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BRIEF



An artist busy in making miniature idol of Goddess Durga at Kumartuli ahead of Durga Puja festival, in

#### **Encounter**

Srinagar: An encounter broke out between militants and security forces in Shopian district of Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday, police said. There were no reports of any casualties so far.

#### **FIR**

■ Jaipur: Rajasthan Rifle Association coach has been booked for allegedly raping and molesting five women shooters over the past few years, police said Tuesday. The FIR was lodged on Sunday based on a complaint by the joint secretary of the association on behalf of the victims.

#### Resign

■ Aizawi: Five independent MLAs of Mizoram tendered their resignation on Tuesday, less than a month before the November 7 Assembly election in the northeastern state. The five who resigned are V L Zaithanzama of Aizawl West-III constituency, Vanlalthlana of Aizawl North-II, Lalchhuanthanga of Aizawl South II, C Lalsawiyunga of Aizawl South-I and VanIalhlana of Aizawl North-I constituency.

### **Caution**

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court has cautioned against "untrammelled proliferation" of unauthorised offshore educational institutes, saying a market of substandard education flourish because of them depriving several from seeking quality education.

#### Seize

**Mumbai:** The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) has seized 520 kg of ganja (cannabis) worth Rs 1.04 crore from a truck close to the Maharashtra-Madhva Pradesh border in Nagpur district, an official said on Tuesday. Based on a tip-off, officials of the DRI in Nagpur intercepted a truck as it passed the Borkhedi toll booth on Monday morning, the official said.

#### **Evacuate**

■ Gangtok: The evacuation of stranded tourists from Lachen and Lachung in North Sikkim was resumed by the armed forces on Tuesday with the weather remaining clear for the second day, officials said. Around 95 stranded people were brought from Lachung and Lachen by choppers. The first group from Lachung included 17 tourists and two locals of Lachung village. The choppers made two sorties to the area in



# Israel pounds Gaza neighbourhoods

Death toll from Hamas' ambush surpasses 1,000

Jerusalem, Oct 10 (AP):

Israeli warplanes hammered the Gaza Strip neighbourhood by neighbourhood on Tuesday, reducing buildings to rubble and sending people scrambling to find safety in the tiny, sealed-off territory as Israel vowed a retaliation for Hamas' surprise weekend attack that would "reverberate...for generations". Aid organisations plead-

ed for the creation of humanitarian corridors to get aid into Gaza, warning that hospitals overwhelmed with wounded were running out of supplies. Israel has stopped all access of food, fuel and medicines into Gaza, and the sole remaining access from Egypt shut down Tuesday after airstrikes hit near the border crossing.

The war began after



#### **MODI AFTER NETANYAHU CALL** 'India stands firmly with Israel'

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi told his Israeli counterpart Benjamin Netanyahu on Tuesday that people of India stand firmly with his country in this difficult hour, expressing strong and unequivocal condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. Netanyahu called up Modi to update him on the ongoing situation as Israel carries out retaliatory strikes against Hamas after its militants killed hundreds of Israelis in a surprise weekend attack across its southern border. The Indian leader expressed his deep condolences and sympathy for those killed and wounded, his office said in a statement, and highlighted the issue of safety and security of Indian citizens in Israel. Netanyahu assured him of full cooperation and support.

bringing gunbattles to its streets for the first time in decades. At least 1,600 lives have already been claimed on both sides, and perhaps hundreds more. Hamas and other militant groups in Gaza hold more than 150 soldiers and civilians hostage, according to Israel. The conflict is only expected to escalate. Israel ex-

Hamas militants stormed

into Israel on Saturday,

panded the mobilisation of reservists to 360,000 on Tuesday, according to the country's media. After days of fighting, Israel's military said Tuesday morning that it had regained effective control over areas Hamas attacked in its south, and of the Gaza border.

A looming question is whether Israel will launch a ground offensive into Gaza - a 40 km-long (25 milelong) strip of land wedged among Israel, Egypt and the Mediterranean Sea that is home to 2.3 million people and has been governed by Hamas since 2007.

#### **SC TO AIIMS**

#### 'Defer termination of 26-week pregnancy'

New Delhi, Oct 10 (PTI)

The Supreme Court Tuesday directed AIIMS, Delhi to defer medical termination of 26-week pregnancy of a married woman who was allowed to abort the foetus a day before by another bench. Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati, appearing for the Centre, sought recall of the order passed by a bench of Justices Hima Kohli and BV Nagarathna on Monday.



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9 Naranaya Health, MMI Lalpur, Raipur

# ED arrests Lava MD, Chinese national under PMLA

New Delhi, Oct 10 (PTI):

The Enforcement Directorate has arrested four persons including the MD of the Lava International mobile company and a Chinese national as part of its ongoing money-laundering probe against Chinese smartphone-maker Vivo, official sources said on Tuesday.

They identified the four as Hari Om Rai, the MD of Lava International com-

pany, Chinese national Guangwen Kyang, Chartered Accountant Nitin Garg and a person called Rajan Malik.

They have been taken into custody under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). An e-mail sent to Lava

International for its reaction did not elicit an immediate response. Lava International, a domestic mobile device manufac-

have 1-2 per cent share in the smartphone market. The agency had raided

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Vivo and its linked persons in July last year, claiming to have busted a major money laundering racket involving Chinese nationals and multiple Indian companies.

The ED had then alleged that a whopping Rs 62,476 crore was "illegally" transferred by Vivo to China in order to avoid payment of taxes in

# **Artist Chintan Upadhyay** gets lifer for killing wife

Mumbai, Oct 10 (PTI)

A court here on Tuesday sentenced artist Chintan Upadhyay to rigorous imprisonment for life for conspiring to kill his estranged wife Hema Upadhyay. Hema and her lawyer

Haresh Bhambhani were killed on December 11, 2015, and the bodies were stuffed into cardboard boxes and thrown into a ditch in Kandivali area of Mumbai.

Additional judge S Y Bhosale of the Dindoshi court on October 5 held Chintan guilty of abetting and conspiring to kill his wife. Three other accused, tempo driver



Main accused artist Chintan Upadhyay being taken to court for pronouncement of sentence in Hema Upadhyay-Haresh Bhambhani murder case, at Dindoshi Court, Goregaon, in

Vijay Rajbhar and helpers Pradeep Rajbhar and Shivkumar Rajbhar, who

worked with the abscond-

ing accused and art fabri-

cator Vidyadhar Rajbhar,

Mumbai, Tuesday.

double murder. They were also sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for life. On Saturday, during the

arguments on sentencing, Upadhyay told the court, 'My conscience is clear, I have not committed any offence. I'm innocent.' "However, the court has

found me guilty, no mercy should be shown. I'm ready to accept whatever punishment the court decides," he added. Vidyadhar Rajbhar, who is accused of executing the

murders, has been absconding. Chintan Upadhyay was arrested soon after the murders for allegedly conspiring to eliminate his wife.

# Purkayastha, Chakravarty sent to 10-day judicial custody

New Delhi, Oct 10 (PTI)

Delhi court Tuesday sent to 10-day judicial custody NewsClick founder Prabir Purkayastha and human resources department head Amit Chakravarty, arrested in a case lodged under antiterror law UAPA over allegations that the news portal received money to spread pro-China propaganda.

The two were produced before Additional Sessions Judge Hardeep around 2:50 PM.

The prosecution sought 10 days judicial custody for the duo, which was firmly opposed by Purkayastha's who asserted "prima facie" no case was



Purkavastha being brought to the Patiala House Court.

committed? How can I as a journalist commit such an

act? What is the allegation

made out against his client. 'What terrorist act have I



Chakravarty being brought to the Patiala House Court.

in the FIR? That we have done critical reporting of(government's) Covid policy and farmers protest. Is that terrorism?" the lawyer

sending them to judicial custody will be a "travesty of justice". The counsel for Chakravarty argued he was not a journalist nor had he received any payment. "There is no such allegation that there is a map of India, published

said. The counsel said if

there was even an iota of

doubt about their guilt.

newsclick, that shows India without Kashmir and Arunachal Pradesh," he said. Countering the arguments, the Special Public Prosecutor (SPP) Atul Shrivastava said the case was at a stage when evidence was still being collected, and the prosecution has sought judicial custody for

#### '35L refund cases 'held up' for various reasons' ■ I-T dept call centre

working to resolve

New Delhi, Oct 10 (PTI):

Around 35 lakh cases for issuance of refunds are currently "held up" with the Income-Tax Department owing to mismatch and validation of the taxpayers' bank accounts and the taxman is reaching out such assessees via a special call centre, CBDT Chairperson Nitin Gupta said on Tuesday.

The direct taxes body chief said the department was "in correspondence" with such taxpavers and it is their aim to expeditiously resolve these issues. "We want to credit the refunds to the correct bank



**CBDT Chairperson Gupta** 

accounts of the taxpayers quickly," he said. Asked during an interaction about instances where refunds are stuck as taxpayers were getting old demands pertaining to years around 2010-11, Gupta said the department had undergone a technology shift around 2011 -- from paperbased registers to computers and hence some of those old demands were showing up in the accounts of the assessees.

# MYSURU DASARA REHEARSAL



Dasara tusker Mahendra, who is groomed to succeed Abhimanyu as the howdah elephant, carries the wooden howdah during rehearsal for Mysuru Dasara, in Mysuru, Tuesday.

### **DELHI EXCISE POLICY**

# **Court extends Sanjay** Singh's ED custody

#### Till October 13

New Delhi, Oct 10 (PTI):

A special court here on Tuesday extended till October 13 the ED custody of AAP leader Sanjay Singh, arrested in a money laundering case related to alleged irregularities in the scrapped Delhi excise poli-The Enforcement Directorate (ED) now has three more days to interrogate Singh, a Rajya Sabha MP. in custody.

Special Judge for ED

moved by the anti-money laundering agency. The ED's application prayed for extension of Singh's cus-Amit Arora.

cases M K Nagpal passed the order on an application

tody, which was to end on Tuesday, by 5 days, accusing him of non-cooperation. A larger amount could be involved for which we need to interrogate him further, the ED counsel said. Senior Advocate Rebecca John, who represented Singh, claimed the ED had no ground for seeking extension of the AAP leader's custody in the case which was based on "shifting statements" of co-accused

# **ED raids AAP MLA Amanatullah Khan**

#### MP Bidhuri skips LS privileges panel meeting New Delhi, Oct 10 (PTI): by the BJP for poll work in

OBJECTIONABLE REMARKS ROW

Ramesh MPBidhuri, who was scheduled to appear before a parliamentary panel on Tuesday in connection with his controversial remarks against the BSP's Danish Ali, excused himself from the appearance citing prior engagements, sources said.

The Lok Saumanness Committee, Privileges headed by BJP member Sunil Kumar Singh, took up other issues on the agenda as Bidhuri, who was campaigning for the party in poll-bound Rajasthan, kept away. It will soon be fixing the next date of its meeting. A Gujjar by caste,

Bidhuri has been drafted in

Tonk, a district where members of the community are present in large numbers. The district has four assembly seats. Assembly polls are due

in Rajasthan on November 23. The committee had asked the South Delhi MP for "oral evidence" in relation to complaints received from several MPs against him and BSP MP Ali for "alleged improper conduct during the discussion on Chandrayaan-3 mission in the House". While several opposition MPs demanded action against Bidhuri, some BJP members said Ali "incited" him and made objectionable remarks against Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

#### More than 3,000

29-DAY BLOCK

suburban train services to be hit

On WR network

Mumbai, Oct 10 (PTI):

At least 3,100 suburban services and 260 long-distance trains will be fully or partially cancelled amid the 29-day block on the Western Railway in Mumbai, an official said on Tuesday.

The block, which began on October 7, has been put in place for the construction of the sixth line between Khar and Goregaon railway stations, he said.

As per a release, around 2,700 suburban services will be cancelled and about 400 services will be partially disrupted or short-terminated from October 20 onwards.

#### New Delhi, Oct 10 (PTI):

Enforcement Directorate (ED) raided the premises of AAP MLA Amanatullah Khan in Delhi on Tuesday as part of a money-laundering investigation against him and some others, official sources said.

The 49-year-old legislator represents the Okhla constituency in the Delhi Assembly. The ED searches were un-

dertaken under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act and three-four premises were covered.

Visuals showed troops of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and Delhi Central Police standing guard outside Khan's Okhla house as ED sleuths questioned those present inside and seized granted bail in the Anti-



officials conduct searches at the residence of AAP MLA Amanatullah Khan as part of an alleged money-laundering case, in New Delhi, Tuesday.

certain documents. Reacting to the development, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) claimed that 95 per cent of the cases registered by central probe agencies, such as the ED and the Bureau Investigation (CBI), are against opposition leaders and asserted that Khan was

Corruption Bureau (ACB) case last year. The ED has taken cognisance of a Delhi ACB FIR and a CBI FIR against Khan, related to alleged corruption linked to illegal appointments in the Delhi Waqf Board. Khan was arrested by the

ACB in September 2022 and he later got bail from a court. The ACB case pertained to "financial misappropriation and other irregularities in the functioning of the Delhi Waqf Board". The ACB FIR had alleged

that Khan, while working as the Delhi Waqf Board chairman, illegally recruited 32 people, violating all norms and government guidelines. It also accused him of corruption and favouritism. 'The then CEO of the

Delhi Waqf Board had clearly given a statement and issued a memorandum against such illegal recruitment. Further, it is alleged that as the chairman of the Delhi Waqf Board Amanatullah Khan rented out a number of properties of the Delhi Waqf Board illegally, with allegations of corruption favouritism," the ACB said

in a statement issued in September 2022.

# the morning.

GOLD 57,595

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# BSP to provide free light vehicle driving training to 31 youth from Rowghat

SAIL-Bhilai Plant's Corporate Social Responsibility Department (CSR) in association with the Institute of Driving and Traffic Research, Training Centre, Nava Raipur (IDTR) is providing free Light Driving Training to as many as 31 youths from adjoining villages of Narayanpur area, under BSP's Rowghat CSR project. This project has awakened the self-confidence in these youth by providing them with a suitable employment opportunity, under the guidance of Samir Swarup, ED (Rowghat). Pawan Kumar, ED (P&A) formally inau-



gurated this driving training on October 09, 2023, at IDTR Conference hall at Nava Raipur.

Samir Swarup, ED (Rowghat), was also present on this occasion, along with Jitendra Yadav

Admn & CSR), Anupam Bisht, GM (Mines-RG), Shivrajan Nair, GM (CSR), Shekhar,

Kamde, Sr Mgr (CSR). Sachin Rangari AGM (Projects-RG), along with fellow officers played cru-

(Personnel) and

the said scheme successfully. The driving training programme is being conducted under the guidance of Sameer Gupta, Joint Director (IDTR). The 31 trainee youth

from the Vananchal region are being trained to drive light vehicles since 9th October 2023. The entire process of getting the Permanent Driving License made for the trainees will also be ensured under this project. They are also being provided, free food and accommodation at the training centre. Along with these trainee youth, their families will also benefit from this initiative by gaining financial stability.

# DAV IPS Sector -2 observes World Mental Health Week

Bhilai, Oct 10:

DAV Ispat Public School, Sector-02 observed World Mental Health Week on October 10.

An initiative of Ministry of Education, Govt of India, "Manodarpan" aims to provide psychosocial support to students, teachers and families for mental health and emotional well

The entire week starting from October 04-10, 2023, the students of classes III to X involved themselves in the observation of the World Mental Health Week through a variety of activities like Slogan Writing, Poster Making, performing Hawan, making of Gratitude Cards for teachers, parents or sib-



health awareness session and the making of a Positivity Board where students shared positive notes

On the conclusive day, an awareness session regarding

and mental health resources.

students of senior and junior wing wherein the students were made aware of the symptoms indicative of poor or deteriorating mental health and the measures to be taken to overcome such conditions. The students

ences and thoughts on the kind of stress that they face in their daily life. It was a very fruitful session where students came to know that they need to take good care of the mind as well as their physical health. During the one week celebration the teachers took part in the Teachers Mental Well Being Survey which is being conducted for school teachers from all stages of education, across the country using Google Form Link.

The Principal of the school Priyanka Shukla, speaking on this occasion urged the students to take care of their mental health and seek guidance and help from their teachers, friends or parents whenever they feel that

# Administration ensures proper enforcement of Model Code of Conduct

Bhilai, Oct 10: The administration is making efforts to ensure proper enforcement of Model Code of Conduct for the elections Chhattisgarh Assembly. Here in Bhilai, BMC Commissioner visited all the offices of BMC and other establishments and instructed the officials to remove all the banners and posters carrying photographs of the politicians. After the model code of conduct came into force in the corporation area. Commissioner Rohit Vvas visited the BMC headquarters, Supela, all zone offices and various areas of the city on Monday evening. He instructed to remove political banners, posters, flex and wall writing under the Defacement of Property Act. He instructed the advertising agency to immediately remove the political advertisement material installed on the Unipoles.



strictly enforce the provisions of Defacement of Property Act under the Code of Conduct imposed by the Election Commission Government of India. Separate teams of Revenue Department, **Demolition Squad and Health** Department employees have been formed to remove the banners, posters, flex etc having photos of political leaders. Along with this, wall writings done for spreading propagan-

da are also being erased. The Corporation Commissioner inspected the activities going on in the corporation area till late evening. He visited all the departments of the main office of the corporation and instructed them to remove all the government calendars, table calendars and publicity materials of government schemes. After this, the Commissioner reached all the zone offices of the corporation and inspected the entire zone



zone commissioner chamber. engineers' department, revenue department and gave instructions to strictly follow the code of conduct. Commissioner Rohit Vyas moved around till late evening to inspect the property defacement proceedings. Additional Commissioner Ashok Dwivedi, Health Officer Dharmendra Mishra, Assistant Revenue Officer Balkrishna Naidu, Anil Meshram, Dheeraj

Malkhan Sori, Jagdish Tiwari and others accompanied him. He inspected Supela, Gada Chowk, Gaurav Path, Chhawni Chowk, Shivaji Nagar, Power House, Nehru Nagar, Smriti Commissioner remained present on the spot and got all the small hoardings and posters removed. Chief Minister's photos were covered from the boards of CM Health Scheme, Dhanwantri Medical Store and other places. The Durg

Municipal Corporation team seized 3194 banners, posters and flexes of political parties from public places and 54 hoardings from private places in the last two days. On the Commissioner Lokesh Chandrakar, a team of Enforcement Squad is removing all the banners, posters, flags and flex of political parties. The publicity material was confiscated under the Defacement of Property Act. Publicity material removed from main road, Gauravpath Maharaja Chowk, Potiya Chowk, Pulgaon Chowk, Indira Market area, Station Road, Green Chowk, Malviya Nagar, Raipur Naka and other places. Posters with photos of public representatives in the government scheme boards / posters in all the offices of the Municipal Corporation were removed.

# **Blood Donation Camp** held at Kalyan College



Bhilai, Oct 10: National Service Scheme (Boys Unit) of Kalyan Post Graduate College organised a blood donation camp on October 06. Along with the National Service Scheme volunteers, College Professors and other students donated their blood in the camp. Under this camp, a total of 114 people were registered and 32 units of blood were donated. It was ensured that the blood donated by

the students will be given free of cost to the poor and needy people. In this program, Principal of Kalyan Post Graduate College and Coordinator of NSS of Hemchand Yadav University, Agrawal, National Service Officer Dr Anirban Choudhary, Dean of the Faculty of Science, Dr Gunwant Chandrol, professors and student volun-

# St Thomas College observes World Mental Health Day

Bhilai, Oct 10: The PG Department Psychology St Thomas College, under the aegis of Psychometrician conducted a workshop on various facets of Mental Health. The session was very interactive and Resource Person GM Arun talked on the theme that mental health is a universal human right. He taught students various breathing techniques for stress and anxiety relief to facilitate mental health. The Yoga Philosophy and role of meditation on Mental Health was discussed in the session.

Yoga Instructor Arun in his session, elaborated that Good Mental health is a basic human right for all people and everyone has a right to the highest attain-



health. Good mental lightening all health and well-being and Yoga, meditation and breathing exercise are an indigenous and cost effective way of achieving good Mental Health.

