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India thrash Japan 5-1 to reclaim Asian Games gold in men's hockey



Hangzhou, Oct 06 (PTI):

A dominant Indian men's hockey team thrashed defending champions Japan 5-1 to reclaim the Asian Games gold medal after nine years and qualify for next year's Paris Olympics here on Friday. The Indians, who had to be content with a bronze medal in the last edition in Jakarta, thus won their fourth Asian Games gold and first since the 2014 Incheon edition.

India's other gold medals came in 1966 and 1998, both times in Bangkok. Harmanpreet Singh (32nd, 59th minutes) scored a brace through penalty corners, Amit Rohidas (36th) also sounded the board from a set-piece, while Manpreet Singh (25th) and Abhishek (48th) found the net from field efforts to register the famous victory for India. Seren Tanaka converted a penalty corner for Japan in the 51st minutes.

Priyanka promises caste survey in Chh'garh

If Congress retains power after polls

Kanker, Oct 06 (PTI)

Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Friday said if her party retains power in Chhattisgarh after the upcoming assembly polls, a caste census will be carried out in the state on the lines of a similar exercise conducted in Bihar.

Addressing 'Nagariya Nikaay Evam Panchayati Raj Mahasammelen', an event of the Congress government in Chhattisgarh's Kanker district, she also promised 10 lakh houses for the poor if her party gets elected again in the polls due by the year-end.

Hitting out at the BJP-led government at the Centre, Gandhi alleged it is for the rich and has no concern for the poor or the middle class.

"If the Congress party is once again elected to power in Chhattisgarh, a caste census will be carried out in the state on the lines of a caste survey conducted in Bihar. I have spoken to (Chief Minister Bhupesh) Baghel ji in this regard," she said.

Citing results of Bihar's caste survey, Gandhi said 84 per cent of the population of that state compris-



Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi addresses during the Panchayati Raj Mahasammelen, in Kanker, Friday.

SC questions Bihar govt on publishing caste survey numbers

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Friday questioned the Bihar government as to why it published its caste survey data but refused to restrain it from making public further data, and said it may examine if the state has power to conduct such an exercise. A bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and S V N Bhatti issued a formal notice on a batch of pleas challenging the August 1 order of the Patna High Court that gave the go-ahead for the caste survey in Bihar. The SC bench listed the matter in January, 2024. It rejected the petitioners' contention that the state government has already published some data preempting a stay. They sought a complete stay on further publication of data. "We are not staying anything at this moment. We cannot stop the state government or any government from taking a policy decision. That would be wrong. We are going to examine the other issue regarding the power of the state government to conduct this exercise," the bench said.

es people belonging to Other Backward Classes, Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes. "Is the strength of people belonging to OBC, SC, ST communities in top posts 84 per cent? Don't they have rights? Why can't there be a caste census? It must be carried out," she said.

The ruling party's announcement is being seen as a major move to woo Other Backward Classes (OBC), who account for about 45 per cent of the state's population, in run up to the polls.

Taking a dig at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Congress leader said guarantees given by him are just hollow promises.

"What happened to Modi's guarantee of depositing Rs 15 lakh into bank accounts of every citizen and of generating crores of jobs? Whenever a question is asked, Modi ji gives a new guarantee. His guarantees are hollow guarantees," she said.

Gandhi said the BJP-led government at the Centre has weakened farmers in the country. Farmers in the country are earning just Rs 27 per day, while Adani and other industrialists are making Rs 1,600 crore per day, she said.

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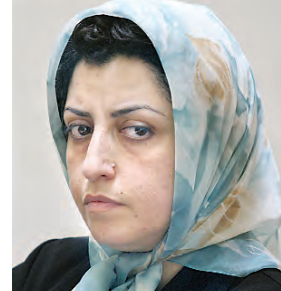
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Jailed Iranian activist Narges Mohammadi wins the Nobel Peace Prize

■ For fighting women's oppression

Oslo, Oct 06 (AP):

Imprisoned Iranian activist Narges Mohammadi won the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday in recognition of her tireless campaigning for women's rights and democracy and against the death penalty. Mohammadi, 51, has kept up her activism despite numerous arrests by Iranian authorities and spending years behind bars. "This prize is first and foremost a recognition of the very important work of a whole movement in Iran with its undisputed leader, Narges Mohammadi," said Berit Reiss-Andersen, the



Narges Mohammadi

chair of the Norwegian Nobel Committee who announced the prize in Oslo. She said the committee hopes the prize "is an encouragement to continue the work in whichever form this movement finds to be fitting." She also urged Iran to release Mohammadi in time for the prize ceremony on December 10.

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'Panchayati Raj system has empowered women to a great extent'

CM addresses in Nagriy Nikaay Avam Panchayati Raj Mahasammelan, Kanker



CM Bhupesh Baghel extended a traditional welcome to Priyanka Gandhi with a 'Gaur Sing Mukut' and both Priyanka Gandhi and CM Baghel were also welcomed with 'Gajmalas'.

between sons and daughters in the state. He also shared the ongoing efforts to strengthen the Panchayati system, including the implementation of the PESA law and the return of tribal land in Lohandiguda by the state government.

The Chief Minister highlighted the state government's efforts towards tribal development, such as an increase in tendupata collection, the purchase of 67 minor forest produce at MSP, and the creation of employment opportunities for two lakh women. Additionally, he also mentioned the establishment

of 300 industrial parks in the state. He shared that the Chhattisgarh Government is following the path paved by Mahatma Gandhi. He mentioned the launch of the Millet Mission in the state and the production of 22 food items in N a t h i y a n a w a g a o n .

Providing fair pricing for farmers' products is a key focus for the state government. Mr. Baghel recalled the decision of the tribal people to entrust the coal field to the government rather than to private hands like Jamshed Ji Tata. Former Prime Minister Mr. Nehru start-

ed the construction of the Bhilai Steel Plant. He underscored the importance of public enterprises as national assets and shared the state government's consistent efforts for the overall progress and prosperity of the people.

Assembly Speaker Dr. Charandas Mahant, Deputy Chief Minister T.S. Singh Deo, former Union Minister Kumari Selja, School Education Minister Ravindra Choubey, Food Minister Amarjeet Bhagat, UAD Minister Dr. Shiv Kumar Dahariya, Scheduled Caste and others were presents.

Important announcements made by CM

- Announcement to implement the Old Pension scheme in place of the New pension scheme for about 10 thousand employees appointed in state power companies on and after April 1, 2004.
- Announcement to increase promotion to the posts of Police Sub Inspectors from 33 percent to 40 percent.
- Agriculture College Pakhanjur to be named after former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.
- Announcement of appointments for teachers teaching in local dialects like Halbi, Gondi, Surgujia, Bhatra, and Bangla.
- Construction of a high-level bridge on the Mahanadi River in Charama development block Tanhkapar.
- Widening of the Kanker Narharpur road to be completed soon.
- Establishment of a tribal library.
- Construction of a bridge from Antagarh to Ghoragaon, Anjari Road

TRAFFIC CONGESTION



With patch work of road left untarred and barricading is resulting in huge traffic jam in city just few days before the festive season.

EPFO 'Pension Adalat' on Oct 10

Raipur, Oct 06: Employees' Provident Fund Organisation, Regional Office, Raipur, Chhattisgarh organizes 'Pension Adalat' programme for redressal of the grievances received from pensioners by the Regional P.F. Commissioner. The time schedule of the programme scheduled for

10th October 2023 is as under - EPF Pensioner - 11.00 am to 01.00 pm at Venue- Conference Hall, 1st Floor, Bhawisyanidhi Bhawan, Pandri, Raipur. The concerned pensioners are requested to send their specific grievance before 10.10.2023 positively through postal mode super scribing "Pension Adalat" on the envelope or by pres-

ent on the date. It should also be noted that the complete PF Account number/ PPO number and other necessary and relevant service details/particulars along with available documentary evidences in support of the grievance should explicitly be mentioned/enclosed. All the concerned are requested to avail this opportunity.

Bhu App BJP's admission of its corruption: Cong

Says 100% amount of Bhupesh gov't schemes goes into the accounts of the beneficiaries

Raipur, Oct 06: Responding to BJP's Bhu app, Pradesh Congress Communication Department President Sushil Anand Shukla said that corruption is the nature of BJP. The BJP people who looted the state for

15 years only see corruption, he said. Under the rule of BJP, ministers used to ask for bribe in dollars, he alleged and said that in such a situation it seemed ridiculous to see BJP accusing an honest government of corruption. According to Shukla cent percent of the funds from the schemes of the Congress government goes directly into the accounts of the beneficiaries. Why is BJP silent on the corruption of Rs 1 lakh crore of

Raman government, CSC scam worth Rs 36000 crore, Liquor scam worth Rs 4400 crore and Chit fund scam worth Rs 6000 crore? Shukla asked.

In Indira Priyadarshini Bank scam, the main accused has admitted in his narco test of bribing former Chief Minister Raman Singh and Brijmohan Agrawal, he said, adding that there were 34 scams in the 15 years of BJP rule. When it comes to investigating

them, the BJP people become speechless, he said.

Shukla said that BJP's lies on the coal scam of Rs 1.76 crore have been exposed. During the Modi regime, there was a loss of Rs 25,000 crore in the auction of the same coal blocks on which BJP had raised questions as compared to the Manmohan Singh government. 2G, 3G scam in BJP's fraudulent propaganda has been declared as imaginary in the court, he added.

Cabinet approves OPS for CSPC employees

In compliance to CM's announcement in Kanker's sammelan today Dismal procedure of Health employees declared void

Raipur, Oct 06: A Cabinet Meeting was held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel at his official residence here on Friday evening and in this many important decisions were taken. The Cabinet has decided to constitute State Mahua Board in Chhattisgarh to promote the collection, value addition, processing and utilization of Mahua. It is known that Mahua trees are found in abundance in the state of Chhattisgarh. Mahua flower are not only edible but have medicinal properties as well, while the seeds of Mahua are a good source of healthy fats. Considering the abundance of availability and uses of Mahua in the state, and Mahua being the main source of livelihood for the people living in forest areas, it is necessary to pay special attention towards the production, col-



lection, processing and value addition of Mahua flowers, fruits and seeds. Promoting the processing of Mahua is important as it would further pave the path for establishment of biodiesel or ethanol production units. To attain these objectives, State Mahua Board has been established.

Cabinet has given instant approval on the announcement of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel: At the "Nagriy Nikaay Avam Panchayati Raj Mahasammelan" organized in Govindpur, Kanker today Chief Minister announced restoring of the old pension scheme in place of the contributory pension scheme for the officers and employees of Chhattisgarh State Power

Companies (CSPC) who were appointed on or after January 1, 2004. Following up on Chief Minister's announcement, Cabinet has approved the restoring of the old pension scheme in place of the contributory pension scheme. About 10 thousand officers and employees of State Power Companies will benefit from this decision.

The amendments contained in the draft of Chhattisgarh Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 2023 were approved. Cabinet has decided to provide relaxation in the prescribed criteria for making Gram Panchayat Bhoring, District-Mahasamund a Nagar Panchayat. Cabinet has decided to provide relaxation in the prescribed

criteria for upgrading Nagar Panchayat Ambargarh Chowki to Municipality. Cabinet has provided relaxation in the prescribed criteria for making Nagar Panchayat Navagarh, District-Bemetara a Municipal Council.

Cabinet has taken the decision to declare the dismissal proceedings against the officers and employees involved in the strike of the Health Department as void under the ESMA Act. Cabinet has decided to give concession in premium, annual land rent, environment cess and infrastructure cess on the land allotted to Shri Kalyan Seva Ashram, Amarkantak for the construction of Sanskar Study School, Hospital and Cowshed for the welfare of tribal and backward class in Chhattisgarh.

Cabinet has decided to upgrade 1 post of Joint Director, as approved for deputation in Marked from the Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection Department, to the post of Additional Director. Cabinet has decided to create two posts of Additional Director in Directorate of Public Instruction, Chhattisgarh Raipur.

BJP alleges irregularities, discrimination in 'patta' allotment



Stages demonstration

Raipur, Oct 06: Just before the elections, tremendous anger is being seen among the poor because of the way the Congress government is distributing land 'pattas', alleged Bharatiya Janata Party today. According to it people have taken to the streets and there is panic in the poor settlements. In just two-four days, the code of conduct is going to come into force and now the 'pattas' are being distributed by the state government, but a discriminatory attitude has been

tributed caused widespread resentment among the poor. The entire process is just a disorganized and being carried out in haste in view of upcoming elections, he said. The Congress government is not trying to oblige the poor but instead is trying to confuse them, due to which there is a lot of anger among the poor, said Vishwakarma, adding that Congress representatives will have to face its consequence in the upcoming elections. Mandal President Bhupendra Singh Thakur said that the corporation and the district administration are working like agents of the Congress government. Common people complained that those who had got the 'patta' earlier are being invalidated, BJP leaders said adding that the common poor have been left out of the survey list for 'patta' distribution.

adopted even among the poor, the party said. In view of the public anger, the leaders of Bharatiya Janata Party Tatyapara Mandal area along with the citizens of the poor settlements staged demonstration in Municipal Corporation's Zone 7 Commissionerate and protested against impractical patta distribution methods.

Former Speaker of Raipur Municipal Corporation, Prafull Vishwakarma, while addressing the citizens who came to protest, said that Congress government's faulty policy in 'patta' dis-



Permanent 'pattas' distributed in ward No. 66

Raipur, Oct 06: Permanent distribution of 'pattas' was done in ward No. 66 of Zone-5 of RMC in Vamam Rao Lakhe ward. In this programme, Khubchand Block President Prashant Thengdi, Zone President and corporator Mannu Vijeta Yadavji, Chabikant Dubey, YC Block President Bhupendra Jalkshatri, Johan Patle, Shyam Jha, Vishal Thakur, Purshottam Vishwakarma were present.

Amity University Ch'garh organises two-day Hackathon

Raipur, Oct 06: Innovation, in the opinion of Professor Piyush Kant Pandey, Vice Chancellor of Amity University Chhattisgarh, is more than just having original ideas; it also entails putting those ideas into practise. Amity supports the students and future entrepreneurs with the resources they need to make their dreams a reality and convert their ideas into successful enterprises.

He was giving a speech at the beginning of the two-day Internal Smart India Hackathon (SIH-23) in the premises of Amity University Chhattisgarh. Abhishek Ranjan Kumar, the Innovation Officer for the Indian Government's Ministry of Education was present online during the occasion. He is the Incubator of States of Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, and Kerala as well as the Central and South-Western regions of India.

He emphasised that how important a role Amity University and other educational institutions play in defining the future course of innovation in India. "Amity University," he said, "continuously places a strong empha-



sis on fostering innovations and startups." This unwavering commitment will lead to success since it is so steadfast. He commended Amity for consistently receiving the highest ratings and for acting as a mentor to five other institutes in five different states as part of the mentor-mentee initiative run by the IIC.

The Vice-chancellor stated "It's encouraging to see over 85 teams, totalling 480 participants, have come together with the shared purpose of innovating for a better tomorrow." Then he urged the audience to "Address the real-time challenges that our society is facing." Permit your innovations to be the catalyst for change. Amity is always prepared to support and amplify original ideas, and we will keep doing so.

The Deputy Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Surendra Rahamatkar, underlined the connection between innovation and entrepreneurship and how it benefits both. The statement he made was, "In the world we live in today, innovation is not just about coming up with new ideas; it's about turning those ideas into real solutions." "Innovation is not limited to the generation of original ideas."

Professor Dr. Sumita Dave, the Deputy Pro-Vice-Chancellor, stressed the significance of innovation in advancing progress in her speech, stating that "Innovation is the lifeline of progress." Every new business endeavour serves as an example of how the human spirit aspires to make the world a better place.

The Deputy Dean of Academics, Dr. Roshan Mathew, gave a complete report on the entire SIH-23.

Dr. Ramgopal Kashyap, who also served as the event's organiser, gave the vote of thanks. In the program Dr. Rika Sharma, Associate Professor Amity School of Engineering Technology, Dr. Sushant Singh Associate Professor Amity Institute of Biotechnology, Dr. Sanjay Sharma, Assistant Professor Amity School of Engineering Technology, Advin Manhar, Assistant Professor Amity School of Engineering Technology, Dr. Goldi Soni Assistant Professor Amity School of Engineering Technology, Dr. Shikha Tiwari Assistant Professor Amity School of Engineering Technology, Dr. V. Balasubramanian, Assistant Professor, Amity Institute of Biotechnology, Dr. Arunima Sur, Assistant Professor Amity Institute of Biotechnology, Dr. Imran Nadeem Siddiqui Assistant Professor Amity Business School and Dr. Poonam Mishra Assistant Professor Amity School of Applied Science played very crucial role.

