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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.

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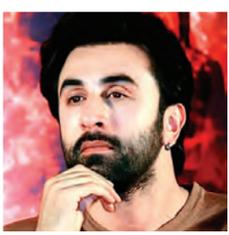
Amul WINNING TASTE!
Amul is sponsor of South African cricket team

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-scraped 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 army men 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.

Man stabs wife; hangs self

Over 15 DJ Sound Systems seized in three days

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Bhilai, Oct 04: In a shocking incident, a man stabbed his wife to death and thereafter committed suicide by hanging self in Adivasi Nagar area of Jamul Police Station limits on Tuesday evening. According to information, the lady was staying at her maternal home in Tilda for the last two months.

She returned back on Tuesday after which her husband started quarrelling with her. The argument grew violent after which the man stabbed her with a knife. Sensing trouble, he escaped from the spot and took shelter in a nearby hut. Later, he was found hanging in the hut.

ASP (City) Sanjay Dhruv informed that the



deceased were identified as Jeetu Netam (40) and his wife Ramli Netam (35). Jeetu used to sell herbal medicines at a roadside tent. The couple has two sons and a daughter. On Tuesday, Ramli returned home from her maternal place after about two months.

Jeetu was very angry as she spent such a long period at her maternal home. The couple started quarrelling near the

Community Stage in Adivasi Nagar. Suddenly, Jeetu took out a knife and stabbed his wife. He escaped from the spot and took shelter at a nearby hutment.

Locals immediately informed Police after which a Police team reached the crime scene. Cops found Jeetu hanging in the hut and the lady lying dead in the house. Police have lodged a case and investigations are on.

Bhilai, Oct 04: As per the direction of Superintendent of Police (Durg) Shalabh Sinha, a meeting of DJ operators was convened at the Police Control Room prior to the Ganeshotsava immersion processions. The DJ Sound System operators were told to follow the Supreme Court guidelines.

Even after getting clear instructions, many DJ operators were found operating at extremely high volume and exceeding the permissible limits. Many were found operating beyond the permissible timings late at night. The Police department took strict action against all the violators.

Under the guidance of Additional Superintendent of Police



(City) Sanjay Kumar Dhruv, all the Gazetted Officers and Police Station Incharges of District Durg took action in their respective areas and seized more than 15 DJ Sound Systems under Kolahal Niyanttran Adhinyam. Cops maintained vigil for

the three consecutive days during the idol immersion and plenary action was taken against the DJ operators also.

It needs to be mentioned here that playing loudspeakers is completely prohibited between 10 pm and 6 am. Ambient air

quality standards have been set regarding noise.

Accordingly, the permissible limits in industrial area is 75 dB during day time and 70 dB at night, in commercial area - 65 dB during day and 55 dB at night, in residential area - 55 dB during day and 45 dB

at night and in quiet area - 50 dB during day and 40 at night. Volume above this limit is completely prohibited.

Further, in the case of vehicle modification, the operator must have a permission issued by the Sub-Divisional Officer/Sub-Divisional Magistrate or Regional Transport Officer of the concerned area.

If loudspeakers are played at a louder volume than the standard level, strict action will be taken against them, for which the organizer and DJ will be responsible.

The team of Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Tehsildar, Police Inspector and Regional Transport Officer can take action against those who play loudspeakers at a volume higher than the standard level.

Bhilai Marathon under Fit Bhilai Movement on Oct 08

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Bhilai, Oct 04: Under the aegis of Chhattisgarh Olympic Association, Durg District Olympic Association is organizing a 6 km "Bhilai Marathon" under the Fit Bhilai Movement on 08 October 2023. The marathon will be flagged off at 4:00 pm from Ispat Club (Cricket Ground) Sector 01. The organisers are expecting participation of about 3000-4000 boys/girls and male/female players.

The marathon will begin from Ispat Club Sector-1 (Cricket Ground) and move across A Market Sector-1, Equipment Chowk, Sector-2 Chowk via Central Avenue Road, Police Petrol Pump (Kotwali, Sector-6), Kala

Mandir, Monument Park and end at Shaheed Garden, Civic Centre.

Participants can register online (<https://forms.gle/tBWQZVXU91wCUHbRA>) and offline as well. All the registered participants will be provided a T-shirt and chest number. Bhilai Marathon is being organized in 4 age groups - Sub-junior boys and girls (age 10 years to 14 years); Junior Boys and Girls (Age 15 to 18 years); Youth Men and Women (Age 19 years to 29 years) and Senior Men and Women (Age above 30 years).

Sumit Pawar (General Secretary, Durg District Olympic Association) informed that the prize distribution ceremony will be held at Shaheed Park,

Civic Centre, Bhilai from 6 pm. Bhilai Nagar MLA Devendra Yadav (General Secretary, Chhattisgarh Olympic Association and President of Durg District Olympic Association) will grace the function as chief guest. Mayor Neeraj Pal and office bearers of Chhattisgarh Olympic Association and various sports associations will be present. In all the eight age groups, the winners will get Rs 21000/- cash prize; second place holder will get Rs 11000 cash reward; and third position holder will get Rs 6000/- cash prize. Fourth to eighth position holders will get shoes while ninth to eighteenth position holders will get Tracksuits and 19th to 69th position holders will get T-Shirts.

The decision to organise the Marathon was taken during a special meeting of Durg District Olympic Association. MLA Devendra Yadav chaired the meeting. Office bearers of Chhattisgarh Olympic Association and various sports organisations including Bashir Ahmed Khan; Sahiram Jakhar; Sumit Pawar; VR Channavar; Y Raja Rao; Mohan Lal; Chavan Ram Sahu; GP Tiwari; Daljit Singh Thind; Khawaja Ahmed; Sameer Khan; Giri Rao; Rakesh Puri Goswami; SKD Mishra; Javed Khan; Ram Pratap Gupta; Jaswant Singh; Umesh Giri Goswami; Johnson Solomon; Deepak Gupta; Vinod Nair; Rajesh Sarkar and others were present.

Mayor's SUV hits scooter; Assistant Jailer injured

Bhilai, Oct 04: Assistant Jailer of Durg Central Jail and her daughter were injured in a mishap which occurred on Tuesday evening at Rajendra Park Square in Durg. The Assistant Jailer and her daughter were moving on a scooter and were hit by the car of Bhilai Mayor. The Mayor and other Congress leaders were travelling in the car and were heading towards District Court to attend CM's programme. According to information, Assistant Jailer Varsha Santosh Kunjam (41) was moving with her daughter Koya Kunjam on a scooter bearing registration number CG08-AX-0161. Near Rajendra Park Square, they were hit by a Toyota Innova car bearing registration number CG07-BW-5554. As an impact, Varsha and her daughter were thrown away and suffered injuries on head, limbs and abdomen. Varsha alleged that the Mayor made his driver flee from the spot after the mishap. An FIR has been lodged at Padmanabhpur Police Station.

Notorious goon Bablu Irani paraded in New Bus Stand

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Bhilai, Oct 04: In view of upcoming assembly elections, Durg Police have intensified its crime prevention and control exercise. In this sequel, the habitual offenders, criminals and trouble makers are being caught and efforts are being made to eliminate their fear in the society.

CSP Manishankar Chandra informed that they were receiving complaints against Bablu Irani, a habitual criminal of New Bus Stand, Durg. He was involved in several crimes and was threatening people with a knife.

On Wednesday, a police team reached New Bus Stand and Bablu Irani was taken into custody. A sharp weapon was recovered from him. Bablu Irani is a habitual offender and has created his terror in the New Bus Stand area. He is accused in almost 88 criminal cases.



CSP Chandra informed that to eliminate his fear, Bablu Irani was paraded in public and was made to

take a pledge of not getting involved in criminal activities in future.

The common people were told that there is no need to be afraid of such miscreants and the police are continuously working to establish peace and order.

Devendra inaugurates district's first digital library at Khursipar

More than 10 lakh e-books, UPSC, CG PSC, Railway, Bank, SSC books will be available

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Bhilai, Oct 04: The first digital library of Durg district has been established near Shri Ram Chowk in Khursipar. Bhilai Nagar MLA Devendra Yadav dedicated this e-library to the students on Wednesday. Devendra accompanied by the students cut the ribbon to inaugurate the library. Enthusiasm was seen among the students during the function.

The library is now open for everyone. People curiously visited all the rooms, reading zones and saw the books in the library. The beauty and facilities of the



library triggered great enthusiasm among the citizens and students of the area.

CCTV cameras have also been installed in the library for security purposes.

The citizens of the area expressed gratitude to MLA Devendra Yadav for this library. Mayor Neeraj Pal, MiC members and Congress leaders were present in the inaugura-

tion program.

Talking to media persons, MLA Devendra Yadav said that lack of money and facilities should not hinder the students in preparing for the examinations of Banks, Railways, UPSC, PSC, etc. This library has been started to provide essential books to all the children.

He hoped that the library would play a vital role in making a brighter future for the children. Devendra further wished that the children will study well and make this educational institution famous worldwide.

BSP Collective pays homage to Mahatma Gandhi

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Bhilai, Oct 04: The auspicious occasion of the 154th Birth Anniversary of Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi was celebrated by the SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant Collective with an All-Religion Prayer Meeting organized at the Multipurpose Hall of Bhilai Niwas in the morning.

Anjani Kumar, ED (Works), AK Chakraborty, ED (MM), Samir Swarup, ED (Rowghat), BK Giri, ED (Mines), Dr Ravindranath M, CMO, U/c (M&HS), Rajiva Kumar Srivastava, Acting ED (Projects).

Debendra Nath Karan, Acting ED (P&A) and Nisha Soni, Acting ED (P&A) and other Senior Officials and Plant



Personnel were also present on this occasion.

At the outset, floral tributes were paid to Mahatma Gandhi. Representatives of the major religions of India recited prayers from the Religious Scriptures of their respective faiths.

Acharya Mahesh Chandra Sharma recited prayers from the Shrimad

Bhagawad Gita, Bhai Mahanga Singh recited prayers from Shri Guru Granth Sahib, and prayers from the Holy Bible on this occasion were recited by Father Arpan Tarun and Hafiz Anwar recited prayers from the Holy Quran.

Mahatma Gandhi's morning prayers were also

sung by PT Ullas Kumar and party, followed by Bhajan performances by Sudhir Singh and Shradha Sahu. A collective Ram-naam Dhun was also led by Dipendra Haldar and party on this occasion. Supriyo Sen from BSP's SCCA department compered the Programme.

Homage paid to Beera Singh on death anniversary



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Bhilai, Oct 04: On the fourth death anniversary of Sardar Beera Singh, under the aegis of SBS Hospital Bhilai and Heavy Transport Company (HTC) a prayer meeting was organised. Dignitaries from different sections of the society eminent citizens, common people, social workers participated in large numbers at the

prayer meet. A blood donation camp was organized in memory of Late Beera Singh where several youth donated blood. In order to make the life of 10 divyang persons easier, electric tricycles and wheelchairs were given to them with the first two distributed from the hands of Beera Singh's mother and wife. The office bearers of Chhattisgarh Sikh Panchayat and the man-

agement committees of Kohka Gurdwara, Supela Gurdwara, Housing Board Gurdwara, Nehru Nagar Gurdwara, Camp 1 Gurdwara, Camp 2 Gurdwara and senior citizens of Yadav community, Chhattisgarh Cement Welfare Association President Achaljit Bhatia, Treasurer Malkit Singh and Executive President Sandeep Singh also gave away the tricycles.

Swachhata Shramdan Abhiyan organised at various BSP Mines

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Bhilai, Oct 04: "Swachhta Hi Seva" Cleanliness programme under the Swachh Bharat initiative by the Government of India was collectively observed throughout India with the motto 'one date, one hour, together'. As per the instructions by the Ministry of Steel, Government of India, a "Swachhta Hi Seva and Swachhta Abhiyan 3.0" is being observed from October 02 to October 15, 2023, by various departments and mines of Bhilai Steel Plant, including Rajhara Mechanized Mine, Dalli Mechanized Mine, Mahamaya-Dulki Mines, Flux Mines, Nandini Limestone Mines, Hirri Dolomite Mines and Kuteshwar Limestone Mines.



A series of cleanliness based activities were carried out in the Dalli & Rajhara group of mines, under the guidance of RB Gaharwar, CGM (Mines) IOC, Rajhara, on October 01 and 02, 2023. BSP's Dalli & Rajhara Mines Collective participated in the cleanliness campaign and rendered Shramdaan Service at: Cleaning of Rajhara Baba temple com-

plex; Cleaning of the archaeological site of ancient Budhadev Baba temple complex at Mahamaya-Dulki Mines, along with Mines Office Rajhara and Mines Office Dalli; Cleanliness Awareness Programme through Banners and Posters at Rajhara Township.

Awareness Rallies will also be organized by the school children in adjoining

villages to the mines. Satyendra Kumar, DGM (Rajhara Mines) also contributed for organising the "Swachhta Hi Seva and Swachhta Abhiyan 3.0" campaign successfully. Similar cleanliness initiatives and tree plantation are taken by the SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant management from time to time for better upkeep of the plant and environment.

OBITUARY

PN Chandrashekharan



Bhilai: Retired BSP employee PN Chandrashekharan left for heavenly abode at the age of 83 years. Funeral procession will be taken out from his residence situated at Plot 47/48, Street no-16, Shanti Nagar, Bhilai on October 05 around 11:00 hrs and last rites of the mortal remains will be performed at Ramnagar Muktidham. He is survived by wife - KR Sumathi; son - C Beeju daughter - Bindhu Suresh, son-in-law KS Suresh and family.

Saraswati Sharma

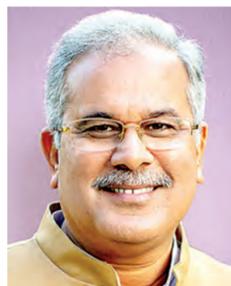


Bhilai: Sector 7, Street 33 resident Saraswati Sharma, wife of Anil Sharma (Vidyanand Sharma, Sharda Bemetara wale) left for heavenly abode on Wednesday. Last rites of the mortal remains will be performed at Shivanth Muktidham on October 05 around 11:00 hrs. She was the mother of Amit Sharma and elder sister of Shesh Narayan Shukla and journalist Satyanarayan Shukla.

Central Govt should remove the ban on bonuses: CM

CM Baghel writes a letter to the Prime Minister

And providing the bonus amount of Rs. 3700 cr to the farmers



for the year 2016-17, enabling the previous government to provide a bonus of Rs. 300 per quintal to farmers for paddy procured during the years 2016-17 and 2017-18.

The Chief Minister further stated in his letter that after his government took office in 2018, the Central Government reinstated the ban on providing bonuses for paddy procured in June 2019. This ban remains in effect, preventing farmers across the country from receiving bonuses on agricultural produce.

In a bid to safeguard farmers' interests, the Chief Minister has written a letter to the Prime Minister, urging the removal of the Central Government's ban on bonuses for farmers. This action is aimed at ensuring that farmers receive the outstanding amount rightfully owed to them.

and to provide an additional bonus of Rs 300 per quintal. However, in 2014, the Central Government prohibited bonuses on agricultural produce, leaving farmers in Chhattisgarh deprived of Rs. 3700 cr. This ban has been a longstanding issue affecting farmers' rightful earnings.

The Chief Minister highlighted in his letter that during the 2013-14 period, the previous state government had procured

paddy at a minimum support price of Rs. 1350 per quintal. However, upon the formation of the Central Government in May 2014, a ban was imposed on bonuses for agricultural produce. Consequently, the previous state government was unable to provide bonuses to the state's farmers for the years 2014-15 and 2015-16.

Fearing farmers unrest, the Central Government lifted the ban on bonuses

Dr Pravin Verma elevated as CGPSC Working President

Raipur, Oct 04: Amidst controversy surrounding over the recent appointments to the post of Deputy Collector and allied posts, Chhattisgarh Public Services Commission (CGPSC) member Dr Pravin Verma has been elevated as Working President following the retirement of the outgoing President Taman Singh Sonwani who has been in the Centre of storm. According to the information received, the state government on Thursday issued officials notification regarding the appointment of Dr Pravin Verma as the Working President of CGPSC till further orders. It is notable that the state government has not made any fresh appointments in CGPSC after Sonwani retired recently. According to the information received, Dr Pravin Verma has been given the charge of Working President to ensure smooth conduct of the administrative works in CGPSC for day to day activities.

CLOGGED DRAINS



The drains in many parts of city are clogged and shows concern on part of local RMC authorities.

21 State Police Services Officers given fresh postings

Raipur, Oct 04: State Government on Thursday evening issued fresh posting orders of 21 State Police Services (SPS) Officers on administrative grounds. According to the order issued here, the Assistant Commandant of 9th Battalion Santosh Borkar has been promoted as Deputy

Commandant whereas Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Narayanpur Battalion Bantlu Ram Bhagat has been promoted as Additional SP, DSP Manendragarh in Chirmiri Rupesh Kumar Dhande has been shifted to Kondagaon as Additional SP Operations and DSP Baloda Bazar Abhishek

Singh has been shifted to Dial 112 Raipur as Additional SP.