Father Dr Varghese, administrator of the college always supports theidea that every educational institute should inculcate such healthy practices of expos-

able standard of mental ing students to such ensession. health is vital to our over- Principal Dr MG Roymon addressed the gathering and highlighted the importance of facilitating mental health and spoke about the department's contribution to improve Mental Health at organizational Debjani Dr level. Mukherjee, HOD, spoke on the occasion and motivated the students to gain

knowledge and wisdom

from experienced speaker.

The College runs a Guidance and Counseling Cell where students as well as a common man can come for Guidance and Counseling. These are some of the efforts taken by the College so that good and positive Mental Health becomes an integral part of society as well as at individual level.

Dr Sumita Singh assistant professor organised the programme assisted by Dr Ankita Deshmukh assistant professor and Sanchana. The session welcomed Anushka Thakur and vote of thanks was delivered by Mansi Sahu while Mukan Khan compered the programme. Anuj of MA Sem III shared his views and summed up the pro-

#### Bhilai, Oct 10:

Collector and District Magistrate Pushpendra Kumar Meena announced the schedule for the Assembly Elections-2023 after which the model code of conduct has come into effect. Measures have been taken to ensure fair and peaceful elections and to protect public peace and safety of the common man.

For this period, firearms licensees have been asked to deposit their weapons in the police stations of their respective areas to prevent the misuse of weapons and ensure terror free conduct of the election process. Under sub-clause (b) of section 17, sub-section (3), section 21 of the Arms Act 1959, Collector ordered all the arms licensees living within the Durg district border area to

police station. Licensees can also deposit their weapons at the arms dealers of Durg. The person who deposits weapons with the arms dealer will have to inform the concerned police station. The concerned arms dealer will prepare police station wise information and submit it to the concerned police station and District Magistrate office.

This order will be applicable to all the licensees residing in the district and also to the licensees coming from outside the district.

All licensees will be able to get their weapons back after the code of conduct ends. According to the decision taken by the District Committee constituted for this purpose, this order would not apply to security guards of all recognized banks/security surrender their firearms at the quards of financial institutions.

posts. National Association and District Rifle Association and security personnel of industrial institutions, educational institutions of this district. Also, such licensed persons, for whom it is necessary to have weapons for security purposes, are

After consideration of the

exempted.

persons holding constitutional

Order issued to surrender weapons at police stations

licensee's application by the committee, a decision can be taken regarding exempting him from this order or not. Applications to the District Committee can be given in Room No 31 of the Additional District Magistrate, Durg, in the Collectorate premises. All the licensees, who have been exempted from this order, will also have to give information about their weapons to the concerned police station immediately and will not be

able to take their weapons outside the boundary area of their premises without the permission of the police station incharge. licenses of arms Arms

licensees living within the Durg district border area have been suspended till the completion of the election process. Apart from this, the concerned police station in-charge will ensure that the weapons deposited in this way will be properly registered and a proper record is maintained of the surrendered weapons.

The police station will give acknowledgement in this regard to those depositing the weapons. They will keep the deposited weapons properly safe in their custody and will ensure to return the weapons to the concerned licensees within a week after the completion of the election process.

# uality cannot be imagined without safety: Anjani Kumar

Bhilai, Oct 10:

The Bhilai Chapter of Quality Circle Forum of India orgnaised the fourteenth chapter convention of Quality Concepts in a grand manner on October 07-08, 2023 in the main Auditorium of Shri Shankaracharya Technical Campus, Bhilai. Anjani Kumar, Executive Director (Works) of Bhilai Steel Plant was especially present as the chief guest in the closing ceremony and prize distribution function. On this occasion, Chief Operating Officer of Jaiswal Nico Limited, MP Singh, President of Shri Education Gangajali Society, Jaya Mishra, Chief Maintenance Officer and Vice President of Sharda Energy & Minerals Limited, Manoj Sah and Director of QCFI and Secretary, Bhilai Chapter were also present on the stage as guest of

Welcoming the guests at the beginning of the pro-Singh,

Secretary of QCFI, Bhilai Chapter, presented a detailed activity and information on the convention along with his welcome words. Mentioning the special features of the Bhilai Chapter, Shri Singh informed about the inclusion of new concepts like Safety Circle and the progress of the Chapter and said that this year 129 teams of various Quality Concepts participated and set a record. In this function, the artists of Shri Shankaracharya Technical Campus and participants Convention lit the lamp with their presentation.

Chief guest Anjani Kumar, in his concise address, while congratulating all the winning participants, said that we can face the competition only with quality. He especially congratulated Bhilai Chapter for including Safety Circle in the quality concept. He said that quality cannot be imagwithout safety. Quality concept is the key

to success. While safety

circles will make workplaces safer, quality circles will create a surplus for organizations. Only safe work practices can promote quality. This function was also addressed by MP Singh, Jaya

Mishra, Manoj Sah. Chief Guest Anjani Kumar and Chapter Secretary GP Singh presented the 'QCFI Life Achievement Award' to AK Khanna, Founder Secretary of Quality Circle Forum of India, Bhilai Chapter and former Director of QCFI, that included presenting a shawl, Shreefal and memento. Khanna's biography contribution and citation was read out by QCFI

PRO Satyawan Nayak.

ition on Quality Concepts

A total of 129 Quality Circle teams along with 600 participants from 26 institutions of the country participated in the Chapter Convention on Quality Concepts 2023 (CCQC-2023) organized by Quality Circle Forum of India, Bhilai Chapter. Of these, 121 teams won the gold award and 08 teams won the silver award. Apart from this, participants of slogan, poem, Essay, and Knowledge test etc. were also felicitated. PRO, QCFI Satyawan Nayak conducted the first day of the program and expressed vote of thanks at the closing ceremony. In the same sequence, the



Shankaracharya

Technical Campus were

co-anchor of the conven-

QCFI Bhilai Chapter honoured Quality

Shankaracharya Technical Campus, Bhilai "Excellence in Concepts Education Award" this year. This award has been given for the great initiative under which various quality concepts were started to be included in

the educational curricu-

ceived by Jaya Mishra, Dr Siddharth Choubey and Abha Choubey and their team on behalf of Shri Shankaracharya Technical Campus.

Bhilai Steel Plant was awarded for Overall highest team participation, Jaiswal Nico Limited, Raipur for highest participation in Allied Concepts and Jindal Steel and Power Limited, Raigarh for highest participation in QC Concepts. After this the 13 judges of the convention were honoured. Award ceremony was followed by Gold and Silver awards distribution to the QC teams and Safety

Circle teams participating

in the convention.

The Best of Convention award was won by Safety Circle Team "Saviour" of SAIL Bhilai Steel Plant. BSP's 'Synergy" Safety Circle team captured the runnerup award of Best of the Convention. All the winners were rewarded by the guests with award trophies and certificates.

The convention was inaugurated on October 07, 2023 by Dr AK Panda, Director Executive (Finance and Accounts), Bhilai Steel Plant, by lighting the lamp. ED (F&A) Dr AK Panda present as Chief Guest at the inauguration ceremony along with Chairman SEFI and President of Officers Association NK Banchhor and President of Jayaswal NECO DK Mohanty, Senior General Manager of JK Lakshmi Cement (HR) Captain Shirish Shukla, Director of QCFI and GP Singh, Secretary of Bhilai Chapter were present as special guests. The chief guest of the prize distribution ceremony of the first day was KK Dwivedi Director (Industrial Safety and Health), Government Chhattisgarh.

On this occasion, COO of Godavari Ispat and Power Limited Vivek Agarwal, Plant Head of Kalpataru Power Ketan Nirmal and Director of SSTC Dr PB Deshmukh were also present on the stage as special guests. The winning teams were honoured by the guests. The first day's program conducted Satyawan Nayak and Dr Devyani Choubey and vote of thanks was given by Dr Manish Raj of JSPL and Nirmal Dethe of BSP.

# Congress says it gave houses to people

'BJP did not give 'pattas' in 15 years'

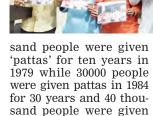
Raipur, Oct 10: Amid protest against distribution of land 'pattas' in several localities in the capital leaders of Congress held a joint press conference Congress government did unprecedented work for the capital and urban peosaid National Secretary and MLA Vikas Upadhyay while talking to the reporters at Rajiv Bhavan here today. He said that more than 25000 'pattas' were distributed by the Congress government

Congress government has so far given more than 1 lakh 'pattas' since 1979, he said. Elaborating further he said that 10 thou-

this year. He said that BJP

in its 15 years of rule had

not given 'patta' to any-



pattas in 2002 for 30 years. Upadhyay said that Bhupesh Government distributed pattas to 25 thousand people in 2023. He said that BJP leaders and workers despite taking pattas were misleading people over patta distribution. BJP government used to bulldoze houses of people in 15 years and it never gave patta to any-

body, Upadhyay said.

that unauthorised constructions were regularised with the objective of providing relief to common people. Gumasta has been made for life time, he said. He also said that each beneficiary Mukhya Mantri Awaas Yojana was given 1 lakh.

Sushil Anand Shukla said

Communication

head

Zila Sahkari Kendra Bank President Pankaj said that Sharma government Congress started giving pattas. As many as 25000 people have

He also said that there was

no hike in property tax.

Raipur City, he said. MLA Kuldip Juneja said

that Congress government did important work of providing houses to landless people in urban and rural areas. Congress government worked for welfare of every section by introducing regularisation, he said. Former Mayor Pramod Dubey, RDA Chairman Suryamani Mishra, senior spokesman Dhananjay Thakur, Senior Spokesman Ghanshyam Tiwari, Joint Raiu General Secretary Ajay Sahu and Youth Congress President Akash Sharma



The ponds in capital city are getting heavily polluted and RMC authorities are not taking any action.

## **Agitated BJP workers protest** against Dharshiwa candidate

**BJP candidates Munat and Mishra** seek blessings before poll campaign

Raipur. Oct 10: Mixed reactions were seen in the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Tuesday after the saffron brigade had declared tickets for the November Legislative Assembly polls here.

While the leaders who

won the confidence of the party high command and got the tickets, were seen meeting with the senior leaders of the party before launching the campaign, few others have raised voice over selection of candidates in few seats. According to the information received, the agitated workers from registered protest against the candidate Anuj Sharma on grounds of outsider and have demanded change in the candidates as well as have threatened to resign from the party.

sentiments Similar have echoed in several constituencies. Meanwhile Raipur West candidate Rajesh Munat started his campaign by visiting religious places like Hatkeshwar Mahadev Temple on Mahadev Ghat and Dangania Temple to seek blessings after formally given party ticket once

Raipur North candidate Purander Mishra joined the Women's convention held at party office situated at Ekatma Parishar to highlight the achievements of Modi government at Centre.

# **Construction and mining expo** 2023 ICONEQ from Oct 17 to 19

**Major construction and** mining companies to participate

Raipur, Oct 10: The construction and mining expo 2023 ICONEQ will be organised for the first time in Chhattisgarh at Science College grounds from October 17 to 19. All international machinery manufacturing company will participate in the expo. The expo will also showcase the launch of latest technology machine used in the mining and construction sector and will exposure Chhattisgarh, said Pandey, Abhishek President, ICONEQ Expo Tekhan Sinha,



speaking to the scribes here on Monday.

They said that electronic equipment machinery will also be launched in the expo which will be major attraction of the expo. The Mines Owner Association Contractor Association have extended their support to the expo. Apart from this seminar and

They added that to develop the management skills of IIT students a meeting will also be organised during the expo in which mining experts will share their experience. Experts will also have discussions with IIT students. Customers will also get benefit in the expo as all manufacturing compa-

which will directly benefit the customers. All manufacturing company will inform about the latest technology and quality of new machines to the customers at expo. Major companies Volvo, Tata Hitachi, Caterpillar, JCB, CASE and Mahindra will participate in the expo. The expo will remain open from 11 am to

# **Tejasvi Surya to launch BJYM's election** campaign today

Raipur, Oct 10: Gearing up for the upcoming Legislative Assembly polls, Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) would get boost with the arrival of National President of the Youth Brigade Tejasvi Surya to addressing the "Parivarthan" campaign on October 11.

Providing the above information, the BJYM Media in-charge Vikas Mittal said that BJYM would play significant role in the upcoming polls and added that the youth brigade would blow the election bigule with the address of Tejasvi Surya at a convention to be held on Wednesday morning at Kushabhau Thakre

symposium would be held in three sessions which would be addressed by the senior leaders of the party including the State BJP President Arun Sao, former Chief Minister Dr Raman Singh, National Vice President of BJP Saroj Pandey, Leader of Opposition Narayan Chandel, Raipur South Agrawal and several others. He said that the BJYM President Surya would motivate the party workers and deliver his lecture on the role the youth brigade would play to ensure success of saffron brigade in the up-

coming

premises. He said that the

# **Collector asks to ensure strict compliance of model of conduct**

**Holds meeting with** representatives of political parties

Raipur, Oct 10: Collector Officer (DEO) Sarveshwar Narendra Bhure said that all the political parties and its candidates should strictly adhere to the model code of conduct as per EC and execute all the election-related works in compliance to the guidelines issued under model code of conduct. In context of VS polls 2023, Collector and DEO Dr Bhure convened a meeting with representatives of all the political parties in the Red Cross meeting hall of the Collectorate here on Tuesday and during this SSP Prashant Agrawal



was also present.

During this detailed information about model code of conduct was provided all the representatives of the political parties and it was anticipated that they would adhere to it. Collector Bhure said that during filing of nomination by any candidate, not more than 3 vehicles of the candidates and his supporters should come within 100 mts of RO, ARO office. On the day of polling, the candidates will be allowed to use only three vehicles, one each

for self, polling agent and one for party worker. The permission letter for these vehicles will be issued by the RO and it should be displayed in front windshield of the vehicle. The vehicles in campaigning under no conditions should exceed three in the form of convoy.

Dr Bhure said that every political party and its candidate should avoid campaigning in the name of religious, caste, subjects. While appealing for vote, no religious place or institution be used. In case if any candidate or party wants to flash its posters, flags etc on their private building, then they have to obtain prior permission for it and should not allow even their supporters to

professional meetings will

Collector further said that during the election period, it is only after obtaining prior legal permission from said authority, that rally, procession or meetings will be allowed. He informed that as per EC's instructions, incase of any meetings or others, the information about the tent, tables, mike, pandals and other materials should be compulsorily be given to Election office and the DRO would get is videography done.

Collector further said that if during any rally or procession, if any person causes hindrance, then

the political party should not take any action on him, nor should take law & order in their hands. Rather it should be informed to the police and ask the police force present in the rally to take action. For any election meeting or Julus, the local police should be kept informed and if the prohibitory orders are applicable, then it should be strictly adhered. In case if the organisers have forgotten about it, then they can give application for the same within remaining time. For use of sound amplification instruments during julus/ rally etc. due permission is required. On this occasion DEO Gajendra Thakur, SDM Devendra

Patel, Master Trainers and other concerned were

# Promotional materials being removed from public places

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Raipur, Oct 10: After Assembly elections by Election Commission of India, Model Code of Conduct has come into force in Raipur district also. Under effective implementation of the code of conduct, action has been initiated against property defacement in Raipur city.

To this end, the process has been started for removing all wall writings, posters, stickers, cutouts, hoardings, banners, flags from government offices and premises.

Unauthorized politi-



writings/posters/stickers from all public places including railstations, stands, airports, railway bridges, roadways, government buses, electric/telephone poles, municipal/local body buildings etc. cutouts/hoardings, banners, flags etc. are being

cal advertisements, wall

removed on the instructions of the Election Commission. Similarly, all the

unauthorized political advertisements displayed on private properties at various places in Raipur city are being removed by the District Administration and Municipal Corporation

### **City students win nine medals** in Athletics championship



Raipur, Oct 10: Students of the city-based NH Goel World School Athletics Team won nine medals in the School Game Federation of India Athletics Championship held recently at Dhrampura Ground Jagdalpur. According to the information received, Ananya Pandey from Class XI won the 100m Race championship with Gold Medal in Under 17 Girls category and was also present a cash award of Rs 5000 for her excellence. Apart from her, Ravneet Shahi Class XI too won the Javelin Throw Gold Medal in Under 17 Boys as well as

cash award of Rs 5000. Ananya Pandey also won the 200m Race Gold Medal Under Class XI too won Shot Put Gold Medal Under 17 Boys. Further Ananya Pandey also won 4x100m Relay Race Gold Medal Under 17 Girls. Dhruvee Sahu Class XI won

17 Girls whereas Ravneet Shahi

the Javelin Throw Silver Medal Under 17 Girls and also won another silver medal in the Discus Throw event and made it three with a bronze medal in the Shot Put event of the championship Vijay Kumar Yadav Class XI Javelin Throw Silver Medal Under 17 Boys. Officials informed that the students received total cash award of Rs 31,000 from the state govern-

ment for their performance.

#### Father of man killed in communal clash

Raipur, Oct 10: A BJP leader accused in a rioting case and a villager whose son was killed in a communal clash have been given tickets by the safparty Chhattisgarh assembly polls scheduled next month.

While the opposition BJP in Chhattisgarh has justified its decision to field these two candidates, a political observer said communalism may feature in the state poll campaign this time.

Asked whether the BJP was trying to raise the issue of communal violence by giving these tickets. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said, "No matter how hard they try, it will not be an issue."

Ishwar Sahu, whose son was killed in a communal clash in Biranpur village of Bemetara district in April this year, has been fielded from

BJP justifies decision to field rioting case accused Saja assembly constituency, while Vijay Sharma, the BJP leader who was named as accused in an incident of rioting in adjoining Kabirdham district in 2021, will contest from Kawardha seat.

The two names featured in the BJP's second list of 64 candidates released on Monday.

The BJP has so far declared candidates for 85 out of the total 90 assembly seats in the state, which will see voting in two phases on November 7 and 17. Talking to reporters, Ishwar Sahu said, "I would like to thank the BJP which has given a chance to a poor man to become its member. They have given me such a big responsibility and I will fulfil it with complete dedication." "When my son was murdered. all the Hindu brothers supported me and came to my house and stood by me in my

sorrow and pain. I will visit

every Hindu brother's house

and beg for justice for my

son," he added.

Ishwar Sahu's son Bhuneshwar Sahu (22) was killed in the violence which erupted in Biranpur, located 100 km from state capital Raipur, in Saja assembly constituency (Bemetara district) on April 8 after an altercation between some school children from two communities.

lakh to the kin of Sahu, but the

family did not accept the

money. According to district

officials, Ishwar Sahu had said

he will think over the govern-

On April 11, a man, Rahim Mohammad (55), and his son Idul Mohammad (35), residents of Biranpur, were found murdered a few kilometers Sanatani away from the village with multiple injuries on their bodies. The district administration then imposed section 144 of the CrPC, which bars assembly of four or more people, for nearly 20 days in the village. The Chhattisgarh government later announced to seven-term MLA. give a government job and financial assistance of Rs 10

ment job after his younger son attains the age of 18 years.

However, Sahu accepted a cheque of Rs 11 lakh handed over to him by the BJP. Chhattisgarh BJP chief Arun Sao, former chief minister Raman Singh and other senior party leaders had visited Sahu's house. On Monday, the state BJP in

post on X said, 'Congratulations to Shri Ishwar Sahu, who is father of youth late Bhuneshwar Sahu killed in Biranpur, for being nominated as the BJP candidate."

Saja seat is currently held by senior Congress leader and state Agriculture Minister Ravindra Choubey, an influential Brahmin leader and a

The BJP has also fielded Vijay Sharma, a rioting case accused who is a member of Kabirdham Zila panchayat and general secretary of the state party unit, from Kawardha seat (Kabirdham district).

#### Karan. Sushmita win Youth TT championship



Raipur, Oct 10: Karan Malhotra defeated Arjun Malhotra with the score of 4-1 to win the Youth Under 19 Boys championship of 21st Stag Chhattisgarh State and Inter District Table Tennis tournament being organized under the aegis of Chhattisgarh Table Tennis Association (CTTA) here.

