



BRIEF



Fighter jets fly over Sangam area during a rehearsal ahead of the upcoming 91st Air Force Day celebrations, in Prayagraj, Thursday.

ED summon

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate has summoned comedian Kapil Sharma, actors Huma Qureshi and Hina Khan for questioning on different dates in connection with its money laundering probe linked to the Mahadev betting app case, officials said on Thursday. The federal probe agency had already summoned Bollywood actor Ranbir Kapoor for questioning on October 6 at its regional office in Raipur. He is understood to have sought about two-week to appear.

ED custody

New Delhi: A Delhi court Thursday sent senior AAP leader Sanjay Singh to the custody of the Enforcement Directorate for five days, a day after he was arrested in the Delhi excise policy case. Special Judge M K Nagpal sent Singh to ED custody till October 10.

Extension

New Delhi: The government on Thursday approved the extension of the tenure of State Bank of India (SBI) Chairman Dinesh Khara till August next year, sources said. The approval comes ahead of the end of his three-year tenure on October 6, 2023.

Probe

Wayanad: Kerala Police on Thursday said they have launched an investigation after local residents of Thavinjal village in this hill district alleged that suspected Maoists were present in their locality a day ago. The people there alleged that the suspected extremists who reached the village on Wednesday also destroyed a surveillance camera set up on an estate there.

Close

Gangtok: All government and private schools, colleges and universities in Sikkim will remain closed till October 15 due to the prevalence of inclement weather, according to a revised circular by the state Education Department on Thursday.

Suicide

Itanagar: A constable on duty at a minister's bungalow here allegedly shot himself to death on Thursday, a senior police officer said. Constable Kabak Soni of the first Arunachal Armed Police battalion, who was on duty at Environment & Forest Minister Mama Natung's residence, shot himself at his head from point blank range with his gun, SP said.

'Officers close to CM face corruption charges'

'Kingpin' in excise policy case will land in jail

Raipur, Oct 04:

Union minister Anurag Thakur on Thursday said the deputy chief minister of Delhi and others have landed up in jail in connection with an excise policy case and the turn of its "kingpin", who is still out, will also come.

Talking to reporters at the Swami Vivekananda airport in Chhattisgarh capital Raipur, Thakur targeted the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) led by Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, claiming that those who were elected to power by



Union minister Anurag Thakur speaking to media.

raising the slogan of "India against corruption" have now been found steeped in corruption. The Union youth affairs and sports minister arrived here to attend a couple of events. AAP's Rajya Sabha mem-

ber Sanjay Singh was on Wednesday arrested by the Enforcement Directorate in New Delhi in connection with its money laundering probe linked to the 2021-22 Delhi Excise policy case. Asked about Kejriwal's allegations against Prime Minister Narendra Modi after Singh's arrest, Thakur said, "People are laughing at Arvind Kejriwal ji and tension can be seen on his face. They are those people who came by raising the slogan of 'India against corruption' and are now found steeped in corruption". In Punjab, it (AAP) got elected to power and within two months, the state health minister had to resign due to corruption, the Bharatiya Janata Party

(BJP) leader said. "Kejriwal ji has no answer to the liquor scam that has brought shame to him. So far, the deputy chief minister (of Delhi) and others have gone to jail, but the kingpin is still out. The probe is underway and the turn of the kingpin will also come," Thakur said. "Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh are the two states where officers close to the chief minister faced serious allegations of corruption and crores of rupees and gold were recovered from them. They (CM) should have been resigned. But they haven't stepped down yet. Now people will oust them (in the upcoming assembly elections)," he said.

ASI gets 4 more weeks for Gyanvapi survey

Varanasi (UP), Oct 05 (PTI):

A Varanasi court on Thursday granted four more weeks to the Archaeological Survey of India to complete the scientific survey of the Gyanvapi mosque complex and submit its report, and added that the duration of the survey will not be extended beyond this. Government counsel Rajesh Mishra said that District Judge A K Vishvesh accepted their appeal to extend the period of the ongoing survey by four more weeks during a hearing on a plea by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). The ASI, which was to submit the report of the survey by October 6, now has time till November 6 to do the same. The ASI is carrying out a scientific survey of the Gyanvapi mosque premises, next to Kashi Vishwanath Temple here, to determine whether the 17th-century mosque was constructed over a pre-existing structure of a Hindu temple.

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Be ruthless: Amit Shah's counter-terror mantra

New Delhi, Oct 05 (PTI)

Union Home Minister Amit Shah Thursday said anti-terror agencies will have to adopt such ruthless approach that no new terrorist group is formed in the country.

Addressing an anti-terror conference here, he also said not only terrorism, but the entire ecosystem of the terrorists has to be destroyed.

The home minister said tough decisions taken by the Narendra Modi government have yielded very good results in handling challenges posed by cryptocurrencies, hawala, terror-funding, organised crime syndicates and narco-terror links. Still a lot more is to be done, he said inaugurating the two-day anti-terror conference organised by the National Investigation Agency (NIA). "All anti-terror agencies will have to adopt such a ruthless approach that new terrorist organisations cannot be formed," he said. Shah said there is a need to not only combat terrorism but also dismantle its entire ecosystem, and for this "we must work with the spirit of the whole of government and



Union Home Minister Amit Shah during the '3rd Anti-Terror Conference' hosted by the National Investigation Agency (NIA), in New Delhi, Thursday.

Team India".

He said under the leadership of Modi, the central and state agencies have succeeded in firmly curbing all forms of terrorism in the country in the last nine years.

He said the task of NIA, anti-terror squads and state task forces should not be limited to investigation but they should also think out of the box and take innovative measures to counter the terrorism.

The home minister said the fight against terrorism requires collaboration from the global level to the grassroots, involving various states within the country, as also international cooperation.

Priyanka Gandhi to address sammelan in Kanker today

CM Baghel to be the chief guest

Raipur, Oct 05:

A massive 'Mahasammelan' of 'Urban Bodies and Panchayati Raj' is being organized at Govindpur sports ground in Kanker district on Oct 6 and in this CM Bhupesh Baghel will be chief guest and Priyanka Gandhi will be the VIP guest and will address the sammelan. This programme will be chaired former Union Minister Kumari Selja and State Health Minister and Dy. CM TS Singh Deo. During this CM Baghel



will pass on gifts worth Rs 866.16 cr for 518 development works to residents of Kanker district. Out of this the foundation for 277 works worth Rs 550.13 cr will be laid and dedication of 241 works worth Rs 316.03 cr will be done. Apart from this 12730 beneficiaries of the district will be distributed kits worth Rs 578.31 cr under different schemes.

Naxalites claim abduction of police jawan

Bijapur, Oct 05:

A police jawan has been abducted by Naxalites in Bijapur district, officials said on Thursday. Shankar Kudiyaam (28), belonging to the newly raised unit of state police Bastar fighters', has been missing for nearly a week.

A tribal body has appealed to the Naxalites to free him. As per a press note purportedly issued in the name of Anita Mandavi, secretary of Maad Divisional Committee of CPI (Maoist), Kudiyaam, a resident of Eramnar village, was abducted by them on September 29 and his "interrogation" was underway. Police had the information about his abduction

Tribal body appeals for his release

Meanwhile, Sarva Adivasi Samaj (SAS), an umbrella body of tribal organisations, has appealed to Naxalites to release Kudiyaam. SAS has urged Naxalites to free Kudiyaam, if he is in their captivity, on the grounds that he joined the force to earn a livelihood for his family, said Sitaram Manjhi, a tribal leader.

but they did not disclose it, which shows their intention, it claimed.

Further decisions on the jawan will be taken after depending on the police's next move, the release said, adding that everyone should oppose the "murders of innocent tribal youths by police in the name of encounters in Bastar". Bijapur Superintendent of Police Anjneya Varshney in a statement said they learnt about Kudiyaam's abduction after Naxalites issued a statement. "We came

across a press statement issued by Maoists mentioning the abduction of constable Shankar Kudiyaam. As per our knowledge, he went to the Ittampar-Uspari area a few days ago on a personal visit to meet his acquaintance and he hasn't returned home since then," the SP said. After learning about the press release issued by the Naxalites, Kudiyaam's family and village elders have made an appeal for his safe release, Varshney said.

FAREWELL RUN



People commute by a BEST open deck bus which is retiring after completion of 15 years in Mumbai, Thursday.

ACB Court extends Naidu's judicial remand

Till Oct 19

Amaravati, Oct 05 (PTI)

A local court here on Thursday extended TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu's judicial remand in the Skill Development Corporation scam case by a fortnight till October 19. The Anti-Corruption Bureau Court extended Naidu's remand for the third time today after the second extension of remand ending on Thursday. The court also posted the hearings of Naidu's bail plea and the petition by the Andhra Pradesh Police CID seeking his custody to Friday. The CID was represented by Additional Advocate General P Sudhakar Reddy while Supreme Court lawyer Pramod Dubey argued on behalf of the former chief minister.

DELHI EXCISE CASE

Chain of evidence not fully established, SC in Sisodia's bail hearing

New Delhi, Oct 05:

Making some strong observations while hearing the bail petition of former Delhi deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia in the liquor policy case, the Supreme Court has said that the chain of evidence has not been fully established. It also asked where the proof is against Mr Sisodia, except for the statement of businessman Dinesh Arora, who is an accused in the case himself. Arora is an accused-turned approver in the case, and was recently granted bail. Hearing the case on Thursday, the bench, comprising Justice



Sanjiv Khanna and Justice SVN Bhatti, said the agencies' case is that money had been received by Manish Sisodia and asked how it reached him from the so-called liquor group. "You have taken two figures, Rs 100 crore and Rs 30 crore. Who paid them this? There can be so many people paying the money - not necessarily connected to

liquor. Where is the proof? Dinesh Arora himself is the recipient. Where is the evidence? Except for the statement of Dinesh Arora, is there any other evidence," Justice Khanna asked. "The chain has not been fully established," the bench observed. The court said that the money has to flow from the liquor lobby to the person and conceded that establishing the chain is difficult as everything was done under cover. "But that's where your competence comes in," Justice Khanna said, referring to the Enforcement Directorate and the Central Bureau of Investigation.

JEWELLERY SHOP BURGLARY

Court remands main accused to 2-day police custody

New Delhi, Oct 05 (PTI)

A court here on Thursday sent Lokesh Srivas, the main accused in the Bhogal jewellery shop burglary, to two days of police custody. Srivas, who was brought to the national capital from Chhattisgarh on a transit remand on Wednesday, was produced before metropolitan magistrate Akanksha Garg.

The magistrate allowed the police's application seeking two days of custodial interrogation.

On Tuesday, the Delhi Police got a 72-hour transit remand of Srivas from a Chhattisgarh court. The city police said they have received the stolen jewellery which was seized by the Chhattisgarh Police. Srivas will be taken to the

spot to ascertain the sequence of events and further details about the burglary, a senior police officer said. Police had said Srivas was arrested by Civil Lines police station in Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh on September 29 along with stolen jewellery and cash, following which a plea was filed by the city police for the formal arrest and transit remand of the accused.

The accused broke into the shop, made a hole in the strongroom and decamped with ornaments worth more than Rs 20 crore as well as Rs 5 lakh in cash, police said. According to police, the shop owner had closed the showroom around 8 pm on September 24 and when he opened it on September 26 morning, he got to know about the incident.

MUMBAI-AHMEDABAD BULLET TRAIN

'Breakthrough' in first mountain tunnel in Valsad achieved

In 10 months

Mumbai, Oct 05 (PTI)

The breakthrough in the first mountain tunnel in the Mumbai-Ahmedabad high speed rail corridor, popularly called the bullet train, was achieved on Thursday in Valsad in Gujarat, the National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL) said.

The tunnel, which is located some 1 kilometre away from Zaroli village in Umbergaon taluka in Valsad in the neighbouring state, was completed in 10 months using the New Austrian Tunneling Method (NATM), the NHSRCL release said. "It comprises a tunnel, a tunnel portal, and other connecting structures like a tunnel



entrance hood. The 350-metre long tunnel has a diameter of 12.6 metres and a height of 10.25 metres. The single tube horseshoe-shaped tunnel will have two high-speed train tracks passing through it," it said. The Mumbai-Ahmedabad high speed rail corridor will have seven mountain tunnels, all of which will be constructed using the NATM that involves marking drill holes

Nobel Prize in Literature to Norwegian author Jon Fosse

Stockholm, Oct 05 (AP)

The Nobel Prize in literature has been awarded to Norwegian author Jon Fosse for "his innovative plays and prose, which give voice to the unsayable," according to the Swedish Academy.

Mats Malm, permanent secretary of the academy, announced the prize Thursday in Stockholm. The Nobel Prizes carry a cash award of 11 million Swedish kronor (1 million) from a bequest left by their creator, Swedish inventor Alfred Nobel. Winners also receive an 18-carat gold medal and diploma at the award ceremonies in December. Last year, French author Annie Ernaux won the prize for what the prize-giving



Swedish Academy called "the courage and clinical acuity" of books rooted in her small-town background in the Normandy region of northwest France.

Ernaux was just the 17th woman among the 119 Nobel literature laureates. The literature prize has long faced criticism that it is too focused on European and North American writers, as well as too male-dominated.

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Murder convict, out on parole, commits robbery

Bhilai, Oct 05:

A murder convict, who was recently released on parole, robbed a man with his two accomplices in Supela. Police arrested all the three accused within 24-hours. The looted gold chain has been recovered from the accused.

Inspector Durgesh Sharma (SHO, Supela) informed that they had received a complaint from the victim Inderpal Singh, a resident of Ram Nagar. On the intervening night of October 04, the victim was intercepted by some ruffians near Sparsh Hospital in Supela. The ruffians Prithvi, Dayal, Shubham and Rohit threatened him and demanded money. When Inderpal refused, they started beating him and robbed him of the gold chain. On the basis of the victim's complaint, an FIR



was lodged at Supela Police Station and taken up for investigation.

On the instructions of Superintendent of Police (Durg) Shalabh Kumar Sinha and under the guidance of Additional Superintendent of Police (City) Sanjay Dhruv and City Superintendent of Police (Bhilai Nagar) Vishwadeepak Tripathi, team of Supela Police Station immediately launched search operation and rounded up the suspects - Dayal Prakash Yadav alias Raju,

Shubham Gupta alias Petha and Prithvi Singh near Ram Nagar Muktidham Pond. During interrogation, they confessed to committing the crime. The looted gold chain worth Rs 60,000 was recovered from them. The accused were arrested under sections 341, 294, 506, 394, 34 of IPC and sent to jail on judicial remand. The arrested accused were identified as Dayal Prakash Yadav alias Raju (39) son of Satyadev Prasad, a resident of Azad Mohalla Steel Nagar

Camp 1; Shubham Gupta alias Petha (23) son of Mukesh Gupta a resident of Ward 18, Camp 1, Shastri Chowk, Chhawani; and Prithvi Singh (27) son of Inderjeet Singh a resident of Marathi Mohalla, Subhash Chowk, Vaishali Nagar.

It needs to be mentioned here that the accused Dayal Prakash Yadav alias Raju is serving imprisonment in a murder case and had recently come out on parole. Several cases were registered against him in the past also.

Inspector Durgesh Kumar Sharma (SHO, Supela); Sub Inspector Rajinikanth Diwan, Head Constable Santosh Sharma, Constables Ravi Sao, Surendra Patel, Suryapratap Singh and Shyamji Mishra played a vital role in arresting the accused.

BSNL Durg organises workshop during Official Language Fortnight

Bhilai, Oct 05: To promote the use of Official Language as per the directives of Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, Official Language Implementation Committee Bhilai-Durg organised a workshop on Hindi language in the office of the General Manager (Operations), Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, Divisional Office, Durg. General Manager, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, Durg Shivendra Nath was present as the chief guest of the program.

The special guests were Jitendra Das Manikpuri, Assistant Manager (Liaison and Administration - Official Language), Bhilai Steel Plant and Sanjay Kumar Dani, Assistant General Manager, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, Durg.

Prizes were distributed to winners of calligraphy, memory ability test and acting competition based on



idioms organized during the Hindi Fortnight between September 14 to 28, 2023. Officers and employees of all categories participated in these competitions with great enthusiasm.

The winning participants were as follows - In the calligraphy competition, first Santosh Kumar Soni, Sub Divisional Engineer, second Uma Shankar Sahu, Sub Divisional Engineer, third Bharat Bhushan, Junior Telecommunication Officer. In the memory competition, first Rajesh Kumar Kashyap, Assistant General Manager, second Nayan Aggarwal, Junior Accounts

Officer, third Mahesh Kumar Borkar, Office Superintendent. The winners of the idiom based acting competition were as follows -Jai Prakash Prasad, Assistant General Manager, Santosh Kumar Soni, Sub Divisional Engineer, Gomti Rai, Sub Divisional Engineer, Sandeep Srivastava, Junior Accounts Officer, Pramod Kumar Verma, Office Superintendent, Deepak Kumar Singh, Office Superintendent and Chandrawati, Assistant Telecom Technician.

In the Hindi workshop, Jitendra Das Manikpuri, Assistant Manager (Liaison

and Administration - Official Language), Bhilai Steel Plant, gave information about the statutory provisions and rules of the official language and organized a very interesting competition based on Hindi General Knowledge, Environment and Safety. In this the first prize was given to Umashankar Sahu, Sub Divisional Engineer, the second prize was given to Santosh Kumar Soni, Sub Divisional Engineer and the third prize was given to Sandeep Srivastava, Junior Accounts Officer.

In his address chief guest Shivendra Nath while congratulating all the award winners appealed to use Hindi as much as possible in official work. The program was conducted by Sub Divisional Engineer (Official Language) Anuradha Dhanank and vote of thanks was expressed by Rajesh Kumar Kashyap, Assistant General Manager (Operations).

St Thomas College students visit 'Prayas'

Bhilai, Oct 05:

The PG Department of Psychology St Thomas College, Bhilai under the aegis of Psychometician organised a Field Visit to Prayas Shraavan Viklang Sansthan, Supela, Bhilai. Administrator of the Institute Talad Sheikh and Faculty of the Prayas college Laxmi Yadav introduced the budding psychologists of St Thomas College to their students. The school faculties made the students aware of special training given to the B Ed students on how to



teach hearing impaired students. The School also trains their students in art such as painting and craft making. The students of St Thomas learnt about how this organiza-

tion works. Field visit and report writing is an essential part of the curriculum of the students of psychology. Such experiential learning is very important for the practical

knowledge of the students.

Administrator of the college, Fr Dr Joshy Varghese appreciated the program and Principal Dr MG Roymon encouraged

the department to conduct such training programs. Dr Debjani Mukherjee, Head of the department talked about the importance of field visit, training and report writing in the field of psychology. Organizational behaviour, its functioning and skill development were the areas that the students of psychology were exposed to. Assistant Professors of the Department Dr Sumita Singh, Dr Ankita Deshmukh and Sanchana Sahu guided the Students in this Field visit.

Unique event 'Green library' organised in SSV Sector X

Bhilai, Oct 05: Sri Sankara Vidyalaya Sector -10, organised a unique event called Green library under the cleanliness drive on October 01. Mission of the event was to collect information and to provide to the valuable readers of library. The Green Library, a remarkable project that combines environmental awareness with academic development is aimed to collect old valuable books, journals, magazines, and related materials donated by the faculties and students. Go Green is the slogan for the event with the idea



to reuse the educational resources. On this occasion Bipin Deshmukh (Principal SSV), Shobha Nair (HM), S Usha (HM) teachers and students were present. Innovation was planned by the team of Department of Library and

Information Science and Bhawna Maheshwari (Librarian), Shantanu Kumar (Librarian), R Anand (Lib Asst), Devendra Kumar Das (Lib Att) with the vision to create better platform to connect with each one uniting together.

