



BRIEF



A woman poses for photos showing her hands decorated with henna ahead of 'Karwa Chauth' festival, in Nagpur, Tuesday.

Bail

Rajamahendravaram: TDP supremo N Chandrababu Naidu walked out of the central prison here on Tuesday evening, hours after the Andhra Pradesh High Court granted him temporary bail in the AP Skill Development case. Naidu, who spent 53 days in the jail, walked out at 4.20 pm to a rousing reception by his family, party leaders and supporters.

Demolish

Tezpur: Houses of 11 families were demolished in Assam's Sonitpur district on Tuesday as part of an eviction drive to clear alleged encroachment on government land, officials said. Several other families in the area had already relocated to an alternative place provided by the district administration, they said.

Blast

Damoh: Three persons were killed and ten injured in a blast at an illegal firecracker factory in Madhya Pradesh's Damoh on Tuesday afternoon, officials said. The explosion occurred at a firecracker manufacturing unit in Narya Bazaar area of the city which is located 250 km from state capital Bhopal.

Stable

Hyderabad: The condition of BRS MP Kotha Prabhakar Reddy, who was injured after being stabbed, is stable, doctors at the private hospital treating him said on Tuesday. Prabhakar Reddy, the party's candidate from Dubbak assembly segment was stabbed in the stomach with a knife allegedly by a 38-year-old man.

No visa

New Delhi: Indians can travel to Thailand without a visa from November 10 to May 10, 2024 as the Southeast Asian country looks to boost tourism. India is one of the major tourism sources for Thailand. Indians can travel to Thailand without visa during the period from November 10, 2023 to May 10, 2024.

Display

Kolkata: Four community Durga Puja idols of the city, which received acclaim of lakhs of visitors, will be housed in the state-run Alipore Jail Museum for permanent display, an official said. The Durga idols of Chaltabagan, Amra Sabai Arjunpur, FD Block and Chetta Agrani have been handed over to the museum by the organisers, an official of HIDCO (West Bengal Housing Infrastructure Development Corporation) told PTI.

Weather
High 31 Low 19

MARKET
NIFTY 19,079.60
SENSEX 63,874.93

BULLION
GOLD 61,282
SILVER 72,375

PM offers soil into Amrit Kalash

■ **Event marks culmination of Amrit Kalash Yatra**

New Delhi, Oct 31 (PTI):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday offered soil into the Amrit Kalash at the Kartavya Path here during an event marking the culmination of the 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' campaign.

The Amrit Kalash contains soil brought from different parts of the country. Modi offered soil into the Amrit Kalash and then applied a 'tilak' on his forehead with the 'mitti'.

Union ministers Amit Shah, G Kishan Reddy, Arjun Ram Meghwal, Anurag Thakur and Meenakshi Lekhi were also present at the event.

Later, Modi and other leaders, along with the spectators, also took the 'Panch Pran' pledge. From



PM Modi during an event marking the culmination of the 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' campaign, in New Delhi, Tuesday.

Srinagar to Tirunelveli and from Sikkim to Surat, colours and soils of India merged on the Kartavya Path on Monday as people hailing from various parts of the country, dressed in traditional fineries, converged at the majestic boulevard to celebrate the 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' campaign.

Bearing Amrit Kalash with soil collected from houses, institutional grounds, and public

'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav became people's movement'

Marking the culmination of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said the celebration of about 1000 days became a people's movement and saw India notch up several achievements such as becoming the fifth largest economy and the passage of the women's reservation bill. He also reiterated the resolve to make India a developed country by 2047 and urged the youth to work towards it. He said the Dandi Yatra brought people together, and similarly the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav made new history with scale of people's participation.

places, hundreds of yatris, drawn from small to large blocks, came together and celebrated the cultural vibrancy of India while showcasing the spirit of unity in diversity.

No ceasefire, it's a call for surrender: Netanyahu
Jerusalem, Oct 31:

On Monday night Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu held a press conference in English for the foreign media in which he said that Israel's war in Gaza is a fight for civilisation and against barbarism. The prime minister had a determined demeanour about him, was stern and wore the black dress shirt that has become his 'uniform' since the attacks of October 7, replacing his usual suit and tie.

CHH'GH POLLS

Unaccounted cash, illicit liquor and valuables worth over Rs 38.34 cr seized

■ **Since Oct 9**
Raipur, Oct 31:

Unaccounted cash, illicit liquor and valuables worth more than Rs 38.34 crore have been seized by officials in Chhattisgarh so far since the model code of conduct came into force in the poll-bound state October 9, an official said on Tuesday.

Chhattisgarh will go to

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polls in two phases on November 7 and 17 and the counting of votes will take place on December 3.

Flying squads, comprising personnel from the excise, police and income tax departments, have been keeping a close watch on illegal consignments of liquor, cash and other items meant to influence the polls, the official associated with the poll duty said. Unaccounted cash, illicit liquor and other items worth more than Rs 38.34 crore have been seized from separate places in the state till Sunday (October 29), he said.

Among other things, the recovered items are Rs 10.11 crore cash, 30,840 litres of illicit liquor worth Rs 90.87 lakh and 184 kg ornaments and precious stones worth Rs 14.82 crore, he said.

Onion prices continue to trouble common people

■ **All India average rate at Rs 53.75 per kg**

New Delhi, Oct 31 (PTI):

Onion continued to be costly in the national capital on Tuesday as the average retail price remained at Rs 78 per kilogram even as the wholesale prices in the key supplying state of Maharashtra started cooling down after the imposition of export curbs.

The all-India average retail onion prices increased by Rs 3.40 per kg to Rs 53.75 per kg on Tuesday from yesterday, according to the latest official data. Onion prices in the national capital started inching up from October 25 when the rates were at Rs 40 per kg, which



An onion vendor waits for customers at APMC Onion-Potato Market, in Navi Mumbai, Tuesday.

doubled to Rs 80 per kg on October 29.

Prices, however, fell marginally to Rs 78 per kg on October 30 and remained at the same level on Tuesday as well, the data from the consumer affairs ministry showed. At present, the average retail onion prices are ruling at the highest level in Delhi compared to other states and union territories.

The second highest increase in the prices was in Goa and Puducherry where the average retail price was at Rs 72 per kg on Tuesday.

'Can't say it's state sponsored'

New Delhi, Oct 31:

iPhone-maker Apple Inc on Tuesday said it does not attribute threat notifications, such as the ones received by some MPs belonging to Opposition parties, to any specific state-sponsored attackers and that it cannot provide information on what causes such warnings.

After some of the most vocal critics of the government said they received warnings that they accepted have been made by state-sponsored attackers to steal information from their iPhones, Apple in a statement stated it is possible that some threat notifications may be false alarms and some attacks may not be detected.

'Apple does not attribute

'State-sponsored attack' notification from Apple: Oppn

Several opposition leaders on Tuesday claimed they received an alert from Apple warning them of "state-sponsored attackers trying to remotely compromise" their iPhones and alleged hacking by the government, a charge IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw rejected but assured a thorough probe. Those who received such notifications included Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, party leaders Shashi Tharoor, Pawan Khera, K C Venugopal, Supriya Shrinete and T S Singhdeo; Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra, CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury and Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav.

Will probe: Govt

IT Minister Vaishnaw rejected the opposition's attack on the government, saying the "compulsive critics" were indulging in the politics of "distraction" as they could not tolerate the country's progress under the PM's leadership. Vaishnaw, however, assured the government "will investigate to get to the bottom of these notifications". "In light of such information and widespread speculation, we have also asked Apple to join the investigation with real, accurate information on the alleged state-sponsored attacks," the minister said in his post.

the threat notifications to any specific state-sponsored attacker,' the firm said. State-sponsored attackers, it said, are 'very

well-funded and sophisticated, and their attacks evolved over time'. 'Detecting such attacks relies on threat intelli-

gence signals that are often imperfect and incomplete. It's possible that some Apple threat notifications may be false alarms, or that some attacks are not detected,' it said. It, however, refused to say what triggered warnings received by MPs, such as Mahua Moitra of the Trinamool Congress.

'We are unable to provide information about what causes us to issue threat notifications, as that may help state-sponsored attackers adapt their behaviour to evade detection in the future,' Apple said. Meanwhile, sources privy to the development said Apple has sent threat notifications to individuals whose accounts are in nearly 150 countries.

ED files chargesheet against Naresh Goyal

■ **In bank fraud case**

Mumbai, Oct 31 (PTI):

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday filed a chargesheet against Jet Airways founder Naresh Goyal and five others in the alleged fraud of Rs 538 crore at the Canara Bank.

Goyal was arrested by the ED on September 1 under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). He is currently in judicial custody and lodged at the Arthur Road jail here.

The chargesheet against Goyal and others was filed in a court here, which is likely to take cog-

nizance of it on Wednesday, a lawyer linked to the case said.

The money laundering case stems from the first information report (FIR) of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) against Jet Airways, Goyal, his wife Anita and some former company executives of the now-grounded private airline in connection with the alleged fraud case.

The FIR was registered on the bank's complaint, which alleged that it sanctioned credit limits and loans to Jet Airways (India) Ltd to the tune of Rs 848.86 crore, of which Rs 538.62 crore was outstanding.

TRIBUTE TO SARDAR PATEL



PM Modi at 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' celebrations, in Kevadia, Gujarat, Tuesday.

'US to build new powerful nuclear bomb'

New York, Oct 31:

The United States Department of Defence has announced that it will pursue a modern variant of the B61 nuclear gravity bomb, designated the B61-13, pending Congressional authorisation and appropriation.

According to a Fox News report, the nuclear bomb is said to be 24 times more powerful than one of the bombs dropped on Japan during World War II.

'Today, the Department of Defence (DoD) announced that the United States will pursue a modern variant of the B61 nuclear gravity bomb, designated the B61-13, pending Congressional authorisation and appropriation.

tion and appropriation. The Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) would produce the B61-13,' the Department of Defence release said. The decision to pursue this capability, which was undertaken in close collaboration with the NNSA, responds to the demands of a rapidly evolving security environment as described in the 2022 Nuclear Posture Review,' the statement read. The B61-13 will yield similarly to the B61-7, which has a maximum output of 360 kilotonnes, according to Fox News, citing the Pentagon statement, which had a fact sheet that was included with the release. The

Curfew, Internet shut-down continue in Beed district

Sambhajinagar, Oct 31 (PTI):

Curfew continued and Internet services remained suspended in central Maharashtra's Beed district on Tuesday though there were no fresh incidents of violence on account of the Maratha quota agitation, a senior official said.

Earlier, as many as 49 persons were arrested and curfew was imposed in parts of the district on Monday evening following incidents of violence and arson targeting the houses and offices of political leaders as the quota agitation intensified. The situation was peaceful during the day, district collector Deepa Mudhol Munde told PTI on Tuesday evening. "There was no fresh protest today. Though the day was peaceful, there is no decision on relaxation of curfew and restoration of the

MARATHA QUOTA AGITATION



Agitators burn tyres and other inflammable items during a protest on Pune-Solapur Highway to press for Maratha reservation, in Solapur, Tuesday.

CM calls all-party meeting

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde has called an all-party meeting on Wednesday morning to discuss the situation in the state amid the intensified Maratha quota agitation which took a violent turn in some parts of the state. Shinde will apprise opposition leaders of the government's plans to handle the situation and seek their support, said an official in the Chief Minister's Office.

CASH-FOR-QUERY SCAM

'LS ethics committee has no criminal jurisdiction'

■ **Will demolish all lies on Nov 2**

Kolkata, Oct 27 (PTI):

Senior TMC leader and MP Mahua Moitra on Tuesday said she would appear before the Lok Sabha Ethics Committee on November 2 and demolish all lies propagated in an attempt to silence her in Parliament.

The panel probing allegations of 'cash for questions' against Moitra has asked her to appear before it on November 2 and turned down her request to give time till November 5. "I will be attending the

Ethics Committee meeting on November 2. I have the right to cross examine the fake complainant...this complaint is utter rubbish and I am going to demolish it," she said before leaving for New Delhi.

Moitra said the Lok Sabha Ethics Committee is yet to frame its model code of conduct.

Three Maha MLAs hold protest

Three Maharashtra MLAs, two of them from the ruling coalition constituent NCP (Ajit Pawar group), on Tuesday staged a protest outside the Raj Bhavan in south Mumbai and demanded a special state legislature session to resolve the raging Maratha reservation issue. Nitesh Lanke and Raju Navaghare, MLAs from the NCP (Ajit Pawar group), and opposition Shiv Sena (UBT) legislator Kailas Patil first sat near the Mahatma Gandhi statue adjacent to Mantralaya (state secretariat) and later held a protest outside the Raj Bhavan in support of quota demand.

Internet as of now," she said. Curfew has been enforced in a periphery of 5 km from the collector's office, head offices of talukas and along all national highways passing through the district, another official said.

Joint trade union movement begins today



Bhilai, Oct 31:

All the ten trade unions of Bhilai Steel Plant will jointly visit different departments of the plant from November 1 to protest against the dictatorial attitude of SAIL management. The movement will start from the Coke Oven Department. Earlier on Monday, the joint union sent a memorandum to SAIL Chairman. The memo states that the SAIL management has taken a unilateral decision on bonus. The unions demanded to withdraw the decision of giving a bonus of Rs 23000 to the employees. The joint union said that the unilateral decision taken by the management is a disregard of NJCS and is also a decision that insults the SAIL employees. This decision should be withdrawn im-

mediately and a meeting of NJCS should be convened before Diwali and a bonus agreement with a respectable bonus should be done. The joint union submitted a second memorandum to the Director-in-charge of Bhilai Steel Plant in which it has been demanded that before Diwali, the bonus agreement with respectable bonus should be finalised. All contract workers should be given a 20% bonus amount. Earlier, in a meeting held at the INTUC office, the joint unions decided that from November 1, they will jointly visit different departments of Bhilai Steel Plant and give detailed in-

formation about the dictatorial attitude of the SAIL management and prepare the employees for a movement. The campaign will start from the Coke Oven Department from Wednesday November 01. Vansh Bahadur Singh, Puran Verma, Shekhar Kumar Sharma, S Ravi, Dhanesh Prasad, Jayant Barate from INTUC, Jagannath Trivedi, Vijay Jangde, SP De, Savita Malviya, DVS Reddy, Ajay Soni from CITU, Vinod Kumar Soni, Vinay Mishra from AITUC, Pramod Mishra, Aditya Mathur from HMS, Arvind Pandey, Ramji Singh, AK Mahor, Mahendra Singh from BMS, Brijendra Tiwari, Muktanand Sahu from AICTU, Dileshwar Rao, Shiv Bahadur Singh from BSP Workers Union, DK Soni, Surendra Mohanty from LOEIMU, Rajesh Agrawal, Sheikh Mahmood from Ispat Shramik Manch, Nandkishore Gupta, Tandon Das from Steel Workers Union and other office bearers were present.

Twelve out of 115 nominations rejected after scrutiny

Bhilai, Oct 31: A total of 115 candidates filed their nominations from six assembly constituencies of Durg District for the general elections of Chhattisgarh Assembly 2023. The scrutiny of nomination forms was conducted on October 31 in which a total of 12 nominations were rejected. One nomination of Ajay Chandrakar from Patan assembly constituency, who is from AAP party, was rejected due to submission of two applications. A total of 19 nominations were filed in Patan. A total of 14 nominations were filed in Bhilai Nagar in which the nomination of a candidate Harichand was rejected. A total of 29 nominations were filed from Durg city, in which Surendra Kumar Verma's nomination was rejected due to lack of signature and oath and the nomination of Jasmeet Singh was cancelled due to lack of proposer. A total of 16 nominations were filed from Durg Rural, out of which the form of Lakshmi Verma, who is from Aam Aadmi Party, was rejected. A total of 21 nominations were filed from Vaishali Nagar out of which the nomination form of Karim Ali Khan of Indian National Congress and Ganesh Kumar Himanshu of Bharatiya Janata Party, a total of 2 nominations, were rejected. A total of 16 nominations were filed from Ahiwara out of which five nominations were rejected. Nomination forms of Rishi Tandon (Janata Congress), Oni Kumar Mahilaang (Indian National Congress), Rajan Kuthail (Congress), Santosh Kumar Banjare (BSP) and Amar Das Naranje (Shiv Sena Party) were cancelled.

Huge cash seized from two vehicles in rural areas

- Rs 1.50 lakh seized in Amleshwar
- Rs 2.33 lakh recovered in Anda



Bhilai, Oct 31: On the instructions of Senior Superintendent of Police (Durg) Ram Gopal Garg and supervision of Additional Superintendent of Police (Rural) Anant Ram Sahu and Sub-Divisional Officer of Police (Patan) Devansh Singh Rathore, Static Surveillance Team has been deployed at SST Barrier Mahadev Ghat, Amleshwar under Patan Assembly Constituency No 62 to prevent the transportation of illegal items / cash that can be distributed to woo voters during the upcoming assembly election year 2023. On Monday, the SST led by Thaneswar Verma (Sub Engineer) including Agriculture Extension Officer Akshay Kashyap, Head Constable Manish Tiwari and videographer Manish Dewangan intercepted a vehicle at around 12:15 pm. The car bearing registration number CG 04 PD 6482 was being driven by Sudhanshu Singh (30)

son of Mahendra Pratap Singh, a resident of Amlidih, Raipur. On searching, police recovered 03 bundles of Rs 500 notes total worth Rs 1,50,000. Sudhanshu Singh was interrogated on the spot regarding the said amount. He was unable to produce any valid document, receipt and satisfactory answer regarding the amount found in the car. SST team in-charge Thaneswar Verma prepared a Panchnama on the spot and handed it over to Amleshwar police. Inspector Anil Patel (SHO, Amleshwar Police Station)

registered a case related to cognizable crime. Due to suspicion of theft, the said amount has been seized under Section 102 CrPC. Further legal action is being taken. In another case, during vehicle checking on October 29 around 5:20 pm at SST checking Tiraha point of police station Anda, vehicle number CG 12 R 5429 of district Balod, was found carrying Rs 2,33,000 (two lakh thirty three thousand). The information was given to the police station as the car driver was unable to produce any documents related to the cash.

Rs 2 lakh recovered from scooter rider

Bhilai, Oct 31:

Newai Police Station seized Rs 2 lakh from a scooter rider on Sunday. The scooterist was unable to produce any valid document about the cash. CSP Vishwa Deepak Tripathi informed that on the instructions of SSP and ASP (City), traffic checking is being carried out by the team of Newai Police Station in view of assembly elections. A scooter rider was intercepted for checking. Police found Rs 1.98 lakh in the dickey of the scooter bearing registration number CG07-LU-4899. When questioned, the scooter rider Pawan Kumar Badani (61) a resident of Sindhi Colony, Mohan Nagar, Durg, was



unable to produce any documents related to the cash. On suspicion, police seized the cash and the scooter under the provisions mentioned in section 102 of CrPC. Inspector Prashant

Mishra, ASI Ramchandra Kanwar, Head Constable Suraj Pandey, Constables Ajeet Yadav, Chhatrapal Verma, Shahbaz Khan and Upendra Yadav played a vital role in the case.

Bhilai Steel Plant's MM, BRM & WRM Departments mark new records

Bhilai, Oct 31:

Several new day and shift records of production were set by SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant in various areas of production. The departments of the plant, along with finishing mills including Merchant Mill, Bard & Rod Mill, and Wire Rod Mill, have recorded their best records, demonstrating excellence in production in their respective areas. Plant's Merchant Mill (MM), which rolls out light structural, TMT bars, angles and channels, set a new day record by producing 2,261 Tonne in the challenging profile of 75x75x8 mm, on October 30, 2023. The Mill also set a new shift record of 693 Tonne (1,420 Billets) in the same profile in the C-Shift of the



same day, surpassing its previous best of 676 Tonne (1,380 Billets) made in the B Shift of February 04, 2022. Anirban Dasgupta, Director I/c (Bhilai Steel Plant) along with Tapas Dasgupta, Acting ED (Works) and Plant's Senior Management reached the shop floor and congratulated the department per-

sonnel on this achievement by Plant's MM department. The Bar and Rod Mill of the Plant has also recorded the best-ever rolling record in the TMT 12 profile, by rolling a record number of 622 billets in the 'A' shift of October 25, 2023, against the previous best of 612 billets accomplished in the 'B' shift of

September 13, 2023. With this, BRM has achieved a record production of 3,343 Tonne in production, surpassing its previous best record of 3,303 Tonne achieved on September 13, 2023. The best-ever steel loading record of 23,930 Tonne was also achieved on October 27, 2023, by surpassing the previous best of 23,252 Tonne. For this

achievement, Plant Director-in-charge Anirban Dasgupta, Director I/c (BSP) and Anjani Kumar, ED (Works) congratulated all the concerned departments and also encouraged the personnel to work with the same spirit and achieve similar feats in future. These remarkable achievements were made with collective efforts and coordination of employees of the respective departments. Plant personnel worked together with utmost dedication and completed given tasks on time, under the leadership of the concerned Departmental Heads, resulting in improved productivity and breaking of previous records.