Providing the above information, Secretary Organizing

Vinay Baiswade said that Sushmita Shome from Bilaspur defeated Anchal Bareth with the score of 4-0 to clinch the Girls championship title.

In the Sub Junior Boys category, Arjun Malhotra defeated Sidha Dhuppar from Raipur whereas Chahak Kataria defeated Tisha Hardel from Durg to win the Sub Junior Girls championship. He informed that Senior Divisional Manager Ashok Thakur from Raipur LIC Division was the chief guest of the prize distribution whereas Raipur Municipal Corporation (RMC) Alderman CS Thakur presided over the function. Dr Puja Dhuppar was also present on the occasion as special guest whereas CTTA Secretary Sarthak Shukla, Vice President Pradeep Joshi Pravin Nirapure and Premraj Jachak were also present on the occasion.

# National Postal Week celebrations till Oct 13

Raipur, Oct 10: The Department of Post is celebrating "National Postal Week" from October 9 to October 13. The week is celebrated to mark the establishment of Universal Postal Union on October 9, 1874.

The department will undertake various activities to spread awareness about its role in the state. Veena Chief Srinivas, General, Postmaster Chhattisgarh Circle. Raipur addressing the scribes here said that various activities will be undertaken during the week by the department across

the state.

occasion Postal World Day banner/poster exhibition will be organised in all the main post office and department's digi-

tal platform. In addition to this live streaming of events organised by UPU will be done. On this occasion information will be given to common public about DNK, alliance with ONDC, Amazon and availability of aadhaar at post

On Day 2, on October 10 the Vittiya Sashaktikaran Diwas would be celebrated



addition to this special camp and Dak Choupal (DCDP) will also be organised. On Day 3, on October 11, Philately Day spread awareness about Philatelic products and services will be done and efforts will be made to open more Philately accounts through publicity among customers. Philately questionnaire,

will also be organised. Interactive sessions will be organised in schools under 'Dhai Akhar' and Sparsh scheme. With the intention to promote the importance of Philately among more customers, workshop will be organised. On Day 4, Mails and Parcels Day will be celebrated. The department will observe Antyoday Diwas on October 13, dedicated to providing Aadhar services to the public, especially in the rural areas. Aadhar updation/enrolment services will be available at the post offices of Raipur division on the

ly seminar and workshop

#### **And station** incharges regard-

ing election preparations

**Gave instructions to** work with alertness

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Raipur, Oct 10: The first meeting of Raipur Police was held on Sunday regarding the preparations for the assembly elections. Raipur Range IG Ratanlal Dangi and SSP Prashant Aggarwal held a meeting of all the gazetted police officers and police station incharges of the district at



**IG and SSP hold meeting of police officials** 

C-Four meeting room located at Civil Lines and directed them to maintain law and order with restraint by being alert during election rallies, VIP visit and demonstrations etc.

IG Dangi asked to take

strict legal action keeping in mind every small incident related to assembly elections.

He said that effective action should be taken to stop illegal transportation of liquor, drugs and election related goods.

Officers and employees deployed on election duty were also appealed to compulsorily through postal ballot. At the same time, by giving a demo, it was explained how to use postal ballot through the nodal officer appointed by the administration.

The SSP asked to take maximum preventive action against goons, vigilantes, miscreants and anti-social elements so that no untoward inci-

dent happens. While carrying out night patrolling with full alertness, instructions were given to increase the points in all the po-

# Six players from Raipur make it to state-level school judo team

Raipur, Oct 10: The sporting prowess of Raipur's young talents was on full display from October 4th to 8th at the SGFI State-School Sports Competition in Jagdalpur. The dedicated athletes from Raipur showcased their skills and secured an impressive haul of 14 medals, comprising 6 golds, 3 silvers, and 5

Notably, 4 judo players from Delhi Public School, Raipur. have also been selected to represent the state in the school team.

extraordinary achievement was made possible with the guidance and coaching expertise of several sports officers from the Raipur zone, including Shweta Vijay Nag (Maharshi Vidya Mandir), Rekha (Delhi Public School), and Suraj Varma (Sejas Maana).



Judo enthusiasts from various schools across Raipur, such as Delhi Public School, Maharshi Vidya Mandir, Balaji School, and Sejas Maana, showcased their exceptional skills in various age categories.

In the U19 category, they clinched 2 golds and 2 bronzes. In the U17 category, they demonstrated their prowess by securing 3 golds, 2 silvers, and 2 bronzes. Furthermore, in the U14 category, their outstanding performances resulted in 1 gold, 1 silver, and 1 bronze.

Raipur District Judo Association, under the leadership of Anis Memon and Rahul Sharma, along with all office-bearers. congratulated all the athletes, their coaches, and the school management committee for the excellent performance of the 6 gold medalists in the

#### One arrested with 19.440 lts of illicit liquor



Jagdalpur, Oct Kotwali police station received information that illegal liquor is being sold by some person in Hikmipara area. Based on the information, a team was formed and sent for action. The said team identified a suspicious person and conducted a raid in Hikmipara. During the raid operation, accused Suraj Thakur resident of Hikmipara was arrested and 19.440 liters of illicit English liquor was recovered from his possession. An offense under Section 34(2) of the Excise Act was registered against the accused in the police station and after the proceedings, the accused was sent to the

# **Blood Donation Fortnight of ABAS** On the auspicious

occasion of Agrasen Jayanti, 6 blood donation camps organised in a day in **Raipur division** 

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Raipur, Oct 10: Blood donation camp was organised by Akhil Bharatiya Agarwal Sammelan (ABAS), Chhattisgarh Unit under the joint aegis of Agarwal Sabha Raipur, MMI Hospital, Sanjeevani Hospital, Red Mohalla Committee, Kharora, Durg Dhamtari. National Senior Vice

President of Agrawal Sammelan, Ishwar Prasad Agarwal and National Secretary Parmanand Jain said that the Agarwal Sammelan



NTPC launches campaign in the Silver Jubilee Park

Donation Fortnight on the auspicious occasion of Agrasen Jayanti all over India. Under which, blood donation camps were organized at 6 places in a day in Raipur division. The blood donation camp was possible with the help of local Agarwal Sabha, Mohalla Committees, Hospital, Red Cross Committee

erated in the blood donation camp. Ishwar Prasad Agarwal said that by donating blood, new blood is formed in the body of the donor. Whereas blood is supplied to the needy sick people, blood deficient people or people who need blood for surgery and operation gets the blood through this donation. It is a great donation. Today 49 units of

blood was collected in Agrasen Welfare Hostel, Amanaka, Raipur. On the occasion Ishwar Prasad Hanuman Agarwal, Prasad Agarwal, Parmanand Jain, Kishan Agarwal, Murali Agarwal, Satpal Jain, Manoj Premchand Agarwal, Pramod Jain, Dutva Rakesh Ramesh Agarwal, Agarwal, Kamal Gupta from Mohalla Committee, Vikas Jindal, Pawan Agarwal CA, Ghanshyam Poddar, Nitesh Agarwal, Ashok Goyal, Sujit Tulsyan, Ajay Kansal, Dhruv Agarwal and Arvind Joshi, Chetan Dandavate and Ravindra Thegdi Maharashtra Division were present, informs a release issued Parmanand National Secretary, Akhil Bharatiya

# **NIT Raipur organizes Idol Making Competition**

Raipur, Oct 10: National Institute of Technology (NIT) Raipur's Go Green-The Eco-social Committee organised Ganesha", an eco-friendly idol-making competition to commemorate Ganesh Chaturthi on 8th October 2023. The event was organised under the supervision of Dr. D. C. Jhariya, Faculty In-charge, Go Green and well coordinated by the members of the committee. The main objective was to protect environment and human beings from harmful effects of chemicals used in making Ganesha idols and to emphasize natural earthen idols over Plaster of

Dr. Sharda Nandan Raw, Associate Professor, Department Mathematics was present as the judge of the competition. He admired the creativity and hard work of all the participants and

Paris idols.



200 people participated individually or in team of upto 4 members in the competition from 10 different institutions. They were provided with earthen soil, tools and natural colours like turmeric, vermillion, etc. to showcase their creativity.

Gaurav Sinha and Prahlad Sahu secured 1st position, Manish Kumar Sahu secured 2nd position and Prathiba, Riya, Vinay & Supriya secured 3rd po-



sition respectively in the College Category. Chunmun Sahu & Chaitali Sharma secured 1st position, Kritika Rathore secured 2nd position and Misha Verma & Tanva Dewangan secured 3rd Position respectively in the Higher section. Atharva Raj Gupta, Privanshu Nirmalkar. Gitanshu Sahu & Gopal Patel secured 1st position,

2nd position was secured by Shreyas Kumar Patel, Bhavya Patel & Shreya Patel and 3rd position was secured by Kartik Nirmalkar, Tripti Thakur, Akriti Thakur & Rajat Chandrakar from the Junior section of School Category. Winners were felicitated and participation certificates were distributed among the partici-

Tributes paid to revolutionary

martyr Sitaram Kanwar

#### Under Swachhta Hi Seva campaign

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Korba, Oct 10: Swachhta Pakhwada is being organized by NTPC Korba from Oct 1 to 15 under the Swachh Bharat Mission as per the guidelines of the Government of India. On occasion, Ramachandra Rao, Project Head, NTPC Korba took oath on the occasion of Swachhta Pakhwada Swachhta Hi Seva on Oct 1. In this sequence, on October 10, 2023, a cleanliness campaign was also launched by NTPC Korba in Silver Jubilee Park and cleanliness was also done inside and outside the Silver Jubilee Park. NTPC Korba unitedly volunteered for one hour. This cleanliness drive at NTPC Korba Silver Jubilee Park was led by B.R. Rao,



Project Head, Korba. Madhu S, General Manager (O&M), Manish V Sathe, General Manager (Ash Dike Management), Prabhat Ram, Additional General Manager (HR) and other senior officers, employees and employees of NTPC Korba and their families were also present on the occasion. On this occasion, nearby councilors and small children also participated.

It may be noted that during Swachhta Pakhwada, various types of awareness programs and competitions are being organized in NTPC Korba. Swachh Bharat Abhiyan is a Swachh Bharat Mission Government of India which is supporting to

make India clean. The campaign was launched Prime Minister Narendra Modi and launched on 2 October 2014 to honor Mahatma Gandhi's vision of Swachh Bharat. Under the cleanliness campaign, Swachhta Pakhwada was conducted at the national level and covered all rural

# cGMP day organized at **Chouksey Group of Colleges**

Bilaspr, Oct 10: In accordance with the principles of the Indian Drug Manufacturers Association, cGMP Day was organized on 10th October 2023 at Chouksey Group of Colleges, the main objective of which was to educate the students about the current practice of pharmaceuticals and healthcare regarding manufacturing of good and quality medicines in accordance with

In which the chief guest was Dr. AshishJaiswal, Managing Director of Chouksey Group Colleges, Professor Dr. Dheeraj Ahirwar, Principal of Chouksey Group of Colleges, and Dr. SweetyLanjiyana, Principal of Chouksey College of Pharmacy, apart from this, the Head of the Department of the college, teachers and



Students were present.

The program was inaugurated by lighting the lamp and offering flowers to Goddess Saraswati. In his talk, Dr. AshishJaiswal said that this initiative underlines our commitment to nurture future pharmaceutical leaders and provide them with the knowledge required for success in drug manufacturing. DheerajAhirwar, Principal, gave a motivational speech during the cGMP Day celebration in the college which inspired

the students to be more in-

volved and aware of the cGMP practices. In this Assistant program, Professor Pankaj Kumar explained the importance of cGMP to the students in detail through a PowerPoint presentation. As we gathered to celebrate this occasion, our organization proudly adopted IDMA's standards, recognizing the important role of cGMP in the industry. Through such efforts, we aim to contribute to the bright future of India's pharmaceutical sector.

#### In 1857, there was a rebellion against the British rule in Nimar, MP

Bijapur, Oct 10: Members of Kanwar Samaj, Bijapur, paid tribute to revolutionmartyr Kanwar by organizing a program at the local Gondwana Bhawan on Oct 9, his martyrdom day. On this occasion, District President of Kanwar Samaj, Kamlesh Paikra said that Sitaram Kanwar, born in the Barwani princely family of Nimar in Madhya Pradesh, was martyred in the war of 1857 while fighting the British. Rajendra Kanwar said

that Sitaram Kanwar was the head of the spy army of Shankar Shah Raghunath Shah Gondwana Empire The British Jabalpur. treacherously got Sitaram shot. This brave tribal warrior has given a new direction to the society. In the program, the society paid tribute to him by lighting a lamp and offering a floral garland. On this occasion, a large

number of women and youth of the society including Tarakeshwar Singh, Dr. Kanwar, Uttam Panchari, Yogeshwar Kapoor, Khileshwar Kanwar, Ramhit Paikra, Purushottam Pankra, Om Prakash Kanwar, Sadhna Pankra were present.

# **Social impact filmmaking** workshop in Amity on Oct 11, 12

Raipur, Oct 10: CMS VATAVARAN. in collaboration with the U.S. Consulate General, Mumbai, and in partnership with the Amity School of Communication, Amity University Chhattisgarh is driving environmental change by bringing the 'Green Frames: VATAVARAN Short Film Competition and Festival 2023' to the heart of Chhattisgarh. As part of this ground-breaking initiative, a Social Impact

Filmmaking Workshop will be held at Amity University Chhattisgarh, Raipur, on October 11th and 12th. 2023. The workshop follows the success of the

earlier event in Goa, drawing over 50 enthusiastic participants. The Raipur workshop has garnered tremendous interest, with more than 90 participants registered, hailing from various corners of Chhattisgarh, including the districts of Dantewada and Bastar.

The event's inauguration, slated for October 11, 2023, will be graced by Mike Hankey, U.S. Consul General, Mumbai, Prof. (Dr.) Piyush Kant Pandey, Vice-Chancellor of Amity University Chhattisgarh, Raipur, Rob Anderson, Cultural Attaché, U.S. Consulate General, Mumbai, Almitra Kika, Public Diplomacy Specialist, U.S. Consulate General, Mumbai and Mr Sabyesachi Bharti, Deputy Director of CMS VATAVARAN.

The workshop will be conducted by the highly acclaimed Ritesh Taksande, widely rec-



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# SC to hear pleas challenging electoral bond scheme

#### On October 31

New Delhi, Oct 10 (PTI):

The Supreme Court on Tuesday fixed October 31 for final hearing on pleas challenging the validity of the electoral bond scheme for political funding of parties.

A bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra took note of the submissions of lawyer Prashant Bhushan that the matter needed adjudication before the electoral bond scheme opens for the 2024 general elections.

The anonymous funding through electoral bonds raises corruption and violates the citizens' right to have a corruption-free nation, Bhushan, appearing for NGO Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR). said. "This promotes corruption as the source of funding is anonymous, it is violative of Article 21 and the 'non-decithe problem," he submitted.

'We are here and hearing this now," the bench said. After hearing some preliminary submissions on the electoral bond scheme, the bench kept as many as four petitions for final hearing on October 31 and said it may continue hearing them on November 1 if the proceed-

Earlier, the top court had said it may consider whether the pleas challenging the validity of the electoral bond scheme for political funding of parties can be referred to a constitutional bench for an "authoritative pronounce-

One of the PIL petitioners had said in March that so far Rs 12,000 crore has been paid to political parties through electoral bonds and the two-third of the amount has gone to one major political party.

The bench had appointed two lawyers, including Neha

PILs, saying they would coordinate to ensure that common compilation of judgements and other records are filed.

Prior to this, the top court on

January 31 had said the three sets of petitions on the electoral bonds scheme, bringing political parties within the ambit of the Right to Information Act and those challenging amendments in the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act will be heard separately. The court had said it will hear in the third week of March the pleas challenging the laws permitting funding of

electoral bond scheme. Electoral bonds have been pitched as an alternative to cash donations made to political parties as part of efforts to bring in transparency in political funding.

political parties through the

Lawyer Bhushan has been seeking urgent listing of the PIL by the apex court and a

the sale of electoral bonds during the pendency of a case pertaining to funding of political parties and alleged lack of transparency in their bank

The NGO, which had filed the PIL on the issue of alleged corruption and subversion of democracy through illicit and foreign funding of political parties and lack of transparency in the bank accounts of all political parties, had moved an interim application in March 2021 before the assembly polls in West Bengal and Assam seeking the sale of electoral bonds should not be reopened.

On January 20, 2020, the apex court had refused to grant interim stay on the 2018 **Electoral Bonds Scheme and** sought responses of the Centre and the Election Commission to an interim application by the NGO seeking a stay on the scheme. The government notified the Electoral Bond Scheme on January 2, 2018.

# TRIAL RUN



A RAPIDX train during a trial run on the Delhi-Meerut RRTS corridor, in Ghaziabad, Tuesday.

# Lone Pondy woman minister quits cabinet alleging conspiracy

CM Rangasamy refuses to comment

Puducherry's lone woman legislator and min-Chandira Priyanga, on Tuesday tendered her resignation from the AINRC-BJP coalition cabinet, alleging politics of conspiracy and money power, besides facing casteism and gender bias. Chief Minister N Rangasamy, however, declined to comment on Priyanga's decision to re-

Puducherry, Oct 10 (PTI):

said, "I have not invited you," and refused to respond to their queries. In 2021, the Neduncadu MLA became the first woman to be made a minister in the union territory after a gap of over 40 years. Priyanga was then handed the Transport

portfolio in the N

Ranagsamy-led coalition

sign. When a team of re-

porters approached him in

his chamber today, the CM



**S Chandira Priyanga** 

cabinet. She was elected from Neduncadu reserved constituency in Karaikal on an AINRC ticket for a successive term in the 2021 Assembly polls. Chandira Priyanga quit as Minister and submitted her letter of resignation through her Secretary at the office of Minister. Chief Sources in the CMO confirmed receipt of the letter and said it has been forwarded to the Chief Minister for him to take a

A copy of her resignation letter was distributed to the media.

She said in her letter that although she entered the Assembly due to her popularity among the people in her constituency, she however realised it is not so easy to overcome 'politics of conspiracy and I could not fight against the big ghost of money power".

She realised she "was subjected to casteism and gender bias." "I was also targeted continuously and found that I could not bear the politics of conspiracy and the big ghost of money power any longer beyond certain limits". Chandira Priyanga said she would come out soon with a detailed report "to highlight what changes, improvement and reforms I had made in the departments I was looking after

## WW II-era US aircraft wreckage to be on display in Arunachal museum

Tawang, Oct 10 (PTI):

A museum showcasing the wreckage of Allied Forces aircraft that crashed in Arunachal Pradesh during World War II and other related articles will soon be thrown open to the public.

The museum, to be called 'The Hump Museum', is being set up at the initiative of Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu in Pasighat and the state government plans to invite the US Ambassador to India for the

'The museum is ready. It will be inaugurated next month," Khandu told PTI.

In 1942, when the Japanese army blockaded the 1,150-kilometre Burma Road - a mounhighway connecting Lashio in present-day Mvanmar and Kunming in China - the Allied Forces had to undertake one of the biggest airlifts in aviation history.

The Allied Forces pilots nicknamed the route "The Hump" because their aircraft had to navigate deep gorges and then quickly fly over mountains ris-

ing above 10,000 feet. "The Hump" comprises parts of Arunachal Pradesh, Tibet and Myanmar, where nearly 650 aircraft are said to have crashed during World War II due to difficult flying condi-

From 1942 to 1945, military aircraft transported nearly 6,50,000 tons of supplies such as fuel, food and ammunition from airfields in Assam to those in Yunnan in China.

The weather in the mountains of Arunachal Pradesh is often unpredictable - the visibility can drop to zero within seconds, coupled with sudden heavy winds - making it difficult for planes and choppers to fly even today. According to a US Embassy handout in 2017, investigators from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) returned to India that vear to continue their search for the remains of US personnel missing since World War II.