BJP cannot scare us with ED: Devendra

Pragati Yatra concludes; Bhilai MLA counts achievements of five years

Bhilai, Oct 05:

On Thursday, Bhilai Nagar MLA Devendra Yadav said that the BJP cannot scare the Congress state government with ED. He claimed that any disproportionate assets were not found during the ED raids at his residence. Devendra asserted that his name has been included in the charge sheet on very feeble grounds. He was interacting with media persons here at Sector 5 after concluding his Pragati Yatra. He counted the achievements of his five years term as MLA of Bhilai Nagar.



It needs to be mentioned here that MLA Devendra Yadav has remained active among the common people in the last five years. Towards the conclusion of her term as MLA, he had launched Pragati Yatra on August 19. He walked almost 251 kilometers across the Bhilai Nagar Assembly constituency to meet the people. The Pragati Yatra concluded on Thursday in Sector 10. During the Pragati Yatra, Devendra visited every lo-

cality and met the people. He enquired about the well being of the voters of his constituency and solved their problems. During this Yatra, development works worth crores were inaugurated. He performed bhoomipujan of numerous development works. On the last day of Pragati Yatra, he gifted development works worth lakhs to various Samajs in Sector 10.

After winning the elections about five years ago, MLA Devendra Yadav had taken out Bhilai Sankalp Yatra. At that time, he conducted discussions with the common people in every locality to assess the public expectations. Even during the Corona period, Devendra Yadav remained in touch with the people through online mediums. After relaxation of Corona restrictions, he again conducted chaupals in every locality. Meanwhile, he made efforts to conduct development works as per the public expectations and demands. Towards the conclusion of his tenure, he conducted Pragati Yatra and toured all the wards on foot.

Counting the major achievements of his tenure, Devendra said that they succeeded in providing ownership rights to the lease holders of BSP quarters by conducting the registry of lease agreements. Other significant development works Shaheed Park and world's tallest statue of Bhagat Singh at Sector 5; Swami Atmanand English Medium Schools; fully facilitated cricket stadium in Hudco; district's first indoor stadium in Khursipar; over 30 dome sheds at different places; BPO in Khursipar; Mothers' Market; Garments Factory; etc.

BSP resolves all pending cases of the High Pension Scheme

Bhilai, Oct 05:

As many as 18,000 applications for Higher Pension were received by SAIL- Bhilai Steel Plant in the past, and the same were processed timely within the time limit by the CPF section with the help of the Personnel Dept. and C&IT Dept.

All outstanding issues have been resolved with EPFO and Month-wise wage data was uploaded into the system and was approved thereby. As of this date, none of the cases are pending approval from BSP's side. However, at the request of other employers, recently EPFO has extended the employer approval from 30-09-2023 to 31-12-2023.

The application for a Higher Pension had several issues like name mismatch and discrepancies in personal details. Thousands of manual joint declaration forms were forwarded to EPFO, Raipur for rectification of these discrepancies. Due to these efforts, the mismatches in most of the cases were resolved.

Several manual Form 13R for merging of service periods of one unit with another were also processed during these times to ensure continuity of service of the members which has greatly helped the beneficiaries.

The EPFO officials visited BSP to check the records uploaded to the system.

The required data was provided to the concerned authorities by the C&IT and F&A Dept after executing the challenging task of locating very old data. After a due audit by the EPFO team for the demand letter was issued to BSP CPF for deposit of higher pension for three persons vide its letter dated July 21, 2023.

The order issued by EPFO gives the opportunity to submit/deposit the amount within 3 months of the issue of demand indicating the month-wise amount to be deposited.

Out of the above three, one person has given his consent to opt for a higher pension. The letter issued by EPFO facilitates

acceptance of higher pension amounts through deposit by e-mode/DD/Bankers' cheque. As of date, the facility for accepting higher pension amounts through e-mode is not available in the EPFO portal. Accordingly, CPF Trust of BSP made a Demand Draft and the same was deposited in the EPFO office on August 26, 2023. This is the first case of a deposit of Higher Pension by BSP CPF Trust.

During several discussions with EPFO officials, it has been communicated by EPFO that for employees who are on roll the payment of a higher pension amount will be made out of the CPF balance of the individual.

For the separated employees, the demand amount will have to be deposited by the individual directly to EPFO. Many Demand notices have been received of On-roll Employees which are under perusal and are being taken up with the individuals for doing the needful.

Development works to commence soon at Saket Nagar



Bhilai, Oct 05:

The residents of Saket Nagar, Kohka (Ward-13) have been struggling for the basic facilities like roads, drains, tap water and electricity. Finally, the BMC and the government have initiated in this direction. Saket Nagar Vikas Samiti informed in a press communiqué that considering the growing resentment among the locals; the Ward Corporator Suman Sinha and District Congress Committee President Mukesh Chandrakar conducted a public meeting at Shiv-Hanuman temple complex in the colony. Chandrakar said that the Bhilai Municipal Corporation has sanctioned an amount of Rs 25 lakh for the development works. He said that Mayor Neeraj Pal was unable to attend the meeting due to some unavoi-

able reasons. Chandrakar assured that the Mayor would soon visit the locality.

The residents appraised DCC President Mukesh Chandrakar about the pathetic condition of the colony roads. People have to face a lot of difficulties in commuting. Due to lack of drainage facilities, dirty water flows on the roads and gets collected in low lying areas. The locals further informed that there were very few electricity poles in the colony and many houses do not even have permanent electricity connection. There is a lack of street lights and the fear of snake and insect bites prevails. The colony residents also said that their struggle will continue until the basic facilities are made available to them. They added that there is a need to increase the sanctioned amount.

CCET organises session on 'Introduction of Patents'



Bhilai, Oct 05: A session on "Introduction to Patents" was conducted by the Computer Science & Engineering department in association with Alumni Association of Christian college of

Engineering & Technology. The speaker for the event was Ritesh Jain, alumni from First batch of CCET. He gave an informative talk about the patents. The event started with a welcome address by

the vice principal Dr Archana Chowdhury. Executive Chairman Fr Dr PS Varghese told why the budding engineers from India should know about the need for Patent. Principal Dr Dipali Soren shared some memorable moments when Ritesh was a student. Ritesh Jain made the session very interesting and interactive. The program ended with the vote of thanks given by Alumni Coordinator Lincy Mendonza.

Senior citizens feted on International Day of Older Persons

Bhilai, Oct 05:

A Cultural Evening and felicitation Programme titled "Ek Shaam Hi Nahin Purna Divas Buzurgon Ke Naam" was also organized at Mahatma Gandhi Kala Mandir, Indira Place, Civic Centre.

Samir Swarup, ED (Rowghat) was the Chief Guest on this occasion. The Senior Citizens from Siyan Sadan-Retirement Home of BSP were felicitated on this occasion by the dignitary guests.

The Cultural Programme was inaugu-

rated by lighting the ceremonial Lamp. Rajni Rajak from CSR Department presented the Rajgeet. Shivravan Nair, GM (CSR) and Sushil Kumar Kamde, Sr Mgr (CSR) welcomed all the guests with a bouquet. A Short Quiz on Bhilai Steel Plant was also conducted on this occasion and the winners were felicitated by the guests. JY Sapkale, CGM (Town Admn & CSR) delivered the Welcome Address on this occasion.

Artists from Nritya Dham rendered various cultural presentations of



patriotic songs, Chhattisgarhi Folk Dance Karma, Lord Krishna's Raas Leela Dance-drama, and Punjabi dance. Artists from Universal Puppet

Show, also entertained the senior citizens present with Puppet Dance and Magic Show performances. A Dinner was also organised for the Senior

Citizens on this occasion, where the Plant's Officers, CSR Departmental employees and artists dined together with the Senior Citizens and inquired about their well-being like a family. Rajni Rajak compered the programme, while Vote of Thanks was proposed by Shivravan Nair, GM (CSR).

The members of Plant's CSR Department, Ashutosh Soni, Sita Sinha and V Vijay Lakshmi, Anjani Dwivedi and Budhelal also contributed for organising the programme successfully.

BJP launches QR code 'Bhu-Pay' to target Cong

Raipur, Oct 05: The BJP on Thursday launched a QR code that takes users to a website containing details about alleged scams in the Congress government in Chhattisgarh, where assembly polls are due by the year-end.

Launching the QR code, Bhu-Pay, during a function in Raipur, Union minister Anurag Thakur said ever since the Bhupesh Baghel government was elected in the state, it has "invented" new methods of corruption and their "app" contains its details.

Months before the last assembly polls in Karnataka, posters of PayCM with then CM Basavaraj Bommai's photograph embedded in a QR code had surfaced in Bengaluru. It carried the message "40% accepted here", an apparent reference to the Congress' attacks on the BJP.

The Bhu-Pay QR code has the tagline 'har kaam ka daam, Bhu-Pay karo' (pay the price for every work through Bhu-Pay). On being scanned, the code takes users to http://bhupaykaro.com, which displays illustrations of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and his officials.

The website displays details of what it claims is corruption of nearly Rs 26,000 crore committed during the Congress rule. It claims irregu-



larities involving liquor, coal, public service commission recruitment, cow dung procurement scheme, on-line gaming-betting app and others.

Since the formation of Chhattisgarh, Thakur said, for the first time such a government has been elected which has created fresh "dimensions of corruption" by finding new methods.

"My question to the chief minister is that why 36 major promises made by his party (in 2018 assembly polls) were not fulfilled? Instead of fulfilling promises, it established a mafia rule in the state," he alleged.

Thakur said that the Congress government is yet to give the outstanding bonus of 2 years to farmers in the state.

The BJP created Chhattisgarh

state, in 2000, to make this area developed on all fronts, he said.

"At that time Madhya Pradesh was a BIMARU state, so we can understand the condition of the Chhattisgarh region then (when it was part of MP). But when the lotus bloomed here (in 2003), we established new dimensions of development. But in the last five years, Congress made its condition miserable," said the Union Minister for I&B and Youth Affairs and Sports.

"On one hand, Modi ji carried out Operation Ganga and safely brought 23,000 young Indians from war-torn Ukraine to India, while on the other, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister who had taken oath by taking water of Ganga (river) on hands to ban liquor started home delivery of liquor (during COVID)," said Thakur.

A liquor scam of Rs 200 crore has happened in Delhi and the "ministers and leaders (of Aam Aadmi Party)" are in jail, he said.

"If a liquor scam of Rs 2000 crore has happened in Chhattisgarh then you can understand what will happen to them," he said, urging everyone to bring to the fore the "misrule" of the Bhupesh Baghel government through the Bhu-Pay link.

Former chief minister Raman Singh and other BJP leaders were also present on the occasion.

Our freedom fighters are our pride: CM



They freed the country from slavery with their Dadhichi-like sacrifice

CM unveils statues of freedom fighter and Padmashri late Dr. Mahadev Prasad Pandey and social worker Late Shri Narayan Prasad Awasthi at Late Narayan Prasad Awasthi Government Ayurvedic College

Raipur, Oct 05: Our freedom fighters are our pride. They sacrificed their lives to protect motherland and to serve humanity. Padmashree Late Dr. Mahadev Prasad Pandey took part in the freedom struggle from the young age of 13, while social worker Late Shri Narayan Prasad Awasthi gave up five villages of his

livelihood for the development of Ayurveda education. Like our ancestors Dadhichi, they sacrificed everything for the country. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel expressed aforementioned thoughts on the occasion of unveiling of the statue of freedom fighter and Padmashree Dr. Mahadev Prasad Pandey and social worker Late Shri Narayan Prasad Awasthi at Late Narayan Prasad Awasthi Government Ayurvedic College. CM said that Devada is close to my native village and 13 freedom fighters were arrested simultaneously in this village. At that time, Dr. Pandey was a minor and the police were in a dilemma about arresting him because despite being young, he was strongly resisting the British.

Chief Minister said that he studied in Science College, and back in those days he would often get to hear the stories about the charity of Late Shri Narayan Prasad Awasthi in the

adjacent Ayurvedic College. Narayan Prasad ji donated five villages of his land revenue. He presented a wonderful example of generosity by donating his assets for the improvement of education and health and for the advancement of Ayurveda.

Chief Minister said-our scriptures have taught us that accumulation of wealth is meaningful only when it is used to spread the light of knowledge. Today, we have gathered in this college premises to attend this beautiful program to promote Ayurveda, it is an ode to Narayan Prasad ji's generosity.

On this occasion, Chief Minister also met the family members of Dr. Pandey and Mr. Awasthi. He also distributed pattas to the beneficiaries of Rajiv Gandhi Aashray Yojana. On this occasion, Parliamentary Secretary Mr. Vikas Upadhyay also addressed the programme. Dr. Pandey was the principal of this institution and Mr. Awasthi had donated the land for this. And now every day hundreds of people get to avail the treatment and healthcare services through Ayurvedic College. Former MLA Shri Virendra Pandey also addressed the program. On this occasion, MLA Satyanarayan Sharma, Raipur Mayor Ejaz Dhebar, Chairman of State Gau Seva Commission Rajshree Mahant Dr. Ramsundar Das, Municipal Corporation Chairman Pramod Dubey, Collector Dr. Sarveshwar Narendra Bhure, Municipal Corporation Commissioner Mayank Chaturvedi, Principal of the college Dr. GR Chaturvedi and other public representatives and officials were present.

Bhupesh govt procures paddy on its own, Centre's contribution is zero: Congress



Raipur, Oct 05: Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) today alleged that Union Minister Anurag Thakur had come to carry forward the same series of lies that were started by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The entire country is aware of the friendship between Modi and Adani how so ever BJP was making false allegations against others to cover up the process of looting the country that BJP has started with Adani, PCC Communication Head Sushil Anand Shukla said while addressing a press conference here today.

Anurag Thakur once again lied that the Centre procures the paddy. In fact Congress government in Chhattisgarh procures paddy on its own while the Central Government does not contribute even a single penny in the procurement of paddy, Shukla said. The state government procures paddy through MARKFED and for this MARKFED takes loan from various financial institutions and the state government gives back guarantee for this loan, said Shukla, adding that the state government also bears the loss incurred in paddy procurement.

He said that MARKFED had taken a loan of about Rs 35,000 crore last year for procuring paddy. Modi government even threatens the state government for paying even Rs 1 more than the declared support price and warns it will not buy rice meant for central schemes from the state, Shukla alleged. Chhattisgarh is the only government which gives the highest price to its

paddy producing farmers in the country, he said and added that last year, farmers of Chhattisgarh got the price of paddy at Rs 2640, whereas in states like Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, farmers got the price of paddy at Rs 1100.

Congress govt started housing scheme when Modi Govt refused

The PCC Communication Head also alleged that Union Minister Anurag Thakur also lied over Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojna. Due to its anti-poor policy the Modi government at the Centre is continuously ignoring Chhattisgarh, he alleged. The Centre has been withholding the waiting list of 7 lakh houses in the state for a long time, due to which the homeless people of the state were facing problems, he said.

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel had written several letters to the Prime Minister demanding to clear the waiting list, but due to ill will towards the state, the BJP led central government kept the houses of the state on hold, said Shukla, adding that Chief Minister has started the State Housing Scheme with the objective of giving relief to the people of the state from this malicious attitude of the Centre. He said Bhupesh government itself will provide housing to 7 lakh homeless people. Not only in Chhattisgarh, the allocation of Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana in the entire country has been canceled due to lack of funds with the Central Government, he said. Even in the Prime Minister's home state Gujarat, only 40 percent work has been done under the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana, he said.

Dr. Praveen Verma appointed as Acting Chairman

Santkumar Netam as member of CPSC

Raipur, Oct 05: Dr. Praveen Verma has been appointed as the acting chairman of the Chhattisgarh Public Service Commission, while Shri Santkumar Netam was appointed as a member. The General Administration Department issued a notification stating that, in the exercise of the powers conferred under clause (1A) of Article 316 of the Constitution of India, the Governor has authorised Dr. Praveen Verma, a member of the Chhattisgarh Public Service Commission, to perform the administrative duties of the Chairman of the Commission. This is in accordance with the provisions outlined in Regulation 3(2) of the Chhattisgarh Public Service Commission (Conditions of Service) Regulations, 2001.

Additionally, exercising the power granted under clause (1) of Article 316 of the Constitution of India, the Governor appointed Shri Santkumar Netam, residing in Ward No. 3, Uslapur, P.O. Sakri, District-Bilaspur, as a member of the Chhattisgarh Public Service Commission, in accordance with the provisions specified under sub-regulation 3(1) of the Chhattisgarh Public Service Commission (Conditions of Service) Regulations, 2001, with effect from the date of assuming office.

Man arrested with 'Charas' worth around Rs 50000

Raipur, Oct 05: Raipur Police have caught a man red handed with charas while he was he allegedly looking for a customer in the area falling under Jurisdiction of DD Nagar Police Station.

According to the information, DD Nagar police station had received a tip off late in the evening of October 4 that a young man was searching for a customer to sell intoxicants near Indraprastha Colony Gate. As soon as the information was received, a team was sent to the spot. The police took him into custody from the spot. During interrogation, he started giving vague answers to the police, after which his clothes were searched and six packets of charas were recovered from him.

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CM pays tribute to Swami Atmanand on his birth anniversary

Raipur, Oct 05: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel paid tribute to Swami Atmanand on his birth anniversary on Oct 6. The Chief Minister said that Swami Atmanand embodied the spirit of Swami Ramakrishna Paramhansa on the land of Chhattisgarh and awakened the spirit of human service and education in the state. Swami Vivekananda's thoughts also had a deep impact on Atmanand ji, due to which he spent his entire life in the service of the destitute. He spent the money collected to establish monasteries and ashrams to serve the famine victims and for relief work.

The Chief Minister said that Swami Atmanand ji has made a huge contribution to Chhattisgarh as a social reformer and educationist. His work in the field of human service is exemplary and inspiring. He described service to humanity as the greatest religion. The state government is moving forward while taking inspiration from his ideas. Swami Atmanand ji established a high-level education center in Narayanpur Ashram for the upliftment of the forest dwellers. On similar lines, Swami Atmanand English and Hindi Medium Schools are being started by the state government in the district headquarters and development blocks. 753 Swami Atmanand excellent monasteries and ashrams are operating in remote areas, including rural areas in the state. Continuing this tradition, Swami Atmanand English Medium College is also being started to provide quality higher education

to students. Taking this initiative further, the state government has started the Swami Atmanand Coaching Scheme so that children from poor and remote areas can get all the opportunities to move forward with quality education. Through this scheme, free coaching will be given to class 12th students in government schools for the preparation of competitive examinations in engineering and medicine through 146 development block headquarters of the state and 150 coaching centers, including four cities: Raipur, Durg, Bilaspur, and Korba.