Flight service from Raipur to Jaisalmer to start from Oct 29

More than 18 lakh passengers flew in nine months

Raipur, Oct 06: The movement of air passengers is now continuously increasing. In the last nine months this year, more than 18 lakh air passengers boarded from Swami Vivekananda Airport. In this way, there has been movement of more than two lakh air passengers every month. In comparison to the nine months last year, there was an increase of 3,41,242 passengers in the nine months this year.



port. It will be easy to travel to Jaisalmer from Raipur from October month-end. As per information Indigo Airlines is starting connecting flights to Jaisalmer and Durgapur from October 29. Along with this, connecting flights are also starting from Raipur to Bhubaneswar.

According to the information, flight number 2191 from Raipur to Delhi will take off from Raipur to Delhi at 9.20 am. After this, flight number 2101 from

Delhi to Jaisalmer will take off at 12.45 pm and reach Jaisalmer at 14.25 pm. Flight number 2102 will take off from Jaisalmer for Delhi at 14.55 pm and reach Delhi at 16.15 pm. After this, flight number 859 will take off from Delhi to Raipur at 19.00 pm and will reach Raipur at 20.45 pm. Airlines can also offer flights from Raipur to Rajkot and Jaipur during the festive season itself. It is being informed that a schedule is also being made for this in the winter season. Also, possibilities are being seen as to how much traffic will be received from Raipur for these areas. By the end of this year, 13 flights can be parked simultaneously at Raipur airport, for this four new parking ways are being built.

Funds came from China to disrupt India's sovereignty

Delhi Police FIR against NewsClick

New Delhi, Oct 06 (PTI):

The Delhi Police has alleged that a large sum of funds came from China to disrupt India's sovereignty and cause disaffection against the country as part of a "larger criminal conspiracy", according to an FIR filed under anti-terror law UAPA following allegations against the NewsClick portal.

It said the foreign fund was fraudulently infused by Neville Roy Singham, an active member of Communist Party of China. The Delhi

Police served a copy of the FIR to the portal on Friday, a day after a city court directed it to do so.

"Chinese telecom giants like Xiami, Vivo etc, incorporated thousands of shell companies in India in violation of the PMLA (Prevention of Money Laundering Act), FEMA (Foreign Exchange Management Act), for illegally infusing foreign funds in India in furtherance of this conspiracy," the police has alleged in the FIR.

It alleges that a person named Gautam Bhatia (key person) conspired to create a legal community network in India to put up a spirited defense in legal cases

against these Chinese telecom companies in return for benefits by these firms.

However, police have not mentioned further details about Bhatia.

In a statement on Monday, NewsClick criticised the government action after the Delhi Police's Special Cell raids at premises related to it and its journalists. "We strongly condemn these actions of a government that refuses to respect journalistic independence and treats criticism as sedition or 'anti-national' propaganda." The police FIR alleged that Gautam Navlakha, a shareholder in PPK NewsClick Studio Pvt Ltd since its in-

ception in the year 2018, remained involved in anti-Indian and unlawful activities such as actively supporting banned Naxal organisations and having anti-national nexus with Gulam Nabi Fai, an ISI agent.

On August 17 this year, police registered an FIR under Sections 13 (punishment for unlawful activity), 16 (punishment for making demands of radioactive substances, nuclear devices, etc), 17 (punishment for funding terrorist act), 18 (punishment for conspiracy) and 22C (punishment for offences by companies, societies or trusts) of UAPA and sections.

DURGA PUJA PREPARATIONS



Artists make a community Puja Pandal for the upcoming Durga Puja festival, in Kolkata, Friday.

7 killed in blaze at Mumbai high-rise

Mumbai, Oct 06 (PTI)

Seven people, including two minors, were killed and more than 60 injured after a fire swept through a residential building in Mumbai's Goregaon area in the early hours of Friday, a civic official said. Five of the injured are in critical condition.

Hours later, the city's fire brigade chief said the building had no firefighting system.

As many as 30 residents were rescued from the terrace and various floors of the seven-storey struc-

ture, he said. Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde condoned the loss of life in the fire and announced an ex gratia of Rs 5 lakh for the kin of each of the deceased. The CM said that those injured in the fire would be treated at government expense.

The blaze started around 3 am at Jay Bhavani SRA building near Azad Maidan at Umat Nagar in Goregaon West, said an official from the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC). It had a lot of old

clothes on the ground floor, they said. A total of 68 residents were rushed to various hospitals. While 42 were admitted to the civic-run HBT Trauma Care hospital at Jogeshwari and 15 to BMC-run Cooper Hospital at Juhu, 11 were taken to three private hospitals, civic officials said.

Of these, seven including two minors and as many women died six at Trauma Care and one at Cooper. The condition of five others is critical. Nine took discharge against medical advice, they said.

Poster row in Rajasthan: Farmer says BJP misused his picture

Jaisalmer/Jaipur, Oct 06 (PTI):

A controversy erupted on Friday over a BJP poster claiming that thousands of Rajasthan farmers lost their land for defaulting on loans. A farmer whose picture appears in it said the party misused his photo.

The son of the farmer said neither has his family's land been auctioned nor does it have a debt.

Hitting out at the BJP over the issue, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said it has been exposed.

There was no immediate reaction from the BJP.

The BJP has released the poster as part of its poll campaign 'Nahi Sahega Rajasthan'. The poster, which shows the photo of a farmer and claims that the land of more than 19,000 farmers in Rajasthan was auctioned after they failed to repay their bank loans, has been plastered in several parts of the state.

Madhuram Jaipal (70) of Jaisalmer said the BJP has misused his picture in the poster.

Rahul Gandhi's claim about wage revision of railway coolies fraudulent, misleading: BJP

New Delhi, Oct 06 (PTI):

The BJP on Friday accused Rahul Gandhi of posting "fraudulent and misleading" claim on social media in his bid to take credit for a hike in the wages of railway coolies.

The BJP's reaction came after Gandhi shared a media report on X on the hike in the wages of coolies and wrote, "It is good to see that the Indian Railways and the government have listened to the voice of my

coolie brothers." Gandhi also shared his photographs with coolies clicked during his visit to Anand Vihar railway station in Delhi.

Reacting to the Congress leader's post, BJP IT department head Amit Malviya wrote on the microblogging site, "Indian Railways and the government listen to coolie brothers every two years. Rahul Gandhi's tweet, which is meant to seek credit, is fraudulent and misleading." Sharing on X, formerly Twitter, a copy of the

Northern Railway's recent order on the revision of portage rates, the BJP leader said there is a process for wage revision of coolies and it is followed every year.

"The order gives dates, when wage revision exercise was done in different divisions of Northern Railway. Out of the total 5 divisions, 4 divisions had done this wage revision even before Rahul Gandhi visited Anand Vihar station on September 21," Malviya said.

BRIEF

Jawan killed

Latur: A 41-year-old jawan of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) was run over by an unidentified vehicle in Maharashtra's Latur district, police said on Friday. The accident occurred on Latur-Nanded Highway around 6.30 am on Thursday, an official said. Lingubheru Ravi (41), a resident of Srikakulam in Andhra Pradesh, was run over by an unidentified vehicle between Bhatangali and Mamdapur villages on the highway and was killed on the spot, he said.

G20 Summit

New Delhi: India will raise all issues with the Canadian speaker of the Senate during the upcoming Parliament-20 meeting of the G20 nations' presiding officers scheduled here next week, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said on Friday.

Court Inquiry

Rajouri (J-K): The army has initiated a Court of Inquiry against a major-rank officer who allegedly opened fire on his colleagues and exploded grenades inside a camp in the Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Friday. At least five personnel, including three officers, were injured in the Thursday incident at the Neeli post near Thanamandi.

Ensure polls are violence-free: CEC Kumar to poll observers

New Delhi, Oct 06 (PTI)

Ahead of announcing the schedule for assembly elections in five states, the Election Commission on Friday held a meeting of observers with Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar asking them to ensure that the menace of money power is controlled thoroughly.

The day-long meeting of EC's police, general and expenditure observers was aimed at streamlining strategy to ensure that the model code is implemented effectively and money and muscle power does not disturb the level playing field. Assembly polls are likely to be held in Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana, Mizoram and Rajasthan in November-December. Kumar told PTI Video that the observers were "directed to ensure that the polls are violence-free and the menace of money power is controlled thoroughly".



Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar with Election Commissioners Anup Chandra Pandey and Arun Goel during the Observers' Briefing Meeting at the Constitution Club of India, in New Delhi, Friday.

Freebies ahead of polls

SC takes note of PIL, seeks responses from MP, Rajasthan govts

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday sought response of the Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan governments on a PIL alleging distribution of freebies to voters ahead of assembly polls in both states. A bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra also issued notices to the Centre, the Election Commission and the Reserve

Bank of India on the PIL, which also alleged that taxpayers' monies are misused by the two state governments to lure voters. "There can be nothing more atrocious than the government distributing cash before the polls. This is happening every time and the burden is on the taxpayers ultimately," the lawyer representing the petitioner said.

'Left Wing Extremism will be totally eliminated from country in 2 years'

New Delhi, Oct 06 (PTI)

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said Left Wing Extremism will be totally eliminated from the country in two years.

Charging a meeting to review the security situation in LWE-affected states, Shah also said year 2022 witnessed the lowest number of incidents of violence and deaths in Naxal-hit areas in last four decades.

Left Wing Extremism will be totally eliminated from the country in two years, he said. "Naxalism is a curse to humanity and we are resolved to uproot it in all its forms," he said. Officials said violent incidents in Naxal-affected states have come down by 77 per cent in 2022 in comparison to the high of 2010. The review meeting was attended by the chief ministers of Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand; Maharashtra



Union Home Minister Amit Shah chairs a review meeting on Left Wing Extremism, in New Delhi, Friday.

200 CISF personnel inducted to guard nuclear fuel complex

New Delhi, Oct 06 (PTI):

A contingent of 200 armed Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel has been inducted at the nuclear fuel complex located at Rawatbhata in Rajasthan for providing a counter-terrorist protection cover. The central paramilitary force is mandated to secure critical assets under the department of atomic energy (DAE) and the latest facility is the 18th under its security umbrella, a CISF spokesperson said. The 200 personnel contingent, led by a deputy commandant rank CISF officer, took charge on Thursday after a formal ceremony, he said. The nuclear fuel complex is relentlessly fuelling the nuclear power programme of India and to meet the fuel requirement of the upcoming nuclear reactors NFC Hyderabad is setting up a new facility, NFC-Kota at Rawatbhata, the spokesperson said.

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State government is working as per ideas of Swami Atmanand: CM

**Bhilai, Oct 06:**

On Friday, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel gifted several development projects to the residents of Patan assembly constituency. He inaugurated and performed bhoomipujan of 768 development works in Patan. He inaugurated 137 projects worth Rs 55.40 crore and performed bhoomipujan for 631 projects worth Rs 32.23 crore.

On his arrival at Patan, the Chief Minister paid tributes by garlanding the statue of Swami Atmanand at Atmanand Chowk in Patan. Patan Nagar Panchayat President Bhupendra Satya, Vice President Baldu Bhal, Chhattisgarh Karmakar Ship Board President Tarun Bijora and Chhattisgarh Khadi Village Industries Board member Hemant Dewangan were present. Addressing the gathering,

Chief Minister said that on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Swami Atmanand ji, he laid the foundation stone of several development works. The changes that have taken place in the last 5 years are visible now. Adequate arrangements for water and electricity were made. Along with the infrastructural development, the state has witnessed development in all economic, social, educational and cultural fields. While paying tribute to Swami Atmanand, CM that Swami Atmanand embodied the spirit of Swami Ramakrishna Paramhansa on the land of Chhattisgarh and awakened the values of human service and education. 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 oppressed sections of the society. He spent the

money collected to establish the monastery and the Ashram to serve the famine victims and for relief work. The CM said that Swami Atmanand has made a huge contribution to Chhattisgarh as a social reformer and educationist. The work done by him in the field of human service is exemplary and inspiring. He described service to suffering humanity as the greatest religion. The state government is working as per his ideals and ideas. Swami Atmanand 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 English and Hindi medium schools are operating



in remote areas including rural areas in the state. In this series, Swami Atmanand English Medium Colleges are also being opened to provide quality higher education to the students. Taking this initiative further, the state government has started the Swami Atmanand Coaching Center Scheme. With this scheme, children from poor and remote areas can get all the opportunities to move forward with quality education. Through this scheme, free coaching will also be given to class 12th students in government schools for competitive examinations of engineering and medical through 150 coaching centers in 146 development block headquarters of the state including 4 cities, Raipur, Durg, Bilaspur and Korba.

Chief Minister said that Swami Atmanand established the Abujamad project to give respect to the tribals and to provide them fair prices for their produce. Efforts have been made to improve the condition of the forest dwellers by opening a Forest Dwellers Service Center in Narayanpur. Following his footsteps, the state government has also set a record at the national level by purchasing forest produce from forest dwellers at reasonable prices. Swami Ji started providing nutritious food to pregnant mothers during times of famine so that children do not become malnourished. The state government has launched the Chief Minister Malnutrition Campaign with a pledge to make Chhattisgarh free from malnutrition by arranging hot meals for women and children. Chief Minister said that the thoughts, values and service of Swami Atmanand will always inspire to help the needy people.

Cloth merchant duped of Rs 3.5 lakh in fake foreign currency exchange

● Police nabs three natives of West Bengal

Bhilai, Oct 06:

Police arrested three persons on charges of smuggling Malaysian currency and duping a cloth merchant in a fake foreign currency exchange scam. The accused hail from West Bengal and had lured a local cloth merchant to exchange Malaysian currency at a very low price. Initially they gave some real currency notes and later used the fake Malaysian notes to dupe the businessman. The accused were arrested by a joint team of Supela Police Station and ACCU.

ASP (City) Sanjay Dhruv informed that they had received a complaint from Raju Jain, who is a resident of Bhilai 03 and runs a clothes shop. Few days ago, the three accused Abdul Rauf Khan, Saiful and Akash Malik visited his shop and bought some clothes. Later they showed a Malaysian currency note of 50 Ringgit denomination and informed Raju Jain that this note of worth Rs 800. The accused stated that they want to exchange 1660 notes of 50 Ringgit denominations with Indian Rupees at a very low price. Jain fell prey to their trap and a deal was finalised to exchange 1660 Malaysian notes for Rs 3.5 lakhs. The accused exchanged the notes



with the victim at Gada Chowk in Supela. Later the victim discovered that there were no currency notes in the bag and it was filled with garbage. The victim immediately rushed to Supela Police Station and lodged an FIR.

Under the guidance of Superintendent of Police (Durg) Shalabh Kumar Sinha and supervision of Additional Superintendent of Police (City) Sanjay Kumar Dhruv, City Superintendent of Police (Bhilai Nagar) Vishwadeepak Tripathi and Deputy Superintendent of Police (Crime) Rajiv Sharma; a joint team of Supela Police Station and ACCU led by Inspector Durgesh Sharma, Inspector Naresh Patel and Inspector

Santosh Mishra was constituted. The joint team of Supela Police and ACCU reached Gada Chowk, Supela and managed to search and arrest the accused. During interrogation, the accused confessed to committing the crime. The accused Abdul Rauf Khan, Saiful and Akash Malik, all natives of West Bengal, were arrested and produced before the court. They have been sent to the jail on judicial remand.

Inspector Durgesh Kumar Sharma (SHO, Supela), ACCU incharge Inspector Naresh Patel, Inspector Santosh Mishra, ASI Chandrashekar Soni, Head Constable Roman Sonwani, Sagir Khan and others played a vital role in arresting the accused.

DSCET organises awareness program on sexual harassment

Bhilai, Oct 06: An awareness program on sexual harassment was organized by Dev Sanskriti College of Education and Technology (DSCET), Khapri at village Jewra. Under the village adoption scheme, this event was organized by the Women's Cell of the college in the Sarpanch office on September 30. The main objective of this event was to provide information to the students and women about the incidents of sexual harassment happening in their surroundings, school, home or other areas and to provide information about the action to be taken against it. Dr Kiran Bala Patel (Founder



Kiran Education Foundation, Sri Aurobindo Yoga and Knowledge) was invited to provide information on this subject. She gave detailed information about sexual harassment of children, what are the incidents included in it and what are the provisions of law and punishment against it.

This program was successfully conducted with the cooperation of village Jewra Sarpanch Prashant Kumar Gautam and middle school headmistress Reema Singh Chandel. The program was conducted by Chitra Raghuvanshi under the guidance of Jyoti Dubey. College Director Jyoti Sharma and Principal Mamta Dubey made special contributions in making the program successful. All the teachers of the college played an active role in organizing the program. Students of Jewra Middle School and students of Dev Sanskriti College participated in the programme.