Similarly, fresh posting has been given to DSP Janjgir Shailendra Kumar Pandey, Abhishek Kumar Jha, Rakesh Kumar Kurre after being promoted. Total 21 SPS Officers have been given fresh postings in the order.

BJP has not released 2nd list of candidates for polls: Sao



Congress Govt's approach to PM Modi's Bastar function not acceptable in democracy

Raipur, Oct 04: Putting an end to the speculations over the 2nd list of candidates for the upcoming Legislative Assembly elections, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) State Unit President Arun Sao on Thursday said that the party has not released the names of the candidates for the remaining seats for the polls. He said that only discussion has been held during the recently

held meeting of Central Election Committee (CEC) and made it clear that the viral list of candidates is not the official list of candidates for the remaining seats. It is notable that names of nearly 50 candidates had gone viral which subsequently resulted in protest in certain Assembly segments on the decision. It was reported that the list has been kept on hold on complaints of leak of the names in section of media.

Meanwhile talking to media persons here, the State BJP President Arun Sao said that the behaviour and attitude of

Congress government towards the public dedication programme of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Jagdalpur, is not acceptable in democracy and added that it shows the jealousy on part of the Congress. Sao claimed that nearly 50 thousand people would get employment opportunities from the Nagarnar Steel Plant but the Congress government is not welcoming the above development. He further stated that the anti-development face of Congress has once again been exposed with the Bandh call given by it in Bastar during the PM's visit.

Action taken against 45 vehicle owners

Raipur, Oct 04: As per instructions by the SSP Prashant Kumar Agrawal and Adtl. SP (Traffic) SK Choubey, the officers and employees of the Traffic department took action against the vehicle riders violating traffic norms and issued challan. In this the police also took action against the vehicle owners who have not mentioned the registration number correctly as per rules in the registration number plate and used designation along with it. In last three days, action has been taken against 45 vehicle riders in the capital for riding their vehicles by using some name or designation in the registration number plate.

Raipur police has made an appeal to all the vehicle owners to write their registration number properly and clearly as per norms acceptable and do not use any designation or words in the plate or write it in wrong pattern. If anyone is found doing it, they necessary legal action will be taken against them.

'Total 2.03 cr voters in state after publication of final voter list'

7.19 lakh voters have increased in state after the 2nd Special Summery Revision of electoral rolls



Raipur, Oct 04: The Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Chhattisgarh, Reena Babasaheb Kangale, addressed a press conference at the Chief Electoral Office informed that after the second Special Summery Revision of the electoral roll in the state, the final voter list has been published in all the polling centers today. According to the list published today, there are a total of 2 crore 3 lakh 60 thousand 240 voters in the state. These include 1 crore 1 lakh 20 thousand 830 male voters, 1 crore 2 lakh 39 thousand 410 fe-

male voters, and 790 third gender voters. After the second Special Summery Revision of the electoral rolls, the number of voters in the state has increased by 7 lakh 19 thousand 825. The Joint Chief Electoral Officer Nileskumar Mahadev Kshirsagar, Bipin Majhi, and senior officials of the Chief Electoral Office were also present at the press conference.

Speaking further CEO Reena Kangle informed that there are total 11 Lok Sabha seats and 90 Vidhan Sabha seats; 5 Rajya Sabha seats and total number of polling centres in state is 24109. Total projected population of state is 3.03 cr. The number of PwDs identified voters in the voter list has increased from 1,47,364 in the preliminary publication to total 1,60,955. There are total 7,23,771 voters in the age-group of 18-19 yrs registered and in the preliminary voter list the figure was 4,25,698. In this way there was rise of 2,98,073 voters during the special summary revision period.

Presently the first-time voters in the age-group of 18-22 are 18,68,636 and they will be exercising their franchise for the first time. The number of senior citizens (80+age) is 19,839.

In the existing revision, a total of 10,10,699 new voters have been added through form-6 and total of 2,90,874 have been deleted based upon the form-7. In this way there is an increase of 7,19,825 voters.

CEO State Election Office Reena Kangle informed that the District Electoral Officers (DEOs) at district-level have been asked to hold meeting at district-level and provided photo-based hard copy and one without photo soft-copy (image pdf format) to all the recognised political parties.

Bank of Baroda organised Hindi Day celebration

Raipur, Oct 04: Official Language Seminar and Award Distribution Ceremony was organized on the occasion of Hindi Month at Bank of Baroda (BoB), Regional Office, Raipur on Wednesday.

All the members of the office gathered in the auditorium showing their commitment of love towards Hindi, the official language of the country. The program started with a short speech by Official Language Officer Rahul Kumar Prasad.

On this special occasion, the video message of the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of BoB sent by the Bank of Baroda Corporate Office on Hindi Diwas was broadcast and the messages of the Union Home Minister and Cooperation Minister of India were read out. On



this occasion, the chief guest Girjashankar Gautam, Assistant Professor, Hindi Department, Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla University was welcomed by the BoB Regional Head, Amit Banerjee. In this regard, Regional Manager of Bank of Baroda, Raipur region, Mr. Amit Banerjee addressed the staff members of the bank. Discussing the special con-

tribution of Bank of Baroda in the field of official language, Assistant General Manager of the bank, Mr. Amit Banerjee talked about banking work in Hindi language. Appreciated all the staff members for doing so and stressed on increasing it further. He also informed that Bank of Baroda, Raipur region has got the second position among Baroda and Narakas

Raipur in the year 2021-22. The chief guest of this program expressed his views on the importance of Hindi in the modern environment and informed the staff members about the development of Hindi and how we need to save our linguistic culture.

On this occasion, Regional Manager, Mr. Amit Banerjee and Deputy Regional Head, Mr. Deepak Kumar Mishra also awarded the winners of various Hindi related competitions organized on the occasion of Hindi Day. The said program ended with a vote of thanks by Deputy Regional Head, Mr. Deepak Kumar Mishra, informs a release issued by Rahul Kumar Prasad, Senior Manager (Official Language).

Chief Secretary issues instructions to officers

In view of upcoming assembly elections

Raipur, Oct 04: Under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain, an important meeting of officials regarding the upcoming assembly elections was held at Mantralaya Mahanadi Bhawan here on Wednesday. In the meeting, instructions were given to the officials for necessary arrangements in the upcoming assembly elections. Centrally empowered police forces will be deployed during the upcoming assembly elections. Necessary instructions will be given to the officers of various departments for all the basic needs like housing, transportation, ration, drinking water supply, health



medicines, treatment, mobile, toilet, bamboo sticks and other requirements. The Chief Secretary has given instructions to ensure necessary action regarding the availability of Home Guard, Forest Guard and Kotwars for election work. DGP Ashok Juneja was also present in

the meeting. It was told in the meeting that about 150 companies of CAPF will soon arrive in Chhattisgarh for the assembly elections. Regarding the availability of Home Guards for the Assembly elections, the officials informed that around 6996 Home Guard

forces are available in various districts of the state. Out of these, about 3115 Home Guards will be deployed for the assembly elections. In this meeting held through video conference, Additional Chief Secretary of Public Health and Family Welfare and Medical Education Department, Renu G Pillay, Secretary Education Dr. S. Bharti Dasan, Secretary of Home Department, Arun Dev Gautam, Secretary of Revenue and Disaster Management Department, N.N. Ekka, Secretary of Food Department, Topeshwar Verma, Transport, Public Works, Public Health Engineering, Forest, Urban Administration and Energy Departments including senior officials of other departments were present

21st Ch'garh TT tournament from today

Raipur, Oct 04: Chhattisgarh Table Tennis Association (CTTA) is organising 21st Stag Chhattisgarh State and Inter District Table Tennis Tournament from October 5 to 8 at Sapre School-based TT Hall. Providing the above information in a statement issued here, the Organising Secretary Vinay Baiswade said that CTTA President Kuldeep Singh Juneja will be the chief guest of the inaugural ceremony whereas Chhattisgarh Olympic Association (COA) Vice President Sharad Shukla would be presiding over the function on Thursday.

Baiswade said that the tournament would be held in various categories including Senior, Youth, Junior, Sub Junior, Cadet and Hopes for both boys and girls. He said that the tournament would be held in 24 categories and added that 171 entries in boys/men and 117 entries in girls/women have been received so far for the tournament. International Umpire Pravin Nirapure would be Chief Referee whereas Sishir Gupta, Geeta Pandit and Bhupinder Singh Rajvanshi would be the other officials for the tournament.

RKC shines in CISCE National Shooting tourney



Raipur, Oct 04: It is heartening to note that 34 students comprising 16 boys and 18 girls of Rajkumar College, Raipur participated in CISCE NATIONAL SHOOTING TOURNAMENT, 2023, hosted by B.M. English School, Bengaluru.

It was held from Sept 28-30. The venue was at Elite Shooting Academy, Padukone/Dravid Centre for Sports Excellence. RKC school team won 7 total individual medals, out of which 3 each were gold and silver and 1 was a bronze medal. The school team of RKC also won 7 trophies. The medal winners were as follows: - 1. Kushagra Dev Singh Parihar, won a gold medal in Under - 19 Peep Sight for Boys; 2. Manavendra Sharma, won a silver medal in Under - 19 Peep Sight for Boys; 3. Navdhi Kiri, won a gold medal in

Under - 19 Peep Sight for Girls; 4. Sunishka Kumar, won a silver medal in Under - 19 Peep Sight for Silver; 5. Chandni Paikra, won a gold medal in Under - 19 Pistol Shooting for Girls; 6. Yashavi Singh, won a silver medal in Under - 19 Pistol Shooting for Girls; 7. Kunwar Kartik Singh Deo, won a silver medal in Under - 14 Peep Sight for Boys. Moreover, 8 shooters including the above-mentioned have qualified for School Games Federation of India (SGFI) National Shooting Championship including Titwik Chaudhury.

Tilak Bharti School wins 8 gold medal

In state-level Inter-School sports competition

Raipur, Oct 04: Tilak Bharti School, Gogaon, Raipur participated in the 23rd SGFI state level inter-school sports competition at Durg, where students from five zones of Chhattisgarh participated. Nine students of Tilak Bharti School participated in the 'Yogasana' category out of which eight students won gold medals in U-14, U-17 & U-19 category and one student won silver medal. All the eight-gold medalists from the school have been selected to participate in the national level inter-school sports



competition. In the U-14 (Girls) category Ragini Chauhan, Diksha Shukla and Lokeshwari Banjare won gold medals. In the Under-14 (Boys) category Sahil Jaghel, U-17 (Girls) category Muskan Banjare and in U-17 (Boys) category Shivraj Shukla won gold medal. In the U-19 (Girls) category Anshu Chouhan won a silver medal.

Deepanshu Chauhan and Shivam Janghel won gold medal in the universal category. The students were led by their sports teacher Manish Kumar Rawat to participate in the inter-school competition. The chairperson of the school, Rajkumari Patra, and Principal Arti Patnaik congratulated all the medalists.

OBITUARY

Manpreet Kaur Arora



Raipur: Sardarni Manpreet Kaur Arora, R/o Govind Nagar, Pandri, breathed her last here on Wednesday. The final journey will leave from her residence at 11:00 am on Oct 5 to Devendra Nagar crematorium. She was W/o Gurwinder Singh Arora and mother of Hardeep Singh Arora.

LS MP Kharge, CM Baghel visited various stalls

Set up in Kodratrai

Duo interacted with the beneficiaries, took information about the benefits they have received from public welfare schemes

Distribution of goods and cheques to 3088 beneficiaries of various government schemes



schemes. At the event, various goods and cheques of financial aids amounting to Rs 9 crore 8 lakh 35 thousand were distributed to 3088 beneficiaries under various government schemes.

An exhibition was also organized at the 'Bharose Ka Sammelan' today to showcase the achievements and schemes of various departments.

At the program, the dignitaries visited the stalls displaying millet processing unit of Lakshmi Group Dogitarai, bellmetal sculptures of Tarda RIPA, Sambalpuris sarees, shirts and other products,

pottery of RIPA Lailunga, jute bags of RIPA Tamnar, bakery material, bamboo craft of Bhupdevpur Rural Industrial Park and the stall of school bags and cow dung paint, phenyl etc set up by Supa RIPA.

At the program, various products made from minor forest produce including anti-diabetic powder, Gudmar powder, Harra powder, Amalaki powder, Triphala powder, Ashwagandha powder were displayed by Forest and Climate Change Department, Forest Division Raigarh, District Raigarh. Moreover, mod-

els of Narva Development Scheme, Vriksh Sampada Yojana, Krishna Kunj etc. were also displayed by the Forest and Climate Change Department. Women and Child Development Department officials presented Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel a photo frame made by the parents of children benefited under Mukhyamatri Suposhan Abhiyan.

Chief Minister presented a cheque of Rs 1 lakh under Chhattisgarh Mahila Fund to Mrs. Padma, President of ten-member Harit Lakshmi Self Help Group, Saraipali.

While observing the stall set up by Silk Department, Mukhyamantri Mitran Yojana, Bari Scheme of Horticulture Department, and various departmental activities and schemes of Public Health Department, Fisheries Department, School Education Department were also displayed at the exhibition held at "Bharose Ka Sammelan".

production has helped her improve her financial condition and meet the needs of her family. Silk Department had also displayed the Tussar spun yarn, Mulberry cocoon, Tussar field, Tussar vermiculture etc. at the stall.

Achievements and information about the schemes such as Haat Bazaar Clinic Yojana of Health and Family Welfare Department, Nutrition Rehabilitation Centre, Hamar Lab, Shri Dhanwantari Generic Medical Store Scheme of Urban Administration and Development Department, Chief Minister Urban Slum Health Scheme, Mukhyamantri Mitran Yojana, Bari Scheme of Horticulture Department, and various departmental activities and schemes of Public Health Department, Fisheries Department, School Education Department were also displayed at the exhibition held at "Bharose Ka Sammelan".

Expressway near Raipur Railway Station to be closed

From Sept 30 onwards

Railway under-bridge approach road upgrade in progress

Raipur, Oct 04: The construction work for the approach road leading to Railway Underbridge (Bridge No. 380) on the Gudiari side of Raipur Railway Station is set to

commence. This ambitious project entails lowering the road surface from the level of the underbridge by demolishing the existing expressway.

The necessary permission for this work was granted by the Additional General Manager of Chhattisgarh Road and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited, Raipur, effective from August 31.

As per information provided by the Engineering

Department of Raipur Rail Division, the road will be temporarily closed due to the construction work, specifically the slope of the overbridge towards Fafadih. The scheduled construction period is from September 30 to December 28. Therefore, the lane leading to Raipur Railway Station from September 30, to November 18, and the lane departing from Raipur Railway Station from September 30 to December 28 will be closed.

Collector flags off mobile van of Antriksh Gyan Abhiyan

Raipur, Oct 04: Collector Dr Sarveshwar Narendra Bhure today flagged off the mobile van of Antriksh Gyan Abhiyan (Space Knowledge Campaign). Through this van, students in schools located in all the districts of Chhattisgarh will be given information about the concepts of science and various space missions conducted in the country like Chandrayaan etc. and their curiosities



This van will go to all the districts of the state for 35 days. It was demonstrated today in JN Pandey Higher Secondary School and JR

Dani Higher Secondary Girls School. This campaign is being run in collaboration with Igniting Dream of Young Minds. On this occasion, Chief Executive Officer of District Panchayat Abinash Mishra, District Education Officer Himanshu Bharti, Co-Founder of Antriksh Gyan Abhiyan Ratnesh Mishra and other concerned officers were present.

Discussion on Competition Law in Digital Economy held

Raipur, Oct 04: The Research Centre for Consumer and Competition Laws (C3L) of Hidayatullah National Law University hosted an online discussion recently. It was held under the aegis of Ex Arca digital platform. Toshit Shandilya, Partner (Competition), AZB & Partners delivered the address on the topic 'Competition Law in Digital Economy - A Future Roadmap for India'.

The rapid growth of the digital economy has presented numerous opportunities and challenges for businesses and consumers alike. As technology continues to reshape various industries, questions arise about the adequacy of existing competition laws in addressing the unique dynamics of the digital marketplace. Shandilya highlighted the need for regulation of competition in a

digital economy. While emphasizing commendable regulation by Indian regulators, he also discussed the importance of Ex Ante regulation of competition. Whereas, the session also delved into the consequences for end consumers and how their welfare is considered a priority.

The opening remarks were delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Yogendra K. Srivastava and a vote of thanks by Mayank Shrivastava, Assistant Professor, HNLU. The session was anchored by Amitesh Deshmukh, Assistant Professor and Head, Centre for Consumer and Competition Law (C3L), HNLU.

The session was attended by close to 100 participants, students, faculties, competition law enthusiasts, and advocates across the country.

Electronic interlocking work to affect train operations

In the Rajnandgaon-Kalmana railway section of Nagpur Railway Division, SECR

Raipur/Bilaspur, Oct 04: Electronic interlocking work will be done to connect the third line between Rajnandgaon-Kalmana railway section of South East Central Railway Nagpur Railway Division with Amgaon railway station. This electronic interlocking work will be done from October 7 to 10, 2023.

As a result of this work, some trains will be canceled and some will be terminated and sent before the destination.