Pandey accuses Devendra of corruption during mayoral tenure



Bhilai, Oct 31: BJP candidate Prem Prakash Pandey inaugurated his election office in New Khursipar on Monday. While addressing media persons, he spoke about the financial irregularities in Bhilai Municipal Corporation during the mayoral tenure of Congress candidate Devendra Yadav. Pandey produced the documents related to the audit objections on

various works of BMC. He showed a report of the Auditor General and said that the report reveals financial irregularities of Rs 320 crore in Bhilai Municipal Corporation during the financial year 2016-17. Pandey said that from November 2, he will reach the common people under the "Bhilai Bachao - Kamal Khilao" campaign. He said that Bhilai, which was known as IIT, is today known for Mahadev Satta ID. All the open grounds of Bhilai have become open bars and the level of crime is increasing day by day. He further alleged that the Congress excels in making false promises and misleading the public. If the people of Bhilai want to save their city, they have to vote for BJP, he stated.

Program conducted on Inculcating Positive Mental Health & Physical Hygiene

Bhilai, Oct 31: PG Dept of Psychology and IQAC conducted an event in Government Primary School, Ruabandha to promote awareness on Mental Health and Physical Hygiene. The students conducted a Mental Health and Physical Hygiene awareness by teaching students the understanding of good touch bad touch, Physical exercises and meditation. The College students talked with the students, spreading information about Physical fitness by making them participate in the exercises. The exercise included breathing techniques, mudras and dance. The stu-



dents of the school also showed Chhattisgarhi Sua dance as a form of exercise. A session on meditation was also conducted. The children were demonstrated what a bad touch looks like and how to address the issue with their parents. The session concluded with school children's singing state song.

The session was very informative where college students taught the school children about the importance of exercise and meditation. The importance of living a stress free life by enjoying everyday life and being mindful was also stressed upon. Overall this interactive session was a learning experience for

both college as well as school students. Father Dr Joshi Varghese appreciated the program and encouraged students to undertake extension activities. Principal Dr MG Roymon appreciated the program and said that the learning encompass sharing of knowledge and this extension activity achieves the objective. Dr Debjani Mukherjee, HOD, spoke on the occasion and motivated the students to do such programs more frequently. Dr Sumita Singh conceived the idea of the program. Dr Ankita Deshmukh and Sanchana Sahu organised the program and helped in its smooth execution.

EUR rake R-350 HT Rails flagged off from BSP for the first time



Bhilai, Oct 31: The first lot of EUR rake R-350 HT Rails from SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant were flagged off for dispatch from LINE-2 of Universal Rail Mill of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant on October 31, 2023. Senior officials from Indian Railways, Bhilai Steel Plant, and RITES were present on the occasion. CGMI/cs, CGMs and

Sr officers from different departments of BSP also attended the flag-off ceremony. The R-350 HT rake is the first rake of its kind for the nation to be dispatched to Indian Railways. The R-350 Heat Treated rails are better and longer lasting than the rails being produced earlier.

Vigilance Awareness Week: Drawing & Painting competition organized at Maitri Baag



Bhilai, Oct 31:

SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Vigilance Department, with support of the Horticulture Section of SAIL-BSP's Town Services Department, organized a Drawing & painting competition for school students at Candle Garden, Maitri Bagh, Bhilai. Satyabrata Kar, GM (Vigilance) and ACVO, Bhilai Steel Plant was the Chief Guest

on this occasion. The competition was organized as a part of the ongoing observance of Vigilance Awareness Week-2023 at SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant from October 30 to November 05, 2023. The competition was conducted in two groups, namely Group I (Junior Category), for students from Classes VI to VIII and Group II (Senior Category), for students from Classes IX to XII. More

than 300 school students from various schools of Bhilai and adjoining areas took part in the event and provided their valuable contribution to spreading public awareness about the perils of corruption. The participants prepared several creative and vibrantly coloured posters and paintings based on this year's theme for Vigilance Awareness Week- "Say no to corruption; commit to the Nation", which was chosen by the Central Vigilance Commission, the apex anti-corruption body in the country. Renowned artists-Shatrughna Swarnkar and Mohan Kumar Baral adjudicated the Competition and also shared insightful tips with the participating students and motivated them to practice with the same spirit.

Eight kgs silver ornaments recovered



Bhilai, Oct 31:

A Static Surveillance Team led by BSP Officer Shakeel Ahmad Khan including Sub Inspector Ranjeet Kumar Pathak, Constable Chandrakala Deshmukh and Videographer Lokesh Banjare intercepted a scooty near Green Chowk in Durg on Tuesday. On checking the vehicle number CG04 KD 2330, the

team recovered eight kilograms of silver ornaments worth Rs 4.50 lakhs. The scooter rider Ramesh Chandra Mourya (40) of Laxmi Market Supela stated that he owns a jewellery shop named Laxmi Jewellers in Supela and added that he bought the silver jewellery from Jinshri Jewellers, Ganjpara Durg. As he was unable to produce any documents, receipts or satisfactory reply, the jewellery was seized under the provisions mentioned in section 102 of CrPC. Further action is being taken by Mohan Nagar Police Station.

DAV IPS Setor-02 celebrates Chhattisgarh Foundation Day



Bhilai, Oct 31: DAV Ispat Public School Sector 2 celebrated the Chhattisgarh Foundation Day in its special assembly in the presence of the whole school staff and Principal Priyanka Shukla. The gathering started as per the practice with the Gayatri Mantra followed by the school prayer and DAV Anthem. The observation for the Chhattisgarh Foundation Day commenced with due respect to the state in the form of our Rajgeet "Arpa Pauri ki Dhar ..." by the teachers union in tune

with the students in the assembly. This was followed by sharing some amazing facts about Chhattisgarh, some information about our state in the states own dialect 'Chhattisgarhi'. Students of the middle wing presented dance performances in solo and in groups to the most famous tunes of folk song of Chhattisgarh. Students of the junior wing came in the famous traditional attire of Chhattisgarh and made their appearance on stage in a very enthusiastic way waving to the assembly and

capturing the stage. The Principal Priyanka Shukla, in her address to the assembly on this special day greeted everyone and wished a happy Foundation Day to all. She urged everyone to develop a sense of belonging to ones state by getting acquainted with its significance, different costumes, traditions and customs. It was a wonderful and fruitful observation of the day as it made the students acquainted with the culture, tradition and customs of their state Chhattisgarh.

Denied ticket, Congress MLA Chintamani Maharaj joins BJP



Raipur/Ambikapur, Oct 31: Congress MLA Chintamani Maharaj who was denied ticket by the party for the next month's assembly elections joined the Bharatiya Janata Party on Tuesday. He is the third legislator from the ruling party who has turned rebel after being denied a ticket. Maharaj joined the saffron party in the presence of the BJP's state in-charge Om Mathur and state unit general secretary Pavan Sai at a function in Ambikapur, head-

quarters of Surguja district. "It is a 'ghar wapsi' (home coming) of Chintamani Maharaj. There would have been some issues earlier, so he had left (BJP). Today we are very happy that our former worker who established the party in the region has returned," Mathur told reporters. Maharaj had left the BJP and joined the Congress ahead of the 2013 assembly polls. Asked whether he will be fielded as a BJP candi-

date in the coming Lok Sabha elections, Mathur said "wait for it." Maharaj currently represents Samri seat in Balrampur district, but the Congress gave ticket to Vijay Paikra from the constituency this time. The BJP has fielded Udeshwari Paikra, a Zila panchayat member, from Samri. Maharaj won from Lundra seat on a Congress ticket in 2013, becoming an MLA for the first time. In 2018, Congress fielded him from Samri where he defeated the BJP's Siddhnath Paikra by 21,923 votes. Last week, senior BJP MLA Brijmohan Agrawal and former state BJP chief Vishnu Deo Sai met him at a religious function in Samri. Afterwards, Maharaj told reporters that he might join the BJP if the saffron party fielded him from Ambikapur (against Congress candi-

date and Deputy Chief Minister TS Singh Deo.) The BJP was ready to give him ticket for the next year's Lok Sabha polls but he insisted on ticket from Ambikapur for the assembly elections, he claimed. The BJP, however, fielded Rajesh Agrawal, a new face, from Ambikapur. Maharaj is the son of social worker and religious leader late Sant Rameshwar Gahira Guru who had a considerable influence in north Chhattisgarh, particularly in tribal communities. Two other Congress MLAs who have turned rebel after being denied ticket are Anoop Nag and Kismat Lal Nand. Nag was expelled from the party after he decided to contest as an independent from Antagarh. Nand joined the Janata Congress Chhattisgarh (J) and is contesting on its ticket from Saraipali, his existing constituency.

KARWA CHAOUTH



Ladies applying Mehendi as a part of preparations for Karwa Chauth to be celebrated on Wednesday.

Hindutva agenda gains momentum in Chh'garh polls

Raipur, Oct 31: Hindutva agenda has gain momentum in Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly polls with both the prominent political parties trying to seek support from the people on religious grounds for the November polls. Congress which has been advocating soft hindutva to corner the principal opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on the issue, has recently fielded Mahant Ramsundar Das from the high-profile Raipur South Legislative Assembly segment to not only align towards the voters which are traditional supporters of the BJP as the present incumbent has been defeated for decades in the Raipur city. However, the



BJP heavy-weight Brijmohan Agrawal too has given momentum to the Hindutva agenda with his own style seeking blessings from a large number of Religious Gurus before filing his nomination papers from Raipur South seat for the November 17 polls. However, the Congress approached Election Commission seeking action against Brijmohan for Religious scenario in his favour. Countering the allega-

tions, the BJP candidate has gone aggressive against his opposition terming the move to be Anti-Hindu. At the same time, he has also questioned the silence of part of the Congress candidate Mahant Ramsundar Das who himself is sheer of the historical Dughdadhari Math in the constituency. Agrawal went on alleging the silence of Mahant, the BJP heavy-weight Agrawal tagged him to be just a mascot of Congress and has nothing to do with the Sanatan Dharma. Agrawal has also sought an apology from the Saint and Sheers for their approach against them while criticising him for political gains.

BJP launches Anthem for Legislative Assembly polls



Raipur, Oct 31: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Tuesday launched the Anthem for the Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly polls to expose the Congress government on key issues highlighting the failure on various fronts. There has been prepared in three separate languages in which they have termed the Content to be Voice of People of Chhattisgarh appealing for change of government

in the November polls. Former Chief Minister Dr Raman Singh, senior leader Brijmohan Agrawal and BJP's Co-in-charge Nitin Nabin were also present during the launching of the theme which claims agitation against the Congress over the last five years rule in Chhattisgarh. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Singh said that BJP would reach people on the issues raised in the Election Anthem.

1,219 candidates file nominations for 2nd phase of voting in 70 seats

Raipur, Oct 31: A total 1,219 candidates have filed nominations for 70 constituencies which will go to polls on November 17 in the second phase of the Chhattisgarh assembly elections, poll authorities said. The deadline for filing nominations for the second phase of polls ended on Monday. Out of the total 90 assembly seats in the state, polling in 20 seats will be held in the first phase on November 7. For the second phase of polls, a total 1,219 candidates have filed 1,985 nomination papers, which will be scrutinised on Tuesday, a statement issued by the office of state's Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) said.

The last date for withdrawal of nominations is November 2. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, Deputy CM TS Singh Deo, their eight cabinet colleagues, state assembly Speaker Charan Das Mahant are among the prominent candidates from the Congress in the second phase. State BJP chief Arun Sao, leader of opposition in the assembly Narayan Chandel, former ministers and sitting MLAs Brijmohan Agrawal, Punnulal Mohile and Ajay Chandrakar, three incumbent Lok Sabha members including a Union minister, are among the key candidates from the BJP for this phase.

In the second phase of voting, the contest in Patan seat will be keenly watched as CM Bhupesh Baghel of the Congress will take on his nephew and BJP candidate Vijay Baghel, the Lok Sabha member from Durg. The entry of Janata Congress Chhattisgarh (J) state president Amit Jogi, son of former chief minister Ajit Jogi, from Patan has added another dimension to the contest. In the high profile Ambikapur seat, Deputy CM Singh Deo is pitted against BJP's Rajesh Agrawal. In Raipur South seat, the Congress has fielded Dudhadhari Math's Mahant Ram Sundar Das against BJP strongman Brijmohan Agrawal.

Onion, arhar dal prices soar due to Modi gov't's misrule: Cong

Raipur, Oct 31: Congress today blamed Modi government at the centre for soaring prices of onion and arhar dal. Due to Modi government's policy for profiteering onion is being sold at Rs 80 per kg and arhar dal at Rs 170 per kg, Pradesh Congress Communication head Sushil Anand Shukla said. According to him inflation is the major issue in elections. He said that

Congress was going to people on this issue. Modi Government which had promised to control inflation in 100 days is making life of common people miserable, he alleged. He also alleged that Modi government was sparing no effort to loot people through inflation. Petrol and diesel prices have crossed Rs 100 while LPG cylinder is being sold at Rs 1000 and edible oil price has crossed Rs 200 per litre, he said. While common people

have become helpless due to growing inflation Modi Government is focusing mainly on profit of its selected few capitalists, Shukla said. He also said that Modi Government increased excise duty on petrol by 258 per cent and on diesel by 820% in the last seven years. Despite availability of all such figures, Modi Government is trying to deny growing inflation; Shukla said and added that Modi Government will not be able to control inflation.

Chandni Roy Chowdhury bags Nritya Acharyasurabhi award at International Event

Raipur, Oct 31: Chandni Roy Chowdhury awarded as Nritya Acharyasurabhi at International Event. All India Dancer's Association (AIDA) is organising an international level competition of Dance & music at Bhilai. Organizer Mr. Rathesh Babu said that the weeklong event witnessed participation from different parts of India & abroad. The event is recognized by Ministry of Culture, Government of India along with International Dance Council - Conseil International de la Danse recognized by UNESCO.



Apart from holding the competition, the event also felicitated various Mentors from world who have been doing exceptional work in the field of music & dance. Out of the various mentors, the shining star of Chhattisgarh, Mrs Chandni Roy Chowdhury was very

prominent. Her contribution to the arena of Kathak was well recognized as she was awarded by "Nritya Acharyasurabhi". Chandni was overwhelmed by the felicitation and thanked her students who have been performing outstanding at various national & international platforms. Her students have also participated in AIDA and all her students have secured star positions. Kashvi Taunk secured 1st position in Kathak sub junior category, Anushna Roy Chowdhury secured 2nd position in Kathak sub jun-

ior category, Aadya Agrawal, 2nd position in Kathak junior category, Anvi Agrawal, 2nd position in semi-classical dance sub junior category and Misti Rajput, 3rd position in semi classical dance junior category. Mrs Chandni is founder of Iraa Dance & performing arts academy, which imparts quality education in the field of Dance & music. With her dedication and hardwork she is determined that her students will achieve new heights in the field of Dance & Music in the years to come.

OBITUARY
Omana Sasidharan
Smt. Omana Sasidharan (65 years) resident of D-3, Shiv S h a k t i N i w a s , Near Durga Mandir, Dubey Colony, Mowa, Raipur passed away on Tuesday (31/10/2023) at 12 noon. She is mother of Mrs. Anitha Anil and mother in law of Mr. Anil Shridhar. Funeral procession from residence to Devendra Nagar Muktidham will start at 11:00 am on Wednesday, (1/11/2023).

Successful operation of large rare cancer tumor inside heart

In the Department of Heart, Chest and Vascular Surgery under ACI of Dr Ambedkar Hospital



Raipur, Oct 31: Fifty-year-old man from Gunderdehi Chhattisgarh has got a new lease of life after he underwent operation for a rare cancerous tumor of the heart, at the Department of Heart, Chest and Vascular Surgery, Advanced Cardiac Institute (ACI) of Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar Memorial Hospital, Raipur. Department Head Dr. Krishnakant Sahu who led the team that successfully performed the complex surgery said that the cancerous tumour was located in the left atrium, one of the four chambers in the heart of the pa-

tient. To remove the tumor of about 140 grams, the patient's heart was completely stopped and the tumor was removed through operation with the help of a bypass machine, Dr Sahu said. The patient went back to his home seven days after he underwent operation. Before reaching ACI, the patient had difficulty

in breathing for a year and was undergoing treatment for cough. The patient had visited ACI OPD with complaint of shortness of breath and cough for the last one year and had started feeling very short of breath since last 2 months, Dr Sahu said. On examination by Dr. Krishnakant Sahu, Head of the Department of

Cardiac Surgery in OPD, it was found that there was a tumor or lump inside his heart and it was advised to do the operation immediately. When the patient came to know that there was a tumor inside the heart, he could not believe it. The patient was not able to understand that a tumor could also occur inside

the chamber of the heart. According to Dr Sahu there are 4 chambers in the human heart: Right atrium, right ventricle, left atrium, left ventricle. The entire tumor had spread inside the patient's left atrium and was also crossing the mitral valve and entering the left ventricle, said Dr Sahu, adding that in such a situation, the operation had to be done quickly because there was a danger of the valve getting closed (choked) at any time. If the valve becomes choked the patient may die instantly, he said. According to him such patients are also at risk of paralysis because small pieces come out of the tumor and block the nerves of the brain, which can lead to paralysis. Moreover due to blockage in the veins of the hands and

feet, gangrene may occur in the hands and feet, he said. The patient's heart and lungs were stopped and he was placed in an artificial heart and lungs, which is called a heart lung bypass machine. As soon as the heart was stopped, the tumor was removed by opening the right and left atrium of the heart and at the same time the wall between the two atriums (Inter Atrial Septum) was also cut and removed so that the tumor should not recur. After that, the wall between the two atriums was again made by using a special type of cloth like material made up of pieces of double velor Dacron and the mitral valve was repaired. This operation took about three and a half hours and three units of blood.

CG India International Challenge Badminton enters into main draw



Raipur, Oct 31: Raunak Chouhan and Tanu Chandra from India on Tuesday excelled in the Qualifying matches of the Chhattisgarh India International Challenge Badminton tournament being organised under the aegis of Badminton Association of India (BAI) in association with the Chhattisgarh Badminton Association (CBA) at I-Sports Arena Badminton Hall situated at Mowa here. Main Draw matches would be played from Wednesday morning. Saloni Kumar, Surya Charisma Tamiri, Mamaikya Lanka,

Abhilasha Anish, Amolika Singh Sisodiya, Devika Kawale, Gloria V Athavale, Phani Vennala Madunuri, Uthsava Palit, Rucha Sawant, Stuti Agrawal, Mayuri Barman, Yashvi Bhat, Tanu Malik, Tanu Chandra, Anmol Kharb, Taneesha Singh, Neysa Carippa, Aditi Rao and no 11 player Tanvi Sharma have qualified for the Main Draw in Women' Single event. Similarly, India no 4 rank player Abhinav Thakur, Ajay Satish Kumar Nair, Manraj Singh, Tanwat Vimjit, Harsh Arora are among prominent players qualified in Men' Single event.

Lab attendants conducting classes in Swami Atmanand schools

Increases concern of parents and teachers

Raipur, Oct 31: Swami Atmanand schools running in Raipur district of Chhattisgarh do not have lecturers in Physics subject. Physics classes are being conducted with the help of lab attendants, where the subject is being taught by making alternative arrangements. Due to excessive pressure, teachers are not able to concentrate on the subject, due to which the studies of the students are getting affected. Due to it being an election year, studies in schools are affected. Arundhati Devi Government English Medium School of Excellence, Arang, and Priyadarshini Government English Medium School of Excellence, Nevra Tilda are conducting classes without Physics teacher. In both these schools, physics subject is being taught with the help of lab attendants. Apart from this, Kashiram Sharma Government English Medium School, Bhanpuri, Swami



Atmanand Vidyalaya, Kharora is conducting classes without commerce teacher. Due to lack of subject experts, the future of the students is in darkness. The month of November and half of December will be spent in elections. Students will have only one to one and a half months to prepare for the board exams. Schools do not have lecturers for core subjects like Physics, Mathematics and Commerce. In this concern Principals said that they have written letters to the department several times, but no solution has been found so far. Many schools do not have teachers since July-August. The condition of children there is very worrying. How will we be able to

compete with private schools without teachers? The subjects for which there are no teachers in schools are being taught by other teachers. There is a lot of pressure on teachers due to teaching additional subjects along with their own subjects, due to which the quality of education is being affected. In many schools, different teachers come and teach the subject in different days, due to which students do not understand the subject very well. Many teachers are not able to conduct classes due to election duty.

When discussed about the absence of subject teachers in schools, the principals said that they had written letters to the department several times.

Every time we get assurance from the department that teachers will be appointed soon. Even after several months, the study of the subject is getting affected due to absence of teachers.

There is not much problem in classes 9th and 11th, but there is a lot of problem in classes 10th and 12th as the students have to appear for board examinations. Due to lack of regular teachers, preparation for the subject is a big challenge for the students. Board exams will start from the first week of March. Raipur District Education Officer Himanshu Bharatiya said, as many people got selected in regular recruitment, they resigned and left, due to which the schools became vacant. The code of conduct is in place, we have put out advertisements for all the vacant posts. After getting permission from the Commission, we will complete the recruitment process. In case of not getting permission, studies will continue in schools on the basis of alternative arrangements till the election code of conduct.