Baghel said that Swami Atmanand ji established the Abujhmad project to bestow respect upon the tribals and to provide them with fair prices for their produce. Efforts

were made to improve the condition of the forest dwellers by starting a Forest Dwellers Service Center in Narayanpur. Following in his footsteps, the state government has also set a record at the national level by purchasing forest produce from forest dwellers at reasonable prices. The government started providing nutritious food to pregnant mothers during times of famine so that children did not become malnourished. The state government has launched the Mukhyamantri Suposhan Abhiyan with a pledge to make Chhattisgarh free from malnutrition by arranging hot meals for women and children. Mr. Baghel said that the thoughts and values of Swami Atmanand will always inspire us to serve and help the needy.

IIM Raipur and ICSSR host capacity building program

● For Young Faculty Members in Social Sciences

Raipur, Oct 05: Indian Institute of Management Raipur (IIM Raipur), in collaboration with the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Government of India, is hosting the program titled "Capacity Building Program on Academic Research Excellence for Young Faculty Members in Social Sciences." This comprehensive 12-day capacity-building program began on October 3 and is being conducted at the IIM Raipur campus. The program was inaugurated by the gracious hands of Prof. Pradyumna Dash, Dean (Academics), IIM Raipur, in the presence of Program Directors Prof. Dhananjay Bapat and Prof. J Daniel Inbaraj, IIM Raipur, and Suyas Tiwari, ELDC Office, IIM Raipur. The capacity-building



program is designed to offer the participants practical guidelines for social science research with a focus on using various qualitative and quantitative methods. The program will emphasize the variety of tools and techniques of research methods used in social science studies, particularly on implementing strategies

for handling economic and social issues at the micro and macro levels. The objective is to involve inter-disciplinary and provide direction to participants through all the stages of research—from identifying a viable research problem, data collection-questionnaire approach, focus group discussion- and evaluation of

the final report or quality research article. The application of methods will be illustrated using examples from diverse fields, including economics, behavioral studies, social issues related to education and health, and business. Hands-on sessions will be conducted using software like Microsoft Excel, SPSS, and R.

Revenue Minister gifts building to newspaper distributors

● In Korba for the second time

Korba, Oct 05: State Revenue Minister Jaisingh Aggarwal performed the Bhoomi Pujan of the community building to be built for the Hawkers' Association in TP Nagar at a cost of Rs 10 lakh. For the second time, steps have been taken towards building a community hall for the Hawkers' Association in the city. Before this, a building has been constructed near Niharika Chowk.

Addressing the Bhoomi Pujan ceremony, Revenue Minister Aggarwal said that hawkers work hard to deliver newspapers to homes, shops and offices in any season, but due to the lack of their own building, they have to face problems. Most of the newspapers come to Korba from Bilaspur and Raipur and which needs to be distributed and dropped at a specific place. With the construction of a community



hall for hawkers, it will definitely be a better convenient place for hawkers, especially during the rainy season. Along with keeping their newspapers, it will also be easy for them to send the bundles of newspapers for distribution at other places. Hawkers will no longer have to wander anywhere else. Aggarwal informed that approval has been given for the construction of a building for the Hawker Association in the coming time, a community hall will be built at a cost of Rs 10 lakh. After this, work will be done to construct buildings in Balco and Kusmunda areas in the coming term. Addressing the function, Mayor Rajkishore Prasad said that

this was a need to fulfill which the Revenue Minister showed his own interest and inspired him to construct this building. On this occasion, Chairman Shyam Sundar Soni, Surendra Pratap Jaiswal, Sapna Chauhan, Santosh Rathore, Ravi Singh Chandel, Dhansai Sahu, Alderman Ram Gopal Yadav and Vipendra Kumar Sahu, Jai Kumar Netam, Lakshmi Rathore, Dilip Yadav, Rai Singh, Bajrang from Hawker Association. A large number of hawkers including Yadav, Ravinder, Dilbag, Vinod Sinha, Rama Rajkumar Patel, Resham Sahu Sudhir Giri, Rakesh Sahu, Anil Surendra Singh Thakur Diwakar Raghunath were present.

72 villagers joins Congress fold



● Under the leadership of Minister Mohan Markam

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Kondagaon, Oct 05: Under the leadership of Kondagaon MLA and Cabinet Minister Mohan Markam, Government of Chhattisgarh, 72 villagers joined the Congress party voluntarily. Many development works are being done by the Congress government in the state, which is why we have entered the Congress, those joining Congress said.

It is to ensure victory of Mohan Markam in the forthcoming elections and form the Congress

government in the state that we all have joined Congress fold, the new Congress entering workers said. Minister Mohan Markam welcomed all the new entrants into the Congress party garlanding them and putting gamchas on their shoulders and said that with your blessings we have tried to carry out the responsibility of the development in the area. Congress will establish its government again in Chhattisgarh with the efforts of all of you. Again, Bhupesh will see that under the leadership of Gudbo Nava Chhattisgarh, there will be four-faceted development of the region on the lines of new Chhattisgarh.

MLA Jain performed Bhoomipujan-inauguration of Rs 45.19 lakh

Jagdalpur, Oct 05: Parliamentary Secretary and Jagdalpur MLA Rekhchand Jain inaugurated the school building in Jiragaon falling under Kumhali Panchayat. On the occasion of inauguration of the school building in Jiragaon, MLA Rekhchand Jain appealed to the parents to enroll their children in schools at all costs.



Jain said that Swami Atmanand English medium schools have been established under the guidance of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel. These schools, opened at five places in Jagdalpur assembly constituency, are getting good response. MLA Jain also performed Bhoomi Pujan for two CC roads to be built in Biringpal. In Pandaripani 1 and 2, District President Anita Poyam performed Bhoomi Pujan for construction of culvert and construction of kitchen shed for self-help group. District President Anita Poyam said that under the leadership of Chief

Minister Bhupesh Baghel, excellent work is being done in every area. MLA Rekhchand Jain reached Naxal-affected Kakarwada, where he performed Bhoomi Pujan for three works costing about Rs 9 lakh 70 thousand - CC road, construction of shed for community work and digging of tube well. On the occasion of Bhoomi Pujan and inauguration of works worth about Rs 45 lakh 19 thousand, MLA Jain along with senior Congress leaders Paramjit Singh Jaswal, Vijay Singh, Vikas Rao, Kumhli

Sarpanch Sukhdev Bakde, Forest Committee Chairman Hariram Nag, Dhanurjay Nag, Priest Budhar, Kotwar, Mongra, SDO Devlal Duga, Ranger Machkot BD Manikpuri, Dharmendra Chauhan, Idrish, Sarpanch Biringpal Ratna Nag, Murali Poyam, Dilip Thakur, Hem Singh Thakur, Taguru, Kakarwada Sarpanch Dhan Singh Nag, Vijay Kumar, Nukesh Baghel, Jayakumar, Shambhu Besra, District member Dinmani Besra etc. were present.

Raipur wins Sub Junior TT championship



Raipur, Oct 05: Raipur defeated Bilaspur with the score of 3-0 to clinch the championship title in Sub Junior Boys category under the 21st Chhattisgarh State Table Tennis tournament being organised under the aegis of Chhattisgarh Table Tennis Association (CTTA) here on Thursday.

Providing the above information, the Organising Secretary Vinay Baiswade said that Durg girls defeated Bilaspur by 3-0 to win the Sub Junior title. In the Cadet boys championship, Bilaspur defeated Raipur by 3-2 whereas Bilaspur registered win by 3-1 in girls category. In the Under 11 Hopes category,

Durg defeated Bilaspur by 3-1 whereas girls from Durg defeated Raipur with the score of 3-2 to clinch the title. Earlier, the CTTA President and Raipur North MLA Kuldeep Juneja inaugurated the tournament whereas Sharad Shukla from COA presided over the function.

Inauguration of 48th free regular yoga practice center in Raipur

Raipur, Oct 05: Chhattisgarh Yoga Commission inaugurated the 48th free regular yoga practice center at Balaji Udyan in Shankar Nagar, Raipur. The chief guest of the program was Chhattisgarh Housing Board Chairman Mr. Kuldeep Juneja and Chhattisgarh Yoga Commission Chairman Mr. Gyanesh Sharma. The yoga practice center will be operated by yoga instructor Pradeep Sahu from 06 to 07.30 am every day. It is noteworthy that on September 30, the 47th free regular yoga practice center was inaugurated at Agrasen Chowk Raipur under the chief hospitality of Mr. Gyanesh Sharma. In this way, Yoga



Commission is continuously opening free yoga practice centers in Raipur, the benefits of which are being availed by the general public. Gyanesh Sharma said that Chhattisgarh Yoga Commission is continuously starting free regular yoga practice centers to strengthen the health of the common people in the state. We are always ready to ensure

that Chhattisgarh is recognized throughout the world. Kuldeep Juneja said that Chhattisgarh Yoga Commission is playing an important role in keeping the common people of the state physically and mentally healthy. On this occasion, a large number of yoga practitioners including ward corporator Amitesh Bhardwaj were present as special guests.

CM Baghel offer tributes to brave queen Rani Durgavati

● On her birth anniversary

Raipur, Oct 05: Describing the sacrifice of the brave queen Rani Durgavati as unforgettable, Chief Minister Baghel said that Rani Durgavati of the Gondwana Kingdom is a symbol of courage and bravery. She mastered martial arts like horseback riding, archery, and swordsmanship and surprised even her enemies with her bravery. She underlines the strong will and bravery of



Indian women. After the death of her husband, she made her empire prosperous with patience and efficiency. She even sacrificed her life to protect the motherland. Her courage and sacrifice have made her immortal.

Amandeep helps Chh'garh Blue win by 9 wickets in T-20 cup

Raipur, Oct 05: Consecutive half centuries from star batter Amandeep Khare helped Chhattisgarh Blue defeat Kerala by 9 wickets in the T-20 match being organised under the aegis of Chhattisgarh State Cricket Sangh (CSCS) for Chhattisgarh Cup T-20 tournament here on Thursday. Put into bat first, the visitors managed to score just 136 runs. Krishna Prasad (39 runs) and Anand Krishna (33 runs) were the major contributors for Kerala. Ajay Mandal claimed maximum 3 wickets for Chhattisgarh whereas Shubham Agrawal and

Shashank Singh also claimed two wickets each for Chhattisgarh. In reply, the Chhattisgarh Blue scored the required runs in just 16.3 overs. Opener Amandeep Khare scored unbeaten 74 runs from just 46 balls whereas Harpreet Singh Bhatia also remained unbeaten on 33 runs to ensure victory for the team. Opener Sanidhya Hurkat also scored a quick fire 30 runs from just 12 balls to ensure a huge victory for the team. In another match, Madhya Pradesh defeated Jharkhand team by 47 runs to consolidate the position in the tournament.

Chess tournament gets underway



Raipur, Oct 05: State-level Chess tournament was inaugurated at Mahant Laxminarayan Das College here on Thursday during which the College Governing Council President Ajay Tiwari and Raipur Municipal Corporation (RMC) Speaker Pramod Dubey were present as special

guest. According to the information received, more than 200 players from various colleges are participating in the tournament. RMC Speaker Pramod Dubey while addressing the inaugural session, said that the competitions provides an opportunity to the players to excel.

CD of electoral roll handed over to reps of political parties



Jagdalpur, Oct 05: According to the schedule of the Election Commission of India, Collector and District Election Officer Vijay Dayaram K informed the media representatives in detail about the final publication of the electoral roll with photos in a press conference on Wednesday.

During this, he gave CDs of electoral rolls containing photographs to the representatives of political parties. On this occasion, Deputy District Election Officer Hitesh Baghel including the returning officers of Bastar, Jagdalpur and Chitrakot assembly constituencies and other officers and employees related to election responsibilities and representatives of recognized political parties Indian National Congress, Bharatiya Janata Party, Communist Party of India and Chhattisgarh Janata Congress (J) Party representatives were present.

SP inspects various polling stations



Kondagaon, Oct 05: Vidhan Sabha election in the coming days and for the purpose of ensuring security and fair elections, the police officer inspects the polling stations of the district. Those located near the border of Odisha state and requires the police officers to maintain law and order

and the sector officers, sector police officers and police station in-charges in the polling stations. Direction was given to Sector Officer, Sector Police Officer and Station In-charge were present in the polling stations along with Divisional Officer Police Nimetesh Singh during the inspection of the polling stations.

BJP summons Sao over viral list of candidates

High command considering change of candidates in dozen seats amidst unrest

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Oct 05: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) high command on Thursday summoned the State BJP President Arun Sao and other leaders to New Delhi following the viral list of the candidates for nearly 50 Legislative Assembly seats for Chhattisgarh polls.

While Sao and State BJP Organizational General Secretary Pawan Sai left for New Delhi from Raipur in the morning, the Regional Organizational Secretary Ajay Jamwal went to Delhi from Bhopal. State BJP Election in-charge Om Mathur was already in New Delhi. All these leaders held a meeting with the National BJP President JP Nadda and General Secretary (Organisation) BL Santosh over the prevail-



ing scenario after the 2nd list of the candidates went viral. While the central leadership was irked over the leak of the list of the candidates, the growing resentment among party rank and file over several names of the candidates in the viral list too has been the agenda for the central leadership for discussion.

It is learnt that the names of other probable too are being discussed in place of the names which has gone viral before the

party formally announces candidates. Nearly a dozen new names could find place in the 2nd list of the candidates as the high command is seriously considering the prevailing scenario after unrest in several seats. Party workers are agitated for the few seats from Raipur, Durg, Bilaspur and Balod region which has created further headache for the central leadership.

Few Members of Parliament including the Union Minister Renuka Singh, Raigarh MP Ganti Sai and Bilaspur Parliamentarian Arun Sao are all set to enter into electoral fray in the upcoming Legislative Assembly polls whereas almost all the sitting MLAs too would be fielded as candidates to ensure the BJP emerges stronger after the 2018 polls debacle.

Dr Singhal successfully performs revision knee replacement TKR



Dr Ankur Singhal, MS Ortho, Joint Replacement Surgeon

Raipur, Oct 05: Recently, Dr. Ankur Singhal, a joint replacement specialist from the city's renowned Ramakrishna Care Hospital, successfully performed revision knee replacement TKR using 'Minimum Cut Technique'.

The special thing about this surgery was that the patient had already had an operation on one knee which was not successful and there was infection in it, Dr. Singhal applied cement separator in it and the infection ended.

After this, Dr. Singhal performed his surgery and the patient is completely healthy today and is leading his nor-

mal life. His knee has completely healed. Dr. Singhal said that revision knee-replacement TKR is a complex in itself. The process by which a damaged knee is repaired again. This revision knee replacement TKR is very complex and requires extensive training to perform successfully.

Dr. Singhal also said that Revision Knee-Replacement TKR is not as common as knee replacement is and if someone's knee is damaged or cannot be reconstructed, it can be cured by performing Revision TKR. Dr. Ankur Singhal said that with this joint transplant through 'Minimum Cut Technique' (MCT) developed by him, the recovery of the patients is fast and even the most complex surgeries can be done easily.

With this technique, the patient can not only walk after a few hours but can also return to his normal life faster.

CREDAI's four-day Netcon 2023 in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt



Raipur, Oct 05:

A team of more than 50 members of CREDAI Chhattisgarh has left for Egypt to participate in the four-day Netcon 2023 to be held in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt. This is the biggest conference of real estate, more than 1500 people from all over the country are participating in this event. The four-day Netcon 2023 will be held from October 5 to October 8. Central Zone

Vice President Anand Singhania from Chhattisgarh CREDAI, Chhattisgarh CREDAI President Sanjay Raheja, Secretary Pankaj Lahoti, Former President Mrinal Golcha, Vijay Nathani, Ravi Fatnani, Rakesh Kumar Pandey, Rishabh Kataria, Prithesh Kumar Jain, Amit Goyal, Ashok Agarwal, Yash Singhania, Mukesh Bajaj, Sunil Chandrakar, Yash Kumar Shah, Vijay Agarwal, Sagar Agarwal, Ajay

Rathi, Ashish Agarwal, Saurabh Gwalani, Aditya Nihtani, Santosh Lohana, Malay Golchha, Prakhara Golchha, Rohit Singhania, Shashank Agarwal, Satendra Agarwal, Subodh Singhania have left for Egypt to participate in the conference. More than 30 speakers from across the country will address this event, emphasis will be laid on doing better work in the field of real estate.

CPI released the first list of candidates for 7 seats of Bastar



Jagdalpur, Oct 05:

The Communist Party of India (CPI) has announced to contest elections on 20 seats for the 90-seat assembly of the state. It will support CPI(ML) on 05 seats. CPI has released the first list of candidates for 7 seats of Bastar. The party has made Manish Kunjam as its candidate from Konta, whereas tickets have been given to Phoolsingh Kachalam from Narayanpur, Jaiprakash Netam from Kondagaon and Ramuram Mauru from Chitrakote. P Lakshmi Narayan from Bijapur, Bhimsen Mandavi from Dantewada and Dinesh

Markam from Keshkal have been declared candidates. The party has said that the names for the remaining seats will be announced soon.

CPI National Secretary Ramakrishna Panda said that CPI is going to contest elections on 20 seats in the state.

It will support CPI(ML) on 5 seats. He charged that the central and state governments are committing atrocities on the tribals. Congress and BJP do not talk on issues like unemployment, education, health.

Panda alleged that so much atrocities are being committed on the tribals but the country's Prime Minister Narendra Modi has not visited Manipur even once. While targeting the Baghel government in the state, he charged that the government of Chhattisgarh is silent on health and education.

Attacking BJP and Congress, he said that both the parties are only working to get votes in the name of caste and religion. In such a situation, now CPI has to create new Bastar and new Chhattisgarh.

Kanger Valley National Park organized nature based folk songs

Jagdalpur, Oct 05:

On the occasion of Wildlife Week, many events related to nature and culture were organized in Bastar on Thursday with the help of Forest Development Committees. To reach the message to the new generation and create awareness for the conservation of forests and wildlife, a nature-based folk song competition was organized at the Shaheed Gudadhur memorial site in village Netanar of Kanger Valley National Park.

A total of 27 performances including solo and group songs were given in this program. In solo singing, Sonuram Nag and Mahadev Nag stood first, Bhima Markam stood second and Neha and Alina stood third. Also, in group singing, Jagarnath and his friends got first place, Mogay and his friends got second place and Jairam and his friends got third place.

In group dance, Diaru and his friends got first



place, Balsingh and his friends got second place, Deu and his friends got third place. Baishaku got first place in musical instrument. Renowned folk singers Lakheshwar Retalam, Ablesh Kumar and Yogesh Kumar and Sachin Panna from Badal Academy were present as judges in the program.

Director of Kanger Valley National Park, Dhamsheel Ganveer said that through this event we will help in creating awareness for the conservation of forests and wildlife. Also, it will prove to be an inspiring and medium to convey this

unique combination of nature and culture in Bastar to the new generation. Efforts are being made towards wildlife conservation by the National Park by continuously organizing such events in partnership with the villagers and in the Forest Department. More than 300 people were present in the program. In which Sarpanch of Netanar, Kondapal, Nagalsar and Mundagarh, rural folk singers, volunteers of Yuvodaya, officers and employees of Van Mitan and Kanger Valley National Park were included.

Yoga Commission launches 50th free regular yoga practice center

Raipur, Oct 05:

Under the free regular yoga practice program of Chhattisgarh Yoga Commission, the 50th free regular yoga practice center was inaugurated in Multipurpose Building, Lal Bahadur Nagar of Rajnandgaon district. The program was conducted under the chief hospitality of Chhattisgarh Yoga Commission Chairman Mr. Gyanesh Sharma and under the chairmanship of Other Backward Classes Authority Chairman Mr. Daleshwar Sahu.