Trains to be cancelled:

08741 Durg-Gondia MEMU Passenger Special leaving Durg from 11th to 3rd October, 2023 will remain cancelled. 08742 Gondia-Durg MEMU Passenger Special leaving Gondia from 12th to 14th October, 2023 will remain cancelled. 08743 Gondia-Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose

(Itwari) MEMU Passenger Special leaving Gondia from 11 to 13 October, 2023 will remain cancelled.

08744 Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose (Itwari) - Gondia MEMU Passenger Special leaving from Itwari from 12th to 14th October, 2023 will remain cancelled. 08754 Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose (Itwari) - Ramtek MEMU Passenger Special leaving Itwari from 10th to 13th October, 2023 will remain cancelled.

08755 Ramtek - Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose (Sunday) MEMU Passenger Special leaving Ramtek from 10th to 13th October, 2023 will remain cancelled.

08756 Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose (Itwari) - Ramtek MEMU Passenger Special leaving Itwari from 11th to 14th October, 2023 will remain cancelled.

08751 Ramtek - Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose (Itwari) MEMU Passenger Special leaving Ramtek from 11th to 14th October, 2023 will remain cancelled.

08743 Gondia-Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose (Itwari) MEMU Passenger

Special leaving Raipur from 10th to 13th October, 2023 will remain cancelled.

08268 Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose (Itwari) - Raipur MEMU Passenger Special leaving from Itwari from 1st October to 14th October, 2023 will remain cancelled.

08721 Raipur-Dongargarh MEMU Passenger Special leaving Raipur from 10th to 13th October, 2023 will remain cancelled.

08723 Dongargarh-Raipur MEMU Passenger Special leaving Dongargarh from 10th to 13th October, 2023 will remain cancelled.

08724 Gondia - Raipur MEMU Passenger Special leaving Gondia from 11th to 14th October, 2023 will remain cancelled.

08711 Dongargarh - Gondia MEMU Passenger Special leaving Dongargarh from 11th to 14th October, 2023 will remain cancelled.

18239 Gevra Road - Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose (Itwari) Shivnath Express leaving Gevra Road from 08 to 13 October, 2023 will remain cancelled.

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12850 Pune - Bilaspur Express leaving Pune on October 13, 2023 will remain cancelled.

20813 Puri - Jodhpur Express leaving Puri on 11th October, 2023 will remain cancelled.

20814 Jodhpur - Puri Express leaving Jodhpur on October 14, 2023 will remain cancelled.

12949 Porbandar - Santragachi Express leaving Porbandar on October 13, 2023 will remain cancelled.

12950 Santragachi-Porbandar Express leaving Santragachi on October 15, 2023 will remain cancelled.

12879 Kurla - Bhuneshwar Express leaving Kurla on October 11, 2023 will remain cancelled.

12855 Bilaspur-Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose (Itwari) Intercity Express leaving Bilaspur from 08th to 13th October, 2023 will remain cancelled.

12856 Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose (Itwari) - Bilaspur Intercity Express leaving Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose (Itwari) from 09 to 14 October, 2023 will remain cancelled.

12880 Bhuneshwar-Kurla Express leaving Bhuneshwar on October 09, 2023 will remain cancelled.

12877 Raipur- Secunderabad Express leaving Raipur on 12th and 14th October, 2023 will remain cancelled.

12849 Bilaspur - Pune Express leaving Bilaspur

on October 12, 2023 will remain cancelled.

15231 Barauni -Gondia Express leaving Barauni from 7th to 13th October, 2023 will remain canceled between Durg and Gondia.

15232 Gondia-Barauni Express leaving Gondia from 08th to 14th October, 2023 will remain canceled between Gondia and Durg.

The railway administration expresses regret for the inconvenience caused to the passengers and hopes for cooperation.

Mayor lays stone for drain construction



At Hanuman Nagar

Raipur, Oct 04: Mayor Eaz Dhebar on October 03 laid the stone for the

drain construction at a cost of Rs 48 lakh at Hanuman Nagar under Vaman Rao Lakhe Ward no 66.

IADVL Chh'garh branch annual convention held



Raipur, Oct 04: Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists, Chhattisgarh branch annual convention CUTI-CON 2023 was recently conducted here. In this convention 140 dermatologists from all over the state ensured their participation. The prominent among those present were Coordinator Dr Shailendra Singh, President Dr Nivedita Rathore, Secretary Kartavya Kawadia, Dr Ujjwala Verma, Dr Ajit

Kumar, Dr Priya Diwakar and others. In this meet doctors from different parts of the country participated. To name a few are Dr Somesh AIIMS Delhi, Dr Aabir Saswat Lucknow and others. The conference discussed on the treatment of fungal infections, leprosy, baldness and other subjects. The training on the new technique of cosmetic was also given. At the end Dr Puja Pandey was elected president and Dr Samudranil Sinha for the next year.

All students in seven departments of RSU failed in PhD entrance exam

714 students appeared in exam

Raipur, Oct 04: The entrance examination for PhD was held at Pt Ravi Shankar Shukla University. In the entrance examination about 714 students appeared out of which 140 students cleared the examination. All students in seven departments - Maths, Biotechnology, Botany, Defence Studies, Geography

PhD entrance examination was conducted by Pt. Ravi Shankar Shukla University. 714 students appeared in the examination, out of which 140 students passed. In seven subjects, Maths, Biotechnology, Botany, Defense Studies, Geography, Management and Physical Education,



not a single student passed the PhD entrance examination. There are many subjects in which only one or two students have passed. The passed students will be given a certificate by the university.

The PhD entrance examination for 35 subjects at PRSU was held in August. Questions of 100 marks were asked in this. To pass, it was necessary to obtain 50 percent marks for the general category and 45 percent marks for the reserved category. PhD seats are decided according to the number of professors

in the departments.

One professor can guide get eight students to get PhD. Six Associate Professors and four Assistant Professors are eligible to provide PhD. UGC NET and SET qualified students are eligible for direct admission to Ph.D. They are not required to appear in the examination conducted by the university.

In departments where not even a single student has passed the entrance examination, NET or SET passed students will be given direct admission. Experts said that almost every year, if even a single student does not pass the entrance exam, then students who have passed NET or SET come and take direct admission. Entrance examination is held every year, hence seats do not remain vacant.

LS MP Kharge, Baghel laid the foundation stone for Jaithkams

To be built in 82 development blocks

Raigarh, Oct 04: Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha and MP Mallikarjun Kharge, along with Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, laid the foundation stone for 'Jaithkams', to be constructed in 82 selected development blocks during the 'Bharose ka Sammelan' programme



held in Kondatarai of Raigarh district today.

Deputy Chief Minister TS Singh Deo, former Union Minister Kumari Selja, Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly Speaker Dr Charan Das Mahant, Bastar MP Deepak Baij, Home

Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu, Higher Education Minister Umesh Patel, Urban Administration and Development Minister Dr Shivkumar Dahariya, and Public Health Engineering Minister Guru Rudra Kumar were also present.

Combined family is the gift of 'Sanatan dharm': Sadguru

Holds Talk Show on 'Your Questions Sadguru's Wisdom'

Raipur, Oct 04: Sadguru Shri Riteshwar from Shri Anandam Dhaam Peeth (SADP), Vrindavan while answering to Talk-Show on 'Your Questions Sadguru's Wisdom' programme held in a private hotel while discussions upon increasing stress/tension in one's life said that what all things one makes as priority in his or her life, always increases tension and depression while pursuing it.

Citing the difference between Education and Literacy held the ancient combined family as gift of the 'Sanatan Education' and targeted over increasing Old Age Homes in the most literate state of Kerala and raised questions on the Macaulay's education system.

Defining the Hindi word 'Gavar', Sadguru said that it does not mean that person is not literate, rather it means one who has wasted his life is 'Gavar'. Defining about the word 'Sangharsh', means the work in which there is no honesty and leaves on worried and one's life is neither 'struggle' nor to become 'Gavar' (useless).

Sadguru further said



that the management of parents with the children has become bit difficult and even the earlier slogan 'hum do hamare do' too has become equally difficult. In context of Gurukulam Shiksha, Sadguru Shri said that the children used to pass-out with expertise in 20 different subjects and were qualified enough to generate employment.

Sadguru said that Lord Shri Krishna is a live example of happiness, as even in the worst of the situations he always remains smiling. Whereas the smile on the face of persons of today is one that of compulsion and labour. Life is a journey and one that of smile of an Airhostess to that of Lord Krishna's smile.

Highlighting on religion and spiritualism, Sadguru said that 'Dharm' is 'Art of Living' and 'Art of leaving'. Speaking about

Maculay's education on Science and Spiritualism, he said it created contradictions, whereas both are closely related to each other.

The objective of the life is that one should remain happy and keep smiling. Those to whom one finds as their family, one should remain happily with them and keep smiling with them in the society. The true award in life is not the assets made, but a smiling couple in one's family and children treating their parents as their role-model.

Addressing the youths present, Sadguru said that as & when one selects the friend, he or she should be better than you and who is having quality thoughts and good character and culture and holds knowledge about both the ancient culture and modern world. Sadguru said that now the society needs to be represented by those who are knowledgeable and those who have solved their complexities in the life as per 'Shastras'. The day these leadership qualities will be developed, on that day no one can stop the progress of society and nation, he added.

Sadguru informed that the next series of this Talk Show will be held in Mumbai, Bengaluru, Ranchi and in Delhi in the coming days.

PROTEST RALLY



Trinamool Congress Chhatra Parishad(students wing) supporters participate in a protest rally over Delhi police's alleged yesterday's actions on Trinamool Congress National General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee and other leaders at Krishi Bhavan, in Kolkata, Wednesday.

NGT seeks report on Ganga pollution in West Bengal

New Delhi, Oct 04 (PTI): The National Green Tribunal has sought reports from the district magistrates of 10 West Bengal districts, across which the Ganga and its tributaries flow, on pollution caused due to discharge of sewage and industrial effluents.

The NGT has also sought information about the remedial action taken by the authorities. The green tribunal was hearing a matter related to prevention and control of pollution of the Ganga in West Bengal, where its is also known as Bhagirathi or Hooghly.

"Let notice be issued to the District Ganga Protection Committees concerned in West Bengal through their Ex-Officio Chairman (District Magistrates) for submitting a report," a bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice Prakash Shrivastava said in a recent order.

'MP has more than 5.60 crore voters'

Bhopal, Oct 04 (PTI):

The number of electorates in Madhya Pradesh is more than 5.60 crore, excluding service voters, after the publication of the final photograph-based electoral rolls for all the 230 assembly constituencies, a senior election commission official said on Wednesday.

He said out of 5,60,60,925 voters, 2,88,25,607 are males, 2,72,33,945 females, and 1,37,01,373 others are of the third gender. The assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh are due in November this year. The formal poll schedule has not been announced yet.

"The total number of service voters in Madhya Pradesh stands at 75,303, including 73,020 men and 2,284 women, taking the

total number of electorates to 5,61,36,229," Chief Electoral Officer Anupam Rajan told reporters. He said the total number of senior citizen voters stands at 6,53,640. The number of Divyang voters is 5,05,146 while 99 are NRI voters.

Though the total number of voters, including service voters, is 5,61,36,229, the focus of political parties remains on those currently living in the state and that figure stands at 5,60,60,925. "After addition and deletion of names, a total of 16,83,790 voters were added to the electoral rolls," Rajan said.

The age-wise break up of voters is: 18-19 years (22,36,564), 20-29 (1,41,76,780), 30-39 (1,45,03,508), 40-49 (1,06,97,673), 50-59 (74,85,436), 60-69 (43,45,064), 70-79 (19,72,260), 80+ (6,53,640), thus taking the total number of voters to 5,60,60,925, the official said. At 42, the lowest number of voters are registered at booth no. 111 in Balaghat district's Sonevani forest village.

In the 2018 assembly polls, a maximum turnout of 89.13 per cent was recorded in Ratlam district's Sailana constituency while the Jobat segment in Alirajpur district recorded the lowest turnout at 52.84 per cent, the official said.

At 407, the Lakhnadon assembly seat in Seoni district has the maximum number of polling booths while the Indore-3 assembly constituency has the lowest number of polling booths at 193, the official added.

'BJP keeps mum on inflation'

Indore, Oct 04 (PTI):

Senior Congress leader Digvijaya Singh on Wednesday accused the ruling BJP of remaining silent on basic issues like inflation and unemployment and talking only about "Hindu-Muslim".

A day earlier, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had targeted Congress over its alleged stance of 'j'itni abadi, utna haq' (rights proportionate to population) and said the grand old party should clarify if it is against the minorities and south India.

When asked about this, Singh told reporters that Modi's statement was just an "election stunt".

"The ruling BJP re-



Digvijaya Singh

mains silent on the basic problems like inflation and unemployment and it wants to talk only about Hindu-Muslim," Singh alleged while speaking to reporters.

Targeting PM Modi and RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, he said, "They have started talking about

Muslims these days. They are also trying to go to mosques. If you have sympathy for Muslims, you should provide relief to the victims of injustice and atrocities from the minority community".

He said Modi and Bhagwat should visit the crisis-hit Manipur and take steps to help the affected people. Singh alleged the raids conducted on news portal NewsClick and Aam Aadmi Party MP Sanjay Singh's residence are the "fallout of animosity".

He also took a dig at BJP general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya who is in fray from the Indore-1 segment for the upcoming Madhya Pradesh elections.

Scholarship for girls to pursue higher education

New Delhi, Oct 04: Wipro Consumer Care and Lighting announces the seventh edition of the Santoor Scholarship Program. This program provides financial support to young women from disadvantaged backgrounds who aspire to pursue higher education after grade 12. The program is open to women across the four states of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Chhattisgarh. Recognizing that education is a collective responsibility that goes beyond individuals or families, the Santoor Scholarship Program was established in 2016-17, with the objective of contributing to a more just and equitable world by enabling access to higher education.

Bengal varsity teachers oppose state's move

To curb financial autonomy of institutes

Kolkata, Oct 04 (PTI):

Reiterating their opposition to the West Bengal government's alleged move to curb the financial autonomy of state universities by introducing the human resource management system (HRMS), nine university teacher organisations on Wednesday claimed that the state's higher education department was yet to pay heed to their stand.

Denying the teachers' claims, a senior state official said the department had called a meeting with the finance officers of 12 state universities on Wednesday to discuss financial issues and not specifically the HRMS. "At the first meeting

on September 20, views of the finance officers of state universities were sought about bringing the teaching and non-teaching staff under the HRMS," the official of the state higher education department said.

Under the HRMS, the salaries of the teaching and non-teaching staff of the varsities will be directly credited to their accounts. In the current system, the state government transfers the funds to the accounts of state universities, which in turn pay their staff.

Threatening to launch a stir if the government went ahead with HRMS, nine teacher organisations including Calcutta University Teachers Association

(CUTA), Jadavpur University Teachers Association (JUTA), Rabintra Bharati University Teachers Association (RBUTA), Burdwan University Teachers Association (BUTA) and West Bengal State University Teachers Association (WBSUTA) said, "The move will unnecessarily complicate the process of salary disbursement, pension and other retirement benefits, promotions and pay fixations, etc, which are smoothly done by the universities."

Reaffirming their stand against the "unethical initiative," the organisations in a letter to Education Minister Bratya Basu called

for "immediate halt of the attempt, failing which we are ready to explore all possible means and manners of democratic protest against the government." JUTA general secretary Partha Pratim Roy told PTI that the teacher bodies will announce future course of action if the government did not "listen to our just demands," by this week. In the previous letter to the education minister, the organisations had said, "We would sincerely expect that your department shall consider the concerns of the teachers' associations seriously and shall prevent itself from playing with the autonomous status of the public-funded universities."

Court sentences man to double life imprisonment

For rape, murder of minor girl

Kochi, Oct 04 (PTI): A special court in Kerala on Wednesday convicted and sentenced a man to double life imprisonment for the rape and murder of a 17-year-old girl in 2020.

Ernakulam Special PCO Court Judge K Soman directed that the convict Safar Shah shall remain in jail for the remainder of his natural life for the offence of raping and impregnating a minor girl, public prosecutor (PP) Bindu said. The court sentenced him to life for each of the offences under section 5 (j)(ii) (of raping and impregnating a minor girl) of the PCO Act and section 302 (murder) of the Indian Penal Code.



Voters wait to cast their votes for the 5th LAHDC Kargil elections, in Kargil, Wednesday.

PATIENT WAIT

'BJP instigates communal violence'

Bengaluru, Oct 04 (PTI):

Karnataka Minister Ramalinga Reddy on Wednesday accused the BJP and its workers of indulging in 'mischievous acts in disguise' and alleged that they create rifts and instigate communal violence in the society. His statements have elicited sharp reaction from the BJP, whose leaders have termed it as "political" aimed at covering up the government's failure.

"BJP, when not in power, indulging in creating nuisance, creating rifts, instigating communal violence, false propaganda against the Congress -- this has been their practice since the beginning," the Transport Minister said, reacting to Sunday's violence during a religious procession in the district headquarters town of Shivamogga.