More than 2.03 crore voters to elect new government of Chhattisgarh

Seven lakh youth to exercise their franchise for the first time

The number of NRI voters in the state is 17



Raipur, Oct 31: The number of voters has been locked on the last day of nomination for the second phase. There are a total of two crore three lakh 93 thousand 160 eligible voters in the Assembly Elections-2023. Earlier, the last publication of electoral rolls was done on October 4. As of October 30, 32,920 voters have been newly added. According to the new voter list, the sex ratio of voters in the state is 1,012. The number of youth voters aged 18 to 19 years is seven lakh 29 thousand 267 and the number of voters who have completed 100 years of age is 2,457. The num-

ber of NRI voters in the state is 17. One crore 63 lakh 14 thousand 479 voters will be able to exercise their franchise for the second phase of elections. These include 81 lakh 41 thousand 624 men, 81 lakh 72 thousand 171 women and 684 third gender voters.

The number of voters above 80 years of age in the first and second phase is 6,477. The voting of all these voters is being con-

ducted door-to-door by a specially constituted polling team. The process of voting through postal ballot for voters posted on election duty and absentee category voters in the assembly constituencies of the first phase has started. As of October 29, so far 2,141 voters have voted through postal ballot in different assembly constituencies. Out of 1,787 complaints, 1,129 complaints have been re-

solved in the C-Vigil app. 623 complaints have been rejected. At the same time, action is going on on 35 complaints. Along with this, a total of 4,678 applications were received in various districts related to campaigning by political parties and candidates, out of which 3,606 applications have been approved and given permission. 573 applications have been rejected.

Oath of national unity taken in State Information Commission

Raipur, Oct 31: The oath of national unity, integrity and security was taken at Chhattisgarh State Information Commission on Tuesday on October 31st on National Unity Day. State Information

Commissioner Manoj Trivedi administered the oath on National Unity Day to the officers and employees of the Commission office. On this occasion, State Information Commissioner,

Dhanvendra Jaiswal and Secretary of State Information Commission, G. R. Churendra, all the officers and employees of the Commission were present.

It is noteworthy that

National Unity Day is celebrated every year on October 31 on the occasion of the birthday of the country's first Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Vigilance Awareness week inaugurated



Raipur, Oct 31: National Institute of Technology (NIT) Raipur organised the opening ceremony of the Vigilance awareness Week. The theme of the Vigilance Awareness week is "Bhrashtachar ka virodh kare, rashtra ke prati samarpit rahen" which means - "Say no to corruption, commit to the Nation".

The event started with the national song of India- Vande Matram. Then Dr. Swasti Shapak gave a brief info about Vigilance Awareness week and pro-

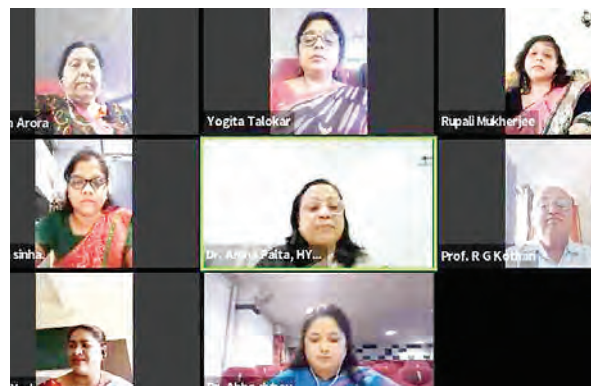
vided information about the activities that will be organised throughout the week. She also highlighted the importance of Vigilance Awareness Week.

Dr. AB Soni, led an integrity pledge to combat corruption, promoting ethical business practices, transparency, and employee ethics, while opposing bribery and ensuring stakeholder interests. The program concluded with the singing of the national anthem "Jana Gana Mana" by all the present members.

Four-day 'Nat'l Lecture Series' organized at Columbia College

Raipur, Oct 31: Columbia College organized a four-day National Lecture Series on the theme "NEP 2020: A Way Forward for Quality Education." The chief guest for the inauguration of the National Lecture Series was Dr. Aruna Palta, Vice-Chancellor, Hemchandra University, Durg, Chhattisgarh, and the chief guest for the valedictory session was Professor Dr. Prashant Shrivastava, Dean, Student Welfare, Hemchandra University, Durg, Chhattisgarh.

The keynote speaker for the National Lecture Series of day 01 was Dr. Rameshchandra G. Kothari, Former Vice-Chancellor, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat, Gujarat, and the topic was "NEP 2020: An



Overview." On day 02 Professor M. A. Khadar, Former Professor, NCERT, New Delhi spoke on "Critical Perspective of Education Policy," and on day 03 Dr. Taruna Chaudhri Dhillon, Former Professor, Institute of Teacher Training and Research, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, Haryana discussed "NEP 2020 and Sustainability: A Behavioral Perspective."

On day 04 Professor Rishikesh Senapati, Former Director, NCERT, New Delhi presented on "NEP 2020 Curriculum Pedagogy and Assessment." Harjeet Singh Hura, Secretary of Jan Pragati Education Society, was also present as a special guest.

During the National Lecture Series, all the eminent speakers elaborated on the National Education Policy 2020 in

the context of their respective topics. The prominent speakers in the National Lecture Series explained various provisions, assessment methods, teacher education, multiple entry and exit systems, grading, and credit systems in the context of the National Education Policy 2020. They highlighted that the policy has been formulated while considering the country's diversity, and its proper implementation is the responsibility of everyone connected to the education sector to achieve the desired results.

Everyday at the end of each session, the speakers addressed the queries of the participants, and the program was successfully organized under the guidance of Dr. Arun Kumar Dubey, Principal, and Dr. Abha Dubey, Vice Principal of the college.

Nat'l Unity Day marked with administration of Pledge and Unity Run



Naya Raipur, Oct 31: Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was celebrated as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) on October 31, 2023 with Administration of Pledge and holding of Unity Run at NTPC Naya Raipur.

C Sivakumar, RED (WR-II, USSC and Ash NI) and Arindam Sinha,

ED-OS administered the "Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Pledge" to all employees in Hindi and English respectively.

Later, all employees joined the Unity Run programme held near NTPC Naya Raipur office premises to foster and reinforce our commitment to strengthen the unity, integrity and security of the nation.

More than 600 candidates to contest in 70 seats

More than 200 nomination papers filed on the last day

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Raipur, Oct 31: More than 600 candidates will be in the fray for 70 seats for the second phase of elections. A total of more



than 600 candidates have filed more than 800 papers for the second phase of

elections. Earlier, on Monday, the last day of nomination, a total of more than 200 nomination papers were filed. According to the information received from the Chief Electoral Officer office, on the last day, maximum number of filings were made from the districts of Durg and

Bilaspur divisions including Raipur North, South assembly constituencies. Earlier, after the notification was issued on October 21, 474 candidates had filed 740 nomination papers in just five days. A total of 223 candidates are in the fray for the first phase of elections. It is noteworthy that in the second phase

under the Assembly Elections 2023, a total of 70 assembly constituencies of Raipur, Bilaspur, Durg and Surguja divisions are included. The scrutiny of nomination papers for the second phase will take place on October 31. Candidates can withdraw their names till November 2.

BJP and Congress clash over religious conversion issue

Jagdalpur, Oct 31: With the Chhattisgarh state elections rapidly approaching, the political discourse has taken an unexpected turn as the issue of religious conversion becomes the focal point of a heated debate between the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Congress party.

Scheduled for November 7, the first phase of assembly seat voting in the Bastar division has sparked intense political rivalry, with prominent BJP leaders accusing the Congress government of actively promoting religious conversion as part of what they claim to be a divisive agenda. During a press conference held at the district office of the Bharatiya Janata Party in Jagdalpur, Ajay Alok presented his case aggressively, claiming that the Congress government in Chhattisgarh was following a "square formula." According to Alok, this formula involves four corners: the state government, corruption, conversion, and Naxalism. Alok's portrayal of



the Congress government as a supporter of conversion did not go unchallenged, as he presented his allegations with conviction.

A day before Alok's press conference, Bharatiya Janata Party's Odisha Kalahandi MP and former state president, Basant Kumar Panda, held a press conference in Jagdalpur, further intensifying the debate. Panda accused the Congress of conducting nationwide conversion activities under the guise of religious conversion. In doing so, he raised questions about PCC President Deepak Baij's stance on conversion, demanding clarifica-

tion on whether Baij supports or opposes such activities.

In response to these allegations, Deepak Baij, the Member of Parliament representing Bastar and Congress State President, did not mince words in his criticism of the BJP. He argued that the BJP was wrongly emphasizing the issue of conversion during the elections and urged the party to shift its focus towards discussions on development rather than religious matters.

This political feud over religious conversion is not limited to verbal sparring. The issue has taken root in the hearts and minds of the people in Bastar division, particularly in rural areas, over the past several months. Many Gram Panchayats have adopted a stern stance, withholding burial rights from converted families unless they choose to revert to their original religion. This reflects the growing discontent among the public regarding matters related to conversion.

Annual Tech-fest Aavartan concludes

Raipur, Oct 31: National Institute of Technology (NIT) Raipur's Technocracy- The Technical Committee organised the annual Tech-fest, 'Aavartan 23-24', on 28th and 29th October 2023. The event aimed to improve the technical acumen of the young and creative minds.

Day two comprised of activities such as Mock Cid, Logo Designing, Robo Soccer, October Sky, Jenga, Valo Tournament, Aerofilia, Human Tic-tac-toe, Reaction Racing and Planetarium. Subsequently, the closing ceremony was conducted to conclude the fest. Dr. Prabhat Diwan congratulated Team Technocracy for the successful coordination of the event and the participants to bring the prototype into demonstration. He encouraged students to improvise and develop solutions on real



life problems. Dr. Sameer Bajpai promoted the startup culture by thanking Team Technocracy

for providing a platform to engineers for the implementation of daily life problems. Dr. Manu

Vardhan emphasised the significance of getting exposure to such skill development events. Dr. Anuj Shukla concluded the event encouraging manufacturing of products from scratch to reduce dependency on imports. Team Nurture Tech stood first for exhibiting a model on 'Solar Power Infant Incubator' while Team Three Musketeers were the first runner up for exhibiting a model on 'Automated System for Finding Surface Defects using AI/ML' for the vigaan event. A vote of thanks was delivered by Team Technocracy. The ceremony concluded with the National Anthem.

On the first day Vigaan- a national science exhibition which displayed effective solutions consisting of working models and prototypes addressing various topics such as 'Home

Automation', 'Data Analysis and Visualization', 'Aerolifters', etc. witnessing participation from all over India. Several other events and competitions like Ecopolis, Terrain Treader, Circuitrix, Autocad Challenge, Speed Cubing and many more were conducted and concluded with a series of cultural performances by Team Nrityam- The Dance Club, NIT Raipur and Team Raaga- The Music Club, NIT Raipur.

More than 200 abstracts were received and 171 prototypes were displayed.

The event concluded fruitfully with the exhibition drawing the attention of more than 3000 students and serving as a platform for students to hone their technical skills across various domains, such as coding, robotics, and engineering.

Police arrest two accused in betting scam

Jagdalpur, Oct 31: The Kotwali police station in the district received a tip-off about individuals spreading illegal betting through online WhatsApp messages within the city. These suspects were reportedly involved in online number betting, placing significant wagers amounting to lakhs of rupees. In response to the information received, law enforcement authorities swiftly organized teams to take action. The coor-



ditioned efforts of these teams led to the apprehension of two suspects Danteshwar Rao, known as Danti and a resident of Sanjay Market, and Ritesh Kumar Trivedi, a resident of Mother Teresa Ward. Both indi-

viduals were arrested within the city while actively participating in online gambling and betting, utilizing mobile phones and laptops. Upon their arrest, law enforcement officials confiscated a substantial amount of evidence from the suspects. The seized items included one laptop, ten mobile phones, a substantial cash sum totaling Rs 38,63,200, and 15 betting slips, as well as ATM cards and passbooks.

Police arrest culprits within 24 hours

Bagbahara, Oct 31:

In a commendable display of swift response, local police in the bordering village of Temari successfully resolved a potentially dangerous situation within 24 hours. The incident involved an explosion that occurred at the residence of Radhe Sahu, resulting in the apprehension of two local youths from the same village.

The incident, which took place behind the victim's house, was the result of a dispute over land-related issues, and the individuals responsible used gunpowder to cause the explosion with the intention of harassment. Law enforcement authorities have registered a case under Section 436 of the IPC and Section 3,5 of the Explosive Substances Act, 1908.

During a press conference, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Yulandan Yark, provided



details of the incident. On the night of the explosion, Gajendra Sahu, the father of Radhe Sahu, heard a loud blast at around 01:30 am. He immediately checked the area behind his house, where he discovered smoke and the strong smell of gunpowder. The explosion had caused damage, including the collapse of a house pillar, falling plaster, shattered bathroom tiles, and a damaged false ceiling in the prayer room. Fortunately, there were no casualties, but it was clear that serious injuries could have occurred if anyone had been present.



The investigation revealed that a dispute over land-related matters had been ongoing since October 2023. The day before the incident, an argument had taken place between Indal Thakur, father of Manoj Kumar Thakur, and the victim. Prohibitory action had been initiated against

Indal Thakur at the Komakhan police station following the victim's report.

Further investigation into a previous case involving land disputes at the Komakhan police station led to the discovery of the involvement of Manoj

alias Puna Lal Thakur and Bal Kumar Thakur, residents of Temari village, in the explosion incident. The explosion had taken place on the day of the Punni Mela festival, and the accused had deliberately chosen a deserted and vacant location to minimize the risk of casualties. Authorities are currently

examining the materials used for the explosion, including gunpowder, wires, and electrical components, while gathering information from the accused and their associates involved in providing assistance.

The successful resolution of this incident reflects the dedication and coordinated efforts of law enforcement officers, including Police Superintendent Shri Dharmendra Singh (IPS), Additional Police Superintendent Shri Akash Rao, Sub-Divisional Officer Dr. Uday Ladun Yark, Station Incharge Komakhana Ramavtar Patel, Chauki Tuhlu Prabhari Rajeev Nahar, Sub-Inspector Shiv Prasad Singh, Constable Pancharam Jagde, Shankar Thakur, Junaid Khan, and Danvir Thakur. Their commitment to maintaining peace and ensuring justice in the community is commendable.

SDMs inspect all Community Hospitals

Bilaspur, Oct 31: In response to the directives from Collector Avanish Sharan, Sub-Divisional Magistrates (SDMs) carried out unannounced inspections of Community Health Centers (CHCs) within their respective areas today. The objective was to evaluate the hospitals' operations and provide guidance for enhancing patient care and the welfare of rural communities. The hospital management received instructions to ensure compassionate and respectful patient treatment.



SDM Bilha, Hariom Dwivedi, conducted a surprise review of the Bilha Community Health Center, with a particular focus on the utilization of medical equipment and the availability of facilities for patients and the rural populace. Dwivedi issued mandatory guidelines to ensure the strict adherence to duty schedules for doctors and paramedical staff, stressing the

importance of following meal menus. A comprehensive report on the hospital inspection has been submitted to the district administration based on a checklist.

SDM Kota, Amit Sinha, conducted inspections at both the Ratanpur and Kota Community Health Centers, placing a strong emphasis on enhancing cleanliness arrangements. He encouraged the use of online OPD slips and gathered feedback from patients about the quality of care provided. Additionally, Sinha inspected the Pathology Lab and the X-ray registration process. SDM Takhatpur, Suraj Sahu, carried out an

inspection at the Takhatpur Community Health Center, taking action by issuing show-cause notices to doctors and employees found neglecting their responsibilities. The importance of ensuring patient satisfaction during treatment was underscored, and proper disposal of medical waste was emphasized, adhering to established standards.

SDM Masturi, Bajrang Verma, conducted a comprehensive assessment of all wards at the Masturi Community Health Center, subsequently issuing directives for essential improvements aimed at enhancing the well-being of patients.

BJP leaders promise positive change for the State

Promise 16 Lakh PM houses in Chhattisgarh

Mungeli, Oct 31:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has pledged that the first action of the BJP government in the state will be to initiate the construction of 16 lakh PM houses. Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya delivered this promise during the BJP's Vijay Sankalp Sammelan at Krishna Sao Ground, attended by BJP candidates and a large gathering of party workers.

Addressing the enthusiastic crowd outside the rest house, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya highlighted that under BJP leadership, the state saw comprehensive development. However, as soon as the Congress came to power, their leaders began filling their pockets, leading to skepticism and apprehen-



sion over investigations by the Enforcement Directorate (ED). Those under ED scrutiny are struggling to secure bail. They are deceiving the farmers by giving false promises of loan waivers and cheating them along with those who buy paddy at Rs. 2500. 21-22 hundred rupees are being given by the Modi Government at the Center and the Congress Government of Chhattisgarh has tried to steal all the applause by adding just a few hundred rupees. Despite promising to combat coal theft and alco-

hol distribution, the Congress government has been delivering liquor door-to-door. In contrast, under BJP's Narendra Modi, India achieved the remarkable feat of reaching the lunar south pole, becoming the first country to do so. The Congress government in the state is not able to build roads, repair potholes, or provide continuous electricity. They are cheating the farmers and renege on their promises. There is no cow in Gauthan, no fodder for cattle. Youth are not getting jobs, and they have de-

ceived the unemployed by promising unemployment allowances while ignoring the rights of labour laws. Arun Sao appealed to make BJP victorious in Mungeli and Lormi.

Candidate Punnu Lal Mohle from Mungeli pointed out that during the BJP's rule, the state witnessed the establishment of new districts, stadiums, district hospitals, polytechnic colleges, ITI colleges, and extensive road and bridge construction in villages. He criticized the Bhupesh Baghel government for halting Chhattisgarh's development.

MLA and candidate Bilha Vidhaya and candidate Dharamlal Kaushik enumerated the achievements of the central BJP government and labeled the Baghel government as a failure. The people have resolved to remove the destructive Baghel government, and they anticipate a BJP victory in the state on December 3.

Grand celebration marks Saint Shri Vidyasagar's 77th incarnation day

Unity and devotion shine at Dongargarh's Jain community event

Dongargarh, Oct 31:

The Dongargarh Jain community came together in joyous celebration of the 77th Incarnation Day of the revered Jain saint, Acharya Shri 108 Vidyasagar Ji Mumraj, observed on October 28th on the occasion of Sharad Punima. The event, held in collaboration with the Kameri Jain Temple, the Women's Association, the Youth Association, and various community segments, showcased unity, devotion, and cultural richness. The day commenced with a grand morning ceremony featuring a sacred Abhishek (ritual bath), serene prayers, worship, and recitation of the Acharya Chhattisi Vidhan. Devotees gathered in large numbers to pay homage to the saint and seek his blessings.



In the afternoon, a heartwarming distribution of Kheer-Poori took place in front of Acharya Shri's memorial pillar, symbolizing the spirit of community sharing and harmony. As evening descended, the city came alive with a vibrant procession. This procession, complete with Vidhyadhar's wedding reenactment, elaborately decorated horses and car-

riages, and a musical band parade, captivated the city's spirit. Notably, Sanjay Jain and his wife had the honour of portraying Vidhyadhar's parents during the procession, adding a personal touch to the celebration.

The day's festivities culminated with a grand aarti of Acharya Shri in the temple, followed by a captivating theatrical performance depicting the life and teachings of Vidyasagar.

The event saw participation from various segments of society, with individuals like Jindendra, Deshraj, Khubchand, Hazarilal, Arun, Satish, Prabodh, Pramod, Rahul Rahi, Dharmendra, Dilip, Sanjay, Anuj, Rakesh, Pintu, Nilesh, Rishabh, Prafull, Ankit, Roshan, Rahul, Saurabh, Nilesh, Vijay, Sajal, and many others coming together to celebrate unity, spirituality, and cultural heritage.

Yogi Adityanath to energize BJP's campaign in Dongargaon

UP Chief Minister to boost party's prospects Yogi plans roadshow and rally

Dongargaon, Oct 31: With the Chhattisgarh state assembly elections drawing nearer, the political landscape in the Dongargaon Vidhan Sabha constituency is beginning to heat up. While the electoral buzz here may not have reached its peak yet, rural areas are witnessing a growing political fervour.

As the election date approaches, the campaign season is kicking off with the arrival of star campaigners in various constituencies. In a significant development, it has been revealed that Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi



Adityanath will be visiting Dongargaon to boost the BJP candidate's chances. Neelu Sharma, the campaign manager for the BJP candidate, shared that preliminary information about Yogi Adityanath's visit has been received, and preparations are in full swing. Initially, news of a

public rally was circulating, but now, it has been confirmed that Yogi Adityanath will conduct a roadshow and a brief meeting during his visit, with preparations already underway for these events.

Sharma stated that Yogi Adityanath is expected to arrive around November 2nd, accompanied by several senior leaders and officials from the state. Considering the expansive nature of the Dongargaon Vidhan Sabha constituency, plans have been finalized for two star campaigners' programs, set to take place in LB Nagar. Official details of these events will be released shortly, raising hopes for an exciting and dynamic campaign in the region.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all General Public that Shri Dipendra Kumar Dahire S/o Shri Pancharam Dahire R/o Kashiram Nagar Talabasha, Raipur, Tehsil & Dist Raipur C.G. is owner of Property Divided Residential Land No. 101392, situated at Jora, P.H. No. 1024368, RIC Raipur 3, Tehsil & Dist Raipur C.G. Total Area 0.1040 hect or 1500 sq ft, which he had purchased from its Owner Shri Ramprasad Kosariya S/o Late Shri Kanhaiya Lal Kosariya R/o Gunawara Road, Shop No. 101392, Raipur, Tehsil & Dist Raipur C.G. by Registered Sale Deed registered at the office of Sub-Registrar, Raipur vide Book No. A-1, Ganti No. 4815 as Serial No. 7175 (K) on Pages 30 to 31 on 31-03-2010.