In 2016, the DPAA deployed a team to northeast India for 30 days in search of the remains of unaccounted-for US airmen. The mission in 2017 was their fifth to India since 2013.

# Kolkata tram to sport a design makeover to reflect Durga Puja spirit



The city's iconic tram service which turned 150 years old earlier this year will celebrate the spirit of Durga Puja with a specially painted tram depicting scenes from the moulding of the goddess idol to 'Sindoor khela', a ritual for married women on the last day of the puia.

The uniquely designed tram which will run between Ballygunge and Tollygunge in the city will start service from October

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16 and will run till December 31. Besides celebrating the tramways' 150th birthday, it will also commemorate the recent UNESCO tag for the state's Durga Puja festivities. The exteriors of the tram car have hand-painted artworks honouring artisans of Kumortuli, the traditional potters' quarters in North Kolkata which has evolved into a major hub for making of

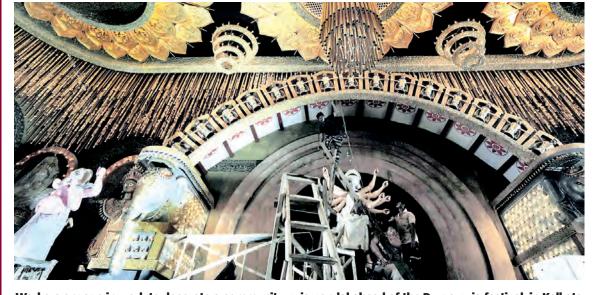
'Dhunuchi' dance, typically performed before the goddess. Other paintings depict a visually impaired artiste and women dhakis, heritage landmarks and cultural aspects.

Dhakis are those who play the dhak, one of the oldest instruments of Bengal made of a big wooden shell with two parchment heads. It was formerly the domain of men but women are being increasingly seen playing it. Kolkata is the only city in the country to have tram services and tram cars here typically have two bogies.

"The special puja tram will operate on the Ballygunge Tollygunge route from October 16 and the service will continue till December 31.

That is our plan," managing director of West Transport Corporation, Rajanvir

#### **DURGA PUJA PREPARATIONS**



Workers engage in work to decorate a community puja pandal ahead of the Durga puja festival, in Kolkata,

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Varma informed, "We are committed to promoting the "Made in India" label on the global stage through rivexa." He said that rivexa will be

the one-stop destination for Indian suppliers for discovery of global buyers, contracting, execution and fulfilment. On the other hand, it will offer global buyers curated Indian

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### NAME CHANGE

It is informed to the general public that I Akanksha Maheshwari, Resident of House No. 43, Phase 2, Magneto Signature Homes, Behind Magneto Mall, Labhandi, Raipur Chhattisgarh 492012, has changed her old name Akanksha Taori. So in future I should be known by my new name that is Akanksha Maheshwari in all government, semi government and other documents.

#### **AKANKSHA** MAHESHWARI

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processes and all other proceeding taken for recovering the amount due. Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 07/10/2023 Recovery Office Debts Recovery Tribunal

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# Election code of conducts comes into effect in KCG

■ Rally, processions, dharna etc not allowed without prior permission

Khairagarh, Oct 10:

Witih imposing Model Code of Conduct, Collector and DEO Gopal Verma convening a press conference gave information about the polling and counting in the public interest. Collector Verma informed that on declaration of Vidhan Sabha polls on Monday by Election Commission the model code of conduct has come into effect all over the district and state. The last date for filing of nomination for VS polls is Oct 30 and withdrawal of nomination is on 30 Oct and scrutiny of nomination is



Collector further said that all preparations for free & fair elections have been completed in the district. Using the power envisaged under section 144 of IPC in order to maintain law & order, many prohibitory orders have been issued. In this any persons in Khairagarh-Chuikhanda-Gandai (KCG) revenue district

cannot use or carry any of lethal weapons viz. pistol, gun, revolver, rifle, 'bhala', 'ballam', 'Barcha', 'Lathi' or any other explosives and others at any public place or on general roads. No political party or candidate can take out any rally or procession nor can raise any slogans or distribute any objectionable posters,

Polling on Nov 17, results on Dec 3

Collector Gopal Verma giving information about the elections informed that as per instructions by the Election Commission, the polling in the district will be held on Nov 17 and results will be declared on Dec 3. During this in the revenue district of Khairagarh- Chuikhadannot be any crow of people or staging of dharna outside the polling centre, counting venue, Collectorate, Tehsil, block, SDM (R) office. In order to obtain permission for the same, they have to first submit an application and get written consent either from SDM or Tehsildar and then only it will be al-No political party or

person can hold any general public meeting or take out julus near religious places or use any sound amplification units without prior permission of SDM or Tehsildar. In case of violation of any of the above would be punishable under section 144 of IPC and since it is very essential and with no time period, one-sided action will be taken against the

# NSS organizes inspiring academic seminar



#### At Government **Naveen College**

Mungeli, Oct 10:

On October 5th, the National Service Scheme (NSS) Men and Women's Unit orchestrated a highly successful academic seminar at Government Naveen College, Fastrapur. Under the adept guidance of offi-Sanjay Kumar Binihawar and Jvoti Daharia, the event proved to be a significant source of

inspiration for all participants. The academic seminar served as a platform for students to engage in meaningful discussions and share their perspectives on a wide range of subjects. The vibrant exchange of ideas and knowledge left students invigorated and motivated to excel in their academic pursuits. Aman Kumar Dahariya, a dedicated member of the Participation Committee, graced the event with his presence. During the seminar, esteemed faculty members and the college principal addressed the students, underlining the critical importance of academic awareness, discipline, and holistic development. They used practical examples to convey the profound impact of such initiatives. Speakers emphasized that these academic seminars are instrumental in enhancing students' performance in various examinations, fostering a culture of continuous learning, and nurturing well-rounded in-

# Stationary distributed to children in Injram Primary School



As a goodwill gesture By 50 Battalion

and 219 Battalion

Konta/Sukma, Oct 09:

On Saturday, as a goodwill gesture to the children studying in Injaram Primary School and to create interest in education among the local children. 50 **Battalion and 219 Battalion** 

**CRPF** distributed various types of stationery items, etc. to the children. The distribution of slippers and sweets and food items was done under the chairmanship of Narendra Pal (PMG), Commandant 50 Battalion and Mrs. Raniita Narendra Pal. During the said program, Neeraj **Kumar, Second Commanding** Officer (Admn.) - 219 Battalion, Suryakant Singh, Second Commanding Officer (Admn.) 219 Battalion, Kafeel Ahmed, Dy. Earn. 50 Bata, Rashmi -

Parva Sahu, Pushpalata Nitesh Kumar and Injaram Primary School head teacher Bhauram Korram, assistant teacher T. Raghubabu and other teacher staff were present. During the program organized, Narendra Pal (PMG), Commandant 50 Battalion and Ranjita Narendra Pal told the children studying in **Injaram Primary School about** the importance of education and the opportunities they will get in the future by getting

#### Protesters demand action over neglected infrastructure

The residents of Diwan

Dongargaon, Oct 10:

Jhitiya village in the district have taken a stand to demand better infrastructure as they staged a protest and roadblock over the deplorable state of local roads and a persisting issue of poor network connectivity. The road stretching from Tumdi Bodh Gurudwara to Machanpar, Dhaurabhatha, Diwan Jhitiya, and Diwan Bhedi has fallen into disrepair over the past three years, with no maintenance in sight. Frustration is mounting among the public due to the perceived neglect of contractors and departmental officials, particularly towards the



Significantly, during the Navaratri festival, this road serves as the primary route for pilgrims journeyfoot on Vanaanchal Dongergaon for a glimpse of Maa Bamleshwari. The villagers, agitated by the deteriorating conditions, have firmly declared that if road repairs are not initiated before Navaratri, they will boycott the forth-

coming assembly elections and block the local MLA, Daileshwar Sahu, from entering their village. A roadblock ensued as hundreds of villagers gathered at the protest site.

Upon arrival, Deputy Tehsildar J.P. Khunte, accompanied by law enforcement personnel, appealed to the protesters to end the roadblock. However, the villagers remained resolute in their demands, insisting on the presence of officials from the Public Works Department (PWD), contractors, and MLA Daileshwar Sahu.

During these proceedings, the PWD sub-engineer has been granted time until October 14th to address the road's pressing issues. The road, riddled with potholes, has caused significant inconvenience to both drivers and pedestrians, especially during this season when numerous devotees embark on foot journeys. Despite the daily use of this road by the local populace, the regional MLA's attention to road conditions has been perceived as inadequate. In the event that road re-

pairs are not completed by the specified date, the villagers have issued a stern ultimatum, announcing a fierce protest scheduled October Alongside road conditions, the protesters also drew attention to the persisting issue of poor mobile network connectivity, disrupting daily life for nearly two months. In a region where mobile phones play a vital role in various activities including education and communication, the absence of network connechas brought progress to a standstill. The protest garnered active participation from nu-

# **DRM Pandey awards safety** honours to vigilant workers

Bilaspur, Oct 10:

Ensuring the safety of railway operations remains the foremost concern of railway authorities. To uphold this commitment, ongoing awareness campaigns promoting railway safety are being conducted diligently. Moreover, safety awards are being bestowed upon safety personnel whose exceptional efforts contribute significantly to maintaining safety stan-

Recently, several railway employees have demonstrated their unwavering dedication to ensuring safe railway operations. Loco Pilot Chandan Kumar Sinha, Assistant Loco Pilot P.L. Dewangan,

#### Nine year old boy goes missing

Korba, Oct 10:

Dheeraj Kumar Gupta, a 9-year-old boy from Jal Vihar Colony Ward No. 31, behind Hanuman Temple, Dadar Road, Ravishkanr in Korba district, suddenly went somewhere while playing in front of the house on the evening of Sunday, 8 October 23, and did not reach home till late night. . When 9 year old Dheeraj did not reach home till late in the night, there was panic in his house where the family members contacted all his friends and neighboring houses as well as relatives but there was no trace of him anywhere. The family members are in bad condition and crying.



and Train Manager N.K. Priyadarshi, all stationed in Bilaspur, exemplified this commitment during their duties. They keenly observed irregularities in goods wagons and promptly reported these issues to the respective Station Manager, thus guaranteeing the secure passage of

Similarly, during a routine duty, Pointsman

Sumit Latia. namely Singh, displayed exceptional vigilance by spotting a malfunctioning part in the break block assembly of a goods wagon passing through Akaltara Station. His swift action and immediate communication with the operating team played a pivotal role in ensuring the train's safety, thereby averting potential accidents. In recognition of their outstanding and commendable contributions to railway security, Divisional Railway Manager Praveen Pandey organized a review meeting today in his office. During this event, he presented security awards to these dedicated railway protectors.

Pandev praised their unwavering commitment to safety and extended his best wishes for their continued dedication to ensuring secure railway operations. The event was attended by Assistant Divisional Railway Manager Devaraj, along Yogesh Kumar Dewangan and other branch officials, who joined in honoring these vigilant railway personnel.

Inauguration Bhoomi pujan worth Rs. 10.68 lakhs was done in vil-Borjhara under Kurud assembly and in village Siloti, worth Rs. 2.00

Anwari, Oct 09:

lakhs.The Bhoomi Pujan program was completed in the chief guest ship of Agricultural Produce Market Committee Kurud Chairman Neelam Chandrakar, Chairman Panchayat District Dhamtari and State Secretary Chhattisgarh

Congress Committee. PCC Secretary Tarini Neelam Chandrakar, who reached village Siloti and Borjhara on Saturday, performed Bhoomi Pujan for beautification of checkered tiles in Siloti Kodoras temple and construction of a shed in village Borjhara and said that they are making efforts to provide basic facilities to the people of



the village. Mandi President Neelam Chandrakar said that the state will fight under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and the present government is giving proper development of all sections on priority. She also talked about choosing a true public representative who will stand up for the happiness and sorrow of the area. Special guests in this

program were Mukesh Kosare, President Block Congress Committee Bhakhara, Govind Sahu President District Panchayat Dhamtari, Leena Kosare Member Mandi Committee Kurud, Mukesh Sahu President

Sahu Samaj, Vishakha Tikeshwari Markandey Dronacharya Sahu, Tarabai Lodhe, Pitambar Sahu, Girdhari Sahu, Kuleshwar Sahu, Shyamu Sahu, Latelu Sahu, Pitambar Sahu, Rajesh Sahu, Rajaram Sahu, Nagendra Giri Goswami and many vil-

# All senior BJP members in support of Nanki Ram Kanwar: Rathia

In Rampur Assembly

Korba, Oct 10:

District Vice President of Bharatiya Janata Party Scheduled Tribe Morcha and former Korba Rural Mandal President Brijlal Rathia said that all the BJP members of Rampur Assembly are together, there is no factionalism. Everyone is fond of becoming an MLA but at present no one from BJP except Nankiram Kanwar can win the election in Rampur Assembly because at present there is no worker ready



in the Bharatiya Janata Party who can win the MLA election. All the dedicated BJP workers are with regional MLA Nankiram Kanwar. He said that some workers

Kudamura Mandal who are not aware of the rules and regulations of the party.

Rathia said that if one or two officials submit a memorandum to the District President demanding a new face, it is completely wrong, it is politically motivated. Right now the workers of Yuva Morcha should work towards strengthening the party and they should have knowledge of the ideology of the party. There is no worker in the party who has control over the entire assembly. There is no factionalism in our party. All the workers want Nanki

Ram Kanwar to be their candidate. There are many

candidates in the race. Bharatiya Janata Party does not give ticket to any worker. Their background is seen. How many times did they contest elections? Which people from their family contested the elections and in which elections did they win? Were they earlier in Congress or BJP? How many years have you been working in BJP? All these issues are reviewed and then, keeping all these things in mind, the ticket is declared by the top command of the party. Rajin Gaikwad said that the

# Municipality formed from Pandaria Nagar Panchayat Pandaria, Oct 09:

State Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel fulfilled the demand of Pandariva Nagar residents of years and on October 7, 2023, the formal announcement of making Pandariya Nagar Panchayat a municipality has been officially published in the Gazette. Thereby officially Pandariya has been made a municipality by including villages Motimpur and Rauha in the said municipality area and Rajin Sujit Gaikwad will become the first municipality president. While congratulating the residents of the city,



residents of the city have been working for years and the demand has been fulfilled. Gaikwad met Chief Minister Bhupesh Bhaghel, Deputy Chief Minister T.S. Singhdev, **Urban Administration Minister** Shiv Kumar Dahria, Forest Minister Mohammad Akbar, Pandaria MLA Mamta Chandrakar and public servant

Anand Singh and have thanked the entire Congress family for their support and cooperation. Municipality President Rajin Sujit Gaikwad said that now the development in Pandariya Municipality will be doubled; and there will be good arrangements for roads, electricity, water etc, especially in Motimpur and Rauha.

# **Palestinians in Gaza seek** safety amid ongoing conflict



A view of the rubble of buildings hit by an Israeli airstrike, in Gaza City, Tuesday, Oct. 10. Israel has launched intense airstrikes in Gaza after the territory's militant rulers carried out an unprecedented attack on Israel Saturday, killing over 900 people and taking captives.

Gaza City, Oct 10 (AP):

Over Palestinians in the Gaza Strip are packed into United Nations shelters as Israeli warplanes pound the tiny territory of 2.3 million people after their Hamas militant rulers launched an unprecedented weekend attack on Israel. Among them is 27year-old Sabreen al-Attar. She sprang into action when she heard rocket after rocket whoosh over her farmland in Beit Lahiya just south of the

Israeli border on Saturday. She knew from experience that Israeli retaliation would be swift and sedren, al-Attar rushed to one of the dozens of shelters set up in schools run by the UN agency for Palestinian refugees in Gaza City.

There, blasts of unprecedented intensity punctuated hours of steadily declining conditions Monday as food and water ran out.

"When I escape, I do it for my children," she said, her hands trembling. "Their lives rest on my

But residents say there is no real escape in Gaza, which has been under a suffocating 16-year blockade imposed by Israel and Egypt. When war breaks out, as it has four times

since the Hamas militant group seized power in 2007, even United Nations facilities that are supposed to be safe zones risk becoming engulfed in the fighting. The UN said that an airstrike directly hit one of its shelters Sunday and damaged five other schools-turned-shelters on Monday. There was no immediate word of casualties. In the downtown Rimal area, Gaza City's bustling commercial district with high-rises home to international media and aid organisations, al-Attar hoped she would be safe. Rimal had until then not been an immediate Israeli target, unlike border towns or densely popu-

#### Indian in Gaza seek evacuation

Jerusalem, Oct 10 (PTI): Fearing for their life amid continuous bombardments by Israel, an Indian woman living in Gaza with her family on Tuesday sought an immediate evacuation from the Hamas-ruled enclave. "We are facing a brutal war here and everything is being destroyed in bombarded in a matter of seconds. We are paying the price of this conflict as civilians are being targeted," Lubna Nazir Shaboo, an Indian from Jammu & Kashmir living in Gaza, told PTI over the phone. The Israel-Hamas conflict has entered the fourth day and it has already claimed at least 1,600 lives on both sides. This includes 788 killed and 4,100 others injured on the Gaza side. Following the brutal attacks by Hamas militants on Saturday morning in the southern areas of the Jewish state, backed by a barrage of rockets that hit even the central parts of the country, Israeli warplanes have pounded downtown Gaza City, home to Hamas' centres of government. "The sounds of bombardment are too scary and the whole house shakes. It is a very, very scary situation," Shaboo said.

Karima, in Gaza, said the "water supply was officially cut off" in addition to electricity. Her two elder children live and study in Cairo, Egypt. Internet connection in Gaza is also poor and only those with their limited net packs are able to establish contact with people outside. Israel's defence minister Yoav Gallant on Monday ordered a "complete siege" of the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip. "I have given an order - Gaza will be under complete siege. There will be no electricity, food or fuel [delivered to Gaza]. We are fighting barbaric [terrorists] and will accordingly," Gallant said. The Kashmiri woman said that she hadn't seen anything like this before and has currently two families living with them who had to run away after bombardment in the bordering areas "We are not able to go any-

Shaboo, who is living with her husband, Nedal Toman,

and youngest daughter,

where because there is no safe place for us anywhere and the Gaza Strip is too small and it is closed from every side. There are no exit points over here," Lubna

bardments reached the heart of Gaza City, transforming the affluent neighbourhood into an uninhabitable desert of

### **RALLY TO SUPPORT ISRAEL**



Waving Israeli flags, people show their support of Israel, in Buenos Aires, after Hamas militants surprised Israel with a deadly attack on Saturday that breached its fortified borders.

# **Philippine diplomat witnesses** aggressive Chinese actions at sea

Manila, Oct 10 (AP):

A senior Filipino diplomat known for his past expletive-laced tirade against China joined a coast guard trip to the disputed South China Sea last week and saw Beijing's ships block and nearly collide with Philippine vessels, including one he was on.

Teodoro Locsin Jr. was on one of two Philippine coast guard vessels that escorted two Philippine boats to deliver food and other supplies to a Filipino marine territorial outpost in the Second Thomas Shoal on October 4, the Department of Foreign Affairs said in a statement on Tuesday.

It was not immediately clear why the public disclosure of his participation in the trip was delayed.

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. appointed Locsin, 74, as a special envoy to China in August, in addition to his role as the Philippine ambassathe United Kingdom based

"As special envoy, he is expected to be up to date on the matters that he will discuss with China and there is no better way to understand the West Philippine Sea issue than

Russia faces a tough fight to regain its

to see, for himself, what is happening in our own wa-Department of Foreign Affairs spokesperson Teresita Daza said, using the Philippine name for the South China Sea waters nearer the country's western coast.

'We are confident that this firsthand information will allow him to effectively convey our concerns to China," Daza said.