The yoga practice center will be operated by yoga instructor Net Ram Nishad every day from 06 am to 07.30 am in Multipurpose Building, Lal Bahadur Nagar. Gyanesh Sharma said that along with the urban environment, the daily routine of the people of rural areas is also changing, due to which many diseases are arising. The simple and easy way to prevent this is yoga. Chhattisgarh Yoga



Commission is starting a free regular yoga practice center to strengthen the health of the common people in the state. Daleshwar Sahu said that Chhattisgarh Yoga Commission is playing an important role in keeping the common people of the state physically and mentally healthy. District Panchayat Dongargarh President Mr. Bhavesh Singh,

Chhattisgarh Yoga Commission Secretary Mr. ML Pandey along with other public representatives, yoga practitioners and a large number of citizens were present as special guests in the program.

न्यायालय कलेक्टर एवं जिला दण्डाधिकारी रायपुर
/// नोटिस ///
 क्रमांक 281/ब-121/2022-23/1248
 रायपुर, दिनांक 15 सितम्बर, 2023
 प्रति,
 1. मेसर्स श्री इंटरप्राइजेस प्रोप्राइटर श्री तरुण मारवाह व श्री विजय म.नं. 28 मारुति सोलिटेरर खन्नाडीह, शंकर नगर जिला रायपुर
 2. श्रीमती अर्चना मारवाह पति तरुण की-18 पानी टकी के पास न्यू राजेन्द्र नगर जिला रायपुर
 आवेदक प्राधिकृत अधिकारी इंडियन बैंक शाखा नगर शाखा रायपुर की ओर से पंजीकृत लाभकारी अधिवक्ता ने आवेदन पत्र / शपथ पत्र मय दर्तावेज प्रस्तुत कर, आवेदन पत्र से आपके बैंक ने 3,65,00,000.00 रुपये का ऋण दिया था, और मेसर्स श्री इंटरप्राइजेस के प्रो. तरुण मारवाह के स्वामित्व की अचल संपत्ति बैंक के पक्ष में बंधक रखी गयी है। आपके द्वारा ऋण की अत्यवधि नहीं की जा रही है। जिसके कारण बैंक ने आपके अधिनियम की धारा 13 के तहत नोटिस जारी किया गया कि आप ऋण की अवधि समाप्त होने पर ऋण के पक्ष में बैंक को 3,65,00,000.00 अदा करे, अन्यथा बैंक रबी गैर संपत्ति बैंक अपने बैंक में प्राथक लेनी कि जानकारी दी जाकर, बैंक के पक्ष में आपके द्वारा लिये गये ऋण के एवज में बंधक रखी संपत्ति का कब्जा हिलाने जाने का निवेदन किया है।
 2/ आपने प्राधिकृत अधिकारी इंडियन बैंक शाखा नगर शाखा रायपुर से 3,65,00,000.00 रुपये का ऋण प्राप्त कर मॉजा शंकरनगर गार्डन नं. 27 प.ह.नं. 110/40 रायपुर स्थित ख.नं. 1141/27 का भाग एच 1141/59 में प्लॉट नं. 03, 04, 05, 06 बैंक के पक्ष में बंधक रखा है।
 3/ अतः आपके द्वारा लिये गये ऋण के एवज में उपरोक्त बंधक रखी गई अचल संपत्ति को वित्तीय आस्तियों का प्रतिभूतिकरण और पुनर्गठन और प्रतिभूति हित प्रवर्तन अधिनियम 2002 की धारा 14 में प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुये क्वॉन आधिपत्य में लेने की कार्यवाही की जाये। आप स्वयं अथवा अपने नियुक्त अभिभाषक के माध्यम से ऋण से संबंधित एवं बंधक रखी गई संपत्ति से संबंधित दस्तावेज लेकर पक्ष प्रस्तुत करने हेतु इस न्यायालय में पेशी दिनांक 09.10.2023 को ठीक 3.00 बजे उपस्थित होना अनिवार्य करे। नियत तिथि में उपस्थित नही होने की दशा में आपके विरुद्ध एक पक्षीय कार्यवाही की जाकर, प्रकरण में निर्णय ले लिया जायेगा। आज दिनांक 15 सितम्बर, 2023 को मेरे हस्ताक्षर एवं न्यायालय की मुहर से जारी किया गया।
 जिला दण्डाधिकारी, रायपुर (छ.म.)

न्यायालय कलेक्टर, दुर्ग जिला-दुर्ग (छत्तीसगढ़)
व्यक्तिगत उपस्थिति समन
 रा.प्र.क्र. 228/ब-121/वर्ष 2022-23
 प्राधिकृत अधिकारी, बंधन बैंक लि. शाखा-प्रथम तल, केशर कुंज मोहननगर थाना के सामने स्टेशन रोड, दुर्ग जिला दुर्गवादी प्रेषिती
 1. श्री छोटेला गुमा पिता श्री हृदय शाह
 2. श्रीमती राधिका देवी शाह पति श्री हृदय शाह
 दोनों निवासी-इंडव्यूएस-1389 छगंगहाउसिंग बोर्ड, इंडस्ट्रियल ईस्टेट, भिलाई, तहसील व जिला दुर्गअनावेदकगण
 उपरोक्त वादी द्वारा इस न्यायालय में वित्तीय आस्तियों का प्रतिभूतिकरण और पुनर्गठन और प्रतिभूतिहित प्रवर्तन अधिनियम, 2002 की धारा 14 के अन्तर्गत अनावेदकों द्वारा आवेदक बैंक से गृह ऋण की सुरक्षा हेतु बैंक के पक्ष में रखी गई बंधक संपत्ति- भूमि एवं भवन का संपूर्ण भाग रकबा 527.78 वर्गफीट इंडव्यूएस 1389 सीजीएचबी इंडस्ट्रियल एस्टेट आईएनडी क्षेत्र हाउसिंग बोर्ड भिलाई तहसील व जिला दुर्ग में स्थित है, जो बकाया राशि की अदायगी नहीं करने के कारण रिक भौतिक आधिपत्य में प्राप्त करने हेतु प्रस्तुत आवेदन पत्र पर प्रकरण संस्थित कर प्राकृतिक न्याय सिद्धांत के अन्तर्गत अनावेदक को इस न्यायालय द्वारा समक्ष सुनवाई किये जाने हेतु सूचना पत्र जारी कर आहूत किया गया था। जारी सूचना पत्र वापस अप्राप्त।
 चूंकि अनावेदकों को प्रकरण में समक्ष सुनवाई का युक्तियुक्त अवसर प्रदान किया जाना है। अतएव इस समन के जरिये अनावेदक को आदेश दिया जाता है कि आप इस मामले की आगामी पेशी दिनांक 09/10/2023 को कलेक्टर, दुर्ग के न्यायालय में व्यक्तिगत रूप से अनिवार्यतः उपस्थित होकर अपना पक्ष प्रस्तुत करें। यदि आप निर्धारित सुनवाई तिथि को अनुपस्थित पाये गये तो मामले की सुनवाई आपकी गैरहाजिरी में की जाकर आपके विरुद्ध एकपक्षीय कार्यवाही की जायेगी।
 संयुक्त कलेक्टर,
 वापसे - कलेक्टर, दुर्ग
 दुर्ग, दिनांक 26/09/2023

FORM NO.
 (See Regulation 33(2)).
 By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which by Publication.
OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-I/II DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL JABALPUR
 797/2, Shanti Kunj, South Civil Lines, Jabalpur-482001
 (NOTICE FOR SETTLING A SALE PROCLAMATION UNDER RULE 53 OF THE SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 READ WITH THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993.)
 RC/101/2023 03-10-2023
BANK OF BARODA Versus SHRI VANI VILAS MAHTEL
 To,
 (CD 1) SHRI VANI VILAS MAHATEL, SUBHASH NAGAR, NEAR GOKUL KIRANA SHOP, DURG (C.G.) - 490001
 (CD 2) PAWAN DILLIWAR, SHIKSHAK NAGAR, DURG
 Whereas you the SHRI VANI VILAS MAHTEL, was ordered by the Presiding Officer of DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, JABALPUR who had issued the Recovery Certificate dated 10/03/2023 in OA/293/2019 to pay to the Applicant Bank(s) / Financial Institution(s) Name of applicant, the sum of Rs. 75,79,055.00 (Rupees Seventy Five Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousands Fifty Five Only) along with pendente lite and future interest @ 11% w.e.f. 01/03/2019 till realization and costs of Rs. 78,000.00 (Rupees Seventy Eight Thousands Only) and whereas the said has not been paid, the undersigned has ordered the sale of undermentioned immovable/ moveable property.
 1. You are hereby informed that the 03/11/2023 at 10.30 A.M. has been fixed for drawing up the proclamation of sale and settling the terms thereof. You are requested to bring to the notice of the undersigned any encumbrances, charges, claims or liabilities attached to the said properties or any portion thereof.
Specification of property
 Agricultural Land bearing Khasra No.896, 898/1, 898/2, 898/3, 899/2, 899/3, 901, 902, 903/1, 903/3, 904, 905, 908/1, 908/2, 908/3, 910, 913, 922, 923, 927, 928/1, 928/2, 928/3, 929, 930/1, 930/2, 930/3 and 930/4, Area Admeasuring 8.116 Hectar, situated at Village- Saloni, P.H.No.-8, District-Rajnandgaon (C.G.) Property in the name of Shri Vani Vilas.
 Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 03/10/2023.
 (SATISH SOLANKI)
 Recovery Officer
 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL JABALPUR (MP)

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
 Appendix-IV-A [See provision to rule 8(6) & 8(2)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF MOVABLE & IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
 E-auction Sale Notice For Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rules 8(6) & 8(2) of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.
 Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) & Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged / charged to the secured creditor, the Possession of which has been taken by the authorised officer the Canara Bank (secured creditor) will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS, AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" & WHAT EVER THERE IS" on 25/10/2023 for recovery of bank dues to the Canara Bank (secured creditor)

Name and address of the Borrower & Guarantors	Description of Property	Demand Notice Dt. Possession Dt. Outstanding Amt.	Reserve Price EMD Amt. Bid Increment Amt.
Borrowers : M/s Ganpati Steel Plot No. 134-G, Light Industrial Area Bhalai CG- 490022 Partners: 1. Mr Sunil Gupta S/o Shri Ram Chand Gupta 2. Mr Ashish Gupta S/o Shri Ram Chand Gupta	1. Land & Building, Shed on DIC Plot no. 134/G Light Industrial Area, Chaoni, Bhalai Dist- Durg (C.G.) measuring 18000 sqft. Boundaries: North: M/s Shrikant Industries, South: Open Land & Nallah, East: Nallah, West: Road 2. Hypothecation of Plant & Machinery on DIC Plot no. 134/G, Light Industrial Area, Chaoni, Bhalai, Dist-Durg (C. G.)	03.12.2019 11.12.2020 as on 03/10/2023	₹ 40.15 Lakhs ₹ 4.05 Lakhs ₹ 10000/- ₹ 66.05 Lakhs ₹ 6.70 Lakhs ₹ 10000/-
Borrower : M/s Ganpati Enterprises Mother Teraa Nagar, Camp -1, Bhalai Chhattisgarh - 490026 (1) Shri Awadh Bihari Prasad S/o Shri Laxmi Narayan Prasad (2) Sri Laxmi Narayan Prasad S/o Sri Naresh Prasad Add. of Both : Steel Nagar, Camp-1, Bhalai, Durg, Chhattisgarh - 490001	Land and Building on situated at Camp No. 1, Ward No. 21, Steel Nagar, Chhawani, Bhalai, District Durg Admeasuring area-903 Sq Ft Boundaries: (as per deed) East-Road, West- House of Budhram North-Road, South- House of Kapil Sharma,	10/08/2016 18/08/2016 as on 03/10/2023	₹ 16.20 Lakh ₹ 1.65 Lakh ₹ 77,48,885.50 + Interest + Other Expenses ₹ 10000/-

 Last date for submission of online bids is on or before 23/10/2023 upto 5.00 p.m.
 Date and Time of e-auction - 25/10/2023, 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM (With unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each).
 Account Detail for EMD Submission - Demand draft in favour of Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, SPLSD ARM Bhopal (6816) Bhopal OR shall be deposited through RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer to credit of account of Canara Bank, ARM Branch, A/c No 205272434 IFSC Code: CNRB0006816
 For sale proceeds of Rs. 50,00,000 (Rupees Fifty Lakhs) and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at the rate 1% on the Sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the Bank.
 For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (https://www.canarabank.com) or may contact Mr. Ranjan Kumar Pani, Chief Manager, SPLSD ARM Bhopal, Canara Bank, Plot no. 4, PSP Area, Near AIIMS, Saket Nagar Bhopal. Contact no. 8989014648 / 9993000127 / 8449087876 / 9137453982 during office hours on any working day.
 Place: Bhopal, Date: 04-10-2023
 AUTHORISED OFFICER, CANARA BANK

कागजात गुमा
 मैं राहुल शर्मा पिता श्री रूपकुमार शर्मा निवासी पुरानी बस्ती टाकुर गली नं. 2 का निवासी हूँ। विदित हो मेरे नाम से पुरानी बस्ती कुशालपुर रायपुर खास में 800 वर्गफीट पर बना मकान है, एक पूर्व मकान का रिपेयरिंग कराने के समय से मेरे मकान का रजिस्ट्री पेपर एवं ऋण पुस्तिका कहीं गुम हो गई है। जिसका रिपोर्ट पुरानी बस्ती थाना में दिनांक 03/10/2023 को करा दिया है, जिसकी कापी संलग्न है। मुझे मकान का रजिस्ट्री पेपर तथा ऋण पुस्तिका नया बनवाना है। मकान का खसरा नं. 1603/4 एवं 1603/28 है।
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Bold steps to be taken to curb harmful plastic use

Public participation crucial in combating plastic hazards

Korea, Oct 05:

In a resolute move toward safeguarding the environment, the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change in the Government of India has recently enacted stringent amendments to plastic waste management regulations. These transformative regulations, in effect since July 01, 2022, mark a nationwide ban on the production, import, storage, distribution, sale, and use of single-use plastic prod-

ucts, recognizing their detrimental impact on the environment.

The Ministry's decision stems from its acknowledgment of the severe global environmental consequences linked to single-use plastics, which adversely affect local and aquatic ecosystems. Combatting the pollution attributed to these plastics presents a significant environmental challenge on a global scale.

As part of this sweeping reform, the Deputy Collector and Deputy District Election Officer highlighted the banned items, including plastic straws, earbuds, plastic

flags, candy sticks, ice cream sticks, polystyrene (thermocool) for decoration, plastic plates, cups, and cutlery such as forks, spoons, knives, trays, sweet boxes, invitation cards, cigarette packets, plastic or PVC banners less than 100 microns thick, and wrapping or packaging films. Moreover, plastic carry bags with a thickness of less than seventy microns and one hundred microns have also been prohibited under the Waste Management (Amendment) Rules.

Crucially, the Deputy Collector emphasized the

indispensable role of public participation in combating plastic hazards. Entrepreneurs, industries, central and local authorities, experts, civic organizations, research and development institutions, educational institutions, and the general public are fervently encouraged to abstain from producing or selling these restricted plastic items.

The appeal extends to refraining from using plastic in ponds and other public areas, with strict enforcement measures in place to address violations related to the production and sale of prohibited plastic products.

Mahila Congress Raipur Rural prepares for upcoming elections

Regional leaders and key members gather for strategic planning

Arang, Oct 05:

The Mahila Congress of Raipur Rural convened a significant meeting at Rajiv Bhavan, Arang, regarding the preparation for the upcoming legislative and Lok Sabha elections, following an invitation from the Chhattisgarh State Women's Congress Committee. The meeting was attended by Dr. Shivkumar Dahariya, a prominent regional legislator and Cabinet



Minister, and Shakti Shivkumar Dahariya, a dedicated member of the Pradesh Congress Working Committee. The session primarily

aimed at preparations for the impending legislative elections. Adding a distinguished touch to the Lok Sabha meeting were the esteemed presence and ac-

tive involvement of Malini Kurup and Vijaya Kumari. They not only graced the gathering with their presence but also addressed the audience, offering valuable insights and thorough scrutiny of ground-work concerning both legislative and parliamentary elections.

The meeting saw robust participation from influential members of the Women's Congress Committee, including Anita Gurupanch, the Raipur Lok Sabha Coordinator, Dhanmat Ghrtilahare, Block President, and Neena Rai, Keshari Mohan Sahu, Bhoomika Dhruv, Manju Chandrakar, among many others.

Sanitation workers honoured on Gandhi Jayanti

Khairagarh, Oct 05:

The Municipal Corporation extended heartfelt honours to its dedicated sanitation workers, on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. This honourable ceremony, organized by the Municipal Corporation, graced by the presence of Mayor Shailendra Varma, Deputy Mayor Abdul Razaq Khan, CEO Pramod Shukla, President Deepak Devangan, and councillors Dilip Rajput and Dilip Lahre, highlighted the invaluable contributions of these diligent workers.

The program featured the presentation of appreciation certificates to the sanitation workers who



tirelessly collect household garbage across the city. Mayor Shailendra Varma took the opportunity to underline the Municipal Corporation's consistent recognition at the state level for its cleanliness efforts, a distinction made possible by the unwavering commitment and hard work of these

sanitation workers and cleanliness commandos, who significantly enhance the city's cleanliness.

Among those present at the ceremony were Sanitation Officer Toder Singh, Manoj Shukla, Rajesh Tiwari, Ashish Tiwari, Utkarsh Yadu, and several other dedicated staff members.

Stream of development from two and a half decades: Malakram

Kurud, Oct 05:

In a tiff between INC and BJP, over developmental works, many leaders and workers of BJP have accused the Congress of misleading the people over developmental works done by Kurud MLA Ajay Chandrakar. It may be noted that Kurud MLA and former cabinet minister Ajay Chandrakar got road construction, widening and construction of bridges and culverts worth crores of rupees approved in the budget for the financial year 2023-24.

In which the traffic facilities of 1 dozen villages in three different directions from Charra to Navagaon, Gadadih to Nari and Kolyari to Joratarai will be improved. In the budget of the financial year 2023-24,



construction work of 8.80 km road of Kurud Gram Panchayat Charra-Katalbod-Jhuranwagaon road including construction of bridge culvert. Widening and strengthening construction work of Gadadih to Parkhanda-Gudguda-Nari road which includes 12.20 km road. Senior BJP leader Malakram Sahu said that our leader and skilled



leader of Kurud Assembly, Ajay Chandrakar, has been serving the Kurud region for two and a half decades and has been flowing a continuous stream of development. Former Nagar Panchayat President Ravikant Chandrakar has termed the Congress leader's statement as false and cornered Congress by presenting the data of



roads built during the previous BJP government and the currently approved roads. Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha President Anurag Chandrakar said that the Congressmen have not done any development work in Kurud Nagar and the area in these five years, on the contrary, the trade of illicit drugs has increased in the area and



the educated youth is neither getting employment-oriented education. Bharatiya Janata Party Kurud Social Media In-charge Kamlesh Chandrakar said that not only the people of Kurud region but the entire Chhattisgarh state knows how ready and alert MLA Ajay Chandrakar is towards the development of his area.