That after purchase of the above said Property he had obtained the Previous Original Title Deed in the name of Shri Ramprasad Kosariya S/o Late Shri Kanhaiya Lal Kosariya R/o Gunawara Road, Shop No. 101392, Raipur, Tehsil & Dist Raipur C.G. by Registered Sale Deed registered at the office of Sub-Registrar, Raipur vide Book No. A-1, Ganti No. 4815 as Serial No. 7175 (K) on Pages 30 to 31 on 31-03-2010.

That by virtue of this General Public Notice, it is hereby assigned to General Public, Person individual, Banks, Financial Institutions, Societies, Banks, Corporations, Authorities that he haven't issued above said Past Previous Original Sale Deed anywhere & not mortgaged above said Property to any General Public, Person individual, Banks, Financial Institutions, Societies, Banks, Corporations, Authorities. It is also informed that if said Previous Original Sale Deed is held hostage etc. by any person, monopolistic institution or body then he himself will be responsible for consequences thereof, in future for any such transaction my party or their legal heirs or their future transferees will not be held responsible.

That Shri Dipendra Kumar Dahire is taking advance/loan facility & going to mortgage above said Property to State Bank of India, Raipur C.G. If anyone has any claim objection in Mortgage above said Property, can object in writing within 07 days from date of publication of this General Notice with relevant proofs & compatible documents supporting claim, at my office. After that my client will not be liable to any such objection & will be free to Mortgage above said Property.

Raipur C.G. Nitin Kedia Advocate
Date 30-10-2023
Shop No. GFS 62, Bhakti Mata Karma Parisar RDA Building, New Rajendra Nagar, Raipur, (C.G.)
Cell No. 9993238853, 9425515881

NAME CHANGE

It is inform to the general public that I SAIK KHAN S/o SAMSUDDIN resident of Quarter No. 4/H, CV, Camp-1, Bhlai, Teh. & Distt. Durg (C.G.) have changed my old name SAIK KHAN S/o SAMSUDDIN in future I should be recognized by my new name that is MOHAMMAD SAIK KHAN S/o SAMSUDDIN in all government and other document.

MOHAMMAD SAIK KHAN
Quarter No. 4/H, CV, Camp-1, Bhlai, Teh. & Distt. Durg (C.G.)

AFFIDAVIT

NEELAM KUMARI WIFE OF NO 14844503 HAV/MT CHANDAN KUMAR RESIDING AT VILL-KABIRPUR, POST OFFICE - AGANI, POLICE STATION - BELAGANJ DIST / TEH - GAYA STATE - BIHAR - 804403 CHANGED NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH. NAME FROM NILAM DEVITO NEELAM KUMARI AND DATE OF BIRTH 01 JULY 1984 TO 02 FEB 1986.

Signature of Deponent

अपराधिक मामलो के बारे में घोषणा

(संघ 2011 की विट याचिका सिविल सं. 536 पब्लिक इंटररेस्ट फाउंडेशन एवं अन्य बनाम भारत संघ एवं अन्य में माननीय उच्चतम न्यायालय के दिनांक 25 सितंबर 2018 के निर्णय के अनुसार)

अभ्यर्थी का नाम एवं पता:- मन्तराम पवार म.न. 172 / सी बैक कालोनी पश्चांचुर तहसील पश्चांचुर जिला काकर (छ.ग.)

राजनीतिक दल का नाम:- निर्दलीय

निर्वाचन का नाम:- छत्तीसगढ़ विधानसभा 2023

निर्वाचन क्षेत्र का नाम:- 79 विधानसभा अंतागढ़ (अ.ज.जा.) छत्तीसगढ़

मैं मन्तराम पवार अभ्यर्थी का नाम उम्मीदवार निर्वाचन के लिये अभ्यर्थी सार्वजनिक सूचना हेतु अपने आपराधिक पूर्ववृत्त के बारे में निम्नलिखित विवरणों को घोषणा करता / करती हूँ।

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PUBLIC NOTICE FORM NO. URC. 2

Advertisement giving notice about registration under Part I of Chapter XXI [Pursuant to section 374(b) of the companies Act, 2013 and rule 4(1) of the companies (Authorized to Register) Rules, 2014].

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application has been made to the Central Registration Centre that a partnership firm may be registered under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Companies Act 2013, as a company limited by shares. The principal objects of the company are as follows:

- To carry on the business of manufacture, produce, process, trade and deal in all types of foodgrains & agriculture products including wheat products, rice & rice products, paddy and all kinds of cereals.
- To carry on the business of flour mill, rice mill or any other mill to manufacture, produce, sell and trade in wheat products i.e. atta, maida, suji & allied products and food products including tea, dryfruits, pulses, rice, wheat, gram, sugar, oil whether edible or inedible, cereals, kirana items, dal, besan and other allied products & by products and all kind of products therefrom.
- To carry on the business of grain merchants in India & abroad as importer, exporter, trader, agent, dealer of agro-indentors, commodities and food products of items referred above.

A copy of the draft memorandum and articles of association of the proposed company may be inspected at the office at C/o Shradha Agro Industries, Sankra Road, Somni-Rajnandgaon (C.G.).

Notice is hereby given that any person objecting to this application may communicate their objection in writing to the Central Registration Centre at Plot No. 6, 7, 8, Sector 5, IMT Manesar, Gurgaon (Haryana) - 122050, within twenty one days from the date of publication of this notice, with a copy to the firm at its office.

For, Shradha Agro Industries
Narendra Kumar Chopra
Partner

Dated this 1st day of November 2023

POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of INDIABULLS COMMERCIAL CREDIT LIMITED (CIN:U65923DL2006PLC150632) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated 23.08.2023 calling upon the Borrower(s) MANISH KUMAR SONI PROPRIETOR FITNESS PLAZA, SHALINI SONI PROPRIETOR MARUTI ENTERPRISES, SANDEEP SONI, PRAFULL KUMAR SONI, RAVINDRA KUMAR SONI AND MARUTI ENTERPRISES (THROUGH ITS PROPRIETOR SHALINI SONI) to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being Rs. 1,04,44,725.64/- (Rupees One Crore Four Lakh Forty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Five and Paise Sixty Four only) against Loan Account No. HLLARPR00507831 as on 21.08.2023 and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

The Borrower(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of INDIABULLS COMMERCIAL CREDIT LIMITED for an amount of Rs. 1,04,44,725.64/- (Rupees One Crore Four Lakh Forty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Five and Paise Sixty Four only) as on 21.08.2023 and interest thereon.

The Borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (5) of Section 13 of the Act in respect of time available, to redeem the Secured Assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE PROPERTY BEING PLOT NO. 7, ADMEASURING 216 SQ. MTRS. SITUATED AT BLOCK 7, MOTILAL NEHRU NAGAR (EAST) AWASIA YOJNA, KOSA NAGAR WARD NO. 02, OPPOSITE PRIYADARSHINI PARISAR, WITHIN SPECIAL AREA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BHLAI DURG, RNM TAHSIL AND DIST. DURG - 491001, CHHATTISGARH

BOUNDED BY:-
NORTH :- ROAD 16MTR WIDE EAST :- PLOT NO. 8
SOUTH :- PLOT NO. 4 WEST :- PLOT NO. 6

Date: 28.10.2023
Place: DURG

Authorized officer
INDIABULLS COMMERCIAL CREDIT LIMITED

Authorised Officer
For Manappuram Finance Ltd.

RSS celebrates Vijayadashami festival

Kurud, Oct 31:

Vijayadashami festival was celebrated by Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh section Kurud at Vivekananda Indoor Stadium Kurud, with a procession being carried out by uniformed volunteers. The procession passed through Vivekananda Indoor Stadium via Kargil Chowk, Sarojini Chowk, Old Bazaar Chowk, Gandhi Chowk, Thana Chowk, Old Mandi Chowk, Shankar Nagar, Bypass Chowk and Tehsil Chowk. The procession was welcomed by distinguished citizens and community heads of the city by showering flowers at the intersections. After the flag hoisting in the indoor stadium, a program of danda, pad vinyasa, asanas, exercise, yoga and gong playing was organized. After this,



collective songs, Amrit Vachan, Subhashit were read and then the guests present on the stage were introduced through the section Karyavah. The main speaker in this pro-

gram was Shantiswaroop Dubey, Head of Provincial College Affairs and it was presided over by Block President of Satnami Samaj, Ashok Banjare. The main speaker, while talk-

ing about the Vijayadashami festival and the Sangh Foundation Day, said that the founder of the Sangh, Dr. Hedgewar, gave education to 5-7 children and while playing games together, they established a Sangh branch and the same child volunteers grew up and went to other states to study and expanded the work of the Sangh in the entire country, which has become worldwide today. He further said that the culture and traditions of the country have survived today only as a result of the 98 years of penance from the anti-national forces and Hindus.

On this occasion, District Saha Sanghchalak Jitendra Yadu, Block Chahal Keshav Chandrakar, Saha Sanghchalak Bhagirathi Sahu, District Karvaha Dhaneshwar Nirmalkar,

Co-Kaharvaha Sunil Yadu and Rahul Jain, District Pracharak Manoj Kashyap, District Main Road Chief Nemichand Bais, Environment Chief Bhedu Prasad Sahu, Publicity Chief Nilesh Raja, Service Chief Dugesh Sahu, Block Physical Head Som Prakash Nishad, Dharmtari Nagar Sanghchalak Ram Lakhan Gajendra, City Executive Gaurav Magar, Block Intellectual Head Jitendra Nirmalkar, Malak Ram Sahu, Shishupal Patel, Bhagirathi Bhargava, Bhupendra Sahu, Krishnakant Sahu, Bhushan Dewangan Santosh Chandrakar, Tukeshwar Padumwar, Keshav Verma, Durgesh Yadav, Kundan Sahu, Bhuneshwar Sahu and a large number of volunteers, distinguished citizens and Matri Shakti were present.

Paddy harvesting continues in full bloom

Anwari, Oct 31:



Harvesting of paddy planted as Kharif crop is going on in the region and farmers can be seen harvesting paddy in the villages. As the fast maturing variety of paddy is ready to ripen, most of the farmers have harvested the paddy and those whose crops are getting ready late, such farmers are busy collecting the produce. For better production in most of the fields, early variety paddy plants like IR 64, 1001 and Sarna were planted. Apart from the wards adjacent to Anwari zone, the surrounding villages include Bhainsbod, Joratarai, Koliyari, Purena, Khapri, Sirve, Kumhari, Bhedsar, Singdehi, Bhakhara, Bhattheli, Kosmarra,

Sihad, Thuha, Bangoli, Navagaon, Banjari, Bagaud, Jarvaidih and other villages, harvesting has started for most of the farmers. Many farmers are waiting for the fields to dry up so that they can harvest the paddy crop as soon as possible with the help of harvester machines. Farmers Ravikumara, Krishnakumar, Lakshminarayan Yadav and other farmers of village Bhaisbod say that this year the paddy yield is expected to be good due to good weather.

Rashi Mahilang campaigning for Rashmi Chandrakar



Mahasamund, Oct 31:

Mahasamund Municipality President Rashi Tribhuvan Mahilang is campaigning

in every village of the assembly constituency with Rashmi Chandrakar and Congress workers to ensure the victory of Mahasamund Assembly's

Congress candidate Dr. Rashmi Chandrakar. Mahilang campaigned extensively in various villages of the area including Jhalaap, Turidih, Gongal, Turenga Chilpavan and appealed to the voters to form Congress government again in Chhattisgarh along with Rashmi. She told the voters that what Dr. Raman Singh of BJP could not do in Chhattisgarh in 15 years, Bhupesh Baghel did it in 5 years after the formation of Congress government. A large number of Congress workers accompanied him in the campaign.

Show cause notice to secretary for negligence in work

Manendragarh, Oct 31:

As per the instructions of Collector and District Election Officer Narendra Dugga, orders and instructions were repeatedly received verbally and in writing to strengthen the basic facilities in the polling stations of the district. Despite this, Gram Panchayat Secretary Ram Sundar Tandia was reportedly showing indifference and carelessness in important work like elections. Under the Assembly Elections 2023, the District CEO conducted a surprise inspection

at polling station number 224 Bairagi Gram Panchayat Tarabakra of Assembly Constituency No. 01 Bharatpur-Sonhat, in which the District CEO has issued a show cause notice due to irregularities and negligence in the work by the Village Secretary. The Secretary has been asked to submit the reply within 02 days by completing the arrangements of basic facilities like shade, water, toilet for use, electricity, furniture and wheel chair etc. in polling station number 224 Bairagi Gram Panchayat Tarabakra.

Police seized Rs 44 lakh worth of illegal firecrackers

Korba, Oct 31:



In a swift move ahead of the 2023 assembly elections, the Superintendent of Police in Korba District has instructed all police stations and posts to crack down on illegal activities, particularly those involving explosive substances. A joint team comprising members from the Cyber Cell of Korba district, Civil Line Rampur, and Manikpur achieved significant success in their mission on October 30.

The police received a tip-off about Amritlal Gupta illegally storing firecrackers for himself and his as-

sociates in the residential area of Dadarkhurd Housing Board Colony. This raised concerns about the safety of the common citizens, prompting the police to take immediate action. They formed a joint team and swiftly moved to seize the illegal firecrackers. In a successful operation, the police recovered various firecrackers from different companies worth a staggering Rs. 44.17,298, stashed in three different locations within Dadarkhurd Housing Board Colony. These firecrackers, found in 83 different cartons, were confiscated, and an offense was registered under Section 9 (B) of the Explosives Act.

Training of Micro observers completes

Sukma, Oct 31:

Training of micro observers was completed in the Collectorate meeting room for the upcoming assembly elections and in the same sequence about 65 micro observers participated in the training. General Observer Sanjeev Kumar and Collector and District Election Officer Haris. S explained their role to the observers and tips regarding training were also given to the trainees in the program. In the training, the general observer told the micro observers that it is the responsibility of the micro observers to keep an eye on all the activities at the polling places, they will give feedback related to voting directly to the observers and they have to submit their report on 18 points. They also will have to give information about availability of ramp, water, electricity system, toilet etc. in the polling



booth and it is mandatory to have the presence of Mockpool Micro Observers. The details of identity and documents are being filled carefully in Voter Register 17A and micro observers will also report on this. Micro observers will also submit information in their report whether the voting booth has been properly constructed to ensure secrecy of voting or not and in the training, detailed information about disabled and senior voters was also given. Deputy District Election Officer Praveesh Paikra, RO Srikant Koram and others were present in the training.

Police Memorial Flag Day celebrated with debate competition

Agrasen college pays tribute to police martyrs

Korba, Oct 31:

In a heartfelt tribute to the courageous police martyrs, Agrasen Girls College in Korba organized a thought-provoking debate competition and an intriguing exhibition of police weapons, equipment, and combat vehicles on Police Memorial Flag Day.

Under the guidance of Superintendent of Police Jitendra Shukla, Additional Superintendent of Police Abhishek Verma, and City Superintendent of Police Bhushan Ekka, the event was orchestrated by Reserve Inspector Anathram Paikra, Sub Inspector Arms



Angadhvaj Rathore, and dedicated Jawans of the Reserve Center. This event aimed to honour the memory of the martyrs and shed light on the vital role of the police in nation building.

Thirteen participants engaged in a lively debate, presenting their viewpoints both in favour and against the police's role in nation building. Barkha Nisha Singh secured the first position, followed by Vaishali Aggarwal in second place and Miadan

Khan in third place. These deserving winners were honoured with certificates, medals, and thoughtful gifts, while all participants received certificates and medals for their spirited participation.

The event witnessed the esteemed presence of Principal Dr. Manoj Kumar Jha and distinguished judges Dr. Mohammad Wasim Akram, Dr. Shivkumar Dwivedi, Ms. Anjana Chaudhary, Professor Dr.

Ushi Bala Gupta, Mrs. Kiran Bajpai, and Dr. S.K. Kahar. College students enthusiastically participated in the police program, gaining valuable insights into the weaponry showcased in the police exhibition.

The success of this memorable event was made possible by the dedicated support of Principal Dr. Manoj Kumar Jha and his dedicated staff, who ensured it was a fitting tribute to the heroes in uniform.

13 people submit nominations on last day



Manendragarh, Oct 31:

On the last day of nomination for the Assembly Elections 2023, a total of 07 people submitted nomination forms for the Assembly Constituency Bharatpur-Sonhat (01). Phoolmati from Samajwadi Party, Santoshi Kol from Chhattisgarhia Party, Sukhwanti from Janata Congress Chhattisgarh (J), Lalla Baiga from Gana Suraksha Party and Jai Singh Paikra, Shubhasharan and Mrs. Shimla as independents have filed nominations. A total of 10 candidates have submitted 15 nomination papers for Assembly Constituency Number 01.

Bharatpur-Sonhat. Similarly, 06 people submitted nomination papers for assembly constituency number 02 Manendragarh, in which Ayodhya Prasad Virganth filed nomination from Chhattisgarh Party, Om Prakash Ahirwar from People's Party of India (Democratic), Mrs. Aruna Panika from Gana Suraksha Party, Sheikh Smile and Laxman Singh Uday from Gondwana Gantantra Party and Mrs. Sunita Verma filed nomination as Independent candidate. Meanwhile a total of 11 candidates have filed 14 nominations in Assembly Constituency Number 01.

60 Sangwari polling stations to be built

Bilaspur, Oct 31:

Continuous efforts are being made by the Election Commission of India to make the Assembly General Election-2023 more inclusive and participatory for all citizens including women, disabled and youth.

To promote women empowerment in elections, 60 Sangwari polling stations will be built in the district and ten Sangwari polling stations each will be built in all the assembly constituencies of the district including Kota, Bilha, Masturi, Takhatpur, Beltara and Bilaspur. The polling team and security forces and other staff in these polling stations will be women force and similarly, 5 model polling centers will be made in every assembly constituency in

the district. A total of 6 disabled managed polling centers will be created in each assembly constituency, one youth managed polling center in each assembly constituency. Collector and District Election Officer Avnish Sharan said that at Sangwari polling stations only women will be the presiding officers and other tasks related to voting will be performed. The responsibility of security arrangements at these polling stations will be handed over to the Women Security Force. Sangwari polling stations will be set up in both rural and urban areas and in the first phase, about 3000 women employees have been trained. Out of Sangwari polling stations, 5 polling stations will be equipped and made into ideal polling stations.

56 candidates file nomination for district's three assembly seats

Bemetara, Oct 31:

A total of 56 candidates have filed their nomination papers for the three assembly constituencies in Bemetara district. The filing process began on October 21, and concluded on Monday, October 30.

In Assembly Constituency 68 Saja, 16 candidates have submitted their nomination papers. The list includes prominent names such as Ishwar Sahu (BJP), Donmandas Dhritalhare (Janata Congress Chhattisgarh), Ravindra Choubey (Indian National Congress), Veer Verma (Aam Aadmi Party), Chandra Kumar Gendre, (Sarvadhama Party), Rajendra Patel, (Johar Chhattisgarh), Kumar Gaikwad (Gan Suraksha

Party), Laxmi Narayan Sahu, (Bharatiya Shakti Chetana Party), Ashok Jain, Om Prakash Chaturvedi, Deepak Kumar Ratre, Nikhilesh Sahu, Mansharam, Satish Singh Rajput, Sunil Kumar, Sanjeev Aggarwal submitted the nomination papers.

Assembly Constituency 69 Bemetara witnessed a substantial participation with 21 candidates submitting their nominations. They include Ashish Chhabra, (Indian National Congress), Deepesh Kumar Sahu (BJP), Sanjeev Aggarwal, Arjun Singh Thakur, Ms. Rukhmani Nishad (Johar Chhattisgarh), Jitendra Naurange, Gopal Kurre, (Baliraja Party), Pramod Kumar Sahu (Aam Aadmi Party), Chandrabhan Sah

(Bharatiya Shakti Chetna Party), Umashankar Yadav (Godwana Ganatantra Party), Darwan Singh Verma, Bahal Singh Verma, (Janata Congress Chhattisgarh), Manmohan Thakur, Birendra Kumar Banjaren (Ambedkarite Party of India), Girdhari Dewangan (Samajwadi Party), Tilbai Sahu (Nationalist Bharat Party), Prashun Shukla, (Azad Janta Party), Bhuneshwar Gun, (Sarva Dharma Party), Sukhdev Tandon, (Rashtriya Jan Sabha Party), Rohit Sinha and Sushil Kosle.

Meanwhile, Assembly Constituency 70 Nawagarh saw 19 candidates stepping up for the electoral race. They include Dayaldas Badhel

(BJP), Guru Rudra Kumar (Indian National Congress), Mrs. Bharti Gandharva (Rashtravadi Bharati Party), Ganishankar Diwakar (Bhakti Sena), Sanat Kumar (Sarvadhama Party), Omprakash Vajpayee (Bahujan Samaj Party), Jitendra Kumar Lahare (Johar Chhattisgarh Party), Bhanupratap Chaturvedi, Kanshiram Bandhey, Rajesh Dhritalhare, Bharat Lal Patle (Samajwad Party), Shesh Narayan Kurre (Janata Congress Chhattisgarh), Nandas Gaikwad, Budharuram, Anjardas Dhritalhare, Deepchand Joshi, Avinash Dhritalhar, Shri Ishwar Das, and Shri Vinayak Panik submitted nomination papers.