Wildlife Photography exhibition underway at Nehru Art Gallery

Bhilai, Oct 06: On the occasion of 69th National Wildlife Week-2023, a three-day Wildlife Photography joint exhibition of photographs clicked by acclaimed photographers SD Barman and Raju Verma (Khemraj) is underway at Nehru Art Gallery. Nisha Soni, Acting ED (P&A), inaugurated the 3-day exhibition at Nehru Art Gallery, Indira Place (Civic Center) run by Public Relations Department of BSP on October 05, 2023, in the evening.

Appreciating the exhibition, Chief Guest Nisha Soni penned her views in the visitor's book, that it was a wonderful experience to observe the beautiful collection of wildlife

photographs. Congratulations to the photographers who captured all these magnificently hued birds and wildlife in all their glory.

SD Barman, is an employee of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant and is currently working as a Master Operator at Plant's Blast Furnace. He is a nature, wildlife and sports photographer by hobby. Raju Verma (Khemraj) is a resident of Village Marra of Patan area, and is known for his work in Wildlife Photography. He also has produced Documentary Short-films on wild animals and birds.

Jacob Kurian, GM (LA&PR), Prashant Tiwari, GM (PR), Shikhar Tiwari, GM (BRM), SD



Burman, General Secretary of Arts Club, Raju Verma, JR Bhagat, Dy Director of Archeology Department, along with Gokul Soni, Rupesh Yadav, Ramzan Khan, Photo Journalists, Prof Yeswant Sao, Photographers Ishwar Patel, Ravi Thakur, Likki Verma of Nova Nature, Ankush Dewangan, photographer; and several employees of

SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant, other senior artists of Bhilai and wildlife lovers, photography lovers and local citizens were also present on this occasion.

The exhibited photographs depict a broad range of wild animals and birds from the forests of Chhattisgarh and other states of India, for making a positive impact on wildlife conservation.

Several rare species of migratory birds including the Egyptian Vulture which is only spotted in the Indian Sub-continent for two months, along with photographs of Indian Pitta Bird, Oriental Darter Bird, Yellow Wattle Lapwing and other rare bird and animal species which are on rapid decline has also been featured in the exhibition. The majestic Royal Bengal Tigers engaged in combat and other picturesque animal life moments are beautifully depicted in the photographs clicked by Shri. SD Barman and Shri Raju Verma (Khemraj). This three-day painting exhibition will be open to the public during from 17:30 hrs to 20:30 hrs.

Bhilai Mahila Samaj felicitates employees for their long service



Bhilai, Oct 06: The employees of Bhilai Mahila Samaj (BMS) who have served the organization for 25 years or more were felicitated by Triparna Dasgupta, President (BMS), for their valuable service. The Award Ceremony was organized at BMS Office, Sector-4, Bhilai, on October 05, 2023. As many as ten employees of BMS

were felicitated with gifts and Certificates of Appreciation. "Bhilai Mahila Samaj" (BMS), one of the leading women's organizations of steel city Bhilai, is known in the region for its social service initiatives. Neerja Kumari Singh, Vice President, Pranoti Mukhopadhyay, Addl Vice President, Meera Panda, Addl

Vice President, Nupur Swarup, Addl Vice President and Smita Giri, Addl Vice President were also present on this occasion, along with Sadhana Goyal, General Secretary, Sonali Rath, Joint Secretary, Shikha Jain, Treasurer and Deepanita Pal, Co-Treasurer and in-charges and members of various production units of Bhilai Mahila Samaj. It is noteworthy that such an initiative of felicitating the employees has been organized for the first time in the history of Bhilai Mahila Samaj (BMS). The awardees also shared their experiences on this occasion. Sadhana Goyal, General Secretary (BMS) completed the programme.

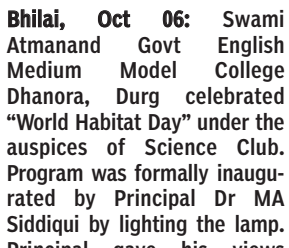
Astro Club event 'Ayaam 2023' in BIT Durg from today



Bhilai, Oct 06: Under the auspices of the Astro Club of BIT Durg astronomical event, "Ayaam 2023," will be inaugurated on October 07, 2023. The Astro Club has invited everyone to join the state level event to be held from October 07 to 09, 2023 for a remarkable celestial experience. The event features an impressive array of activities, including planetari-

um shows, telescopic sessions, engaging programs for students from both schools and colleges, and an enlightening guest lecture on October 09 by esteemed speakers from renowned universities. Also exciting "War of the Bands" is being organised on October 09. For additional details about Ayaam 2023, one can refer to their website.

Swami Atmanand College Dhanora celebrates World Habitat Day



Bhilai, Oct 06: Swami Atmanand Govt English Medium Model College Dhanora, Durg celebrated "World Habitat Day" under the auspices of Science Club. Program was formally inaugurated by Principal Dr MA Siddiqui by lighting the lamp. Principal gave his views regarding the Habitat of various organisms & elaborately explained, how Human activities are destroying the habitat of living beings. Poster making, slogan writing and documentary film making competitions were organized on this occasion. In Poster competition Leshma stood first, Devendra & Hanshika both stood at second place



while Mayank was third. In slogan writing competition Sonam was first, Vedika was second and Leshma was third. In Documentary film making competition Avinash bagged first prize, Kumkum bagged second prize and Alisha bagged third prize. Judgement was done by Vishwanath Tamrakar (Asst Prof, Computer science), Dr

Swati Tiwari (Asst Prof Botany), Shweta Sao (Asst Prof Commerce), Chhaya Sahu (Asst Prof Commerce). All the guest faculties & students from B Sc-Part 1 & Part 2 participated in this program. De Hema Kulkarni, Coordinator, Science Club, conducted the programme while Vote of Thanks was proposed by Dr Swati Tiwari.

BSP's several departments register production records in the first six months

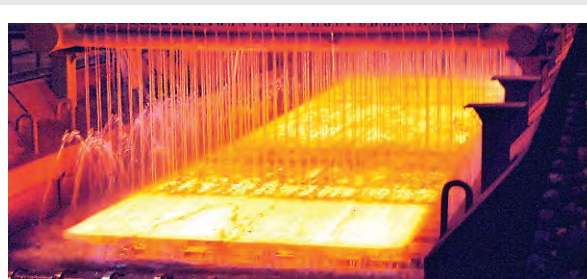
Bhilai, Oct 06: As September 2023, the sixth month of Financial Year 2023-24 comes to an end, several new records of production were set by SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant in various areas of production as well as productivity parameters. Almost all the departments of the plant have recorded the best six months and best September 2023, demonstrating excellence in production in their respective areas. The Plant's departments, along with finishing mills including Universal Rail Mill, Bar & Rod Mill, and Plate Mill, have set several new records in the field of production and dispatch, leaving behind their previous records. Bhilai Steel Plant has recorded excellent production in the first half of the financial year 2023-24 in the production of all three major products Hot

Metal, Crude Steel and Saleable Steel. These three products have recorded the best-ever half-yearly production by surpassing their previous records. 29,82,956 tonnes of hot metal have been produced by the plant, surpassing the previous best record of 28,18,248 tonnes recorded in the year 2010-11. With this, the plant has recorded a total hot metal production of 4,86,233 tonnes in September 2023, which has surpassed the past record of 4,73,907 tonnes made in September 2008.

In Crude Steel production, the plant has recorded a record production of 28,15,239 tonnes, which is much higher than the past record of 23,23,164 tonnes produced in the year 2010-11. With this, by producing a total of 4,62,745 tonnes of crude steel in September 2023, it has

left behind the record of 4,42,744 tonnes made in September 2008.

The plant has also achieved a production record of 25,76,038 tonnes of saleable steel in the first half of April to September 2023 and has surpassed the previous best record of 22,76,286 tonnes achieved in the year 2013-14. The plant registered a significant growth in the saleable steel category in September 2023, by producing a total of 4,38,097 tonnes and crossing the previous best production record of 4,06,667 tonnes made in September, 2021. During the first half of the financial year, the Plant has also set forth notable records in the production of Finished Steel, by producing 23,13,803 tonnes of Finished Steel during this period and surpassing the record production of 20,52,103



tonnes achieved in the year 2022-23. Total finished steel production in September 2023 was marked as 4,15,718 tonnes, surpassing the previous best record of 3,35,897 tonnes recorded in September 2021. The plant has aimed at 100% customer satisfaction by giving top priority to product quality. BSP has always incorporated new initiatives in its working processes and system as per customer demand, to ensure the best quality products to its

customers. With this, the best half-yearly and September 2023 production records have also been achieved in the field of dispatch of various products by the plant. The loading of 4,83,695 tonnes of long rail was recorded, which surpassed the previous best of 4,02,873 tonnes marked in the year 2022-23. A significant increase has also been recorded in the issuance of high tensile plates, whereby 1,66,271 tonnes were dispatched in the first half of

the year 2023-24, surpassing the record of 1,30,507 tonnes of the year 2022-23. Similarly, the loading for direct dispatch was recorded at 14,48,911 tonnes which exceeds the previous best record of 12,04,754 tonnes achieved in the year 2021-22. The plant has also accomplished a record dispatch of 25,56,741 tonnes of saleable steel. Another record was set in the first half of the financial year 2023-24, by Universal Rail Mill, the Modex unit of SAIL Bhilai Steel Plant, which rolls out the world's longest 130-metre rail as a single piece. The record production of 4,41,684 tonnes of finished rail was achieved during this period by surpassing the previous best of 3,84,349 tonnes recorded in the year 2022-23. With this, a new record has also been registered in the production of prime rail

and long rail, whereby 4,17,272 tonnes of prime rail and 4,00,446 tonnes of long rail were produced, leaving behind the previous best records of 3,57,265 tonnes of prime rail recorded in the year 2022-23 and 3,37,116 tonnes of long rail recorded in the year 2022-23 respectively.

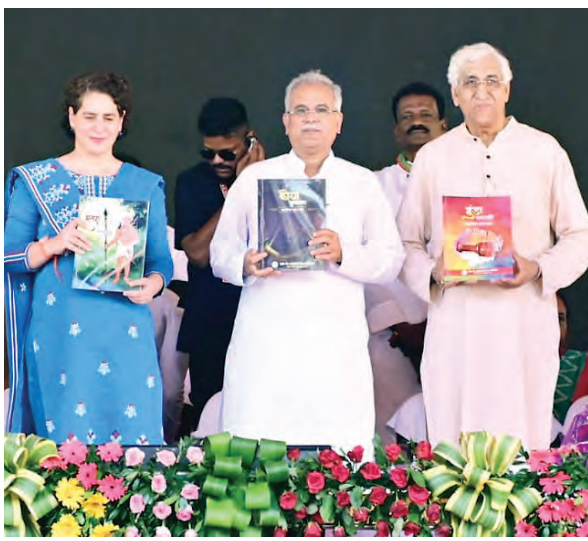
The Bar and Rod Mill of the plant produced 4,63,620 tonnes, surpassing the record of 3,98,818 tonnes marked in the year 2022-23. The mill has also registered significant growth in September 2023, by producing 88,058 tonnes, thereby surpassing the previous best record of 60,717 tonnes made in September 2021.

The plant's plate mill has also recorded a best-ever production record by producing 1,72,462 tonnes of high tensile plates in the first half of the

financial year 2023-24, against its previous best of 1,36,470 tonnes recorded in the year 2022-23. Also, the production of finished plates stood at 1,20,215 tonnes in September 2023, whereas the previous record was 1,19,471 tonnes recorded in August 2014.

These remarkable achievements were made with collective efforts and coordination of employees of the respective departments. Plant personnel worked together with utmost dedication and completed given tasks on time, under the leadership of the concerned Departmental Heads, resulting in improved productivity and breaking of previous records. The Bhilai Steel Plant Management has congratulated the respective departments and Plant Collective for these achievements.

Priyanka Gandhi, CM Baghel released two booklets



In the name of 'Purkhati Kagzat' and 'Tana Bana'

Kanker, Oct 06: Priyanka Gandhi and Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel today released the booklets "Purkhati Kagzat" and "Tana Bana" at the Nagariya Nikay Evam Panchayati Raj Mahasammelan, Kanker. The booklet named "Purkhati Kagzat" (Part One) has been prepared by compiling the community forest rights forms issued to the area-wise tribal communities in Bastar by recording the prevalent beliefs in the oral traditions of the Gods and Goddesses. There is a compilation of Khasras preserved in "Purkhati Kagzat" (Part Two), in which the revenue records have been preserved by mentioning the names and areas of Matagudi and Devgudi in the Kaifiyat column of Khasra through Bhuviya. It is noteworthy that

the social fabric is based on the traditions and beliefs of tribal communities. The Chief Minister and Mrs. Gandhi also released a booklet named "Tana Bana" about the cultural customs and various types of birth-death rituals and festivals prevalent in the lives of the people of the major tribal communities living in the division, like Gond, Halba, Bhadra, Dhurwa, Munda, Muria, and Koya. The booklet has been published by the Bastar Tribal Development Authority.

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Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Table with columns: S. N., Co Borrower(s) (Name of the Branch), Name of the Borrower(s) (Borrower), Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property), Demand Notice Date & Amount, Date of Possession

Place : Chhattisgarh Date : 07-10-2023 Authorised Officer Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED

Corporate Office: Chola Crest, C-54 & 55, Super B-4, Thiru Vi Ka, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032. Branch Office: Shop No.- 7th Floor, Currency Tower, VIP Chowk, G.E. Road, Telibandha, Raipur, CG 492001 Contact No: Prakash Verma- 9981343191, Prakhhar Sharma- 9826432751

E-AUCTION NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Table with columns: Account No. and Name of borrower, co-borrower, Mortgagees, Date, Demand Notice Amount, Total Loan Outstanding, Description of the Immovable property, Reserve Price, E-Auction Date and Time, EMD Submission Last Date, Inspection Date

Table with columns: Loan Account No., Borrower & Co-Borrowers, Date, Demand Notice Amount, Description of the Immovable property, Reserve Price, E-Auction Date and Time, EMD Submission Last Date, Inspection Date

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1. All interested participants / bidders are requested to visit the website https://bankauctions.in/ & https://cholamandalam.com/news/auction-notices. For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact Mr. Muhammed Rahees 8124000030, Ms.4 Closure; Mr. Jaya Prakash Reddy, Phone No. 8142000064, Email: info@bankauctions.in. 2. For further details on terms and conditions please visit:- https://bankauctions.in/ & https://cholamandalam.com/news/auction-notices to take part in e-auction. THIS IS ALSO A STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 9(1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002 Date: 06.10.2023, Place: Raipur (C.G.) Authorised Officer/ M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited

Massive turnout at Congress rally led by Alok Singh

Enthusiastic crowds and strong presence of key aspirants revitalize Congress in Mungeli

Mungeli, Oct 06:

In a dynamic display of strength and unity, the Congress party rallied with a massive turnout under the leadership of their new district in-charge Alok Singh. The Mayor, along with aspirants seeking party tickets for the Municipal Corporation, orchestrated an event that drew thousands of participants. The rally showcased the party's fervour as Congress workers rode hundreds of motorcycles, autos, and four-wheelers through the city streets.

Mayor Hemendra Goswami's Municipal Corporation team, together with prominent ticket



aspirants, flexed their political muscle by joining the rally with numerous vehicles. After winding its way through the city, the rally reached Amrtapu on Lormi Road, where thousands more party workers enthusiastically joined the procession. Following several smaller-scale events, the Congress party has made a resounding return to the forefront of the election scene. Under the capa-

ble leadership of Alok Singh, the new district in-charge for Congress, and Kamleshwar Mishra, along with ticket aspirants like Rakesh Patre, Sanjeet Banerjee, Chandrabhan Baramate, Ruplal Kosare, Durga Baghel, and more, the rally showcased their collective strength.

The procession featured hundreds of motorbikes and dozens of four-wheelers, with the Municipal

Corporation Mayor leading the way with nearly a hundred autos. The exuberance and dedication of Congress workers during this rally signal a significant resurgence for the party in the upcoming elections. Notably, key figures and a multitude of Congress supporters turned out in full force, underscoring the enthusiasm and momentum behind the party's campaign.