Speaking to reporters here, he alleged that while



Ramalinga Reddy

in power the BJP supports moral policing, fomenting tension, and they are behind incidents of assaults and communal violence. "BJP workers in disguise -- by changing their appearance and name -- indulge in mischief. It is their nature by birth, it is in their blood," Reddy added. The situation in

Ragi Gudda area in Shivamogga, where prohibitory orders were clamped, after tension during the Eid Milad procession and alleged incidents of stone pelting on Sunday evening, is now peaceful and under control, police said.

Hitting back, senior BJP leader and former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said, Reddy's statement that his party by changing their appearances indulges in such incidents is "totally mischievous and misleading". "Those in the government -- who have the powers to arrest the rioters and take action against them - if such people give a clean chit like this, such incidents will happen across the state...to cover their failures such political statements are being made," Bommai added.

Pawar suggested Prez rule in 2019: Fadnavis

Mumbai, Oct 04 (PTI):

The President's Rule was imposed in Maharashtra in 2019 with the consent of NCP president Sharad Pawar, said Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Wednesday. The deputy CM was responding to a question at the India Today Conclave here about the timeline of his attempt to form a short-lived government with the NCP. In one of the biggest political surprises in Maharashtra after the 2019 polls, the then Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari swore in Fadnavis as the chief minister and Ajit Pawar as deputy CM on November 23, 2019. However, the government fell after about 72 hours.

"Post assembly elections in 2019, we were discussing government formation with Sharad Pawar. We had even finalised portfolio dis-



Devendra Fadnavis

tribution and guardian ministers' responsibilities. But Pawar made a U-turn and backed out," said Fadnavis on Wednesday, insisting that the decision to impose the President's Rule in the state was taken with Pawar's consent.

In the last Maharashtra assembly elections, the results of which were announced on October 24, 2019, the BJP won 105 of the 288 seats in the state. The Shiv Sena, which was in an

alliance with the BJP, won 56 seats. However, the allies parted ways after bickering over power-sharing, with the CM's post being the bone of contention. Following the deadlock, the President's Rule was imposed in the state.

"The governor has to ask every political party whether it would like to stake claim to form the government. The NCP refused to do so and its letter (to this effect) was typed at my residence in Mumbai. Pawar suggested some corrections, which were made, and then it (letter) was submitted," said Fadnavis, claiming that Pawar's consent had been taken before it was decided to go for the President's Rule.

"Pawar told us that he could not take a decision to tie up with the BJP in a short period. Pawar said he would first tour the state and announce

his decision to form a government with the BJP after convincing people. Pawar said he would need one month for it," Fadnavis said.

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Tender Notice No.: E-R-T-51-23-24 Dated: 25.09.2023
Name of Work: Casual Renewal of Chequered Plate on major and important Bridges under the jurisdiction of Sr. DEN/II/Raipur
Tender Value: ₹ 95.39.509/-
EMD: ₹ 1,90,800/-
Submission of Tenders: Up to 11:00 Hrs on 25.10.2023.
Opening of Tender: At 11:00 Hrs. on 25.10.2023.

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Appendix IV POSSESSION NOTICE (for Immovable properties) [Rule - 8 (1)]

Whereas, the Authorised Officer of Bank of Maharashtra under Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 31/07/2023 under Section 13(2) of the said Act and called upon you Borrower-Euro Care Enterprises, Prop: Shri Dharmendra Shah S/o Shri Vibhishan Shah and Guarantor- Smt. Smriti Shah W/o Shri Dharmendra Shah to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice being Ledger Balance of Rs. 74,96,200.58/- (Rupees Seventy Four Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Two Hundred and Lakh Eighty Paise Only) plus unapplied interest Rs. 2,62,707.05/- (Rupees Two Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Seven and Five Paise Only) till 31/07/2023 aggregating to Rs. 77,58,907.63/- (Rupees Seventy Seven Lakhs Fifty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Seven and Sixty Three Paise Only) till 28/09/2023 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The said notice was sent by R.P.A.D.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on 29/09/2023. The Borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Bank of Maharashtra for an amount mentioned above. 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.

Description of the Properties:

Property No.1) Equitable Mortgage of Commercial Shop No 125 & 126, Block No 33 & 33 (part), situated on Ground Floor, "Chouhan Estate", Shivnath Complex, Bhillai, Distt-Durg, C.G. & measuring 470.58 Sq ft in the name of Smt. Smriti Shah W/o Shri Dharmendra Shah. Bounded By: North: Shop No. 124, South: Shop No. 141, East: Corridor, West: Shop No. 177 and 178.

Property No. 2) Equitable Mortgage of Commercial Shop No 141 & 142, Block No 33 & 33 (Part), situated on Ground Floor, "Chouhan Estate", Shivnath Complex, Bhillai, Distt-Durg, C.G. & measuring 470.87 Sq ft in the name of Euro Care Enterprises, Prop- Smt. Smriti Shah W/o Shri Dharmendra Shah. Bounded By: North: Shop No. 125 and 126, South: Shop No. 193 and 194, East: Corridor, West: Shop No. 175 and 176

Date: 05.10.2023, Place: Durg Authorised Officer & Chief Manager

Polluted water causing typhoid fever

Churikala, Oct 04:

Due to change in weather and drinking polluted water in Nagar Panchayat area, a large number of people are suffering from diseases like typhoid fever. One or the other patient is being found in every house, but till now, no efforts have been made by the Nagar Panchayat Administration and the Health Department to curb the increasing day by day typhoid fever, due to which the disease is on the rise.

Due to frequent changes in weather and humid heat and use of contaminated water from tap water supply in the city, typhoid fever patients have started to increase. At many places, drains were made in the middle of the drain and pipe line has been installed, 5 to 7 feet below for water supply in every ward, in which the



dirty water of rain and drain remains filled with garbage which are not cleaned, and as per reports there are two responsible officers posted in the Nagar Panchayat



but both the officers are not able to fulfil their responsibilities due to which people have to drink polluted water.

Efforts of Banshilal Mahat, former MLA

Lakhan Lal Dewangan played a major role in getting the Tap Water Augmentation Scheme, but the scheme was started without testing, due to which the residents of the city have to suffer. Similarly, the amount of crores sanctioned for canal repair is also being termed as their own effort by some people, whereas during the BJP rule period, Panchayat members had given a letter to the former Chief Minister and Irrigation Minister regarding canal repair, on which the Irrigation Minister and the entire response was completed by former MLA Lakhan Lal Dewangan during the BJP rule regarding the repair of the canal.

It was to be presented in the assembly budget and approved but the response was stopped due to the change of government in the elections.

School teachers receive training to protect children

■ From 'Child Sexual Abuse'

Kanker, Oct 04:

In a resounding commitment to protect and nurture the future generation, Arpan, an NGO committed to working on the issue of CSA, organised an extensive workshop and training programme focussed on safeguarding children against CSA in the Kanker block in the state of Chhattisgarh. 4,392 dedicated school teachers from 2,074 schools participated in the training programme. The workshop commenced on October 3 at Kanker and is scheduled to go on till October 11, 2023, covering several other key blocks including Antagarh, Bhanuprapur, Charama, Durgukondal, Koyalibeda, and Narharpur in Chhattisgarh. The comprehensive training programme covered a wide range of topics, including Personal Safety Education which gives information on empowering children to keep themselves safe. This training also included identifying signs and symptoms of CSA, responding to CSA incidents, providing psychotherapeutic support to survivors, and promoting a safe environment for children. Through interactive workshops, group discussions, and real-life case studies, teachers gained practical insights and tools to address the issue sensitively and effectively.



Speaking about this initiative, Ms. Pooja Taparia, the Founder and CEO of Arpan, said, "The expansion of our Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Programme to Kanker, Chhattisgarh, underscores our unwavering commitment to creating safer, more nurturing environment for our children. This initiative is a testament to the power of collaboration between our organisation and the government, a partnership that paves way for a safer future for the children. We firmly believe that educa-

tion is the key to prevention, and through this programme, we enable teachers with knowledge and skills to protect children from the threat of CSA. Every child deserves a safe childhood, and we will continue our mission to make this a reality for all."

The initiative received widespread support from government officials of Kanker, with Dinesh Nag, Assistant Project Coordinator, Kanker, stating, "The teacher training program recently organized by Arpan in Kanker is an important step towards providing safety and psycho-social support to children. This program not only provides teachers with appropriate skills but also helps them teach different groups of students better. It is an example of how sustainable change can be achieved through collaboration between the government and grassroots organizations like Arpan.

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People pledge support to BJP



Kurud, Oct 04:

During the workers' meeting of village Mandrod under the rural tour of Kurud MLA Ajay Chandrakar, villagers and youth of village Mandrod of the assembly constituency took membership of BJP and said that they support the nine and a half year tenure of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and are impressed by the progressive development and better facilities in education and health in Kurud assembly constituency during the tenure of veteran BJP leader Ajay Chandrakar.

Uday Lahere, Teshu Lahere, Itwari Baghel, Suresh Bharti, Tukesh Joshi, Tejendra Bharti, Mahesh Lahere, Bhuneshwar Lahere, Deepak Lahere, Samet Lahere, Devraj Chelak, Pintu Chelak etc. entered the BJP fold. Newly entrant members included Chainedshwar Sahu, Ramdayal Sahu, Thanu Ram Sahu, Premchand Sahu, Bhoj Bharatdwaj, Moti Ram Sahu, Angad Singh Thakur, and others.

One day Bharosa Yatra concludes

Kurud, Oct 04:

A one-day Bharosa Yatra at the assembly level to respond to the Parivartan Yatra, of BJP concluded here. The journey started from village Megha of Magarlod block of Nasabhaand and addressing the street meeting, Nagar Panchayat President Tapan Chandrakar said that Baghel government really cares about laborers and farmers and that is why Bhupesh Sarkar has organized Bharosa Yatra for the people of Chhattisgarh.

In the Nukkad Sabha, Mandi President Neelam Chandrakar said that Bhupesh Baghel is a true son of farmers and a farmer's son never lies



and is true to his promise. He has increased the pride of farmers by purchasing paddy at the rate of 15 quintals per acre for Rs 2500. In the future, this trustworthy government is going to purchase 20 quintals of paddy per acre

from the farmers, she said.

PCC Secretary Tarani Chandrakar told the Nukkad Sabha that the foundation stone of the Women's Reservation Bill being passed was laid by Rajiv Gandhi, the father of

India's information technology revolution, due to which women are going to get equal rights in the Supreme House of the country. Block Congress Committee Bhakhara President Mukesh Koshere said that the Farmer Labor Self Help Group has lived up to the public trust on the Jan Kalyan Yojana and Bharosa Yatra is the result of that.

Congress leaders Pramod Sahu, Manish Sahu, Rajat Chandrakar, Govind Sahu, Girish Sahu, Suman Santosh Sahu, Chandrashekhari Shriwas Leena Kosare, Lakshmi Sahu, Santoshi Sahu, Lily Shriwas, Ishwari Thaneshwar Tarak and many others were present.

'Swachhata Hi Sewa' campaign organized

Kharora, Oct 04:

In commemoration of Gandhi Jayanti, the District and Session Court Raipur, in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority Raipur, conducted a special cleanliness week as part of the "Swachhata Hi Sewa 2023" campaign at Tilda District and Session Court. During a one-hour voluntary initiative, judicial employees and paralegal volunteers joined forces to clean the court premises. Honourable District and Session Judge/President of the District Legal Services Committee Tilda, Alok Pandey, provided guidance to the paralegal volunteers on this occasion. He emphasized the importance of raising public awareness about cleanliness and organized an awareness camp on October 2nd, Gandhi Jayanti. He encouraged the segregation of wet and dry waste and stressed the proper disposal of hazardous



and plastic waste. Additionally, Alok Pandey and others planted flowering plants, including marigold and roses, in the court's garden. The event witnessed the participation of several individuals, including Raghu Veer Singh Thakur, Gopal Devangan, Suresh Yadav, Om Prakash Yadav, Nileshwar Nirmalkar, Narayan Nirmalkar, Rakesh Ratre, as well as dedicated employees and paralegal volunteers like Tuleshwar Sahu, Thana Tilda Nevara, Shankar Lal Sahu, and Thana Kharora Rikhi Ram Verma, among others.

Tableaux of Lord Ganapati brought out with devotion

Kharora, Oct 04:

Various Ganesh Utsav Committees visited the tableaux in the city at night for the immersion of the idol of Lord Vighnaharta Ganesh and the tableaux were immersed with great enthusiasm and devotion here in the region. Special attraction in the tableaux was Youth Utsav Mathematics Committee Answer and there was a massive demonstration by the Aghoris from the state where a special tableau of Aghori and Kali Mata was presented by them.

An attractive tableau on the theme of Chandrayaan was presented by the Old Bus Stand Committee, apart from a beautiful tableau in the form of Lord Shri



Ganesh Krishna Radha was presented by the Indian Army Ganesh Utsav Committee and a tableau in the form of Chief Chinahari of Chhattisgarh was presented by the Bhairav Baba

Committee. The same Nagar Panchayat President Anil Soni, District President representative Devvrat Nayak, former Nagar Panchayat President Arvind Devgan,

Tikeshwar Manhare District Vice President Tilda Bablu Bhatia, State General Secretary all encouraged the committees by showering flowers on them from different forums.

This time, more than five stages were set up in the tableau in Kharora, in which the first stage was of MLA Anita Yogendra Sharma, the second stage was of Shiv Shankar Verma and Rintu Chhabra, Girish Devangan, Arvind Devangan, Devvrat Nayak and Ashwani Verma, Chauth Sonu Manhare, Kapil Nasheen, Raja Kalam, Made by Subodh Sen, Devendra Pansari and Panchayat Nagar President Anil Soni, the tableaux were especially welcomed.

Khairagarh residents unite against Music University's off-campus center

Khairagarh, Oct 04:

The community of Khairagarh Nagar rallied together in a strong protest against the establishment of an off-campus study center for the Khairagarh Music University in Raipur. Citizens from all walks of life, including business owners, bus drivers, and students, expressed their dissent by adorning black ribbons during the demonstration.

The uproar stems from a recent faculty appointment in the Lok Sangit (folk music) department by the university administration during Vice-Chancellor's Mamata Chandrakar's tenure,



which has sparked a legal dispute. The university administration published a recruitment advertisement for a tabla player position in the Lok Sangeet department. However, students argue that tabla players have no traditional role in Lok Sangeet, believing that

the position was created to favour a pre-selected candidate. To add to the controversy, some artists who applied for the role have reported not receiving interview invitations, prompting legal action from concerned students.

In response to these developments, Nagar resi-

dents launched a coordinated protest, symbolized by wearing black ribbons. Additionally, they plan to stage a symbolic effigy burning of the Vice-Chancellor in front of the district's student artists today. Students and artists are fervently advocating that Khairagarh University holds immense historical significance and should not entertain the establishment of off-campus centers. They firmly believe that any expansion efforts by the Vice-Chancellor should be channelled into enhancing the infrastructure of affiliated colleges, preserving their cherished heritage.

Municipality flouting cleanliness campaign

Dalli-Rajhara, Oct 04:

To fulfil Mahatma Gandhi's dream of a clean India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had started the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan on 2 October 2014 and had appealed to all the citizens of India to join this campaign for its successful implementation, but this mission of the Prime Minister is being ignored by the Municipality of Dalli-Rajhara and the officials of the Municipality Dalli-Rajhara are not paying any attention, as a result of which the filth lying on the main road of the city has exposed the municipality flouting cleanliness norms. On one hand, the municipality praises the cleanliness of Dalli-



Rajhara wards, on the other hand, Ward No. 22, which is the ward of the Municipality President; it is filled with garbage and filth at many places.

Be it in front of DAV Primary School or near BSP No. 02, heaps of garbage is seen everywhere and the outbreak of



dengue are increasing in cities due to this pile of garbage. As per reports, crores of rupees are received for cleanliness campaign allocated by the Central Government but Municipality Dallarajhara is continuously doing the work of openly flouting the plans of the Central



Government and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Municipality Chairman and CMO regu-



larly pass through the main road of the city; despite this they do not see the filth of the city.

What SDM said...

"The CMO of Municipal Council Dallarajhara will be directed for cleanliness in all the wards of the city." Suresh Kumar Sahu -SDM

Swachhta Shramdaan Abhiyan conducted at various places

Kharora, Oct 04:

Swachhta Shramdaan program was organized all over India on 01 October 2023, under which all the 15 wards of Nagar Panchayat Kharora also organized Swachhta Shramdaan program. During the campaign, cleanliness activities were conducted from 10 am to 1 hour in all the wards of Nagar Panchayat and all the councilors of the city appealed to all the ward residents, citizens, social service institutions and organizations to actively participate in this campaign and all the councilors of the city. Nagar Panchayat President Anil Soni said that this special cleanliness campaign is



being run to create a garbage free and clean environment. During this, all Public places in 15 wards were selected and sent to Manikanchan Center for cleaning through labor and disposal of collected waste. In the said program, Anil Soni, President, Panna Devangan, Vice President and all the councilors, Dr Surendra Gilhare, Bharti Sant Navrange, Rahul

Markam, Kanti Bhupendra Sen, Kapil Nashine, Rashmi Verma, Toran Thakur, Mona Bablu Bhatia, Bharat Kumbhkar, Zubair Ali, Panchram Yadav, Purnendra Padhya, Neelam Samish Aggarwal, Alderman Nilesh Chandravanshi, Kamal Verma, Ambika Banchhor and all the Panchayat officers and employees were present.