Firecracker shop operators to follow safety standards on Diwali

Bilaspur, Oct 31:

During the Diwali festival, shopkeepers who temporarily set up firecracker shops will be required to keep fire extinguishers following the safety standards. Along with this, the District Fire and District Fire Officer, City Army has given them instructions to follow safety standards and instructed to construct shed made of non-flammable material such as iron metal instead of any inflammable material such as cloth, bass, bat, rope etc. In the other instructions, norms of every firecracker shop should be built at a distance of at least three meters from each other on all sides and the use of any type of oil lamp, gas lamp and open electric light for lighting will be prohibited. Display of fireworks will be prohibited within 100 meters of the firecracker shop area and there should be proper lighting arrangement in the firecracker shop premises and in case of emergency, there should be arrangement for emergency lights. The joints of electrical

wires should not be open and every master switch should have a fuse or circuit breaker, so that in case of short circuit the electric flow stops automatically. There should not be any transformer or high tension line near the shop and every firecracker shop should have at least 2 DCP fire extinguishers of 5 kg capacity, 1 filled 200 liter water drum and a bucket filled with sand. Vehicle parking arrangements should be made at a distance of at least 100 meters in the firecracker shop premises. Telephone numbers of emergency services like police control room, fire station and ambulance should be mentioned in the firecracker shop. There should be an open and flat area of 4.5 meters around the pandal for the movement of fire fighting vehicles and this area should be free from all types of inflammable materials. A responsible person from the shop operator's side should always be at the firecracker shop so that in case of any untoward incident, people can be evacuated safely.

Telangana Development Model main election plank for third term with thumping majority: K. Kavitha

Oxford, Oct 31 (PTI):

The Telangana Model of inclusive development has led to prosperity in the state and it will be the main plank with which the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) will contest the upcoming election and win a third term with a "thumping majority", party leader Kalvakuntla Kavitha said during her visit to the University of Oxford.

The 45-year-old BRS MLC was invited to deliver a lecture entitled Exploring Inclusive Development: The 'Telangana Model' at the world-renowned university's Department of Economics on Monday evening. She delved into a series of policies, strategies and initiatives undertaken by her father, Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), since the southern state was founded in June 2014, which helped revive the fortunes of the region and create a "spring-board" for even bigger growth in future.

"The Telangana Model has been a very prosper-



BRS MLC K. Kavitha speaks at the University of Oxford, in Oxford.

ous model, which has helped the people of Telangana to go to the next level in their life standards," K. Kavitha told PTI in an interview on the sidelines of the lecture.

"A very deep-rooted, inclusive development has happened in the state of Telangana. This is a main plank with which we are going to the election," she said.

The leading BRS activist said the people of Telangana had "blessed" the party in the last two terms during which it outperformed their expectations.

"We have delivered many of the promises which we never even made in the manifesto, many of the things that people needed we kept on doing. So, people understand that KCR Garu is their well-wisher, and we believe very strongly that they are going to support us again," she said.

Asked by the predominantly student audience at the event about the party's preparations for the state elections on November 30, she declared: "We are very ready. We are coming back to power for a third time with a thumping majori-

ty." In her address, Kavitha began by tracing Telangana's struggle for statehood which was realised after much hardship when the BRS inherited a state in distress, struggling with a shortage of power, water and revenue in shambles.

She explained: "The Telangana Development Model has been formulated out of a society in distress and duress. To turn that around and to turn it into positive growth, we really needed to harness the natural resources that are available to us; we needed to encourage the human resources that are available to us; we needed to fill them with positivity and that is what we have done."

"In terms of investing very systematically into the programmes that we have conceived, in terms of implementing and making sure it reaches the last mile without any corruption Rs 1,000 sent from the government has to go into the pocket of the person it is conceptualised for; that delivery we made sure happened and that is the Telangana Model."

WHITE HOUSE IS LIT FOR HALLOWEEN



The White House is lit for Halloween before President Joe Biden and first lady Jill Biden give treats to trick-or-treaters on the South Lawn of the White House, on Halloween.

5 killed in attack on police station in Pakistan's Balochistan province

Islamabad, Oct 31 (PTI):

At least five people, including a policeman, were killed and two others injured on Tuesday in an attack on a police station by the militants in Pakistan's restive south-western Balochistan province.

Police said that about 20 militants attacked the Naserabad Police Station in the Turbat area of the volatile province in the early morning. District Police Officer Muhammad Baloch confirmed the attack, saying constables Essa and Hassan tried to engage the attackers but the former was killed while Hassan was overpowered. The attacker took possession of the weapons of the two policemen. The other four killed in the attack were labourers who had come to spend the night at the police station due to fear of attack by the militants after gun-

men had killed six workers in an attack on October 14 in Satellite Town of Turbat.

After the attack, the local authorities had asked the workers coming from outside of the province to stay at police stations during the night until the security situation improved.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attack. Such attacks are carried out by the Baloch nationalists against the poor workers mostly belonging to the neighbouring Punjab province who come to the Balochistan province in search of work. The Baloch extremists allege that the outsiders, especially from the Punjab, steal local jobs and resources and target them. Balochistan caretaker Chief Minister Ali Mardan Khan Domki expressed regret over the deaths, terming the attack "condemnable and intolerable".

Hindu temple in US raided by burglars

New York, Oct 31 (PTI):

A Hindu temple in the US State of California has been raided by burglars who stole a donation box from the premises, leaving the Indian community in a state of shock.

The incident took place on Monday at the Hari Om Radha Krishna Mandir in the Parkway neighbourhood, at about 2:15 a.m., the Sacramento Bee newspaper reported.

The Sacramento Police Department is investigating the burglary at the Hindu Temple.

Police did not disclose what was stolen, but dispatch audio indicated a donation collection box was taken. Dispatchers told people that six suspects were seen on the grounds through surveillance video, including two who were in-

side the temple, when police were called, the report added.

Police said no arrests have been made, but the incident remains under investigation.

Meanwhile, condemning the incident, the US-based advocacy organisation Coalition of Hindus of North America (CoHNA) has asked the Sacramento Police to take this issue very seriously and investigate it as a potential hate crime. "Disturbing news from Sacramento, California where a #HinduTemple has been broken into. We ask @SacPolice to take this issue very seriously and investigate it as a potential hate crime and the violation of a sacred space. Police are asking for public help in identifying the suspects," they posted on X.

Cipher case: Pak court adjourns hearing against Imran Khan, Qureshi until Nov 7

Islamabad, Oct 31 (PTI):

A special court in Pakistan on Tuesday adjourned the hearing of the cipher case until November 7 against jailed former prime minister Imran Khan without recording statements of any of the 10 witnesses.

Khan, 71, was arrested in August after a case was filed against him for disclosing a secret diplomatic cable (cipher) sent by the country's embassy in Washington in March last year. A special court in Pakistan last week indicted him along with his close ally ex-foreign minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi in the case.

Ten witnesses had come to record statements against Khan and co-accused Qureshi in the case. They were brought by the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) which had registered the case against Khan and Qureshi in August for violating the secret laws of the country by allegedly divulging details of the official diplomatic communication.

Judge Abul Hasnat



Zulqarnain, who heard the case, ordered his staff to mark the attendance of the witnesses and the accused. Later, he decided to adjourn the hearing and summoned the witnesses again on November 7.

The hearing was held in the high-security Adiala jail in Rawalpindi where Khan and Qureshi were present with their lawyers. Prosecutor Rizwan Abbasi was also present to lead the government side in the case.

The two accused have pleaded not guilty.

Khan, the chairman of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party, challenged his indictment in the Islamabad High Court (IHC) which rejected his

petition. Chief Justice Aamer Farooq, however, directed that Khan be provided a "fair trial".

The FIA on September 30 filed the charge sheet against Khan and Qureshi who signed its copies.

The FIA invoked in the charge sheet sections 5 and 9 of the Official Secrets Act which may lead to a death sentence, or two to 14 years' imprisonment if convicted.

Khan, who served as prime minister of Pakistan from August 2018 to April 2022, is accused of "misuse the contents of the cipher" to build a narrative that his government was ousted due to a foreign conspiracy hatched by the

US, a charge denied by Washington.

The charge sheet added that Qureshi "aided and abetted" Khan and therefore was liable for the act in the same manner.

Khan and several of his party leaders have been facing numerous cases since the ouster of the party from power in April 2022 and later in the wake of the May 9 violence.

More than 150 cases have been registered against Khan since his ouster from power in April last year. Khan was ousted through a vote of no-confidence in April 2022. He was incarcerated on August 5 this year, after an Islamabad court sentenced him to three years in prison in the Toshakhana case. He was lodged in the Attock District Jail to serve his prison term.

Later, his sentence was suspended by the Islamabad High Court, but then he was arrested in the cipher case and remained in the Attock jail on judicial remand. He was later shifted to Adiala jail.

Cutting-edge AI raises fears about risks to humanity

London, Oct 31 (AP):

Chatbots like ChatGPT wowed the world with their ability to write speeches, plan vacations or hold a conversation as good as or arguably even better than humans do, thanks to cutting-edge artificial intelligence systems. Now, frontier AI has become the latest buzzword as concerns grow that the emerging technology has capabilities that could endanger humanity.

Everyone from the British government to top researchers and even major AI companies themselves are raising the alarm about frontier AI's as-yet-unknown dangers and calling for safeguards to protect people from its existential threats.

The debate comes to a head Wednesday, when British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak hosts a two-day summit focused on frontier AI. It's reportedly expected to draw a group of about 100 officials from 28 countries, including U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris, European



Commissioner Ursula von der Leyen and executives from key U.S. artificial intelligence companies including OpenAI, Google's Deepmind and Anthropic.

The venue is Bletchley Park, a former top secret base for World War II codebreakers led by Alan Turing. The historic estate is seen as the birthplace of modern computing because it is where Turing's team famously cracked Nazi Germany's Enigma code using the world's first digital programmable computer.

In a speech last week, Sunak said only govern-

ments not AI companies can keep people safe from the technology's risks. However, he also noted that the U.K.'s approach "is not to rush to regulate," even as he outlined a host of scary-sounding threats, such as the use of AI to more easily make chemical or biological weapons.

"We need to take this seriously, and we need to start focusing on trying to get ahead of the problem," said Jeff Clune, an associate computer science professor at the University of British Columbia focusing on AI and machine learning.

Clune was among a group of influential researchers who authored a paper last week calling for governments to do more to manage risks from AI. It's the latest in a series of dire warnings from tech moguls like Elon Musk and OpenAI CEO Sam Altman about the rapidly evolving technology and the disparate ways the industry, political leaders and researchers see the path for-

ward when it comes to reining in the risks and regulation.

It's far from certain that AI will wipe out mankind, Clune said, "but it has sufficient risk and chance of occurring. And we need to mobilize society's attention to try to solve it now rather than wait for the worst-case scenario to happen."

One of Sunak's big goals is to find agreement on a communicate about the nature of AI risks. He's also unveiling plans for an AI Safety Institute that will evaluate and test new types of the technology and proposing creation of a global expert panel, inspired by the U.N. climate change panel, to understand AI and draw up a "State of AI Science" report.

The summit reflects the British government's eagerness to host international gatherings to show it has not become isolated and can still lead on the world stage after its departure from the European Union three years ago.

Circle Office, Plot No. A-48, Ring Road No. 2 Gaurav Path, Bilaspur, Ph.: (07752) 432710/729 **E-AUCTION ON (Date: 28.11.2023)**

Sale of Immovable Property/ies Mortgaged to Bank Under SARFAESI Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002)

APPENDIX-IV-A [See proviso to rule 8(6)]

Whereas the Authorized Officer of Punjab National Bank had taken Symbolic/Physical Possession of the following properties pursuant to the notice issued U/13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, in the following loan accounts with right to sell same on 'AS IS WHERE IS', 'AS IS WHAT IS' AND 'WHAT EVER THERE IS BASIS' for realization of Bank's dues plus interest, costs and charges as detailed hereunder and whereas consequent upon failure to repay the dues, by the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Mortgagor, the undersigned in exercise of the powers conferred u/s 13(4) of the said Act proposes to realize the Bank's dues by sale of the immovable properties. The Borrower's / Guarantors' / Mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Last date and time for EMD submission with respect to Properties is 24.11.2023 up to 04:00PM and the e-auction shall be conducted on 28.11.2023 from 12:00PM to 04:00PM.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower & Address/ Branch Name	Co-Borrower/ Guarantor & Mortgagor Name & Address	Detail Address of the Property	Date of Demand / Outstanding Amt./ Nature of Possession	Reserve Price (Rs.) EMD (RS) BID INCREASE
01	1. Surbhi Bio-Fertiliser (Through It's Proprietor Sadhna Singh), Regd. Address: At Village: Mahuda, Champa Road, Tehsil- Champa, District- Jangir Champa (C.G.) 2. Shri Fly Ash Bricks (Through It's Proprietor Sadhna Singh), Regd. Address: At Village: Mahuda, Champa Road, Tehsil- Champa, District- Jangir Champa (C.G.) 3. Surbhi Enterprises (Through It's Proprietor Sadhna Singh), Regd. Address: At Village: Mahuda, Champa Road, Tehsil- Champa, District- Jangir Champa (C.G.)	Mrs. Sadhna Singh (Proprietor-Surbhi Bio-Fertiliser) W/o. Sh. Om Sharan Singh, Mahadev Ghat, Kaser Para, Dist- Jangir Champa (C.G.) 495671 Sh. Om Sharan Singh (Guarantor) S/o. Sh. Jagdish Singh, Mahadev Ghat, Kaser Para, Dist- Jangir Champa (C.G.) 495671	EM of Land KH No. 644 total area 2.30 acres situated at Champa Road, Village : Mahuda, Tehsil: Champa, Dist: Jangir -Champa Standing in the name of Smt. Sadhna Singh W/o Omsharan Singh, Boundaries: East side: Property of Samaru, Ramlal, North side: Property of Rohan, Giridhari, Samaru, West side: Pakka Road, South side : Boundary of Village Kurda.	22.11.2019	₹ 88,00,000 ₹ 92,47,386.77 Symbolic Possession ₹ 8,80,000 ₹ 50,000
			All that part and parcel of the EM of property situated at PH no-22, Kh- 888 and 890, Area- 0.98 Acre, Ia. 42728 sqft at Vill-Karnauda, Tehsil-Champa, District-Jangir Champa in the name of Shri Jagdish Prasad Dansena.	27.05.2022	₹ 33,00,000 ₹ 29,73,647.00 ₹ 3,30,000 ₹ 30,000
			prasad Dansena s/o-Rathulal Dansena, Near club, Rajgamar colony, Shyam nagar, korba-495683. Guarantor- Ajay Dansena s/o-Shri Rattulal Dansena, village-PO-Karnauda, Bamhanindih, Jangir-495660.	Symbolic Possession	₹ 30,000
02	BRANCH-Kawardha (C.G.) M/S Durgeshwar, Gud Udyog, Prop- Pratima Sharma w/o- Mahadev Sharma, Ward no-2, Ram Nagar, PO & Tehsil- Kawardha CG-491995.	Prop./Mortgagor- Pratima Sharma w/o- Mahadev Sharma, Ward no-2, Ram Nagar, PO & Tehsil- Kawardha CG-491995.	Diverted land at Kh. No- 224/8, PH no-24/58, Area- 0.405 hect. RI circle - Charbhattha, Tah- Sahaspur Lohara, dist- Kabirdham CG in the name of Pratima Sharma.	27.11.2018	₹ 14,82,000 ₹ 15,24,934.00 ₹ 1,48,200 ₹ 10,000
03	Branch-Kawardha M/s Manjari Traders, prop-Badli Chandravanshi w/o- Arvind Chandravanshi, R/o- Koshamananda, Jhirouni, Tahsil-Kawardha, Dist- Kabirdham CG-491336	Prop-Badli Chandravanshi w/o- Arvind Chandravanshi, R/O- Near vindhyavasini Mandir, Bohara Road, Kawardha, Kabirdham, CG-491995. Guarantor- Jagdish Chandravanshi S/o- Mayaram Chandravanshi, R/O- Near vindhyavasini Mandir, Bohara Road, Kawardha, Kabirdham, CG-491995.	EOM of diverted commercial land at khasra no-88/3, mouza-koshamanda, PH no- 31, Tahsil-kawardha, Dist-kabirdham,CG, admeasuring 0.615 Hec or 1.52 acre in the name of Lessee M/S Manjari Traders, Prop- Badli Chandravanshi, W/O- Arvind Chandravanshi.	29.06.2021	₹ 14,35,000 ₹ 21,09,062.15 ₹ 1,43,500 ₹ 10,000
04	Branch-Mungeli Lav Kumar Jaiswal s/o Suraj Prasad Jaiswal, Mungeli 495334.	Borrower/Mortgagor- Lav kumar jaiswal s/o suraj prasad jaiswal, H No-179, in front of Bai mandir, Fokatapara, shiwaji ward, mungeli-49534. borrower- pankaj jaiswal s/o lav kumar jaiswal, H No-179, in front of Bai mandir, Fokatapara, shiwaji ward, mungeli-49534. borrower- pradeep kumar jaiswal s/o lav kumar jaiswal, H No-179, in front of Bai mandir, Fokatapara, shiwaji ward, mungeli-49534.	Land & building at kh no 158/2, area 0.024 hect (2746 sqft) situated at Shiwaji Ward Mungeli, PH No- 228, 499.12.2015 RNM- Mungeli, Tah & Dist- Mungeli, standing in the of Lav Kumar Jaiswal. BOUNDRIES- North-nala, South-c road, East-house of lav kumar, West-house of Kripal Jaiswal.	27.05.2021	₹ 34,00,000 ₹ 23,48,222.00 ₹ 3,40,000 ₹ 10,000

Note: Bidders interested for visiting the property can contact the concerned branch personally or over phone / mobile at the numbers provided of bank officials under terms & conditions. Date of visit to property: 23.11.2023 (Within Bank working hour) Contact for property for Authorised Officer, Mo. 99549 44737

Important Note : Bidder has to complete following formalities well in advance : Step1: Bidder/Purchaser Registration: Bidder to register on e-Auction portal (link given above) https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibap/index.jsp using mobile number and email-id. Step 2: KYC Verification: Bidder to upload requisite KYC documents. KYC documents shall be verified by e-auction service provider (may take 2 working days). Step 3: Transfer of EMD amount to his Global EMD Wallet: Online/off-line transfer of fund using NEFT/Transfer, using challan generated on e-Auction portal. Step 1 to Step 3 should be completed by bidder well in advance, before e-Auction date. Note: Interested Bidders needs to make their User ID and Password by own and it will take time of minimum 02 days, therefore, it is requested to the bidder to create his User ID 02 days prior to last date.

Terms & Conditions The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and to the following further conditions: 1. The properties are being sold on 'AS IS WHERE IS BASIS' AND 'AS IS WHAT IS BASIS' AND 'WHAT EVER THERE IS BASIS'. 2. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule here in above have been state to the best of the information of the Authorized officer, but the Authorized Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in his proclamation. 3. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website: https://www.mstcecommerce.com on 28.11.2023. For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer www.ibap.in, www.tenders.gov.in, www.mstcecommerce.com, https://eprocure.gov.in/epublishapp.

Date: 31.10.2023, Place : Bilaspur (C.G.) **Authorized Officer/Punjab National Bank, Secured Creditor**



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Student Visa Reforms Safeguarding Prospective Scholars

In recent months, a pressing issue has cast a shadow over Canada's reputation as a welcoming destination for international students. The Canadian government's proactive stance to combat fraud within the student visa system reflects the urgency of the matter at hand. While this move might appear stringent, it's fundamentally aimed at preserving the integrity of Canada's education sector and ensuring the welfare of those who come seeking knowledge and opportunities. The incident that prompted these reforms was a sobering wake-up call. A group of students from India, predominantly hailing from Punjab, found themselves facing the harsh reality of deportation. The reason? Their college admission letters were discovered to be counterfeit, a deceptive play orchestrated by an agent of a Jalandhar-based counseling firm. This unfortunate episode underscores the critical need for more robust measures in the student visa application process. Beginning in December, Canada's immigration department will roll out an enhanced system for processing study permits. Under this new framework, admission letters will be directly verified with institutions, acting as a bulwark against fraudulent representation. This move is not just about tightening the screws; it's about ensuring the credibility and reliability of Canada's education system. In parallel, it is imperative that India, too, takes a proactive stance in tightening controls on travel agents and counselling firms. The symbiotic relationship between Indian students and Canadian institutions is crucial. International education is not just a feather in Canada's cap; it is a substantial contributor to the Canadian economy, injecting a staggering \$22 billion annually. Therefore, it is in the interest of both nations to foster a transparent, fraud-free environment for prospective scholars. The reforms extend beyond fraud prevention. They aim to incentivize universities and colleges to elevate their standards across various facets of education, from services to support and ultimately, academic outcomes. Those institutions that meet and exceed these standards will be accorded priority when it comes to granting student visas. This approach encourages a race to the top, ensuring that students receive a high-quality education that equips them for success. Critics argue that the rapid influx of foreign students places undue pressure on Canada's housing sector and labor market. It's a valid concern that necessitates a balanced approach. The Canadian government's review of the postgraduate work permit program underscores its commitment to aligning student immigration with the needs of the labor market. After all, the purpose of international education should not be to strain resources but to enrich the Canadian society and workforce. The statistics speak volumes about the growing attraction of Canada as an educational destination. Over the past decade, the number of foreign students has tripled, surpassing the eight-lakh mark. These students, on average, pay tuition fees five times higher than their Canadian counterparts, making them a significant source of funding for educational institutions. While this financial influx is crucial, it also opens the door to exploitation. Many foreign students view college admissions in Canada as a stepping stone to permanent residency. Private colleges and immigration consultants have seized this opportunity for profit, leading to the proliferation of makeshift institutions. The risk of fraud, exorbitant fees for visa arrangements, and the challenging living conditions in Canada haven't deterred these aspirants. This phenomenon reflects the stark reality of limited academic and employment prospects in their home countries.