Hindi Fortnight 2023 concludes at SECR Hqs

Bilaspur, Oct 05:

In order to encourage and increase the work in the official language Hindi in government offices, for the employees and officers of Railway and City Official Language Implementation Committee, of SECR Bilaspur, Official Language Fortnight 2023 was observed from September 14 to October 03, 2023. During this period, various motivational competitions related to the official language Hindi were organized. The prize distribution and closing ceremony of the Official Language Fortnight 2023 was organized on October 03, 2023 in the Zonal Conference Hall, Headquarters under the chief hospitality of Vijay Kumar Sahu, Additional General Manager, South East Central Railway, Bilaspur. First of all, Shashi Prakash Dwivedi,

The Chief Official Language Officer welcomed the Additional General Manager and gave information regarding the competitions organized and the winners. On this occasion, Vijay Kumar Sahu said that during the Official Language Fortnight, the dedication and love for the official language Hindi among the participants was reflected in their writings and presentations, for which hearty congratulations to all the award winners. Along with this, all the officers and employees deserve congratulations for the successful organization of Official Language Fortnight 2023. After this, all the winners were honored with citations and cash prizes from the palms of the Additional General Manager.

It needs to be mentioned here, in the Third All India Official Language Conference organized

under the chairmanship of Home and Cooperative Minister Amit Shah in Pune, Maharashtra on 14 and 15 September 2023, the officers and employees of the Official Language Department of Head Office, Divisions and Factories of S.P. Represented M.Railway, Bilaspur. In this series, Hindi essay writing, note drafting and speech competitions were organized on 18.09.2023. The topics for the essay competition were "Current status and prospects of the official language" and "Renewable energy for the future - development and challenges" in which the first prize was bagged by Ramnath Pandit, Accounts Assistant, second by Manoranjan Kumar Jha, Senior Section Officer (Accounts) and third by Devendra Kumar Chaturvedi,

Similarly, in Hindi noting and drafting competi-

tion, first prize was given to Lalit Kumar Das, Chief Commercial Inspector, second prize was given to Shyam Kumar Maurya, Chief Vigilance Inspector, third prize was given to Chudamani Rathore, Senior Section Engineer (Track Machine) and fourth prize was given to Santosh Kumar Pal, Office Superintendent (Personnel). The theme for the elocution competition organized in the second session was "Role of Media in the Development of Hindi" and "Global Warming - Causes and Prevention" in which the first prize was given to Sanjay Kumar Singh, Senior Engineer (Information Technology), the second prize was given to Mohammad Imran, Chief. Train Clerk (Operations), third prize was received by J.S. Madho, Head Constable (R.S.B.).

In order to ensure the

progressive progress of the official language in the Railways, the Department of Official Language, Headquarters, South East Railway Bilaspur organized a Hindi workshop on 29.09.2023 for the Official Language Nodal employees including Class III employees working in various departments. In this workshop, discussions were held regarding official language policy, rules, various incentive schemes, annual programmes, promotion of official language and practical difficulties faced while preparing monthly reports and their solutions.

Shashi Prakash Dwivedi, Chief Official Language Officer and Senior Official Language Officer and Senior Content Manager provided active cooperation in successfully conducting the Official Language Fortnight 2023.

Workers fired without reason called to work after protest



Birkoni, Oct 05:

A total of 32 workers of 9M Company located at village Birkoni Parswani Road, were fired from work without notice, and however were called back to work after protest. The protest continued at the gate of the company since morning, in which the nearby public representatives were also informed. The workers say that

the company is not doing anything to the villagers of Birkoni, and is firing workers without compensation and doesn't want to hire women.

A demand has been made to give priority to the local people and here they give a wage of Rs. 200 for working from 9 to 5 in the morning therefore District Labour Officer G.K Pandey called the company's manager

Sanjay Vyas to the protest site and gave a written assurance to the employees.

Lokesh Sahu, Omkar Patel, Surendra Malekar, Manju Sahu, Swati Sen, Madhu Kashyap, Chandra Kala Sahu, Sanjana Sahu, Omin Sahu, Saraswati Nishad, Damani Sahu, Bharti Sahu, Ishwari Nishad, and other workers kept their views and agreed to go to work.

If Hindus do not unite, they will become a minority: Jagatguru Ramanandacharya

Dongargaon, Oct 05:

Thousands of devotees gathered in the problem guidance ceremony organized on Sunday, October 1 organized under the aegis of Swaswaroop Sampradaya and Bhakta Seva Mandal Chhattisgarh, Anant Shri Vibhushit Jagatguru Ramanandacharya Shri Swami Narendracharya Maharaj Jagatguru Ramanandacharya Dakshinpeeth Nanjdam District Ratnagiri Maharashtra met the common people easily and solved their problems and provided guidance. Addressing the crowd Jagatguru Ramanandacharya, said that Hindutva is in danger today and all Hindus have



to unite, and it seems that Hindus are in majority but after 10 to 15 years from now they will become minority, and it is our duty to save them. People of all religions should follow their own religion and efforts should be made to keep Hindus also united, he said. He also said that about 1.5 lakh people who have converted have been made to return home and our or-

ganization is continuously working in this work and efforts will be made to ensure that no Hindu family is separated from Hindutva. A large number of people took initiation and took advantage of Swamiji's darshan in Upasana Deeksha. For this program, systematic arrangements were made by the organizers and about 12 thousand devotees participated in this event of Dongargaon.

Bhagwat Katha story teller donates his entire donations

Received in the 'Bhagwat Katha', for Education and marriage of a daughter of a poor couple

Bagbahra, Oct 05:

It is very rare to hear acts and deeds of benevolence as the religious story teller in the Srimad Bhagwat Mahapurana donated his entire donations received in the 'Katha' worth Rs 51000 as blessings for the girl of a poor couple for her marriage and also assured to provide due assistance for higher education to make her self-sufficient and independent and brought the said family from the tension of studies and marriage of the daughter



in the family. One such above example is story teller known as 'Chai wale baba' from Silyari Dhaam and renowned Acharya Narendra Nayak Shastri, who donated his donations received in the Katha worth Rs 51000 from the Srimad Bhagwat Katha for

the daughter of a poor couple for her education and marriage. Suggesting the couple to deposit this amount safely in some account and said that first they should provide higher education to their girl so as to make her independent and self-sufficient and all her expenditures would be taken care off and if the need arises, they he would extend helping hand for the marriage as well.

It was with Acharya's inspiration, that Sanjay Agrawal present in the Katha, donated Rs 21000 in the memory of his father Late Sajjan Raj and Manish Shri Shrimad doanted Rs 11000 as assistance to the poor family. This brought tears of happiness in the eyes of the couple for getting funds for marriage and educa-

tion of their daughter and it was acknowledged with applause from the gathering present.

It is notable here that 'Chai wale Baba' is known to forecast the future just by seeing the rice. In this programme, both before and after the 'Katha', the said woman used to come and sit before him concerned about the future of her daughter. Acharyaji understood her financial problems and paved the way to get rid of all her tension and botherations.

In this regard Shastriji said that the organiser of this 'katha', Kanhaiya Lal Shankar Lal family would not only get the blessings of this 'Bhagwat Katha', but it also provided me an opportunity to perform 'Kanya Daan' (blessings to a girl in the family on her marriage) and this will re-

main memorable throughout my life. He said that even 'Bhagwat Katha' also teaches that what all one has will remain on one's departure and it is the good works and deeds that go along with a person on his or her death.

Have done 'Kanya Dan' of more than 290 poor girls:

Acharya Shastriji informed that so far he has got the marriage of more than 290 girls from poor families done and now it will come to 291. He said that 'Kanya Dan' is the biggest of the blessings and added if there is any poor couple who wants to get the marriage of their daughter done and are unable to afford the expenditure, then they can come to his 'Silyari Dhaam' and all will end peacefully and happily.

Imran Khan approaches Pak court seeking suspension of trial court's verdict

In Toshakhana corruption case

Islamabad, Oct 05 (PTI):

Imran Khan on Thursday approached the Islamabad High Court (IHC) seeking suspension of the trial court's verdict in the Toshakhana corruption case more than a month after it suspended the jailed former prime minister's three-year sentence for concealing details of state gifts, according to a media report. Khan, who turned 71 today, was arrested on August 5, 2023, and shifted to Attock jail after a court sentenced him to three years in prison in the



Toshakhana (national treasury gifts) graft case. The trial court in Islamabad had found the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief guilty of "corrupt practices" in the Toshakhana case. The Supreme Court later acknowledged "procedural defects" in Khan's conviction by the trial court. After his sentence in the Toshakhana case was suspended by the IHC, the PTI chief was detained in the

cipher case for allegedly violating the Official Secrets Act by disclosing a cable sent by Pakistan's embassy in Washington last year in March. He has since remained behind bars on judicial remand, which has been extended until October 10.

On September 26, Khan was shifted to Adiala jail in Rawalpindi from Attock jail in Punjab province following the directives issued by the IHC. Last weekend, the police ramped up security in the vicinity of the Adiala jail by deploying elite commands and setting up additional security pickets to ensure foolproof measures. Khan, through senior lawyer Latif Khosa, on

Thursday moved the IHC against the Toshakhana verdict under section 561-A (saving of inherent power of high court) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the Dawn newspaper reported.

The petition's title stated that it sought "rectification of the order dated August 28 to the extent of suspending the operation of the impugned order along with the sentence as verbally prayed by the learned counsel for the petitioner before this honourable court at the time of arguments".

On August 28, the Islamabad High Court (IHC) suspended Khan's three-year sentence in the Toshakhana case.

ARMED FORCES PARADE



Indonesian soldiers parade, marking the 78th anniversary of the Indonesian Armed Forces at the main business district in Jakarta, Indonesia, Thursday, Oct. 5.

Nepal wants to develop cordial and friendly relations with neighbours: FM Saud

Kathmandu, Oct 05 (PTI):

Nepal wants to develop cordial and friendly relations not only with India and China but also with all other countries in the world, including the US, on the basis of mutual benefits, Foreign Minister Narayan Prakash Saud has said.

Saud, who accompanied Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' during his just concluded visit to China, told PTI in an interview that the two sides have agreed to re-activate the joint border committee formed long ago to resolve the boundary issues.

"Some people say that the (Nepal) government is tilted towards China, others say that we are tilted towards India, and some others even say that we are tilted towards the US.



Basically, Nepal wants to develop cordial and friendly relations not only with the two big neighbours but also with all other countries in the world including the USA," Saud said while responding to a series of questions.

"We want to develop relations with other countries on the basis of mutual benefits. For example, we have relations with India in diverse areas such as trade, transit, economy, culture and so on. In the same manner, China being one of our impor-

tant neighbours we also do have the same kind of relations with it," he said.

Prachanda, who politically distanced from the pro-China Communist Party of Nepal (UML) headed by KP Oli after becoming Prime Minister in December last year, made his maiden visit to China last month after visiting India and the US, a trip aimed at maintaining a balance in ties with both the neighbours - China and India.

Zimbabwe announces 100 suspected cholera deaths

Imposes restrictions on gatherings

Harare, Oct 05 (AP):

Zimbabwe has recorded 100 suspected deaths from cholera and more than 5,000 possible cases since late last month, prompting the government to impose restrictions to stop the spread of the disease, including limiting numbers at funerals and stopping some social gatherings in affected areas.

The health ministry announced the death toll late Wednesday and said 30 of

the deaths had been confirmed as from cholera through laboratory tests. It said 905 confirmed cases had been recorded, as well as another 4,609 suspected cases. Cholera is a water-borne disease that can spread rapidly in areas with poor sanitation and is caused by the ingestion of contaminated water or food. Zimbabwe struggles with access to clean water. Large gatherings at funerals,

which are common in the southern African country as people flock to mourn the dead, have been stopped in some of the most affected areas in parts of the Manicaland and Masvingo provinces. No more than 50 people are allowed to attend funerals, while people should avoid shaking hands and are not allowed to serve food at the funerals, the government said.

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1 dead, over 300 injured as Typhoon Koinu sweeps parts of Taiwan



Taipei, Oct 05 (AP):

Typhoon Koinu swept southern Taiwan on Thursday, killing one person and injuring more than 300 as it brought pounding rain and record-breaking winds to the island, leading to school and office closures.

One person was killed by flying glass in the central city of Taichung and at least 304 were injured around the island, Taiwan's fire department said. Gusts of wind downed trees and caused damage to some buildings.

Koinu, which means "puppy" in Japanese, made landfall early Thursday in Cape Eluanbi, the southern-most tip of Taiwan, and is expected to weaken as it moves west toward the Guangdong and Fujian provinces of southern China.

The typhoon brought the fastest wind ever recorded in Taiwan as it approached on Wednesday night.

A weather monitoring station on the outlying Orchid Island, southeast of the main island, measured a gust of 342.7 kph (212.9 mph) at 9:53 pm, as well as sustained winds that reached 198.7 kph (123.5 mph) at 9:40 pm. Both values set all-time highs since Taiwan began keeping records of wind speeds in 1897, said Huang Chia-mei, head of the Central Weather Administration's

Taitung Weather Station, according to the official Central News Agency.

The device measuring the wind speeds broke shortly afterward, Huang said. Images shared on social media from Orchid Island showed buildings with broken windows and boats sunk in a harbour.

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Hospital Deaths

A Stark Reminder of Healthcare Neglect

The tragedy at Dr. Shankarrao Chavan Government Medical College and Hospital in Nanded, Maharashtra, where 31 patients, including newborns and children, lost their lives within 48 hours, has cast a harsh spotlight on the deplorable state of healthcare facilities in India. This heartbreaking incident, coupled with the reports of 23 deaths in 24 hours at two government-run hospitals in Nagpur, paints a grim picture of the challenges faced by impoverished patients and their families. The accounts emerging from these hospitals are distressing. Insanitary wards, shockingly dirty restrooms, indifferent staff, a severe shortage of medicines, beds, and essential infrastructure have created a dire healthcare landscape. Patients who come seeking help for their ailments find themselves struggling against a system that often appears uncaring and ill-equipped to handle the high volume of serious cases it confronts daily. In the wake of this tragedy, the responses from hospital authorities and political leaders follow a predictable pattern - promises to "look into the matter." However, this incident has also led to an unsavory episode, where the acting dean of the Nanded hospital, SR Wakode, filed a defamation suit against Shiv Sena MP Hemant Patil. This unfortunate altercation stemmed from Patil's demand that Wakode clean a filthy toilet during his hospital inspection, an incident captured on video that soon went viral. The MP now faces charges of obstructing a public servant from performing his duties and defaming him. It is deeply disheartening that it often takes such tragedies to jolt authorities into action, but if this serves as a catalyst for overdue change, it is a development worth acknowledging. The healthcare system's deep-rooted issues require a comprehensive diagnosis to halt the ongoing decay. Maharashtra, embroiled in yet another case of criminal negligence following the death of 18 patients within 24 hours at the government-run Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Hospital in Kalwa, Thane, is now awaiting the findings of a high-level probe into the matter. The lessons to be drawn from these heart-wrenching events are clear. Neglecting the healthcare system can have deadly consequences. A state as populous and influential as Maharashtra can ill afford to sweep such matters under the rug. It is imperative that lessons are learned, accountability is established, and corrective actions are taken promptly. The healthcare system in India, particularly in rural and underserved areas, demands urgent attention and comprehensive reform. This involves addressing systemic issues such as inadequate funding, crumbling infrastructure, and understaffed facilities. It requires a commitment to providing essential medicines, medical equipment, and well-maintained hospital premises. Above all, it necessitates a shift in perspective, where the value of every patient's life is held paramount, and their dignity is preserved throughout their healthcare journey. The tragedy in Nanded should serve as a stark reminder that every life is precious, and healthcare is a fundamental human right. It is the responsibility of the government, healthcare authorities, and society at large to ensure that no patient or their family has to endure the horrors witnessed in these hospitals. The time for decisive action is now, for the cost of inaction is measured in human lives lost and families forever scarred. In memory of those who have suffered and those who continue to face the brunt of a broken healthcare system, we must demand accountability, transparency, and a genuine commitment to reform. Healthcare should be a beacon of hope, not a source of despair, and it is up to us to make this vision a reality.

Upholding Transparency and Fair Play

In Enforcement Directorate Actions

Yash Pal Raihan

The arrest of Sanjay Singh, a Rajya Sabha member of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has once again stirred the debate surrounding the agency's actions and its adherence to guidelines set by the Supreme Court. It raises critical questions about the exercise of power, transparency, and the need for accountability in our democratic system. A few months ago, a coalition of 14 opposition parties approached the Supreme Court, seeking instructions to prevent the ED from arresting Members of Parliament or Assembly. However, the Supreme Court rightfully emphasized that in a democratic country, there cannot be two sets of laws for an offense—one for ordinary citizens and another for parliamentarians. As a result, the opposition parties withdrew their application and were advised to bring forward specific cases if needed. The concerns raised by the opposition parties are not unfounded. They argue that since 2014, there has been a significant increase in the number of cases registered by the ED, with a substantial portion of them targeting critics and opponents of the ruling government. It is disheartening to note that the conviction rate under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) remains abysmally low, with only 23 convictions secured. In response to these concerns, the Supreme Court made it clear that the ED must provide written grounds for arrest and operate with transparency. The court emphasized that the ED's actions should be above board, conform to pristine standards of fair play, and should not be motivated by vindictiveness. It highlighted that the mere issuance of an order of remand should not suffice as grounds for arrest. The recent case involving real estate barons Pankaj Bansal and Basant Bansal raises further questions about the ED's functioning. The Supreme Court's remarks that the chronology of events in this arrest "speaks volumes" about the ED's style of functioning are significant. The court rightly pointed out that the ED should be transparent, act with the utmost probity, and maintain fairness in its actions. Under the present government, the ED has been granted extraordinary powers through amendments to the PMLA. Critics argue that these amendments risk misuse of the agency to target political opponents. Unlike other investigative agencies, the ED does not have to disclose whether an individual is considered a suspect or a witness. This lack of clarity can lead to confusion and potential misuse. Additionally, the absence of magisterial oversight in ED actions is concerning. The agency's power to arrest without providing a copy of the Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR), equivalent to an FIR, further erodes transparency and accountability. Two prominent examples—the cases of Delhi government ministers Satinder Jain and Manish Sisodia, along with a former Maharashtra government minister—illustrate the challenges individuals face in securing bail. The Supreme Court's observations in the Bansal case shed light on arbitrary exercises of power by the ED. The agency's retaliatory move to record a second ECIR immediately after the accused obtained interim protection in the first ECIR raised eyebrows and underscored the need for checks and balances. Moreover, the court made a crucial point that non-cooperation with the ED should not be an automatic justification for arrest. The ED must demonstrate reason to believe that the accused is guilty of an offense under the PMLA, rather than expecting an admission of guilt during interrogation. The Supreme Court's guidelines regarding transparency and fairness in ED actions should be upheld in spirit and followed meticulously by law-abiding agencies. It is imperative that our democratic institutions maintain the highest standards of probity, fairness, and adherence to the rule of law. Transparency, accountability, and fairness must always prevail in the pursuit of justice.

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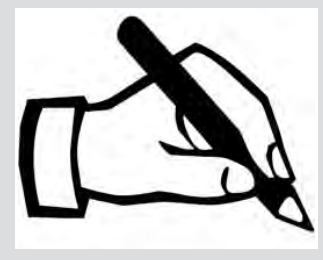
WATERLOGGED STREET



A rickshaw puller wades through a waterlogged street of Anil Nagar after heavy rains, in Guwahati, Thursday, Oct. 5.