Akshata Murty makes UK political stage debut

London, Oct 04 (PTI):

Britain's Indian First Lady, Akshata Murty, made a surprise debut on the political stage on Wednesday when she stepped out to introduce "best friend" Rishi Sunak for his maiden speech as UK Prime Minister to the Conservative Party conference in Manchester.

Murty, during her light-hearted and personal speech, claimed her husband was unaware of her "gate-crashing" as the warm-up act to the centrepiece of the annual conference and that her decision had also surprised their daughters, Krishna and Anoushka.

The 43-year-old daughter of Infosys co-founder Narayan Murthy went on to share her pride in Sunak's many achievements and how it was his "honesty and integrity" that had first attracted her to him when they met as students at Stanford University in their 20s.

"Rishi and I are each other's best friends; we are one team and I could not



British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and wife Akshata Murty arrive at the Conservative Party annual conference at Manchester Central convention complex in Manchester, England, Wednesday, Oct. 4.

imagine being anywhere else than here today to show my support to him and to the party," said Murty.

"Rishi and I met when we were 24 when we were both studying abroad in America. Right from the very beginning, I was struck by two things about him...his deep love for his home, the United Kingdom, and his sincere desire to ensure as many

people as possible have a chance to have the opportunities he was lucky enough to have had. It completely energised him. Being with Rishi was the easiest decision of my life," she said.

According to Murty, the one word that encapsulates her husband is "aspiration", which drives him to work for a better future for the UK.

"Sometimes when the

going gets tough, I remind Rishi that he's fighting for his values. That he's fighting for this party's values, knowing that it's a hard road ahead. That success is hard one," she said.

During the lighter moments in her speech, Murty confirmed media reports about Sunak's preference for romcoms and described him as "fun, thoughtful and compassionate".

"He has an incredible zest for life. What drew me to him most was his strength of character; his honesty, his integrity, with a firm understanding of right from wrong. It's what I'm still drawn to, even today, after 14 years of being married," she said.

"Rishi, you know this, you know that doing the right thing for the long term even when it is hard is the right thing to do. I hope you also know how proud you make our girls and me every single day," concluded Murty, to sustained applause from the Tory gathering as a visibly moved Sunak stepped out onto the stage.

Imran Khan's bail plea in cipher case to be heard in open court, rules IHC

Islamabad, Oct 04 (PTI):

The Islamabad High Court on Wednesday ruled that jailed former Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan's bail plea in the cipher case would take place in an open court on October 9, as it disposed of a petition by the country's top investigation agency seeking in-camera proceedings of the bail plea.

Khan, 70, was arrested in August after the case



was filed against him for allegedly violating the Official Secrets Act by disclosing a secret diplomatic cable (cipher) sent by the country's embassy in

Washington last year in March. Last week, the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) filed a petition in the Islamabad High Court (IHC) seeking in-camera proceedings of Khan's bail plea. It said an open hearing in a case related to the alleged disclosure of state secrets could pose a "risk of deteriorating relations" with other countries. Khan and his close aide Shah Mahmood Qureshi were named "principal accused" in the

case by the apex investigation agency. Both Khan and Qureshi are currently detained in jail on judicial remand. On September 26, both leaders' judicial remand was extended until October 10 as Khan as per the IHC's orders was shifted to Rawalpindi's Adiala jail from Attock district jail. On Wednesday, the Islamabad High Court (IHC) ruled that an open court hearing on the bail petition will be held on October 9.

Russia says it foils major Ukrainian drone attack

Concerns grow about weapons supplies

Moscow, Oct 04 (AP): Russian air defences shot down 31 Ukrainian drones during a concerted nighttime attack by Kyiv's forces on border regions, the Russian Defence Ministry said Wednesday,

even as uncertainty grew over Ukraine's future access to weapons and ammunition from its Western allies. The drone attack appeared to be Kyiv's largest single cross-border drone assault reported by Moscow since it launched its invasion 20 months ago.

Ukraine is pressing on with a

slow-moving counteroffensive it launched three months ago, though mounting concerns about replenishing its military stocks cast a cloud over its efforts. Adm Rob Bauer, the head of NATO's Military Committee, sounded the alarm about depleted stockpiles. With the war of attrition likely continuing through winter into

next year, Bauer said of weapons systems and ammunition supplies: "The bottom of the barrel is now visible." He urged the defence industry to boost production "at a much higher tempo. And we need large volumes," he told the Warsaw Security Forum, an annual two-day conference that continued Wednesday.

US warns of Chinese global disinformation campaign

Washington, Oct 04 (AP):

For much of the world, China's Xinjiang region is notorious, a place where ethnic Uyghurs face forced labour and arbitrary detention. But a group of visiting foreign journalists was left with a decidedly different impression.

On a tour in late September sponsored by Beijing, the 22 journalists from 17 countries visited bazaars and chatted with residents over dates and watermelon slices. They later told state media they were impressed with the bustling economy, described the region as "full of cultural, religious and ethnic diversity," and denounced what they said were lies by Western media.

The trip is an example of what Washington sees as Beijing's growing efforts to reshape the global narrative on China. It's spending billions of dollars annually to do so.

In a first-of-its-kind report, the State Department last week laid out Beijing's tactics and techniques for molding public opinion, such as buying content, creating fake personas to spread its message and using repression to quash unfavourable accounts. The Global Engagement Center, a State Department agency that's tasked with combating foreign propaganda and disinformation and that released the 58-page report, warned that Beijing's infor-

mation campaign could eventually sway how decisions are made around the world and undermine US interests.

"Unchecked, the (Chinese government's) information manipulation could in many parts of the world diminish freedom to express views critical of Beijing," said Jamie Rubin, who heads the centre. He said Beijing's efforts could "transform the global information landscape and damage the security and stability of the United States, its friends, and partners".

"We don't want to see an Orwellian mix of fact and fiction in our world," he said. "That will destroy the secure world of rules and rights that the

United States and much of the world relies upon."

China over the weekend slammed the report, calling it "in itself disinformation as it misrepresents facts and truth".

"In fact, it is the US that invented the weaponising of the global information space," the Chinese foreign ministry said. It called the State Department agency "a source of disinformation and the command centre of perception warfare".

In a written statement, Liu Pengyu, spokesman for the Chinese Embassy in Washington, said the report was "just another tool to keep China down and buttress American hegemony".

Bus plummeted 15 m from elevated road in Venice, killing 21 people in fiery crash

Venice, Oct 04 (AP):

A bus carrying dozens of people plummeted 15 metres (50 feet) from an elevated road in Venice, Italy, causing a fiery crash that killed 21 people and injured at least 15, mostly foreign tourists returning to a nearby campsite. Those who died in the Tuesday night crash included at least five Ukrainians, one German citizen



and the man who was driving the bus, according to Venice prefecture. At least two of the

dead were children, Venice prefect Michele Di Bari said, adding that many of the people

involved in the accident were "young". Nine people were in critical condition, hospital officials said late Wednesday morning, including a 3-year-old girl from Ukraine. Firefighters worked until dawn Wednesday to clear the wreckage. Later in the morning, traffic was slowly passing the spot where the bus burst through a guardrail and a rusted fence.

TRUMP'S LEGAL BATTLE



Former President Donald Trump, center, sits in the courtroom with his legal team before the continuation of his civil business fraud trial at New York Supreme Court in New York. Trump is in a New York court for the second day of his civil business fraud trial. A day after fiery opening statements, lawyers in the case are moving Tuesday to the plodding task of going through years' worth of Trump's financial documents.

Nepali administration intensifies curfew in border town

To prevent communal violence

Kathmandu, Oct 04 (PTI):

The Nepali administration on Wednesday further intensified an indefinite curfew in a border town, which was imposed to prevent communal violence, as it escorted people entering the country from India to their destinations, officials said.

At least 22 people, including 5 security personnel, were injured on Tuesday in a communal clash, triggered by a social media post, in Nepalgunj, about 400 km west of Kathmandu.

Following the clash, the Banke district administration imposed an indefinite curfew starting at 1:00 pm on Tuesday in the town, which borders Uttar Pradesh.

Banke's Chief District Officer Bipin Acharya said the curfew has been intensified, and people entering Nepal via the Jamunaha point are being escorted to their destinations.

The district adminis-

tration will hold an all-party meeting at the earliest to settle down the situation in the town, he said. According to Jamunaha's police beat's senior superintendent of police Min Bahadur Bista so far 1,500 Nepalis arrived from India have been safely escorted up to the point from where they could reach their destinations safely.

Nepalis are returning home from various places in India including Shimla, Kalapahad, and Delhi via the Jamunaha point in the district, he said. Meanwhile, the local administration has urged all to cooperate to ease the situation and not to up-load any content capable of jeopardising social and religious harmony on social sites. Political parties based in Nepalgunj, religious leaders, civil society activists and intellectuals have appealed all

for restoring peace and harmony in the town.

Western countries want a UN team created to monitor rights violations and abuses in Sudan

Geneva, Oct 04 (AP):

Four Western countries floated a proposal Wednesday for the United Nations' top human rights body to appoint a team of experts to monitor and report on abuses and rights violations in war-ravaged Sudan.

Britain, Germany, Norway and the United States are leading the call for the Human Rights Council to name a three-person fact-finding mission to look into possible crimes against refugees, women and children, and others in Sudan.

Sudan was plunged into chaos when long-simmering tensions between the military, headed by Gen. Abdel Fattah Burhan, and the Rapid Support Forces paramilitary, led by Mohammed Hamdan Dagalo, escalated into open warfare in April.

The U.N. estimates that 5,000 people have been killed and more than 12,000 others wounded since the conflict began.

Over 5.2 million people have fled their homes, including more than 1 million who crossed into neighbouring countries, and around 25 million people half of the country's population need humanitarian aid, the U.N. says.

"Reports indicate the most appalling violations and abuses by all parties to this wholly unnecessary conflict," Britain's ambassador in Geneva, Simon Manley, told The Associated Press. "It is crucial for an independent U.N. body to establish the facts, so that those responsible can be held to account and so that these heinous acts stop."

The draft resolution is set to come up for consideration by the 47-member rights council in Geneva at the end of next week, before then end of its fall session.

The fact-finding mission would aim in part to identify those responsible for rights violations and abuses, in the hope that one day perpetrators might be held to account.

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Press Freedom Under Siege

Protecting Journalistic Independence

The pre-dawn raids conducted by the Delhi Police in NewsClick office have cast a dark shadow over the principles of journalistic freedom and press independence. NewsClick, a prominent news portal, and its affiliated individuals, along with human rights activists Teesta Setalvad and Gautam Navlakha, found themselves in the crosshairs of state agencies. This heavy-handed approach raises alarming concerns about the weaponization of state power to stifle the media. During these raids, electronic devices belonging to journalists were seized, and some, including NewsClick's founder and Editor-in-Chief, Prabir Purkayastha, were detained for questioning. Subsequently, Purkayastha was arrested, and the news portal's office was abruptly sealed. The authorities have filed a case under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) against NewsClick, alleging suspicions of foreign funding being utilized to promote a "Chinese agenda," a claim that was also highlighted in a recent investigative report by The New York Times. Delving into the background of this crackdown unveils a pattern of investigations and actions initiated by various agencies, including the Economic Offences Wing, Enforcement Directorate, and the police. These investigations revolve around allegations of dubious funding from China to the news portal. The Enforcement Directorate claims to have traced deposits amounting to Rs 39 crore from questionable sources into the company's accounts over the past three years. While it is crucial for the authorities to ascertain whether the news portal's promoters violated the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) or engaged in other unlawful activities, it is imperative that individual journalists with established professional reputations are not unjustly held accountable for any financial misdeeds committed by the portal's promoters or funders. In the context of safeguarding freedom of speech and the press, it is disheartening to note that India's press freedom ranking has been on a concerning decline. According to the World Press Freedom Index-2023, India plummeted 11 places from its previous position, now occupying the 161st rank out of 180 countries. This decline is a stark reminder of the challenges facing press freedom in the country. The right to a free and independent press is a cornerstone of any vibrant democracy. It serves as a vital check on power, ensuring transparency, accountability, and the dissemination of diverse perspectives and information to the public. In this regard, the recent actions against NewsClick and its journalists send a troubling message about the state of press freedom in India. Journalists should be able to carry out their duties without fear of intimidation or harassment. The heavy-handed tactics employed in the raids and subsequent arrests erode the trust between the media and the government, jeopardizing the essential role that journalism plays in society. It is crucial that any investigations into financial irregularities or violations of regulations are conducted fairly, transparently, and in accordance with the rule of law. The principle of proportionality should guide these efforts, ensuring that individuals are held accountable only for their own actions and responsibilities. Furthermore, it is essential that the government takes concrete steps to protect and uphold press freedom in India. A free and vibrant press is not just a constitutional right; it is a fundamental pillar of a democratic society. Efforts should be directed toward creating an environment where journalists can work without fear, where whistleblowers can come forward, and where diverse voices can be heard. As the world observes the declining state of press freedom in India, it is imperative that both the government and civil society collectively strive to preserve and strengthen the pillars of democracy. Journalistic independence and freedom of the press are non-negotiable elements of a thriving democracy, and their protection should remain at the forefront of our collective efforts.

Bihar's Caste Survey Sparks Identity Politics Debate

Yash Pal Ralhan

Bihar's recent release of caste survey data has set the stage for a significant political and social discourse in the country. The findings, unveiled by the Nitish Kumar government on Gandhi Jayanti, have rekindled the debate on identity politics, with opposition parties calling for similar surveys in other states. This development is poised to shape the political landscape, especially in the run-up to the 2024 General Election. According to the Bihar data, the Extremely Backward Classes (EBCs) constitute the largest social segment in the state, accounting for 36 percent of the population, followed by the Other Backward Classes (OBCs) at 27.13 percent. Together, these groups make up nearly two-thirds of Bihar's population, wielding considerable electoral influence. Nitish Kumar's move to release this data can be seen as a strategic gambit with potentially far-reaching consequences. With the 2024 General Election on the horizon, opposition bloc INDIA is expected to leverage the caste card against the BJP's ideological politics. This sets the stage for a revival of the Mandal vs. Kamandal narrative, with identity politics taking center stage. While the Supreme Court is scheduled to hear pleas challenging the caste survey in Bihar on October 6, the findings have already sent political shockwaves across the nation. The Congress, which initiated the push for an OBC sub-quota in the women's reservation Bill last month, has called for a caste-based census to ensure equitable rights based on population. In response, Prime Minister Modi has stressed that the country's resources should primarily benefit the poor, who constitute the largest segment of the population. As demands for revising quotas based on population grow, it is essential to ensure that reservation policies effectively reach the most disadvantaged sections of society, rather than being limited to the creamy layer. The Bihar caste data should serve as a wake-up call for society at large. As India moves into a new era, marked by the "Amrit Kaal," or the golden years of independence, it is imperative to reevaluate our social and economic development strategies based on empirical data. One immediate impact of this survey is likely to be a demand for an increase in job and educational reservations, currently capped at 50 percent due to a 1992 Supreme Court ruling. This will prompt national discussions on conducting a caste census and advocating for reservations in legislative bodies. Despite Bihar's significant population and resources, it remains economically challenged. The BJP's endorsement of a caste-based census, despite its political alignment, underscores the importance of this exercise. It has the potential to rejuvenate the Mandal-era alliance of backward castes and Dalits, while also posing challenges to the BJP's efforts to build a coalition of Hindu communities. The opposition's Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) sees caste enumeration as a winning formula and a core demand, further emphasizing the political significance of this issue. It is noteworthy that despite caste's dominant role in India's social, economic, and political landscape, comprehensive and credible caste data has been lacking. A reliable caste census is essential for ensuring social justice. Bihar's initiative should encourage the NDA government to initiate a national caste census. This caste-based population count will facilitate the refinement of reservation policies, shed light on the challenges faced by marginalized communities, and enable the development of more effective policies by policymakers. While the Constitution does not explicitly permit states to conduct a census, the Supreme Court has emphasized the importance of quantifiable data on backwardness to validate state-level caste quotas in jobs, education, and elected bodies. Telangana has already passed a resolution urging the inclusion of caste-based enumeration in the national census. Rahul Gandhi's call for "Jitni Aabadi Utna Haq" (Rights proportional to population) has gained momentum and resonates in states preparing for upcoming assembly elections. Effective policy formulation relies on reliable data, and the forthcoming census, set to begin in 2024, is integral to this process. Prabab Sen, head of the government panel reviewing surveys and suggesting improvements, has emphasized that the quality of statistical surveys hinges on census data. Until the new census is completed, both central and state governments will have to rely on outdated 2011 Census data for planning and resource allocation. This poses challenges in delivering benefits to those in need, especially with welfare schemes like the Public Distribution System under the National Food Security Act relying on population estimates. A caste-based census will eliminate ambiguity and bring to light the social reality of India's lesser-known marginalized groups. It will ensure every caste is counted, removing the anonymity that some privileged upper castes claim while enjoying inherited advantages.