CPI(M) demands ban on the eviction order of the poor people

Settled from Ghuddeva to Pankha Dafai
Affected people submitted a memorandum to Darri Tehsildar and demanded settlement

Korba, Oct 06:

Under Municipal Corporation Korba area, hundreds of poor landless common people have been living in Ghuddeva Railway Dafai, Jethudfai, Sendridfai, Pankhadfai, Bhaktudafai for more than 50 years. Darri Tehsildar has issued an order to evict the poor landless people living in the railway dafai of Pankhadfai, Jethudfai, Sendridfai, Bhaktudafai, Ghuddeva within a week and has ordered the poor people to leave their homes due to which the poor people living there are mental-



ly harassed and scared. Under the leadership of Marxist Communist Party's District Secretary Prashant Jha, those affected by the eviction order in railway dafai of Pankhadfai, Jethudfai, Sendridfai, Bhaktudafai, Ghuddeva have submitted a memorandum to Darri Tehsildar demanding to stop the eviction order. CPI(M) District Secretary Prashant Jha charged that

the order to evict poor landless people without settling them in new places has revealed the inhuman face of the administration, which CPI(M) opposes. The CPI(M) leader said that the poor landless people have been living on this land for more than 50 years by working as daily wages and somehow building kutcha houses.

No one has any other place to live. The CPI(M)

has demanded an immediate stay on the eviction order and has demanded settlement facilities for anyone before evicting them. In this regard, a letter has also been written to Collector and Sub-Divisional Officer Katghora demanding to take necessary initiative. CPI(M) said that if any attempt is made to forcibly evict, CPI(M) will take to the streets and protest.

RDGC pays rich tributes to Gandhi and Shastri

On their birth anniversaries

Kharora, Oct 06:

In a heartfelt tribute to the iconic leaders Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri, Ramprasad Devangan Government College (RDGC) in Kharora celebrated their birth anniversaries with great fervour. Dr. Balmiki Sahu, the dedicated officer in charge of the National Service Scheme, paid his respects to these great souls by offering floral tributes to their statues.

Addressing an enthusiastic gathering of students, Dr. Sahu passionately emphasized the paramount importance of cleanliness in our immediate surroundings, asserting that it is a collective responsibility that transcends all else. He expounded on the profound connection between good health and cleanliness, firmly stating that where there is cleanliness, the presence of God is palpable.

Mahatma Gandhi's unwavering commitment to cleanliness shone brightly, with his understanding of its significance even sur-

passing that of political independence. Recognizing the pivotal roles of youth and farmers in the nation's progress, he immortalized the slogan "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan."

In a stirring display of dedication, volunteers undertook the task of cleaning the college premises and meticulously removing any unwanted debris from the grounds. This noble effort witnessed the participation of numerous selfless individuals, including the wholehearted contributions of H.K. Dhruv and Chuleswar Sahu, alongside esteemed professors.

Amujuri Biswanath gets approval from WSWA Texas USA

To organise World Space Week 2023 in India.
Conferences, projects and competitions are being held from Oct 4 to 10 on the theme of 'Space and Entrepreneurship'
Only one organizer in Ch'garh and Odisha including more than 100 global countries

Geedam/Dantewada, Oct 06:

Space and Entrepreneurship theme has been selected for World Space Week 2023 by the World Space Week Association, Houston, Texas, USA. Universal Science, Technology and Innovation Council-India has got the opportunity to organize events through online and offline in the country at free of cost.

Amujuri Biswanath, the only organizer from Chhattisgarh and Odisha states has received the official confirmation to conduct the program through email from World Space Week Association, Houston, Texas, USA.

Chairman & CEO of Universal Science, Technology and Innovation Council-India cum International Teacher Liaison Officer of



Space Foundation, Colorado USA, Amujuri Biswanath informed that former ISRO scientist and project manager Prof. Elangovan Rajagopalan has been appointed as US-TICI President of the programme and United Nations Office for Outer

Space Affairs (UNOOSA), National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Space Foundation Colorado USA, Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), International Astronomical Union, International Telecommunication Union, Space Education Research and Development Association, Green Care Society India and more than 100 countries are supporting the events.

This year 2023, it is being sponsored by Sierra Nevada Corporation, GHUEM, Lockheed Martin, Airbus, Viasat, SES, SCI Aerospace, Goldman Sachs and official partners by Space

Foundation Colorado USA, Planetary Society, Space Generation Advisory Council Austria, Universe Awareness Japan, NIA, Astronomical Society of the Pacific, Spacewatch Global.

Amujuri Biswanath also said that a week-long program of webinars, conferences, competitions, projects and awards is being organized on various topics for students, teachers, scientists, space enthusiasts, journalists, entrepreneurs, general public and community organizations. The objective of this program is to provide information and make people aware about space science, near earth objects, satellite, rocketry, environment.

Collector holds meeting with political parties



Khairagarh, Oct 06:

In a significant step towards ensuring fair and transparent Chhattisgarh State Assembly elections, Collector and District Election Officer Gopal Verma convened a crucial meeting with various political parties. This meeting, conducted as per the guidelines of the Election Commission of India, aimed to foster an atmosphere of free, fair, and peaceful elections.

In earlier sessions, district-level master trainers provided comprehensive training to political parties on the Model Code of Conduct. During the meeting, representatives from a spectrum of political entities, including Congress, BJP, AAP, BSP, Shiv Sena, and independent candidates, received detailed insights into calculating election campaign expenses.

The expense list encompasses various items, rang-

After final publication of voter list

ing from food supplies, podium construction, welcome gates, sound systems, sound amplification equipment, hoardings, banner posters, daily vehicle expenditures, hotels, and rest houses, among others. Notable attendees at this vital gathering included Vipray Sahu from Congress, Vinay Devangan from BJP, Nitin Bhandekar from Shiv Sena, Manoj Gupta from AAP, Bahadur Kurra from BSP with DS Rajput serving as the District Election Officer. Additional District Collector Prakash Rajput was also present, underscoring the commitment to transparent and accountable elections.

Two accused arrested in case of theft in temple



Korba, Oct 06:

On the night of Oct 3, thieves broke the lock of the Hanuman temple on the banks of Radhasagar pond and took away about 100 grams of silver umbrella installed over the idol of Hanuman. Girdhari Agarwal complained about this incident to Katghora police station, where Katghora police Registered the case under crime number 391/2023 section 457, 380, 34

IPC and started tracking the thieves.

On the guidance of higher officials of Katghora police district, accused Sunil Ratre, S/o Bhuvanlal, age 38 years, R/o Fairground Tehsil Bhatha Katghora and Tarun Kumar Rathore, S/o Kanhaiyalal, age 32 years, R/o Tingipur, took legal action by seizing the pieces of a silver umbrella stolen from near Katghora police station. Arrested and presented in court.

Children's swing provided at the workplace

Will provide convenience to women employees

Jagdarpur, Oct 06:

Collector Vijay Dayaram K. 'Kilkari' Center was launched with small children in the joint office. 'Kilkari' Center near the Election Office in the ground floor of the District Joint Office is being operated by the Women and Child Development Department. In this centre, arrangements have been made for children to play, stay, drink water and sleep. The Collector welcomed the children with garlands, chocolates and biscuits.

Providing children's swing in the workplace will provide convenience



to the women employees. There was a demand for a swing house by the employees working in the district office. The Women and Child Development Department, by running the Kilkari Centre, has expressed happiness to the

employees that they are getting a care center for their children at the workplace. On this occasion, Women and Child Development Department officer Pandey and other officers and employees were present.

Ch'garh govt works for the benefit of women: Pushpa

Fingeshwar, Oct 06:



In an era where the Women's Reservation Bill remains a topic of political debate, the Congress government in Chhattisgarh has consistently championed the cause of women's welfare over the past five years. Pushpa Jagannath Sahu, the President of the Janpad Panchayat, enthusiastically lauded the government's efforts, citing various impactful measures such as increased honorariums for Mitans, Anganwadi workers, and helpers. These actions exemplify the unwavering commitment of the Chhattisgarh Congress gov-

ernment to the betterment of women across all sections of society, reflecting their dedication to female empowerment. Notably, a substantial loan of 12 crores has been waived for women's self-help groups. Sahu reminisced

about the past 15 years under BJP rule when women often felt unsafe. However, the landscape has transformed under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, with women now experiencing a newfound sense of security. Sahu emphasized the enduring significance of the slogan "Bhupesh Hai Toh Bharosa Hai," emphasizing that it resonates deeply with the present. Additionally, Pushpa Jagannath Sahu proudly recalled that the Congress party had made 36 promises in the previous election, and nearly all of these commitments have been successfully fulfilled.

Ensure all arrangements for chariot making artisans of Bastar Dussehra: Collector

Jagdarpur, Oct 06:

Collector Vijay Dayaram said that all the arrangements should be ensured for the rural artisans engaged in making chariots for Bastar Dussehra. Officials of Dussehra Committee were asked to ensure availability of necessary materials for chariot construction. Along with this, instructions were given to improve the accommodation, drinking water, food and other necessary arrangements for the artisans. Besides, instructions were given to get the health checkup of the chariot artisans done in the mobile medical unit provided near Sirhasar Bhawan.



During this, he discussed with the artisans and took cognizance of housing, food and other needs. The Collector took stock of the chariot construction activities and laid emphasis on completing the chariot within the stipulated time. On this occasion, Tehsildar and Secretary of Dussehra Committee UK Mankar, Tehsildar Arjun Srivastava were present.

Warning against use of newspaper for food packaging

Korea, Oct 06:

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 controller-raipur@gmail.com. A Senior Food Safety Officer has shed light on the dangerous chemicals present in newspaper ink, including diisobutyl phthalate and diene isobutyrate. These substances can contaminate food upon contact, potentially leading to a range of health issues, including digestive disorders, toxicity, various types of cancers, 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.

Pakistan's foreign debt ratio shoots up amid ongoing economic crisis

Islamabad, Oct 06 (PTI):

The ratio of foreign debt of cash-strapped Pakistan has shot up from 36.9 per cent in FY22 to 38.3 per cent in FY23, according to a media report on Friday. The Ministry of Finance's Annual Debt Review and Public Debt Bulletin FY2023 comes amid unchecked domestic inflation as the cash-strapped Pakistan's economy has been in a free-fall mode for the last several years. Termining it as "an alarming development", Geo News said, the FY2023 Bulletin shows that "the total public debt peaked at

Rs 62.88 trillion till the end of June 2023 against Rs 49.2 trillion, indicating that the total public debt increased by Rs 13.64 trillion during the last fiscal year 2022-23 in the tenure of Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) coalition government." After giving details of the total outstanding guarantees to public sector enterprises, those issued to the oil and gas sector and the guarantees issued against commodity operations, the report said, the ratio of domestic debt to total public debt in percentage has gone down from 63.1 per cent in FY22 to 61.7 per cent in FY23,

but at the same time, the ratio of foreign debt has gone up from 36.9 per cent to 38.3 per cent, showing an increase in the ratio of foreign loans by 1.4 per cent. "The incidence of foreign loans going up clearly indicates that the pace of accumulation of foreign debt has outpaced domestic debt mainly because of massive depreciation on account of the exchange rate," the GeoTV report said. "Despite the net reduction in the stock of external debt (in USD) during FY23, the share of external debt in total public debt increased from 37 per cent at the end of June

2022 to 38 per cent at the end of June 2023," it added. Earlier, after transferring USD 1.2 billion to the cash-strapped country in July, as part of the USD 3 billion bailout programme for nine months to support the government's efforts to stabilise the country's ailing economy, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) is set to send its delegation to Pakistan in the last week of October to review the cash-strapped country's economic performance in the first three months of the current fiscal year, a media report had said on October 3.



Migrants are rescued by a MSF (Medecins Sans Frontieres) rescue team boat, after leaving Libya trying to reach European soil, in the Mediterranean Sea, Friday, Oct. 6.

MIGRANTS RESCUED

Afghan singers protest Pakistan's immigration crackdown



Afghan singers protest outside the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) office against their possible deportation, in Quetta, Pakistan.

Karachi, Oct 06 (PTI):

The Pakistan government's crackdown on thousands of undocumented immigrants in the country has given rise to concerns among the Afghan people, dozens of whom have protested outside the UNHCR office in Quetta against their possible deportation. Carrying banners and raising slogans outside the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) office

in Quetta on Thursday, dozens of Afghan singers protested against the decision of Pakistan's caretaker government to set a deadline for undocumented immigrants to leave the country or risk imprisonment and deportation. Thousands of undocumented immigrants, including Afghan nationals, would be impacted by the November 1 deadline, aimed at intensifying the crackdown against those involved in

militancy and smuggling in the country. The protesting Afghan singers said they didn't want to return to Afghanistan as they may face persecution by the Taliban regime. They wondered what their future would be if they were deported back to their country. "We fear deportation, and although we have valid refugee documents, we are concerned at what will happen," Ahmed Shedayee, an Afghan singer, told the media. The protesters, who carried their singing devices with them, asserted that the Taliban considered singers evil and they would not be safe in Afghanistan. Shedayee, who escaped from Kabul after the Taliban seized power in Afghanistan in August 2021, said the protesters were concerned about their lives and security.

Indian-origin couple, 2 children found dead inside home in US

New York, Oct 06 (PTI):

An Indian-origin couple and their two children were found dead in their home in the US state of New Jersey and police are investigating the matter as a homicide. Tej Pratap Singh, 43, and Sonal Parihar, 42, were found dead alongside their 10-year-old son and 6-year-old daughter in their Plainsboro home sometime after 4:30 pm on Wednesday, the Plainsboro Police Department said. Middlesex County Prosecutor Yolanda Ciccone and Chief Eamon Blanchard of the Plainsboro Police Department announced on Thursday that a homicide is currently under investigation. On the evening of October 4, authorities received a 911 call requesting a welfare check at a residence in Plainsboro. Upon their arrival Plainsboro Police Department discovered four deceased victims in the house," they said in a

joint statement. "This tragedy remains under investigation and autopsies are being performed today," they said, adding an initial investigation determined that there is no threat to the public. Anyone with information or surveillance footage of the area is asked to call the Plainsboro Police Department. A joint message from Mayor Peter Cantu and Chief Eamon Blanchard, Director of Public Safety, said that the Plainsboro community experienced a heartbreaking loss of life. "We are all saddened by this tragic event. What happened in our community is beyond comprehension," stated Mayor Peter Cantu. Plainsboro police officers are currently working with their law enforcement colleagues to conclude the investigation. "Please be assured that this is an isolated occurrence and there are no additional concerns for the safety and well-being of the community related to this incident," Blanchard said.

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Philippines protests near-collision with Chinese Ship at sea

Abroad BRP Sindangan, Oct 06 (AP):

A Chinese coast guard ship came within a metre of colliding with a Philippine patrol ship it was trying to block in the South China Sea, in an alarming incident that intensified fears that territorial disputes in the waters could spark a larger crisis. The Philippines on Friday strongly condemned the Chinese ship's maneuvers near Second Thomas Shoal, which the Asian neighbours both claim and has been the scene of frequent confrontations. One other Philippine coast guard vessel was blocked and surrounded by Chinese coast guard and militia ships in the incident, which dragged on for about eight hours on Wednesday. A major clash in the disputed waters could potentially involve the United States, which has vowed to defend the Philippines, its treaty ally.

if Filipino forces, ships and aircraft come under armed attack. Two smaller supply boats being escorted by the Philippine coast guard in the contested waters managed to breach the Chinese blockade and delivered food and other supplies to a Filipino marine outpost at the shoal.