India's Prudent Diplomacy

Yash Pal Ralhan

In today's complex global landscape, India's foreign policy decisions are under scrutiny. The abstention by India in a UN vote regarding the Israel-Hamas conflict has raised questions about the nation's stance on critical international issues. The United Nations, an organization established with the noble aim of fostering global peace and cooperation, recently faced a daunting task: addressing the Israel-Hamas conflict. The resolution for an immediate humanitarian truce was passed with an overwhelming majority, but the abstentions cast a shadow over the effectiveness of such actions. India, among the 45 countries that abstained from the vote, called for the unconditional release of Israeli hostages and expressed concerns about the humanitarian crisis. While India's commitment to humanitarian values is commendable, the abstention without a clear stance leaves room for interpretation. The UN, often regarded as a beacon of hope for conflict resolution, is facing growing challenges. The Security Council's perpetual deadlock and the widening divide among its permanent members underline the urgency of reform. In a world grappling with crises, the UN's inability to provide effective solutions is disappointing. India's abstention, while justified by its concerns for civilian lives and regional stability, should prompt introspection. As a nation that aspires to be a "Vishwa Guru" - a global leader - it is essential that our foreign policy aligns with our moral principles. India has long maintained solidarity with Palestine, but this abstention raises questions about the consistency of our West Asia policy. It is crucial that India's foreign policy remains steadfast and unwavering, guided by human values. The UN resolution condemned all acts of violence and called for adherence to international humanitarian laws. It emphasized the need for a just and lasting solution to the Israel-Palestine conflict. While India's intention to have Hamas specifically mentioned is understandable, a more explicit stance on the resolution itself could have been clearer. It is imperative for India to review its foreign policy decisions in line with its core values. Deviating from the established path warrants a reevaluation. In a world seeking stability and peace, India's role as a responsible global player cannot be undermined. "India's Prudent Diplomacy" calls for a balanced approach that upholds our moral standards while maintaining our commitment to global peace. The world looks to us for leadership, and our foreign policy must reflect the values we hold dear. In the face of international complexities, India's diplomatic choices carry significant weight. Let us ensure that our actions align with our ideals, setting an example for the world to follow.

(The views and opinions expressed in this article are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of the newspaper.)

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RASHTRIYA EKTA DIWAS



CRPF personnel show their skills during the 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' parade, in Kevadia, Gujarat, Tuesday, Oct. 31.

Breaking the Sedentary Cycle

22 Minutes of Daily Exercise can Reduce Health Risks

MATTHEW AHMADI



People in developed countries spend an average of nine to ten hours a day sitting. Whether it's spending time in front of a computer, stuck in traffic, or unwinding in front of the TV, our lives have become increasingly sedentary. This is concerning because prolonged time spent sitting is linked to a number of health issues including obesity, heart disease, and certain types of cancers. These health issues can contribute to earlier death. But a new study suggests that for people over 50, getting just 22 minutes of exercise a day can lower the increased risk of premature death from a highly sedentary lifestyle.

What the researchers did

The team combined data from two studies from Norway, one from Sweden and one from the United States. The studies

included about 12,000 people aged 50 or older who wore wearable devices to track how active and sedentary they were during their daily routines.

Participants were followed up for at least two years (the median was 5.2 years) during the study period, which spanned 2003-2020.

Analyses took several lifestyle and health factors into account, such as education, alcohol intake, smoking status, and previous history of heart disease, cancer and diabetes. All this data was linked to national death registries.

A 22 minute threshold

A total of 805 participants died during follow up. The researchers found people who were sedentary for more than 12 hours a day had the highest risk of death (a 38% higher risk than people who were sedentary for eight hours).

However, this was only observed in those who did less than 22 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity daily. So for people who did more than 22 minutes of exercise, there was no longer a significantly heightened risk that is, the risk became generally similar to those who were sedentary for eight hours.

Higher daily duration of physical activity was consistently associated with lower risk of death, regardless of total sedentary time. For example, the team reported an additional ten minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity each day could lower mortality risk by up to 15% for people who were sedentary less than 10.5 hours a day. For those considered highly sedentary (10.5 hours a day or more), an additional ten minutes lowered mortality risk by up to 35%.

The study had some limitations. The team couldn't assess how changes in physical activity or sedentary time over several months or years may affect risk of death. And the study included only participants aged 50 and above, making results less applicable to younger age groups. Further, cultural and lifestyle differences between countries may have influenced how data between studies was measured and analysed. Ultimately, because this study was observational, we can't draw conclusions on cause and effect with certainty. But the results of this research align with a growing body of evidence exploring the relationship between physical activity, sedentary time, and death.

It's positive news

Research has previously suggested physical activity may offset health risks associated with high sedentary time.

The good news is, even short bouts of exercise can have these positive effects. In this study, the 22 minutes wasn't necessarily done all at once. It was a total of the physical activity someone did in a day, and would have included incidental exercise (activity that's part of a daily routine, such as climbing the stairs).

Several studies using wearable devices have found short bursts of high-intensity everyday activities such as stair climbing or energetic outdoor home maintenance activities such as mowing the lawn or cleaning the windows can lower mortality, heart disease and cancer risk.

Routines such as desk jobs can foster a sedentary lifestyle that may be difficult to shift. But mixing short bursts of activity into our day can make a significant difference towards improving our health and longevity.

Whether it's a brisk walk during lunch, taking the stairs, or even a short at-home workout, this study is yet another to suggest that every minute counts.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ink and Impact

Though K. Shankar Pillai used to routinely criticise the policy decisions steps of Indira Gandhi as well through his cartoons; yet, far from harboring antipathy towards him, she was on excellent terms with Shankar. When his magazine "Shankar's Weekly" had to fold due to financial hardships, Indira Gandhi (in the Emergency period) wrote to Shankar -- "I learnt a few days ago about your decision to stop Shankar's Weekly.... You are the best judge. We shall miss the journal". Would Shankar have been appreciated and honoured to such a respectable extent had he been alive today and dared to take on the high and mighty. Surely today's cartoonists would provide the best answer.

Kajal Chatterjee, Kolkata

Pollution's Toll

A recent University of Bergen study suggests that air pollution, particularly in areas with less greenery, adversely impacts fetal development. The study examined regions with varying levels of green cover and found a concerning correlation: expectant mothers exposed to higher air pollution levels tended to give birth to smaller infants compared to those in greener surroundings. Advocacy for stricter Clean Air Acts is crucial to protect future generations from this alarming trend.

Arka Goswami, Durgapur

China's Persistent Expansionism

China has long pursued an expansionist agenda, a trend that has gained momentum under the current leader, Xi Jinping, driven by aggressive nationalism. In 2017, India thwarted China's plans to build a road near the Siliguri Corridor. However, the recent China-Bhutan agreement raises concerns about China's potential control over Doklam, threatening India's strategic interests. India must remain vigilant regarding the China-Bhutan alliance and take proactive steps to ensure Bhutan doesn't fall into China's influence. The need for diplomatic engagement with Bhutan to safeguard mutual interests is of paramount importance.

Shiv Kumar Mishra, Raipur

Finding Quality Sleep: Effective Treatments for Chronic Insomnia

Jen Walsh

Do you have difficulty falling asleep? Do you stay awake for a long time at night? Do these sleep problems make you feel fatigued, strung-out, or exhausted during the day? Has this been happening for months?

If so, you're not alone. About 12-15% of Australian adults have chronic insomnia.

You might have tried breathing exercises, calming music, white noise, going to bed in a dark and quiet bedroom, eating different foods in the evening, maintaining a regular sleep pattern, or reducing caffeine. But after three to four weeks of what seems like progress, your insomnia returns. What next?

What not to do

These probably won't help: spending more time in bed often results in more time spent awake in bed, which can make insomnia patterns worse - drinking coffee and taking naps might help get you through the day. But caffeine stays in the system for many hours, and can disrupt our sleep if you drink too much of it, especially after about 2pm. If naps last for more than 30 minutes, or occur after about 4pm, this

can reduce your "sleep debt", and can make it more difficult to fall asleep in the evening - drinking alcohol might help you fall asleep quicker, but can cause more frequent awakenings, change how long you sleep, change the time spent in different "stages" of sleep, and reduce the overall quality of sleep. Therefore, it is not recommended as a sleep aid.

What to do next?

If your symptoms have lasted more than one or two months, it is likely your insomnia requires targeted treatments that focus on sleep patterns and behaviours.

So, the next stage is a type of non-drug therapy known as cognitive behavioural therapy for insomnia (or CBTi for short). This is a four to eight week treatment that's been shown to be more effective than sleeping pills.

It involves education about sleep, and offers psychological and behavioural treatments that address the underlying causes of long-term insomnia.

You can do this one-on-one, in a small group with health professionals trained in CBTi, or via self-guided online programmes.

Some GPs are trained to offer CBTi, but it's more usual

for specialist sleep psychologists to offer it. Your GP can refer you to one. There are some Medicare rebates to subsidise the cost of treatment. But many psychologists will also charge a gap fee above the Medicare subsidy, making access to CBTi a challenge for some.

About 70-80% of people with insomnia sleep better after CBTi, with improvements lasting at least a year.

What if that doesn't work?

If CBTi doesn't work for you, your GP might be able to refer you to a specialist sleep doctor to see if other sleep disorders, such as obstructive sleep apnoea, are contributing to your insomnia.

It can also be important to manage any mental health problems such as depression and anxiety, as well as physical symptoms such as pain that can also disrupt sleep.

Some lifestyle and work factors, such as shift-work, might also require management by a specialist sleep doctor.

What about sleeping pills?

Sleeping pills are not the recommended first-line way to manage insomnia. However, they do have a role in providing short-term, rapid relief from insomnia symptoms or when CBTi is not ac-

cessible or successful.

Traditionally, medications such as benzodiazepines (for example, temazepam) and benzodiazepine receptor agonists (for example, zolpidem) have been used to help people sleep.

However, these can have side-effects including a risk of falls, being impaired the next day, as well as tolerance and dependence.

Melatonin either prescribed or available from pharmacies for people aged 55 and over is also often used to manage insomnia. But the evidence suggests it has limited benefits.

Are there new treatments?

How about medicinal cannabis?

Two newer drugs, known as "orexin receptor antagonists", are available in Australia (suvorexant and lemborexant).

These block the wake-promoting pathways in the brain. Early data suggests they are effective in improving sleep, and have lower risk of potential side-effects, tolerance and dependence compared with earlier medicines.

However, we don't know if they work or are safe over the long term.

Medicinal cannabis has only in recent years been

studied as a treatment for insomnia.

In an Australian survey, more than half of people using medicinal cannabis said they used it to treat insomnia. There are reports of significant benefit.

But of the four most robust studies so far, only one (led by one of us, Jen Walsh) has demonstrated an improvement in insomnia after two weeks of treatment.

So we need to learn more about which cannabinoids for example, delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol, cannabidiol or cannabivone and which doses may be beneficial. We also need to learn who can benefit most, and whether these are safe and effective over the long term.

What now?

If you've had trouble sleeping for a short time (under about a month) and nothing you try is working, there may be underlying reasons for your insomnia, which when treated, can provide some relief. Your GP can help identify and manage these. Your GP can also help you access other treatments if your insomnia is more long term. This may involve non-drug therapies and/or referral to other services or doctors.

BRIEF

Sugarcane prices



Chandigarh: Haryana Agriculture Minister J P Dalal on Monday said that the state government will increase sugarcane prices and soon a decision in favour of cane farmers will be taken. The government will increase the prices of sugarcane. A decision will be made in the coming days after the approval of Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, Dalal said, according to an official statement. He was speaking after chairing the meeting of the Sugarcane Control Board here. Dalal said that sugarcane prices have always been the highest in the country in Haryana.

Appointment



New Delhi: BHEL's board approved the induction of Koppu Sadashiv Murthy as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the company. On May 23, BHEL said it received a communication from Ministry of Heavy Industries, informing that the Appointment Committee of Cabinet (ACC) has approved Murthy's appointment as the CMD. The official at present is an Executive Director in the company.

Expansion

New Delhi: Air India said it has ramped up its domestic and international distribution networks with extended multi-year agreements with global distribution systems partners Amadeus, Sabre and Travelport. "The deals together enable travel agents, resellers, and corporations around the world to access Air India's seat inventory and fares. Air India's new expanded agreements with the GDS partners now include the delivery of New Distribution Capability (NDC) products that provide travellers benefits such as personalised pricing, attractive fare bundles, and new ancillaries," it said in a release.

RBI 'closely' watching high attrition at some private banks: Das

Mumbai, Oct 31:



RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das on Tuesday said attrition is seen to be high at some private sector banks and that the central bank is watching the issue "closely". Speaking at the annual BFSI Insight Summit organised by Business Standard, Das said the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is looking at the issue as part of the regulatory supervision efforts. In the comments that come amid some major banks reporting attrition rates of over 30 per cent, Das said every bank has to build a core team to take care of such issues.

He also said that the career outlook of youngsters has changed with regard

to job switching and added that the youth is "thinking differently" on the aspect now. According to Das, the growth momentum in the economy continues to be strong, and that the GDP number for the second quarter will surprise everyone on the upside. He said that geopolitical uncertainty is the biggest risk to global growth but was quick to add that India is better placed to

deal with any potentially risky situation.

The credit growth to industry decelerated in September while it improved in case of agriculture and services sectors, showed a Reserve Bank data released on Tuesday. Personal loan growth too decelerated to 18.2 per cent year-on-year in September 2023 (19.4 per cent a year ago), due to moderation in credit growth to housing, the central bank said.

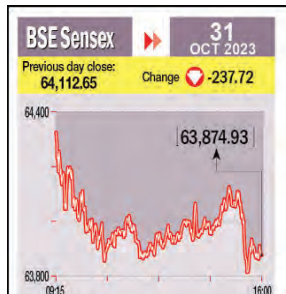
The credit to industry grew 6.5 per cent (y-o-y) in September 2023 as compared with 12.6 per cent in the year-ago month. Among major industries, annual credit growth to basic metal & metal products, food processing and textiles accelerated in September 2023 while that

to all engineering, chemicals & chemical products and infrastructure decelerated. Growth in advances to agriculture and allied activities improved to 16.8 per cent (y-o-y) in September 2023 from 13.4 per cent a year ago.

The Reserve Bank data showed credit to services sector grew by 21.3 per cent (y-o-y) in September 2023 from 20.2 per cent a year ago with non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) and trade being the major contributors. Data on sectoral deployment of bank credit for September 2023 has been collected from 40 select banks, accounting for about 93 per cent of the total non-food credit deployed by all scheduled commercial banks.

Equity benchmarks snap two-day gain; settle lower

Mumbai, Oct 31:



Equity benchmark indices snapped two days of rallies to settle lower on Tuesday amid unabated foreign fund outflows and escalating tensions in the Middle East. Besides, investors were cautious ahead of the US Federal Reserve's interest rate decision. The 30-share BSE Sensex declined 237.72 points or 0.37 per cent to settle at 63,874.93. During the day, it fell 300.12 points or 0.46 per cent to 63,812.53.

The Nifty dipped 61.30 points or 0.32 per cent to 19,079.60. Among the Sensex firms, Mahindra & Mahindra, Bharti Airtel, ICICI Bank, IndusInd Bank, Reliance Industries, Axis Bank and HDFC Bank were among the major laggards. Titan, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Asian Paints, HCL Technologies, Tech Mahindra, NTPC, Nestle and Power Grid were the

major gainers. "Modest cautiousness returned post yesterday's bounce, ahead of the US Fed policy meeting, dragging Asian and developed markets. The Fed is widely expected to keep rates unchanged, and the commentary on the future path will be the crucial factor to influence further direction," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services. In the broader market, the BSE midcap gauge gained 0.29 per cent and smallcap index advanced 0.02 per cent.

Auto sector to see moderate growth in FY24: ICRA

Uneven monsoon's impact on rural demand a concern

New Delhi, Oct 31:



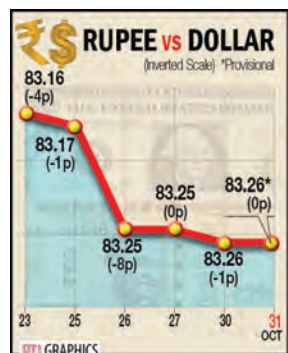
India's domestic automobile industry is expected to record moderate growth in volumes in FY24, but a sustained recovery in demand sentiments remains to be seen, amid concerns over the impact of an uneven monsoon on rural demand, ratings agency ICRA said on Tuesday. The industry has been on a comeback trail over the past two years, aided by a recovery in economic activities and increased mobility although

the pace of revival across the various automotive segments has been somewhat mixed, ICRA said in a statement. The passenger vehicle segment reached all-time high volume levels in FY23, aided by preference for personal mobility and stable semiconductor supplies and the demand sentiments are expected to re-

main healthy in the segment, 6-9 per cent year-on-year (YoY) growth in FY2024, it added. Similarly, the commercial vehicle industry's overall industry volumes are expected to approach pre-pandemic highs, even as the growth is expected to remain at modest levels in FY24, 2-4 per cent YoY, on a healthy base.

Rupee settles flat at 83.26 against US dollar

Mumbai, Oct 31:



The rupee settled flat at 83.26 (provisional) against the US dollar on Tuesday as weak domestic equity markets and sustained foreign fund outflows weighed on investor sentiments. However, a decline in crude oil prices supported the local currency amid geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, forex traders said. At the inter-bank foreign exchange, in a range-bound trade, the rupee opened at 83.26 and finally settled at the same level as the American currency. During the day, the rupee witnessed range-bound trade, it saw an intra-day high of 83.25 and a low of 83.27 against the greenback. On Monday, the rupee traded on a flat

note and settled 1 paisa lower at 83.26 against the US dollar. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading lower by 0.07 per cent at 106.04. Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, rose 0.90 per cent to USD 88.24 per barrel.

Key infra sector growth slows down to 4-month low of 8.1 pc in September

New Delhi, Oct 31:

The growth of eight key infrastructure sectors slowed down to a 4-month low of 8.1 per cent in September 2023 against 8.3 per cent a year ago, according to the official data released on Tuesday. The growth rate in the output of refinery products, fertilizer, cement and electricity during the month under review has decelerated, while it was negative in the case of crude oil. The previous low was in May, when the growth rate of these sectors stood at 5.2 per cent. Crude oil output dipped by 0.4 per cent in September as against a contraction of 2.3 per cent in the same month last year, the data showed. The core sector growth in August was 12.5 per cent, which was highest since June 2022, when it was 13.2 per cent.

JEWELLERY COLLECTION



Bengali film actor Koel Mallick showcases a jewellery collection ahead of Dhanteras and Diwali festivals, in Kolkata.

Govt to soon bring amendment bill in Parliament to revamp FSSAI: Health secretary

New Delhi, Oct 31:



The government will soon introduce in Parliament an amendment bill that aims to revamp the functioning and jurisdiction of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), Health Secretary Sudhanshu Pant said on Tuesday. The health ministry has proposed several amendments to the Food Safety and Standards (FSS) Act of 2006. The ministry had sought public comments on the draft amendments in September 2020. "We hope we will very soon be able to introduce the food safety and standards (amendment) bill (in Parliament)," Pant, who is also chairperson of FSSAI, told media on the sidelines of the 'Eat Right' Summit here. The proposed bill will bring reforms in the functioning of the FSSAI, he said. The Food Safety and Standards (FSS) Act was passed in 2006 but the regulations were notified only in 2011. Since food sector is unorgan-

ised in the country, the amendment bill aims to strengthen the FSSAI with more powers to ensure food quality norms are complied with. Speaking about millets, also known as 'Shri Anna', the secretary said the bill will not come in the way of promotion of millets as the FSSAI has already framed adequate quality standards for 14 millets including bajra. "Adequate quality standards are in place for promotion and consumption of millets," he said, and stressed on the need to promote millets as they have nutritional benefits.

