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RECORD HOLDER

Three villagers killed by Naxalites in Kanker

Kanker, Nov 02: Three villagers were killed by Naxalites in a village in Kanker district on the suspicion of being informers of the Maharashtra police, officials said on Thursday.

The Chhattisgarh police in a statement said they have received information about the incident and further details in this regard are being collected.

Citing initial inputs, the police said that Kulle Katlami (35), Manoj

BRIEF



People from the Christian community light candles on the graves of their deceased relatives as they observe All Souls' Day, at a cemetery in Kolkata, Thursday.

Revoke

New Delhi: The Lok Sabha Secretariat on Thursday revoked the disqualification of NCP member Mohammad Faizal P P from the Lower House of Parliament, weeks after the Supreme Court suspended his conviction in an attempt to murder case. Faizal's disqualification from the House has "ceased to operate subject to further judicial pronouncements", a notification issued by Lok Sabha Secretary General Utpal Kumar Singh stated.

Campaign

New Delhi: The Centre has launched a month-long nationwide campaign aimed at raising awareness on the use of digital life certificates among central government pensioners, according to an official statement issued on Thursday.

Injured

New Delhi: Six people have been injured after being attacked by a group following an argument over the parking of a vendor-trolley in northeast Delhi's Jafraabad area, police said on Thursday. The argument broke out after a grocery store owner, Salman, at the Chauhan Bangar Wali Gali objected to the parking of the trolley outside his shop, they said.

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GOLD 60,886

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'Cong and devp can't go hand in hand'

Accuses party of nepotism, graft

Kanker, Nov 02:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday attacked the Congress, alleging that the grand old party and development cannot go hand in hand, and accused it of indulging in "parivarvaad", nepotism and corruption.

Addressing a rally in Kanker town of poll-bound Chhattisgarh, he also hit out at the Bhupesh Baghel-led government, saying those who looted the state would not be spared.

He alleged that the Congress abused him ahead of the 2014 Lok Sabha elections as he hailed from the Other Backward Classes (OBC) community.

"Congress has committed the biggest betrayal with the youth of Chhattisgarh. They (Congress) did not fulfil their promises. On the contrary, they committed corruption in recruitment (to government jobs). They turned the state's PSC to the office of Congress Committee. Congress recruited their children and relatives," he said. Parivarvaad, nepotism and corruption has



PM Modi addresses a public meeting in Kanker.

been the policy and tradition of Congress, he alleged. "Modi and BJP have concern for your children. That is why I will tell the youth of Chhattisgarh that no matter how powerful the one who has looted Chhattisgarh is, they will have to return everything. This is Modi's guarantee. No one who has looted (the state) will be spared. You have given

In five yrs of Cong rule....

In five years of Congress rule in Chhattisgarh, the number of its leaders' bungalows and cars increased and only their children and relatives benefited, not the poor, PM said, targeting the Baghel government over corruption.

"Development cannot take place where there is Congress," he said. BJP's resolution is to bring Chhattisgarh among top states in the country and protect the interests of poor, tribals and backward, he added. "Rapid development of Chhattisgarh is necessary for a developed India. In the next five years, we have to strengthen the foundation of a prosperous Chhattisgarh," Modi added.

me this task of fighting corruption. You have not made me sit here for the sake of having fun," Modi said.

Sachin Wahan-khade-hai



ED seizes about Rs 5 cr cash

Raipur, Nov 02: The Enforcement Directorate on Thursday seized about Rs 5 crore cash in poll-bound Chhattisgarh with official sources alleging the money was linked to the operations of the Mahadev online betting app case. They said about Rs 3.12 crore cash was seized from a hotel in state capital Raipur while another Rs 1.80 crore was recovered from a house in Bhillai. The federal agency has also apprehended a man, alleged to have acted as a courier for this stash who had reportedly come to India from the UAE for delivering the money. The agency suspects that the cash is linked to the operations of the Mahadev online betting app case which is being investigated by it under the anti-money laundering law. Few alleged "benami" bank accounts holding about Rs 10 crore are also being searched by the ED officials in the state. A report of the seizure is expected to be forwarded to the Election Commission by the ED. The state will have polling in two phases of November 7 and November 17.

SC asks EC for data of funds parties got till Sep 30

Through electoral bonds

New Delhi, Nov 02 (PTI)

The Supreme Court on Thursday directed the Election Commission of India (ECI) to produce before it in sealed cover the "up to date" data of funds received by political parties through electoral bonds till September 30, 2023.

A five-judge constitution bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud referred to the April 12, 2019 interim direction passed by the apex court directing political parties to furnish the details of funds received by

them through electoral bonds to the poll panel in a sealed cover. The bench, also comprising Justices Sanjiv Khanna, B R Gavai, J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, said the April 2019 order was not restrictive to the date on which it was pronounced, and if there was any ambiguity, it was necessary for the poll panel to seek a clarification from the top court.

While hearing arguments on a batch of petitions challenging the validity of the electoral bonds scheme for funding political parties, the bench observed the ECI should have the up to date data. "In any

event, we now direct that the Election Commission shall produce up to date data until September 30, 2023 in terms of the interim direction which was issued on April 12, 2019," the bench ordered. It said the exercise be carried out within two weeks and data handed over to the registrar (judicial) of the apex court in a sealed cover. The bench reserved its verdict on the petitions, including those filed by Congress leader Jaya Thakur, the Communist Party of India (Marxist) and NGO Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR), after hearing arguments for three days.

Kejri skips ED call, campaigns in MP

Singrauli, Nov 02 (PTI):

Defying the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) summons, Delhi chief minister and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday took part in a roadshow for the party's Singrauli city candidate in the Madhya Pradesh Assembly polls.

He was accompanied by Punjab chief minister Bhagwant Mann.

Kejriwal, who is the AAP's national convener, did not appear before the ED for questioning in the Delhi excise policy-linked case earlier in the day and instead wrote to the agency demanding the withdrawal of the notice



Kejriwal demands 'recall' of summons, calls it 'motivated'

New Delhi: Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal did not appear before the Enforcement Directorate for questioning in a case linked to the now scrapped Delhi excise policy and wrote to the Central agency demanding the "recall" of its summons to him, calling it "vague, motivated and unsustainable in law". The reply of the CM is being examined by the ED, official sources said and indicated that a fresh date for Kejriwal could be issued for a closer date as the Supreme Court has recently taken note of the prosecution's assurance that the trial in the case will be concluded within the next 6-8 months.

summoning him claiming it was "illegal and politically motivated".

He and Mann took part in a roadshow here for the party candidate from Singrauli and AAP's state president Rani Agrawal. She is also the mayor of Singrauli city, a major electricity generation hub.

"They have been threatening since the last few days in Delhi that they will arrest Kejriwal. They threaten everyday in Delhi that they will arrest Kejriwal. You will arrest the body of Kejriwal, but how will you arrest the thinking of Kejriwal?" the Delhi CM asked amid loud cheers from his supporters.

RUBAIYA CASE

Yasin Malik, aide appear in court

Another accused identified

New Delhi, Nov 02:

Separatist leader Yasin Malik and his associate Rafiq Pahlou appeared before a special court in Jammu on Thursday via video conference in connection with the 1989 abduction of Rubaiya Sayeed, the daughter of the then Union home minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed.

Two eyewitnesses examined in the court identified Ali Mohammad Mir as another accused in the case, senior additional advocate general and chief prosecutor of the Central Bureau

of Investigation Monika Kohli told PTI.

"In the 1989 Rubaiya Sayeed abduction case, two witnesses were examined. They identified one accused Ali Mohammad Mir," she said.

Giving further details, senior public prosecutor SK Bhat told PTI that two witnesses -- numbers 24 and 25 -- were examined. They supported the prosecution and identified accused Ali Mohammad Mir, he said. Ali Mohammad Mir, who is the prime accused in the kidnapping case after Malik, had taken Rubaiya Sayeed in his vehicle to Sopore from Srinagar and kept her at a guesthouse.

ONE DAY 4 CHILDREN



Children with painted faces participate in a programme at a school as part of the 'One Day 4 Children' celebrations, in Moradabad, Thursday.

Three men strip, molest IIT-BHU student; record the act

New Delhi, Nov 02 (PTI)

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Thursday slammed the government over an IIT-BHU student being allegedly molested and stripped, and asked if it was no longer possible for a woman student in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's constituency to walk fearlessly inside her own educational institution.

In a post in Hindi on X, Priyanka said the student of IIT-BHU has been "sexually assaulted" in Varanasi.

Police said that the student of IIT-BHU was al-



Students stage a protest outside the Indian Institute of Technology's (IIT) director's office.

legedly molested and stripped by three motorcycle-borne men, who also recorded a video of the act, near her hostel.

Banaras Hindu University (BHU) stu-

'Gyanvapi survey complete'

Varanasi, Nov 02 (PTI):

The Archaeological Survey of India on Thursday told a Varanasi court that it has "completed" the survey of the Gyanvapi mosque complex and is granted additional time till November 17 to submit its report. The ASI was to submit the report of the survey by November 6. Accepting the ASI request for more time to submit the report, District Judge A K Vishvesh passed the order on Thursday, Central government counsel Amit Srivastava said. The court was informed that the ASI has completed its survey, but it may take some more time for compiling the report along with the details of the equipment used in the survey work, Srivastava said.

Mahua, Oppn MPs storm out over LS panel's questions

Term it 'personal, unethical questions'

New Delhi, Nov 02:

Opposition members of the Lok Sabha ethics committee on Thursday stormed out of a meeting along with Mahua Moitra, accusing the panel's chairperson of asking the Trinamool Congress MP personal and unethical questions.

The committee chairman and Bharatiya Janata Party MP Vinod Sonkar, who continued the deliberations even after the walk-out, later counter-accused

'Moitra tried to create wrong narrative'

BJP MP Nishikant Dubey on Thursday alleged that TMC MP Mahua Moitra tried to create a wrong narrative about the proceedings of the Lok Sabha Ethics Committee that is probing allegations of "gifts-for-query" against her. Dubey's remark came hours after opposition members of the ethics panel stormed out of the meeting along with Moitra, accusing the committee's chairperson of asking the TMC leader personal and unethical questions.



ing and against him. "We found the ethics committee chairperson's questions to Moitra undignified and unethical," Congress MP and panel member N Uttam Kumar Reddy told reporters after the walkout.

Vehicles, luggage of CRPF staff on poll duty in Chh'garh should be checked

As BJP bringing in cash, alleges CM Baghel

Raipur, Nov 02:

Chief Minister Bupesh Baghel on Thursday urged the Election Commission of India to check the vehicles and luggage of paramilitary forces being deployed in the state for election duty, alleging that the BJP was bringing in cash through them so that it could be used to influence voters.

Talking to reporters at a helipad in Police Lines here, Baghel alleged that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) can stoop to any level to acquire power. "Enforcement Directorate's senior officers have been visiting

Chhattisgarh, but their vehicles are not checked as they are government officials. Common travellers are being checked. We are checked while travelling by helicopters and vehicles. CRPF brought big boxes in a plane but they were not checked. The ED can come for its investigation, but I want to tell the Election Commission that the vehicles of the central investigative agency should be checked," Baghel said.

"BJP has accepted its defeat (in the polls) and this is their last move that they are bringing money in boxes which will be used to influence the vot-

ers. Therefore, all vehicles should be checked, especially of ED and CRPF," he said.

When the CRPF is already deployed in the state, what is the need of bringing additional forces from outside, he asked.

"It means the boxes which are being brought may contain notes (cash) or other items too, so these should be checked," he added.

Asked whether the paramilitary force will be misused during the elections, Baghel said, "It is absolutely possible. They can go to any level to gain power..This is a very serious issue and the Election Commission should take

its cognizance. However, a complaint will be lodged by our party."

The CRPF personnel arrived here yesterday in a special plane. The airport authorities did not check their vehicles because they were on government duty, he said.

"When CCTV cameras have been installed everywhere and everyone is being checked, then why are they not being checked? Wherever they are going, their vehicles should be checked," he added.

Paramilitary forces are deployed in elections in Naxalite-hit and other areas for smooth conduct of polls.

CANDLE MARCH



Villagers of Bodra, Raipur took out a candle march by lighting 2000 candles and spread voter awareness message "Mor Raipur-Vote Raipur".