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Preventing Disaster

The flash floods in Sikkim have left a trail of destruction in their wake, taking lives, obliterating homes and roads, collapsing bridges, damaging parts of the Teesta dam, and severing communication lines. As we witness the ongoing efforts to restore normalcy and rebuild the battered infrastructure, it is imperative to reflect upon a distressing fact - there was a warning, one that, if heeded, could have mitigated the extent of this calamity. In 2021, a study published in ScienceDirect had forewarned of a potential catastrophe in Sikkim, a region housing numerous glacial lakes vulnerable to glacial lake outburst floods (GLOFs). This study, founded on rigorous scientific research, should have acted as a clarion call to preemptive action. More recently, satellite images released by the National Remote Sensing Centre of Hyderabad have revealed a significant reduction in the size of Lhonak lake, shrinking from 168 to 60 hectares since September 17. This drastic change strongly suggests a glacial lake outburst, a ticking time bomb waiting to engulf its surroundings in a deluge of water. Alternatively, some experts argue that seismic activity in neighboring Nepal might have triggered these devastating floods. Regardless of the exact trigger, the underlying issue remains the same - the increasingly perilous consequences of global warming, particularly the accelerating meltdown of glaciers. Sikkim's plight appears to be yet another painful reminder of how one primary event, be it a GLOF, intense rainfall, or seismic tremors, can set off a chain reaction of secondary hazards, culminating in widespread devastation. The Uttarakhand floods of 2013, following the breach of Chorabari lake, serve as a harrowing precedent. In the face of this evolving climate crisis, marked by melting glaciers, we must acknowledge that the repercussions are not confined to far-off mountainsides. The ripples extend far and wide, affecting not only the Himalayan communities but also echoing across the globe. It is within our power, however, to minimize these consequences through timely and effective actions. India boasts an array of experts and organizations dedicated to monitoring and researching climate change. Additionally, our nation has made significant strides in advancing weather forecasting technologies. Yet, despite these assets, it is disheartening to witness the inadequacy of preventive measures on the ground. The warning signs were there, evident in both scientific research and satellite imagery, but the response was not commensurate with the impending danger. In hindsight, the catastrophe that has befallen Sikkim serves as a stark reminder that we must prioritize proactive measures over reactive ones. Climate change is not a distant specter; it is an immediate reality that demands our attention and concerted efforts. We must bolster our preparedness, invest in infrastructure that can withstand the onslaught of extreme weather events, and heed the voices of experts who offer invaluable insights into averting impending disasters. It is crucial that governments, both at the state and central levels, collaborate with the scientific community and environmental organizations to develop robust strategies for disaster prevention and mitigation. The lessons from Sikkim should serve as a catalyst for change, spurring us into action to safeguard vulnerable regions and communities. As a nation, we cannot afford to disregard the warnings that nature and science provide. The cost of inaction is too high, measured not only in terms of lives lost and property destroyed but also in the irreversible damage inflicted on our environment. Let Sikkim be the turning point, where we resolve to listen to the warnings and act decisively to protect our people and our planet.

Monsoon's Complex Patterns

The Indian monsoon, a lifeline for our nation's agricultural prosperity and overall well-being, is a meteorological spectacle that has fascinated and perplexed humanity for centuries. This annual climatic phenomenon, characterized by seasonal wind reversals and varied precipitation, plays a pivotal role in shaping India's climate and fortunes. As the monsoon of 2023 comes to a close, it prompts us to delve deeper into the complexities and challenges that surround this elemental force of nature. The South-West monsoon, spanning from June to September, holds a sacred place in our country's psyche. This four-month period is synonymous with rejuvenation and growth, as it brings respite from the scorching heat and showers life-sustaining rain upon our land. It is a symphony of atmospheric movements, planetary interactions, and oceanic dynamics, all coming together to orchestrate this grand meteorological drama. One of the key influencers of the Indian monsoon is El Niño, a periodic warming of sea surface temperatures in the equatorial Pacific. This climatic phenomenon, occurring every five to six years, has far-reaching consequences, disrupting the normal monsoon wind patterns. Conversely, La Niña, El Niño's counterpart, tends to favor the Indian monsoon by strengthening equatorial trade winds. These natural phenomena, like celestial conductors, direct the flow of the monsoon winds and thus dictate the rhythm of our rainfall. The Madden-Julian Oscillation (MJO), a large-scale atmospheric disturbance originating in tropical Africa, is another player in this meteorological symphony. Its eastward journey across the Indian Ocean can either enhance or counteract the effects of El Niño, influencing not only tropical regions but also distant corners of our planet. While our understanding of MJO remains incomplete, its significance in modulating the monsoon's behaviour cannot be ignored. The Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD), represented by variations in sea surface temperatures between the Arabian Sea and the Indian Ocean south of Indonesia, exerts a substantial influence on our monsoon. A positive IOD, marked by warmer waters in the west and cooler waters in the east, bodes well for monsoon rains over the Indian subcontinent. Understanding these intricate relationships between various climatic factors is paramount in deciphering the monsoon's unpredictable temperament. In 2023, the Indian monsoon journeyed through a unique path, challenging our expectations and traditions. The monsoon onset over Kerala was delayed by seven days, arriving on June 8th instead of the usual June 1st. Despite being an El Niño year, the monsoon defied expectations by concluding with "near normal" rainfall, delivering 820 mm against the long-period average of 868.6 mm. This remarkable feat was attributed to a delicate balance of factors, showcasing the resilience of our climate system. However, the distribution of monsoon rainfall deviated from the norm, raising concerns, particularly for northeastern India, where the monsoon's grace is celebrated. All seven meteorological sub-divisions that experienced rainfall deficits belonged to the eastern and southern sectors of our nation. This shift in patterns warrants a careful analysis, as these regions rely heavily on monsoon rains for sustenance. Moreover, the temporal distribution of low-pressure systems during this monsoon season appeared "skewed." These systems are instrumental in determining rainfall patterns and their availability throughout the season. The intricate mechanisms governing these distributions deserve closer examination, along with proactive measures to address any looming challenges. As we bid farewell to the monsoon of 2023, we must acknowledge its unpredictability and adaptability. The Indian monsoon is a dynamic and multifaceted phenomenon, influenced by global climatic forces. It is a reminder that our world is interconnected, and our actions impact not only our immediate surroundings but also the larger planetary systems.

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LUMINOUS TEMPLE



Temples decorated with lighting during the inauguration of the second phase of Mahakal Mahalok by Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan (unseen) in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh.

The Legacy of Prof. M.S. Swaminathan: True 'Kisan Vaigyanik' - a Farmers' Scientist



NARENDRA MODI



A few days ago we lost Professor M.S. Swaminathan. Our nation lost a visionary who revolutionised agricultural science, a stalwart whose contribution to India will always be etched in golden letters. Prof. M.S. Swaminathan loved India and wanted our nation, and our farmers in particular, to lead a life of prosperity. Academically brilliant, he could have chosen any career but he was so impacted by the Bengal famine of 1943 that he was clear that if there is one thing he would do, it would be to study agriculture. At a relatively young age, he came in contact with Dr. Norman Borlaug and followed his work in great detail. In the 1950s, he was offered a faculty position in the US but he rejected it because he wanted to work in India and for India. I want you all to think about the challenging circumstances in which he stood as a colossus, guiding our nation towards the path of self-sufficiency and self-confidence. In the first two decades since Independence, we were dealing with immense challenges and one of them was food shortages. In the early 1960s, India was grappling with the ominous shadows of famine and it is then that Prof. Swaminathan's unyielding commitment and foresight ushered a new era of agricultural prosperity. His pioneering work in agriculture and

specific sectors like wheat breeding led to a significant increase in wheat production, thus turning India from a food-deficient country into a self-sufficient nation. This tremendous achievement earned him the well deserved title of, "Father of the Indian Green Revolution." The Green Revolution offered a glimpse of India's "Can Do Spirit" - that if we have a billion challenges, we also have a billion minds with the flame of innovation to overcome those challenges. Five decades after the Green Revolution began, Indian agriculture has become far more modern and progressive. But, the very foundations laid by Prof. Swaminathan can never be forgotten. Over the years, he undertook pioneering research in combatting parasites affecting potato crops. His research also enabled potato crops to withstand cold weather. Today, the world is talking about Millets or Shree Anna as super foods but Prof. Swaminathan had encouraged discourse around millets since the 1990s. My personal interactions with Prof. Swaminathan were extensive. They began after I took over as Chief Minister of Gujarat in 2001. During those days, Gujarat was not known for its agricultural prowess. Successive droughts and a super cyclone and an Earthquake had impacted the growth trajectory of

the state. Among the many initiatives we launched, was the Soil Health Card, which enabled us to understand the soil better and address problems if they arose. It was in the context of this scheme that I met Prof. Swaminathan. He appreciated the scheme and also shared his valuable inputs for the same. His endorsement was enough to convince those who were sceptical about the scheme which would eventually set the stage for Gujarat's agricultural success. Our interactions continued during my Chief Ministerial tenure and also when I took over as Prime Minister. I met him at the International Agro-Biodiversity Congress in 2016 and the next year in 2017, I launched a two-part book series written by him. The Kural describes farmers as the pin that holds the world together because it is the farmers who sustain everyone. Prof. Swaminathan understood this principle very well. A lot of people call him a "Krisi Vaigyanik" - an Agricultural Scientist. But, I have always believed that he was even more. He was a true "Kisan Vaigyanik" - a Farmers' Scientist. In his heart there was a farmer. The success of his works is not restricted to their academic excellence; it lies in the impact they have had outside the laboratories, in the farms and the fields. His work narrowed the gap between scientific knowledge and its practical application. He consistently advocated for sustainable agriculture, emphasising the delicate balance between human advancement and ecological sustainability. Here, I must also note Prof. Swaminathan's special emphasis on improving the lives of the small farmers and ensuring they also enjoy the fruits of innovation. He was particularly passionate

about improving the lives of women farmers. There is another aspect about Prof. M.S. Swaminathan which is remarkable - he stands tall as a paragon of innovation and mentorship. When he won the World Food Prize in 1987, the first recipient of this prestigious honour, he used the prize money to establish a not-for-profit research foundation. Till date, it undertakes extensive work across various sectors. He has nurtured countless minds, instilling in them a passion for learning and innovation. In a rapidly changing world, his life reminds us of the enduring power of knowledge, mentorship, and innovation. He was an institution builder as well, having to his credit many centres where vibrant research takes place. One of his stints was as Director, International Rice Research Institute, Manila. The South Asia Regional Centre of International Rice Research Institute was opened in Varanasi in 2018. I will again cite The Kural to pay tributes to Dr. Swaminathan. It is written there, "If those who have planned have firmness, they will attain what they have desired the way they have desired." Here was a stalwart who decided early on in his life that he wants to strengthen agriculture and serve farmers. And, he did it exceptionally innovatively and passionately. Dr. Swaminathan's contributions continue to inspire and guide us as we navigate the path of agricultural innovation and sustainability. We must also keep reaffirming our commitment to the principles he held dear, championing the cause of farmers and ensuring the fruits of scientific innovation reach the roots of our agricultural expanse, fostering growth, sustainability, and prosperity for generations to come.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Abol Tabol: Challenging Prejudice

Sukumar Roy's timeless Bengali classic, Abol Tabol, celebrates its centenary. This collection of poems holds a mirror to the enduring biases in our society. In "Sat Patro" (The Suitable Groom), Gangaram's high caste secured him as a suitable match despite his flaws, reflecting a prejudice still obstructing 95% of Indians from pursuing inter-caste marriages, as per the Indian Statistical Institute's 2017 survey. Even among Nobel laureates and Olympic medalists, few share the honor with their parents. Nepotism and wealth can't prove bloodline supremacy in any field. A century later, Abol Tabol and Sukumar Roy's insights remain as vital as ever.

Sujit De, Kolkata
Rahul Gandhi's People-Centric Efforts

Former Congress President Rahul Gandhi is undertaking extraordinary initiatives to connect with ordinary citizens and highlight their daily struggles. During a recent visit to the Golden Temple in Amritsar, he made history for non-Sikh politicians by actively participating in community service, carrying the 'Palaki Sahib,' serving at the 'langar,' and sharing meals with the community. This is part of the Congress Party's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra,' aiming to reconnect with the common people after a decade out of power. Rahul's diverse interactions include driving a tractor, working as a mechanic, meeting Indian-origin truck drivers in America, engaging with women in Delhi's Shakur Basti, and connecting with various local communities. These actions are significant in the ongoing Bharat Jodo Yatra and may have implications for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee, Faridabad.

Greece's Progressive Approach

As anti-migrant sentiments surge and right-wing governments gain ground across Europe, Greece is charting a different course. Confronted with a labor market shortage, Greece intends to formalize the status of 300,000 migrants, underscoring the complexities faced by right-wing governments in addressing undocumented migration. The Migration Minister clarifies that this move does not encourage illegal migration but seeks to alleviate labor shortages in agriculture, construction, and tourism, including migrants with expired residence permits. Greece's farming sector reports crop production challenges due to bureaucratic delays in securing labor from Egypt and Bangladesh. Formalizing migrants' status can enable employers to bypass illicit labor practices. Italy grapples with a similar issue as sectors contend with worker shortages despite campaign pledges to curb undocumented labor. In this backdrop, European nations must craft equitable guidelines to balance economic needs and national security while safeguarding essential resources.

Arka Goswami, Durgapur, West Bengal

Chhattisgarh wakes up to Liberal Arts Education

Dr. Suparna Karkun

The state of Chhattisgarh has finally come alive to liberal arts education thereby providing unique career opportunities to the imaginative and creative youth of the state. The schools, colleges and universities now offer courses in literature and languages, psychology, communication, media, law and all other creative fields that were once looked down upon as mere aesthetic subjects. Even a decade ago students with intuitive skills, powerful imagination and artistic temperament had no choice but to get into streams of science and engineering much against their inner intuitive voices. Schools did not venture to provide the choice of liberal arts to students who may have wished to become great writers, painters, musicians or fashion designers. A child's imaginative skill is kindled by reading a wide arena of books and novels, his art of speech is powered through recitations

and performing on stage and his power of creative writing takes shape in art classrooms blossoming into pioneering fiction, prose, poetry and visual art. It is a child's right to receive education in the field of creative art and it is high time people stop stereotyping professionals in the liberal arts domain as non-technical (read good for nothing) people. It must be understood that a man with a wide imagination is one who incubates ideas for technical people to follow. When writers write science fiction they create word paintings about disappearing, invisible men, robots in love with humankind, man making monsters that may ruin human kind and many fantastical aspects of science and technology that provide food for thought to even the greatest of scientists and experimenters. This futuristic vision in writers of poetry and fiction enable people to follow their ideas and emulate machine making techniques. The power of histo-

ry, sociology, anthropology, philosophy has been undermined leading to the future generations growing up without the knowledge on such crucial subjects. Imagine a world replete with robots and machines with no paintings, music, literature and philosophy. Imagine a generation of young men busy making money or machines, living without any human emotion or aesthetics. A frightful situation indeed! But Chhattisgarh finds light at the end of the tunnel with young men and women willingly pursuing careers in Liberal Arts; researching on folklore, women's rights, oral traditions, cultural studies, gender studies, performing arts and the list is endless. This plethora of opportunities will help to create a balance between the scientists, the engineers, the doctors and the lawyers, the artists, the folklorists, the journalists, and the psychologists. Parents only need to support their children in their choice of career

and not overwhelm them with their (mandatory) suggestions. Chhattisgarh now boasts of Literature Fests, Writers Meets, Storytelling Clubs, Musical Nights and Fashion Shows. It is wonderful to see today's youth gearing up towards fruitful employment with the right opportunities and at the same time enjoying their careers which were away from mainstream and labelled as non-happening with few relatable opportunities. The need of the hour for these budding writers, poets, psychologists, musicians and fashion designers is to create further awareness that a career which brings elation always takes one to the zenith of success in comparison to a career that is forcefully imposed upon. A time is sure to come when these allied subjects will be as significant as a science or an engineering education. Those schools and colleges in Chhattisgarh that have still not awakened to liberal arts education must offer the basket of liberal

arts in the senior secondary classes for the students to savor the flavors of liberal arts subjects. Young, creative and innovative minds need to be offered unrestricted choice of subjects that kindle the vision of successful careers in each of the streams available to them. It is also the duty of the urban, employed youth to stand as testimonies to the rural students who are lost and wander without aim with their extraordinary potential not knowing where their careers after pursuing liberal arts education can take them to. Let us all, in this prosperous state of Chhattisgarh work towards better education choices to create a utopian world of learning without stereotypical, established conventions and do away with prejudice towards Liberal Arts education. Assistant Professor, Amity School of Languages, Amity University Chhattisgarh Mail Id - suparna.karkun@rediffmail.com

BRIEF

Gujarat Summit



New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 10th edition of the global Vibrant Gujarat Summit on January 10, Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel said here on Friday. Pitching Gujarat as the most favourable investment destination, the Chief Minister invited global business to take advantage of its immense growth potential opportunity by participating in the Summit, at a road show in the national capital.

Startup Odisha

Bhubaneswar: The state government's Startup Odisha initiative on Friday launched an acceleration programme for early-stage startups and entrepreneurs to help them scale their businesses. The programme, named TVESTABLE, was launched in collaboration with Sri Sri University Innovation Foundation. "TVESTABLE represents a significant stride towards nurturing Odisha's burgeoning entrepreneurial ecosystem. With the convergence of visionary startups and seasoned mentors, this program is poised to propel innovative ideas into successful enterprises," said Startup Odisha executive chairman Omkar Rai.

Milk plant

Shimla: A state-of-the-art fully automatic milk processing plant will be set up at Dagwar in Kangra district of the state with a capacity of 1.5 lakh litre per day, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu. The plant will be set up in collaboration with the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), and the foundation stone will be laid shortly, he said while presiding over a meeting with National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) representatives here. In the first phase, an investment of Rs 223 crore would be made, including Rs 180 crore on construction and Rs 43 crore for strengthening milk procurement network, he said.