Global gold demand drops 6 pc in Q3; India, China demand up

New Delhi, Oct 31:



Global gold demand declined by six per cent to 1,147.5 tonne during the third quarter of 2023 on sluggish demand for bars and coins and from central banks, World Gold Council (WGC)'s latest report said on Tuesday. Gold demand in China, the world's largest gold-consuming nation, rose marginally to 247 tonne in Q3 this year from 242.7 tonne in the year-ago period. Whereas gold demand in India, the world's second-largest gold-consuming nation, rose 10 per cent to 210.2 tonne against 191.7 tonne a year ago. In the case of neighbouring countries, Pakistan's gold

demand fell 11 per cent to 11.6 tonne during the third quarter of 2023 from 13 tonne in the year-ago period, while Sri Lanka's gold demand rose substantially to 2.4 tonne from 0.3 tonne. According to the report, the world jewellery demand declined by one per cent to 578.2 tonne in the third quarter of this year from 582.6 tonne in the year-ago period. "The environment of high gold prices and eco-

nomic uncertainty was a key driver of the year-on-year decline, particularly in some of the more price-sensitive markets in Asia and the Middle East," the report said. China saw a disappointing third quarter as consumers were reluctant to buy in the face of the very high local price premium, raising expectations of a price correction, it said. Jewellery demand has continued to hold up relatively well in spite of the very high price environment this year. But risks to this sector remain, given the precarious economic scenario in many markets and continued pressure on consumers from the cost of living crisis, it added.

Fevicol Relam to breathe life into furniture

Mumbai, Oct 31:



Why should furniture be left behind when we are painting walls or changing upholstery during the festive season? In most cases furniture revamp gets overlooked during the festive season as it is deemed expensive, cumbersome, and messy. However, your home's furnishings deserve a fresh look too and without any pesky to-do, noise and dust! With Fevicol Relam, revamping your furniture in festive season becomes a hassle-free exercise.

Using Fevicol Relam, you can now paste laminate on laminate and thus simplify the furniture renovation process. Fevicol Relam adhesive gives instant holding and processing strength in a couple of hours. It has no smell. It is easy to use and doesn't require vigorous mixing before use. FevicolRelam ensures the laminate adheres smoothly, giving a professional finish without any mess. Using Fevicol Relam, one can directly paste a new laminate over the old laminate and change the look of the old furniture overnight, making them look vibrant and stylish.

Fevicol Relam, a trusted name in adhesive solutions, offers a range of possibilities for transforming your furniture. Whether

you want to give your old kitchen cabinets and cupboards a modern touch or spruce up a tired-looking coffee table, Fevicol Relam provides a reliable and easy-to-use solution. Imagine a simple and pocket-friendly technique can turn a plain side table into a work of art, reflecting the festive spirit of vibrancy and freshness. Fevicol Relam ensures a lasting bond that withstands daily use. In conclusion, this festive season, let your furniture shine as brilliantly as your other decorations. It's time to infuse your home with renewed charm and style. With Fevicol Relam, your furniture becomes an integral part of your festive celebrations, setting the stage for cherished memories and delightful conversations.

NUVOCO Vistas announces its financial results for Q2 FY24

Mumbai, Oct 31:

Nuvoco Vistas Corp. Ltd., a leading building materials Company in India, announced its unaudited financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2023. With 23.82MMTPA of combined installed capacity, Nuvoco Vistas Corp. Ltd. is the fifth largest cement group in India and amongst the leading cement players in East India. The consolidated cement sales volume for the Company increased by 1.2% YoY to 4.5MMT in Q2 FY24. Consolidated revenue from operations during the same period improved by 7% YoY to Rs. 2,573 crores and consolidated EBITDA also improved by 73% YoY to Rs. 336 crores. The Company has

completed its debottlenecking projects at the Risda and Nimbol plants, enhancing the clinker production capacity by 2,000 TPD. This will provide headroom for growth and cater to increasing demand.

In addition, the Premium products continue to remain a key focus area for the Company. The Company secured patent for its revolutionary product 'Fibre Reinforced Cement Composite' branded in the market as 'Duraguard Microfiber Cement'. The patent, effective from the date of application - April 4, 2018, cites exclusive rights for the next 20 years. The Company also extended premium cement variants 'Concreto UNO' and

'Duraguard F2F' from Bihar and West Bengal to Jharkhand.

The Company remains committed to its sustainability agenda - Protect Our Planet. The Company has amongst the lowest carbon emissions at 462 kg CO2per ton of cementitious materials. The Company achieved an alternate fuel rate (AFR) of 14.3% in Q2 FY24, amongst the best in the industry, a significant improvement of 5.2% YoY. Commenting on the performance of the Company, Mr. Jayakumar Krishnaswamy, Managing Director, Nuvoco Vistas Corp. Ltd. stated, "Our Value over Volume strategy has positively contributed to the Company's performance.

General Observer ensures transparent election preparations

Comprehensive inspection of all electoral arrangements



Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi, Oct 31: In a crucial step towards ensuring a transparent and fair electoral process, Shantanu Saha, the General Observer appointed by the Election Commission of India for overseeing the Legislative Assembly General Elections in the district, conducted a thorough review of election preparations today. This effort aims to maintain the integrity of the electoral process and uphold the democratic values cherished by the nation.

Saha convened a crucial meeting at the Arpa Sabha Hall within the Collectorate, where he engaged with all sector officers, nodal officers, static surveillance teams, flying squads, and master train-

ers actively involved in the election process. His primary objective was to thoroughly evaluate all aspects of the election arrangements and provide vital directions to ensure that the elections are conducted freely, fairly, and transparently.

During his inspection, Saha visited various key areas, including the nomination room and the complaint and control room, both situated within the Collectorate. He scrutinized the records meticulously and ensured that all necessary protocols were in place. Additionally, Saha reviewed the consent letters required for voting by differently-abled individuals and those aged above 80, emphasizing inclusivity in the electoral process. The General

Observer also took stock of the polling material management, closely examining their arrival, departure, and the logistics involved, such as the vehicles and route charts for polling teams. Furthermore, he observed the process of securely storing Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) machines in the Strong Room after polling and their subsequent transportation to the Counting Center during the counting process. To enhance transparency, Saha issued instructions regarding the installation of CCTV cameras and display screens, enabling the scrutiny of proceedings by candidates and political parties. Collector and District Election Officer Mrs. Priyanka Rishi Mahobia provided the

Markets buzzing with festive shopping frenzy

On account Karva Chauth

Mungeli, Oct 31:

The enchanting festival of Karva Chauth, dedicated to the prosperity and longevity of spouses, is just around the corner, with celebrations slated for November 1 in the district. As the auspicious day approaches, local markets are a hive of activity, teeming with vibrant preparations for the occasion. In addition to the traditional Karva, there's a significant uptick in the purchase of exquisite clothing and jewellery.

This sacred day sees women observing a fast, praying unwaveringly for the well-being and longevity of their beloved husbands. In return, husbands express their love and appreciation by showering their wives with beautiful gifts. The excitement is palpable as markets brim with festive cheer.

Beyond the bustling Gol Bazaar, stalls and shops across the city's corners and intersections are beautifully adorned with Karva offerings. Women



are flocking to beauty parlors to book makeup appointments, adding to the festive fervour. The clothing market is equally bustling, prompting traders to introduce fresh

stock. Red sarees are currently the top choice, while the demand for velvet sarees has surged, with prices ranging from 500 to 10,000 rupees.

The traditions sur-

rounding Karva Chauth preparations vary among different communities, adding a delightful diversity to the celebrations. Women in many places purchase intricate Karva sets for their rituals and prayers. Meanwhile, Sindhi and Punjabi communities adorn thalis with velvet cloth, arranging worship items and dishes. For Punjabi families, this festival holds special significance during the arrival of a new bride or the birth of a child, with silver thalis and utensils being essential for worship. In Sindhi communities, cloth thalis are the centerpiece of their rituals.

Market shelves in the district are adorned with a colorful array of Karva sets, crafted with intricate designs and metals, catching the eye of shoppers. This year, visually appealing Karva sets with vibrant designs, accompanied by clay diyas, have taken the spotlight. These decorative Karva sets, priced between 100 and 200 rupees, are flying off the shelves, while Karva Chauth-themed toys are also witnessing increasing demand.

Bharat Verma campaigning with enthusiasm in every village

Dongargaon, Oct 31:

As the election campaign gains momentum in the region, BJP candidate Bharat Verma is leaving no stone unturned in his bid to connect with the people. Despite limited time, he has embarked on a journey to visit every village, fostering a sense of unity and purpose among the community.

In the heart of his campaign, Bharat Verma has made a point to seek the blessings of the elderly citizens, drawing inspiration from their wisdom and experience. Simultaneously, the younger generation in the villages he visits is rallying behind him, reflecting the widespread sup-

port he is garnering. On Monday, Verma engaged in door-to-door outreach across various villages, including Lalbahadurnagar, Govindpur, Makkatola, Barampur, Khubatola, Dingokal, Jhinzari, Sendongar, Mugalani, Kohlakasa, Madiyan, Pittehar, Kotnapani, Damau, Lamnadar, Thakur Tola, Sendari, and Bichhi Tola, all within the Dongargaon Assembly constituency. At some locations, he held brief meetings, emphasizing the legacy of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who laid the foundation of Chhattisgarh with a vision of prosperity and development.

Verma also highlighted the challenges faced by the state

under the Congress government's rule, pointing out instances of corruption and mismanagement. He called upon the people to support the BJP, a party committed to the welfare of villages, the impoverished, farmers, and unemployed youth.

During today's campaign, Verma was joined by prominent figures, including former MLA Kheduram Sahu, former District Cooperative Central Bank President Shashikant Dwivedi, former District Deputy President Jayapal Sinha, and other esteemed individuals. Together with a multitude of party workers, they reaffirmed their commitment to building a brighter future for Chhattisgarh.

Kawardha's Royal family leads the way for change

Kawardha, Oct 31:

The electoral landscape in the Kawardha Assembly constituency is witnessing a significant shift as former MLA Raja Yogeshwar Raj Singh extends his support to his younger brother, Raja Khadgaraj Singh, who is contesting from the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP).

AAP's candidate, Raja Khadgaraj Singh, a member of the renowned Royal Rajparivar of Sahasur Lohara, is making waves in Kawardha with his strong reputation and a dynamic campaign that resonates with the public. Large rallies, neighborhood meetings, and



open interactions with the people have been pivotal in establishing AAP's presence in every village within the constituency.

Raja Khadgaraj Singh's campaign is further bolstered by the active participation of his wife and AAP's Pradesh Upadhyaksha, Rani Akanksha Devi Singh,

and his sister, who are tirelessly working to garner support from the local communities. Their warm reception is a testament to the robust backing from the people.

Notably, Raja Yogeshwar Raj Singh, the elder brother and former MLA from Kawardha, has thrown his weight behind his

Raja Khadgaraj Singh's AAP candidacy takes center stage
Former MLA Raja Yogeshwar Raj Singh also supports brother Khadgaraj

sibling's AAP candidacy. Raja Yogeshwar Raj Singh has been fervently campaigning in the Pipariya region, reaching out to supporters and villagers, urging them to vote for his younger brother under the AAP banner. His endorsement has made a significant impact within the villages.

Raja Yogeshwar Raj Singh continues to command the support and respect of his followers across the district. His selfless efforts to set aside political rivalry and personally connect with the people are expected to fortify AAP's position, potentially influencing the overall election outcome in Kawardha.

The appeal from the Rajparivar of Lohara and the esteemed Kawardha royal family to voters underscores a significant shift in support. Their unified call for voters to choose their respective candidates is making waves, promising a transformative election in Kawardha.

Tarini leads rally and addresses workers' convention

Kurud, Oct 31:

In a spirited display of political fervour, Congress candidate Tarini Chandrakar led a vibrant rally and addressed a dedicated workers' convention in Kurud Nagar.

The event culminated with her submission of nomination papers at the district election office, marking a significant milestone in her campaign.

However, the notable absence of several senior leaders and representatives from various organizations became a point of discussion during this large-scale gathering. On the final day for filing



nominations, Tarini Chandrakar, following her powerful rally and impassioned address, earnestly appealed to both her dedicated party workers and esteemed senior citizens for their support and blessings. Adding grandeur to the occasion, Radhika Kheda, the spokesperson of AICC,

graced the gathering. She eloquently highlighted the Bhupesh government's commendable initiatives, including loan waivers, bonuses, and Narva Garwa, aimed at providing relief to farmers. During her speech delivered in Hindi, Radhika Kheda also mentioned the famous Chhattisgarhi

dish "Bore Basi," prompting her to seek input from the leaders present. Subsequently, she celebrated the delectable culinary diversity from Chhattisgarh, transcending from Chhattisgarhi to Delhi.

The convention further featured addresses by prominent figures, including PCC member Prabhat Rao Meghawale, District Panchayat President Suman Santosh Sahu, Block Congress President Ashish Sharma, and Neelam Chandrakar.

The presence of numerous Congress leaders and dedicated workers underscored their unwavering support for Tarini Chandrakar's candidacy.

Raja Moradhwaj's tale enthralls villagers in Arang

Arang, Oct 31:

On a delightful Monday evening, the talented artists of Shri Ram Leela Mandal in Gram Rasni transported the villagers into the world of King Moradhwaj through an enthralling theatrical performance. The narrative revolved around the legendary benefactor, King Moradhwaj, and left a profound impact on the audience, evoking emotions and empathy. The artists' portrayal was so compelling that tears welled up in the eyes of many as they witnessed the heart-wrenching scene of the king and queen tearing their son Tamradhwaj. Some women and children were so moved that they couldn't help but sob in empathy. In the wake of this captivating performance, both the rural spectators and the artists shared their admiration



for the remarkable tale of King Moradhwaj's generosity and charity. Such acts of benevolence are a rare gem, and they urged for the inclusion of this story in children's curriculum to instill values like service, dedication, sacrifice, cooperation, and philanthropy from a young age. Adding to the festivities, the Peepala Foundation team, hailing from Arang, extended a warm welcome to the artists

with floral garlands and fruits. They lauded the rural community and artists for their tireless efforts in preserving the Leela Mandal and showcased their immense artistic talent. The Foundation members expressed that the true essence of India's culture lies in its villages, and these rural areas hold the soul of the nation. The Peepala Foundation has been championing the cause of including

Moradhwaj's story in the curriculum for the past year. During the event, Rajpal Chandrakar, the lead performer in the play, expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Foundation members for their support and appreciation of the Foundation's creative endeavors. A large gathering of villagers and youth attended the Leela Natya performance, becoming witnesses to this artistic masterpiece.

SECR Bilaspur secure three gold medals

Bilaspur, Oct 31:

The 77th Men's and 16th Women's All India Railway Boxing Competition, held from October 27 to 30 at the South East Central Railway Sports Association's Boxing Stadium in Bilaspur, concluded with great success. A total of 222 players and officials participated in this thrilling competition, featuring top-tier national and international-level talent.

Efficiently organized by 52 appointed officials from the Railway Board, the event saw the presence of esteemed coaches, Arjuna Awardees, and numerous Olympians from various



railway zones. The closing ceremony, held on October 30th, at 4:30 PM, was graced by the honorable General Manager, Alok Kumar. The event was attended by railway officials, sports enthusiasts, and a passionate crowd of supporters. In an impressive display

of skill and determination, athletes earned 13 gold and 11 silver medals in both the men's and women's categories. South East Central Railway Bilaspur Zone secure three gold medals. Notably, S. Kalavani clinched gold in the 48-kilogram category, Poonam triumphed in

77th Men's and 16th Women's Railway Boxing Competition

the 57-kilogram category, and Lashu Yadav excelled in the 70-kilogram category, bringing pride to the South East Central Railway Sports Association.

In the men's category, Dinesh Singh Dagar from North Western Railway claimed the gold medal in the 67-71 kg weight category, with Banti Singh from South East Central Railway securing silver. Northern Railway Delhi emerged as the overall champion in the men's cat-

egory. Central Railway Mumbai secured the second position, closely followed by Eastern Railway Kolkata in third place.

In the women's category, Northern Railway Delhi secured the top spot, followed by Eastern Railway Kolkata in second place, and South East Central Railway Bilaspur in third place.

The matches were officiated by referees, including Deep Mala for the women's category and R. Raju as the Chief Arbitrator. The SECR Sports Association received invaluable assistance from dedicated coaches, team managers, and sports enthusiasts who graced the event with their presence.

General Observer conduct thorough inspection of election facilities

Balrampur, Oct 31:

As part of the 2023 Legislative Assembly General Elections, the Election Commission of India has taken measures to ensure the smooth conduct of the electoral process. To this end, General Observer Tai Kaye, along with Collector and District Election Officer Remijius Ekka and Police Superintendent Dr. Lal Umed Singh, conducted a comprehensive inspection of vital election facilities within the Joint District Office premises for the Ramanujanj Assembly constituency in the Balrampur-Ramanujanj district. General Observer Tai Kaye, as well as Collector Remijius Ekka, personally visited the District Election Office room to assess the administrative arrangements in place. During this



inspection, Tai Kaye focused on gathering information about critical aspects of the election process. This included reviewing the pre-certification of political advertisements on social, electronic, and print media, as well as monitoring cases related to Paid News within the Media Certification and Monitoring Committee room. Additionally, Kaye

inquired about the functioning of the Facility Room and the C-Vigil app, offering valuable directives to enhance their efficiency. The presence of Additional Collector Bhagwat Jaiswal and district election office officials during this thorough inspection further demonstrates the collaborative effort to ensure a seamless and transparent election process.

Pak knock out Bangla with seven-wicket win

Kolkata, Oct 31 (PTI):

Opener Fakhar Zaman capped his return with an attacking fifty after Shaheen Shah Afridi's fiery spell as Pakistan knocked Bangladesh out of the World Cup with a seven-wicket win to keep their slim semifinal hopes alive here on Tuesday.

Shaheen spearheaded their three-pronged pace attack with splendid figures of 9-1-23-3 as Pakistan bundled out Bangladesh for a lowly 204 in 45.1 overs. Fakhar, who missed five of their six matches because of a knee injury, smashed seven sixes and three fours in his 74-ball 81. Abdullah Shafique also struck a quick 68 off 69 balls (9x4, 2x6) as the new-look opening pair laid the foundation with an imposing 128-run alliance.

Just when it looked like a one-way traffic for Pakistan, off-spinner Mehidy Hasan Miraz (3/60) took both the openers but with no scoreboard pres-



Pakistan's Shaheen Shah Afridi celebrates with teammates after taking the wicket of Bangladesh's Tanzid Hasan.

sure Pakistan knocked off the paltry 205-run target in 32.3 overs. This was Bangladesh's sixth loss on the trot as the Shakib Al Hasan-led side became the first team to be officially eliminated from the 10-team global showpiece with

two matches in hand. They next play Sri Lanka and Australia in their last two matches. Having returned to winning ways after enduring four defeats, Pakistan with three wins from seven matches kept their faint semifinal hopes

alive. They next take on New Zealand before concluding their league campaign against England. Earlier, Shaheen rattled the Bangladeshi top-order and became the fastest Pakistani to reach 100 ODI wickets. Mohammad

Brief Score

Bangladesh: 204 all out in 45.1 overs (Mahmudullah 56; Shaheen Afridi 3/23, Mohammad Wasim Jr 3/31). **Pakistan:** 205 for 3 in 32.3 overs (Abdullah Shafique 68, Fakhar Zaman 81; Mehidy Hasan Miraz 3/60).

Wasim Jr then cleaned up the tail returning with figures of 8.1-1-31-3 as Bangladesh failed to last the distance yet again to be bowled out in 45.1 overs.

Shaheen may have lost his pace a bit after recovering from a knee injury, but he bowled with clever variations and extracted swing on a flat Eden wicket.

The 23-year-old straight-way got into the action, trapping Tanzid Hasan leg before wicket with extra bounce and late swing. That happened to be his 100th wicket in ODIs. He became the fastest Pakistani to do so beating Saqlain Mushtaq's mark by a couple of innings.

Hadn't thought that I'd score so many hundreds and runs: Virat

New Delhi, Oct 31 (PTI):

On the verge of equalling Sachin Tendulkar's record number of ODI centuries, star India batter Virat Kohli on Tuesday said he had never thought of accumulating so many runs and hundreds when he began his career.

Kohli has been in terrific form with the bat in the ongoing ODI World Cup with one century and three half centuries in six matches. He scored 103 not out against Bangladesh in Pune on October 19 for his 48th ODI hundred, one short of Tendulkar's world record. He made 95 against New Zealand in Dharamsala on October 22, five runs short of matching Tendulkar's record 49 tons in ODI cricket. "If we talk about cricket, I had never thought of achieving all, as in where my career is and how god has blessed me (with) such a career span and performances," Kohli



told Star Sports. "I had always dreamt I'd do this, but I had never thought things would pan out this way exactly. Nobody can plan these things, the way your journey is going, and the way things unfold in front of you." "I hadn't thought that I'd score so many hundreds and so many runs in these 12 years." He said he had to change his "discipline and lifestyle" as he found himself lacking in professionalism at some point in his

career. "My only focus was that I should perform well for the team and win games for the team from difficult situations. For that, I made quite a few changes along the way regarding discipline and lifestyle." "I always had the drive in me, but I lacked the professionalism. Now, I have a single-minded focus on how I want to play the game, and after that, the results I've achieved are from playing that way itself," he added.

Tendulkar's statue to be inaugurated ahead of India vs Lanka tie



Mumbai, Oct 31 (PTI):

A life-size statue of cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar will be inaugurated on Wednesday on the eve of the World Cup match between India and Sri Lanka at the Wankhede Stadium here.

It was revealed earlier this year that the statue of Tendulkar, who turned 50 in April, would be installed inside the stadium and finishing touches to the same were being given here on Tuesday. The statue depicting the legendary batter in motion of playing a stroke is placed next to the Sachin Tendulkar stand.

