, bringing together post offices from every corner, including those in the Raipur division. The program's scope was ambitious, encompassing both comprehensive cleanliness efforts and an extensive tree planting drive. It united various postal officials and staff members who eagerly embraced their



roles as environmental champions.

Among those who fervently supported this noble cause were Dinesh Mistri, the Postmaster General, along with B.L. Jangde, Superintendent, Sarjeet Sarkar, RMS Superintendent, Mr. A.K.

Singh Saurabh Asati, Ms. Gulnaz Nasreen Varisht Dakpal, Pooja Sharma, P.S.D Manager Anand Kumar, Jyoti Chauhan, Neeraj Kumar, Bhoj Ram Patel, B.K. Tiwari, and other distinguished postal dignitaries from the regional office.

Gandhi and Shastri Jayanti celebrated Sarv Marar (Patel) Mahasangh demand ticket

At DAV Public School Bachel

Central Chronicle News

Bachel, Oct 04: On October 2, the birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, and the great personality Lal Bahadur Shastri, who gave the slogan of 'Jai Jawan Jai Kisan' to the nation, was celebrated with a cultural and dignified program at DAV Public School Bachel.

The pious day started with the lighting of the lamp by the Principal-Dr. Chetna Sharma. Thereafter, the portrait of Mahatma Gandhi and the former Prime Minister-Lal Bahadur Shastri was garlanded by her, followed



by the floral tributes by all the teachers. On this occasion a dance drama based on the ideals of Gandhiji was presented by the students under the able guidance of their teachers.

All the teachers of the school were actively present in this program. While addressing the gathering, the Principal-Dr.

Chetna Sharma beautifully defined nationalism, talked about the bright future of self-reliant India and reminded us of our fundamental duties towards the country.

She had thrown light on certain exemplary ideals of the two great leaders of

the glorious nation. The auspicious day ended up in success due to the team effort of the DAVians of Bachel. The programme was successfully anchored by the Sr. Teacher-J. Shailaja. The programme ended by carrying out a rally with zeal and enthusiasm.

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Kasdol, Oct 04: Sarv Marar (Patel) community are demanding tickets from various political parties in the upcoming elections and State President of Sarv Marar (Patel) Samaj Devcharan Patel said that our community in Chhattisgarh has a population of 35 to 40 lakhs, in which there are about 25 lakh voters.

The special thing is that 90% of the people of Marar Patel community vote for BJP, yet not a single person from our community have been given neither a place in the state BJP organization nor even a single person in the Assembly or Lok Sabha.

It is surprising that the state executive president



of the political cell of our society, Krishna Kumar Patel, was the only divisional president, he said. The people of the society have their majority in the state in Shakti, Janjgir, Mahasamund, Katghora, Akaltara, Kawardha tickets are being demanded from Pandariya Assembly too. State President

Devcharan Patel along with Senior Vice President Basant Patel, Chief Advisor Durga Patel, Executive State President Political Cell Krishna Kumar Patel, Moti Patel, District President Janjgir Champa, Pahuram Patel District President Bilaspur, Pramod Patel. State President Youth Cell,

Bhupendra Patel District President Kharsia, Kanti Patel Rajesh Patel, Sanat Patel, Rajeshwar Patel, Santosh Patel, Surendra Patel, Ishwar Patel, Chedi Lal Patel, Prem Sagar Patel, Vyas Narayan Patel, Shobha Patel, Bhaskar Patel and Chaitanya Patel were present.

MLA starts 'Bharosa Yatra' from Khallari

After offering prayers to Goddess Khallari

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Bagbahra, Oct 04: On occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, under guidance of PCC, one-day Vidan Sabha-level 'Bharosa Yatra' was started from Khallari area after offering prayers to Rajmata Maa Khallari. Bharosa Yatra was led by Parliamentary Secretary Dwarakadheesh Yadav and after which the Yatra proceeded to the route chart fixed.

Under this from Khallari the Yatra reached Daihinibhanta of Bagbahra and from here he passed via Hainadadar, Navadih, Jangaon, Bokramuda, Chindadar, Ghotiyapani and concluded at Hathibahra.