RBI keeps interest rates unchanged for fourth meeting in a row

Mumbai, Oct 06:

The Reserve Bank of India expectedly left its key interest rate unchanged on Friday as inflation remains a major risk, and signalled it would keep liquidity tight using bond sales to bring prices closer to target. The monetary policy committee, which has three members from the central bank and a similar number of external members, held the benchmark repurchase rate (repo) at 6.50 per cent in a unanimous decision for the fourth consecutive meeting in a row.

It retained 'withdrawal of accommodation' stance. Governor Shaktikanta Das said the central bank has identified high inflation as a major risk to macroeconomic stability and sustainable growth and 're-



Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das arrives to address a press conference on monetary policy statement, at the RBI headquarters in Mumbai, Friday, Oct. 6.

mains resolutely focused on aligning inflation to the 4 per cent target on a durable basis".

The incomplete transmission of past 250 basis-points rate hikes to bank lending and deposit rates reinforced MPC's imperative to continue its stance of withdrawal of accommodation, he said. Despite the second quar-

ter bulge in inflation, the RBI kept its inflation forecast for the current fiscal unchanged at 5.4 per cent. Annual retail inflation eased to 6.83 per cent in August, from a 15-month high of 7.44 per cent in July, but remained well above the central bank's 2-6 per cent comfort band. However, silver lining is drop in core inflation (re-

tail inflation excluding food and fuel) to below 5 per cent. Upping the ante against inflation, the central bank may consider selling bonds to soak up excess funds from the banking system, he said.

"The timing and quantum of such operations will depend on the evolving liquidity conditions." The RBI kept its GDP forecast unchanged at 6.5 per cent for the current fiscal. Food inflation remains a key monitorable not only because it is in double digits, but also because sub-normal monsoon and muted sowing can impact kharif output and prices. Additionally, low reservoir levels do not augur well for the rabi crops. Also, crude oil has seen a lot of volatility of late. "The need of the hour is to remain vigilant and not give room to complacency," Das said.

Rupee rises 4 paise to close at 83.21 against US dollar

Mumbai, Oct 06:

The rupee appreciated 4 paise to settle at 83.21 (provisional) against the US dollar on Friday amid positive equity markets as the Reserve Bank kept the repo rate unchanged in its fourth consecutive monetary policy review. Selling pressure from foreign equity investors amid elevated levels of the greenback, however, restricted the upward movement of the local currency, according to forex traders. At the inter-bank foreign exchange, the domestic unit opened at 83.21 against the dollar and traded between a high of 83.28 and a low of 83.18. It finally settled at 83.21 (provisional) against the dollar, up 4 paise over Thursday's closing level of 83.25. The six-member monetary policy committee of the Reserve Bank of India on Friday held the benchmark repurchase rate (repo) at 6.50 per cent in a unanimous decision for the fourth policy review meeting in a row.

87 pc of Rs 2,000 notes came as bank deposits: Das

Rs 12,000 crore of currency yet to return

Mumbai, Oct 06:

Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das on Friday said 87 per cent of the Rs 2,000 denomination notes being withdrawn have returned as deposits into banks while the rest has been exchanged across counters. Addressing a press conference after the announcement of the bi-monthly monetary policy review, Das said Rs 12,000 crore of the Rs 3.56 lakh crore worth of Rs 2,000 notes in circulation as on May 19, 2023 are yet to come back. Last on Saturday, the RBI had said that Rs 3.42 lakh crore of notes had been received back as of September 29, and Rs 14,000 crore was yet to come back. The central bank had also extended the deadline for re-

turn of the notes by a week.

Das said the RBI wants to "emphatically" focus on the 4 per cent headline inflation target, and till the price rise number does not get down, the monetary policy will be "actively disinflationary". As the banker to the government, the RBI does not have any worry on the central government finances, Das said. The "outlier" loan growth of 33 per cent as against the overall credit growth of 13-14 per cent made the RBI flag the issue of personal loans and prompt banks to take steps to avoid any risk build-up, Deputy Governor J Swaminathan said. Das asked the financiers to "smell where the crisis is likely to come up" and take appropriate steps. The governor also said that the gross non-performing assets have improved in the June quarter; if one were to go by the unaudited results.

No major problem with central govt finances: RBI Governor

Mumbai, Oct 06:

Governor Shaktikanta Das on Friday said the RBI does not see "any major problem" or any other worries with the central government finances. The government has promised to stick to the fiscal deficit targets laid down in the budget as part of the consolidation roadmap, Das told reporters at the RBI headquarters at the customary post-policy press conference. Replying to a specific question on the state of government finances, Das said, "So far as central government finances are concerned, I do not see any major problem or anything that you know that worries the central

bank". He said the government is, by and large, sticking to the fiscal consolidation roadmap after the end of the pandemic, which had seen some expansion because of the high spending. Even during the pandemic, the government's spending was "calibrated and targeted", Das noted.

"After the pandemic, the government has announced a fiscal consolidation roadmap. And by and large, they're sticking to that," he said. The governor noted that even recently, a statement has been made by the finance ministry that the government will stick to the fiscal deficit, and they are targeting this fiscal consolidation roadmap.

FMCG consumption showing improvement, says Dabur India

New Delhi, Oct 06:

Helped by encouraging macro indicators, FMCG consumption is showing improvement year-on-year, though the recovery has been gradual, Dabur India said in its quarter updates. This quarter witnessed a mild summer and a slightly deficient monsoon. The festive season is later than normal this year due to which offtake related to festivals is delayed and will carry forward to the next quarter, it said.

"We expect recovery of consumption in both urban and rural markets in India due to improving macro indicators, increase in government expenditure and positive

consumer sentiment," Dabur said. The home-grown FMCG major expects a "mid to high single-digit growth" in its consolidated revenue during the July-September quarter. "In India business, Healthcare and HPC segments are expected to grow in high single-digit," it said in an update for the quarter ending on September 30, 2023. However, it anticipates the F&B business to remain "slightly below last year's revenue" on account of a mild summer and change in the festive season.

On its international business, Dabur said it is "poised for a strong performance, with double-digit growth in constant currency" led by markets

such as the Middle East, Egypt and Turkey. Moreover, it expects "higher gross margin expansion than that seen in Q1 FY24" aided by moderating inflation and our cost-saving initiatives. A significant portion of gross margin expansion will be channelled into boosting advertising and promotion (A&P) spending. "Consequently, operating profit is expected to grow in line with revenue and remain steady compared to the same quarter last year," Dabur said. Further, the company said it remains committed to driving ahead of the category performance of its business segments and gaining market shares across its portfolio.

Sebi asks brokers functioning in 'execution only platform'

To maintain minimum capital deposit

New Delhi, Oct 06:

Capital markets regulator Sebi on Friday asked stock brokers functioning only in the Execution Only Platforms (EOP) segment to maintain a sum of Rs 10 lakh with the bourse as a base minimum capital deposit. The EOP is a digital or online platform which allows transactions in direct plans of mutual funds without the help of distributors. Under the rule, an entity desirous of providing execution-only services in direct plans of mutual funds can obtain registration under either of the two categories -- category 1 EOP as an agent of asset management companies registered with industry body

Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) or category 2 EOP as an agent of investor, registered as a stock broker. "It has been decided that the members of stock exchanges functioning only in EOP segment (Category 2 EOP) shall maintain a sum of Rs 10 lakh with the stock exchange as BMC (base minimum capital) deposit," the regulator said in a circular. However, for members having registration of more than one segment on the same stock exchange, the BMC deposit requirement will not be additive for such a number of segments and will be the highest applicable BMC deposit, across various segments, it added. The new requirements will come into force with immediate effect, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) said.

MOU SIGNED



Managing Director, Jindal Stainless, Abhyuday Jindal (R) exchanges signed documents of an MoU with Director, IIT Bombay, Professor Subhasis Chaudhuri to set up a Chair professorship at the premier institute to further research and innovation in industrial processes and product technologies in the stainless steel sector, in Mumbai, Friday, Oct. 6.

Status quo on policy rates on expected lines: Experts

Kolkata, Oct 06:

The decision of the Reserve Bank of India to keep the policy rates unchanged in October is on expected lines, according to experts. At the meeting of the six-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) which concluded on Friday, it has been decided to keep the benchmark interest rates unchanged at 6.5 per cent.

Tribhuvan Adhikari MD and CEO of LIC Housing Finance said "RBI's decision to maintain the repo rate unchanged in today's MPC meeting is on expected lines. The move demonstrates RBI's continued commitment to support growth and maintain economic stability.

India among top 3 nation with highest 5G base, roll out remarkable: Nokia CEO

New Delhi, Oct 06:

The 5G network rollout in India has been remarkable and the country is among the top three nations with the largest 5G installed base in the world, a top Nokia official said on Thursday. Nokia President and CEO Pekka Lundmark was addressing an event during the inauguration of the company's 6G research lab in Bengaluru. "5G rollout in India is truly remarkable. This has been one of the fastest telecom network roll-outs ever and means India is now among the top three countries in the world that have the largest 5G installed base, with 5G download speeds beating those found in many advanced markets,"



Lundmark said. While there has been a decline in telecom gear shipment across major geographies, the 5G rollout in India has been able to offset a dip in the business of Ericsson and Nokia. Nokia posted 333 per cent growth in India sales at about Rs 9,500 crore in the June quarter of 2023. Ericsson

reported 74 per cent growth in net sales in the June 2023 quarter in "South East Asia, Oceania and India" to around Rs 10,700 crore of which around 90 per cent of its business comes from India. Reliance Jio and Bharti Airtel are expected to invest about Rs 75,000 crore in the current financial year to strengthen their networks, according to a report by JM Financial. According to the report, Jio may invest around Rs 42,000 crore and Bharti Airtel around Rs 33,000 crore in FY24, but the investment will taper down after their 5G network rollout target is met as per their announcement. "We are satisfied with this work so far - but there is still more to do.

Myntra Big Fashion Festival starts on October 7

Mumbai, Oct 06:

Myntra has announced the arrival of Big Fashion Festival, its biggest festive fashion extravaganza. With over 23 lakh styles from over 6000 brands, the fourth edition of the Myntra BFF offers one of the biggest assortment of selections across fashion, beauty and lifestyle ever and expects over 8 million customers to shop during the festive carnival. The platform's marquee annual festive shopping bonanza will commence on the 7 of October. Over 5 lakh new styles have been added from brands that are popular among non-metro customers. To meet the expected surge in traffic and provide a smooth and

seamless shopping journey to every shopper coming to the platform, Myntra has scaled its systems to handle ~1 million concurrent users at peak. This year, the platform will also provide access to constructs that are designed to showcase festive-oriented categories like Showstoppers, BFF Specials and Rewards.

The platform has unique hero collections for 'BFF Specials' along with over 150 new launches, cross-brand collaborations and interesting CelebXBrand crossovers. In addition to fashion and beauty, some of the emerging categories geared to witness rising demand this festive season include home products, luggage, travel and accessories,

footwear; and handbags.

This BFF will see over 1.6 lakh styles and 50 new made-in-India D2C brands which are celebrated under the Myntra Rising STARS banner and will offer a differentiated selection, with unique styles for both men and women across fashion, footwear, accessories and home. With the growing popularity and love for the catalog, some leading brands like Outcast, Nap Chief, BeYours and Veshti Company will showcase irresistible value-offers. Indian wear is an integral part of one's festive wardrobe and the men and women segments have been scaled to host 4.5 lakh styles, to cater to the festive demand ahead of the Big

Fashion Festival. The collection houses a range of mass premium and premium styles across light and heavy Indian wear, and fusion wear which are seeing an increase in demand from customers.

Myntra will cater to the festive needs of GenZ customers. As part of FWD, Myntra's immersive fashion proposition for Gen-Z, is an array of uber-trendy brands offering over 67 thousand styles. Prominent brands that are expected to trend during the Big Fashion Festival are Lulu & Sky, H&M, Trendyol, bebe, Tokyo Talkies, Hersheinbox, Street 9, Athena, Bonkers Corner, Freakins and Boohoo, among others.

Stock markets rally after RBI keeps repo rate unchanged



Mumbai, Oct 06:

Benchmark equity indices Sensex and Nifty rallied for a second straight session on Friday after the Reserve Bank maintained the status quo on policy rates, resulting in gains for rate-sensitive sectors like financial, realty and auto. A firm trend in Asian and European markets also bolstered the investors' sentiment, traders said.

RBI's decision will support growth, check inflation: Experts

Mumbai, Oct 06:

The Reserve Bank's decision to hold benchmark interest rate is on expected lines, and its focus on withdrawal of accommodative monetary stance will help in bringing down inflation while supporting growth, according to industry experts.

The Central Bank left its key interest rate unchanged as inflation remains a major risk, and signalled it would keep liquidity tight using bond sales to bring prices closer to target. The monetary policy committee held the benchmark repurchase rate (repo) at 6.50 per cent in a unanimous decision for the fourth consecutive meeting in a row. It re-

tained the 'withdrawal of accommodation' stance. Commenting on the monetary policy, Subhrakant Panda, President, Ficci said the RBI has kept repo rate and overall stance unchanged, as was largely expected, emphasising on withdrawal of accommodation and supporting growth.

"Inflation needs to be closely monitored, but it seems to have peaked and a correction in prices over the near-term looks probable," he said. Echoing similar sentiments, Madan Sabnavis, Chief Economist, Bank of Baroda said the policy was on expected lines and message appears to be that status quo will prevail till end of the fiscal. "This is based

on inflation forecasts which remain unchanged," he said, adding that the earliest time when repo can be lowered is expected to be towards the end of the first quarter of next year.

The Reserve Bank has retained the retail inflation projection at 5.4 per cent for the current fiscal. On the RBI's latest decision, Rajeev Kapur, Managing Director, Steelbird Helmets said a stable repo rate is a boon for the economy during this festive time, as it translates into more spending power for the people. "It fosters a sense of financial security, encouraging consumers to make confident purchasing decisions," he added.

Daharia inaugurates computer training center and library classrooms

Guru Ghanshyam Das Academy building transforms into a hub for knowledge and job-oriented education: Daharia

Arang, Oct 06:

Dr. Shivkumar Daharia, the State Minister of Urban Administration and Labour, marked the commencement of a state-of-the-art computer training center and library classrooms at the Guru Ghanshyam Das Academy building in New Rajendra Nagar. The inauguration was marked by a ceremonial ribbon-cutting following a prayer ceremony dedicated to Guru Ghanshyam Das, echoing with resounding chants of "Jai Jai Satnam."

During the event, Minister Daharia lauded the academy's exceptional contributions to social upliftment and personally donated 10 lakh rupees from his family's re-



sources to support the library's operation. He underscored the vital role played by the academy in guiding young minds towards promising careers, providing computer education, building an extensive book collection, and aiding in competitive exam preparations. It's worth noting that the Minister had earlier sanctioned a grant of 50 lakhs from his fund for the academy's development, with the official inauguration taking place on this mo-

mentous day. In a heartfelt tribute, the computer and library classrooms were renamed in honour of Late Shri Asharam Daharia and Late Smt. Godavari Bai Daharia. Notable attendees included K.P. Khande, President of the Rajshree Sadbhavana Committee, Smt. Shakun Daharia, President of the Rajbhasha Ayog, Dr. Anil Bhatpahari, and Dr. J.R. Soni, Secretary of the academy. The event was gracefully hosted by

Chetan Chande. The ceremony drew a distinguished crowd, with luminaries such as Dr. D.S. Patre, Sundarlal Jogi, M.D. Mahilkar, S.K. Sonwani, R.K. Patle Prakash Badhe, Tikendr Baghel, Kripa Ram Chaturvedi, Lal Puren, Pandit Anjor Das Banjare, Ghanshyam Kosle, Mansingh Gihre, Asaram Lahre, Santosh Mahilang, Subhash Kurra, Baba Daharia, Surekha Rai, and many others gracing the event with their presence.

KMC launches infrastructure projects to benefit residents

Bhoomi Pujan ceremony marks the beginning

Kurud, Oct 06:

In a momentous stride towards improving the lives of residents in Kurud's Vande Mataram Ward No. 15, a Bhoomi Pujan ceremony unveiled a series of crucial infrastructure projects across the town. The highlight of this initiative includes the construction of sewer lines, connecting households in different wards.

- Highlights of the works
1. A sewer line from Dev Kumar Sahu's residence to Bhagoli Ram Sinha's house, at an expense of 1 lakh 53 thousand rupees.
 2. A sewer line stretching from Lokesh Bhargav's dwelling to



Mahendra Sahu's residence, also costing 1 lakh 39 thousand rupees.

3. The connection from Lekhray Sahu's house to Virendra Sahu's home, with a budget of 3 lakh 14 thousand rupees.

4. A sewer line linking Rajesh Agrawal's residence to Hriday Bhushan Kahar's house, with an allocation of 2 lakh 74 thousand rupees.