As the Philippine foreign secretary under Marcos's predecessor, Rodrigo Duterte, Locsin often lashed out with blunt language on social media at China's increasingly aggressive actions in

# **Eight-foot statue of Mahatma Gandhi** unveiled in Johannesburg's Tolstoy Farm

Johannesburg, Oct 10 **(PTI):** An eight-foot-tall statue of Mahatma Gandhi has been unveiled at Tolstoy Farm, the commune that he had started during his tenure as a lawyer here in South Africa in the early 20th century. The larger-than-life clay statue, unveiled on Sunday Prabhat Kumar, now joins large busts of Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela, both commissioned by sculp-Jalandharnath Rajaram Channole, from the Sevagram Ashram in "This statue probably



Johannesburg: High Commissioner of India to South Africa rina unveilina of Mahatma Gandhi in continuation with Gandhi Jayanti celebrations at the Tolstoy Farm, in South Africa.

Gandhi when he left South Africa at that time. We have seen Mahatma Gandhi's photographs from 1914, and here he is

resembles Mahatma much older. I think it's a grand tribute to him at Tolstoy Farm, where he lived for five or six years. From 1910 to 1914, he intermittently lived here,"

said Kumar as he unveiled the statue. Kumar recalled that Gandhi's Kallenbach had donated the farm to establish a self-sufficient commune.

lated refugee camps.

But as the Israeli mili-

tary went neighbourhood

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rapid and intensifying

This was because the people from our community here were struggling against the (discriminatory) pass laws and other laws," he said, referring to the laws that required non-white citizens to carry passbooks for the indigenous Black African community and Astatic registration papers for Indians. Many men and some women voluntarily went to jail with Gandhi to resist these laws.

# seat in the UN's top human rights body

Russia faces a tough fight to regain a seat in the U.N.'s premiere human rights body in Tuesday's election in the General Assembly, which voted last year to suspend Moscow after its invasion of Ukraine. The 193-member assembly will be electing 15 members to the Geneva-Human Rights based Council, with candidates put forward by the U.N.'s five regional groups.

Russia is competing against Albania and Bulgaria for two seats allotted to the East European regional group, and Moscow's U.N. ambas-

accused the United States on Monday of leading a campaign to prevent their return to the council.

"The main phobia of our American colleagues today is electing Russia to the Human Rights Council," Nebenzia told a Security Council meeting called by Ukraine on last week's strike by a Russian missile on a Ukrainian sol dier's wake in a small village that killed 52 people.

The United States and others have sent letters to many of the 193 members of the General Assembly urging a vote against Russia, according to diplomats. Felice Gaer, director

Committee's Blaustein Institute for the Advancement of Human Rights, was among the non-government letterwriters also urging Russia's defeat.

Albania's Ambassador Ferit Hoxha also urged those who care about human rights and "the credibility of the Human Rights Council and its work" to oppose a country that kills innocent people, destroys civilian infrastructure, ports and grain silos "and then takes pride in doing so."

U.S. deputy ambassador Robert Wood told the Security Council that

Human Rights Council while it openly continues to commit war crimes and other atrocities would be an ugly stain that would undermine the credibility of the institution and the United Nations.'

In April 2022, less than two months after Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the General Assembly voted 93-24 with 58 abstentions on a U.S.-initiated resolution to suspend Russia from the Human Rights Council over allegations that its soldiers in Ukraine engaged in rights violations that the U.S. and Ukraine called war

# **Canada and Netherlands** take Syria to top UN court

The Hague, Oct 10 (AP):

The Netherlands and Canada are taking Syria's government to the United Nations' highest court on accusing Damascus of massive human rights violations against its own people.

"Since 2011, Syrians have been tortured, murdered, sexually assaulted, forcibly disappeared and subjected to chemical weapon attacks on a mass scale," the Netherlands and Canada said when they launched the case at the International Court of Justice in June.

"Twelve vears on, human rights violations at the hands of the Syrian regime persist," they added. Syria's conflict started with peaceprotests against President Bashar Assad's government in March 2011 but quickly morphed into a full-blown civil war after the government's brutal crackdown on the protesters. The tide turned in Assad's favour against rebel groups in 2015, when Russia provided key military backing to Syria, as well as Iran and the Lebanese militant

group Hezbollah. In a written filing to the

court, the Netherlands and Canada said torture in Svria includes "severe beatings and whippings, including with fists, electric cables, metal and wooden sticks, chains and rifle butts; administering electric shocks: burning body parts; pulling out nails and teeth; mock executions; and simulated drownings.'

Two days of hearings opening Tuesday focus on the Dutch and Canadian request for judges to issue an interim order for Syria to "immediately cease the torture and cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment of its people," while the case proceeds through the world court, a process likely to

Balkees Jarrah, associate international justice director at Human Rights Watch, said the case "provides an important opportunity to scrutinize Syria's longstanding heinous torture of countless civilians." Jarrah said in a statement the court "should urgently put in place measures to prevent further abuses against Syrians who continue to suffer under nightmarish conditions and whose lives are in serious jeopardy.

Taipei, Oct 10 (AP):

Peace between Taiwan and China is the "only op-Taiwanese tion. President Tsai Ing-wen said Tuesday, while strongly asserting the self-governing island's defences against Beijing's threats to invade.

Tsai said in a National Day address that the intercommunity views stability in the Taiwan Strait as an "indispensable component of global security and pros-

China claims Taiwan as its own territory and has been increasingly sending ships and warplanes across the Taiwan Strait in an effort to intimidate the population of 23 million, who strongly favour the status-quo of de-facto independence.

Democratic Progressive Party will seek to maintain power in elections next vear against the Nationalists. who officially support unification between the sides that divided amid civil war in 1949.

"Let me reiterate that peace is the only option across the Taiwan Strait," said Tsai, who will step down after two terms in office. "Maintaining the status quo, as the largest common denominator for all sides, is the critical key to ensuring peace."

"Neither side can unilaterally change the status quo. Differences across the strait must be resolved peacefully," Tsai said.

Tsai also referred to Taiwan's recent launch of a home-built submarine as a major breakthrough in efforts to re-energize the domestic arms indus-

"We took a big step forward in our national defence self-sufficiency and further enhanced the asymmetric capabilities of our military," she said.

The ceremonies with marching bands from Taiwan, Japan and the U.S. also underscored Taiwan's split personality as a self-governing democracy whose national symbols and state institutions were founded on mainland China after the Manchu Qing dynasty was overthrown in 1911. The Chinese Nationalist Party under Chiang Kaishek moved the government to Taiwan in 1949 following the takeover of mainland China by the Communist Party under Mao Zedong following a years-long bloody civil

## **Indo-Canadian concerns over** Khalistan ideology in Canada

Toronto, Oct 10 (PTI):

A prominent Indo-Canadian community member has voiced deep concern over the "ecosystem" in Canada that has enabled Khalistan extremists to use violence, threaten and bully those opposing their "nefarious agendas'. Amidst the diplomatstandoff Canada and India over the killing of a pro-Khalistan separatist in Surrey in British Columbia province in June, he cautioned that political appeasement for short-term gains is not in the interest of Canada's fu-

"It is very concerning for us as a country, as Canadians the direction which we as a country are taking in the sense of giving freedom of expression. which is our charter right, to people who don't believe in that same freedom of expression for others. Peaceloving Canadians do not believe in (a) certain ideology which is very extreme, which does not belong to Canada," National Convener, Canada India Foundation, Ritesh Malik, told PTI in an exclusive in-

terview here. Referring to

Khalistan extremists in Canada, Malik said these people "create differences in society and disturb communal harmony. They work with a nefarious agenda and are derailing relationships between the two countries," he said. "Freedom of expression

should be for everyone. We

have unfortunately created

that kind of ecosystem in Canada where these people are very vocal, very violent, very aggressive, and they don't let anybody... come out against them. They will bully, they will threaten, they will use every possible illegal means... to counter any sanity," he said, adding that Sikhs across the US Canada and the UK have come out and said that they don't believe or endorse the Khalistan ideology. "These (are big issues) that worry us as Canadians, in the long-term interest of Canada. We feel worried about the future of our children, about the rifts between communities," he said, adding that leaders in government and officials in policy and advocacy should take up those issues for the larger interest of Canada

# Pak's Punjab govt may impose restrictions in Lahore as air quality declines

**Taiwan President stresses peace amid Beijing threats** 

Lahore, Oct 10 (PTI)

Pakistan's Punjab government may impose coronavirus-like restrictions here in the provincial capital to control the worsening smog situation, according to a media report on Tuesday.

Quoting the sources, Geo News reported that the authorities are likely to announce a complete shutdown

Wednesdays when all schools, markets, and factories will be closed. The

Commissioner said the authorities will also announce a work-fromhome policy for two months to combat smog in the Lahore Division.

The decision came after a meeting with traders to discuss the proposal to keep markets closed on Wednesdays.

markets on Sundays if want.' they Commissioner Muhammad Randhawa said. Under the new policy,

"Traders can open

the government departments will operate with 50 per cent strength on Wednesday, the report said, adding that it has also been advised to carry out snap-checking on weekends - Saturday

The report also said that the administration has been advised to impose heavy fines on factories violating the law and shut them in case of continuous ignorance of the directives.

and Sunday.

The highest level of smog was recorded on the first three days of the week - Monday to Wednesday, the report

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# Established 1974 Volume 49 No. 10 Gaza Conflict

Israel's Responsibility for Peace

he world witnessed a chilling turn of events when Hamas launched a horrifying terror attack on Israel, marking a sinister shift in global terrorism. This highly organized assault, encompassing land, air, and sea, resulted in the loss of hundreds of Israeli lives and escalated into a full-scale war. Israel's government swiftly retaliated, vowing to eliminate terrorists worldwide, sparing no effort to obliterate their hideouts. The retaliation announced by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu promises to be fierce, with no restraints. As the terrorists rampaged through nearby communities, they seized hostages and carried out door-to-door executions of entire families. This occurred despite the well-known terror threat emanating from the Gaza Strip, a region under intensive monitoring due to its volatile nature. Hamas managed to catch Israel completely off guard. Hamas' audacious incursion into Israel has elicited a robust response from Tel Aviv, which, for once, found itself unprepared despite its renowned intelligence and counter-terrorism network. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, backed by his security cabinet, has declared their intent to neutralize Hamas' ability to threaten Israeli civilians. Military spokesperson Jonathan Conricus has outlined Israel's objective: to oust the militant group from power in the besieged Gaza Strip. Concurrently, Hamas has expressed its desire to secure the release of all Palestinian prisoners held by Israel and put an end to Israeli provocations in the occupied West Bank and Jerusalem. Of particular concern is the situation at Al-Aqsa Mosque, a perennial flashpoint in Jerusalem, where clashes between Palestinians and Israeli police occurred earlier this year. While the United States, Western nations, and India have denounced this terror attack, the Arab world's response has been guarded. Iran's commitment to stand by Palestinian fighters until the liberation of Palestine and Jerusalem has ignited speculation about its role in this audacious assault. The intensification of hostilities compounds the already volatile state of West Asia and reverberates globally, adding to the turmoil caused by the Russia-Ukraine conflict. Israel, known for its indifference to international reactions regarding its actions, is pursuing its goals with characteristic ruthlessness. Nevertheless, the Hamas strike should not obscure the broader reality: Israel has perpetuated this conflict for decades through its continued occupation of Palestinian territories. Israel's efforts to establish diplomatic and trade relations with Arab countries like Saudi Arabia and the UAE sharply contrast with the excesses it perpetrates against Palestinians. While Israel possesses the firepower to emerge victorious once more, such a triumph will remain hollow unless it takes substantial steps toward long-term peace in this troubled region. The onus to reduce hostilities and work towards a sustainable peace falls squarely on Israel. Its military might is beyond dispute, but the time has come for it to demonstrate political will and commitment to ending the cycle of violence. The international community, including Arab nations and Iran, must also exert pressure to facilitate dialogue and a peaceful resolution. The alternative is a never-ending cycle of conflict and suffering for the people of the region.

#### **Rahul Gandhi's Bold Vision**

### Sujit De

ahul Gandhi's pledge, "Jitni abadi, utna haq" (Share in proporahul Gandhi's pleage, Julii abaui, utila ilaq Common tion to the population), following the release of the "Bihar Caste-based Survey 2022," has been criticized by Congress working committee member Abhishek Singhvi, who argued it would result in majoritarianism. Congress communications chief Jairam Ramesh, however, clarified that Singhvi's view was personal and not that of the Congress party, Nonetheless, majoritarianism is detrimental, as it oppresses the minority within such a system. However, one cannot label everything, especially a democratic system based on proportional representation, as majoritarianism. Proportional representation upholds social justice and serves as a safeguard against dictatorship, where political power is concentrated in the hands of a select few. The caste reservation system faces criticism from two groups. One aims to eliminate it entirely, while the other advocates a shift from caste-based reservation to class-based reservation. The latter suggests job reservations solely for economically disadvantaged individuals, regardless of their castes. Caste remains a social reality in India, with the India Human Development Survey (IHDS-2) in 2011-12 revealing that 27 percent of respondents across India acknowledged the practice of untouchability in their daily lives. Additionally, studies by the National Council of Applied Economic Research in 2016 reported that about 5% of marriages in India are inter-caste marriages. Caste identity is resistant to change through economic means, as many who practice untouchability would still avoid well-off Dalits, while 95 out of 100 Indians hesitate to marry even affluent Dalits. Each Indian state has its allocation of Lok Sabha seats; for example, Chhattisgarh has 11 reserved seats based on "jitni abadi utna haq." This is vital for maintaining a federal structure. Similarly, reservations for SC, ST, and OBC communities, in proportion to their populations, are necessary in government institutions to ensure social justice. Should we advocate the complete removal of these reservations or reserve them exclusively for economically disadvantaged candidates? Must we promote meritocracy for parliamentary seats? Such a move would harm the regional balance of power. The absence of state quotas in parliamentary seats could lead to unequal representation among Indian states, akin to the Indian cricket team, where only a few states are represented in the whole country—an untenable situation for a parliamentary democracy in a federal nation. Just as state quotas for Lok Sabha constituencies are crucial to safeguard the interests of all Indian states, caste reservations are essential for the equitable distribution of power among all communities and castes in India. While offering more scholarships and financial support to the poor is essential, it should not be confused with reservations like the EWS quota. Reservations are not charity but a means of achieving proportional representation for states in Parliament and for castes in government offices. Discrimination, oppression, exploitation, and caste-based atrocities continue to plague our nation daily. Hence, the need for precise and proportionate caste reservations based on current data is evident. This underscores the importance of conducting a caste census while simultaneously taking necessary measures to eliminate untouchability and age-old biases against intercaste marriages.

(The views expressed above are the author's own. They do not necessarily reflect the views of Central Chronicle.)

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# **SANGAM 2023**



Faculty members and students of Poonch Campus of Jammu University show artworks created out of used and damaged cocoons by them during Cocoon Craft workshop organised as part of the youth festival 'Sangam 2023'.

# **P20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit: Strengthening Global Consensus**



**OM BIRLA** 

he unprecedented success of the G20 summit chaired by India has been praised all over the world. It is a matter of pride that this Summit concluded with a Joint Declaration strengthening our concept of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' -One Earth, One Family, One Future". G20 also underlined India's growing global influence, as it successfully played the role of a consensus builder. Coming on the heels of the G20 Summit, the Parliament of India is getting ready to host another important congregation, i.e. the P20 or the G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit on 13th and 14th October in New Delhi. P20 brings together the Speakers or the Presiding Officers of Parliaments of G20 and invitee nations. Parliament is the supreme legislative body of every nation, through which public representatives present aspirations and expectations of the people in the Houses and formulate laws and policies.

India is one of those ancient civilizations of the world with a rich cultural heritage. Democracy is an ingrained concept in India since ages. Even in our ancient texts, there is mention of participatory institutions like Sabha and Samiti, which existed as public representative institutions in Vedic age. Democracy, diversity and demography have been our strengths during the 75 years journey since independence. With the power of democracy,

we have created harmony among all sections of the society and ensured social and economic development for all. It must be said that people-centric development and inclusive development are at the centre our democratic journey.

Even in our Parliament, public representatives form a collective view on issues after extensive discussion. This helps us find collective solutions to challenges. Therefore, in the P20 conference also, the Parliament of India will try to develop a common vision to address the important contemporary issues facing the world and humanity. The importance of organizing the P20 Conclave in India increases because the consensus on global issues is related to the common future of humanity. The focus of the P20 conference will be on Sustainable Development Goals, climate change, women-led development and shared future of humanity. It will also discuss the topics related to Lifestyle of Environment i.e. Mission LiFE.

#### ment i.e. Mission **Sustainable**

Development Goals

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have certainly given impetus to efforts to realize the concept of holistic human development in the world. As we approach the year 2030, it becomes even more important to assess the achievements made under this initiative and accelerate efforts to realize them.

Among the SDGs, there are many whose impact is universal. There is a need to discuss and dialogue on these issues in the parliaments and reach consensus to eliminate all contradictions. Policy consensus needs to be developed while maintaining the sovereignty of nations.

#### Sustainable Energy: Towards a Green Future

India has attempted to adapt its development process to the needs of a green future even while facing the challenges of huge population and maintaining the aspiration of becoming a developed nation. Today, India is in a leadership role in the field of alternative energy. Policy initiatives like Solar International International Bio Fuel Alliance championed by India have received wide global support. Environment related issues have also been discussed continuously in our Parliament. Through this dialogue, a consensus has been formed in the country on policy making for renewable energy beyond political differ-

#### From Women Empowerment to Women-led Development

Women have been considered the embodiment of power and devotion in India's ancient culture. Women have proved their capability and strength in all fields, be it science and technology, defence, space science or in the field of sports. Our Constitution has empowered women by giving them equal rights in all spheres, including voting rights.

As our journey of democracy progressed, policy decisions were taken to provide political and economic empowerment to women and to give them leadership opportunities. Initially, laws were made for reservation for women in Gram Panchayat and municipal level elections. Taking this forward, laws have since been made for reservation for them in Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies. There has been a consensus on this law among

every political party in the entire country. We will share our positive experiences on this topic at the P20 conference and strive to make women-led development a global movement.

Transforming people's lives through

#### public digital platforms

India has been at the forefront of digital transformation, leveraging technology to improve the lives of its citizens. Initiatives like Aadhaar, the world's largest biometric identification system, have streamlined access to government services. UPI (Unified Payments Interface) has become one of the largest financial inclusion tools that brought digital banking to the masses. The Digital India programme aims to provide digital access to all citizens and is revolutionizing governance at grassroot level.

Lives of millions of Indians have been transformed with the adoption of digital technology across various sectors like education, agriculture, finance, etc. At the P20 summit, we will share this landmark achievement with the parliaments of the world so that India's success in digital transformation becomes a model for the entire world.

India's Parliament has played a big role in shaping the destiny of the world's largest democracy. Our Parliament has made public welfare laws after extensive discussion always keeping the interests of the public in mind. Despite having a multi-party system, we have reached consensus on issues. In this way our Parliament has presented a model of meaningful discussion and dialogue to the world.

I am confident that just as the G20 summit achieved consensus on global challenges, the P20 summit will also underline the essential role of parliaments in addressing contemporary challenges and usher in a new era of cooperation between parliaments on global

(Writer is Speaker, Lok Sabha)

## LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR

#### UNESCO's Virtual Vault

UNESCO, the UN's cultural arm, is set to unveil a groundbreaking virtual museum featuring stolen artifacts from worldwide locations. From Rajasthan's Varaha figurine to the Nubian ivory relief stolen from Baghdad, these treasures will be showcased through immersive 3D images. Interpol's database records over 52,000 cultural objects pilfered from museums and archaeological sites globally. The initiative aims to educate the younger generation about their heritage, shedding light on the societal loss caused by such thefts. Each stolen piece represents culture, society, and human excellence. A unique aspect of this museum is its diminishing collection, contrasting regular museums, as more artifacts are recovered. Global adherence to UNESCO's 1970 convention is crucial to curb illicit cultural property traffick-

> Arka Goswami, Durgapur, West Bengal

#### First Priority, Our Country

India stands 'in solidarity with Israel' after attacks, says PM Modi. Manipur has been suffering from constant violence for months. But till now, there is no statement from PM Modi while it is his party-ruled territory even not after influent demand from opposition parties and many more issues that are awaiting a concrete statement from him. Is Manipur not part of India? are domestic matters more valuable or global? To guard our country from every disgusting mishap should be the first priority. First those who are responsible for our country should ponder over our disconcerting aspects and strive to resolve the present troublesome matter then should move to another country's matter.