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MAMTA HEALTH WORKERS PROTEST

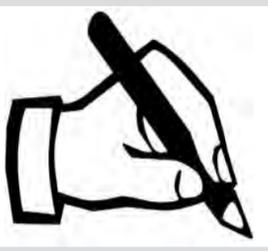


MAMTA health workers raise slogans during a protest against the Bihar government demanding a hike in their wages and regularisation of their jobs, in Patna, Wednesday, Oct. 4.

Good Infrastructure Prompts Self-Sufficient Villages and Women's Empowerment in Madhya Pradesh



PROF. SUNIL GOYAL



The picture of the villages of Madhya Pradesh is changing rapidly. On the one hand, good infrastructure is being developed in the villages, on the other hand, everyone is getting housing with basic amenities, water from tap in every house and work for every hand. The villages of the state are now leaving the cities behind in terms of cleanliness. The tribal areas of the state, which were left behind in the fast pace of development, have been brought into the mainstream by implementing the PESA Act. All this has been possible due to the visionary leadership and the relentless efforts in Madhya Pradesh.

The most pleasant aspect of the state's rural self-reliance and all-round development is that women are becoming a source of family and rural self-reliance through the State Rural Livelihood Mission. Mission is being implemented intensively in 313 development blocks for institutional development and providing sustainable opportunities for livelihood by forming strong self-help groups of women from rural poor families. So far, 5 lakh 31 thousand families have

been linked to 53 thousand 50 groups. Out of the families associated with the groups, so far this year, about 3 lakh 20 thousand families have been linked to agriculture and animal husbandry livelihood activities and 22 thousand women of the group have been linked to non-agriculture livelihood activities. In the current financial year, self-help groups have been given loans of Rs 1 thousand 416 crore in 94 thousand 795 cases through banks.

Good infrastructure is being developed in the villages of the state through Chief Minister's Village Road Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana Water Shed Development, Shyama Prasad Mookerjee Rurban Mission, Sabki Yojana-Sabka Vikas Jan Abhiyan, Rural Tourism Scheme etc. In last financial year, 2 thousand 19 km of roads and 106 bridges were constructed by spending Rs 1 thousand 190 crores till the month of November 2022 against the annual physical target of 4 thousand km in Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana Part 1, 2, 3. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee Rurban Mission is implemented in 336 villages

of 166-gram panchayats in 15 districts of the state. Rurban components identified in the mission such as piped water supply, skill development, agricultural processing and agricultural services and warehousing, health services, upgradation of school infrastructure and education facilities, street lights, public transport, LPG gas connections, digital literacy Works like Citizen Service Centre for providing citizen services electronically / e-gram connectivity are being done on priority basis. In selected Rurban packages, works worth Rs 199 crore 77 lakh crores have been approved and are being implemented.

Every hand is being given work in the villages of the state. Presently there are 66 lakh 88 thousand active job card holder families and 1 crore 19 lakh laborers under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA. This year, in the last 9 months, employment was provided to more than 40 lakh 74 thousand families. In this, more than 62 thousand 425 families got employment for 100 days. So far this year, more than 18.5 crore man-days have been generated. Madhya Pradesh has been at the leading position in the whole country in providing employment to Scheduled Tribe families through MNREGA. In last financial year, more than 5 crore 86 lakh man-days of employment were provided to 13 lakh 38 thousand Scheduled Tribe families, which is 32 percent of the total man-days. Employment opportunities were made available to more than 60 thousand youth through job fairs and job-oriented training. 14 thousand 146 rural street vendors have been benefited under the Chief Minister's Rural Street Vendor Scheme.

The dream of permanent housing of poor homeless people is being fulfilled

in the villages of the state. In the virtual presence of the Prime Minister, 4 lakh 51 thousand rural homeless people of the state have been provided houses this year. In the Housing for All 2024 scheme, houses for more than 31 lakh 02 thousand beneficiaries have been built against the target of 38 lakh 23 thousand achieved from the financial year 2016-17 to 2021-22. Against the target of 7 lakh 51 thousand for the financial year 2021-22, 3 lakh 06 thousand houses have been built under the Awas Plus Yojana. A total of Rs 42 thousand 723 crore has been spent since the inception of the scheme.

The villages of Madhya Pradesh are also leaving the cities behind in terms of cleanliness. In the Swachh Survekshan Gramin - 2022, the state got the first and third place respectively among the states of the western region. The country's first rural sewage sludge management unit was built this year in village Kalibillod of district Indore. So far this year, about 97,000 individual toilets and 3,000 community sanitation complexes have been constructed for the continuity of ODF status in the villages. Along with this, more than 12 thousand villages have been completely solid waste managed, about 16 thousand completely liquid waste managed and about 16 thousand villages have been declared ODF plus. This year, there is a target of making 15 thousand 890 villages of the state ODF plus for solid and liquid waste management works.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cement Conundrum

Concrete, Earth's second most-utilized resource after water, forms the foundation of infrastructure worldwide, from roads to the towering Burj Khalifa. However, its production results in significant carbon emissions due to the cement's primary component, limestone. Cement production is responsible for 8% of global carbon emissions, dwarfing the aviation industry's impact. To combat this, some innovators are reducing cement usage in concrete and exploring alternative materials like fly ash and calcium silicate cement. Implementing such changes, while prioritizing safety, promises a cleaner, lower-carbon future for one of the world's most polluting industries.

Arka Goswami, Durgapur, West Bengal

Tread cautiously on the age of consent

It was clear that any lowering of the age of consent could create a cascading stream of legal consequences and ultimately hurt the fight against menaces such as child sexual abuse, marriage and exploitation. Therefore, it recommended allowing judges more discretion in sentencing, diluting the mandatory minimum provisions baked into the Protection of Children Against Sexual Offences Act. However, it will be a welcome first step. But any move towards judicial discretion in sentencing will need to be monitored with robust oversight to ensure that innocent adolescents are not being criminalised.

Tauqueer Rahmani, Mumbai

Inflation delirium

Every living being on earth gets the energy needed to survive from food. Without food, we cannot survive for a long time, but among all the living beings, man is the only living being who considers food as unimportant and wastes as soon as his needs are fulfilled. Man has a variety of food items to choose from as per his taste, which he consumes as per his convenience. India is a country in the world where food wastage and hunger exist in huge quantities. If food waste is made a crime and a huge fine is charged from the person responsible, then perhaps within a month, food waste will be completely controlled in the country and billions of rupees can be saved in the country, which may lead to faster development. The Indian economy will become stronger, hunger will be less, and prosperity will increase. All sections of the society will get sufficient food grains, diseases and inflation will reduce, the country will be economically, socially and environmentally balanced.

A Nawas, Kollam Kerala

Heart-wrenching Incident

The heart-wrenching rape incident of a minor girl in Ujjain is a heinous crime. But, shockingly when she wandered through the streets from one door to another for help, she was shoved away and rejected as if she were a nuisance. Even the women of those houses didn't pity her. If our sensitivity continues to decline to zero in the same way, then there will be no difference between us and machines. If one could not do anything, one could at least dial 100 to call the police.

Jahangir Shaikh, Mumbai

Sukumar Ray is Still Relevant

Kajal Chatterjee

Sukumar Ray. Though he is a Bengali literary great in his own right; but perhaps for rest of India, he will have to be introduced as father of Satyajit Ray. As many as 100 years have passed following the death of Sukumar Ray (10th September 1923) with publication of his immortal creation 'Abol Tabol' ('The Weird and the Absurd') also registering a century (19th September 1923). Yet it is mesmerizing how his creations in the epic volume are still extremely relevant in today's society also. Though he died much young, when Satyajit Ray was a baby, Sukumar Ray had not only created a very rich treasury of short stories, plays, novels and poems; he was a pioneer of "non-sense" rhymes in Bengali literature. Apparently it might sound "non-sense" and fit for consumption of children only; but embedded within those apparently innocent and meaningless lines, much much larger and bitter truth exist which can be appreciated by a matured serious reader only.

Just for an example let's take the case of 'Baburam Sapure' ('Baburam The Snake Charmer'). Baburam is being asked to fetch 2 snakes which have no eyes horns nails, who do not show fangs or bite anybody, can't run-walk-hiss

and eat only rice and milk! And lastly the person asks Baburam in a very threatening tone to promptly bring 2 such live snakes who will be "beaten to submission" by violent stroke of a stick! The former child in myself had burst to a bout of laughter on going through the rhyme; but only on attainment of adulthood, I have come to realise the essence of the "kid" poem where Ray has given a tight slap to the cowardice hypocrisy prevalent in the society where individuals to the State apparatus --- all express their "muscle" and "rules and regulation" only when the opposite party is timid or brought into timidity, but simply refuse to challenge the mighty ones ie those snakes which display fangs or bite.

Near our locality, there exists a busy intersection. Though there are provision of zebra crossing and signals, still police personnel have to man it because of chaos all around. And I notice signals are being often violated -- intentionally or inadvertently. Now if a so-called educated middle class gentleman violates the signal by riding on a bike with family on the back seat; the police would gently rebuke him for his callousness and advice him to be cautious of safety. If the violators are muscular lumpens with speed-biking

and zero obedience to law being their only definition of "heroism"; the law-enforcing agencies prefer to look the other way. But what a rain of fury if the violator is a cart-puller (who violate signal mainly due to inadvertence). The personnel just frantically rush towards them, deliver cuss words and land blow upon them with batons.

Or the "bravery" of our Bank mandarins. A poor farmer fails to repay a single or few instalment of principal loan amount or its interest due to failure of crops; the Bank agencies or their goons promptly come to the door of the farmer. Either confiscation of the tractor or psychological humiliation or physical assault inevitable often leading the hapless humiliated farmer to take the course of suicide. But when business magnets don't care to repay billion and billion amount of loan; either those loan get written off or provided further loans. And then I again realise the significance of 'Baburam Sapure' whose relevance will continue till the day all "strictness" of law and decorum get imposed upon the weak only with the powerful ones safely residing above all norms of law.

As for 'Ekushe ain' (21st Law) where bizarre modes of punishment were awarded for imaginary "offence" (like sneezing without permit before 6 pm);

doesn't it remind us of a journalist's detention in prison for years before getting released on bail just due to his "crime" of proceeding towards a site of spine-chilling gangrape-death-forcible cremation to cover the issue or that of the arrest of a stand-up comedian for a "crime" he hadn't committed at the first place and found himself behind bars just on the apprehension that he would poke fun at the expense of high and mighty. In this context, Ray's unique novel named 'HaJaBaRaLa' can also be invoked, though here all things "non-sensical" comes through the form of prose. Though the name is a combination of 5 Bengali alphabets; it has an inner meaning also. It denotes chaotic disorder or again absolute "non-sense".

Yes, in the the land of Ray's 'HaJaBaRaLa', peculiar things happen. Handkerchief instantly gets changed to a fat cat. The pathway of Tibet from Kolkata goes through Diamond Harbour (a place in deep South Bengal on the gateway of Sunderbans delta or near the mouth of Ganga where it merges into the Bay) and time taken to reach the Himalayan plateau is just 1 hour 15 minutes.

According to the crow, 7x2 can be 14; might be a bit more or less

than 14 also! It depends upon the time of calculation.

And there age is not allowed to increase beyond 40. After 40, age is allowed to decrease till 10! And thereafter increased to 40 and again decreased to 10! And this cycle continues in this fashion so that people do not die after turning "old".

Previously I thought that it is again a "non-sensical" imagination of Sukumar Ray! But nowadays it seems that we have at last reached the land of HaJaBaRaLa.

Here new currencies cannot be turned "Black" or hoarded! It cannot be counterfeited as well! And seeing the new notes, human traffickers and terrorists would make a permanent hasty retreat.

Immediately after any "Success", I would be the first one to take the entire credit and beat my own chest! But when it comes to accept the blame for abject failure, I am to be seen nowhere in the picture.

Again someday, following say a strike upon any "enemy land" from air; somebody gives the "bold" figure of "325" as "casualties of terrorists", another day another person portrays the figure "300". Thereafter another heavyweight says that count is "0". Is 325=300=0. Might be, because nothing is impossible in the land of HaJaBaRaLa.

BRIEF

New chairman



New Delhi: Karan Rathore, an entrepreneur from the Hospitality sector, has taken over as the new chairman of the Services Export Promotion Council (SEPC). SEPC, as a nodal organisation for services export promotion, has been playing a very significant role in enhancing India's services export. Rathore, Director of a group of Umaid Hotels and Resorts in Jaipur, is an alumnus and now serves as a member on the board of the prestigious Mayo College Ajmer; the council said in a statement.

Retail sales

New Delhi: German luxury carmaker Audi on Wednesday reported an 88 per cent year-on-year growth in retail sales at 5,530 units in January-September period this year in India. Audi India had retailed 2,947 units in the same period last year. The launch of the new Q8 e-tron, Q8 Sportback e-tron, Q3 and Q3 Sportback coupled with continued demand for other models like the A4, A6 and Q5 has led to positive growth, the automaker said in a statement.

Test ride



New Delhi: Union minister Nitin Gadkari visited the Pilot Certification and Experience Centre of uSky Technology and took a test ride of the Sky Bus to experience the safety and evacuation in Sharjah, UAE, an official statement said on Wednesday. Sky Technology has developed Sky Bus solutions, and iSky Mobility has tied up with uSky to bring these mobility services to India, it said. According to the statement, Sky Bus offers a sustainable, congestion-free urban mobility solution, reducing pollution and traffic congestion while providing efficient mobility for urban residents.

FM asks company secretaries to rededicate themselves

To better corporate governance

New Delhi, Oct 04:

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday urged company secretaries to rededicate themselves for better corporate governance, as India gears to become a developed nation by 2047. Addressing the 55th Foundation Day of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), the finance minister said it is time to "rededicate ourselves for and towards better corporate governance... we cannot see our value systems being diluted... corporate governance is an issue on which all of us are committed." Praising ICSI, she said, the high standard set by the institute is well recognised across the world. She appreciated the decision of the ICSI to waive off registration fee for Agniveer, defence personnel and families of martyrs for enrollment in company secretaries course. The other decision, to donate Rs 11 lakh for the education of daughters of martyrs, is also praiseworthy, she noted.



President Droupadi Murmu and Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman during the 55th Foundation Day celebrations of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi, Wednesday, Oct. 4.

The Finance Minister said the government has taken significant steps to promote ease of doing business like decriminalisation of minor offences, introduction of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, simplification of regulatory frameworks, tax reforms, and removal of unnecessary and archaic compliances have all been re-

moved, along with 1,500 archaic laws, she said. Since 2014, for the kind of FDI reforms that the government has undertaken, she said, India has received about USD 230 billion in the last three financial years, which means interest of companies to get invested in India and to run businesses here is now very clearly pronounced. "And that's where corporate good governance, which you as company secretaries can bring in, makes a difference," she said.

Speaking on the occasion, Corporate Affairs Secretary Manoj Govil said, the number of companies and LLP incorporation during the year is higher by 11 per cent compared to last year. With regard to the winding-up process, Govil said, it has come down from 180 days to 100 days during this year.

RBI's rate-setting panel starts deliberations amid expectation of status quo

Mumbai, Oct 04:

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das-headed Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) started its three-day meeting on Wednesday amid expectations of a status quo on the rate front in its bi-monthly monetary policy review. The policy review will be announced on Friday morning.

In case of a status quo, interest rates for retail, as well as corporate borrowers, would remain stable. Experts believe that the Reserve Bank will retain the benchmark rate at 6.5 per cent in view of the elevated inflation and global factors.

The Reserve Bank started increasing the policy rate in May 2022 in tranches, in the wake of the Russia-Ukraine war and took it to 6.5 per cent in February this year. Since then, it has kept the rate unchanged in the last three successive bi-monthly monetary policy reviews. "The credit policy



this time will most likely continue with the existing rate structure as well as policy stance. Hence, the repo rate will be retained at 6.5 per cent with the stance of withdrawal of accommodation," opined Madan Sabnavis, Chief Economist, Bank of Baroda. He further said retail inflation is still high at 6.8 per cent and expected to come down sharply in September and October, but there is still some pessimism on Kharif output especially relating to pulses which has the potential to push up prices further. "But as the inflation trajectory is downwards, a

rate hike can be ruled out. However, we may have to wait for a longer time for the MPC to cut the repo rate," he said.

"With inflation still remaining high, a reduction in policy rate looks remote, but in the interest of MSMEs and the economy as a whole, we expect the RBI to maintain the status quo as any further increase will start hurting the growth of the economy," Puneet Kaura, chairman, CII Delhi State Council and MD & CEO, Samtel Avionics said.

Karthik Srinivasan, Senior Vice President & Group Head - Financial Sector Ratings, ICRA also expects the MPC to maintain status quo on the policy rate as well as the stance.

"The significant tightening in liquidity that was seen in the second half of September is unlikely to sustain, particularly with the release of liquidity from incremental CRR imposed in previous policy," he said.