CBSE National Athletics meet from Nov 5

Asian Gold Medalist Parul Chaudhary to be guest of honour



Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Nov 02: Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) National Athletics meet 2023-24 is being organised under the aegis of city-based NH Goel World School's synthetic track from November 5 to 7. Addressing a press conference here, the Director Administration SK Tomar informed that Asian Games Gold Medalist Parul

Chaudhary would be the guest of honour during the inaugural ceremony whereas Joint Secretary and Regional Officer CBSE Bhubaneswar K Srinivasan would be the Chief Guest who would be motivating the young athletes participating in the Athletics meet. He further informed that more than 3250 athletes from 20 countries affiliated with India and International CBSE would be participating in the three-

day mega event. "Tomar further said that presence of Rising Indian Athlete Gold Medalist Parul Chaudhary would enhance the enthusiasm among the athletes and will show them the importance of sportsmanship. The CBSE National Sports meet will witness the participation of talented athletes from all corner of the country. He informed that the Athletics Meet would be held in various categories for Under 14, 17 and 19 age groups. The event promises to be a platform for young athletes to showcase their skills and sportsmanship.

Principal of the School Dr Avinash Pandey said that they are expecting that the talented Athletes would create new records in the CBSE Sports meet during the mega event as most of them have won the Cluster Level and qualified for the National Athletics meet.

Over 6,400 voters opt for ECI's 'vote-from-home' facility

Raipur, Nov 02: More than 6,400 voters in Chhattisgarh have decided to avail the Election Commission of India's vote-from-home facility introduced for people above 80 years of age and persons with more than 40 per cent disability in the state assembly elections to be held this month, officials said. A total of 6,447 voters have decided to avail this facility, the poll officials said on Thursday. In the elections to the 90-member Chhattisgarh assembly to be held in two phases on November 7 and 17, a total of 2,03,93,160 voters, including 1,01,35,561 males, 1,02,56,846 females and 753 transgender, will be able to exercise their franchise, a statement issued by the poll authority said. Of the total voters, 2,457 are those who have completed the

age of 100 years and are witness to the festival of democracy (elections) since its beginning, while 7,29,267 voters in the age category of 18-19 are first-time electors, it said. "The Election Commission has introduced the facility of voting through postal ballot at home to voters above 80 years of age or with more than 40 per cent disability. A total of 6,447 such voters have decided to avail this facility," it said. Among the 90 assembly constituencies, Raipur City North seat has the highest number of third gender voters at 96. Four constituencies of capital Raipur have 275 transgender voters, it said. Of the total voters, 19, 907 are service voters and the number of overseas Indian voters is 17, it added.

CRPF second in command officer writes book

Role of Police administration in eradication of Naxalism and the present scenario

Raipur, Nov 02:

Dr Vinod Kumar Tandon, the second in command officer in Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has published book on the role of police administration in eradication of Naxalism and the present scenario. Tandon, who served in various insurgency-prone North-Eastern states of the country such as Manipur, Assam, Nagaland, militancy-prone Jammu-Kashmir and naxal-affected areas of Chhattisgarh and Odisha earlier completed PhD on the role of police administration in eradication of Naxalism during deployment in Chhattisgarh (with special reference to District-Sukma Chhattisgarh). He did PhD in Pt Ravishankar Shukla



University Raipur.

According to Dr Tandon the book is multi-faceted and it is very important for the residents of Naxalite affected areas, Naxalite victim families, police force or paramilitary forces working in Naxalite affected areas. The book will also be useful for students studying for any competitive exam like (UPSC, SSC, PSC, Banking etc).

Through this book one can get information about the schemes operated for Naxal affected areas and take advantage of that scheme. The special aspect of this book is that the ground situation of Naxal affected areas has been told so that the police and the paramilitary force can also get information about the ground situation there, said Dr Tandon.

Tasneem, Chirag into next round of CG India International Badminton tournament

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Nov 02: Tasneem Meer from India defeated Pranavi Shree Ranga with the score of 21-6,21-12 to advance ahead in the Chhattisgarh India International Challenge Badminton tournament being organized under the aegis of Chhattisgarh Badminton Association (CBA) here on Thursday.

Similarly, Amolika Singh, Meghna Reddy, Isharani Barua, Ira Sharma, Anmol Kharab, Devika Sihag and Tharun Manepalli also won their matches to advance ahead in the Women's Single event.

In the Men' single category, Chirag Sen from



India defeated Rushendra Tirupati with the score of 21-13, 21-14 whereas Abhishek Saini, Aditya Joshi, Satish Kumar, Bharat Raghav, Tarun



Reddy, Ayush Shetty and Raunak Chouhan also won their matches to advance ahead in the tournament. In the doubles event, the pair of Ayush

Makhija and Deeksha Chaudhary defeated the pair of Suraj Gola and Manali Bora in the mixed category to enter into quarter final.

Free software engineering program for girls

Raipur, Nov 02:

Nav Gurukul organization is running a free software engineering program in Raipur district. There are still opportunities for admission on vacant seats.

Eligible girls desirous of admission can register themselves by visiting the link <https://admissions.navgurukul.org/partnerLanding/rg>. Those candidates who had lagged behind in the online entrance examination conducted earlier due to some reason can also register themselves. Candidates will be selected on the basis of online entrance examination followed by interview.

This training program conducted by Nav



Gurukul Institute under the guidance of Raipur District Administration is free and residential.

Apart from personal laptops, training on modern skills like English speaking, leadership skills, personality development will

also be given during this period.

After this training, there will be employment opportunities and the trainees will also get the opportunity to work in many multinational companies.

Six polling stations of Raipur North Assembly Center shifted

Raipur, Nov 02: Six polling stations of North Raipur Assembly constituency have been shifted to another location, for Assembly Elections-2023, on permission from the Election Commission. Six polling stations of Gujarati School Jaistambh Chowk have been shifted to Vivekananda Mahavidyalaya, Moudhapara. Polling booth numbers 123,124,125,126,127 and 128, which were earlier run in Gujarati School, will now be built in Vivekananda Mahavidyalaya.

Voters who had voted in Gujarati school at six polling stations during the last assembly elections will have to vote in Vivekananda Mahavidyalaya, Moudhapara.

Indian Overseas Bank organises Blood donation camp



Raipur, Nov 02: On the occasion of Vigilance Awareness Week-2023, Shankar Nagar branch of Indian Overseas Bank organised a blood donation camp on November 1, 2023. Most of the people donated blood in this camp. On this occasion, Regional Head, Anil Kumar Valecha said that

blood donation is a precious act, every person should donate blood and other people should also be made aware about blood donation.

Chief Manager, Rajesh Kumar Yadav said that we all should keep organising such events to express the feeling of dedication towards the country.

Chamber hands over memorandum to Jairam Ramesh

Raipur, Nov 02:

State President of Chhattisgarh Chamber of Commerce and Industries Amar Parwani, General Secretary Ajay Bhasin, Treasurer Uttam Chand Golchha, Working

President Rajendra Jaggi, Vikram Singhdeo, Ram Mandhan, Manmohan Agarwal said that senior leader of Congress, Rajya Sabha member and former Union Minister Jairam Ramesh and his team reached Chamber Bhavan to seek suggestions related to the trade and industry of the state in the assembly elections. On the occasion national spokesperson Radhika Kheda, Akhilesh Pratap Singh, President, Medical Cell Dr. Rakesh Gupta, spokesperson Chhattisgarh State Congress Committee Ajay Gangwani were present.



In the meeting, the Chamber delegation under the chairmanship of Chamber President Amar Parwani informed about traders of the state and important suggestions related to the development of trade and industry and submitted a memorandum related to trade and industry to Jairam Ramesh and his team. In which the important suggestions were given related to User Charge, Property Tax, Insurance Pension, Single Window System, One State One License, Electricity Bill Half, Abolition of Mandi Fee, E-way Bill, Fixing of electricity rate at concessional rate. con-

cession in fuel, Indian Penal Code, security of traders, special security law related to the category of micro-small and medium industries in the agro-based industries category, establishment of fire station, food park, cold storage, Labour law, Industry/trade department related, concession related to providing employment at local, cottage and small scale industry and pollution free industry and other issues. In the meeting, a copy of the suggestion related to Income Tax and GST was also handed over to Rajya Sabha member Jairam Ramesh and team.

Detailed information regarding the memorandum was given by the technical team. Jairam Ramesh listened seriously to the discussion held in the meeting and showing positivity said that the suggestions of the Chamber will be placed before the manifesto committee.

In the meeting, Chamber President Amar Parwani, Patron Asudamal Wadhvani, Hanuman Prasad Aggarwal, Advisor Bharat Bajaj, Deepak Ballewar, Jitendra Doshi, Sunder Singh, Executive President Rajendra Jaggi, Ram Mandhan and others were present.

All basic facilities be arranged in polling stations: Observer Mishra



Raipur, Nov 02:

Vishnu Prasad Mishra, the General Observer appointed for Abhanpur Assembly constituency, inspected the polling stations of the area today. Mishra reached the polling stations of Nayapara and Block Colony Abhanpur and instructed officials to ensure arrangements for drinking water, electricity, cleanliness, toilets and other basic facilities. Mishra asked Sector Officers and Police Sector

Officers to work in coordination.

Mishra also asked all the officers present to learn how to handle EVM machines properly. He instructed to get proper information about election manual book, mock poll and route plan. The Observer also gave strict instructions regarding the seizure of illicit liquor, cash, illegal materials etc. Mishra also asked to make appropriate security arrangements in all the polling stations of Abhanpur Assembly.

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Police makes elaborate traffic arrangements for PM's visit

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Nov 02: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is going to visit Durg on November 04. Durg Police has made elaborate arrangements for traffic control and vehicle parking.

An advisory has been issued regarding the route plan. The pass holder guests who will sit on the stage at Ravi Shankar Stadium or welcome the Prime Minister near the stage on his arrival and departure will park their vehicles in Surana College. All the shops and carts on the road will be prohibited in the VVIP route from Helipad Jayanti Stadium to the public meeting venue at Ravi Shankar Stadium. Vehicle Parking has been marked in different directions for the vehicles coming for the program. Various kinds of material will be prohibited at the venue.

The commuters have been advised to use alternative routes on Nov 04. Entry of heavy vehicles will be completely banned in Durg city on this day. The venue will be completely under CCTV camera surveillance.

In view of the possibility of a large number of common citizens attending the public rally at Ravi Shankar Stadium, the Durg Police has issued instructions regarding vehicle parking places. Vehicles coming from Rajnandgaon and Balod will move across Pulgaon Chowk-Potia Chowk-Maharaja Chowk- Sony Furniture and park their vehicles in Mini Stadium Padmanabhpur, Hockey Ground, Civil Lines. Vehicles coming from



Patan and Utai will move across MD Chowk - Jail Tiraha - Police Line and park their vehicles at Girls College and people will walk to the program venue.

The vehicles coming from Patan and Utai will move across Y Shape Bridge- Science College-Malviya Nagar Chowk-SC/ST Boys Hostel and park their vehicles at Khalsa Public School and people will walk to the venue.

Vehicles coming from Dhamdha will move across Green Chowk-Railway Station-Malviya Nagar and park their vehicles at Polytechnic College and proceed to the venue on foot.

Vehicles coming from Patel Chowk will move across Utai Tiraha and park vehicles at DO Office Girls School and people will walk to the program venue.

Persons holding the passes, who will sit on the

stage at Ravi Shankar Stadium and welcome the Prime Minister on his arrival and departure near the stage, will park their vehicle at Surana College and walk to the venue.

People visiting the Helipad at Jayanti Stadium to welcome the PM will park their vehicles in the football ground from behind the petrol pump from DPS Chowk.

The items restricted at the programme venue are Explosive material - fire-cracker, gunpowder, gun and other explosive materials like Petrol, diesel, kerosene, alcohol, match-stick, gel, cigarette, beedi; Food items including water bottles, gutkha, tobacco and any kind of

food items; Sharp objects including knives, blades, scissors, razors, any kind of sharp objects, etc.

Police appealed to the drivers to use alternative routes instead of the VVIP route to reach the hospitals, schools, offices and other essential works. Drivers going from Globe Chowk towards Sector 9, 32 Bungalow should use Garage Road, Forest Avenue route. Drivers going from Y Shape towards Patel Chowk should use the Jail Road Maharaja Chowk route from Malviya Nagar Chowk.