Mohammad Taukir, West Champaran

#### Paddy Stubble Challenge

Agriculture, unlike industry and services, often lacks dynamism due to farmers' low risk tolerance. However, the persistence of this mindset may force both farmers and planners to reassess. It's now time for the rice harvest and wheat field preparation in Punjab and Haryana, the nation's granaries. Unfortunately, farmers here are once again resorting to burning paddy stubble, ignoring the associated environmental and health risks. The smoke from these fires contributes to air pollution, harming millions in Delhi and surrounding areas. Moreover, it depletes soil fertility and necessitates excessive water use. Despite these hidden losses, farmers, enticed by MSP purchases, continue focusing on high-yield wheat and rice crops.

N Ashraf, Mumbai

# Urgency of Caste Census: Addressing India's Longstanding Issue



Dr Satyavan Saurabh

The caste system has long plagued India, severely constraining its potential across various domains—science, technology, knowledge, arts, sports, and economic prosperity. Statistics reveal that 94% of marriages are endogamous, with disadvantaged castes predominating in menial jobs while being underrepresented in white-collar positions. The glaring lack of caste diversity, particularly at decision-making levels in sectors like media, the judiciary, higher education, bureaucracy, and

The 21st century presents a crucial opportunity to address India's longstanding caste issue. Neglecting it would exact a hefty toll on our social, political, and economic spheres, hindering development. A caste census entails a systematic tabulation of India's entire caste population, particularly the Other Backward Classes (OBCs), extending beyond just the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs). While the first separate data on SCs and STs emerged in the 1952 census, the initial caste census data surfaced in 1931. Despite conducting a caste census in the 2011 census, the data remains undisclosed. Caste-based reservations in education and government employment rely on this identity. Relying on caste estimates from 1931 to formulate welfare policies in 2021 is outdated and impractical.

the corporate world, weakens these institutions and hampers their performance. Despite caste's significant role in our social, economic, and political life, comprehensive and reliable caste data for over half of India's population is conspicuously absent. The caste census isn't solely about reservation; it unveils a myriad of issues vital for any democratic nation, especially addressing marginalized and underprivileged communities. A caste census equips policymakers to formulate more effective policies and implementation strategies, fostering informed debates on sensitive topics. Additionally, it sheds light on the privileged class within society.

Caste isn't just a source of disad-

vantage; it also confers significant privilege and advantage. It's crucial to recognize that caste applies to both the underprivileged and those who have enjoyed advantages. Since 1931, no comprehensive caste list has been compiled in India, despite caste's increasing influence. The unequal distribution of wealth, resources, and education perpetuates a significant lack of purchasing power among the majority of Indians.

As a democratic nation, we cannot eradicate this system forcibly, but we must address it democratically and scientifically. Our Constitution supports a caste census, with Article 340 mandating a commission to investigate the con-

ditions of socially and educationally backward classes and recommend government actions. Myths disenfranchise numerous individuals, particularly those on the margins. Accurate caste data can identify the most disadvantaged castes.

The Supreme Court has repeatedly urged governments to provide caste-related data, which remains unfeasible due to data unavailability, fostering mutual distrust and misunderstandings between castes. Previous commissions have had to rely on data from the last caste census in 1931. Caste holds emotional significance, with caste census carrying significant political and social implications. Concerns persist that counting caste may reinforce identi-

class and often manifests as implicit discrimination. Even today, individuals with Dalit surnames face discrimination in job interviews and housing, complicating measurement. Marrying an educated, affluent Dalit man can still provoke violent reactions from upper-caste families nationwide. India needs to tackle caste-related questions decisively and boldly, relying on data and statistics as the United States does for issues of race, class, language, inter-racial marriage, and more. Such data serves as a mirror reflecting the state and society, guiding decisions for improvement. As social awareness grows, the urgency of dismantling the caste system becomes increasingly apparent. The 21st century is the opportune moment to resolve India's caste dilemma; failing to do so would carry severe social, political, and economic consequences,

stalling development.

(Poet, freelance journalist, and columnist, All India Radio and TV panelist. Views are personal.)

#### **BRIEF**

#### **Appointment**



Tuesday announced the appointment of Bani Varma as Director (Industrial Systems & Products) of the company. Prior to her new role, Varma was leading BHEL's transportation business as well as the company's electronics division manufacturing unit in Bengaluru, the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) said in a statement. "On her appointment as director on the board of BHEL, Bani Varma, 55, has assumed charge as Director (Industrial Systems & Products) of the public sector engineering and manufacturing

#### **Capital market**

enterprise," it said.



■ Chennai: The Initial Public Offering of tions provider CIEL Group is expected in the first half of 2024. The city-based company has 'rigorously' invested in optimizing the HR processes with digital intervention, said CIEL **Group Executive** Chairperson and Director K Pandiarajan on Tuesday. "CIEL's digital forays in the past year have majorly contributed to the growth of CIEL Group in the H1. I am confident that we are not far from our IPO plans, being the only player to provide a full spectrum of HR service es and having a strong geographic presence with 77 offices in 47 loca-

#### **Steel output**

New Delhi: JSW Steel has posted 13 per cent rise in its consolidated production to 6.41 million tonne (MT) for July-September 2023-24 It had produced 5.68 MT crude steel during the second quarter of 2022-23, the company said in a statement on Tuesday. However, on a quarteron-quarter (q-o-q) basis, the production was lower by 3 per cent, primarily due to scheduled shutdowns undertaken at Indian operations and lower capacity utilisation at USA-Ohio due to market conditions, JSW Steel said.

# Telecom cos invest Rs 2,419 cr under PLI scheme till date: Vaishnaw

Investment by telecom companies under the production-linked incentive scheme has crossed the halfway mark of Rs 2,419 crore, resulting in the employment of 17,753 people, Telecom Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Tuesday. The government shortlisted 42 companies in October 2022 that committed a total investment of Rs 4,115 crore and are likely to generate additional sales of Rs 2.45 lakh crore and employ over 44,000 people during the six-year scheme period ending 2025-26.

"Today, in the telecom sector, we have crossed a major milestone where PLI-supported companies have already completed an investment of Rs 2,419 crore, where the sales are at Rs 34,516 crore, exports are Rs 7.600 crore, and em-

ployment is 17,753. This is a great milestone for the Vaishnaw said. He was speaking during the virtual inauguration of a production line to manufacture 4G and 5G connectivi-

firm VVDN. 'Very complex manufacturing has started, and young girls are getting trained in handling complex machines. This is the success of Make in India,

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and this is the success of our Prime Minister's vision," Vaishnaw said. VVDN is one of the companies shortlisted under the PLI scheme. In a veiled attack on former RBI governor Raghuram Rajan, the minister said critics of "Make In India" should visit VVDN plants to see the depth that the country is acquiring in telecom and electronics manufacturing. Rajan in a social media post a few months back had raised questions on value addition taking place in electronics manufacturing.

The minister said telecom equipment was being imported into the country for a long time, and it was unimaginable to manufacture and export telecom equipment from the country. "Today, telecom equipment manufactured in India is exported to many countries, such as

tries and Japan. These are highly developed countries and we feel proud that our products are accepted as high quality in these countries. We should continuously strive to maintain the quality of the products and consistency in our production system, Vaishnaw said. He said that 5G was launched last year, and within a year, Bharat has become the third largest ecosystem for 5G in the world.

"The speed at which things were done is a matter of great pride. ITU has accepted our inputs in the standardisation of 6G. This process will be further strengthened in the coming years. We are working towards positioning in India as a leading standard and IT contributor to the 6G journey," Vaishaw said.

# FM to embark on 6-day visit to Morocco to attend World Bank-IMF meet, G20 FMBCBG

New Delhi, Oct 10:

Finance Nirmala Sitharaman will embark on a six-day official visit on Tuesday to Marrakech, Morocco, to attend the World Bank-International Monetary Fund annual meet, along with the G20 FMCBG meeting. Besides, bilateral meetings with Indonesia. Morocco, Brazil. Switzerland, Germany and France are scheduled to take place on October 11-15, 2023, in Marrakech. The Indian delegation for the annual meetings will be led by the Finance Minister, and comprise officials from the Ministry of Finance and the Reserve Bank of India, an official statement said on Monday. During the visit, it said, Sitharaman Governor Shaktikanta Das will cochair the fourth G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors



(FMCBG) meeting. The G20 FMCBG meeting under India's presidency will witness the participation of 65 delegations from G20 countries, invitee countries, and international organisations in multilateral discussions centred around a broad spectrum of important global issues, it said. The fourth G20 FMCBG meeting will comprise two sessions - 'Strengthening Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) to address shared challenges of the 21st Century' and 'Global Economy and Crypto Assets Agenda'. During the

meeting, it said that

Volume 2 of the Report on strengthening MDBs by the Independent Expert Group (IEG) will also be released. Volume 1 was released during the third FMCBG held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, On the sidelines of the

fourth G20 FMCBG meeting, Principals from the Indian G20 Presidency, the International Monetary Fund, and the World Bank will co-chair the Global Sovereign Debt Roundtable (GSDR) on October 12, 2023. The roundtable will discuss the progress made on debt restructuring and explore ways and means to support the work of G20 countries, the statement said.

In a high-level event organised by the US Treasury, it said, the Finance Minister will engage in a Roundtable Discussion on "IMF policy priorities and how the institution should support its

# PE inflows plunge 65% to USD 1.81 bn in July-September

Mumbai, Oct 10:

Private equity (PE) investments in India fell 65.4 per cent to USD 1.81 billion in July-September 2023 as compared to the year-ago period, according to an industry report. In the year-ago period, PE investment was USD 5.23 billion.

The number of deals also declined steeply by 50.1 per cent to 232 from 465 deals in Q3 2022, according to the data collated by Refinitiv, which is a London Stock Exchange Group (LSG) business. On a sequential basis, the number of deals fell 34.2 per cent from 353 in Q2 2023, and in value term it declined by 35.2 per cent from USD 2.79 billion. For the first nine months (January-September 2023), the Internet specific and computer software companies continued to attract maximum PE in-

terest with USD 2.80 billion and USD 1.48 billion invested. But this is 63.2 per cent down from the year-ago period with the number of deals declining to 283 from 414 in the first nine month of 2022. PE investment in computer software was down 74.9 per cent, financial services (down 79.9 per cent) and consumer-related companies (down 72.1 per cent) in the first nine months of 2023 as compared to the same period of 2022.

However, PE investment in industries catering to industrial/energy was up 30.8 per cent and semiconductor & electrical (up 64.2 per cent). Fundraising activity in the country saw 31 per cent decline compared to the year-ago period and amounted to USD 6 billion during the first nine

#### **RBI bars Bank of** Baroda from onboarding fresh customers

'bob World'

Mumbai, Oct 10:

The Reserve Bank of India on Tuesday barred state-owned Bank of Baroda from onboarding fresh customers on its mobile application 'bob World' with immediate effect, citing material supervisory concerns. "The Reserve Bank of India has, in exercise of its power, under Section 35A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, directed Bank of Baroda to suspend, with immediate effect, any further onboarding of their customers onto the 'bob World' mobile application," it said in a statement. The action, the RBI added, is based on certain material supervisory concerns observed in the manner of onboarding cus-

On its mobile app

# SwarnBanga Jewellery collection Reliance Jewels, one of

Reliance Jewels unveils glorious

India's most trusted jewellery brands, unveiled SwarnBanga, a resplendent jewellery collection inspired by Bengal's poetic beauty and artistic heritage. The collection that captures the intricacy of the region's terracotta temples, the serenity of Shanti Niketan, and the fervour of DurgaPujo is the 8th in a series of thematic jewellery collections inspired by different regions of India launched by Reliance

Amidst a grand starstudded evening, SwarnBanga launched by Bollywood star Karisma Kapoor, who unveiled the collection and walked the ramp as a showstopper. Speaking at the launch, Mr. Sunil Nayak, CEO of Reliance Jewels,

Competition Comm probing Google,

**Apple: Chairperson Ravneet Kaur** 

said, "Bengal, with its vibrant artistic legacy, holds a special place in India's art and craft history. And this 8th collection in our series of jewellery inspired by different regions of India is a testament to our commitment to celebrating the rich culture and traditions of our nation. The SwarnBanga collection, with its timeless design, intricate workmanship, and

finds prima facie evidence

of anti-competitive prac-

tices are referred for de-

tailed probes by the DG.

Earlier, the regulator had

passed orders against

Google in cases related to

the Android system and

PlayStore. "In the Android

systems case, the CCI had

passed a cease and desist

order for abuse of domi-

nant position in that seg-

ment. Besides, ten behav-

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by our customers for years to come." Over the years, with

each collection, Reliance Jewels has taken its esteemed customers on a cultural voyage, transforming jewellery into works of art that mirror India's dynamhistory.

SwarnBanga collection continues this legacy by capturing the essence of Bengal's culture and artistions are not just jewellery; they are expressions of India's history.

Ms.Karisma Kapoor, the guest of honour, said, "The diamond showstopper set I had the privilege of wearing is a true work of art. It beautifully weaves together the essence of West Bengal

The SwarnBanga collection is the 8thin Reliance Jewels' remarkable series. where each collection reflects traditions, architecture, and craftsmanship from India's diverse regions. The Thanjavur collection, for instance, draws inspiration Thanjavur, the erstwhile capital of the Chola Empire. Similarly, the Mahalaya collection showcases the splendour of Maharashtra, while the

#### Rannkaar collection is inspired by the stark beauty of the Rann of Kutch Sensex, Nifty rebound up to 1 pc

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clined.

Benchmark Sensex and Nifty rallied nearly 1 per cent on Tuesday following gains in financials, auto and IT shares after recent sharp losses and positive global trends. The 30-share Sensex spurted by 566.97 points or 0.87 per cent to close at 66,079.36 as 26 of its constituents ended in the green and four de-

index sharply higher by 400 points and surged further to touch the day's high of 66,180.17. The broader Nifty of the National Stock Exchange jumped 177.50 points or 0.91 per cent to settle at 19,689.85, driven by gains in Coal India, Adani Ports and



Bharti Airtel. According to analysts, moderation in US bond yields on expectations that interest rates are likely to remain stable in the short term revived demand for rate-sensitive shares even as the Israel-Hamas conflict escalated. Stock markets had dropped sharply on Monday with benchmark indices tanking up to 1 per cent as the attack by Hamas on Israel raised fears of a broader conflict.

## Power Minister R K Singh urges Saudi businesses to invest in India

New Delhi, Oct 10:

Union Minister R K Singh has urged investors in Saudi Arabia to invest in the domestic new and renewable energy industry, an official statement said on Tuesday. The minister sought the investment while addressing a gathering of Saudi business personalities and investors in Saudi Arabia on Monday, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) said. "India and Saudi Arabia have agreed to promote investments in each other's country in the new and renewable energy sector. Singh has invited them (Saudi business personalities and investors) to invest in India in the new and renewable energy sectors like solar energy, wind power, green hydrogen etc," it



said. Earlier in the day, the Union Minister for Power, and **New and Renewable Energy** held bilateral discussions with Saudi Minister of Investment H E Khalid Al-Falih. All maior business houses in Saudi Arabia, including ACWA Power, Alfanar, AWJ Energy, Almajdouie, Abdulkarim, Aljomaih Energy and Water Company, Kanoo Industrial & Energy, L&T, Nesma Renewable Energy, Petromin, NextGen Infra participated in the meet, the ministry said.



New Delhi, Oct 10:

Ravneet Kaur said on Tuesday. The watchdog had ordered detailed investigations against Google with respect to its alleged abuse of dominance in the smart television segment and in the news content space. Speaking to reporters here, Kaur said the matter related to Google and smart television is under the commission's inquiry. Currently, the investigation is on in the matter of the news publishers' complaint against Google.

she said. To another query,



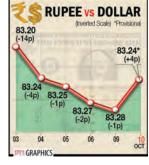
Kaur said that Apple is also under investigation. "Once we receive the report from the DG, (and) CCI, we will take action,' she added. The regulator had ordered an investigation against Apple for alleged anti-competitive practices with respect to its App Store. The Director General (DG) is the investigation arm of the CCI. Cases where the regulator

#### directed by the regulator and thirdly, a penalty of Rs 1,337 crore was imposed. 'Google has deposited the penalty along with interest. On the behavioural remedies, the company had taken up the matter with the National Company Law Appellate

## Rupee rises 4 paise to settle at 83.24 against US dollar

Mumbai, Oct 10:

The rupee gained 4 paise to settle at 83.24 (provisional) against the US dollar on Tuesday, as a rally in domestic equity markets boosted investor sentiment. However, elevated crude prices in the overseas markets and safehaven dollar buying amid concerns over the conflict in the Middle East weighed on the domestic currency, forex traders said. At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 83.23 and traded in the narrow range of 83.22 to 83.26 against the greenback. It finally settled at 83.24 (provisional), registering a gain of 4 paise over its previous close. On Monday, the rupee slipped



1 paise to settle at 83.28 against the US dollar. The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.27 per cent lower at 105.80. Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, fell by 0.23 per cent to USD 87.95 per barrel.

# Ambani pips Adani to become richest Indian on Hurun list

Mumbai, Oct 10:

Tribunal (NCLAT).

Mukesh Ambani has raced ahead of Gautam Adani to become the richest Indian on a list of wealthi est people in the country.

Γhe 66-year-old chairman of the diversified Reliance Industries saw his wealth growing by a marginal 2 per cent to Rs 8.08 lakh crore, while Adani's fortune plummeted by 57 per cent to Rs 4.74 lakh crore, as per the 360 ONE Wealth Hurun India Rich List 2023. Anas Rahman Junaid, managing director and chief researcher at Hurun, attributed the decline in Adani's wealth to the Hindenburg



published January. In January, the USbased short seller came out with a damning report on the Adani Group, alleging a slew of irregularities which led to a sharp correction in the group stocks and consequent wealth erosion for the promoter family. Adani has denied all the allegations. A total of 1,319 individuals from 138 cities feature on the list which uses August

30 as the base date to assess fortunes. Pune-based Cyrus Poonawalla of vaccine maker Serum Institute of India has retained the position as the third wealthiest Indian, with a 36 per cent jump in the fortune at Rs 2.78 lakh crore, while Shiv Nadar of HCL Technologies has retained his position as the fourth richest with a 23 per cent increase to Rs 2.28 lakh crore. A majority of individuals among the top-10 climbed up on the rankings, including Gopichand Hinduja who is ranked fifth now, Dilip Shanghvi (sixth), L N Mittal (seventh), Kumar Mangalam (ninth) and Niraj Bajaj (tenth).

# RELIANCE EVENT



Reliance Foundation Chairperson Nita Ambani during an event at Reliance Corporate

Park, in Navi Mumbai.

# SECR's remarkable efforts to improve road safety

Bilaspur, Oct 10:

In a significant move towards enhancing road safety and easing traffic congestion, the South East Central Railway has undertaken an ambitious initiative. With a comprehensive railway network intersecting roadways in multiple locations, the construction of level crossing gates has become a necessity. These gates ensure the smooth and secure flow of traffic for road users, prioritizing their safety above

The ingenious system works by temporarily closing the level crossing gates when trains are in operation on the railway lines. Once the train passes safely, the gates reopen, allowing pedestrians and vehicles to proceed to their destinations unimpeded.

This innovative approach ensures uninterrupted train operations and provides a safe passage for road travellers. Over time, the rapid ex-



way infrastructure has impacted traffic flow at these level crossing gates. In some cases, due to continuous vehicular movement on the roads, trains are compelled to come to a halt at signals before reaching the level crossing gates. This situation often results in inconvenience for road users, particularly on busy highways and within urban areas. It is especially prevalent in

and villages with rapidly expanding road networks.