5. The pathway from Resham Jagde's dwelling to the approach road, a

project valued at 4 lakh 11 thousand rupees.

6. Finally, the sewer line construction from Sanjay Sahu's residence to Pankaj Nayadu's house, with a budget of 4 lakh 79 thousand rupees.

7. Moreover, the Bhoomi Pujan ceremony also inaugurated the construction of a ramp in the I.S.H.D.P. Colony, costing 63 thousand rupees.

The event was graced by the presence of President Tapan Chandra

Acharjee, Vice-President Manju Pramod Sahu, President Manish Sahu, Vice-President of the Agricultural Produce Committee Pramod Sahu, President Dumes Sahu, President Roshan Jagde, Parshad Raghavendra Soni, and Senior Citizen D.L. Bhargav, Manmohan Chandra.

During the ceremony, Ward Councillor and President Manish Sahu conveyed his best wishes to the ward residents, assuring them that these development projects would address fundamental issues within the ward. Notable attendees included Basant Sahu, Tukesha Sahu, Sub Engineer Bhojraj Sinha, Raja Chandrakar, Navin Chandrakar, as well as ward residents, municipal council officials, and employees.

One day workshop of Expenditure Monitoring Committees concludes



Manendragarh, Oct 06:

Under the chairmanship of Collector and District Election Officer Narendra Kumar Dugga and in the presence of Superintendent of Police Siddharth Tiwari, a one-day training of flying squad and static surveillance team was organized under expenditure monitoring in the office meeting room of MCB.

Collector and District Election Officer Narendra Kumar Dugga, while giving

information about the work of Expenditure Monitoring Team in the training workshop, said that from the point of view of election work, information about the expenses incurred by the candidates and to make the election process free, peaceful and fair, the training was given.

Master Trainer H.N. Ansari said that expenditure monitoring teams have to do their work with complete transparency and in an independent and

impartial manner. In the training, how to do Panchnama, how to observe and videograph meeting programs organized by parties etc. were discussed in detail. Along with this, information was given about major legal provisions under the Public Representation Act 1951, Conduct of Elections Rules 1961 and Indian Penal Code 1860 in case of violation of election rules.

Under these provisions, penalties, punishment, fines etc. were also explained. District level master trainer Shailendra Mishra, while giving detailed information about voting through postal ballot paper, said that the voters identified for this will be able to cast their vote at the convenience center only.

While providing detailed information about the election expenditure to the expenditure monitoring teams, he explained how we have to monitor the expenditure being in-

currred by the candidates. He told that there will be separate static monitoring teams in each assembly constituency and each team will include an executive magistrate and three-four policemen, a vehicle, GPRS system, public address system and a videographer.

During the training, it was told that the Election Commission of India has made a provision of maximum Rs 40 lakh for the election expenses of the candidates contesting the elections.

Deputy District Election Officer Anil Kumar Sidar, Additional Superintendent of Police Nimesh Kumar Baraiya, Nodal Officer of the entire team Bijendra Sarathi, MCMC Nodal Officer Rajkumar Khati, officers and employees of FST, SST, VST, VVT, accounting team were present.

NEET and JEE coaching started

In Swami Atmanand School

Kasdol, Oct 06:

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel virtually inaugurated the Swami Atmanand Coaching Scheme at Swami Atmanand Kasdol in the presence of Education Minister Ravindra Choubey.

Under this scheme, maximum number of students from all the higher secondary schools running around Nagar Panchayat Kasdol were present.

On this occasion, the Principal and Chief Nodal Officer of the excellent school said that as per the orders of Chhattisgarh Government, special and free coaching has been started for the students studying in class 12th



(Science, Mathematics) to achieve success in NEET and JEE pre-examination.

About 45 students have registered themselves and are attending classes. While thanking the Chief Minister for this scheme, parents were requested to take advantage of this scheme and best wishes were given to everyone.

Principal of the excellent school and Chief Nodal Officer Santosh Kumar Verma, BRR CTR Dhritalhare, BRC Cashier Patel, Nodal teachers Gajendra Sahu (Mathematics), Sandeep Namdev (Physics), Keshar were instrumental in making the program successful.

Stone laid for Bhendra, Shagaram devp projects

Anwari, Oct 06: Govind Sahu, the dynamic District Panchayat President representing the Kurud Assembly constituency, known for his unwavering commitment to regional progress, graced a Bhumi Pujan ceremony that marked the initiation of several crucial development projects in Gram Panchayat Bhendra. These transformative endeavours encompass the erection of a shed atop Chabutare near Deenanath Talab (valued at 1.40 lakh rupees), the enhancement of aesthetics through tile railing installation in Jaitkham (costing 1 lakh rupees), and the construction of a borewell in Bahara Khar (with an allocation of 70,000 rupees). The distinguished guest of honour, Govind Sahu, expressed his satisfaction in



fulfilling long-standing demands for these projects, particularly during the auspicious month of Shrawan when numerous programs are organized. He extended hearty con-

gratulations for the commencement of these constructive endeavours and emphasized the importance of fulfilling responsibilities entrusted by the people. The priority, he as-

serted, is to undertake development initiatives that align with the community's aspirations, with a goal to embark on numerous such projects across the region.

The event also featured addresses by former District Panchayat member Amardeep Sahu, Gram Patel Ganeshram Sahu, and Nandkumar Sahu, while Kamta Sahu expertly conducted the proceedings. In attendance were notable figures like Nihal Sahu (former Janpad member), Dhnanjay Sahu, Dr. Guman Singh Sahu, Parmeshwar Sahu, Manuram Sahu, Shyam Sahu, Devdip Sahu, and a substantial gathering of village residents, collectively celebrating the dawn of these development initiatives.

Preparations underway for Assembly elections 2023

Collector announces final voter list

Bijapur, Oct 06:

In anticipation of the upcoming Legislative Assembly General Elections in 2023, Collector and District Election Officer Rajendra Kumar Katara organized a press conference on October 4. The press conference aimed to provide crucial information, including the final publication of the voter list, as per the directives of the Election Commission.

The Collector announced that the voter list for the Legislative Assembly has been officially published, and copies were distributed to



all political parties during a dedicated meeting. Notably, 6,980 new voters were incorporated into the list as of October 4, 2023, through the Second Special Summary Revision program. Among these new voters, 11,861 fall within the age group of 18 to 22. Furthermore, the Collector detailed that the district boasts a total of 245 polling centers, accommodating a grand total of 1,68,991 voters. This in-

cludes 81,426 male voters and 87,557 female voters. He highlighted the presence of 5 model polling centers, 5 women-specific polling centers, 4 centers operated by differently-abled individuals, and 1 polling center run entirely by youth volunteers within the Bijapur district. The conference also provided insights into the distribution of sensitive, hyper-sensitive, and general polling centers, along with

centers set to conduct elections for the first time.

Additionally, SDM of Bijapur, Pavan Kumar Premi, pointed out that the Collector's Court Room B-03 has been designated as the office for filing nominations. Sub-District Election Officer Narayan Gavel and local journalists attended the event, emphasizing the collective commitment to ensuring a transparent and efficient electoral process.

Three DJ operators fined

Police takes action on the cognizance of the High Court

Korea, Oct 06: Three DJ operators were fined by the disobeying the instructions of the Honorable High Court and the State Government. While taking action against three DJ operators, their DJ's and belongings have also been confiscated. The operators have been booked as a punishable offense under Section 15 of the Chhattisgarh Noise Control Act 1985 for playing at a higher volume than the prescribed noise limit. Sunil Navik, resident of Bachra Podi, Suraj and Rajesh D.J resident of Pepperdand, from Police Station Patna, were fined Rs 1,000 and pickup vehicle number CG 16 A 1721 along with equipment like

base box, generator, amplifier, laptop etc. has been seized from their possession. Apart from this, surveillance has also been kept on other DJ operators. The police administration has appealed to the DJ operators to follow the Noise Control Act and take care of all sections of the society including common citizens.

It may be noted that The High Court and the Chhattisgarh government had expressed concern over the noise of the DJ and had given instructions for necessary action and Noise Pollution (Exchange and Control) Rules 2000, Noise Control Act 1985 and the instructions, norms and guidelines given from time to time by the Supreme Court and the Hon'ble High Court have to be followed in letter and spirit.

Health checkup van launched in slum areas by Collector

Urban residents to receive free medical services
Mobile medical unit to serve slum areas

Khairagarh, Oct 06:

District Collector Gopal Verma raised the green flag to inaugurate the Chief Minister's Health Van from the collectorate premises. This initiative is set to benefit urban residents, with a strong focus on providing healthcare services to slum areas in the district. Under the Chief Minister's Health Scheme, individuals in these areas will receive complimentary health checkups and essential medications for conditions such as BP, diabetes, CBC,



fever, cough, diarrhea, and more. The health van will also offer specialized healthcare services for women and children, including checkups for expectant mothers and infant health.

Doctors' team to provide medications on-site
The Chief Minister's Health Scheme vehicle is staffed with a dedicated medical team, comprising

a doctor, nurse, pharmacist, and lab technician. This team will visit slum areas to conduct health assessments, consultations, and provide necessary medications. The mobile medical unit will offer a range of medical tests, including general health evaluations and specific tests like BP and sugar level (CBC). Furthermore, all types of medications

will be readily available on board, and beneficiaries will not incur any charges for these services.

Elected representatives and citizens present

The scheme aims to enhance healthcare access for citizens, with a special emphasis on improving the health of those residing in slum areas. The event witnessed the participation of key figures such as Shailendra Verma, President of Khairagarh Municipal Corporation, Rajjak Khan, Vice-President, and Sumit Tandia, Councillor Dayaram Patel, Suryakant Yadav and Chief Municipal Officer Pramod Shukla, Dr. Maqsood, the medical team, departmental officials, employees, and community members were also present to commemorate this significant healthcare initiative.

Another proud moment for the Bacheli DAVians



Bacheli, Oct 06: In today's district level art festival, a very commendable presentation was given by the children of DAV Public School, Bachelii which Dileshwari Gatre secured first position in the classical singing girls category. Chittaranjan Das secured first position in classical playing (Tabla). Anish Sharma got first place in the folk music singing boys category. Asha Thakur got first position in the folk music singing girls category. NidhiSunani got first

position in folk dance girls category. LavkushNayak got first place in the traditional games and toys boys category. The Principal Dr. Chetna Sharma congratulated the students and their mentors Dilip Biswas (Drawing Teacher), Omisha Sahu (Music Teacher and Ms. Jasmine Maria Dhanson (Dance Teacher). Principal and her team showered their blessings on these blooming stars and appreciated their parents for such a great achievement.

India reclaim hockey gold with 5-1 drubbing of Japan



Hangzhou, Oct 06 (PTI):

Skipper Harmanpreet Singh led admirably as the Indian men's hockey team mauled defending champions Japan 5-1 to reclaim the Asian Games gold, their fourth in the continental showpiece, after nine years and qualify for next year's Paris Olympics here on Friday.

The Indians, who had to be content with a bronze medal in the last edition in Jakarta, thus won their fourth Asian Games gold and first since the 2014 Incheon edition. India's other gold medals came in 1966 and 1998, both times in Bangkok.

South Korea won the bronze medal after eking out a close 2-1 win over hosts China.

Harmanpreet (32nd, 59th minutes) scored a brace through penalty corners, Amit Rohidas (36th) also sounded the board from a set-piece, while Manpreet Singh (25th) and Abhishek (48th) found the net from field efforts to

register the famous victory for India.

Seren Tanaka converted a penalty corner for Japan in the 51st minutes.

Harmanpreet, thus, finished the tournament as India's top scorer with 13 goals, one ahead of striker Mandeep Singh.

The Indians, who ended the tournament unbeaten, were by far the better side against Japan, whom they had defeated 4-2 in the pool stages. The Indians mostly used the flanks to great effect to build their attacks

and also used down-the-line long balls to perfection. The Tokyo Olympics bronze medallists were quick to get off the blocks and made quite a few circle penetrations but failed to convert them into goals in the first quarter.

India played high-pressure hockey and constantly put the Japanese defence under pressure.

They got their first chance in the fifth minute but Lalit Upadhyay's deflection from a pass from the left flank was saved by

Japanese goalkeeper Takumi Kitagawa.

The Indians kept on pressing hard and, in the process, secured their first penalty corner of the match but Harmanpreet's flick was brilliantly saved by an agile Kitagawa.

Two minutes into the second quarter, India earned another penalty corner but the variation didn't work as Rohidas's flick went over the post.

India continued their attacking hockey and finally took the lead in the 25th

minute when Manpreet scored from a rebound with a powerful reverse hit from top of the circle after Abhishek's initial try, from close range, was saved by the Japanese goalkeeper.

Two minutes from half-time, India goalkeeper P R Sreejesh was alert in front of his goal and was perfectly placed to deny Japan's try, blocking the ball with his legs.

Two minutes into the second half, India secured three consecutive penalty

corners and this time Harmanpreet was bang on target with the final attempt, sounding the board with a powerful drag-flick to the left of Kitagawa's extended leg.

Minutes later, Rohidas tripled India's lead, finding the net with a powerful high flick that beat Japan goalkeeper Kitagawa all ends up.

Shamsher Singh then came close to registering his name in the score sheet only to be denied by Kitagawa. It was complete

domination by the Indians as three minutes into the fourth and final quarter Abhishek made the scoreline 4-0 from a tight angle after receiving a pass from vice-captain Hardik Singh.

With nothing to lose, Japan woke up in the last 10 minutes and secured two back-to-back penalty corners and Tanaka pulled one back. Harmanpreet added salt to Japan's wounds when he converted his second penalty corner just a minute from the final hooter.

Bajrang makes medal-less exit; Aman wins bronze

Hangzhou, Oct 06 (PTI):

Bajrang Punia, who entered the Asian Games after escaping the selection trials, suffered embarrassing defeats to make a medal-less exit from Hangzhou even as three other Indian wrestlers, including the talented Aman Sehrawat, won bronze medals here on Friday.



An under-prepared Bajrang, who spent a major part of this year protesting against WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, began with two easy wins but appeared clueless

against the formidable Iranian Rahman Amouzadkhalili and Japan's Kaiiki Yamaguchi. Vishal Kaliraman had won the Asian Games trials but

Hangzhou, Oct 06 (PTI):

Star men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty dished out a badminton master-class to storm into the final and inch closer to India's first-ever badminton gold at the Asian Games here on Friday.

The world No.3 pair, which was part of the silver-medal winning Indian men's team last week, produced a sensational show to outclass Malaysia's Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik, Tokyo bronze medallists and former world champions, 21-17, 21-12 in 46 minutes of dominance.



The Indian pair thus became the first Indian men's doubles pair to assure of a silver at the Asian Games.

Satwik-Chirag enter final, keep first-ever gold medal hopes alive

Hangzhou, Oct 06 (PTI):

Prannoy signs off with maiden Asian Games bronze

An error-prone HS Prannoy signed off with an Asian Games bronze, India's first medal in men's singles in 41 years, after going down in straight games to reigning All England champion, China's Li Shi Feng, in the semifinals here on Friday. The World No.7 Indian, who is playing with a back niggle, committed too many unforced errors to go down 16-21 9-21 against the home favourite and world No.



8 Li in a 51-minute contest. It was India's second medal in

men's singles since Syed Modi claimed a bronze in the 1982 edition in New Delhi. Prannoy was also part of the silver medal-winning Indian men's team last week. The 31-year-old from Thiruvananthapuram made a good start but lost the plot midway through the opening game, mainly due to the errors he committed while looking for precision in his return, going wide and long in the process.

India crush Bangladesh to enter final of men's cricket

Hangzhou, Oct 06 (PTI):



Title favourites India confirmed a medal in men's cricket competition with a crushing nine-wicket win over Bangladesh to storm into the final of the Asian Games here on Friday.

India skipper Rituraj Gaikwad's decision to field first after winning the toss was vindicated by his bowlers, who produced a disciplined effort to restrict Bangladesh to a below-par 96 for nine.

In reply, the Indians hardly faced any difficulty and completed the task in 9.2 overs to storm into the final in their maiden appearance in the cricket

competition at the continental showpiece.

India lost the talented Yashasvi Jaiswal for zero in the very first over but that was the only success Bangladesh had as skipper Gaikwad (40 not out off 26

balls; 4x4, 3x6) and Tilak Varma (55 not out; 26b; 2x4, 6x6) sealed the win with 64 balls to spare in the T20I match.