The route from Jayanti Stadium Helipad to Globe Chowk - Sector 9 Chowk - 32 Bungalow Tiraha - Y-Shape Over Bridge - Malviya Nagar Chowk - Ravi Shankar Stadium will be restricted on this day. Further, the entry of heavy vehicles inside Durg city will be completely banned on this day.

Yashita wins int'l dance competition

Central Chronicle News



Bhilai, Nov 02: Yashita brought glory to Bhilai (Durg), Chhattisgarh by winning first position in 'Desh-Raag' International Classical Dance Competition. She also got third place in AIDA National Classical Dance Competition. Yashita has achieved this proud position under the direction and training of Rakhi Rai, the Guru of Nrityadham Kala Kendra. Yashita is a student of class IV in Sri Sankara Vidyalaya Sector 10. Her mother Kavita Pradeep is a teacher of Sankara School.

participating in the tours. Major activities of this Tribal Youth Exchange Program include interaction sessions with constitutional officers and eminent persons, panel discussions, lecture sessions, activities under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, speech competition, career guidance, learning about ongoing sports events, etc. Apart from this, the participants will visit Delhi's industries and camps of security forces.

Uday Mahavidyalaya observes National Unity Day



Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Nov 02: Uday Mahavidyalaya, Jamul Bhilai observed National Unity Day on October 31. The students enthusiastically participated in the speech, poem recitation

and poster making competitions. The National Unity Day pledge was administered to the students.

The gathering paid tributes to Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel for his struggles, sacrifices and contri-

butions to the nation. Uday Mahavidyalaya Principal Dr Alipa Sahu, Assistant Professor Kalavati Rao, Neelam Chouhan, Kalpana Gupta, Prabha Sahu, Purnima Sahu and Satnam Singh were present.

Second group of youth departs for Alipur, Delhi

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Nov 02: Under the 15th Tribal Youth Exchange Programme, the second batch of 20 tribal boys and 20 girls from the extremely remote and Naxal affected areas of District Kanker, Chhattisgarh was sent from Durg Railway Station to Alipur (Delhi) on Thursday.

Two male security officers and two female security officers of the Border Security Force are accompanying them. This group will meet tribal youth from different states of India in Delhi and get acquainted with the culture of other states.

Under this program, appropriate information will be provided to the tribal

young men and women about their bright future and rights. There will be an interaction between the participating young men and women from other states to enable them to understand each other.

They will be introduced to food, lifestyle, cultural activities and costumes of other states. In this program, local folk programs of all the states will be staged. Besides, they will tour the famous, scenic and culturally important places of Delhi.

The 15th Tribal Youth



Exchange Program is being organized under the joint aegis of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, New Delhi (Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India) and Ministry of Home Affairs. The duration of each

Tribal Youth Exchange Program is 07 days. Border Security Force deployed in the naxal infested areas of Kanker is organising four tours this year: 130 selected youth of the age group of 18 to 22 years from Kanker are

participating in the tours. Major activities of this Tribal Youth Exchange Program include interaction sessions with constitutional officers and eminent persons, panel discussions, lecture sessions, activities under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, speech competition, career guidance, learning about ongoing sports events, etc. Apart from this, the participants will visit Delhi's industries and camps of security forces.

Joint Unions blow bugle against SAIL management

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Nov 02: All the ten trade unions of Bhilai Steel Plant have jointly launched a campaign against the dictatorial decision of SAIL management over the issue of bonus. The movement began from the Coke Oven Department on Wednesday.

INTUC, CITU, AITUC, HMS, BMS, AICCTU, BSP Workers Union, LOIMU, Ispat Shramik Manch and Steel Workers Union have decided to reach among the workers of Bhilai Steel Plant to give detailed information about the arbitrariness and dictatorship of SAIL management. On the first day, the joint union reached the Coke Oven Department and met the workers. The union leaders criticized the arbitrary attitude of the SAIL management on all the issues like wage revision, gratuity, bonus etc.

The employees are already



filled with anger due to the dictatorial attitude of the management. All the employees welcomed the unity of the union leaders and said that similar unity should be there from NJCS to the unit level for getting the legitimate demands fulfilled. Expressing their anger, the employees of SRG Crane Maintenance said that they have to struggle for even the smallest needs in the department. They said that the employees of the department are not even getting raincoats and gumboots for a

long time. When the joint union team was moving towards the CPP 2 section of the coke oven, it was found that the road which leads to SP 3 RMP 3 is in a dilapidated condition. There are potholes at many places on the way and gravel is spread at many places due to which there remains a possibility of accidents of two-wheelers and cyclists. The contract workers of CPP 2 said that they get a daily salary of Rs 320 to Rs 350. Last year, they had received a bonus of Rs 3000. While

giving the information, the joint union informed them that this year the union has demanded a 20% bonus. If a lesser bonus is paid, the labourers must inform the unions. The contract workers said that all the contractors here pay the same salary and snatch away the gate pass on demanding minimum wages. The joint union assured that if minimum salary and bonus are not given, the union will inquire with the operating authority and complain about it to higher officials and government administration.

Voting Awareness Cyclothon held under SVEEP campaign

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Nov 02: SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Personnel Department, with the support of the Sports, Cultural & Civic Amenities (SCCA) Department, organised a cyclothon (a bi-cycle rally) as part of a voter awareness drive under the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) Campaign.

Rohit Vyas, Commissioner, Bhilai Nagar Nigam, flagged off the Cyclothon from Mahatma Gandhi Kala Mandir, Civic Centre, to encourage people, especially youngsters, to strengthen democracy by

massive participation in the forthcoming elections. Jageshvar Kumar Kausal, Deputy Collector, Durg, Samir Swarup, ED (Rowghat), Pawan Kumar, ED (P & A), BK Giri, ED (Mines), were also present on this occasion, along with JY Sapkal, CGM (TSD & CSR), Sandeep Mathur, CGM (Personnel) and other Senior Officials and personnel from BSP's various departments.

Rohit Vyas, in his address, said that the Voter turnout is decreasing in the urban areas, and people abstain from stepping out of their houses and workplaces to exercise their Universal Adult

Franchise. The right to vote must not be wasted and youngsters must use this to strengthen democracy at the grassroots level. The Election Commission is organizing various programmes to encourage the voters and several initiatives are also being run to facilitate the voters especially the elderly and Divyang to help them exercise their vote without any inconvenience. Encourage your colleagues at SAIL-BSP, neighbours, friends and everyone around to duly exercise their vote on the coming November 17 and mark their valuable contribution in nation building, Vyas said.

The Executive Directors present on this occasion also spoke on the significance of the Voting Awareness Cyclothon and motivated everyone to cast their vote judiciously.

As many as 150 participants from various schools of Bhilai and nearby areas, athletes and BSP Employees took part in the Cyclothon, which commenced from Mahatma Gandhi Kala Mandir, Civic Centre, and passed through Rail Globe Square, Sec-10, Sec-08 Square, and Sec-09 Square at Pt Ravishankar Shukla Path and concluded at the Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital & Research Centre, Sector-09.

Swachhta Jagrukta Month concludes at Nandini Mines

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Nov 02: The Swachhta Jagrukta Month-2023, which was going on at SAIL Bhilai Steel Plant's Nandini Mines area since October 02, 2023, concluded successfully on October 31, 2023. The Valedictory Ceremony of the month was organised jointly by SAIL-BSP & Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) at DAV Ispat Vidyalay, Nandini on October 31, 2023.

Prem Prakash, Regional Controller of Mines (IBM) was the Chief Guest on this occasion, while Samir Swarup, ED (Rowghat) and BK Giri, ED (Mines) were present as Special Guests. The programme started by lighting the ceremonial lamp.

Chief Guest Prem Prakash, in his address, said that to achieve the goal of Swachh Bharat



and Swasth Bharat every citizen has the responsibility of maintaining cleanliness in their homes as well as surroundings. The goal of developed mines can be achieved only through clean mines. He also appreciated the initiatives by the Bhilai Steel Plant collective under this campaign.

Samir Swarup, ED (Rowghat) also appreciated the initiative by BSP's Mines Department and

appealed everyone, to take care of even minute things while maintaining cleanliness only then can the Swachh Bharat Mission be a success.

BK Giri, ED (Mines) said that to ensure developed mines we need to diligently adhere to the basic tenets of safety and cleanliness- Keep their surroundings clean, stop using plastic and also make the people aware of cleanliness.

Various cultural programmes themed on cleanliness were also performed by the school students, followed by observing of Rangoli and Poster exhibitions by the Dignitary Guests.

The winners of the respective competitions held under the Swachhta Jagrukta Month-2023 were also felicitated by the Dignitary guests. Prem Prakash, Regional Controller of Mines (IBM)

administered an oath of cleanliness to everyone present in the programme.

D Das, D Upadhyay from Indian Bureau of Mines and C Srikanth, PM Shirpurkar and P Ekka, General Managers (Mines-BSP) were also present on this occasion, along with Natwar Tamrakar Municipality Chairman (Ahiwara), Seema Bakshi, Chief Municipal Officer and various officers and employees of Nandini-Mines.

Kailash Malhotra, GM I/c (Lime-Stone & EP) presented the Welcome Address, while P Ekka, GM (Mines-BSP) proposed Vote of Thanks.

The programme was compered by Sheetal Wahi and Pratima Gajpal, teachers of DAV Ispat Vidyalaya Nandini. This entire program was coordinated by DN Rastogi, AGM (Nandini Mines).

BSP's Selfie Points spreading message of Voting Awareness attractively

● District Commissioner and Director I/c click selfies

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Nov 02: Several voting awareness activities are being conducted by SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant, to encourage people to step ahead to vote and strengthen democracy at the grassroots level. Under this, a selfie point has been installed at various locations of the Steel City Bhilai, including the Ispat Bhawan, Saiyantra Bhawan in the plant complex and Nehru Art Gallery in Civic Centre. These selfie points have become centres of attraction for people taking selfies. On November 01, 2023, Rohit Vyas, Nagar Nigam Commissioner (Durg), Jageshvar Kumar Kausal, SDM, Durg, Samir Swarup, ED (Rowghat), Pawan Kumar, ED (P & A), BK Giri, ED (Mines), clicked selfies at the selfie point at Mahatma Gandhi Kala Mandir, Civic



Centre. Similarly, during the Run for Vote Rally organized at the Human Resource Development Center on October 31, Anirban Dasgupta, Director I/c of the plant, Anjani Kumar, ED (Works), S Mukhopadhyay, ED (Projects), AK Chakraborty, ED (MM), Dr Pramod Binayake, CMO (M&HS), and Dr Rajeev Kumar Pal, CMO (M&HS) along with other Senior Officials from BSP's various departments also clicked selfies at HRDC selfie point and motivated everyone to exercise their right to vote and



contribute for nation's development. Given the forthcoming Chhattisgarh Vidhan Sabha Elections on November 07 & 17, 2023, information is being provided continuously through various mediums to make the people aware of voting rights and responsibility. These Selfie points are dedicated to voters and designed to showcase and encourage individual responsibility towards participation in the electoral process and their inclusivity in the electoral process through the power of voting.

Timely action by police prevents Naxalite threat

In Bakarkatta
11-Kilogram bomb defused

Central Chronicle News

Khairagarh, Nov 02: In a remarkable display of vigilance and dedication, a police team in the Bakarkatta area of Kanshibahara uncovered an 11-kilogram explosive device concealed beneath a bridge.

This discovery came as a response to the ongoing Naxalite activity in the border regions of the district, prompting the local police force and central paramilitary units to intensify their efforts in combating these threats.

The police team, comprised of officers from Bakarkatta, joined forces with specialized anti-Naxal operation units, in-



cluding the ITBP, F-Coy 131 BN, BSF, and a BDS team, to conduct thorough searches near Kanshitola.

During their search, the BDS team's suspicions led them to inspect an area beneath a bridge, where they made a startling discovery-an improvised explosive device

(IED) weighing approximately 11 kilograms.

Understanding the gravity of the situation, the BDS team promptly informed SP Anikita Sharma, who swiftly arrived at the scene alongside SDOP PrashantKhadke.