Glaciers can give us clues about when a volcano might erupt

MATTEO SPAGNOLO AND BRICE REA



Globally, there is about one volcano erupting each week. Volcanic unrest kills an average of 500 people every year and costs the global economy roughly USD 7 billion. With one in 20 people living somewhere at risk of volcanic activity, every effort that can be made to improve the monitoring of volcanoes is important. This is especially true for volcanoes covered by glaciers roughly 18 per cent of all volcanoes on Earth. When these erupt, the consequences can be among the deadliest of all natural disasters.

The Nevado del Ruiz volcano in Colombia killed nearly 25,000 people in 1985 when its eruption caused the near-instantaneous melting of overlying glacier ice and snow, forming a deadly mix of water and eruptive material (mostly ash and gas) that hurtled down a populated valley at incredible speed.

Glaciers on volcanoes are not only dangerous, they make monitoring volcanoes from the ground and from above using satellites particularly tricky. Fortunately, in a new study, we



found that these glaciers can offer clues about what's happening to the volcano below. This could help improve the monitoring of volcanoes that might erupt in the future.

Hotting up

Research has tentatively revealed that volcano temperatures change over time and increase towards an eruption. In some cases, these changes can be recorded over several years before visible unrest begins. It's possible to monitor this via satellite, but the signal can be masked by clouds or disrupted by the ice or snow sitting on top of a volcano.

Although thought to move very slowly, glaciers are quite dynamic. These rivers of ice flow faster or slower depending

on what's happening in their environment. This may come as no surprise most glaciers around the world are now shrinking due to rising global temperatures, and many will soon disappear.

But glaciers are sensitive to other changes too. For example, if a volcano's temperature increases over time, the glacier sitting on it will melt faster and shrink to higher elevations. We thought this shrinking might indicate that something is brewing in the volcano below, so we analysed the elevation of 600 glaciers that either sat on or near (between 1km and 15km) 37 ice-clad volcanoes in South America using computer models.

Normally, elevation does not

vary much from glacier to glacier within the same climate region. But our results showed that, in some cases, glacier elevation progressively decreases with distance from a volcano. In other words, glaciers further from a volcano tended to reach further down the mountain valley that hosted them.

The drop in glacier elevation moving away from a volcano can be as much as 600 metres. This is bigger than what we would expect to see with natural variation alone, especially for the relatively small glaciers we investigated.

A sign from below

Glaciers sitting on volcanoes are typically confined to higher elevations (230 metres higher, on average) compared with those nearby. Most importantly, our study showed that this difference is linked to measured volcanic temperatures: volcanoes with higher measured temperatures hosted glaciers at particularly high elevations.

This is really exciting because it paves the way for using glaciers to improve volcano monitoring. If the elevation of a glacier on top of a volcano changes over a short period (five to ten years, say), and the speed of this change cannot be attributed to climate change, it might signal a forthcoming period of volcanic unrest.

Glaciers sitting on volcanoes act as icy thermometers in volcano monitoring. This insight could help create early-warning systems capable of reducing the deadliness of erupting ice-clad volcanoes.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Deoria Land Dispute

The killing of six persons in Deoria, Uttar Pradesh, has caused a stir throughout the nation. The reason for this terrible occurrence was a land dispute. The majority of incidents nationwide take place on land. This massacre has absolutely ruined two families. The police have taken custody of the attackers. Others are being looked for. The law will take its course in this matter, but it also demonstrates the government's carelessness. Land issues must be settled throughout the state if similar incidents are to be stopped. Nothing has ever been solved via violence.

Jahangir Shaikh, Mumbai

Modi's Habitual Deception

The public's awareness of Prime Minister Modi's penchant for untruths is palpable. Objectively listening to his speeches reveals a consistent pattern of deception. This includes his misrepresentation of his marital status on election affidavits, claiming to be unmarried until 2014 despite his prior marriage. Such behavior benefits neither a Prime Minister nor a seasoned politician. Revealing private discussions in the public domain is unbecoming of a leader, usually indicative of insecurity or immaturity. Former leaders like L K Advani and Manmohan Singh maintain decorum despite differing opinions. Modi's blatant lies have turned deception into an art form, challenging accountability. What remains perplexing is why people accept this behavior and continue to vote for him. Modi's credibility, both domestically and globally, is at stake, eroded by his habitual deception.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee, Faridabad

Nanded Tragedy

The State government-run Dr Shankar Rao Chavan Government medical college and Hospital in Nanded, Maharashtra, where 31 patients lost their lives within 48 hours, is grappling with a substantial staff shortage. Hospital records show that 42 percent of medical personnel positions, spanning department such as paediatrics, general medicine, psychiatry, orthopedics and others, remain vacant. It is shocking that such a big number of posts are vacant in the hospital. There is no shortage of Doctors and medical personnel in the state. But the government needs to recruit them in the government-run hospitals. It is obvious that this tragedy occurred due to the deficiency of staff. The government must fulfil all the posts before the another tragedy takes place.

Hassan Khan, Mumbai

INDULGE IN SINCERE INTROSPECTION

Kajal Chatterjee

No kudos is enough for the author Arundhati Roy for appealing to the people to sink all differences and defeat the merchants of hatred as there is no other option. Else even the last traces of secularism democracy and all ethos of Constitution are bound to be crushed beyond any sort of recognition. However I humbly differ with Roy when she asserts that saffron ecosystem "make everyone fight against one another" by playing caste (and communal) games.

It must be noted that neither communalism nor casteism can be injected upon the society unless the society is itself casteist and communal-driven at first place.

Perhaps it would not be out of context if some personal experiences are invoked.

In my hostel/college life or in office days, I have come across many Muslim batchmates, hostel seniors / juniors and colleagues. Among the Hindu acquaintances, obviously many of them are affiliated to various caste groups.

It is my privilege that my path of life has crossed many noble affectionate loving kind-hearted innocent souls who are affiliated to Islam! And as far as caste is concerned, never ever has it arrived as any sort of barrier as far as cementing personal relationship or social mingling is concerned; even when the concerned colleague has joined promotional post by superseding seniors just on the basis of caste-based reservation. After all, even if I hold grievance due to such "out of turn" promotions; my finger will point towards the system, not the benefitted individual.

Now can any individual or collective might in the whole world succeed in demonising the "Other" (in terms of religion or caste) in my eyes by injecting hatred or peddling lies! Can the whole combined force of communal brigade succeed in manipulating me to hate Muslims and my acquaintances of different caste groups.

Certainly not because my heart does not possess an iota of hatred towards my Muslim/non-Brahmin brothers and sisters. Rather those communal/casteist brigade would frantically search for an escape route if they dare to make an attempt to brainwash me in this subject! However if even a minimum crack existed between myself and "alien" religious / caste groups, had I nurtured a bit of poison in my heart towards them; then the merchants of

hatred would have surely and easily succeeded in exploiting that divide to implant zealous hatred against the "Other" in my mind and demonising the whole of them.

So it must be appreciated that poison exists in the heart of the concerned individuals only which the religious/caste zealots promptly exploit to meet their electoral interests. Thus it gets proved that original or greater sinners are the common people only, without whose patronage no evil power in the earth can succeed in their dirty mission of spreading hatred against the "other" and demonising them.

The saffron brigade continue to flourish in Indian soil not because they are succeeding in spreading communal/casteist vitriol in the society. Rather just because so-

ciety itself has specialised in Islamophobia and caste hatred, the saffronites are enjoying supreme success in the soil of India by invoking "Gomata" to "love jihad" to Ram temple project or vitiating the environment by launching tirade against the politician who has rightly questioned the barbarities embedded within the "Sanatan Dharma".

If the general Indian society reform itself by having a look at their conscience and indulging in sincere introspection and learn to view all citizens as fellow Indians and human beings only by transcending narrow barriers of caste and religion; all the games of caste and religion will be emphatically defeated, rather exterminated from the soil of India even if the saffronites play such games the "best".

BRIEF

Innovation centre



Chennai: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin inaugurated Hitachi Energy's global technology and innovation centre here on Thursday. Inaugurating the centre, that could provide end-to-end support to business models catering to various segments, Stalin said after his government unveiled the Tamil Nadu Research and Development Policy (2022), there has been an increase in the number of R & D centres, innovation centres, startups and Global Capability Centres (GCCs) opening in the state.

Signing pact

New Delhi: Hindalco Industries Ltd on Thursday said it will enter into a pact with the Odisha Mining Corporation for long-term supply of Bauxite ore. The company plans to secure Bauxite ore for its proposed 2-million tonnes alumina refinery and 150-MW captive power plant at Kansariguda, Rayagada district, in Odisha. This will be Hindalco's second alumina refining plant in the Rayagada district of Odisha.

Appointment



Mumbai: The Reserve Bank of India said it has appointed Muneesh Kapur as the Executive Director (ED). Kapur will look after the Department of Economic and Policy Research and his appointment as ED is with effect from October 3, 2023, the RBI said in a statement. Prior to being promoted as ED, Kapur was the Adviser-in-Charge, Monetary Policy Department, and Secretary to the Monetary Policy Committee, it said.

Policy consistency, stability, decisive leadership essential for economic growth: FM

New Delhi, Oct 05:

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday said policy consistency, political stability and decisive leadership are essential for the growth and making India the third largest global economy in the years to come.

Speaking at the annual day celebrations of the Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC), the minister said that 'flip-flop' policies affect economic performance as happened in the past when India became one of the fragile five economies of the world. "We need political stability, consistency and decisive political decision-making" for



growth, the Minister said while recalling the achievements of the NDA government in the past nine years. India has moved up the ladder from the tenth-largest economy in 2014 to the fifth-largest economy currently, she said. "To say that it is a fait

accompli and India will become the third largest economy on its own is to undermine the efforts of the entrepreneurs, farmers and other sections that are pushing India upwards," she added. Talking about the impact of policies pursued by the

Modi government, Sitharaman said that out of the total FDI inflow of USD 919 billion during the past 23 years, nearly 65 per cent or USD 595.25 billion came during the last nine years.

She further said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi used the Nudge Theory of renowned economist and Nobel Laureate Richard Thaler as a tool to promote economic activity tailored to India's requirements. The usage of the Nudge Theory, she said, could be seen in 'the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' Scheme, which has improved the sex ratio; subsidised loans to women under Stand-up India; and for nudging people to give up

their LPG cylinder subsidy". Similarly, the minister said, the PM SVANidhi Scheme was launched to give credit facilities to street vendors to reduce their dependence on middlemen and added the same principle has been applied in the PM Vishwakarma Yojana. Prime Minister Modi, Sitharaman said, "strongly believes in Empowering people, giving them the choice of what they want to do, spending on fundamental things that give them the power to decide where they want to be, and providing them with access to resources and essential facilities like housing, roads, drinking water, toilets, etc."

India needs national law on right to emergency medical care: Report

New Delhi, Oct 05:

India needs to formulate a national law on the right to emergency medical care, with special focus on trauma care, according to a report. The report titled 'Global Comparative Research on Right to Emergency Medical Care' pointed out that India lacks a unified federal legislation on emergency care. While the courts have provided an expansive interpretation to the fundamental Right to Life under Article 21 of the Constitution, there are no binding guidelines on emergency healthcare, except protection of Good Samaritans who help an accident victim within the golden hours, the report, commissioned by SaveLIFE Foundation, said. "Pursuant to the fundamental right to preserve life established by Article 21 coupled with the

significant impact of millions of lives lost due to preventable deaths in India, it is absolutely essential that a right to emergency medical care Act be established, with a particular focus on trauma care," it said. The report suggested that such a right can be enshrined by way of an amendment to the Indian Constitution as in the case of the Right to Education Act.

It noted that as per the 201st report of the Law Commission of India, 50 per cent of those killed in road crashes could have been saved had they received timely emergency medical care. Between 2017 and 2021, 7,36,129 people died in motor vehicle crashes, translating into nearly 403 casualties every day, the report added. The report pitched for expansion of Good Samaritan Law (GSL) for all medical emergencies.

Become a role model for corporate governance: President asks company secretaries

New Delhi, Oct 05:

President Droupadi Murmu urged the company secretaries to help India become a role model for good corporate governance and ensure compliance of laws for promoting business and investment. Addressing 55th Foundation Day celebrations organised by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), Murmu said India is progressing towards becoming a leading nation.

In such scenario, she said, it becomes more important that our professionals are not only qualified and competent, but also courageous and creative. The future of India's corporate governance depends on willpower and actions of company secretaries, she said, adding



that they can make India a role model of 'Good Corporate Governance' as well as of 'Good Governance'. Therefore, she said, your deeds should be such that it could established India on the global map.

ICSI is a 55 years old organisation with about 71,000 members and nearly 2.5 lakh students are all over the country. She urged company secretaries to focus on sustain-

able and inclusive aspects. Observing that ethics in business is more important than business ethics, she said, company secretaries should ensure compliance of laws for promoting business and investment. As a vigilant watchdog of corporate governance, she said, it is your duty to protect the laws related to business promotion and investment. "Company secretaries should remember that their loyalty is not only to perform the legal work as an officer or professional of a company, but their duty is also towards every citizen of the country who has been left behind in the developmental journey," she said. She emphasised that the role of the corporate world in managing resources should be that of trusteeship.

Only a few large companies investing; policymakers must push for free & fair market: Uday Kotak

Mumbai, Oct 05:

Veteran banker Uday Kotak rued corporate investments getting concentrated in a few groups, and urged the government to "encourage many flowers to bloom". Speaking at India Today Conclave here, the richest Indian banker also said that policy is not skewed, clarifying that he respects the work done by big corporations in creating world-class businesses and specifically named Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries.

"I am saying something which is close to my heart, there is a significant concentration of new investments happening only by a few groups," Kotak said. "I am not saying the policy is skewed, my sense is the



policy must encourage many flowers to bloom," he added. The founder of Kotak Mahindra Bank, who surprised all by stepping down from his executive role four months ahead of end of term recently, said many corporates are not going ahead with investments and added that we are witnessing "significant consolidation and concentration"

because of this. The concentration can deliver in the short term, but it is in India's long term interests to have many businesses flourish. Listing out sectors in which concentration has grown, Kotak urged the Competition Commission of India to step in the interest of "fair play".

"We need free and fair markets backed by policy which actually allows a competitive market place", Kotak said, urging for the fair trade regulator to be more alert. "I would certainly want to see a stronger role of the Competition Commission (of India) to ensure that there is fair play in the marketplace. You do not want such concentration in a few hands. I think (in) long term, as an Indian, I'd

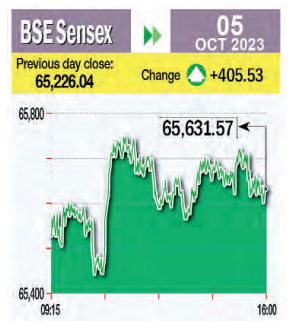
love to see many more Indians succeed," he added. The telecom sector has two-and-half players from 13 in five years, the steel sector has three big companies and aviation is reduced to just two-and-a-quarter players, Kotak said.

Kotak hinted that it is because of lack of investments by India Inc that the country trails China on the trade front, with a net deficit of USD 100 billion per year. "Why is it that we in India cannot manufacture and find it cheaper to import from China? And that is a question we need to ask our corporates. That for all our strong fundamentals, why is it that corporate India is not able to compete with China?" he questioned.

Markets rebound after 2-day slump; L&T top boost

Mumbai, Oct 05:

Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty rebounded sharply on Thursday after sliding for the past two sessions, propelled by bargain hunting in capital goods, banking, and IT stocks amid a sharp correction in global crude prices. An encouraging PMI data further bolstered sentiment, even as relentless foreign capital outflows trimmed gains, traders said. The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 405.53 points or 0.62 per cent to settle at 65,631.57. During the day, it rallied 527.16 points or 0.80 per cent to 65,753.20. Nifty advanced 109.65 points or 0.56 per cent to end at 19,545.75. "The positive signal from the PMI data and the correction in the crude price boosted the market sentiment. While regarding RBI policy, positively, the market expects the interest rate to be hold-on as external



demand outlook indicates muted trend fearing disinflationary trend in the future," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services. Larsen & Toubro was the biggest gainer in the Sensex pack, rising 2.35 per cent, followed by Titan, Tata Consultancy Services, Maruti, Mahindra & Mahindra, Infosys, ICICI Bank and Asian Paints. In contrast, Power Grid, Nestle, NTPC, HCL Technologies and Bajaj Finance were among the laggards.

TICKETING SYSTEM



Officials during the announcement of the expansion of its innovative WhatsApp-based ticketing system to all lines by Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC), in New Delhi, Thursday, Oct. 5.

Services sector activity in India touches 13-year high in Sep on strong demand: PMI

New Delhi, Oct 05:

The services sector growth in India rose to a 13-year high in September on sharp increase in new business amid strong demand conditions, and job numbers continued to increase as overall business mood improved, a monthly survey said on Thursday. The seasonally adjusted S&P Global India Services PMI Business Activity Index rose from 60.1 in August to 61 in September, signalling a sharp upturn in output. In Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) parlance, a print above 50 means expansion while a score below 50 denotes contraction. The survey is compiled from responses to



questionnaires sent to a panel of around 400 service sector companies. The latest data showed a substantial increase in new business placed with Indian service providers, one that was the second-fastest since June 2010. Besides the rise in total sales, firms noted an upturn in demand from abroad, particularly from clients based in Asia, Europe and North America.

Shyam Metals to make Aluminum Foil for Lithium-ion cell manufacturing

Mumbai, Oct 05:

Shyam Metals and Energy Limited, the manufacturer and seller of the iconic S-E-L Tiger Re-Bars, announced its entry into the energy storage sector with battery-grade aluminum foil, a critical component in Lithium-ion cells. Headquartered in Kolkata, Shyam Metals is at the forefront of integrated metal production and is poised to become a pivotal domestic contributor to the Indian government's AatmaNirbhar Bharat initiative in the battery energy storage sector. An industry trailblazer, Shyam Metals is renowned for revolutionizing the construction industry with its cutting-edge S-E-L Tiger

TMT Re-Bar and is a major producer and exporter of aluminum foil for diverse industrial applications. With an impressive annual production capacity of 20,000 tons, Shyam Metals is primed to enable India to secure a substantial share of raw materials in the global Lithium-ion cell market, projected to reach a capacity of 65,000GWh/year by 2030.

The production of 1GWh (Gigawatt-hour) of LFP (Lithium Iron Phosphate) cells, which power an extensive range of electric vehicles and energy storage systems, necessitates 350 tons of high-purity and uniform-thickness aluminum foil, serving as a positive (cathode) current collector. This de-

mand doubles for sodium-ion batteries, where both positive and negative current collectors are expected to use aluminum foils. Shyam Metals offers customized battery aluminum foil with thickness ranging from 12-micron to 20-micron, rigorously tested and validated by third-party laboratories. Furthermore, the company boasts state-of-the-art German equipment capable of manufacturing aluminum foils as thin as 6-micron, ideally suited for future requirements in tandem with evolving Lithium-ion cell technologies, enhancing the cell's gravimetric energy density (amount of energy contained per unit weight of the cell expressed in terms of Watt-hour/Kilogram).