To alleviate these challenges and enhance road transportation safety, the South East Central Railway has embarked on an ambitious construction

This initiative involves development of Limited Height Subways, Road Over Bridges, and Under Bridges, all designed to streamline the flow of traffic and reduce

Over Bridges and Under Bridges is their ability to eliminate the need for level crossings between highways and railway This innovation ensures the safety of both train inconvenience. Presently, and road vehicle passengers, including pedestrithere are 145 Road Over Bridges and 452 Road ans. With no more waiting

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travel times. Furthermore, projects seamlessly connect both sides of the railway track, facilitating smoother and safer jour-

for trains to pass or level

crossing gates to close,

traffic congestion becomes

a thing of the past, result-

ing in increased average

travel speeds and reduced

year, with plans to finalize

15 Road Over Bridges and

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**Assembly** 

**Code of Conduct** 

# mental and physical distress. Tragically, Proceedings started under defacement of property

Husband arrested for alleged suicide of newlywed wife

Khairagarh, Oct 10:

The police have finally arrested the husband of a ed suicide by hanging herself due to daily harassment and domestic abuse. On August 12. Duleshwari Verma, a 26-year-old resident of Gram Joratarai, attempted suicide by hanging herself due to alleged daily harassment and domestic abuse in her inhouse laws'

Khairagarh. Following the suicide attempt, she was initially treated at Lifeline Hospital in Dhamdha and later transferred to Sparsh Hospital in Supela, Bhilai, further Unfortunately, she passed away during the treatment on August 13.

The Supela Police Station commenced an investigation into the case. as it fell under the jurisdiction of the Chhuikhadan Police Station. Due to the sensitivity of the case related to the newlywed woman, ASP Ankita Sharma and ASP Neha Pandey appointed SDOP Lalchand Mohale to conduct the inquiry.

During the investiga-



taken from both the de-Duleshwari chose to end ceased's family and her inher own life by hanging laws. It was revealed that herself, ultimately leading after their marriage, to her demise during treat-Duleshwari's husband, Dakheshwar Verma, grew After the investigation, suspicious of her phone the accused husband, Dakheshwar Verma, was conversations and constantly questioned her character. It also came to

charged under IPC section 306 and was arrested at the Chhuikhadan Station. He admitted to his crime during the interrogation. Subsequently, he was presented in court and remanded in judicial

# Passenger buses running late

Dongargaon, Oct 10: The government administration is not serious about the passenger buses running in the area and most of the buses are running late. Even today, most of the citizens use public transport, whether they are school or college children or government workers are still dependent on public transport, but the movement time table of buses is not under the control of the government and the bus operators are running the buses at arbitrary

At the same time, passenger buses are failed anytime, especially as the bus operators adopt an arbitrary attitude in the time table and operation of morning buses. After the formation of Chhattisgarh government, the operation of state transport buses was completely stopped, while city buses were also operated for some time but the facilities provided to the passengers by the government have now been completely stopped and the citizens of the state are dependent only on private passenger buses for transportation and the government has lost control over the movement and time table of these buses, due to which the common passengers are having to suffer the consequences.

The government administration should consider this matter seriously and take strict steps to improve

the traffic system so that common travellers can get relief. In the morning numbers, permit number 31/DRG/2018, passenger Dongargaon to Deori-Lohara- Dallirajhara at 6:10 am, similarly permit 383/05 and number 21/RTA/ D/2021 whose detime from Dongargaon is 6:20 am. This bus also leaves towards Dallirajhara but there is no assurance of how many days in a month these two buses will come. While the timing of permit number 278/2005 is 7:30 am, this bus mostly reaches late and similarly, the departure time of permit number 134/05 bus going

Dongargaon is 6:30 am, but this passenger bus is also mostly irregular and at present is not running for many days. Same way permit Number 1785/RPR/17. The passenger bus going from Rajnandgaon towards Aundhi leaves Rajnandgaon at 4:35 am and reaches Dongargaon at its scheduled time of 5:30 am. Regarding this matter, Department official Dilip Sisodia said that he was not informed about the failure of morning buses; the information was received from us. Apart from this, he told that the

time table and fare list of

buses is the responsibility

of the transport depart-

Under Bridges/Limited

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**Elections 2023** Korba, Oct 10:

As per the instructions of Collector and District Election Officer Saurabh Kumar, after the Model Code of Conduct under Assembly Elections 2023 came into effect in the district, action under defacement of property has been started against various political parties including illegally put up banners, posters and wall writing

Similarly, action is being taken against defacement of property in Municipal



Corporation Korba, Municipal Councils and Nagar Panchayats also. The Collector has also been instructed to send a daily report in the prescribed format regarding the action taken on defacement and he has formed a monitoring team for the proceedings of property defacement and has made District Panchayat CEO Vishwadeep Municipal Corporation Commissioner Pratishtha Mamgai as nodal officers.

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who was a daily consumer

of alcohol, subjected his

wife to verbal and physical

abuse, causing her severe

by flying squad

After the Model Code of Conduct came into effect under Assembly Elections

Inspection of vehicles

As per the instructions Election Commission of India, a flying squad has been formed to maintain law

2023, checking of vehicles

has been started at desig-

nated places by the flying

squad in the district.

and order under the Assembly Elections 2023. Investigation is being done by the team at various check posts. And as soon as the

Model Code of Conduct came into force, government vehicles given to political officials including corporations and boards have been acquired back and also a media center has been started to provide necessary election related information to the



Pithora: On occasion of Postal Day, the members of Lions Club felicitated the postmen here on Tuesday.

#### **Notice to contractor** over poor construction in NH 130

Mungeli, Oct 10: A notice has been issued to contractor Kanhaiyalal Agarwal over slow and poor construction in Bilaspur - Thakathpur -Mungeli road stretch falling under National Highway 130.As per information, the commuters and citizens were falling prey to accidents on this road stretch owing to potholes and un - attempted patch

works in many places. Taking the public problem on a serious note, the SDM issued a show cause notice to the contractor and issued orders to close the potholes and do remedial patchwork within a stipulate time period, which also includes implementation of safety measures like radium stickers, and other safety measures like sigh boards and safety rib-

# Officers set out to remove posters, flex banners and hoardings

Korea. Oct 10:

The stage is set for the Legislative forthcoming Assembly elections Chhattisgarh, as the Model Code of Conduct comes into effect. This Code, also applicable in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Telangana, and Mizoram, signifies a significant milestone in the electoral process. With detailed schedules and plans announced, the Model Code of Conduct now holds sway across the entire

state of Chhattisgarh. Chhattisgarh's electoral landscape will see a twophase Assembly election, with the first phase scheduled for November 7 and the second phase on November 17. Among the constituencies in

second Baikunthpur and Bharatpur-Sonhat. The nomination filing process for these key constituencies is set to kick off on Sunday, October 21, concluding on Monday, October 30. Subsequently, the with-

drawal of nominations is scheduled for Thursday, November 2, and the highly anticipated vote counting will occur on December 3.

In a meeting at the Collectorate hall, Collector and District Election Officer, Vinay Kumar Langesh, convened with political party representatives, journalists, and media personnel. During the meeting, he shared crucial statistics about the upcoming elections. In the Baikunthpur Assembly constituency, there

are 83,836 male voters, 83,803 female voters, and 5 transgender voters. In the Bharatpur-Sonhat (Partial) constituency, 18,145 male voters, 18,204 female voters, and a single transgender voter. Notably, there are 8,489 new voters aged 18 to 19, stepping into the democratic process for the first time. Additionally, 51,070 voters aged 20 to 29, 1,475 voters aged 80 and above, and 2,569 differentlyabled voters are expected to

participate. The inclusion of 999 transgender voters highlights gender diversity among the electorate. In total, 2,03,944 voters are poised to cast their votes across 306 polling centers, with 228 in Baikunthpur and 78 in Sonhat.

#### Celebration after BJP announces candidature of Ajay Chandrakar



#### Kurud, Oct 10:

In the final list of Assembly elections 2023, current MLA Ajay Chandrakar has been made the candidate again from Kurud Assembly constituency by BJP.As soon as the announcement was made, the workers of Kurud Nagar started the celebration by bursting firecrackers in front of the BJP office, Sports Ground, Kargil Chowk, Old Bus Stand, Sarojini Chowk, Old Bazaar, Deendayal Upadhyay Chowk, Chandi Mandir, Gandhi Chowk and

MLA's residence ward no. 5 Bajrang Chowk and other places, while also raising slogans. On this occasion, Malak Ram Sahu, Ashok Aggarwal, Suresh Aggarwal, Ravikant Chandrakar, Chittaranjan Sahu, Kuleshwar Chandrakar. ,Bharat Bhushan Panchayan, Krishnakant Sahu, Anurag Chandrakar, Bhoirai Chandrakar, Rajendra Gupta, Som Prakash Sinha, Bhumika Sinha, Kishore and all the workers and supporters including Preeti Anushashan Amde were present.

## Agrasen community celebrates Agrasen Jayanti



Kharora, Oct 10: Leading up to Agrasen Jayanti, the Agrasen community in the city orchestrated a series of sports events and cultural programs. In a highlight of these celebrations, the Agrasen Women's Association organized a delightful gathering at the Agrasen community hall. The women participants showcased their culinary talents, treating attendees to a delightful spread featuring sweet corn, momos, dhoklas, milk cake, sandwiches, pay bhaii, and kulfi.

Narendra Agrawal, President of the Agrasen Society Kharora, extended his hearty congratulations to the Women's Association for the success of the event. He lauded the participants for their enthusiasm and emphasized the strong sense of unity within the Agrasen community, which stands ready to support one another in times of joy and sorrow. The event saw active participation from Krishna Agrawal, President of the Agrasen Women's Association, as well as Vice President Maya Secretary Sudha Agrawal, Joint Secretary Ranjan Treasurer Laxmi Agrawal, Organization Minister Anguri Agrawal, and several other enthusiastic members.

# BR Sao School emerge victorious



#### In boy's category of District-level **Softball competition**

Mungeli, Oct 10: In the girl's category- Ravindra Bharti and in boy's category BR Sao School emerged victorious in the district-level Softball inter-school competition organised at Ravindra HS Bharti School Madanpur on Monday. This competition was held in the age group of 17 yrs boys and girls and 19 yrs boys- Girls.

In this Govt HS School Chatan, BR Sao HS School Mungeli, Nagar Palika HS School Mungeli and hosting team Ravindra Bharti HS School Madanpur and other teams paticipated. In the beginning of the competition, Principoal Manohar Yadav threw the toss and after series of matches, the final winner emerged. In the boy's category- BR Sao Mungeli team emerged winner and Girl's category-Ravindra Bharti was winner. The refrees in the matches were senior sports player Babu Lal Chandrakar and Devraj Banjara were present and they successfully conduct-

ed all the proceedings in the matches. After the conclusion, MD of School Bhupendra Chandrakar and Principal Manohar Yadav extended greetings to all the winning players for the divisional-level matches and said that they all should play with sportsman spirit, informs Coach of School Umashankar Sahu in a press release.

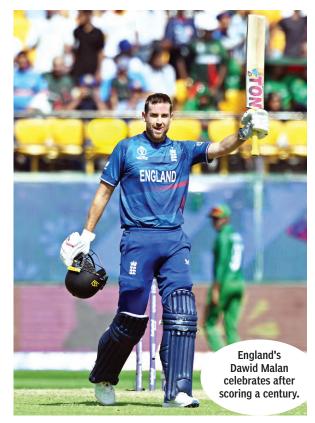
# England thump Bangladesh for first win

Dharamsala, Oct 10 (PTI)

Defending champions England flexed their muscles to crush Bangladesh by 137 runs and record their first win in the World Cup with Dawid Malan smashing a 107-ball 140, here on Tuesday. The triumph marked England's first win in the World Cup, with Dawid Malan emerging as the standout performer, amassing a stunning 140 from just 107 balls.

England set a daunting target of 364 for nine after a brilliant batting display, with contributions from Malan, Jonny Bairstow (52), and Joe Root (82). The first half of the match witnessed England's batting firepower on full display, sending a stark reminder to their competitors.

However, the game had two distinct halves, with Bangladesh struggling to cope with England's relentless pace attack. Reece Topley was the chief destroyer, claiming four crucial wickets for just 43 runs. Bangladesh could only muster 227 runs in 48.1 overs, with Litton Das (76) and Mushfigur Rahim



(51) showing some resistance in an otherwise disappointing batting performance. Topley's early strikes rattled Bangladesh, reducing them to 26 for three

within the first six overs. The ensuing innings saw Bangladesh adopt a conservative approach, lacking the aggression needed to

# **Brief scores**

England: 364/9 in 50 overs (Jonny Bairstow 52, Dawid Malan 140. Joe Root 82: Shoriful Islam 3/75, Mahedi Hasan 4/71). Bangladesh: 227 all out in

48.2 overs (Litton Das 76, Mushfigur Rahim 51; Reece Topley 4/43).

Hasan (1), Najmul Hossain Shanto (0), and skipper Shakib Al Hasan (1) fell victim to Topley's precision.

Despite Das's valiant effort, scoring a commendable 76 off 66 balls, Bangladesh struggled to find momentum. Rahim's innings lacked acceleration, culminating in his dismissal at 51. Towhid Hridoy's (39 off 61 balls) innings also lacked intent, with his first boundary coming after 27 deliveries.

Bangladesh crossed the 200-run mark only in the 43rd over, and their innings quickly unraveled, leading to their eventual dismissal. England's superior batting performance and Toplev's excellent bowling display ensured a comprehensive victory in a game of contrasting halves.

#### India and Afghanistan should have shared Asian Games gold: Fareed Malik

New Delhi, Oct 10 (PTI)

Left-arm pacer Fareed Malik, one of the travelling reserves in the Afghanistan contingent here for the World Cup, still can't get over the outcome of the Asian Games final against India in Hangzhou.

Put in to bat, Afghanistan were 112 for five before rain arrived at Zheijang University of Technology Cricket Field on Saturday. No play was possible after that and India were awarded the gold medal on the basis of their superior world ranking.

The no result meant that Afghanistan had to settle for silver for their third consecutive Asian Games after 2010 and 2014. Cricket was not played in the 2018 edition at Jakarta, Malik, who is 15 ODIs and 28 T20s old in his Afghanistan career, had played a major role in the win over Pakistan in the low-scoring semifinal with figures of three for 15 in three overs. "Aadha aadha kaat dena chaive tha (laughs). The gold should have been shared as the game was abandoned. Awarding on the basis of rankings, lets just say it wasn't ideal. Match hota to maza aata. It would have been a lot of fun," Malik, who linked up with the Afghanistan team on

# Mendis, Samarawickrama take Lanka to massive 344-9 against Pak

Hyderabad, Oct 10 (PTI):

Kusal Mendis Sadeera Samarawickrama spearheaded Sri Lanka to an imposing total of 344 for nine against Pakistan in their ODI World Cup encounter held in Hyderabad on Tuesday. Mendis, the 28-year-old dy-

namo, etched his name into the annals of Sri Lankan cricket history by producing the fastest century in World Cup competition, a blistering 77-ball 122. His innings was nothing short of breathtaking, characterized by six towering sixes and a flurry of 14 fours. Mendis played with unwavering authority and orchestrated two century partnerships, one with Pathum Nissanka (51) and other Samarawickrama, pelling Sri Lanka beyond the 200-run mark in just the 28th over. After Mendis's departure, Samarawickrama assumed responsibility and paced his innings masterfully. His elegant strokes, consisting of drives and cuts, helped Sri Lanka accumulate runs with ease at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium. Samarawickrama registered his maiden ODI century, amassing 108 runs from 89 balls, including 11 boundaries and two maxi-



Tons from Kusal Mendis and Sadeera Samarawickrama propelled Sri Lanka to 344 for 9.

mums.Although Hasan Ali (4/71) and Haris Rauf (2/64) managed to snatch some wickets for Pakistan, the overall bowling performance was subpar, with Shaheen Afridi (1/66 in 9 overs) and Shadab Khan (1/55 in 8 overs) struggling to contain the Sri Lankan onslaught. Pakistan had a glimmer of hope when they removed Kusal Perera early, thanks to Hasan Ali, but Sri Lanka quickly recovered as Nissanka and Mendis joined forces. Shaheen Afridi's erratic bowling allowed Nissanka and Mendis to dominate, with Nissanka amassing a brisk 50 before falling to Shadab Khan. Mendis, undeterred by the loss of his partner, continued to dismantle the

found success in the mid wicket region and punished Shadab with consecutive boundaries. His century was marked by a magnificent six off Hasan Ali.

Sri Lanka's momentum was momentarily halted as Pakistan clawed back with a couple of wickets. However, Samarawickrama played a crucial role in steadying the ship, ensuring Sri Lanka remained on course for a 350plus total.

As the pitch began to lose its pace, Pakistan managed to pick up a few more wickets to limit Sri Lanka just shy of the 350-run mark. Nonetheless, the dazzling batting display by Mendis and Samarawickrama had already put Sri Lanka in a commanding position in the ODI World Cup clash.

# Satwik-Chirag on top of the world

New Delhi, Oct 10 (PTI)

Star pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty on Tuesday became the first Indian doubles pair to achieve the coveted world number one ranking following their gold medal-winning feat at the Asian Games in Hangzhou.

Satwik and Chirag, who earned India's first-ever badminton gold medal at the Asian Games in Hangzhou last Sunday, climbed two spots to achieve the numero uno position in the latest BWF World Rankings.

The duo thus joined the elite list of former world number ones, including legendary Prakash Padukone, Saina Nehwal and Kidambi Srikanth.

Satwik and Chirag, the reigning Commonwealth Games champion and Asia Championships gold medallist, had defeated South Korea's Choi Solgyu and Kim Wonho 21-18 21-16 in the final on Sunday to add another title to their brimming cabinet. Satwik and



Chirag, who had won a championships bronze last year, claimed their first title of 2023 at Swiss Open in March, before adding a gold at the Asian Championships in Dubai in April

The duo then became the first Indians to win a BWF Super 1000 tournament when it clinched the Indonesia Open in June. Satwik-CHirag then secured the Korea Open Super 500 title to keep moving up the ranking ladder.

Among other Indians, PV Sindhu climbed two places to take the 13th spot in

women's singles despite missing out on a medal at the Asian Games, while HS Prannoy, who won a men's singles medal after 41 years in the continental showpiece, slipped a place to

Lakshya Sen, who won both his matches to play his part in the silver medalwinning effort in men's team event, too dropped one spot to world number 15. Kidambi Srikanth gained a spot to 20th. Women's doubles pair of Gayatri Gopichand and Treesa Jolly gained one place to grab the 16th position.

New Delhi, Oct 10 (PTI):

Navigating their way through some extreme pressure moments in their tournament opener, India will be eyeing a perfect game against sprightly Afghanistan in the ODI World Cup here on

As pointed out by skipper Rohit Sharma, India's biggest challenge over the course of the league stage will be to quickly adapt to the conditions in nine different venues.

After a slow and spinning track at Chepauk, a belter of a surface is expected at the Feroz Shah Kotla, where more than 700 runs were plundered in a highscoring affair between South Africa and Sri Lanka last week. With Shubman Gill ruled out of the game due to dengue, Ishan Kishan will get another or portunity at the top of the order alongside Rohit.

Kishan and Shreyas Iyer's questionable shot selection against Australia



contributed to India's disasthe Afghanistan game. trous start and they both If Gill is not able to regain full fitness by the Pakistan game three days later, runs on Wednesday will do Kishan a lot of good in his debut ODI World Cup

Pakistani bowling attack. He

Comparatively, facing the Afghan attack upfront would be easier than negotiating the likes of Josh Hazlewood and Mithell Starc. The smaller dimensions of the ground, where 31 sixes were hammered in the previous game, would also aid strokeplay.

The main square was relaid ahead of the World Cup and that has clearly changed the nature of the surface.

The game will also be a homecoming for chase master Virat Kohli who reinforced his credentials batting alongside K L Rahul in Chennai on Sunday night.

In the bowling department, India could be forced to make a change considerng the conditions. India ticked all boxes on the bowling front against Australia and got as many as six wickets in the middle overs.