Shell hikes diesel prices by Rs 20 a litre

New Delhi, Oct 04: Shell India has hiked diesel prices by as much as Rs 20 per litre in less than a week's time, but the dominant public sector fuel retailers continue to keep rates on freeze for a record 18th month in a row. With international oil prices hovering around USD 90 per barrel, the India unit of the world's second-largest oil and gas company last week started raising fuel prices by Rs 4 per litre every day, company dealers and industry sources said. The result is Shell India, whose 346 petrol pumps are mostly concentrated in the southern and western states, is now selling diesel at Rs 130 per litre in Mumbai and Rs 129 in Chennai. Petrol at Shell bunks costs Rs 117-118 a litre. This compares to a price of Rs 106.31 a litre for petrol at public sector company's petrol pumps in Mumbai and Rs 102.63 in Chennai.

Diesel at PSU pumps costs Rs 94.27 a litre in Mumbai and Rs 94.24 in Chennai. In Bengaluru, Shell is selling diesel for Rs 122 as compared to Rs 87.92 a litre rate at petrol pumps owned by public sector firms and Rs 87.99 per price at Reliance-BP bunks. Dealers said a Rs 4 a litre hike is in offing in diesel prices at Shell pumps on Thursday as well and rates will continue at that level for the remainder of October. Diesel price in Mumbai will hit Rs 134 a litre on Thursday. Shell does not own an oil refinery, which converts crude oil extracted from below ground or seabed into fuels like petrol and diesel, in the country. It sources products and market prices and has revised rates to reflect a surge in international oil prices since August. Reached for comments, a company spokesperson said: "Shell India confirms price increase in diesel.

India's experience in terms of manufacturing GDP growth different from rest of world: Virmani

New Delhi, Oct 04:

India's experience has been different compared to the rest of the world in terms of the rise and peaking of its manufacturing GDP, NITI Aayog member Arvind Virmani said on Wednesday, while stressing on creation of a competitive economy. Addressing an event organised by the Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID), Virmani further said India has positioned itself in the last ten years with policy reforms related to product and services space. "India's experience has been different compared to the rest of the world in terms of the rise and peaking of its manufacturing GDP and then a plateau that has been wit-



nessed for the last many years," he said. According to Virmani, the country has put in dynamism for entrepreneurship and startups, and has instituted public sector and institutional reforms. "There is a need of the creation of a competitive economy and not just a few monopoly segments with reduced information barriers and breaking asymmetric in-

formation circuits," he opined. According to the latest government data, manufacturing sector's share in India's GDP is estimated at around 17 per cent currently. He noted that the government has a crucial role to play in the provisioning of public good, regulation of externalities, ensuring a pro-competition and pro-investment market environment as well as ensuring welfare transfers and empowering every group in every geography. "Meanwhile, the private sector needs to play its role to compete, innovate, and invest," he said, adding that the new opportunity in front of the country is in the form of India's dynamic comparative advantage in its demographic dividend.

Govt aims to complete about 85 pc of road projects on time this fiscal: Anurag Jain

New Delhi, Oct 04:

Around 85 per cent of road projects are likely to be completed by the end of this fiscal, as the steps taken by the government to ensure faster clearances like monitoring and quicker resolution of issues have started showing results, Road Transport and Highways secretary Anurag Jain said on Wednesday. Jain said, the Road ministry is getting environment and forest clearance quickly and monitoring mechanisms of delayed projects have been improved. "We took up completion of projects on time as a challenge, and in cases where the project is already delayed, a revised schedule was taken as the target. I have a feeling that



by the end of this financial year (March), we will complete about 85 per cent of projects on time," he told PTI in an interview. Jain further noted that "PRAGATI meeting by the Prime Minister, monitoring by Cabinet Secretariat, creation of Integrated Project Monitoring portal, use of PM GatiShakti in planning have considerably improved the pace of implementation of the projects during the whole life cycle of the projects."

Konica Minolta takes center stage with Accurio Press C73hc and C83hc

Mumbai, Oct 04:

Konica Minolta, print solutions global leader, proudly announces its triumphant participation at All India Video Photo Trade Fair AIVPTF, a prestigious annual event that brings together prominent video and photo industry stalwarts like press owners, Photo lab owners, and various other key industry stakeholders. AIVPTF 2023 was a pedestal for Konica Minolta to demonstrate its innovative high chroma printers - AccurioPress C73hc and C83hc and establish its presence within a diverse ecosystem of studio photo, photo bookcreative minds and industry experts. AccurioPress C73hc and C83hc enhance productivity

with various output speeds executed in brilliant colour, with a variety of media capabilities, saving office space on your production floor. The sophisticated equipment saves time & labour costs with simple operation and powerful in-line finishing, along with high chroma quality. Reaffirming the significance of this event, Mr. Katsuhisa Asari, Managing Director, Konica Minolta Business Solutions India, said, "We are delighted to have been part of AIVPTF-Raipur 2023, which has once again proven to be a tremendous platform for industry players to converge and showcase their innovations. Konica Minolta takes great pride in our unparalleled and dependable business printing solutions, and this event pro-

vided us with an excellent opportunity to demonstrate the prowess of AccurioPress C73hc and C83hc. The engines, ability to reproduce those colours difficult to realise using CMYK Printer, as the print and imaging industry continues to evolve and diversify, we remain committed to providing innovative solutions that meet the dynamic needs of our customers. Our participation in AIVPTF-Raipur underscores our dedication to establishing a strong presence within the creative and forward-thinking community of professionals in India's video and photo industry. We look forward to further collaborations and partnerships within this vibrant ecosystem, driving innovation and excellence in the print and imaging sector."

Vicks Cough Drops showcases the power of India's 142 crore Voice Champions

New Delhi, Oct 04:

Vicks Cough Drops, the trusted brand known for its commitment to giving India a which which free voice, joined hands with cricket icon Yuvraj Singh to unveil its new #VicksKholIndiaBol Cheer Anthem. The #VicksKholIndiaBol cheer anthem celebrates our nation's boundless enthusiasm for cricket, and aims to enable 142 crore Voice champions to cheer for their team this cricket season.

Vicks Cough Drops has always been known for its iconic campaigns highlighting how it has enabled Indians to speak up



in critical moments of life without any which which. This cricket season, Vicks Cough Drops presents a fresh musical take on keeping the Cricket Fans at the center and giving them a which which free

#VicksKholIndiaBol anthem in collaboration with Yuvraj Singh, to inspire millions to cheer aloud with a which which free voice and support their team with a josh like never before.

The lyrics of the anthem reveal how voices have the power to make the loudest cheer, how cheers can turn tables during a match and multifold the passion of cricket fans from every nook and corner of our country."

Speaking about the anthem cricket icon Yuvraj Singh shared, "There is nothing more motivating for a player than the encouraging cheers of our fans.

President of India confers Prestigious NSS Award

New Delhi, Oct 04:

The President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu conferred the prestigious National Service Scheme (NSS) Award for the year 2021-2022 for the state of Tripura on Miss Ali Debnath, a 2nd year MBA student of the ICAI University Tripura in recognition of outstanding contribution and beneficiary works she has rendered to the society.

The glittering award ceremony was organized on 29th September 2023 at Dar-bar Hall of the Rastrapati Bhavan, New Delhi. The prestigious National Award carries a cash prize of Rupees One Lakh along with a Certificate and a Memento. Ms. Debnath's

On ICAI University Tripura student

incredible dedication and outstanding contributions have truly made a difference in our community. She has planted a remarkable 1030 saplings, attended over 125 blood donation camps, and personally donated 2 units of blood.

During the challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic, Ms. Debnath went above and beyond by distributing handmade masks, essential items, and sanitizers etc. She also served as an AAPDA MITRA, a Disaster Management Volunteer, actively participating in rescue operations, cleanliness drives, and heritage protection initiatives.



Further, Ms. Debnath has actively promoted various government programs such as Ujjwala Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Bima Yojana, and Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana. She has worked on digital literacy campaigns and raised awareness on

important issues like gender equality, gender sensitivity, adult literacy, and a plastic-free India.

While congratulating on Ms. Debnath for her remarkable achievement the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Biplab Halder said "Your dedica-

tion to community service reflects the values we uphold at ICAI University Tripura. We're proud of your achievements and look forward to your continued inspiration for future generations. Your recognition is a testament to your hard work and our commitment to excellence. Keep shining!"

Ms. Debnath enthusiastically commented "Receiving the National-level Best Volunteer Award is an incredible honor. It is a testament to the power of collective effort in volunteerism. Thanks to the Honorable President of India, ICAI University and all who supported me. This is just the beginning of my commitment to serving the community".

Housing sales across top 8 cities at 6-year high in July-Sep quarter: Knight Frank

New Delhi, Oct 04:

Housing sales grew by 12 per cent year-on-year in July-September to 82,612 units — six-year high in quarterly sales volume, across eight major cities on strong demand, according to Knight Frank. Housing sales stood at 73,691 units in the year-ago period across eight major cities.

In its report released on Wednesday, Knight Frank India said, the growth in sales is noteworthy considering that it constitutes an almost six-year high in quarterly sales volumes. As per the data, housing sales in Mumbai rose 4 per cent to 22,308 units during the July-September quar-



ter, from 21,450 units in the year-ago period. In Delhi-NCR, housing sales grew 27 per cent to 13,981 units, from 11,014 units during the period under review. Sales of residential properties in Bengaluru were up marginally to 13,169 units from 13,013 units, while Pune saw a 20 per cent

growth in sales to 13,079 units from 10,899 units. Housing sales in Hyderabad went up 5 per cent to 8,325 units from 7,900 units and in Ahmedabad, housing sales grew 6 per cent to 4,108 units from 3,887 units. Chennai witnessed a 5 per cent growth in sales to 3,870 units from 3,685 units, while in Kolkata housing sales jumped more than two fold to 3,772 units from 1,843 units. "Price levels have also grown in tandem with demand across all markets in Y-o-Y terms," Knight Frank said. Housing prices in Hyderabad saw the most significant rise at 11 per cent YoY.

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.

Central Chronicle News

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

Central Chronicle News

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 Rashmidevi 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.

Dr. Seema Panjwani encouraged the Red Ribbon Club to champion the cause of awareness. The workshop saw active participation from students, including Akhil Namedev, Neha Namedev, Tikendra Varma, Kulina Varma, Mohak Singh, Gauri Yadu, Ritu Varma, K. Ashwanau Varma, Tikehswari Varma, Umeshwari, and dedicated teachers.

Red Ribbon Club conducts workshop on AIDS awareness

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.



India bag 7 track and field medals



Hangzhou, Oct 04 (PTI):

Star javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra prevailed in an intense and stirring duel with compatriot Kishore Jena after brushing aside a technical glitch to defend his Asian Games gold, while the men's 400m relay team also retained its title as India snared 12 medals on Wednesday to record its best-ever show at the continental showpiece.

The track and field athletes delivered seven medals on the day that took India's overall tally to 81 - the best-ever show by the country at the Asian Games. India's previous best medal haul of 70 came in the last edition at Jakarta.

India are assured of more medals in several competitions and the country is expected to breach the 90-medal mark, if not touch the coveted 100.

Chopra was overwhelming favourite in his event but Jena threw up a huge surprise when he heaved his spear to

Neeraj grabs gold, Jena takes silver



India's Vithya Ramraj, Aishwarya Mishra, Prachi, and Subha Venkatesan shine with silver in the 4x400m Women's Relay, while Bahrain seizes the gold.

86.77m to overtake his decorated compatriot, who had managed 84.49m in his second attempt.

This was after a dramatic start when Chopra's first effort was not recorded due to a malfunction in electronic distance measurement.

The Indian camp was jumping with joy with the two Indians locked in a thrilling battle to out-do each other. Chopra then re-

sponded to the challenge like a true champion and came up with his season-best effort of 88.88m in his fourth attempt to regain the lead. Jena too gave his all to further better his personal-best mark by covering the distance of 87.54m but it was good enough only to finish second behind Chopra.

The two Indians could not better their throws after



Gold medalist Indian team's Rajesh Ramesh, Muhammed Ajmal Variyathodi, Amoj Jacob and Muhammed Anas Yahiya pose for photos during the presentation ceremony of the Men's 4X400m Relay Final event.

that and settled for a 1-2.

"I felt very good with my opening throw but unfortunately they could not record that. I am pretty happy for Jena. It really became a tough duel which I enjoyed thoroughly. We are used to such high level competition.

"When he took lead it became very interesting. We have to keep telling ourselves that we can over-

come the challenge and emerge as best," Chopra said after winning gold.

With his stunning effort Kishore thus sealed his berth for the Paris Olympics. The qualification mark was 85.50. Chopra has already qualified for the 2024 Games with a throw of 88.77 at the World Championships in Budapest in August this year.

Men clinch gold, women win silver in 4x400m relay

In a stellar display of athleticism, Indian relay teams made their mark at the Asian Games, clinching gold and silver medals. The men's 4x400m relay team, comprising Anas Muhammed Yahya, Amoj Jacob, Muhammed Ajmal Variyathodi, and Rajesh Ramesh, not only secured India's 18th gold at the Games but also set a national record with a blazing timing of 3:01.58s. Qatar put up a commendable performance, achieving a season-best timing of 3:02.05s to claim the second spot, while Sri Lanka clinched the bronze. The Indian women's 4x400m relay team, consisting of Vithya Ramraj, Aishwarya Mishra, Prachi, and Subha Venkatesan, also showcased their prowess by securing a silver medal. Their timing of 3:27.85 was impressive, but Bahrain outperformed with a Games record effort of 3:27.65 to take the top position. Sri Lanka secured the bronze with a timing of 3:30.88.

Deotale-Jyothi pair wins India's maiden compound mixed team gold

Hangzhou, Oct 04 (PTI):

Ojas Deotale's youthful exuberance harmonized seamlessly with Jyothi Surekha Vennam's precision, delivering India's first-ever gold medal in the compound mixed team event and marking a historic achievement in archery at the Asian Games on Wednesday.

The 21-year-old reigning world champion, Deotale, showcased remarkable form, dropping only a single point, while the flawless performance of Jyothi, who shot perfect scores from her eight arrows, more than compensated for it. Together, they outscored the second-seeded Korean pair of So Chaewon and Joo Jaehoon, securing a narrow 159-158 victory.

With this victory, Indian archers are poised to clinch at least four medals in this edition of the Games, surpassing their previous best performance in Incheon in 2014, where they secured a men's team compound gold, one silver, and a bronze. Playing three consecutive knockout matches - quarterfinals, semifinals, and the final - within a span of 140



Gold medal winner India's Ojas Pravin Deotale and Jyothi Surekha Vennam.

minutes is physically demanding, but the Indian duo remained remarkably composed, especially the 27-year-old Jyothi, who shone in critical moments. Their remarkable consistency, dropping just four points in three matches, underscores the authority displayed by Deotale and Jyothi. "I'm not surprised by the result," Deotale commented after the win. "We knew that we could do this. It was very close, but we maintained our form, we stayed calm in every situation," he added.

Harmilan Bains wins silver in women's 800m

Hangzhou, Oct 04 (PTI):

India's Harmilan Bains produced a fine run to clinch a silver in the women's 800m race, her second medal in this Asian Games here on Wednesday.

The 25-year-old from Punjab clocked an impressive timing of 2:03.75 to bag the silver in a highly competitive race.

The gold went to Sri Lanka's Tharushi Dissanayaka, who touched the tape at a time of 2:03.20. The bronze went to China's Chunyu Wang, who finished with a timing of 2:03:90. Bains had earlier won a silver in the women's 1500m race in this edition of the Games.

Another Indian runner in the 800m, Chanda finished at the seventh place with a timing of 2:05.69.

India advances to men's hockey final with thrilling 5-3 win over South Korea

Hangzhou, Oct 04 (PTI):

In a nail-biting semifinal match, India showcased their prowess by defeating South Korea 5-3, securing a spot in the men's hockey final at the Asian Games held here on Wednesday.

Despite an impressive run in the pool stages with substantial victories, India faced a tough challenge from the spirited Korean team, especially after gaining an early 3-0 lead in the first quarter.

India, seeking a repeat of their 2014 Incheon Asian Games gold medal triumph, demonstrated their determination to secure the coveted title. Winning gold in this edition of the Asian Games holds significant impor-



tance for the Tokyo Olympics bronze medalists as it guarantees them a direct entry into the 2024 Paris Games.

The goal scorers for India included Hardik Singh (5th minute), Mandeep Singh (11th), Lalit Kumar Upadhyay (15th), Amit Rohidas

(24th), and Abhishek (54th). On the other hand, Manjae Jung (17th, 20th, 42nd) netted a remarkable hat-trick for Korea, albeit in a losing effort.

India initiated the game aggressively, launching continuous attacks on Korea's defense right from the beginning. Their re-

lentless efforts paid off as Hardik scored within five minutes, capitalizing on a rebound from Lalit's initial attempt. Mandeep added to India's lead in the 11th minute, converting a Gurjant pass. Lalit increased the margin to 3-0 just before the end of the first quarter, slotting in a rebound after a save by the Korean goalkeeper from Harmanpreet's reverse hit.

The second quarter saw Korea making a comeback with two quick goals, narrowing the gap to 3-2. However, India regained their composure and extended their lead to 4-2 with Rohidas' penalty corner flick.

Abhishek sealed the victory with a powerful reverse hit, securing India's place in the final.