With safety as their top priority, they carefully ex-

cavated the ground, revealing a steel drum containing the potentially devastating IED. It was evident that the Naxalites had planted this explosive device with the malicious intent to harm police personnel.

Following the successful recovery of the explosive, a case has been regis-

tered against the unidentified Naxalites. As the region prepares for the upcoming assembly elections, efforts have been redoubled to ensure the safety and security of all.

The operation stands as a testament to the dedication and bravery of those involved, including Assistant Commandant Veerendra Kumar of the BSF, Assistant Commandant Santosh Singh of the ITBP, ASI Mukteshwar Puri Goswami from the Kesari district Naxal cell, Constable RakeshSahu, Constable Ganga Verma, and BDS team leader Anirudh Patel and his team. Their swift and courageous actions have averted a potential tragedy and reinforced the commitment to maintaining peace and security in the region.

Unity Day celebrated with volleyball match



Central Chronicle News

Pithora, Nov 02: In a festive spirit of National Unity Day, an exhilarating volleyball match took place today, organised by

the Rail Mail Service (RMS) Division, Raipur, Chhattisgarh Circle. The Directorate of Postal Accounts secured a splendid win in the men's category, while the RMS/Postal

Accounts Office triumphed in the women's division. In recognition of their achievements, the victorious teams were celebrated and honoured by the Circle.

Observer Priyatu Mandal inspects strong room

Central Chronicle News

Korba, Nov 02: Observer IAS appointed by the Election Commission for Korba and Rampur Assembly, Priyatu Mandal inspected the strong room and counting place being set up in the IT College located in Jhagarha. Observer Mandal inspected the strong rooms made assembly wise and took information about the arrangements for EVM machines and materials to be distributed to the polling parties.

He was informed by Additional Collector Pradeep Kumar Sahu and Deputy District Election Officer Seema Patre about the preparations made so far and the arrangements for distribution of material to the polling parties and collection of material on return.

The observer also reached the rooms fixed for counting of votes and took stock of the arrangements being made there and also observed the condition of the tables set up for assembly-wise count-



ing, seating arrangements of the candidates and their agents etc.

He also took information from the Additional Superintendent of Police about the security arrangements at the

strong room and the counting site, other than Media Certification and Media Monitoring Unit (MCMC), Video Observation Room, C-Vigil-Control Room, Warehouse etc. Created for the Assembly elections

in the Commercial Tax Office. He instructed the MCMC unit to identify the campaign materials of the candidates in daily newspapers, TV channels and social media accounts. The observer also took detailed information from the employees posted in MCMC room, video observation room, and C-VIGIL-control room regarding their work and gave necessary instructions.

Also Priyatu Mandal and Expenditure Observer O.N. Hariprasad Rao and Police Observer C. Venkata Subba Reddy visited the liquor shop and warehouse and took

information about the available stock including the record maintenance being done here and gave necessary instructions.

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.
Corporate Office: 802, Natraj By Rustomjee, Western Express Highway, Sir M.V. Road, Andheri East, Mumbai-400069, Maharashtra
Bhilai Branch: Hall No-1, 2nd Floor Crescent Plaza, Gurdwara Road, Opp. Utsav Palace Durg - 491001 (CG)
Authorised Officer: Ashwin Sharma, Mob:- 7697112220

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION CUM SALE

Pursuant to taking possession of the secured asset mentioned hereunder by the Authorized Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 for the recovery of amount due from borrower/s, offers are invited by the undersigned in sealed covers for purchase of immovable property, as described hereunder, which is in the physical possession, on 'As is Where is Basis', 'As is What is Basis' and 'Whatever is There is Basis', Particulars of which are given below:-

S. No.	Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property	Reserve Price (RP)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (10% of RP)
1	(Loan Code No. 0300000077 & 0300000054 / Bhilai Branch), Harish Kumar (Borrower), Rekha Sen (Guarantor)	13-09-2022 ₹ 13,58,622/- & ₹ 10,38,938/-	All that Piece and Parcel of the property bearing, Ph No 11 Kh No 364 22 PM Om Sai Nagar Mo Chikhli Durg Nr Office of Bol Bum Property Developers Durg, Chhattisgarh 491001. Boundaries: East: 25 Feet Road, West: Kotwar Ki Land, North: Rajender Jain Ki Land, South: Seller Remaining Land	₹ 24,61,500/-	₹ 2,46,150/-

- (1) Last Date of Submission of Sealed Bid/Offer in the prescribed tender forms along with EMD and KYC is 02-12-2023 within 5:00 PM at the Branch Office address mentioned herein above. Tenders that are not filled up or tenders received beyond last date will be considered as invalid tender and shall accordingly be rejected. No interest shall be paid on the EMD.
 - (2) Date of Opening of the Bid/Offer (Auction Date) for Property is 04-12-2023 at the above mentioned branch office address at 3:00 PM. The tender will be opened in the presence of the Authorized Officer.
 - (3) The notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s, to remain present personally at the time of sale and they can bring the intending buyers/purchasers for purchasing the immovable property as described herein above, as per the particulars of Terms and Conditions of Sale.
 - (4) This is 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002 is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the above described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" and to the amount due to Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd., in full before the date of sale, auction is liable to be stopped.
 - (5) The immovable property will be sold to the highest tenderer. However, the Authorized Officer reserves the absolute discretion to allow inter se bidding, if deemed necessary. The Property as mentioned will not be sold below Reserve Price.
 - (6) AHFL is not responsible for any liabilities whatsoever pending upon the property as mentioned above. The Property shall be auctioned on 'As is Where is Basis', 'As is What is Basis' and 'Whatever is There is Basis'.
 - (7) The Demand Draft Should be made in favor of 'Aadhar Housing Finance Limited' Only.
 - (8) The detail terms and conditions of the auction sale are incorporated in the prescribed tender form. Tender forms are available at the above mentioned Branch Office. Authorized officer reserve the rights to extend the date of tender or change the terms & conditions of bidding. For further details & other terms & conditions of bidding please visit our branch and website: www.aadharhousing.com
- For further details, contact the Authorized Officer, at the above mentioned office address.
Place: Chhattisgarh
Date: 03-11-2023
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

NAME CHANGE

It is informed to the general public that I, ADITYA KUMAR SINGH FATHER LATE, HARI SINGH Resident 2/3B, Ashish Nagar East, Risali, Bhilai, Tehsil and District-Durg (Chhattisgarh) have changed my old name ADITYA KUMAR SINGH FATHER LATE, HARI SINGH, so in future I should be recognized by my new name that is ADITYA KUMAR SINGH FATHER LATE, HARI SINGH in all Government and other documents.
Aditya Singh
2/3B, Ashish Nagar East, Risali, Bhilai, Tehsil And District-Durg (Chhattisgarh)

punjab national bank Circle Office, Plot No. A-48, Ring Road No. 2
ਪੰਜਾਬ ਨੈਸ਼ਨਲ ਬੈਂਕ Gaurav Path, Bilaspur, Ph.: (07752) 432710/729

DEMAND NOTICE

A notice is hereby given that the following Borrowers, Partners and Guarantors have defaulted in repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known address, but the same have been returned unopened and as such they are hereby informed by way of this notice.

Name & Address of the Borrowers/ Partners/Guarantors and Branch Name	Date of Notice	Amount Outstanding (As on 30.09.2023)	Details of Properties / Address of Secured Assets to be Enforced
BORROWER- SHRI AVDHSH TIWARI S/O LALJI TIWARI, CO BORROWER- SHRI LALJI TIWARI BOTH OF THEIR ADD.: 78/1 STATION ROAD, BHATAPARA CG 492009. GUARANTOR- SMT SUSHILA DEVI TIWARI, DEEN DAYAL UPDHYA WARD, NEAR KALI MANDIR RAILWAY STATION, BHATAPARA-493118, BRANCH-BHATAPARA	16.10.2023	Rs. 5,91,042.54 + Int. + other charges w.e.f. 01.10.2023	Em of Land And Building on Kh No 141/17 (142/6) Ph No 11, Land Area 3000 Sqft, Pt Deendayal Upadhyay Ward 29, Bhatapara, Dist- Baloda Bazar (CG) - 492009. Boundaries: East- Pk Swami Rao Open Plot, West- Manisha Taleja Open Plot, North- Chandrika Prasad House And Chandravati Open Plot, South- 17 Ft Road

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrower(s), Partner(s) and/or their Guarantor(s) (whenever applicable) are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002.

Date: 03.11.2023, Place: Bilaspur
Authorized Officer, Punjab National Bank

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank T.P. Nagar Branch, Raipur (C.G.)

POSSESSION NOTICE [Appendix IV under the Act-Rule-8(1)]

Whereas, The under signed being the Authorized officer of the Canara Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a Demand Notice was issued on the dated in the given following table calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days of receipt of said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property, described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the said Act on the dates mentioned against the account. The Borrower 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 the CANARA BANK (Below mentioned Branches) for the amount and interest mentioned thereon.

The Borrower's / Guarantors / Mortgager'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.

S. No.	Borrower Name	Detail of Possessed Property	Demand Notice Amount	Demand Notice Date
1.	Mr. Dharmendra Singh Parmar S/o Mr. Daddhiram Parmar, KH No. 1338, PC No. 107, Netaji Kanhaiyalal Ward, No. 8, Gudhyari, Raipur (C.G.)	All the part & parcel of Residential House bearing Khasra No. 1338, Situated at Mouja-Gudhyari, Netaji Kanhaiyalal Ward, Ward No. 08, P.H. No. 107, R.I.C. Raipur, Tahsil & District- Raipur (C.G.) Area 1,025 Sq. Ft. North: Seller Land, South: Land of Muridhar Banjan, East: Land of Muridhar Banjan, West: Road.	₹ 21,50,099.00 with interest and applicable charges thereon.	06.07.2023 02.11.2023

Date: 02.11.2023 Place: Raipur (C.G.)
Authorized Officer, Canara Bank

NAME CHANGE

It is inform to the general public that I PREETPAL BELCHANDAN S/o BHUDHAR LAL BELCHANDAN resident of House No. - 43, Ward-02, Village Tirga, Distt. Durg (C.G.) Pin-491225 have changed my old name PREETPAL SINGH BELCHANDAN S/o BHUDHAR LAL BELCHANDAN so in future I should be recognized by my new name that is PREET PAL BELCHANDAN S/o BHUDHAR LAL BELCHANDAN in all government and other documents.

PREET PAL BELCHANDAN
House No. - 43, Ward-02, Village Tirga, Distt. Durg (C.G.) Pin-491225

NAME CHANGE

It is informed to the general public that I, CHANDRAPRABHA SINHA S/o. BHARAT BHUSHAN SINGH SINHA resident of Ward No.- 05, Road-5, Azad Chowk, Rao Cottage, Kasaridih, Durg, Tehsil & Distt- Durg (C.G.) have changed my old name CHANDRAPRABHA BHARATBHUSHAN SINHA (Passport No.- N0745290). So in future I should be recognized by my new name that is CHANDRAPRABHA SINHA (AADHAR No.-5632 9147 1028) in all Government and other documents.

CHANDRAPRABHA SINHA
Address-Ward No.-05, Road-5, Azad Chowk, Rao Cottage, Kasaridih, Durg, Tehsil & Distt- Durg (C.G.)

UCO BANK Zonal Office, Telibandha, Raipur (C.G.)
Email: zoraipur.rec@ucobank.co.in

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the Public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic/Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of UCO Bank, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 18.11.2023 between 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM for recovery of amount dues and Reserve Price & EMD alongwith other details are given below:- Last date and time for submission of bid on 2 Hrs. before Auction Time. Date and Time of E-Auction:- 18.11.2023 Between 11:00 A.M to 4:00 PM with unlimited extensions of 10 minutes each.