Rising allrounder Varma, who struck a 25-ball fifty, had an emotional celebration after reaching the milestone when he lifted his shirt to reveal a tattoo dedicated to his parents. India will take on the

Sonam takes bronze

Hangzhou, Oct 06 (PTI):

Young Indian wrestler Sonam Malik staved off a spirited challenge from China's Jia Long to win a bronze medal in the women's 62kg at the Asian Games, here on Friday.

In a bout in which the two wrestlers were locked 4-4 and the Chinese was ahead on criteria, Sonam effected a crucial take-down move with just 25 seconds left in the bronze play-off to emerge a 7-5 winner.

This is India's third wrestling bronze medal in this edition of the Games with Sunil Kumar (Greco Roman) and Antim Panghal (women's 53kg) winning earlier.

Indian men's, women's kabaddi teams enter finals



Hangzhou, Oct 06 (PTI):

The Indian men's kabaddi team thrashed arch-rival Pakistan 61-14 on Friday to take their designated place in the final of the Asian Games here after the shock bronze-medal finish in the 2018 edition in Jakarta.

The India women, the two-time former champions, too stormed into their fourth successive games final with a commanding 61-17 win over Nepal. Pakistan men were hardly a match for the nippy and technically superior Indian counterparts who took a massive 30-5 lead at the end of the first session, securing two bonus points along with the 22 and six points they earned through 'outs' and 'all outs' respectively. Winners of seven consecutive gold medals at the continental showpiece, the Indian men's team had suffered a shock semifinal loss to

Iran at the Jakarta Games, making it the first time the big boys of the sport had failed to make it to the final since the sport was included in the curriculum in 1990. India will meet the winners of the second semi-final between Iran and Chinese Taipei in the title round. If the first half was a cakewalk for the Indian men, the second session too was fruitful with the raiders earning points at will and effecting more 'all outs'.

India nearing for a century of medals at Asian Games

Hangzhou, Oct 06 (PTI):



India are poised to celebrate a historic century of medals at the Asian Games after wrestlers bagged three medals, the sport of sepaktakraw added a historic bronze and the men's hockey team reclaimed the gold to take the country's tally to 95 here on Friday. India are already assured of six medals in different disciplines -- kabaddi (2), archery (3), hockey (1), badminton (1) and cricket (1) and once the competition folds in these event, the country will cross the coveted 100-medal mark for the first time ever on Saturday.

At least four more wrestlers are in contention on the penultimate day of the competition and it won't be a surprise if more medals are added to the tally. India had won 70 medals in the last edition in

Indian archers win silver and bronze in recurve team events

Hangzhou, Oct 06 (PTI):

A 13-year wait ended in archery on Friday when the Indian men's and women's teams surpassed expectations to clinch a silver and bronze respectively, their first medals since 2010, at the Asian Games here on Friday.

Battling injuries, the recurve team of Ankita Bhakat, Simranjeet Kaur and Bhajan Kaur defied odds to clinch a bronze medal in the morning session. The fifth-seeded women's trio dropped just one set to down their Vietnamese rivals 6-2 (56-52, 55-56, 57-50, 51-48) and secure

their first-ever Asian Games medal in the Olympic discipline category since Guangzhou 2010.

The women's team's splendid show then rubbed off on their male counterparts as the triumvirate of Atanu Das, Tushar Shelke, and Dhiraj Bommadevara returned with a silver medal.

They defeated Bangladesh's Sagor Islam, Hakim Rubel and Ruman Shana 5-3 (58-51, 57-54, 56-58, 57-57) in a lopsided semifinal. But up against heavyweights South Korea in the gold medal clash, the Indian trio faltered 5-1 (55-60, 57-57, 55-56). The Indians had a splendid second set, drawing level to make it 1-3.

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INDIA'S LARGEST LUBE MARKETER

Pakistan triumph over Netherlands by 81 runs in World Cup opener

Hyderabad, Oct 06 (PTI):

Pakistan emerged victorious with an impressive 81-run win over the Netherlands in Hyderabad, showcasing the intense competition that cricket fans crave. The match featured significant moments with the ball for Pakistan. Despite some challenges during the chase, Pakistan's bowlers rose to the occasion. Shadab Khan found his rhythm, utilizing spin to claim a pivotal wicket in the middle overs, while Hasan Ali made an early breakthrough by dismissing an opener with the new ball. Vikramjit Singh and Bas de Leede delivered half-centuries for the Netherlands. Vikramjit's ability to negotiate the new ball effectively was crucial, although he slowed down later in the innings. Shadab Khan's breakthrough against him proved vital. Bas de Leede put on an extraordinary all-around performance but couldn't secure a victory for his team. The Netherlands had a reason-



Netherlands' Aryan Dutt celebrates with teammates after taking the wicket of Pakistan's Saud Shakeel.

able chance while Vikramjit was at the crease, but a double-wicket 27th over disrupted their chase. Pakistan's bowlers collectively contributed to their commanding 81-run triumph. Batting first, Pakistan posted a competitive total of 286 runs before being bowled out in the 49th over. The innings was anchored by the solid performances of Mohammad Rizwan and Saud Shakeel, both of whom contributed 68 runs. Nevertheless, Pakistan encountered two minor collapses during their innings - first, losing early wickets, and later, after a promising 120-run partnership between Rizwan and Shakeel. The Netherlands, renowned for their fighting spirit, displayed commendable determination in their pursuit of Pakistan's target. Bas de Leede, excelling with both the ball and the bat, stood out for the Dutch side. He claimed four crucial wickets and scored a brave 67 runs from 68 balls. Despite de Leede's heroics, Pakistan's bowlers, led by Hasan Ali and Harris Rauf, managed to dismiss the Netherlands for 205 runs in the 41st over, securing a convincing victory. Spinners Keshav

Injury-hit Sri Lanka and South Africa seek winning start to World Cup

New Delhi, Oct 06 (PTI):

Battling injuries, both South Africa and Sri Lanka will hope their experienced players rise to the occasion and give them a winning start when they square up against each other at the World Cup here on Saturday.

South Africa are without pacers Anrich Nortje and Sisanda Magala, while Sri Lanka have been robbed of the services of key players including leg-spinner Wanindu Hasaranga - their best white ball bowler by some distance - and frontline pacers Dushmantha Chameera and Lahiru Madushanka. In the absence of Nortje's express pace, South Africa will rely on the experience of Kagiso Rabada and the exuberance of 23-year-old Gerald Coetzee. Spinners Keshav



Maharaj and Tabraiz Shamsi were among the wickets in the recent series against Australia but don't have an enviable record in India. They will be keen to change that in favourable conditions. The big-hitting David Miller and skipper Temba Bavuma are enjoying a good run of form. Bavuma's partnership with wicketkeeper batter Quinton de Kock at the top could prove to be dangerous for Sri Lanka. Henrich Klaasen has the ability to take on the fiercest of bowlers from the very first ball and he could prove to be the trump card for the Proteas, who are still in search of their maiden ICC trophy. Armed with a potent batting line-up, South Africa would fancy their chances against Sri Lanka if their batters get going. With key bowlers missing, the onus will be on the spin duo of Maheesh Theekshana and the promising left-arm spinner Dunith Wellalage to pick wickets. While Lahiru Kumara, Dilshan Madushanka, Matheesha

Match starts 2pm IST.

Pathirana and Kasun Rajith will share the pace duties. Sri Lanka have a decent batting unit with the likes of Dimuth Karunaratne, Kusal Perera, Pathum Nissanka and Sadeera Samarawickrama. Experienced wicketkeeper batter Kusal Mendis with his big-hitting prowess will also add value. But the form of opener Pathum Nissanka and the captain Dasun Shanaka is concerning. "We have been struggling a lot in the recent past with injuries, but at the same time, we have some good records with us. You know, as a group, we are looking forward to the World Cup. Everyone wants to make a statement that we are here to perform well in this tournament," Shanaka had said ahead of the tournament.

Chance for Bangladesh, Afghanistan to produce one breakout performance

Dharamsala, Oct 06 (PTI):

Their build-up marred by infighting, Bangladesh will have their task cut out when they cross swords with Afghanistan in their World Cup opener here on Saturday, both teams seeking to enjoy that one breakout campaign after years of top-flight experience.

Bangladesh have always been a competitive side in the white ball formats but for a team that has just witnessed a face-off between two of its biggest players - skipper Shakib al Hasan and Tamim Iqbal - it will need to do more than just being competitive. Bangladesh, however, have no dearth of experi-



ence and talent in their squad with the likes of Shakib, pacer Mustafizur Rahman, wicketkeeper batters Mushfiqur Rahim and Litton Das and all-rounder Mahmudullah

Match starts at 10.30am.

highest scorer this year with 698 runs, Taskin Ahmed, Shoriful Islam and Towhid Hridoy who bring some vibrancy and balance into the squad, so important in a tournament of this magnitude. Their real strength, however, is their spin bowling unit made up of Shakib, Mehidy Miraz, Mahedi Hasan and Nasum Ahmed who have the skills to catch their opponents napping on helpful surfaces, which they might find in India. As far as Afghanistan are concerned, they have progressed as a cricketing nation since getting ICC full membership in 2017. What they need now is

a breakout performance in a global event to underline that growth, though their World Cup record is a far cry from that, having managed only one victory from 15 games, which came against Scotland.

Afghanistan would do well to take inspiration from their 2019 World Cup outings against India and Pakistan when they came close to shocking the two heavyweights before failing to close out the match. Afghanistan, led by Hashmatullah Shahidi, boast of a formidable spin department in the form of veteran Mohammad Nabi, Rashid Khan, Mujeeb Ur Rahman and Noor Ahmad.

Chokers narrative will stay with South Africa until we win trophy, Bavuma

New Delhi, Oct 06 (PTI):

The current South African team members are divided whether the chokers tag applies to them or not but everyone is aware that the narrative will stick with them until the Proteas win a silverware, skipper Temba Bavuma said on Friday.

Despite having world class players at their disposal, South Africa have never gone beyond the semifinal stage at the World Cup, earning them the tag of perennial chokers.

"I've used it a couple of times but you don't really hear it coming about within the team," Bavuma said when asked if the current group uses the word "choke".

"I think there are guys who believe that it applies to this team, there are guys who don't believe that it applies to this team.

"The belief amongst the team, that's the most important bit I bring up to just make sure that we're not kind of skirting around the issue that it's something that is there, it's something that will always have to deal with."

Bavuma feels the team needs to accept the narra-

tive, which will go away by itself when South Africa win a trophy.

"I think the biggest thing, at least for myself, is to accept that it is what it is. As a South African team, we know we're going to have that chip on our back, or that narrative that we have to get over. And that's always going to be there until we win a trophy," he said.

"But look, that pressure, that expectation, that's always going to be there for us as a team, for any Proteas cricketing team. That's something you just got to deal with I guess however, where you are."

South African bowlers went for runs galore in the recent five-match series against Australia. Asked if bowling is a concern heading to the World Cup, Bavuma replied in the negative.

"I wouldn't say it's a concern. There are areas that we can improve on. We always try to judge ourselves in the three different phases within the game.

"And we haven't had a lot of instances where in all three phases being the power play, the middle and the death, where we've dominated as a bowling team so from

that point of view, I do believe that there's room for improvement and the guys are aware of that."

Although spinners are expected to dominate in India, South Africa will rely heavily on their potent pace attack to get the job done.

"With the South African attack as predictable as it may be, we always kind of lean to planning around our fast bowlers. That is our strength as a South African team," Bavuma said.

"That's no secret to anyone who would be planning against us. With that being said when we have a guy like Keshav, guys like Shamsi, that does give us our opportunity there when the conditions do speak to playing more than one spinner, we do have we do have guys we can step in and do that quite well.

"But I think the biggest thing like you said is the conditions and trying to put together a team, trying to put together a tactic that speaks to those conditions and conditions that we can exploit as best as we can."

South Africa will open their campaign against Sri Lanka here on Saturday.

Gill down with suspected dengue, could be out for multiple games

Chennai, Oct 06 (PTI):

The Indian team's worries ahead of its opening World Cup game against Australia have been compounded with information Shubman Gill suspected to be suffering from dengue and the batter is a doubtful starter for Sunday's match against Australia here.

Ishan Kishan could open the innings in case Gill is ruled out. The BCCI is yet to con-

firm the nature of the illness.

"He's under the weather, the medical team is closely monitoring him. We are hoping he gets better soon. We will have to wait on more updates from the medical team," the medical update from BCCI stated.

Gill, India's most prolific batter in ODIs in recent times, is reportedly down with high fever and will be tested for dengue on Friday before

a final call is taken on the matter.

"Shubman has had high fever since landing in Chennai. His tests are being done. He will have tests on Friday and a call will be taken on his participation in the opening game," a BCCI source privy to the developments told PTI on condition of anonymity.

It is learnt that Gill is being tested again for dengue and, if it is confirmed, he could well

miss a couple of games.

The recovery from dengue normally takes 7-10 days for a player to be match-fit again. However, if there is a significant drop in the platelet count, it could take much more time.

While Gill could be a non-starter against Australia, there is a high chance that he won't play against Afghanistan (Oct 11) and Pakistan (Oct 14) in case the recovery takes more

time. "Let's not jump the gun. If it's normal viral fever, he could play on antibiotics but it's completely the medical team's call," the source said.

Gill, who has scored 1,200 runs this season, has forged a successful opening stand with skipper Rohit Sharma of late. If he is absent for a long period of time, it could well be a big setback for the Indian team.

Pawar discusses road ahead for INDIA alliance



Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge with party leader Rahul Gandhi during a meeting with NCP chief Sharad Pawar at his residence, in New Delhi, Friday.

New Delhi, Oct 6 (PTI)

NCP chief Sharad Pawar on Friday met Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge as well as Rahul Gandhi and is learnt have discussed the plan forward for the opposition alliance INDIA, which last met in Mumbai on August 31 and September 1. The opposition bloc has not met since Mumbai and is likely to do so soon, sources said. The three leaders discussed the current political situation and the road ahead for the alliance, which is looking to take on the BJP in the upcoming assembly and general

elections. The meeting lasted around 40 minutes.

They also chalked out plans for the next meeting of the INDIA bloc, the sources said.

Kharge later posted pictures of his meeting with Pawar on X, and said "Today, along with Shri Rahul Gandhi ji, met NCP President Shri Sharad Pawar ji to further raise the voice of the people of the country." "We are ready for every challenge," he said while using INDIA bloc's tagline - 'Judega Bharat, Jeetega INDIA (India will unite, INDIA will win). Pawar also posted his pic-

tures of the meeting on X and said, "Paid a courtesy visit to INC President MP Mallikarjun Kharge at his residence. MP Rahul Gandhi, NCP MLA Jitendra Awhad and Gurdeep Sappal, INC CWC Member were also present for the meeting." Friday's discussions come after a joint public meeting of the INDIA alliance in Bhopal in October was cancelled. It could not be held following opposition by Madhya Pradesh Congress chief Kamal Nath over statements by DMK leaders, including Udhayanidhi Stalin, against 'Sanatan Dharma', sources said.

SC to hear on plea against prior approval to probe govt official for corruption

New Delhi, Oct 6 (PTI)

The Supreme Court said on Friday it will hear on November 20 the arguments on a plea challenging the constitutional validity of a provision of the anti-graft law which mandates obtaining prior sanction from the competent authority before launching an inquiry against a public servant in a corruption case.

The plea came up for hearing before a bench comprising Justices B V Nagarathna and Ujjal Bhuyan.

Advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for petitioner NGO 'Centre for Public Interest Litigation' (CPIL), told the bench that the plea relates to a "very important matter".

"It is challenge to the amendment to the Prevention of Corruption Act (PCA) which says that no inquiry or investigation in any corruption case can be done without the prior approval of the government," he said.

The apex court had on November 26, 2018 issued

notice to the Centre seeking its response on the plea against the validity of amended section 17A (1) of the PCA.

During the hearing on Friday, Bhushan said as per the amended section, no inquiry, enquiry or investigation in a corruption case can be done without the prior sanction of the government.

One of the aspects of prosecution is sanction, the bench interjected.

"Sanction for prosecution is there. We are not challenging that. We are only challenging the sanction for inquiry or investigation," Bhushan said. The bench posted the matter for hearing on November 20.

The plea alleged the amended section curtailed investigation against corrupt officials at the threshold, and it was the third attempt by the government to introduce a provision which has already been held unconstitutional by the apex court twice.

It said that according to the amended Act, prior sanction for inquiry or

investigation is required only where the alleged offence by a public servant is relatable to any recommendation made or decision taken by such public servant in discharge of his official functions or duties. "It would be extremely difficult for the police to determine whether a complaint about an alleged offence is relatable to any recommendation made or decision taken by a public servant, especially as even an enquiry cannot be made without prior sanction," it said.