Airtel announces special plans for the ICC cricket world cup 2023

New Delhi, Oct 05:

As the cricket frenzy sweeps the country from today, Airtel announces special cricket plans with extended benefits for its customers. For all prepaid customers, Airtel has launched a special data pack for customers to stay connected and not run out of data while streaming the matches. Rs 99 will now get unlimited data for 2 days and Rs 49 offers 6GB data for 1 day.

Airtel DTH is collaborating with Star for special recharge offers. It has also simplified the process for customers choose to add channels from the Start Sports portfolio. On the Airtel Xstream box, Airtel is running a quick-access promo-rail, for customers to quickly navigate to the

cricket match broadcast in their preferred language. To celebrate the cricket frenzy, Airtel is launching a social media campaign and activating different platforms targeting all the cricket buffs.

Bharti Airtel users enjoy the brilliant network experience and fastest upload speeds across International Cricket Council (ICC) World Cup 2023 stadiums, according to an Opensignal report. Ahead of the ICC World Cup which has commenced on October 05, 2023, Opensignal examined mobile network experience across all the stadiums to assess the performance of Indian mobile operators. On the 5G network specifically, Airtel delivered the best experience with voice apps across all the stadiums.

Motorola announces lowest ever festive special prices on its bestselling smartphones

New Delhi, Oct 05:

Motorola, India's best 5G smartphone brand has announced massive discounts with the lowest ever prices on its smartphones, ahead of the Flipkart The Big Billion Days Sale. Additionally, the highly anticipated Big Billion Days specials, Motorola edge 40 neo also goes on sale for the first time at an exclusive and limited period festive price of Rs. 19,999 for the 8+128 GB variant and Rs. 21,999 for the 12+256 GB variant.

Starting with the Big Billion Days Specials, consumers can purchase the world's lightest IP68 rated 5G and the world's first powerful~ 5G smartphone to be powered by the lightning fast MediaTek Dimensity 7030 processor; the Motorola edge

40 neo, which goes on sale for the first time at a disruptive pricestarting at Rs. 19,999. (including bank offer). The device features the segment-first 144Hz 6.55" curved POLED display with 10-bit billion colours. The Motorola edge 40 neo is a perfect combination of cutting-edge technology and great value-for-money offering. It's a true head-turner with its PANTONE curated trend-setting colors like Soothing Sea, Caneel Bay, and Black Beauty. The phone has an ultra-light and ultra-thin endless edge design and vegan leather finish. Further strengthening Motorola's 5G portfolio, the moto g54 5G, India's most powerful~ 5G smartphone enables users to experience marvelous performance in the sub-20K segment at

never-before-seen prices of Rs. 12,999 and Rs. 14,999 for 8+128 GB and 12+256 GB variants respectively, from October 8th. The moto g54 5G is also the segment's 1st smartphone with a remarkable in-built 12GB RAM+256GB storage configuration and segment's most powerful MediaTek Dimensity7020 octa-core processor. Additionally, this device boasts two more segment-first features the 50MP shake-free camera with OIS technology and the massive 6000mAh battery.

At an enticing price of Rs. 16,999, the moto g84 5G becomes the first smartphone everfeaturing Pantone colour of the Year 2023 Viva magenta with vegan leather in the sub 20K segment to be launched in Pantone curated colours.

Tender for development work worth Rs 2.78 cr cancelled



Kurud, Oct 05:

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 councillors 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 and councillors should be in-

cluded 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 councillors 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 and caste verification. Nagar Panchayat President Tapan Chandrakar, Vice President Manju Pramod Sahu, Leader of Opposition Bhanu Chandrakar, Chairman Manish Sahu and many other councillors were present.

Two youth run away with jewellery worth Rs 3 lakh

Keeping the shop owner busy in talks

Bagbahra, Oct 05:

Two youths acting as customers ran away with gold and silver jewellery worth Rs 3 lakh in broad daylight by cheating the jewellery shop owner. They ran away in their bike along with the bag in which they have kept the gold jewellery. It was after the departure of the youth that the shopkeeper of jewellery shop came to know that he has been cheated.

The shopkeeper lodged complaint with the police and on getting information the Police has started checking CCTV footages and the incident from all different angles.

According to the Police, one JV Jewellers is owned by Fanendra Soni



in Tendukona and this incident took place at around 12:00 noon.

The unknown youth came in a bike to purchase jewellery and they asked the shop owner to show them various ornaments and they kept him

busy in their talks. Here both the youths were selecting the jewellery and to which the shop owner started putting it in a small bag. In the end the youth said that they did not like any of the items chosen and refused to

take any.

Here they smartly lifted the bag in which the shop owner had put in all the jewellery they have selected and ran away. The owner even saw the youth carrying away the bag of his shop, but by the he could react, they youths ran away from the site along with the bag.

It was in a broad daylight that the two youth tried to conduct such a crime and the police has started checking the CCTV footages.

The police informed that as per details from shop owner, he has been cheated of gold jewellery worth around Rs 3 lakh and it would be known only after evaluating the actual loss of jewellery from the shop.

School students' forms human chain for vibrant voter awareness

Convey the message of voting by wearing election masks in Chunai Chirai

Khairagarh, Oct 05:

Under the guidance of Collector and District Election Officer Gopal Verma, a voter awareness program is being organized district-wide to ensure 100% voter participation in the upcoming elections. In this sequence, 200 students from various schools in Khairagarh created a massive human chain while wearing masks representing voting symbols in Chunai Chirai, as part of the voter awareness SVEEP campaign. This lively event featured not only the en-



thusiastic students but also cleanliness volunteers from the municipal corporation. They used songs and cultural programs to encourage people to exercise their right to vote. Special emphasis has been placed on motivating young voters to participate actively, with booth-level officers facilitating the process. The Election Commission of India is dedicated to

achieving 100% voter participation from all segments of society in every election. In the district, a dedicated campaign through the Voter Awareness SVEEP Program is underway to ensure that all eligible youth are included in the voter list.

Collector and District Election Officer Gopal Verma, who graced the event with his presence,

motivated the students and cleanliness volunteers to inspire more people to vote. In a remarkable display of unity, school students at Khairagarh's Atal Udyan formed an extensive human chain, delivering the SVEEP message and urging everyone to cast their votes.

Recently, voter rallies and events targeting newlywed brides were organ-

ized and female voters were educated about the significance of voting. Efforts are underway to ensure the full participation of senior citizens in the election process. Eligible youth from colleges and higher secondary schools are being added to the voter list through various programs, and awareness campaigns are being conducted for other youth workers as part of the SVEEP Program.

Notable attendees at this event included Sub-District Election Officer DS Rajput, SVEEP Nodal Officer and Joint Collector Abha Tiwari, and CMO Pramod Shukla, alongside a large contingent of school students and cleanliness volunteers, all committed to promoting a culture of active voting.

Legal workshop on POCSO Act 2012 and Motor Vehicle Act held

Joint Initiative by CSLSA and LCIT College

Bilaspur, Oct 05:

In a collaborative effort between the Chhattisgarh State Legal Services Authority (CSLSA) and the Legal Studies Department of LCIT College of Commerce and Science, an informative workshop was held to educate the youth on the nuances of the POCSO Act 2012 and Motor Vehicle Laws.

The workshop featured Anand Prakash Wariyal, Secretary of the Chhattisgarh State Legal Services Authority, as the chief guest, who shared invaluable insights into the provisions of the POCSO Act 2012. He also emphasized the impor-



tance of children being well-versed in legal regulations pertaining to child rights and traffic violations. Wariyal encouraged young participants to stay informed about their legal rights, empowering them to protect themselves.

Giri Kumar Mandavi, Additional Secretary of the Chhattisgarh State Legal Services Authority, shed light on the Motor Vehicle Act during the

workshop. He elaborated on the procedures to be followed in case of vehicle-related accidents and how to navigate the process of claiming compensation when such incidents occur.

The event provided a unique platform for law students and faculty members from LCIT to interact with legal authorities, fostering an exchange of knowledge and awareness.

Warning against use of newspaper for food packaging

Korea, Oct 05:

The Food and Drug Administration Department of Korea, in collaboration with Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur, has issued a compelling appeal, cautioning against the use of newspapers for packaging food items. This advisory highlights the alarming presence of hazardous chemicals and inks utilized in newspaper printing, which could pose significant health risks when in direct contact with food.

Officials from the Food and Drug Administration Department have underscored that while newspapers play an essential role in delivering daily news and information, they should not be employed for wrapping or storing food

items. The affordability of newspapers often leads to their use in wrapping food for transport or storage, inadvertently transferring harmful substances to the edibles. It is vital to recognize that this practice is exceedingly detrimental to human health.

Authorities have earnestly called upon both food business operators and the general public to abstain from using printed paper for packaging food items. They emphasize that continued use of newspapers for this purpose is unacceptable, despite previous warnings. In cases of non-compliance, individuals are encouraged to file complaints with the department or provide information through the provided contact channels, which

include phone numbers 0771 2235226 and 2511988, as well as the email address controllerrairpur@gmail.com.

A Senior Food Safety Officer has shed light on the dangerous chemicals present in newspaper ink, including diisobutyl phthalate and diene isobutylate. These substances can contaminate food upon contact, potentially leading to a range of health issues, including digestive disorders, toxicity, organ failure, and weakened immune systems. The hospitality sector, notably hotel operators, has been specifically advised against using newspapers for food packaging, with stern actions promised against those who persist in this risky practice.

'Community building with all facilities for Chandra Samaj soon'

Lakhan Dewangan participated in the social conference of Chandra Samaj, assures for building construction

Korba, Oct 05: The social meeting of Chandra Samaj was organized at Podibahar, Korba. Former Mayor of Korba Assembly and BJP candidate Lakhan Lal Dewangan participated in the program. More than hundreds of people from the society were present in the social conference. Addressing the people of the society on this occasion, Lakhan Lal Dewangan said that the social conference definitely maintains the unity of the society and brotherhood. Chandra Samaj is also progressing rapidly in the education business today. People of Chandra Samaj are known for their straightforward and simple nature and are also very close. 'I wish public blessings to BJP in Korba assembly from the people of the society. I wish to get



abundant blessings in the assembly elections so that construction of building with all facilities for the society will be done on priority', he said, adding that the people of the society should support the manpower and defeat the power of money.

On this occasion, Dr. Rajeev Singh, District President BJP Korba, Krishna Kant Chandra, former Central President Chandra Samaj and BJP District President Sakti, former Central President Chandra Samaj and senior BJP leader Dr. JP Chandra,

Ashok Chawhani, former District President BJP Korba, Ashwani Chandra Central Vice President Chandra Samaj, Central Women President Chandra Samaj Pushpa Narayan Chandra, Regional President Bhuneshwari Chandra, Anirudh Chandra BJP Backward Class Morcha District President, Praful Tiwari BJP District Vice President, Saurabh Chandra Yuva District President Chandra Samaj Korba were present.

In the program, life leaders of the society Prakash Chandra, Dr. Sahdev Chandra, Lakhan Lal Chandra, Babu Lal Chandra, Dhruv Kumar Verma, Krishna Kumar Chandra, Mahendra Chandra, Ishwari Prasad Chandra, Narayan Chandra, Sitaram Chandra, Gore Lal Chandra, Toshak Chandra, B h u v a n e s h w a r Chandrosha were present, Yuvraj Chandra, Jagdish Chandra, Siya Ram Chandra, Saukhi Lal Chandra, Ram Kumar Chandra, Harish Chandra, Narendra Bahadur Chandra, Dhani Ram

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Various method of fire extinguishment displayed to students

At Allons Public School by the Fire Brigade, Bemetara

Bemetara, Oct 05:

The fire brigade of Bemetara displayed the various methods of fire extinguishment in the school on Thursday. The officers of the fire brigade became happy that the schools has an adequate arrangement of fire safety equipments and gave training to the teachers, cooks of the mess and other workers for the safety against the fire.

The school has a vast campus. Each floor has the fire extinguishers. The condition of the equipments are periodically monitored by the school authorities. The school building is built as



per the latest NCB guidelines. The practical demonstration of using the safety measures was performed by the teachers, students and the Principal.

The School buses are equipped with fire extinguishers. The bus drivers and conductors are aware of how to use the fire extinguishers in case of emergency. Fire safety drills are performed for the students to educate them on what they to do

in case of fire. The school has sufficient windows, ventilators, stair cases and doors. The students and staff are able to recognize the sound of the fire alarm and what they should do when it sounds.

The safety drills are conducted at both expected and unexpected times. The fire safety audit is also conducted periodically. The audit ensures escape planning, placement of exit doors, the method of evacuation, and place-



ment of fire safety equipment. This helps school to be properly equipped anytime. The fire exit paths in the school are clutter-free. The paths are not blocked and every room in the school has two ways out. All the exit paths are obvious and wide enough for an orderly evacuation. There is a safe meeting point for all the students outside the building.

Every room of the school has a map showing the fire exits. There are

fire-extinguishers and first aid kits handy on each floor, level or section of the school. The school has installed fire fighting equipments at the right place.

Dr. Satyajit Hota, Principal thanked the officers of the fire brigade for telling the safety measure against the fire.

The students and the teachers became aware to apply various precautions for the fire extinguishment in the school.

Cub-Bulbul team's students honoured teachers

On International Teacher's Day

Kondagaon, Oct 05: On the occasion of International Teacher's Day, the students of Cub-Bulbul team of Government Primary School Muraripara Badebendari honoured the teachers by presenting them with bouquet, writings and mementos.

On this occasion, International Teacher's Day was celebrated by the Chata girls of Cub Bulbul team by lighting the lamp and offering flowers to the statue of Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan. On this occasion, Cub Master Pawan Kumar Sahu and Flock Leader Deepmala Vaishnav giving informa-



tion said that just as Teacher's Day is celebrated in India to promote teachers, International Teacher's Day is celebrated all over the world to understand the role and responsibilities of teachers. UNESCO declared October 5 as International Teachers' Day and it has been celebrated worldwide since 1994. To promote co-operation towards teach-

ers and bring awareness to the importance of teachers in meeting the needs of future generations. This special day was started for the said purpose.

Today, International Teachers' Day is celebrated in nearly 100 countries around the world. On this day many programs are organized in honour of teachers in schools and colleges.

Compound archers secure men, women team gold

Hangzhou, Oct 05 (PTI):

The women's combine emerged triumphant in an edge-of-the-seat thriller while the men's outfit secured the top prize without fuss as Indian compound archers swept all three gold medals on offer in team events, further bettering their best-ever show at the Asian Games, here on Thursday.

The women's compound team edged Chinese Taipei by the thinnest of margins, securing the gold medal win by just one point with Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Aditi Swami and Parneet Kaur shooting 60 out of 60 in the final round of a heart-stopping final.

Having knocked out two-time defending champions South Korea, the Chinese Taipei trio of Chen Yi-Hsuan, Huang I-Jou and Wang Lu-Yun fought till the end but the top-seeded Indian team won 230-229. The scores were locked 200-200 till the last set but



Gold medalist Indian women archers Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Parneet Kaur and Aditi Gopichand Swami pose for photos with gold medalist compatriot men archers Ojas Pravin Deotale, Prathamesh Samadhan Jawkar and Abhishek Verma after the Compound Team Archery events.

the young Indian team that has two teenagers -- Aditi and Parneet -- remained ice-cool to

find three more 10s in the final three arrows. It put the pressure back on their opponents who

were to shoot last and needed to match with three 10s to force a shootoff. But Chinese Taipei started off with a nine that sealed the gold for India.

Having conquered the world less than two months back, it also completed India women's compound team's domination by becoming the Asian champions.

In the afternoon session, the men's trio of Abhishek Verma, Ojas Deotale and Prathamesh Jawkar downed South Koreans 235-230 to seal their sixth medal in archery.

India's second gold in archery also assured the country of at least five medals in archery at the ongoing Asian Games. India's mixed team had won a gold on Wednesday. For 27-year-old Jyothi this was also a double gold from this edition, having secured the top spot in the podium with Ojas Deotale in the compound mixed team event on Wednesday.

Antim wins bronze on tough day for Indian wrestlers

Hangzhou, Oct 05 (PTI):

Teen sensation Antim Panghal humbled Tokyo Olympics medallist Bolortuya Bat-Ochir 3-1 to win a bronze medal but other Indian wrestlers struggled badly at the Asian Games here on Thursday.

The 19-year-old Antim bounced back after losing to two-time Japanese world champion Akari Fujinami in the quarterfinals in a superb manner as she did not let the Mongolian attack much in the women's 53kg bronze play-off. Antim saved the day for the Indian contingent which badly needed a medal after Narinder Cheema (Greco-Roman 97kg), Naveen (Greco Roman 130kg) and Pooja Gehlot (women's 50kg) were ousted. Pooja was outplayed 2-9 in the bronze medal bout by Aktenge Keunimjaeva, the Asian championship bronze winner. A lot was expected from Mansi Ahlawat (women's 57kg) too but she ended up losing her bronze play-off 'by fall' to Uzbekistan's Laylokhon Sobirova, who needed just 70



seconds to win the contest. Antim had come to Hangzhou after winning a bronze at the world championships and she carried her good form into the prestigious event. Her bronze is only the second wrestling medal of this edition. She raced to a 3-0 lead after scoring her first point on the passivity of the Mongolian and later scored off a brilliant counter-attack. Antim foiled a single-leg attack from the Bolortuya and later lost a point in the second period when she

was put on 'clock'. The Mongolian attacked from distance and mostly went for single leg attacks but could not breach the solid defence of Antim. Antim was included in the Indian Games after Vinesh Phogat pulled out due to an injury. She had challenged her decorated compatriot for a trial bout but Vinesh accepted a direct entry. Later Vinesh injured her knee and underwent a surgery, opening the door for Antim.

India set up semifinal clash with Pakistan in men's Kabaddi

Hangzhou, Oct 05 (PTI):

Seven-time champions India on Thursday set up a semifinal clash with Pakistan in the men's kabaddi competition after topping their group following an unbeaten run in the Asian Games here.

India first thrashed Chinese Taipei 50-27 to enter the semifinals and assure a medal and then notched up a 56-28 win over Japan in their last league match to top group A. India will next face Pakistan, who finished second in Group B.

Against Chinese Taipei, India inflicted three all-outs on their opponents while the raiders notched four bonus points. The Indians led Chinese Taipei



28-12 in the first half before pocketing 22 more points as against their opponent's 15 in the second period. Chinese Taipei also made an all-out on the Indian team. Later in the day, India led by 24 points at halftime against Japan. Nitin Rawal and Nitesh

Kumar combined to take down Japan captain Gayro Kono before Aslam stole a touchpoint. In kabaddi, the two losing semifinalists are awarded bronze medals since the 2010 edition at Guangzhou. India were bronze medallist in the 2018 edition in Jakarta.

Dipika-Harinder clinch mixed pair gold

Indian squash players register best-ever performance

Hangzhou, Oct 05 (PTI):

Veterans Dipika Pallikal and Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu on Thursday survived some anxious moments to win the mixed doubles gold as Indian squash players recorded their best-ever performance at the Asian Games.

Dipika and Harinder eked out a 11-10 11-10 win over Malaysian duo of Aifa Binti Azman and Mohammad Syafiq Bin Mohd Kamal in a tense 35 minute final to fetch India's second gold medal in squash at the ongoing event.

India had won a historic gold in the men's team event at the 2014 Games, which was the country's best-ever performance. India had also won two silver and a bronze in Incheon.