Sl. No.	Name of Branch/ Contact Details	Name of Borrowers & Guarantors	Amount Dues Type of possession	Date of Demand & Possession	Description of Property	Reserve Price Mini. Incur. Value
01		Mr. Rajiv Singh & Mrs. Vandana Singh	₹ 10.35 Lakh Symbolic Possession	23.05.2023	'Owner of Property: All part & parcel of landed property standing in the name of Mr. Rajeev Singh S/o- Mr. L.N. Singh, Plot No Kh No 1202/1, 1202/2, 1206, P in no -117/53, Area of Plot 1600 Sq Ft Boriyakaala Tah & Dist- Raipur (C.G.)	2268000/- 226800/- 25000/-
02	Penslonbada Branch (1834) sanjiv kumar Gouda 9952053884	M/s. Ansh Medical Agency, Prop. Rajeev Singh	₹ 123.48 Lakh Symbolic Possession	04.03.2023	Owner of Property :-Mr. Rajeev Singh S/o- Mr. L.N. Singh, Details of Property: Land & Building in the name of Mr. Rajeev Singh at Kh. No. (Part of 268,259/1,292/1 & 293/1, Ph No 107, Size of Plot- 3710 Sq.Ft near Hanuman Mandir, Khabada, Gudhyari, Raipur CG.	10720000/- 1072000/- 25000/-

Date & Time of E-Auction 18.11.2023, 11.00PM. to 4.00 PM. & Property Inspection Date & Time: 14.11.2023, 1.00 PM. to 4.00 PM. For detailed terms & conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided in <https://mstcecommerce.com> and <https://ibapi.in>. Also prospective bidders may contact the authorised officer on Phone 9937140058.

THIS PUBLICATION IS ALSO 15 DAYS NOTICE TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED BORROWERS/GUARANTORS/MORTGAGORS
Date : 02.11.2023 Place: Raipur (C.G.)
Authorized Officer, UCO Bank, Raipur (C.G.)

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (IES)

Sale Notice for sale of immovable properties as per proviso to Rule 8(6) and Appendix-IV-A (Under Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002)

Whereas the undersigned being one of the Authorized Officer of the Shubham Housing Development Finance Company Limited (hereinafter called the Company) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (The Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (The Rules) issued demand notices calling upon the borrowers, whose names have been indicated in column (C) below on dates specified in column (D) written against each of them, calling upon them to repay the outstanding amount indicated in column (E) below within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken voluntary surrendered/possession of the property mortgaged with the company, described column (F) herein below, to recover the said outstanding amount, in exercise of powers conferred on me under section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 9 of the Rules on the date mentioned in column (H).

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned in column (F) below and any dealings with these properties will be subject to the charge of the Shubham Housing Development Finance Company Limited for an amount mentioned in column (G).

Now, the borrower and the public in general is hereby also informed that the said properties will be sold by public auction on date, time and venue as specified in column (K) against each of the property by inviting bids in the sealed envelopes as per the procedure and terms and conditions stated below:

S. Application No.	Name & Address of Applicant	Date of Notice u/sect13(2)	Demand Notice Amount	Property Detail	Current due Amt (As on 30-10-2023)	Date of Possession & Possession Status	Reserve Price	EMD (Rs.) (10% of RP)	Date, Time & Place of Auction
08H1805 00000501 2775	Sumit Kumar, Sakila Devi QNO 11 B Sadak 17, Sector 02 Ward No 4D, Bhilai Durg, Chhattisgarh, Aayyapp Mandir Durg, Chhattisgarh -490001	29-11-2022	₹ 17,60,744/-	Plot No 24, Kh No 147/14, Vill - Khedamara, P.H. No. 12, RNM Durg -1Teh. Dist -Durg, Chhattisgarh, 402121	₹ 20,43,871/-	16-02-2023, Symbolic Possession	₹ 11,52,800/-	₹ 1,15,280/-	05-12-2023, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM FF-03, Block A, First Floor, Mansarovar Complex, M.P. Nagar Zone II, Habibganj, Bhopal - 462016

- Note: To the knowledge of the company, there is no encumbrance on the above property.
Terms and conditions of auction sale notice
PROCEDURE AND TERMS & CONDITIONS OF PUBLIC AUCTION BY INVITING BIDS:
1. The property can be inspected on 28-11-2023, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
 2. Sale is subject to the conditions prescribed in SARFAESI Act/Rules 2002 and the terms and conditions mentioned hereunder and also subject to conditions in the offer/bid documents to be submitted by the intending/participating bidders.
 3. The bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope to the office of undersigned along with a Demand Draft/Pay Order towards the Earnest Money Deposit favouring Shubham Housing Development Finance Company Limited, payable locally. The Earnest money deposit shall not carry any interest. Along with Bid form the proposed bidder shall also attach his/her identity proof/ KYC norms and proof of residence such as copy of the passport, Aadhar Card, election commission card, ration card, driving license etc. and a copy of the PAN card issued by the Income tax department.
 4. Last date to submit the bid along with Earnest Money Deposit is on 04-12-2023, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
 5. In no eventually the property would be sold below the reserve price indicated against each of the property.
 6. On the date of sale all the bids so received would be opened and the bid of the highest bidder, provided it is above the reserve price, may be accepted by the company. However the bidders personally present at the auction site shall have the right to further enhance their bid price, subject to a minimum of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only) and in the event of higher bid price being offered the company shall have the right to accept the same. Thereafter, the Purchaser will be required to pay deposit of 25% (Twenty-Five percent) of the sale price, after adjusting the earnest money deposit, immediately at the fall of hammer with the undersigned upon receipt of said amount the company will confirm the acceptance of the bid. The request for extension of time may be allowed by the Authorized officer at his sole discretion subject to such terms and conditions as may be deemed fit and proper by him. In the event the highest bidder fails to tender 25% of the bid amount immediately at the fall of hammer then the earnest money deposited by the highest bidder will be forfeited and the property would be offered to the second highest bidder. The balance amount of the purchase price shall be paid by the Purchaser to the undersigned on or before the fifteenth day of confirmation of the sale of the said property or such extended period as maybe agreed upon in writing by the parties. In default of payment & within the time as mentioned above, the company shall be at liberty to forfeit the Earnest Money Deposit and/or any other deposit made by the purchaser and proceed with re-auction of the Property. That defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which they may be subsequently sold.
 7. All the payments shall be made by the purchaser by means of the Demand Draft/Pay Order favouring Shubham Housing Development Finance Company Limited.
 8. On receipt of the sale in full, the company shall be issuing a Sale Certificate in favour of the Purchaser and would hand-over the possession of the property to the Purchaser.
 9. The said Immovable Property described in the Schedule shall remain and be at the sole risk of the Purchaser in all respects including loss or damage by fire or theft or other accidents, and other risk from the date of the Confirmation of the sale by the undersigned authorised officer. The Purchaser shall not be entitled to annul the sale on any ground whatsoever.
 10. The Demand Draft/Pay Order deposited towards the earnest money shall be returned to the unsuccessful bidders.
 11. For all the purposes sale of these Properties is strictly on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS AND WITHOUT ANY RECOURSE BASIS". The company is not aware of any encumbrances of any nature whatsoever on the aforesaid properties.
 12. All expenses relating to Stamp Duty, Registration Charges, Transfer Charges, Mutation charges and any other charges in respect of the above referred property shall be borne by the Purchaser only.
 13. The Authorized officer is not bound to accept the highest offer or any or all offers/bid(s) and the company reserves its right to reject any or all bid(s) without assignment any reasons therefor.
 14. No person other than the bidders themselves or their duly authorised representative shall be allowed to participate in the sale proceedings on presentation of authority letter.
 15. In case all the dues together with all cost charges and expenses incurred by the company are tendered or settled by the above named borrowers at any time before the date fixed for sale for the property, under Sec13(2) of the Act, then the property will not be sold and all the bids received from the prospective bidders shall be returned to them without any liability/claim against the company.
 16. This notice is also a notice to above said Borrowers under Rule 8(6) and APPENDIX IV A of the security Interest Enforcement Rules 2002 to the Customer at their respective address as mentioned in column "C" & "F".
 17. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.shubham.co
 18. For further information, clarity or any assistance, same can be approached to (Authorized Officers) Amit Singh at Mob : 9315111938
- Date : 02.11.2023, Place: Gurgaon
Authorized Officer
Shubham Housing Development Finance Company Limited

Procurement of paddy commences on support price

Rajim, Nov 02:

The procurement of paddy at the support price at the government rate is starting from November one in all registered centres of the region and will continue till 31st January. On the first day, tokens have been cut for 79 farmers to sell 1725 quintals of paddy. The target of paddy procurement this year is 4 lakh 50 thousand quintals in the seven procurement centres under District Cooperative Central Bank branch Rajim.

This year the state government has announced to purchase 20 quintals of paddy per acre, and last year it was 15 quintals. 9410 farmers are registered this year, while last year there were 9370 authorized farmers and also for the convenience of



farmers and to avoid crowding, "Tuhar Token Tuhar Haath" scheme has been implemented. At the government rate, while the rate of thick paddy is Rs 2183 per quintal, the rate of thin paddy is Rs 2203, and maize will be purchased for Rs 2090. This year, more quantity of paddy is to be procured, in this regard,

from increasing the area of procurement site to the arrangement for payment, the weighing scale for paddy has been increased. There are seven procurement centres in this branch, which includes 26 villages including Rajim, Beltukri, Koma, Shyamnagar, Raksha, Pokhara, Bassin. There are 08 procure-

ment centres in Kopra branch and 10 procurement centres in Fingeshwar branch. Arrangements have also been made for rooms, electronic forks and paddy weighing machines and a toll free numbers for farmer's problem addressal have also been posted in all procurement centres.

Auction of temporary firecracker shops today

Mahasamund, Nov 02:

For the upcoming Diwali festival, temporary firecracker shops will be set up in the Swami Atmanand Hindi Medium School grounds of the city. A decision has been taken in the PIC meeting on October 3 to set up firecracker shops and giving information, Chief Municipal Officer Tomson Ratre has said that the firecracker traders whose license has been renewed can apply for one shop of 10 by 10 square feet size, live license, Aadhaar to set up a temporary firecracker shop. Cards, challan copies etc. can be deposited in the Revenue Department of the Municipality by 5 pm on 1st and 2nd November 2023 and the allocation of temporary firecracker shops will be done through lottery system as shown in the layout on 3rd November at 3 pm, he informed. More information about the terms and conditions in this regard can be obtained from the Revenue Department of the Municipality. The municipality will be providing drinking water, fire brigade and cleanliness facilities for temporary firecracker shops as per rules.

Information given regarding rationalization of polling stations

Mahasamund, Nov 02:

District Collector and District Election Officer Prabhat Malik, through a press conference, informed the media representatives regarding the rationalization of polling stations in the district. He informed that under Mahasamund district, three polling stations of Basna assembly constituency, two polling stations of Khallari assembly and one polling station of Mahasamund are to be changed in place/building and the name of eight polling stations of Saraipali assembly and one polling station of Mahasamund assembly is to be changed, for which the proposal was submitted to the Election Commission of India, which has been agreed by the Commission. Polling station number 237 under Basna assembly, by changing the site of building



Adarsh Nagar Basna, Shala Tikrapara Basna has been established. Similarly, the government changed the place of settlement of 238 higher secondary schools respectively. The Collector told that all the observers appointed by the Election Commission of India have

reached Mahasamund and the time to meet him is from 10:00 am to 11:00 am at New Circuit House Labharkhurd. Observers can also be contacted through their numbers and the Collector said that the second randomization of the polling party will be held on November 04.

Municipality officers and employees take oath of national unity

Mahasamund, Nov 02:

October 31, the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, was celebrated as National Unity Day in the region and on this occasion, Health Officer Tarun Kumar Thakur administered the oath of national unity to all the officers and employees of the municipality in the presence of Chief Municipal Officer Tomson Ratre in the municipality office premises. On this occasion, Chief Municipal Officer Tomson Ratre described Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel as the



iron man who brought unity and strength to the nation. During this, Municipal Corporation's Anish Thakur, Annapurna Pal, Sitaram Telak, Dilip Chandrakar, Guman Singh Dhruv, Lalit Chandrakar, Naushad Baksh, Ranu Verma,

Abhinav Dubey, Mamta Bagga, Rakhi Thakur, Premsheela Baghel, Lalit Sahu, Jaikishan Soni, Shubham Soni. A large number of employees including Jitendra Mohanty, Gajendra Yadav, Murari Sahu and Arun Chandrakar were present.

'Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha - Earn and Learn' initiative launched in Rajnandgaon

Rajnandgaon, Nov 02:

Quick Heal Technologies Limited, through its CSR arm - Quick Heal Foundation, today, unveiled a transformative initiative, "Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha - Earn & Learn", in Rajnandgaon. In a pioneering partnership with the Cyber Youth Development Association (CYDA), this program is set to revolutionize the digital landscape of Rajnandgaon and nurture a more resilient cyber community. Ms. Anupama Katkar, Chief of Operational Excellence, Quick Heal and



Chairperson of Quick Heal Foundation inaugurated the program, marking the commencement of an ambitious mission to bridge the cyber security knowledge gap in the region. Rajnandgaon has

Cyber Suraksha - Earn & Learn," initiative, Quick Heal Foundation, with CYDA as the implementing partner, aims to contribute to the region's cyber resilience, reducing the risk of cyber threats, and fostering a safer online environment. The core objective of the "Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha - Earn & Learn" program is to bring aspirational district talent to the mainstream, providing them with the opportunity to excel while enhancing cybersecurity awareness among the youth and the community in Rajnandgaon. Under the initiative, 40 dedicated stu-

dent volunteers will be shortlisted, with 30 selected from Government Digvijay College, Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh and Government Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar College, Dongargaon, Chhattisgarh, while 10 will be selected from the community. These volunteers will undergo comprehensive training led by CYDA's master trainers, who have received expert guidance from the Quick Heal Foundation. The training encompasses cyber awareness sessions, capacity-building workshops, and personality development programs.

been identified as an aspirational district, ranked second in the baseline assessment for India's 101 aspirational districts by NITI Aayog, with a score of 47.96 percent. Through the "Cyber Shiksha for

PPC's all set for paddy procurement

Kurud, Nov 02:

Preparations for purchasing paddy under Chhattisgarh Government Paddy Procurement Scheme 2023-24 of Kharif crop in large service cooperative societies have been completed. As per information, paddy procurement in all paddy procurement centres (PPCs) have been fixed as follows.

Paddy common thick - 2183/- per quintal, paddy grade A thin - 2203/- per quintal, maize - 2090/- per quintal will be purchased. Paddy purchase will be done from 01.11.2023 to 31.01.2024 with cash and



linking and procurement will remain closed on every Saturday, Sunday and government holidays. As per government policy, only dry, clean and neat quality paddy will be purchased and before bringing paddy, it is mandatory to bring the

loan book to the committee and get the token cut. The call center number for difficulties in paddy procurement is 18002333663 and all farmers are required to bring loan book and twelve digit savings pass book. The maximum limit for pur-

chase of paddy is 20 q. per acre (including leaching) and paddy will be purchased from registered farmers on the basis of biometric (Aadhaar) authentication. If the farmer himself cannot be present at the procurement centre, then his nominee can present himself at the procurement center and sell paddy on the basis of biometric authentication. According to the information received, under Large Agricultural Credit Cooperative Society Kurud, 1105.20 quintals were sold by 26 farmers in Kurud, 363.60 quintals were sold by 12 farmers in Kulkhara, 857.20 quintals were sold by

27 farmers in Garadih, and 1399.60 quintals were sold by 42 farmers in Mandraud. In Bhathagaon, 15 farmers purchased 521.60 quintals, in Bagaud, 16 farmers purchased 614.80 quintals, in Charra, 19 farmers purchased 629.60 quintals, in Katalbod, 15 farmers purchased 648.80 quintals, in Seoni Kala, and 13 farmers purchased 448.80 quintals. Kurud branch manager Tikendra Bais said that on November 1, 2023, tokens have been issued to purchase 6589.20 quintals of paddy by 185 farmers and complete preparations have been made in all the societies.

Polling officers should be properly trained: DEO

Sukma, Nov 02:

Collector and District Election Officer (DEO) Haris S here observed the third phase training program of polling staff organized at Swami Atmanand Hindi Medium School, Kumharra Sukma. The Collector in the meeting said that all the polling officers should get proper training in technical works like proper operation of machines and sealing. To maintain the secrecy of voting, ensure that no other person goes near the voting compartment, he said. Apart from this, instructions were given to take necessary precautions regarding mock poll and filling of voting related forms for reporting. He also asked the polling officers undergoing training to tell them about mock poll and reporting. Along with this, the



Collector inspected the convenience centre set up in the training centre for postal ballot of polling officers. During this, Deputy District Election Officer Praveesh Paikra, RO Shrikant Koram, ARO Mr. Ajay Modiam, District Education Officer Nitin Dadsena were present.

Baikunthpur Assembly Constituency

A diverse voter landscape, including centenarians and youth

Korea, Nov 02:

As the electoral buzz gains momentum, Baikunthpur Assembly Constituency emerges as a pivotal battleground for democracy, boasting over two lakh voters. With an eclectic mix of voters ranging from centenarians to first-time youth voters, the constituency is gearing up for a significant role in the upcoming assembly elections.

The electoral code of conduct has been diligently upheld since October 9 for the states of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Telangana, and Mizoram. In Chhattisgarh, the election process unfolds in two phases, with Baikunthpur and Bharatpur-Sonhat Assembly constituencies participating in the second phase on November 17.

Eight candidates, including Congress candidate Ms. Ambika Singhdev, are vying for the Baikunthpur Assembly Constituency No. 3 seat. Dr. Akash Kumar from the Aam Aadmi Party, Durgesh Sahu from the Janata Congress

Chhattisgarh (J), Bhaiya Lal Rajwade from the Bharatiya Janata Party, Major Prasad Yadav from the Bharatiya Shakti Chetna Party, Somar Sai Lohar from the Samajwadi Party, Sanjay Singh Kamro from the Gondwana Ganatantra Party, and one independent candidate, Brijmohan Sahu, will try their luck. The withdrawal of candidature is scheduled for Thursday, November 2.

There are 228 polling centers set up in Baikunthpur Assembly Constituency No. 03, with a total of 84,477 male voters and 84,429 female voters, and only 5 voters belong to the third gender category, making it a total of 1,68,081 voters. In Bharatpur-Sonhat (Partial), there are 78 polling centers with 18,159 male voters, 18,215 female voters, and only one voter belonging to the third gender category. This makes a total of 2,04,456 voters across 306 polling centers who will witness the strength of democracy.

Among the notable statistics are 6,493 first-time voters aged 18 to 19, 290 differently-abled



voters, and 1,231 voters aged 80 and above. Remarkably, the constituency even includes 1,000 centenarian voters who are actively participating in the democratic process.

The distribution of voters is as follows

18 to 19 years old (3.86%), 20 to 29 years old (24.48%), 30 to 39 years old (29.23%), 40 to 49

years old (18.89%), 50 to 59 years old (13.17%), 60 to 69 years old (6.92%), 70 to 79 years old (2.72%), 80 to 89 years old (0.62%), 90 to 99 years old (0.10%), and 100 to 109 years old (0.01%).

Polling Centers

The electoral landscape in Baikunthpur is well-organized, with a total of 228

polling centers strategically placed. This includes 13 in Baikunthpur Municipality, 84 in Baikunthpur Rural areas, 15 in Characha Municipality, 73 in Patna, and 43 in Bachra Pondi. Additionally, in line with the Election Commission's directives, special polling centers have been established, including 10 exclusively for female voters, one each for differently-abled and youth voters, and a remarkable 150 webcasting polling centers.

Dedicated Officials, Transportation Services, and Information Accessibility

The district election commission is leaving no stone unturned to ensure a smooth and convenient assembly election. Transportation services have been meticulously arranged, featuring a fleet of 30 Beloro vehicles, 23 buses, 54 mini-buses, 20 pickup vehicles, 7 tractors, and 5 trucks, operating on 50 routes with the support of 120 vehicles and 24 sector officers. Over a thousand dedi-

cated officials and staff members have been deployed for election duties. In addition, 23 micro-observers, 228 Booth Level Officers (BLOs), and 30 BLO Supervisors are meticulously assigned to oversee the voting process.

Election-Related Information and Complaints

A dedicated control center has been established at the district election office, operating 24/7 to provide election-related information and address complaints. Voters can reach out by calling 1950 or 07836-232555. To date, 27 complaints have been received, with 23 resolved and 4 under review.

Low Voter Turnout

While Baikunthpur prepares for a robust election, it faces the unique challenge of some polling centers with the lowest voter turnout in the state. For instance, Sehradand has just 3 male and 2 female voters, Kanto has 7 male and 5 female voters, and Raval has 14 male and 9 female voters.

Property Defacement

Addressing the integrity of the electoral process, a property defacement team has been actively removing political and promotional materials such as flex banners, posters, stickers, banners, and paintings from public institutions, municipal buildings, bus stands, and more. This commendable initiative has resulted in the removal of a total of 3,826 wall writings, 1,381 posters, 437 banners, and 131 other campaign materials, totaling 5,765 property defacement cases.

Law and Order

Baikunthpur maintains strict law and order measures with 145 out of 178 licensed teams deposited. Legal action has been taken against 73 individuals under various sections of the law to ensure a secure electoral process.

With these comprehensive preparations in place, Baikunthpur is all set to host the participation of over two lakh voters, reinforcing the strength of democracy in the region.

General elections in Pakistan to be held on Feb 11

Poll body informs Supreme Court

Islamabad, Nov 02 (PTI):

Pakistan's general elections will be held on February 11 to elect a new government, the top electoral body on Thursday told the Supreme Court, ending uncertainty over the polls and strengthening the country's position in review talks with the IMF for the release of USD 1.7 billion second tranche of a loan.

The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) told the Supreme Court about the date during a hearing of a set of petitions calling for holding elections within 90 days after the dissolution of the National Assembly and the provincial legislatures. Last month, the ECP announced that elec-

tions would be held in January 2024 but stopped short of announcing a date.

A three-judge bench comprising Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa, Justice Amin-ud-Din Khan and Justice Athar Minallah took up the pleas moved by the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA), Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf and others.

The ECP had announced earlier that 54 days were needed to hold elections after the completion of the delimitation exercise by November 30, and the apex court bench asked the lawyer of the election body to clearly state the stance on the holding of elections in the country. In response, Sajeel Swati said that the

final list of constituencies will be published on December 5 and all other arrangements including the drawing of constituencies will be completed by January 29. "Hence we decided that elections will be held on Feb 11, which is the second Sunday," the lawyer said.

The ECP also informed the court that the ECP would consult with President Arif Alvi on Thursday.

Later, the chief justice in his order stated that the election date given would have to be implemented. "SC wants polls to be held without any arguments," the top judge said.

The ECP announcement coincides with the review talks between Pakistan and the

International Monetary Fund (IMF) for the release of USD 1.7 billion second tranche of a USD 3 billion loan to the cash-strapped country to stabilise its debt-ridden economy.

The clarity on the election date will strengthen the hands of the Ministry of Finance during the negotiations which started on Thursday, although the IMF has not explicitly attached any such condition.

The issue of the election date had been dragging on for weeks after the dissolution of the National Assembly on August 9, as polls should be held within 90 days but the ECP delayed it in order to finalise the electoral districts following the new census held earlier this year.

KING CHARLES ADOPTS RAHA



Britain's King Charles III pets a baby rhino called Raha during a visit to the Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage, on the outskirts of Nairobi, Kenya.

The US has strongly backed Israel's war against Hamas

Jerusalem, Nov 02 (AP): When US Secretary of State Antony Blinken was asked who would govern the Gaza Strip following Israel's devastating war against Hamas, he said a return of the internationally recognised Palestinian Authority made "the most sense." What he failed to mention is that the Palestinian Authority, weak and deeply unpopular with its own people, has already said it has no interest in assuming power if it is helped by Israel. Blinken's comments Tuesday reflected what some analysts see as the questionable assumptions and short-term thinking that have guided American and Israeli policymakers since Israel declared war in response to Hamas' Oct. 7 cross-border attack in which its militants killed more than 1,400 people and took roughly 240 others hostage. With strong American backing, Israel has defined two clear goals: bringing home all of the hostages and destroying Hamas, the Islamic militant group that has governed Gaza since ousting the Palestinian Authority in 2007.

Air ambulance crash kills 4 crew members in central Mexico

Mexico City, Nov 02 (AP): Four crew members died Wednesday when an air ambulance crashed in the central Mexican state of Morelos.

The incident took place just before 14:30 p.m. local time, in a wooded, mountainous area near the town of Tetlama, Temixco: a township roughly 30 miles (50 kilometers) south of Mexico City.

Officials from the army, National Guard and state security departments responded to the crash, the state department for civil protection reported on X, the social network formerly known as Twitter.