Sindhu, Prannoy in last eight; Srikanth out

Satwiksairaj-Chirag secure quarterfinal berth

Hangzhou, Oct 04 (PTI):

Kidambi Srikanth bowed out but top men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty came up with a smashing performance to enter the quarterfinals as India had a mixed day in office in badminton competition of the Asian Games here on Wednesday.

In a contest that lasted a marathon 84 minutes, Satwik and Chirag prevailed 24-22 16-21 21-12 against Indonesian duo of Leo Rolly Carnando and Daniel Marthin, who were not willing to concede even an inch to the celebrated Indian duo, ranked



No. 3 in the world. Two-time Olympic medalist PV Sindhu and world championships bronze medalist HS Prannoy also sailed into the quarterfinals of the women's and men's singles events respectively with straight game wins.

India men and women thrash Thailand in kabaddi

Hangzhou, Oct 04 (PTI):

India continued their impressive run in kabaddi with both the men's and women's teams thrashing their Thailand counterparts in the Asian Games here on Wednesday.

While the seven-time champions men's team outclassed Thailand 63-26, the women's side prevailed 54-22 in two Group A matches at the Xiaoshan Guali Sports Centre.

Looking to regain its Asian Games gold medal, the Indian men's team, which had slipped to a bronze medal at the 2018 Jakarta edition, took a commanding 37-9 lead at half-time.

India did not take much time to inflict the first 'all-



out' on Thailand within the first few minutes of the start of the contest.

Soon, India got a point in the raid before tackling the last man in from Thailand to force a second 'all-out'. Pramot Saising, the last man in for

Thailand, went for the raid but was thumped down as India inflicted a third 'all-out' at the stroke of half-time.

India continued their domination in the second half and inflicted another 'all-out' on Thailand to

take a 53-17 lead. The Thai players faltered in their raids time and again as India continued to extend their lead in the second half. But Thailand showed some fight in the second half as India won the half 26-17 to seal the contest.

The Indian men's team had earlier registered an emphatic 55-18 win over Bangladesh on Tuesday.

After the men's team recorded a fine victory, the women's side, last edition's silver medallists, got on the mat against Thailand and dished out a solid performance, grabbing a dominating 32-9 lead in the first half before leading 22-13 in the second half. The team thus topped their group to qualify for the semifinals.

Lovlina settles for silver, Parveena signs off with bronze



Hangzhou, Oct 04 (PTI):

Tokyo Olympic medalist boxer Lovlina Borgohain was outpunched in the lop-sided final to settle for a silver while Parveen Hooda signed off with a bronze medal at the Asian Games

here on Wednesday.

Borgohain, the reigning world Asian champion, was thrashed by home favourite and two-time Olympic medalist Li Qian in the 75kg final.

With Borgohain's loss, India's campaign came to an end. The country's boxers thus signed off with five medals including one silver and four bronze.

Parveen couldn't overcome the height disadvantage against two-time world champion Lin Yu Ting of Chinese Taipei in the women's 57kg semi-final.

Parveen, who won the 63kg bronze at the 2022 World Championships, went down to Lin via a 5-0 unanimous verdict.

Sable wins silver in men's 5000m

Hangzhou, Oct 04 (PTI):

India's long-distance runner Avinash Sable continued his impressive run, securing a silver medal in men's 5000m at the Asian Games here on



Wednesday. The 29-year-old Indian produced an effort of 13:21.09 to finish second in a spectacular race. Bahrain's Birhanu Yemataw Balew came up with a Games record effort of 13:17:40 to win the gold, while his compatriot Dawit Fikadu Admasu bagged the bronze with a season best of 13:25:63. Sable thus added another medal to his 3000m steeplechase gold which he had claimed last week.

Champions England eye fiery start against injury-hit New Zealand

Ahmedabad, Oct 04 (PTI):

A golden generation of England cricketers who have transformed the white ball format template forever will begin their 50-over World Cup title defence against an injury-battered New Zealand in a repeat of the 2019 final here on Thursday.

England are an ageing side alright, but few will dare to bet their green bills against Jos Buttler's outfit to add a third World Cup to their shelf in four years, as they are also the current T20 World Cup holders.

Trying to win that elusive ICC World Cup, New Zealand will be in a state of worry for more than one reason.

They will not have captain Kane Williamson, who though had



played the warm-ups, and senior pacer Tim Southee in their ranks as both are still on the recovery path after respective surgeries. Southee's fitness will be monitored closely as he is recuperating from a recent surgery on his fractured thumb. He had dislocated his finger during the ODI series against England. But that is only a

tip of their bigger concerns. The Ahmedabad pitch is generally an ally of batsmen, and England have a bionic batting line-up for whom skull-crushing their rivals is a favoured hobby.

The whole ferocity surrounding their batting has only gone up after the return of Ben Stokes, as he had decided to come out of retirement for the big event.

The maverick all-rounder has a troublesome knee that may curtail his role as a bowler in the tournament, but Stokes loves big occasions.

But Stokes will not be the only batting Cyclop, the Kiwis will have to negotiate on the morrow. England have one of the longest batting orders. They have explosive batters in Liam Livingstone, Jonny Bairstow and Harry Brook and

then more conventional batters like Joe Root and Dawid Malan.

On the other hand, without Williamson and Southee, New Zealand certainly lost a big chunk of experience and fire but the Kiwis have consistently punched above their weight in the ICC tournaments.

Their final appearances in the 2015 and 2019 50-over World Cups and in the 2021 T20 World Cup will underscore that point.

Daryl Mitchell's form combined with the sturdy Devon Conway at the top will give New Zealand confidence, but stand-in captain Tom Latham's lean run could be of some concern as the left-hander has averaged just 25.93 with only three fifties in 17 ODIs this year.

Match starts at: 2:00PM IST.

India's squash stalwarts shine bright

Hangzhou, Oct 04 (PTI):

India's Saurav Ghosal displayed an exceptional performance in the men's singles semifinals, propelling India toward their best-ever showing in squash at the Hangzhou Asian Games. Following his crucial role in the men's team victory, the world number 19 from India outclassed Hong Kong's 52-ranked Henry Leung, securing a commanding 11-2, 11-2, 11-6 triumph in just 33 minutes. India's squash contingent is on the cusp of an unprecedented three gold medals, with the mixed doubles pair of Dipika Pallikal and Harinderpal Sandhu also advancing to the final, set to take place on Thursday.

'Actively pursue mediation process to resolve SYL canal dispute'

New Delhi, Oct 04 (PTI)

SC to Centre

The Supreme Court on Wednesday asked the Centre to survey the portion of land in Punjab which was allocated for construction of part of the Satluj-Yamuna Link (SYL) canal in the state and make an estimate about the extent of construction carried out there.

A bench headed by Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul also asked the central government to actively pursue the mediation process to resolve the festering dispute between Punjab and Haryana over the construction of the canal.

The SYL canal was conceptualised for effective allocation of water from the Ravi and Beas rivers. The project envisaged a 214-km canal, of which 122 km was to be constructed in Punjab and 92 km in Haryana. Haryana has completed the project in its territory but Punjab, which launched the

construction work in 1982, later shelved it.

"We would like the Union of India to survey the portion of the land of Punjab allocated for the project to ensure that the land is protected .," said the bench, also comprising Justices C T Ravikumar and Sudhanshu Dhulia.

"In the meantime, the mediation process should be actively pursued by the Central government," it said.

The bench observed that the matter is at an execution stage.

"The decree stands. Therefore, you will have to take some steps," the bench told the counsel representing Punjab.

The dispute between the two states has been lingering on for decades. The top court had on January 15, 2002 ruled in favour of Haryana in a suit filed by it

in 1996 and directed the Punjab government to construct its portion of the SYL canal.

The apex court has passed several orders in the matter since then, including a verdict by a five-judge constitution bench that said Punjab has to comply with its earlier verdict and held as unconstitutional the Punjab Termination of Agreement Act (PTAA), 2004. The constitution bench pronounced the verdict on a 2004 presidential reference.

The PTAA discharged the government of Punjab from its obligations under all agreements related to the waters of Ravi and Beas rivers. A presidential reference was filed by the Union of India on July 22, 2004 seeking the opinion of the Supreme Court on the constitutional validity of PTAA. The SC held that the Act cannot be said to be in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of

India.

On Wednesday, senior advocate Shyam Divan, appearing for Haryana, said the issue relates to construction of the canal and Haryana has completed its part of the work.

"Someway, this is a perennial problem in different states. Wherever there is a shortage, the problem will arise," the bench observed.

The bench told the counsel appearing for Punjab to find out a solution otherwise the apex court will have to do something in the matter.

"Don't give us solution for 20 years down the line that this will come up and that will come up. You have to find a solution today," it said. "We are concerned with the execution of a decree for construction of the SYL canal in the Punjab portion as Haryana has already constructed the canal," it said, and posted the matter for hearing in January next year.

OVERFLOWING DAM



People watch the overflowing Dassam Falls, after continuous rains, at Bundu sub-division of Ranchi, in Ranchi, Wednesday.

Army Hospital (R&R) achieves milestone in number of cochlear implants procedures



The Department of ENT at Army Hospital (R&R) in Delhi Cantt. has conducted 50 bilateral simultaneous cochlear implants in the last 18 months, becoming the only government hospital across the country to accomplish these many successful implants.

New Delhi, Oct 04 (PTI)

A top hospital of the Army in Delhi has conducted 50 bilateral simultaneous cochlear implant procedures in the past 18 months, becoming the only government hospital across the country to accomplish this milestone, according to the defence ministry.

The Army Hospital (Research & Referral) is lo-

located in the Delhi Cantonment area.

"The Department of Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) at the Army Hospital (R&R) in the Delhi Cantonment has conducted 50 bilateral simultaneous cochlear implants in the last 18 months, becoming the only government hospital across the country to accomplish these many successful implants," the de-

fence ministry said in a statement.

A cochlear implant is a sophisticated medical device which enables patients with disabilities to come into the mainstream by making them hear through it.

"The cost of the equipment has always been a concern, making its outreach limited. Children get only one cochlear implant in most of the government-funded programmes. The benefit of hearing in both ears far outweighs the cost involved and the Armed Forces Medical Services were quick to realise this," the statement said.

In March 2022, the policy for cochlear implants for such patients in the armed forces was revised and simultaneous bilateral (in both ears) implants were included.

This was the "first policy" in the country bringing medical standards at par with developed countries, it said.

IAF receives first LCA twin-seater Tejas from HAL

Bengaluru, Oct 04 (PTI)

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited on Wednesday handed over the first LCA Tejas twin-seater aircraft to the Indian Air Force.

The Bengaluru-headquartered company said the twin-seater variant has all the capabilities to support training requirements of IAF and augments itself to the role of fighter as well, when necessary. The LCA Tejas twin-seater is a light-weight all-weather multi-role 4.5 generation aircraft. It is an amalgamation of contemporary concepts and technologies such as relaxed static stability, quadruplex fly-by-wire flight control, care-free manoeuvring, advanced glass cockpit, integrated digital avionics systems and advanced composite materials for the airframe, HAL said. This adds India to the list of "very few" elite countries who have created such capability and have them operational in their defence forces, it said, adding that



it's another feather in the cap of the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiative of the Government of India.

"This historic event today will mark the achievement of a key milestone of producing LCA twin-seater which is designed with a strategic intent of graduating the budding pilots from the twin-seater variants to fighter Pilots," HAL said.

HAL has an order of 18 twin-seaters from IAF and is planning to deliver eight of them during 2023-24.

The remaining 10 would be delivered progressively by 2026-27. More orders are also expected from IAF, the company said.

Union Minister of State for Defence Ajay Bhatt was the chief guest during the function at which the LCA twin-seater was unveiled, the Release to Service Document (RSD) was handed over and the Signalling out Certificate (SOC) was issued, in the presence of Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal V R Chaudhari, among oth-

ers. Speaking at the event, the minister said that it is a huge boost to India's self-reliance. "In all, the development of LCA Tejas has also brought about a shift in our approach to defence procurement. It has demonstrated that India has the talent, knowledge and capability to design, develop and manufacture world-class fighters," Bhatt said. Air Chief Marshal Chaudhari said that IAF would be procuring 97 more LCAs, and with this it will have 220

LCAs in its inventory.

HAL CMD (Addl Charge) C B Ananthkrishnan said the company is committed to delivering all the twin-seater aircraft pertaining to IOC (Initial Operational Clearance) and FOC (Final Operational Clearance) contract to IAF in the current financial year.

"With this, we are moving one step closer towards achieving self-sufficiency in the fixed wing segment. These trainers also ensure smooth transition for the pilots from trainer to fighter aircraft in this class," he added.

HAL has said that it is in discussions with many friendly foreign countries towards exporting the LCA Tejas platform and had submitted various customised proposals for exporting LCA Tejas fighter and twin-seater aircraft to them around the world.

LCA Tejas is the best platform for India to be a flagbearer to achieve export targets set by the Government of India, it said.

Now, no inner-line permit required to go to Milam glacier

● In Uttarakhand's Pithoragarh

Pithoragarh (Uttarakhand), Oct 04 (PTI) The ITBP has decided to allow tourists, mountaineers and trekkers to go up to the Milam glacier without an inner-line permit, a mandatory requirement that was in place for decades.

Located at a height of around 18,000 feet, the Milam glacier is one of the most popular tourist destinations in this Uttarakhand district and the necessity of carrying an inner-line permit to go there was adversely affecting tourism prospects.



"The ITBP has ordered its staff to let every tourist go up to the Milam glacier without carrying an inner-line pass," Munsiyari Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Yashbir Singh said. "We received a letter from Robin Kumar,

Deputy Commandant of the 14th Battalion of the ITBP, informing us about its decision to do away with the restriction as it was affecting tourism," Singh said.

The ITBP's decision to exempt tourists and adventure sports enthusi-

asts going to the Milam glacier from the requirement of carrying an inner-line permit comes in response to a request made last month by the Pithoragarh district administration.

"We had written to the ITBP on September 15, requesting it to lift the restriction in compliance with a letter issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) in October 1993," the SDM said.

However, the ITBP followed the convention of not letting people go beyond a place called Lilam, located at a distance of 12 km from Munsiyari, without an inner-line pass due to safety concerns as the

route is vulnerable to landslides and road blocks.

The Milam glacier is located at a distance of 61 km from Munsiyari.

However, with increased pressure from the administration, tourists and traders, and in the light of the MHA letter, the ITBP has decided to relax the norm.

Trekkers, researchers and ordinary tourists are going to benefit from the decision, the SDM said.

"The requirement of an inner-line permit was extremely frustrating for the trekkers and researchers keen on exploring the high Himalayan region," said Puran Pandey, a hotelier in Munsiyari.

PRAYER FOR FLOOD VICTIMS



School students pray for 23 Army personnel missing in flash flood triggered by cloudburst in Sikkim, in Jammu, Wednesday.

Cabinet approves setting up of Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal University

● In Telangana

New Delhi, Oct 04 (PTI)

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday gave its nod to the amending of the Central Universities Act for setting up of Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal University in Telangana.

The new university will not only increase access and improve the quality of higher education in the state but also promote avenues of higher education

and advance knowledge, the government said.

"The Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave its approval for introduction in Parliament, a bill, namely, the Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2023 further to amend the Central Universities Act, 2009 for setting up of Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal University at Mulugu district in the state of Telangana as provided in the Thirteenth Schedule to the Andhra Pradesh Re-organisation

Act, 2014," an official statement said.

"There would be provision of funds of Rs 889.07 crore. The new university will not only increase access and improve the quality of higher education in the state but also promote avenues of higher education and advance knowledge by providing instructional and research facilities in tribal art, culture and traditional knowledge system for the benefit of the tribal population in the state.

Pune civic body imposes Rs 3.2 cr fine on businessman

● For 'defacing' city with unauthorised ads

Pune, Oct 04 (PTI)

The civic body in Maharashtra's Pune has imposed a fine of Rs 3.2 crore on a local businessman for "defacing" the city by putting up boards carrying advertisements without its permission during the Dahi Handi festival celebrated last month, an official said.

The notice was issued by the Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) to Punit Balan, a film producer and

owner of several sporting teams, on Tuesday.

Dahi Handi, which is part of the Krishna Janmashtami (Lord Krishna birth anniversary) festival, was celebrated on September 7.

As per the notice issued by Madhav Jagtap, chief of the PMC's skysign and licensing department, the advertisements put up by Balan were installed at a number of locations across the city during the festival, and they remained there for around 10 days. In a statement issued to media, the civic body said, "A notice

has been sent to Punit Balan, an entrepreneur based in Pune, for defacing the city by unauthorised material posted in advertisements during the Dahi Handi festival around the city.

"A fine of Rs 3.2 crore was imposed on Balan for placing 2,500 advertisement boards without taking any prior permission from the administration," it said. In the notice to Balan, the PMC said its licence inspectors found that 2,500 (advertisement) boards of a private company were installed without prior per-

mission, which led to the defacement of the city. These advertising boards covered an area of around 80,000 sq ft, it said. The PMC asked Balan to pay Rs 3.2 crore fine to it within two days of the receipt of the notice, failing which legal action would be initiated and the amount would be recovered from his property tax. Action was also taken under section 244 of the Maharashtra Municipal Corporation Act for putting advertising material without permission, it added.

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