### Match starts: 2:00 pm.

three spinners, Mohammad Shami can make way for R Ashwin who had a decent outing in Chennai. That could be the only change in the playing

Coming from a heavy loss Bangladesh, against Afghanistan will be aiming to turn things around in Delhi.

With a sizeable number of Afghans residing in Delhi's Lajpat Nagar, one can expect good support for Hashmatullah Shahidi and his men.

Bowling, mainly spinners, has been been Afghanistan's strong suit over the years and if they are to make an impact in this World Cup, their batters too must step.

Opener Rahmanullah Gurbaz seems to the only one in top form. An effort of 156 all out against Bangladesh was not acceptable and the batters will be

# We will qualify for Paris Olympics and fulfil our mission: Savita

New Delhi, Oct 10 (PTI)

Indian women's hockey team captain Savita Punia has no doubt in her mind that her side will be there at the 2024 Paris Olympics despite the huge setback of not being able to qualify for the global showpiece at the Asian Games in Hangzhou recently.

China defeated the higher-ranked India in the semifinals in Hangzhou thus crashing the country's hopes of securing a gold medal and ensuring an automatic qualification Hosts China went on to



defeat South Korea to win gold and qualify for Paris, while in the play-off for third place, India defeated Japan to settle for bronze.

Savita said the team's mission was to win a medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, which remained unfulfilled but the girls were determined to seal a place in Paris through the qualifiers and fulfil their dream.

'We have a mission that remained unfulfilled in (2020) Tokyo. For Paris, though we could not qualify directly through the Games Hangzhou), we will do it

through the qualifiers," said Savita during an interaction at the PTI office on Tuesday on her return from Hangzhou. "We had no time to mull over the loss to China, and before the (bronze-medal) match against Japan, I just told the players to forget the defeat and concentrate on the third-place match. We should not return home empty-handed," she said.

Savita added that every player will be reminded of the incomplete mission in 2020 Tokyo, where the team missed the bronze by a whisker to finish fourth. 'We will return to the

possible," Harmanpreet

camp in five days. We will talk to all the players and assure them that we can and will do it.

"In today's hockey, one has to play well every day in every match. The team is very good and we have three months for the qualifiers (in China or Spain in January). We will work hard on our shortcomings. If we play our (brand of) hockey, we can present a tough challenge to any team," she added.

Savita added that the team was all prepped up to win gold in Hangzhou with the kind of hard work the players had put in.

# Gill discharged from hospital but likely to miss match against Pakistan

New Delhi, Oct 10 (PTI):

Recovering from a bout of dengue fever, Shubman Gill has been discharged from a hospital in Chennai but the India opener will most likely miss the marquee World Cup clash against Pakistan on Saturday in Ahmedabad.

Gill had to be admitted to a hospital on Sunday night after his platelet count dropped below one

It has been learnt that Gill was admitted to wellknown multi-care speciali-



the Indian team's doctor Rizwan monitored his

He had tested positive for the vial infection upon his arrival in Chennai last week and ended up missing Indian team's World

Australia on October 8.

opener against

Gill is also set to miss Wednesday's game against Afghanistan in Delhi. He is required to rest for at least one more week and that effectively rules him out of match against Pakistan. He might miss match against Bangladesh in Pune on October 19.

#### **Pro Kabaddi League**

# Pawan Sehrawat emerges costliest player with Rs 2.60 crore bid

Mumbai, Oct 10 (PTI):

India's Pawan Sehrawat set the record of being the costliest player at Pro Kabaddi League for the second consecutive year after

by Tamil Thalaivas for Rs 2.26 crore in season nine auctions. On Monday, Steelers, UP Haryana Yoddhas, Telugu Titans and

Bengaluru Bulls were engaged in a bidding war for Sehrawat, who played a vital role in India's victory over Iran in the Asian Games final as the team clinched the gold medal. But before the Indian reclaimed the record on the first of the two-day auction here, Iran's Mohammadreza Shadloui Chiyaneh had emerged as the costliest after he was bought for Rs 2.35 crore by Puneri Paltan in category A. India's Maninder Singh was also among high demand as he was roped in by Bengal

Warriors for Rs 2.12 crore. A total of 137 matches will be played in the 10th edition of PKL. As many as 132 league stage matches will be followed by the playoff comprising five matches two eliminators, two semifinals and the final. The base price in category A was Rs 30 lakh, category B was Rs 20

lakh whereas in categories

C and D, the base prices

gold medal winners India, there was intense bidding right at the start which also reset the record of costliest player for both Indian and U Mumba and Gujarat

Asian Games final against

Giants began the bidding and were soon joined by

#### parisons with the legendary Mahendra Singh Dhoni and feels he is not as calm on the ground as the cricket legend was. Harmanpreet was compared to Dhoni by hockey great Dhanraj Pillay but the star drag-flicker begs

New Delhi, Oct 10 (PTI)

Asian Games-winning

Indian men's hockey team

captain Harmanpreet

Singh doesn't fancy com-

"On ground, I am never calm. I am aggressive unlike Dhoni but off the field, I try to remain as calm as



**Honoured to be compared with Dhoni: Harmanpreet** 

19th Asian Games gold medallists Indian men's hockey team captain Harmanpreet Singh and goalkeeper PR Sreejesh at PTI office, in New Delhi, Tuesday, Oct. 10.

said during a visit to PTI headquarters here on Tuesday. Dhoni, who led India to the 2011 ODI World Cup title, is known as 'Captain Cool' for his calm demeanour during pressituations. Harmanpreet feels aggressiveness on the hockey turf comes to him naturally but he is honoured to have been compared with

Dhoni. "Aggressiveness is

must in my game but I am

honoured to have been

compared with the great

Dhoni. But I don't feel I

that calm on the pitch.'

he was picked by Telugu Titans for whopping Rs 2.60 crore at the auctions. A total of 595 players are up for auction this year. Sehrawat was picked up

were placed at Rs 13 lakh and Rs 9 lakh respectively. For Iran captain Shadloui (all-rounder), whose latest appearance was in the

Puneri Paltan and Telugu Titans. The Iranian was eventually picked up by Puneri Paltan for Rs 2.35 crore as Patna Pirates, his former team, did not exercise their right of Final Bid Match (FBM).

# Ajit Pawar describes himself as NCP chief

**But skips Sharad Pawar's mention** 

Mumbai, Oct 10 (PTI):

Ajit Pawar, who heads one of the factions of the NCP, on Tuesday described himself as the party's national president and defended his move of joining the Shinde-led Maharashtra government, saying several top politicians took "different" stand in the politi-

cal history of the state. In a statement issued to mark the completion of his being 100 days in office as the state deputy chief he called minister. Maharashtra's first chief minister late Yashwantrao Chavan as his source of inspiration. However, he did not mention the name of his uncle and Nationalist Congress Party (NCP)

Sharad Pawar, 82, con-Yashwantrao siders Chavan as his political

founder Sharad Pawar.

Ajit Pawar took oath as the deputy chief minister day he joined the Shiv Sena-Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government along with eight other NCP MLAs.

In his open statement, he said the Maharashtra government was committed to the economic empowerment of all sections of the society, and added that the NCP would work vigorously to achieve the

In the statement, Pawar, who described himself as the national president of the NCP, said employment, economic empowerment of all sections of the society, education, health, implementation of all welfare measures were the priority of the govern-

"NCP is committed to achieving these goals by using the medium of power. Criticism is part and parcel of any politician's life. I always take cognisance of constructive criticism. I believe in positive and developmental politics. Taking any work to its logical end and bringing positive changes



what I believe in," he said. The NCP believes in the ideals of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, Mahatma Phule, Shahu Maharaj, Dr Ambedkar Yashwantrao Chavan. Under my leadership, the party will continue this legacy, Pawar said.

"In the political history of Maharashtra, several top leaders have taken a different political stand. Every political leader takes a stand depending on the prevailing political and social situation," he said. "NCP, under my leadership, took a similar position on July 2, 2023 and ioined the state government." he added.

He also laid claim to the legacy of Yashwantrao first chief minister inspires him to work for the welfare of people.

The NCP will work for farmers, youth, women and for protecting the rights of different sections of the society, he said.

"We have trodden on this path for 100 days and will continue to do so," he said. Ajit Pawar's move of not mentioning his Sharad Pawar's name is being seen as an attempt to counter the latter's statement that the faction led by his nephew cannot use his name and photo on banners and posters.

Election Commission is currently hearing the matter related to the split within the NCP. On Monday, it heard the claims of the Ajit Pawarled faction over its claim on the NCP's name and poll symbol, even as the Sharad Pawar-led group contended that there were discrepancies in the documents submitted by its rival. The EC fixed November 9 as the next date for hearing the warring factions of the NCP

Ajit Pawar over their claims to the party's name and election symbol.

Ajit Pawar, who had moved the EC staking claim to the party's name and poll symbol, submitted that he had the support of 42 of the 53 NCP MLAs in Maharashtra, six of the nine MLCs, all seven MLAs in Nagaland and one member each in the Rajya Sabha and the Lok

Two days before the rebellion against his uncle Sharad Pawar to join the Maharashtra government in early July, Ajit Pawar had approached the EC on June 30, staking claim to the party's name as well as symbol and subsequently, also declared himself as the party president with the support of 40 lawmakers. Recently, the Sharad Pawar-led faction told the EC that there was no dispute in the party, except that a few mischievous individuals have defected from the organisation for their personal ambitions, a reference to the rebel group headed by Ajit TRIBUTES TO MULAYAM



Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav pays tribute to party founder Mulayam Singh Yadav on his death anniversary, in Saifai village, Uttar Pradesh, Tuesday.

JUSTICE HAS BEEN DONE

#### **Kashmiri Pandit's wife thanks security forces** for elimination of husband's killer

Jammu, Oct 10 (PTI): Sunita Sharma, wife of ATM guard Sharma who was gunned down by terrorists in February, on Tuesday thanked security forces for eliminating the killer of her husband and said justice has been done with her. Sanjay Sharma (40), a Kashmiri Pandit, was shot dead by terrorists in the Achan area of south Kashmir's Pulwama district on February 26.

Two terrorists, including the killer of Sanjay Sharma, of the proscribed Lashkar-e-Taiba were killed in an encounter with security forces in Jammu and Kashmir's Shopian district on

Expressing Sunita Sharma said that no innocent person should be killed the way her husband was gunned down in the valley.

"I thank the security forces for eliminating the terrorist involved in the killing of my husband. My husband was innocent," Sunita Sharma told PTI.

# 'Climate Capitalism': New book traces stories of unlikely heroes against climate change

New Delhi, Oct 10 (PTI):

From the Chinese bureaucrat who worked tirelessly to make electric cars a reality to the Danish students behind building the world's longest-operating wind turbine, or the American oil executive building the technology that can reverse climate damages; a new book introduces readers to the people working to scale technologies that may finally able to bend the emissions curve.

"Climate Capitalism", written by journalist-author Akshat Rathi, is scheduled to be released on Thursday. Published by Hachette India, the book tracks the unlikely heroes driving the fight against cliFINAL COVER TO BE REVEALED Climate

Capitalism

**AKSHAT RATHI** 

"It's no longer true that countries like India must sacrifice development and prosperity to reduce planetwarming emissions. Instead, the book shows that there is a huge opportunity to build green industries that protect the planet, help economic growth and prove tremendously beneficial in the form of clean air and war for people right away," said the London-based author in a statement.

Through stories that bring people, policy and technology together, Rathi reveals how the green economy is not only possible, but

According to the publishers, an inspiring blend of business, science, and history, the book provides the framework for ensuring that future generations can live in prosperity and that the wheels of progress don't

It has received advanced reviews from the likes of Microsoft co-founder Bill chairman Nandan Nilekani.

While Gates called the book an important read for anyone in need of optimism. Nilekani said the magisterial book gives hope that the climate crisis can be addressed by a combination of "innovation and capitalism".

"Climate innovation has accelerated far faster than many realize and by shining a spotlight on the solutions and innovators driving progress, Climate Capitalism is an important read for anyone in need of optimism about our ability to build a clean energy future," said Gates in his praise for the book.

The book, priced at Rs 699, is currently available for pre-order online.

### Uddhav to hold Dussehra rally at Shivaji Park enthusiasm. To avoid dif-

Shinde withdraws application

Mumbai, Oct 10 (PTI):

The Shiv Sena led by Maharashtra Minister Ekanth Shinde has decided to withdraw its application submitted to the Mumbai civic body seeking permission to hold a rally on Dussehra at the iconic Shivaji Park ground here, a party MLA said on Tuesday after-

Shiv Sena MLA Sada Sarvankar, in a post on X (formerly Twitter), said the ruling party is withdrawing the application on Shinde's directive and termed it as a conciliatory move aimed at ensuring the Hindu festival is celebrated with enthusiasm.

The ruling party and the

(ŪBT) led by former chief Uddhav minister Thackeray had submitted separate applications to Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) seeking nod to hold their Dussehra rally at the sprawling ground in Dadar, a civic official said.

The BMC received an application on October 1 from Sarvankar and another one from the Shiv Sena (UBT) central office on October 7 for permission to organise their respective rally at the site, the official told PTI.

On Tuesday, Sarvankar announced the decision to withdraw the application and said his party's rally will be held somewhere

"This year too Shiv Sena's Dussehra festival during Hindu festivals, Shiv Sena leader and Maharashtra Minister Honourable Eknath Shinde Saheb took a conciliatory stance by announcing that the Dussehra rally will be held elsewhere," the MLA from Mahim wrote on X.

ferences among each other

Shiv Sena founder late Bal Thackeray had started the tradition of holding his party's Dussehra rally at the Shivaji Park. This year Dussehra will

be celebrated on October 24. Last year also, the rival Sena camps led by Shinde and Thackeray had filed applications seeking permission to hold the annual Dussehra rally at the ground.

The civic body had denied permission to both Thereafter, the Bombay

High Court in September 2022 granted permission to the Thackeray-led Sena faction to hold its Dussehra rally at the Shivaji Park. The Shinde camp last

year held its rally at the MMRDA ground in Bandra-Kurla Complex, a business district in suburban Mumbai. It was the party's first Dussehra rally after Shinde and MLAs supporting him revolted against Thackeray's leadership and formed a government with support from the BJP in June 2022.

When Bal Thackeray died in 2012, he was cremated at the Shivaji Park Sena workers call the ground 'Shiva-tirtha,' or a holy place, that now houses the late leader's

# LG approves prosecution of **Arundhati Roy, Kashmir professor**

speeches' case

New Delhi, Oct 10 (PTI): Delhi Lt Governor V K Saxena has accorded sanction for the prosecution of author Arundhati Roy and a former Kashmiri professor in a 2010 case related to alleged provocative speeches, Raj Niwas officials said on Tuesday.

The FIR against Roy and former professor Sheikh Showkat Hussain was registered following the orders of the Court of Metropolitan Magistrate, New Delhi, they added.

"LG V K Saxena noted that prima facie a case is made out against Roy and Dr Hussain, Professor, former International Law, Central

festival, in Nagpur, Tuesday.

University of Kashmir, for war against state and promot- Minister Zoramthanga, sections 153A (promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, etc., and doing acts prejudicial to maintenance of harmony), 153B (imputations, assertions prejudicial to national-integration) and 505 (statements conducing to public mischief) of Indian Penal Code for their speeches at a public function in the national capital," a Raj Niwas official said on Tuesday. Under Section 196(1) of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), a valid sanction for prosecution from the state government is a prerequisite for certain offences such as hate speech, hurting religious sentiments, hate crimes, sedition, waging

ing enimity among others Two other accused Kashmiri separatist leader Saved Ali Shah Geelani and a Delhi University lecturer Syed Abdul Rahman Geelani, who was acquitted by the Supreme Court in Parliament attack case on technical grounds died during the pendency of the case. Sushil Pandit, a social activist from Kashmir, had filed a complaint on October 28, 2010 with the Tilak Marg Station House Officer against various people and speakers involved in delivering "provocative speeches" in public in a conference organised by 'Committee for release of Political Prisoners (CRPP) under the banner of "Azadi - The only Way", on October 21.

'MNF baptised with martyrs' blood': Zoramthanga confident of retaining power Aizawl, Oct 10 (PTI):

Mizoram Chief who is also the president of the ruling Mizo National Front (MNF), on Tuesday exuded confidence that his party, which he said has been "baptised with martyrs' blood", will retain power in the upcoming assembly elections.

The veteran politician was referring to the bloody 20-year-long insurgency period when the MNF was an armed outfit, before finally returning to the mainstream in 1986 with the signing of the Mizo Peace Accord and becoming a political party.

Elections to the 40member Mizoram December 3.

Taking to his official handle, Instagram Zoramthanga said the "MNF is preparing to govern and serve the people in the next term".

"We are confident that we will retain power with the help of the Almighty. We will continue to stand for our God and our state. We are preparing to continue the task of serving the people of our state,' he said.

The MNF president asserted that the party belongs to the Mizos and it has been "baptised with the martyrs' blood".

"We are the torchbearers of Mizo nationalism,

'Small chemical change to boost

Assembly will be held in which is crucial for the dominated Tuichawng a single phase on safeguard of Mizoram. November 7 and votes We have stood firm for polled will be counted on more than 62 years BJP will also contest all tionalism, calling for now. he said, adding that the Almighty has continued to lead the party amid several adver-

> Battle-lines have been drawn for a triangular fight in the assembly polls between MNF. Zoram People's Movement (ZPM) and the Congress.

All the three political parties have decided to contest all the 40 seats.

While the MNF has already announced the names of its 40 candidates, of whom 25 are sitting MLAs, the ZPM has released the list of 39 candidates and is yet to field a nominee in Chakma-

The Congress and the the seats but they are yet to announce the names of the candidates. The emergence of the

ZPM, which was formed in 2017, has changed the political landscape of the state, which for the last three decades has seen electoral contest between the MNF and the Congress after Mizoram attained statehood in

The ZPM, under the leadership of its chief ministerial candidate Lalduhoma, a former IPS officer, is advocating for change, and is now the main rival of the ruling MNF as the Congress is struggling with internal

unity among Zo ethnic tribes, and raising the issue of displacement of refugees Myanmar Bangladesh and internally displaced people (IDPs) neighbouring from Manipur, where they are identified as Kukis.

The ruling MNF is

banking on Mizo sub-na-

In the last assembly polls held in November 2018, the MNF had secured 26 seats, while the ZPM had bagged eight with Lalduhoma winning two seats. The Congress had won five seats and the BJP one.

Later, the MNF won two assembly by-elections, snatching the seats from the ZPM.

#### **FINISHING TOUCHES**



An artist gives finishing touches to an idol of Goddess Durga ahead of the Durga Puja

#### bioavailability of drug molecules' Bengaluru, Oct 10 (PTI): Institute of Science

The effectiveness of any drug molecule depends on how well it interacts with the internal environment inside our body. Its pharmacokinetic (PK) properties determine how successfully it escapes degrading enzymes as it travels through the digestive system or the bloodstream, crosses biological barriers like the cell membrane, and reaches the desired target. In a study published in

Nature Communications', re-

Molecular Biophysics

at

searchers

Unit (MBU),

(IISc), describe a novel

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method for improving the pharmacokinetic properties of "macrocyclic peptides" drug molecules that are pursued heavily by pharmaceutical industries worldwide. The IISc team, in collaboration with contract research and innovation service provider 'Anthem Biosciences', has demonstrated that substituting just a single atom oxygen with sulphur in the backbone of a macrocyclic peptide can make it more resistant to

digestive enzymes, and

ability through cell membranes, boosting bioavailability. A vast majority of

can increase its perme-

today's medicines are made up of small molecules taken orally in the form of pills. Larger molecules like monoclonal antibodies are much more specific and effective, but they must injected, Bengaluru-headquartered IISc noted in a press release on Tuesday. Scientists have, therefore, turned to macrocyclic peptides chains of amino acid residues attached to each other via amide bonds, which are engineered to form circular structures. These compounds combine the best of both small and large pharmaceutical molecules.



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