In images posted to X and Facebook, smoke can be seen billowing from a charred gash in the side of a hill. The cause of the accident is not known, but the office of Morelos' Attorney General is opening an investigation.

Jaishankar calls for direct air link between India-Portugal

Lisbon, Nov 02 (PTI):

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has highlighted the need for direct air connectivity between India and Portugal to expand bilateral exchanges, as he addressed the Indian diaspora in Portugal during his ongoing tour of Europe.

Jaishankar, who was here on the first leg of his four-day visit to Portugal and Italy, was joined by his Portuguese counterpart, Joao Gomes Cravinho, during his meeting with the community on Wednesday.

During his address, Jaishankar said he highlighted the contribution of Portugal towards closer ties between India and the European Union (EU) and also shared the transformation underway in India.

"Addressed the Indian Community in Portugal.



Thank FM @JoaoCravinho for joining," Jaishankar posted on X. "Highlighted Portugal's contribution in promoting closer India-EU ties. The Porto 2021 Summit is a milestone. Recognised the relevance of the Migration and Mobility Partnership in a Global workplace," he said.

"Appreciated the need for direct air connectivity. Shared the transformation underway in India that provides new opportunities for cooperation. Urged the community to contribute to the 50th anniversary celebrations of our diplomatic ties," he added.

On Tuesday, Jaishankar discussed "contemporary challenges" and the further development of bilateral ties with Prime Minister Antonio Costa.

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Putin signs bill revoking Russia's ratification of a global nuclear test ban treaty



Moscow, Nov 02 (AP):

President Vladimir Putin on Thursday signed a bill revoking Russia's ratification of a global nuclear test ban, a move that Moscow said was needed to establish parity with the United States.

Putin has said that rescinding the ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, also known as the CTBT,

would "mirror" the stand taken by the U.S., which has signed but not ratified the nuclear test ban.

Both houses of the Russian parliament voted last month to revoke Moscow's ratification of the bill.

The CTBT, adopted in 1996, bans all nuclear explosions anywhere in the world, but the treaty was never fully implemented. In addition to the U.S., it has yet to be ratified by China, India, Pakistan, North Korea, Israel, Iran and Egypt.

There are widespread concerns that Russia may resume nuclear tests to try to discourage the West from continuing to offer military support to Ukraine. Many Russian hawks have spoken in favour of a resumption of the tests.

Rishi Sunak hails 'landmark' Bletchley Declaration to tackle risks from AI

London, Nov 02 (PTI): Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, who is leading the talks on Thursday at the AI Safety Summit convened by the UK, hailed the Bletchley Declaration as a "landmark" agreement between 28 countries, including India, on the shared responsibility to address the risks associated with artificial intelligence. In the lead up to the two-day AI Safety Summit at Bletchley Park, Buckinghamshire, Sunak had already announced the world's first AI Safety Institute to be set up in Britain to examine, evaluate, and test new types of AI to inform national and international policymaking.

The summit is aimed at



Britain's Prime Minister Rishi Sunak welcomes US Vice President Kamala Harris to 10 Downing Street in London.

focussing on international priorities for artificial intelligence. Besides his discussions with government representa-

tives from around the world on day two of the summit, Sunak will also hear from companies at the forefront of AI, academia and civil society, focused on the concrete action needed to ensure AI safety.

Those attending include major AI business leaders like OpenAI, Anthropic, Google DeepMind, Microsoft and Meta. Tech billionaire and X chief Elon Musk is scheduled for a special one-on-one session with Sunak.

"I believe there will be nothing more transformative to the futures of our children and grandchildren than technological advances like AI.

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E-Auction No. 151/2023

Under mentioned properties will be sold by "on line e-auction" through website <https://www.bankauctions.com> for recovery of a sum of Rs. 3,03,00,715.00 (Rupees Three Crores Three Lakh Seven Hundred Fifteen thousand five hundred and fifteen only) payable by you/you in respect of Recovery Certificate in O.A. No. 907/2017 issued by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Jabalpur with interest at 12.00% p.a. with simple interest from 16-10-2017 and costs payable as per recovery certificate till realization.

Date and Time of E-auction: 15-12-2023 Between 12.00 Hours and 13.00 hours

SPECIFICATION OF THE PROPERTIES PUT FOR SALE

(1) Plant and Machinery of Rice Mill installed on industrial land at Khasra No. 795/2, P.H. No. 50, Village - Lintara, Tehsil - Dhamda, District - Durg (C.G.) in the name of M/s Ganapati Sales, (2) Industrial and Residential Plot No. 795/2, P.H. No. 50, situated at Village - Lintara, Tehsil - Dhamda, District - Durg (C.G.) Area measuring 15069 sq.ft. and Structure Area 9051 sq.ft., property in the name of Shri Amit Sharma S/o Shri Arun Kumar Sharma.

Upset Price: For Prop. No. 1: Rs. 29,06,000.00 (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh Six Thousand Only); Prop. No. 2: Rs. 40,45,000.00 (Rupees Forty Lakh Forty Five Thousand Only).

Conditions of Sale:

- Intending bidders must hold a valid digital signature certificate. For details contact Ms. C-1 India Pvt. Ltd., website: <https://www.bankauctions.com>; Helpline No. 0124-4302020/2222324, for help a bidder in e-auction contact to Mr. Mihalesh Kumar on Mob. No. 780804466; E-mail id: mpgag@india.com or support@bankauctions.com
- Intending bidders are advised to go through website: <https://www.bankauctions.com> for auction bid form and details, terms and conditions of sale before submitting their bids.
- Bids should be submitted only online in the prescribed form along with a copy of identity document as an attachment to the bid form (refer detailed terms and conditions). Bidder should satisfy them self with regard to correctness, measurement, encumbrances etc by their own sources (Govt. Office) also later on DRT will not be responsible for this.
- 10% of the upset price i.e. EMD/Bid price For Prop. No. 1: Rs. 2,90,600.00 (Rupees Two Lakh Ninety Thousand Six Hundred Only); Prop. No. 2: Rs. 4,04,500.00 (Rupees Four Lakh Four Thousand Five Hundred Only) must be remitted towards EMD through RTGS/NEFT/Money Transfer to the credit of Account No. 071720000431 in the name of Recovery Officer, E-auction account, DRT, Jabalpur with Bank of Baroda Nager Town Branch Jabalpur (IFSC Code: BARBNAPIER) and the remittance must be clearly mentioned in the bid form.
- Bids should be submitted on or before 17.00 hours on 13-12-2023 online.
- A copy of the bid form along with its enclosure submitted online should be sent to Recovery Officer, DRT, Jabalpur, 797-II Shanti Kunj, South Civil Lines, Jabalpur so as to reach at the earliest.
- Online bidding will commence from the highest bid quoted among the bids and the minimum increase for each bid will be For Prop. No. 1: Rs. 25,000.00 (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only); Prop. No. 2: Rs. 50,000.00 (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only). In case of bid received before the closure of Auction window, there shall be an automatic extension of 5 minutes in Auction time by the system.
- The refund of EMD of the unsuccessful bidders will be remitted to the same account from which the payment has been made and no inquiry in this regard will be entertained. After deposit of EMD by intending bidder they cannot withdraw the EMD amount until they are declared as "Unsuccessful bidder" otherwise the amount will be forfeited.
- In the case of immovable property listed in the schedule above, the successful bidder shall remit 25% of the bid amount (less EMD) on the next day on declaration, if the sale is knocked down in his/her favour, through RTGS/NEFT/Money Transfer to the Account no. 071720000431 mentioned in Sl. no. 4 and in default of such deposit, the property shall forthwith be put up again and resold and amount deposited as EMD will be forfeited.
- The successful bidder shall remittance 75% of the sale amount along with purchase of 1% of sale amount plus Rs.10/- for each property separately within 15 days of auction, to the Account no. 071720000431 mentioned at SL. no. 4 through RTGS/NEFT/Money Transfer, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be a Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office working day after 15th day. In default of payment within the period mentioned above, the property shall be resold in the form of a fresh proclamation of sale. The deposit will be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold.
- Property will be sold "As Is Where Is and No Complaint Basis".
- The properties can be inspected on 02-12-2023 Between 12.00 hours and 16.00 hours.
- Properties will not be sold below the upset price.
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- Recovery Officer have the absolute right to accept or reject the bid or postpone/cancel the sale without assigning any reason.
- Intending bidders are advised to peruse copies of the title deed available with the Shri Bachan Kumar Das, Chief Manager, Mob. No. 955675657 and also check the identity and correctness of the property details and encumbrances etc from their own sources also. DRT will not be responsible for correctness etc.
- Details regarding e-auction can be obtained from M/s. C-1 India Pvt. Ltd., website: <https://www.bankauctions.com>; Helpline No. 0124-4302020/2222324, for help a bidder in e-auction contact to Mr. Mihalesh Kumar on Mob. No. 780804466; E-mail id: mpgag@india.com or support@bankauctions.com
- Further property details if any required shall be obtained from Shri Bachan Kumar Das, Chief Manager, Mob. No. 955675657.
- The bidders may participate in the e-auction by quoting / bidding from their own offices / places of their choice. Internet connectivity shall have to be ensured by each bidder himself. DRT / Bank / Service Provider shall not be held responsible for the internet connectivity, network problems, system crash down, Power failure etc.

Place : Jabalpur
Date : 02-11-2023

Stalish Solanki, Recovery Officer
Debts Recovery Tribunal Jabalpur (M.P.)

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AO18/SARFAESI/13(4)/JAI KUMAR NARA/2023-24 Date: 03/11/2023

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

Whereas, the Authorised Officer of Bank of Maharashtra under Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 19/08/2023 under Section 13 (2) of the said Act and called upon you Borrower- M/s. Jai Kumar Nara s/o Mr. Ramesh Kumar Nara and Co Borrower- Mrs. Simran Nara w/o Mr. Jai Kumar Nara to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice being Term Loan account Ledger bal. Rs. 24,70,578.00/- (Twenty four lakh seventy thousand five hundred & seventy eight rupees only) + Unapplied Int. of Rs.1,55,323/- (One lakh fifty five thousand three hundred & twenty three rupees only) upto 18.08.2023 + penal interest @ 2% plus other Expenses, w.e.f. 19/08/2023 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The said notice was sent by R.P.A.D. on dated 19.08.2023 & published in newspapers on dated 29.08.2023. The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on 31/10/2023.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Bank of Maharashtra for an amount mentioned above. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Property:

Primary Security(TL)- EM of Residential house property bearing House No. G-01 (Plot no 77) as per T1, CP bearing part of Kh no 184, 249/3-4 situated at Mouja/ Amlihidh, Rajendra Prasad ward no-46 (old), 52 (new), PH No-114/69, Raipur, Distt-Raipur (C.G.), Total plot area- 800 sq. feet Bounded as follows:- North: Plot no-78, House no-G-2 / House of Malik, East: Road, West : Plot no-86, House no-G-15/House of Roy, South: Road

Date: 03.11.2023, Place: Raipur Authorised Officer & Chief Manager

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AO18/SARFAESI/13(4)/MAA SHARDA WIRE INDUSTRIES/2023-24 Date: 03/11/2023

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Whereas, the Authorised Officer of Bank of Maharashtra under Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 17/08/2023 under Section 13 (2) of the said Act and called upon you Borrower- M/s. Maa Sharda Wire Industries, Prop: Mr. Chandramani Tiwari D/o Shri Kamal Kishore Tiwari to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice being Term Loan account Ledger bal. Rs. 84,79,168.00/- (Eighty four lakh seventy nine thousand one hundred & sixty eight rupees only) + Unapplied interest of Rs. 9,07,269.00/- up to 16/08/2023 + penal interest @ 2% plus other Expenses, w.e.f. 17/08/2023 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The said notice was sent by R.P.A.D. on dated 17.08.2023 & published in two newspapers on dated 28.08.2023. The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on 01/11/2023.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Bank of Maharashtra for an amount mentioned above. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Properties:

Primary Security (TL): Equitable Mortgage of Land at Plot no 04, at part of Khasra no-149/1, PH NO-13, having total area 1125 sq.mts situated at industrial area Barton, Vill-Barton, Tehsil-Tilda, Distt-Raipur (C.G.) in the name of firm M/s Maa Sharda Wire Industries. Bounded By: North: 24M wide Road, East: Plot no 05, South: Private Land, West: Plot no 03