However in the ongoing Games,



Gold medalist India's Dipika Pallikal and Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu poses for photos with silver medalist Malaysia's Aifa Binti Azman and Mohammad Syafiq Bin Mohd Kamal and bronze medalists Hong Kong's Ka Yi Lee and Chi Him Wong and India's Abhay Singh and Anahat Singh in the Mixed Doubles squash event at the 19th Asian Games.

India have already won two golds and a bronze medal and Saurav Ghosal is scheduled to play the men's singles final later in the day.

"I don't always remember what happens on court. It's a blur for both

of us. We only remember the last point. We are more than happy. We are very proud of the fact we are here and won gold," Dipika said after the win. "Myself and Harinder have worked really, really hard to be

here at this moment, to be part of this team and to win the gold. We are very humbled to be in this position that we are right now." Both pairs were neck and neck in the opening game, with none of them able to hold on to the lead. Dipika kept fetching points with her fantastic forehand. The Indians saved two game points before taking the first game after Aifa erred in hitting a forehand. Malaysian Major S Maniam, the former India coach, was present in the Malaysian camp. Leading 9-3 in the second game, the Indian duo was on course for an easy win. But the Malaysians had other plans as they capitalised on Dipika and Harinder's slightly sluggish movement to take seven consecutive points and rise from 3-9 to 10-9. The encounter then became more tense as the 10-9 point had to played multiple time due to let (obstruction). The 34-year-old Harinder then hit two backhand winners to seal the fixture.

Indian women beat China 2-1 in Sepaktakraw

Hangzhou, Oct 05 (PTI):

Indian women's team defeated China 2-1 but the men's side lost to Thailand and Phillipines in its group in regu event of sepaktakraw competition at the Asian Games here on Thursday.

In women's regu preliminary event, India lost their first Group A match to Vietnam 0-2 (16-21, 10-21) in just 33 minutes but made a comeback beating hosts China 2-1 (8-21, 21-17, 21-15) at the Jinhua Sports Centre Gymnasium.

In men's regu preliminary event, India faced two straight defeats, going down 0-2 (12-21, 10-21) to Thailand before losing 0-2 (21-23, 17-21) to Phillipines. The men's team will lock horns with Myanmar in the Group B match on Friday.

India women lose to China 0-4 in semifinal

Hangzhou, Oct 05 (PTI):

Favourites India endured a forgettable 0-4 drubbing at the hands of China in the women's hockey semifinals, a result that not only pushed the team out of the gold medal race but also denied it a direct entry to the Paris Olympics.

Last edition's silver medallist India, the highest-ranked team in the tournament at world number seven, was no match to world number China, who were the bronze medallist in 2018 in Jakarta. Jiaqi Zhong (25th minute), Meirong Zou (40th), Meiyu Liang (55th) and Bingfeng Gu (60th) scored the goals for China.

China started on an attacking note put pressure on the Indian defence from the start. The Chinese managed to enter their opponent's circle on frequent basis but failed to find the back of the



net as the Indians defended stoutly. China's relentless pressure resulted in back-to-back penalty corners in the sixth minute but failed to get past India captain Savita in front of the goal.

The Indians looked completely out of sorts as the Chinese continued their domination.

China, on the other hand, earned their fifth penalty corner in the 25th minute and Zhong made no mistake to hand the hosts the slender lead at half-time. The Indians continued to play

disallowed for height and from the second chance Deep's try was saved by Chinese goalkeeper Jiao Ye.

The Indians finally started to put pressure on the Chinese defence but the attacks lacked sting.

However, India managed three more penalty corners, the second of which was converted by Udita but again the goal was disallowed for a raised ball.

The fourth and final quarter belonged to India but goals eluded them as all the 11 Chinese players fell deep to keep their lead intact.

With India going full-press, China took the opportunity with both hands and scored from a counter attack through Liang to drain the final nail on India's coffin.

In the final minute of the match China secured two more penalty corners, and Gu added salt to India's wound.

Tara, Ayush extend their winning streak at Badminton World Junior C'ships

New Delhi, Oct 05 (PTI):

Indian shuttlers Ayush Shetty and Tara Shah notched up impressive wins to advance to the round of 16 on day three of the BWF World Junior Championships in Spokane, USA on Thursday.

In girls' singles, Tara Shah, the third seed, secured a hard-fought victory against Canada's Alena Yu with scores of 23-21 21-16 in a closely contested battle that lasted 30 minutes. In boys' singles, Ayush showed great composure to register a 21-14, 13-21, 21-19 win over Indonesia's Muhammad Reza Al Fajri. In the mixed doubles category, the duo of Sathwik Reddy Kanapuram

and Vaishnavi Khadkekar faced Singapore's Nge Joo Jin and Xiao En Heng. Despite an initial setback, they staged a remarkable comeback and secured victory in the final game, with scores of 19-21, 21-10, 21-7.

In the other mixed doubles tie, Samarveer and Radhika Sharma defeated Bryan Jeremy Goonting and Chan Wen Tse of Malaysia 21-19, 21-18 in another close encounter. In the girls' singles category, Unnati Hooda was bested by the tournament's top seed Tomoka Miyazaki of Japan 13-21, 13-21, while in boys' singles, Tushar Suveer suffered a 16-21, 19-21 loss against Indonesia's Alwi Farhan, the fourth seed.

Hangzhou, Oct 05 (PTI):

A valiant HS Prannoy battled his way to the semifinals, becoming only the first Indian in 41 years to win a badminton medal in men's singles at the Asian Games but it was curtains for PV Sindhu in women's singles here on Thursday.

Playing with a taping on his lower back and a belt under his shirt, Prannoy battled severe back spasm to dish out a performance for the ages, outshining Malaysia's Lee Zii Jia 21-16 21-23 22-20 in the quarterfinals to assure India a second badminton medal at the ongoing Games.

India had won a silver in men's team championships last Sunday. "I think it was a really tough one out there. I think Lee is always a tough opponent. It was a



very physical match today for me," Prannoy said after the match. "I'm not at all in a condition where I could say I'm 80 per cent right. But I think to pull off

something like this, I would give a lot of credit to myself. I think the will to fight was always there. So I think that paid off." After fighting his way through a marathon 78

minute contest, the 31-year-old from Kerala fell on the court in disbelief. He then removed his shirt, fist-pumped and ran into the arms of chief coach Pulella Gopichand. Prannoy thus ended India's long wait for a men's singles medal at the Asian Games with Syed Modi winning the first - a bronze - at the 1982 edition in New Delhi. The world championships bronze medallist was ruled out of team championships final due to the back injury as India went down 2-3 to China to settle for a silver. Earlier in the day, two-time Olympic medallist Sindhu, who had won bronze and silver medals respectively in 2014 Incheon and 2018 Jakarta Asian Games, couldn't produced the goods against Bingjiao, whom she had defeated to win the bronze at the Tokyo Olympics.

Indian canoers and kayakers move to semis

Hangzhou, Oct 05 (PTI):

Indian canoers and kayakers enjoyed a good day in the office as all four of them moved to the semifinals in their respective events at the Asian Games here on Thursday.

Vishal Kewat moved to the men's canoe semifinal after finishing fourth in the second heats with a total time of 131.14 which included 12 penalty seconds. Shikha Chouhan advanced to the women's kayak semifinals with a time of 145.83, she was also handed 8 penalty seconds for a total time of 153.83. Hitesh (119.03s) and Shubham Kewat (122.98s) also progressed to the men's kayak semifinals after finishing 3rd and 4th respectively in the second heats.

Conway, Ravindra stun England in opening-night rout

Ahmedabad, Oct 05 (PTI):

In a thrilling World Cup opener in Ahmedabad, New Zealand exhibited a commanding performance as they cruised to a convincing nine-wicket victory over defending champions England. The match witnessed an exceptional partnership with Devon Conway and Rachin Ravindra scoring unbeaten centuries, stealing the limelight.

England, batting first, struggled immensely against New Zealand's bowlers, with Joe Root being the lone exception. They managed to post a total of 282 for 9, falling well short of their expected target. New Zealand's bowlers, aided by hot and humid conditions, showcased a collective effort to keep England in check on the Narendra Modi Stadium's placid surface.

Surprisingly, it was part-time spinner Glenn Phillips who made a significant impact, picking up crucial wickets, including the dismissal of Joe Root (77) and Moeen Ali (11). Mitchell Santner (10-0-37-2) and Matt Henry (10-1-48-3) also played pivotal roles in restricting England's scoring. The 2023 World Cup's



New Zealand's Devon Conway (L) celebrates with Rachin Ravindra after scoring 150 runs during the 2023 ICC men's cricket World Cup one-day international (ODI) match between England and New Zealand at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on October 5.

first runs came from a powerful six by Jonny Bairstow (33 off 35 balls) off Trent Boult's delivery, setting an early aggressive tone for England. However, England's initial

momentum quickly faded as Henry dismissed Dawid Malan (14), and Santner accounted for Bairstow. Harry Brook tried to infuse aggression, hitting Ravindra for two fours and

a six in the 18th over, but his aggressive approach backfired when he lost his wicket to Ravindra.

An inspired decision to introduce Phillips into the attack led to the dismissal of Moeen, who failed to negotiate the spin, and his wicket further hindered England's progress.

Despite a promising 70-run partnership between Root and Jos Buttler (43 from 42 balls), New Zealand's Henry managed to break through again, sending Root back to the pavilion. Buttler's wicket followed shortly after, as he edged a ball behind, unable to capitalize on his start. Joe Root's commendable effort, which included a stylish ramp shot for six, went in vain as he fell to Phillips' reverse sweep. England's lower-order batsmen struggled to make any significant contributions.

In the end, it was New Zealand's day as they confidently chased down the target, with Devon Conway (152*) and Rachin Ravindra (123*) showcasing their extraordinary batting skills. The victory marked a spectacular start for New Zealand in the tournament, putting them on a strong footing in the World Cup.

Pakistan seek to allay major concerns in World Cup opener

Hyderabad, Oct 05 (PTI):

Pakistan would be desperate to plug the gaping holes and hope their star players regain form when they open their World Cup campaign against a free spirited Netherlands here on Friday.

Following a pre-mature Asia Cup exit and defeats in the two warm-up games, Pakistan definitely need to raise their game to go deep in the ODI show-piece.

One of Pakistan's foremost concerns is their opening combination, which has struggled to make an impact. Imam-Ul-Haq, with an impressive ODI average of 50, needs to improve his strike rate of 82 on the flat Indian pitches. The dilemma lies in choosing between the out-of-form Fakhar Zaman and the inexperienced Abdullah Shafique as the opening partner for Imam.

On a brighter note, Pakistan can take solace in the fine form of their middle-order batsmen, captain Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan. Iftikhar Ahmed has also been in good form, but the inclusion of Salman Agha in the middle-order remains uncertain.

In terms of bowling, Pakistan's bowlers have



Pakistan's captain Babar Azam attends a practice session on the eve of their 2023 ICC men's cricket World Cup one-day international (ODI) match against Netherlands at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Hyderabad on October 5.

faced a challenging time in the warm-up matches. Injured Naseem Shah's absence puts more pressure on the experienced Hasan Ali, who will open the bowling alongside Shaheen Afridi. The performance of Haris Rauf is critical if Pakistan is to succeed.

Fielding has been a longstanding issue for Pakistan, and they must work on improving this aspect of their game. Adapting to the varied conditions in India will be another hurdle for the team, especially since they do not have the opportunity to play in the IPL like players from other teams.

Netherlands, the only associate team in the competition, should not be underestimated. Facing them early on allows Pakistan to assess their capabilities before taking on stronger opponents. Netherlands, with limited game time leading up to the World Cup, will rely on their semi-professional squad, with Wesley Barresi and Roelof van der Merwe being key players. Bas de Leede and Scott Edwards provide crucial contributions to their team, and Pakistan should be cautious of the underdog threat they pose.

Cricket World Cup

Australian players have a plan for Indian spinners, says Cummins

Chennai, Oct 05 (PTI):

Australia won the World Test Championship final defeating India at The Oval a few months back. Asked about his favourite tournament, he said, "I can say it's the Test Championship because we won that (chuckles). But, this one (CWC) happens every four years. It's been the longest and has a history of about 50 years. Whenever there's an ODI World Cup, it feels a little bit extra special." The skipper added no team competing in the World Cup was a pushover, adding that India, being the hosts, would be strong. "It's funny because you can make a case for every team. Obviously, India's strong at home, England won the last World Cup, New Zealand seems to be around every final in ICC events, South Africa has a really strong side, and Sri Lanka did well in the Asia Cup. "Once you look through the teams, Pakistan has also been really strong. It's gonna be tough, with just four teams making it to the semis."

WTC OR ODI WORLD CUP

Australia's captain, Pat Cummins, has expressed confidence in his team's ability to handle Indian spinners as they prepare for their opening Cricket World Cup match. The confidence comes on the heels of Australia's victory in the third ODI at Rajkot, which made the team feel well-prepared for the upcoming blockbuster clash in Chennai.

Cummins highlighted that their preparation involves training and that Australian players are experienced in facing Indian spinners, having played in India before and performed well. He mentioned that their batting order is familiar with most of the Indian bowlers and already has a plan in place.

The skipper acknowledged the team's confidence, especially after their win in the third ODI, which featured a lineup close to their strongest XI. Australia has historically performed well in ODIs in India, further boosting their confidence.



Cummins is counting on the aggressive opening batsman, David Warner, and the key player, Glenn Maxwell, to lead the team to success

a player to watch in the tournament. Australia's preparations for the World Cup have been comprehensive, including a five-match ODI series against South Africa and warm-up games against Pakistan and the Netherlands, all of which they won. Cummins feels that they have had enough game time to get their playing XI and the bench in shape.

Regarding his role as captain, Cummins admitted that he hasn't captained the side much in ODIs, but he is relying on the experienced players in the team to support him. He mentioned that he has been learning from his teammates and is confident in his ability to make on-field decisions and lead the team effectively, despite the limited experience as captain. In summary, Australia is well-prepared and confident in their approach to the World Cup, particularly in dealing with Indian spinners. With key players in form and a strong support system, they are poised for a successful campaign in the tournament.

Australia just have one specialist spinner in Adam Zampa, and would be relying heavily on all-rounder Glenn Maxwell for his slow-bowling expertise. "Max (Maxwell) is a key player for us. He has got an amazing knock; even if he misses out with the bat, he contributes with the ball and vice-versa." "In all three facets, he seems to pull off a match-winning move. He had a couple of really good warm-up games and looks right on form, so expect him to be constructive." After India, Australia will take on South Africa, Sri Lanka and Pakistan, and Cummins felt a winning start would be crucial to get the momentum going. "There are nine round games, so you gotta make sure that you are absolutely peaking for those. And, everything you do in between is about getting right for those nine games. "Our training sessions might be long, but we do get days off that allow us to recover and prepare better for the upcoming games," he added.

JUST ONE SPECIALISED SPINNER

BJP, Cong indulge in poster war on social media

New Delhi, Oct 05 (PTI):

The poster war between the Congress and the BJP intensified on social media on Thursday with the ruling party sharing a poster on X portraying Rahul Gandhi as a "new age Ravana", evoking strong criticism from the opposition party which termed it as "unacceptable" and "downright dangerous".

The poster came out a day after the Congress posted on X a picture of Prime Minister Narendra Modi with the caption "The Biggest Liar" and another calling him a "Jumla Boy", who was "Going to hit the election rally soon". In a sharp retort, the BJP on its official handle on X shared a poster of Gandhi with several heads with the title "Bharat Khatre Mein Hai - A Congress party production. Directed by George Soros". "The new age Ravan is here. He is Evil. Anti Dharma. Anti Ram. His aim is to destroy Bharat."



A combination of posters shows PM Narendra Modi and HM Amit Shah as 'Jumla Boy' (L) and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi as 'Ravana'.

the BJP said on X. This evoked a strong reaction from the Congress general secretary in charge of communications Jairam Ramesh, who said, it is intended to incite and provoke violence against the former Congress chief whose father and grandmother were assassinated by forces that want to divide India. "What is the real intent of an atrocious graphic portraying Rahul Gandhi as Ravana by the BJP's official handle? It is clearly intended to incite and provoke violence

against a Congress MP and a former President of the party, whose father and grandmother were assassinated by forces that want to divide India," he said in a post on X. "It is one thing for the PM to give evidence daily of being a pathological liar and of suffering from a narcissistic personality disorder. But for him to get his party to produce something this obnoxious is not just completely unacceptable, but is downright dangerous," Ramesh said.

Odisha artist creates micro sculptures of captains

Berhampur, Oct 05 (PTI):

A 21-year-old chalk carving artist of Odisha's Berhampur has carved an intricate miniature trophy of ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 and the images of the captains of 10 participating teams in chalk.

The opening match of the world cup started between England and New Zealand at the Narendra Modi stadium in Ahmedabad on Thursday. K Bijaya Kumar Reddy has carved these miniature sculptures in chalk to welcome the teams for the world cup and to bring the world cricket to life in the form of chalk art through his craftsmanship.

The height of each of the chalk-art sculptures, including the trophy, is merely one inch. He has used the water colour to make these more attractive. "After the declaration of the teams and their captains to participate in the cricket world cup, I have chalked out a plan to carve the images of their captains and the trophy in chalks. I took around 15 days to meticulously craft each piece," Reddy said. The chalk carving images of

the captains including Rohit Sharma (India), Babar Azam (Pakistan), Jos Butler (England), Kane Williamson (New Zealand), Temba Bavuma (South Africa), Pat Cummins (Australia), Dasun Shanaka (Sri Lanka), Hashmatullah Shahidi (Afghanistan), Scott Edwards (Netherlands), Shakib Ali Hasan (Bangladesh) and also the trophy were made by Reddy.

After giving the finishing touches to each of his miniature sculptures, he has displayed all of these in his home, which attracts several cricket and art lovers. Earlier, Reddy had carved a mini sculpture of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, logo of Mann Ki Baat and its mike in chalk on the occasion of the 100th episode of the prime minister's monthly radio show in April and got appreciation for his craftsmanship from the Prime Minister's Office and some other union ministers. He had also erected the chalk art of Odisha Governor Ganeshi Lal and a pictorial booklet of former vice president M Venkai Naidu.

Modi slams Cong for praising 'only one family' for development

Jabalpur, Oct 05 (PTI):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday hit out at the Congress for eulogizing "only one family", saying that the country did not get independence or achieve development solely because of it. He was speaking after laying the foundation stone of Veerangana Rani Durgavati Memorial and Garden here and other projects. He also inaugurated a slew of development projects in the poll-bound Madhya Pradesh on this occasion. "The party that remained in power for decades has done only one thing, just eulogizing one family. Neither the nation got its independence because of just one family, nor did it develop because of them," Modi said at the public meeting, without naming the Congress or the Gandhi family. His government honoured icons like Dr B R Ambedkar, Sant Ravidas, Rani Kamlapati by constructing memorials, he said. Referring to the technological advance-

ment of the country, Modi said the names of some 11 crore non-existing persons were removed from government records as benefits were being availed of in their names. "This figure (11 crore) is more than the population of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh," he said. His government formed the triumvirate of Jan Dhan bank accounts, Aadhaar number and mobile connection to decimate the "corrupt network of Congress" and

prevent the theft of more than Rs 2.5 lakh crore, and that was the reason Opposition parties were feeling a heartburn, the prime minister said.

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