During the course of



the Yatra, the villagers were informed about the state government's public welfare schemes. Apart from this the people were also apprised about the politics of fooling and betraying people of their rights during 15 yrs of its rule. During start of the Yatra, chief Mahendra Chandrakar, Balwinder

Singh Saluja, Ravi Nishad, Bhupendra Thakur, Karan Diwan, Santosh Patel, Tejan Chandrakar, Basanta Thakur, Manohar Thakur, Rameshwar Chakradhari, Samim Kha, Ganesh Sharma, Durga Sagar, Dumroutin Thakur and Preetam Sahu and others were present.

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Khairagarh, Oct 04: Rani Rashmidewi Singh Government College, under the guidance of Principal Jitendra Sakhar, hosted an enlightening orientation workshop led by the Red Ribbon Club on Tuesday, October 3rd.

The program, chaired by Red Cross Coordinator J.K. Vaishnav, witnessed the presence of Red Ribbon Club Coordinator Suresh Advani, Mrs. Srishti Varma, and Dr. Seema Panjwani.

J.K. Vaishnav, addressing the audience, shed light on the Red Ribbon Club's objectives and activities. He

stressed the paramount importance of furnishing the youth with accurate and comprehensive information concerning HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, and related matters.

Advocating for a drug-free lifestyle, Vaishnav encouraged youth to undergo blood group testing, engage in blood donation drives, and cultivate awareness regarding health, nutrition, and physical fitness.



Suresh Advani, in his address, elucidated the significance of the Red Ribbon as a symbol of AIDS awareness. He described HIV as a life-threatening and incur-

able ailment. The Red Ribbon Club Awareness Workshop aimed to inspire students to become torchbearers of awareness on this critical issue.

Professor Srishti Varma, in her remarks, portrayed AIDS as a devastating and incurable disease. She emphasized that through awareness campaigns, countries with large populations, such as India, can effectively combat its spread.

Sarafa Traders Association joins cleanliness drive



On Senior Citizens Day

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Mungeli, Oct 04: Members of the Sarafa Traders' Association, in a heartwarming display of community spirit, enthusiastically participated in

a cleanliness drive along Ramgarh Road at Sonar Sadan, aligning with the National Cleanliness Campaign.

This remarkable initiative coincided with the celebration of International Senior Citizens Day, during which four distinguished individuals were honored for their dedica-

tion. Manharan Lal Soni, Jethmal Kotadia, Radheshyam Soni, and Dinesh Soni received well-deserved recognition in the form of shawls.

The members of the Sarafa Traders' Association devoted two hours to cleaning the Sonar Sadan area, demonstrating their commitment

to fostering a cleaner and more vibrant community. This endeavour was met with active participation from supervisors, officials, and dedicated members of the association.

On this special day, the Sarafa Association extended its gratitude to Manharan Lal Soni, President of the Sonar Community; Jethmal Kotadia, Deputy President of the Chhattisgarh Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Radheshyam Soni, Treasurer of the Sonar Community; and Dinesh Soni, President of the Mungeli branch of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad, by honoring them with shawls. The event was graced by the presence of numerous prominent members who celebrated the successful execution of this community-driven program.

Nagar Panchayat Council meeting cancelled



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Kurud, Oct 04: The meeting of Nagar Panchayat Council which has been scheduled on 30th September was reportedly cancelled due to the dispute between the President and Vice President, and disagreement of councilors on various subjects and allegations of setting of tender from contractors by CMO, Engineer.

As the time for implementation of the Code of

Conduct was approaching, it was called again today on 3rd September with short notice, in which important public works like disposal of social, cultural buildings, property and shop debris, name transfer and caste verification were completed by giving seal of approval.

Leader of Opposition Bhanu Chandrakar said that the works of the council are being accused of irregularities. Councilors should be included in that

tender process. NPP Vice President Manju Sahu expressed her strong displeasure and said that the CMO does not consider it necessary to inform the Vice President and Public Works Chairman and councilors about the tender process.

Later the special meeting of Nagar Panchayat Kurud Parishad was held on Tuesday at 12:30 pm, in which many issues under the infrastructure item, renovation and pitching and pitching repair of

local drain and CC block work and construction work of badminton hall stadium etc were discussed.

The council meeting was completed on a total of 18 different subjects including development block source centre repair work under overall education, development work under MLA fund, various construction works under state conversion scheme, property and shop Kamalma renaming, caste verification.