The inauguration ceremony of Tendulkar's statue will be attended by

Shooter Shriyanka Sadangi wins Olympic quota for India



New Delhi, Oct 31 (PTI):

Shriyanka Sadangi grabbed India's 13th Paris Olympics quota when she finished fourth in the women's 50m rifle 3 positions (3P) event at the ongoing Asian Shooting Championship in Changwon, Korea on Tuesday. Shriyanka shot 440.5, to bow out after the 43rd shot of the 45-shot final, equally distributed between the kneeling, prone and standing positions. Experienced Korean Lee Eunseo clinched the gold while reigning air rifle world champion Han Jiayu of China won silver. China also took the bronze through Xia Siyu. All Indian women shooters in the 3P competition were on top of their mark from the qualification stage itself. Sift Kaur Samra, the India number one, shot 592 playing for ranking points only (RPO) to soar to the top of the field.

Maharashtra chief minister Eknath Shinde, deputy chief minister Devendra Fadnis, the legendary Tendulkar, BCCI secretary Jay Shah, treasurer Ashish Shelar along with officials from the Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA), president Amol Kale, secretary Ajinkya Naik and other members of the apex council.

The statue has been made by Pramod Kamble, a painter-sculptor from Ahmednagar in the state. Tendulkar's statue, at his homeground Wankhede Stadium, is being installed nearly 10 years after he played his last game for India here, against the West Indies in a two-match Test series in November 2013.

Battle of batting units as New Zealand take on South Africa

Pune, Oct 31 (PTI):

One side endured the agony of a close defeat and other felt the ecstasy of victory in a rip-roaring game but when New Zealand and South Africa clash in a World Cup game here on Wednesday both will start on an even keel.

The current edition of World Cup has featured mostly lopsided games but if the two games stood out, one certainly was South Africa's one-wicket win against Pakistan in Chennai and New Zealand nearly pulled off a sensational chase of 388 against Australia before finishing five runs short.

With both teams firmly in contention for semi-final berths, one can expect good game of cricket where batters of both sides are expected to set the tone of the match.

For New Zealand (8 points from 6 games), the Dharamsala-leg after four straight victories didn't pan out on expected lines and another loss would give the likes of Afghanistan (6 points) and Pakistan (4 points) a shot at semi-final qualification. On the other hand, if



New Zealand's Trent Boult during a practice session ahead of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 match against South Africa, in Pune, Tuesday, Oct. 31.

South Africa (10 points from 6 games) win, the 12 points will almost put them in the last-four bracket alongside India.

Old vs New
The most interesting aspect of the contest is the

structure as anyone on his day, De Kock has been rolling back years and showing what he is capable of.

If De Kock has pulverised the opposition with his game of power and timing, on the other end young Rachin Ravindra (406), with more of Sachin Tendulkar's flair and a bit of Rahul Dravid's grit, is setting the world stage on fire. The left-hander has announced his arrival as New Zealand cricket's next batting sensation and the manner in which he plays the aerial shots is a visual delight. Add to it, his steady but unspectacular slow left-arm orthodox bowling, makes him a complete package.

What makes it difficult to choose between the sides is the performance of the batters -- if Heinrich Klaasen (300 runs) is the power-hitting cum finisher for South Africa, New Zealand have their match in Jimmy Neesham, who nearly pulled off an improbable heist in fading lights at Dharamsala.

If David Miller's brute power gives an x-factor to Proteas, Daryl Mitchell's

Match Starts: 2 pm.

(322 runs) ability to take the game deep is an advantage for the Black Caps.

Bowling Unit

South Africa will expect that pace spearhead Kagiso Rabada is fit and raring to go after missing out on the Pakistan game in Chennai. Rabada has that aura which can always worry opposition and his presence certainly helps youngsters like Gerald Coetzee and Marco Jansen to up their game.

One department where South Africa hold a distinct advantage is having both Keshav Maharaj's orthodox left-arm spin and Tabraiz Shamsi's left-arm wrist spin.

While Shamsi won the 'Player of the Match' award against Pakistan, New Zealanders will not be too worried as they played Kuldeep Yadav comfortably in the opening game.

New Zealand have Mitchell Santner in their ranks but Phillips after his stellar under four runs in a 10-over spell has come up well as the second spinner with Ish Sodhi being confined to reserve bench.

Trott wants Afghanistan batters to score centuries in World Cup

Pune, Oct 31 (PTI):

The calm and collective batting effort of the Afghanistan team has found its own set of admirers in the ongoing World Cup and head coach Jonathan Trott has set the next target for his players -- someone needs to bat deep and score a hundred in remaining three games.

Enjoying their best ever performance, Afghanistan have been on a giant killing run in the ongoing 50-over showpiece with comprehensive wins over defending champions England, rivals Pakistan and 1996 winners Sri Lanka, proving that they can no longer be termed as minnows. "Nobody has got a hundred so far yet, so that's the next challenge. Someone accepts responsibility and batting for a longer period of time and make sure we get a hundred," Trott said at the press conference after Afghanistan's seven-wicket win over Sri Lanka on Monday. The likes of opener Rahmanullah Gurbaz, Ibrahim Zadran and Rahmat Shah have come close but haven't been able to reach the magical three figure mark in the ongoing event. "You see, a lot of hundreds are scored in the tournament. That's the next frontier, the next barrier. Gurbaz has scored a few hundreds recently, you know Ibrahim has. "The middle order is in form, 3-4-5-6, as well.

Indian hockey team beats China 2-1



Women's Asian Champions Trophy

Ranchi, Oct 31 (PTI):

The Indian hockey team survived some anxious moments to avenge its Asian Games loss with a 2-1 win over China and continue its rampaging run at the women's Asian Champions

Trophy here on Monday. Deepika (15th) and Salima Tete (26th) sounded the board for the hosts, while Zhong Jiaqi scored in the 41st minute for China. China had spoilt India's bid to earn a direct qualification for the Tokyo Olympics after beating them in the semi-finals of the Asian Games in Hangzhou last month.

Messi wins record-extending 8th Ballon d'Or, Bonmati takes women's award

Paris, Oct 31 (AP):

The list reads 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2019, 2021, and now 2023. Lionel Messi won the men's Ballon d'Or for a record-extending eighth time on Monday after fulfilling his life's ambition by leading Argentina to the World Cup title in Qatar last year.

Adding to his silverware the one major trophy that eluded him in his storied career was the decisive factor in an otherwise quite mundane season for his standards at Paris Saint-Germain.

The 36-year-old Messi won ahead of Manchester City forward Erling Haaland and his former PSG teammate Kylian Mbappe.

Messi thanked his Argentina coach, teammates and staff for making his victory possible.

"Tonight I'm enjoying myself. It's a pleasure that will never leave me, and I hope to be able to enjoy it for many years to come," Messi said through a translator. "Becoming world champion was the title we were missing. I'd like to thank everyone who helped make Argentina the world champion team." Messi also paid tribute to the late



Inter Miami CF's Argentine forward Lionel Messi (L) holding his 8th Ballon d'Or award and FC Barcelona's Spanish midfielder Aitana Bonmati (R) holding her Woman Ballon d'Or award during the 2023 Ballon d'Or France Football award ceremony at the Theatre du Chatelet in Paris.

Diego Maradona, who also helped Argentina win the World Cup, back in 1986.

"This title and this trophy," Messi said, "I share them with you and all our Argentina comrades."

Aitana Bonmati won the women's award for guiding Spain to victory at the Women's World Cup in August. She also helped Barcelona win the Women's Champions League and Spanish league. A year after missing out on the shortlist for the 2022 Ballon d'Or, and despite leaving top-level European soccer behind, Messi has recovered his crown. He won the sport's

Bowling without Hasaranga has been challenging: Theekshana

Pune, Oct 31 (PTI):

Sri Lanka spinner Maheesh Theekshana says bowling in the absence of injured all-rounder Wanindu Hasaranga has made his job tougher since the onus is on him to be the strike bowler.

Sri Lanka's star spinner Hasaranga was ruled out of the tournament due to a hamstring injury. He and Theekshana have formed a dynamic partnership in the ODI format.

"It is a challenge because he is the main wicket-taking bowler we had. So, then we both had a partnership that some days I had to be the strike bowler, some days he will be the strike bowler. The other guy will keep pressure on the batsman," Theekshana said after Sri Lanka's seven wicket loss to Afghanistan on Monday. "So, with our combination right now, there's only one spinner can play, the wickets are really good. So, there's no turn. So, it's actually a good challenge for me and I think it's an opportunity for me as well," he added.

Asked if a change in combination, bringing in another spinner to bowl in tandem with Theekshana would help, the 23-year-old said, "We failed a lot in our

middle order, so we cannot reduce it from the batting side. We cannot add spinners because the wicket is good." "We only have Wellalage and Dushmantha. Although they have good experience, if the wicket is good, then it will negatively affect their confidence. In this kind of tournament, we can't just bring and add a player. As a team we cannot give a big responsibility to one such player because the wicket is good.

"If the other team collects about seventy runs for six to seven wickets, his confidence will be lost. It is difficult for us to take that kind of risk."





Cong promises to waive fees for job recruitment exams

Bhopal, Oct 31 (PTI):

MP POLLS

Congress leader and former Union minister Pradeep Jain Aditya on Tuesday said if his party comes to power in Madhya Pradesh, it will waive the fees charged for government job recruitment exams in the state.

The state assembly elections are scheduled on November 17.

Addressing a press conference, Jain claimed more than one crore youth in Madhya Pradesh were unemployed and only 40 lakh of them were registered with the government.

The BJP government in the state has collected

more than Rs 100 crore as fees for recruitment exams from the poor job aspirants during the last 10 years, he further said.

Jain also claimed that 17,298 unemployed youth have committed suicide in the state in the last 18 years.

The Congress has decided that if it is elected to power, the fees for the government job recruitment examinations will be completely waived, Jain said.

The results of government recruitment exams, which have been withheld "deliberately", will be announced, he said.

A commission will also be set up to conduct a probe into the withheld exam results, he said.

The Congress will conduct offline exams, instead of online, for the government jobs, Jain said. He said the scams in recruitment exams, withholding of results and exam paper leak were the main reasons for unemployment in MP.

The Vyapam scam, 'patwari' (revenue department staffers) recruitment exam scam, irregularities in the recruitment of constables, among others have tarnished the image of the state, the Congress leader claimed.

EXERCISING RIGHTS



Employees on poll duty wait in a queue to cast their votes for the Chhattisgarh Assembly elections, in Jagdalpur, Bastar district, Tuesday.

KCR blames 'Wicked Congress fellows' for knife attack on BRS candidate

Miryalaguda (Telangana), Oct 31 (PTI): Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao on Tuesday blamed the Congress party for the knife attack on BRS candidate K Prabhakar Reddy in Siddipet district.

Prabhakar Reddy, the party's candidate from Dubbak segment was stabbed with a knife allegedly by a 38-year-old man in Siddipet district on Monday while he was campaigning for the November 30 Assembly elections.

"Yesterday, Congress durmargulu (wicked fellows) attacked our party candidate with knives. By God's grace he is alive. We could save his life by taking him to

hospital and treating him in an emergency," Rao said at an election rally here.

Reddy, who is an MP from Medak Lok Sabha constituency, suffered injuries to his stomach and was shifted to Yashoda Hospital in Hyderabad where doctors carried out a surgery on him. He is said to be stable.

Except for doing good to people, his party or the government has not harmed anyone in the last ten years, KCR further said.

Speaking about the law and order situation in the state, KCR said Telangana has been progressing without any law and order problems such as curfews during the past ten years.

CHOUHAN'S SWIPE AT DIGVIJAYA AND NATH

'Jai, Veeru' fighting over distribution of looted booty

Bhopal, Oct 31 (PTI):

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Tuesday took a swipe at Congress leaders Digvijaya Singh and Kamal Nath, referring to them as "Sholay" film characters 'Jai' and 'Veeru', who he said were fighting between themselves over the distribution of plundered booty.

His criticism came days after Congress general secretary Randeep Surjewala equated Kamal Nath, who is party's Madhya Pradesh unit president, and Digvijaya Singh, its Rajya Sabha member, with 'Jai' and 'Veeru' characters played by actors Amitabh Bachchan and Dharmendra, respectively,

in the 1975 film.

Sources in the Congress said Digvijaya Singh and Kamal Nath are in Delhi on Tuesday to meet the party leadership.

Reacting to the Congress leaders' Delhi visit, CM Chouhan, in a video statement shared on his X account, said, "Jai-Veeru duo was called to Delhi. As newspapers reported, they (Congress leaders) are saying that the BJP is creating confusion (about differences between Nath and Singh). Why has Delhi (Congress leadership) called them?"

"Jai and Veeru are fighting between themselves over the 'loot ka maal' (plundered booty)," he alleged.

"Even before 2003, Mr.

Bantadhar (as the BJP calls Digvijaya Singh) looted and destroyed the entire state. Even during the 15-month rule, Kamal Nath ji turned Madhya Pradesh into a centre of plundering. Now the dispute is only about who will be the next to loot and how and who will get what type of share in it (the booty). Delhi is also involved in this," Chouhan alleged.

Surjewala on Saturday said the relationship between Singh and Nath was the same as it was between the characters played by Dharmendra (Veeru) and Amitabh Bachchan (Jai) in "Sholay".

"Neither Gabbar Singh (film's lead villain) could get them into a fight (in the movie) nor will BJP's

Gabbar Singh be able to get it done here," Surjewala said in Bhopal on Saturday over an alleged conflict over ticket-distribution in Congress.

Earlier this month, a video of Nath emerged in which he purportedly asked his party men to "tear" clothes of Singh over the denial of a ticket to a leader from Shivpuri. This had fuelled talks of a rift in the party over the selection of candidates.

However, the former chief ministers sought to make light of the episode and put up a united face. The BJP on Friday again alleged that Singh has distanced himself from the campaigning following the "dispute" over ticket distribution.

BJP, Cong both eyeing bastion of royals Guna

Bhopal, Oct 31 (PTI):

Madhya Pradesh's Guna district, the bastion of royals, is set to witness a high-stakes battle between the main rivals BJP and Congress for control over this key political turf in the upcoming state assembly polls.

Guna district has four assembly segments Raghogarh, Chachoura, Bamori and Guna. Two of them are held by the family members of Congress Rajya Sabha member and former state chief minister Digvijaya Singh and the other two by the ruling Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP).

Singh belongs to Raghogarh principality, part of the erstwhile Gwalior state.

Union minister and BJP leader Jyotiraditya Scindia, the former parliamentarian from Guna Lok Sabha seat, is the scion of the erstwhile Gwalior royal family.

Guna has been the political battleground for both Singh and Scindia.

In 2002, Jyotiraditya Scindia contested for the first time from Guna Lok Sabha seat after the death of his father and former Union minister Madhavrao Scindia in a plane crash.

Senior journalist Rasheed Kidwai, who authored the book 'House of Scindias: A Saga of Power, Politics and Intrigue', said Digvijaya Singh's Raghogarh principality falls under the erstwhile Gwalior empire.

"Scindias expected Digvijaya to be a loyal subject which he was not. The rivalry intensified when

district (Shivpuri, Pichhore and Kolaras), two from Guna district (Bamori and Guna) and three from Ashok Nagar district (Ashok Nagar, Chanderi and Mungawali).

Out of these eight assembly segments, six are currently held by the BJP and two by the Congress.

In the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, Jyotiraditya Scindia was defeated by KP Yadav, who contested on the BJP ticket.

"Guna had been loyal to Scindias since the days of Rajmata (Vijayaraje) Scindia (Jyotiraditya Scindia's grandmother

and one of the founders of BJP). Therefore, when Jyotiraditya Scindia lost the 2019 Lok Sabha poll, it was a defining moment. It shattered Scindia's self-esteem and self-confidence," Kidwai claimed.

The Jyotiraditya camp blamed Digvijaya Singh and Kamal Nath for his defeat from Guna and attempted to deny him a Rajya Sabha berth when Nath was the chief minister, Kidwai further alleged.

State BJP spokesman Pankaj Chaturvedi told PTI that Jyotiraditya Scindia is not a leader who believes in groupism or internal bickering.

"The politics of Digvijaya Singh has been to promote groupism and internal bickering within his party and he is still doing this in the Congress, as evident from the recent controversy (between Nath and Singh) over tear-

ing clothes. Scindia had to face this type of politics of Singh," Chaturvedi said.

However, Guna district Congress president Meharban Dhakad claimed Scindia left the grand old party because of his "ambitions and greed."

"There may be some difference of opinion between Singh and Scindia. But all officials in the district under the Kamal Nath-led Congress government were the choice of Maharaj (Scindia). The collector and SP were following Scindia's directives only and the Congress workers faced problems at that time," Dhakad further claimed.

Scindia and his supporters got "sold" due to greed, he alleged.

"Scindia was eyeing the chief minister's post. He had nothing to do with the Congress. He was acting as an individual when he was in the Congress," Dhakad claimed.

The Congress leader expressed confidence that his party will win all the assembly seats in the district in the upcoming state polls. The Guna assembly seat in the district has been held by the BJP since 1993.

In Bamori, Mahendra Singh Sisodia, a close confidante of Scindia, won on the Congress ticket in 2018. He, however, joined the BJP along with Scindia.

In the 2020 by-election in Bamori, Sisodia won on the BJP's ticket and is currently a minister in the state government.

Polling for the 230 assembly seats in MP will be held on November 17 and the counting of votes will take place on December 3.

Fight For Chittorgarh's Pride

Sitting MLA fumes as BJP fields Narpat Singh Rajvi as its candidate

Chittorgarh, Oct 31 (PTI): Denied ticket for the Rajasthan Assembly polls, a BJP rebel is all set to make it an issue of Chittorgarh's pride and contest the November 25 election as an Independent candidate.

Two-time MLA Chandrabhan Singh Aakya's supporters had held a series of protests when the BJP declared former vice-president Bhairon Singh Shekhawat's son-in-law and five-time MLA Narpat Singh Rajvi as its candidate from the Chittorgarh Assembly seat.

This assembly segment falls under the Lok Sabha seat held by BJP state president C P Joshi. Aakya has held Joshi directly responsible for the party denying him a ticket and alleged that he was targeted because of an old political rivalry.

"This is certainly a fight of 'swabhiman' (pride). I have been among the people

all the time and have always worked for the party. It has no answer as to why my name was removed and an outsider was sent. People are with me and they want me to contest," Aakya told PTI. "I will certainly contest the election. I am hopeful that the party will change the poll nominee," he said.

Aakya rejected the possibility of shifting to the Congress, which is yet to announce a candidate for the seat, and said that if the BJP does not give him a ticket, he will contest from the seat as an Independent and will file nomination on the last day on November 6.

His supporters have rallied behind him, making it a "local versus outsider" contest with Rajvi, who has been an MLA from this seat twice in the past, being called an "outsider".

Rajvi, on the other hand, has rejected the "outsider" tag, saying, "Mewar is in

my heart. So how come I am an outsider?" He said that he worked for the area as an MLA in 1993-98 and 2003-2008. "There is no challenge for me. I hope that everything will be settled and things will fall in line," Rajvi told PTI upon his arrival to the constituency on Monday for the first time after he was declared as the candidate. Interestingly, the BJP, in its first list of candidates for the Rajasthan Assembly election, declared Rajmata and MP Diya Kumari, a member of the erstwhile Jaipur royal family, as its nominee from the Vidyadhar Nagar seat instead of Rajvi which sparked resentment among his supporters.

Following this, Rajvi was given a poll ticket from Chittorgarh in the BJP's second list which led to a huge protest by Aakya's supporters.

However, despite the rebellion, posters pasted by Aakya's supporters carry the BJP's poll symbol and the photos of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah. Some even have photos of Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, who was the chief minister of Rajasthan thrice.

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The One Percent

Book Review

"The One Percent" delves into the interconnected realms of health, spirituality, and money, exploring how these aspects shape our lives and lead us towards personal fulfillment. Sahib Grover skillfully weaves together stories and experiences that challenge conventional notions of success, encouraging readers to seek balance and personal growth.

Through the experiences and habits of successful professionals, readers gain valuable insights into how to maintain a healthy lifestyle, boost productivity, and achieve a life that exudes vitality and balance.

Spirituality, often overlooked in discussions of success, is given the attention it deserves. Grover delves into the unique spiritual journeys of individuals, shedding light on how inner peace, mindfulness, and purpose are pivotal in achieving a fulfilling and prosperous life.

The book beautifully weaves the spiritual experiences of these individuals, making a compelling case for the significance of this dimension of life.

Money, the third core theme, is not portrayed as the ultimate goal but as a reflection of wise investment strategies, philosophies, and mindsets. Grover transcends conventional financial advice and presents readers with a diverse range of approaches to wealth creation, preservation, and abundance. The insights shared by influential professionals offer a valuable resource for those on the path to financial prosperity.

What truly sets this book apart is its ability to challenge readers to seek balance and personal growth. It encourages us to break free from the ordinary and embark on a journey toward the extraordinary. This book offers a fresh perspective on success, emphasizing the interconnectedness of these essential aspects of life and inspiring readers to become the very best versions of themselves.

In conclusion, "The One Percent: Health, Spirituality, & Money" is a thought-provoking and enlightening read. Sahib Grover equips readers with the tools they need to become part of the elusive 'one percent' who truly understand and integrate these key elements into their lives. It's a journey that will challenge your perspectives and empower you to embrace a more holistic approach to success.