Collateral Security for above facility (TL): Equitable Mortgage of Flat no 201 in Block-B at Golden sands Apartment situated at VIP Colony, Khamradhi, Shankar nagar, Raipur (C.G.) admeasuring area 978 sq. feet in the name of Mrs. Neha Tiwari D/o Mr. Kamal Kishore Tiwari. Bounded By: North: Open Area, East: Flat no 203, South: Flat no 202, West: Open Area

Date: 03.11.2023, Place: Raipur Authorised Officer & Chief Manager

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AO18/SARFAESI/Delight Industries/13(4)/2023-24 Date: 03/11/2023

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B.) Ledger Bal: Rs. 2,74,95,121.41/- (Two crore seventy four lakh ninety five thousand one hundred twenty one rupees & forty one paise only) + Unapplied Int. of Rs. 28,85,100.00/- up to 15.08.2023 + penal interest @ 2% plus other Expenses, w.e.f. 16.08.2023 for cash credit loan within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

C.) Ledger Bal: Rs. 14,99,822.00/- (Forteen lakh ninety nine thousand eight hundred & twenty two rupees only) + Unapplied Int. of Rs. 1,36,689.00/- up to 15.08.2023 + penal interest @ 2% plus other Expenses, w.e.f. 16.08.2023 for WCFL (ECGLS-EXTN) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

D.) Ledger Bal: Rs. 17,59,728.14/- (Seventeen lakh fifty nine thousand seven hundred twenty eight rupees & fourteen paise only) + Unapplied Int. of Rs. 1,55,510.00/- up to 15.08.2023 + penal interest @ 2% plus other Expenses, w.e.f. 16.08.2023 for GECL within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

i.e. Total (A+B+C+D) : Ledger Bal: Rs. 3,10,32,218.81/- (Three crore ten lakh thirty two thousand two hundred eighteen rupees & eighty one paise only) + Unapplied Int. of Rs. 32,08,231.00/- (Thirty two lakh eight thousand two hundred & thirty one rupees only) up to 15/08/2023 + penal interest @ 2% plus other Expenses, w.e.f. 16/08/2023 for above four facilities within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The said notice was sent by R.P.A.D. on dated 16/08/2023 & published in two newspapers on dated 29.08.2023. The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on 01/11/2023.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Bank of Maharashtra for an amount mentioned above. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Properties:

Property No 1) All those Pieces and parcels of Residential house situated at plot no -03, Block no -F having area 270 sq.Mt. in Motilal Nehru Nagar, Nagar Palika Nigam-Bhila 1, RIC-Durg-1 Bhillal, Tehsil & Distt: Durg (C.G.) in the name of Mr. Faiyaz Hussain S/o Mr. Ishiyaq Hussain Khan, Bounded as follows:-North: Plot no 4, East : Plot no 12, West : Road, South: Plot no 2

Property No 2) All those Pieces and parcels of Residential flat no-506 situated at fifth floor of building- Avinash Ashiyana Apartment, Block no-A Kabimagar, ward no-02, Ramkrishna Paramhans Ward PC NO-36 at part of kh no 4/2(4/3,6/1),45(4/11,6/3) & 4/6(4/7,6/4) Raipur (C.G.) in the name of Mr. Sarvesh Kumar Pandey s/o Triveni pal Pandey. Bounded as follows:-North: Flat no A-505, East: Open space, West: Corridor South: Flat no A-507

Date: 03.11.2023, Place: Raipur Authorised Officer & Chief Manager



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Persistent Threats

Targeted killings in the region of Jammu & Kashmir continue to escalate, and the recent incident involving the head constable of the Police serves as a stark reminder of the looming terror threat. These acts of violence have unfolded at an alarming pace, with three targeted attacks in the Valley occurring within a mere three days. The brutality of these acts shocks the conscience, leaving no room for complacency or optimism. Earlier this week, a migrant labourer, toiling diligently in an apple orchard, fell victim to a ruthless attack that claimed his life. Shortly thereafter, a police inspector, enjoying a game of cricket, was suddenly thrust into a life-and-death struggle as he came under fire, sustaining critical injuries. These events have sent shockwaves through the community, sparking widespread condemnation from leaders across the political spectrum. Ironically, just a few days prior to these tragic incidents, the Lieutenant Governor had declared that terrorism was on its last legs in the region. He touted significant improvements in the Union Territory's security situation. Yet, the recent spate of targeted killings has unveiled the harsh reality of the persistent menace that still haunts these lands. These targeted killings must serve as an urgent wake-up call. They underscore the need for unwavering vigilance and a commitment to maintaining a robust security apparatus. While it is essential to hope for peace, it is equally critical to prepare for the possibility of violence. Recently, authorities convened to finalize a winter strategy designed to address the myriad challenges on the horizon. At this gathering of top security officials in Srinagar, key elements of the plan were outlined. These included heightened surveillance and close monitoring of the situation, particularly in light of the anticipated surge in infiltration attempts before snowfall blankets the region. The fallout of the Israel-Hamas conflict also featured prominently in the discussions, as experts considered how Pakistan might attempt to exploit the situation. The ceasefire violations by Pakistan Rangers along the International Border in the Arnia sector cannot be viewed in isolation. They are part of a larger pattern of provocations and hostilities that demand a robust response. The successful convening of the G20 Tourism Working Group meeting in May marked a significant achievement not only for Indian diplomacy but also for the economic prospects of Jammu and Kashmir. The increased influx of tourists has led to the opening of several remote and previously inaccessible locations to the public. While this progress is commendable, it should not lull us into a false sense of security. A critical missing link in our pursuit of lasting peace and security remains the long-delayed Assembly elections. The last elections in the region took place in 2014, and further postponements only exacerbate the situation. The democratic process must not be stalled, and the people of Jammu and Kashmir deserve the opportunity to exercise their electoral rights. These acts of violence demand our unwavering attention and a comprehensive strategy to ensure the safety and security of the people. While the road to lasting peace may be long and arduous, it is a journey that we must embark upon with determination and resolve.

The Emotional and Financial Implications of Renaming India

Sujit De

Recently a high-level committee for social sciences, constituted by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), has recommended a change that has ignited a heated debate across the nation. The proposal? To replace 'India' with 'Bharat' in new textbooks. This move comes on the heels of several government actions, including sending out a G20 Summit dinner invitation in the name of the 'President of Bharat' instead of the President of India, and declaring Narendra Modi as the 'Prime Minister of Bharat' in a government booklet during his visit to Indonesia for the ASEAN - India Summit and the East Asia Summit. All of these changes have transpired shortly after opposition parties formed an alliance under the banner of the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance or INDIA. It's worth noting that the ruling party, which had previously christened various programs and initiatives as Digital India, Skill India, Start-up India, Stand Up India, and Make in India, suddenly shifted gears, suggesting an urgent need to replace the internationally recognized name of our country, 'India,' with the local name, 'Bharat.' If such a replacement were to occur across the board, it would not only consume a significant amount of valuable time but also incur substantial public expenditure. Renaming institutions such as the Supreme Court of India, India Post, Reserve Bank of India, SBI, CBI, IITs, Government of India, and many others would be a logistical and financial nightmare. Everything, from currency notes to official letterheads, would need to undergo a transformation. Estimates from Outlook Business indicate a substantial expenditure for 'India' to become 'Bharat,' using the Darren Oliver method as a reference. Oliver's calculations are based on the cost incurred when Swaziland was renamed Eswatini. Beyond the considerable financial burden, our country would bear a profound emotional cost. 'India' is not merely a word; it represents the emotional integration of our nation and serves as an emotional and historical bridge connecting us to the rest of the world. The term 'India' is synonymous with a civilization that dates back to the Indus Valley, as early as 2500 BCE. One must remember Arthur Llewellyn Basham's 'The Wonder That Was India' to fully grasp the significance of the word 'India' in our country's historical and present international identity. Sacrificing this emotional international connection to appease a temporary political agenda would be a great loss. Our Constitution acknowledges both 'India' and 'Bharat' as the names of our country but wisely prioritizes 'India' by stating, "India that is Bharat." Article 1(1) of the Constitution of India explicitly declares, "India, that is Bharat, shall be a Union of States." This was a deliberate choice. Many countries, including Japan, Germany, and China, prioritize their international names for maximum advantage in global trade, politics, and recognition. Japan, or Nippon, places its internationally recognized name above all. Germany, or Bundesrepublik Deutschland, follows suit. Similarly, Zhongguo (or Zhonghua Renmin Gong He Guo) does not hesitate to be known as China (or People's Republic of China). Even South and North Korea embrace the English name for the same strategic reasons. Spanish 'España' has accepted 'Spain' as its official name for international purposes. Maintaining two names for a country is not problematic, but it is prudent to give precedence to the internationally accepted name over the local one. It is worth noting that 'India' is as much of a foreign word as 'Hindu.' 'Hindu' is a Persian cognate form of the Sanskrit 'Sindhu,' which gained currency with the Achaemenid Persian conquest of the Indus Valley in the 6th century BCE. In fact, many words in Indian languages, such as 'Hindustan,' have foreign roots, yet they have become integral to Indian languages and culture. Continuing down the path of replacing our internationally recognized country name with the local one would result in significant financial losses for the government and irreparable damage to our international standing and identity.

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

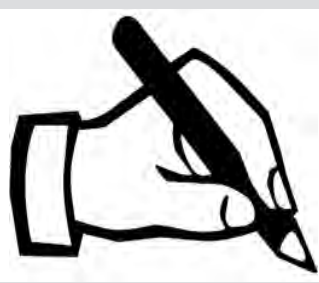
MAHILA SADASSU



People listen to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's address at Mahila Sadassu ahead of upcoming Telangana Assembly elections, in Ambatpally village, Thursday, Nov. 2.

Kerala Sitting on Radicalized Tinderbox

DR. DUGGARAJU SRINIVASA RAO



The recent blast at a prayer meeting of a controversial Christian group called Jehovah's Witnesses in Kalamassery, Kochi, which killed at least three people and injured many, has sparked a political slugfest among parties. Despite a past member of that controversial group, Dominic Martin, confessing to causing the blasts using Improvised Explosive Devices (IED), and the ruling Left Front relying on that confession to rule out the involvement of Islamic radical groups, many questions remain unanswered. Kerala is witnessing the rapid radicalization of the Muslim community, with many outfits operating under different names in the state and extending their operations into the neighboring state of Karnataka. Can a terrorist leader residing abroad make a virtual address without ground support in Kerala? Who contacted Hamas member Mashal to address Kerala Muslim youth, who have no connection with Palestine except for their religion? No group in India has taken a stand on the ongoing Ukraine-Russia war, so why do Muslims take the Palestine-Israel issue personally, without leaving it to the government of India? Is this an intelligence failure on the part of the Kerala police, or a deliberately allowed virtual meeting under the policy of appeasing Muslims practiced by the CPM? Whatever the reason, the fact remains that a foreign terrorist gained access to a particularly volatile community in India and incited the youth of that religion. Videos available show Muslim youth belonging to the Solidarity Youth Movement (SYM), one of the many radicalized outfits operating in South India, responding to the anti-Semitic speech of a terrorist with chants of "uproot Hindutva & apartheid Zionism." This Muslim youth wing is associated with Jamaat-e-Islami, and the terrorist who addressed the youth is Mashal, a Qatar-based international Hamas terrorist. What is

surprising is that despite this open defiance and sloganeering, the Muslim organization, as well as the Chief Minister of Kerala, Pinarayi Vijayan, are not taking this incident seriously. The CPM leaders are not ready to condemn the virtual address by a designated terrorist to an Indian gathering. Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and former Kerala minister and present politburo member M.A. Baby almost condoned the address of the terrorist group Hamas member by saying that "Hamas is not a banned organization." One wonders what message the CPM members of Kerala are trying to convey. The Congress spokesperson appearing on India Today TV debate was not ready to condemn the Hamas leader's address outright. Even after all the initial commotion of linking the Kochi blasts to the Hamas terrorist group's address to Muslim youth, the Kerala police has yet to register a case against the organizers of that provocative meeting. The inability of 'secular parties' to condemn the violence of the minorities, coupled with the numerical strength of minorities in Kerala and their collective bargaining capacity, is giving free rein to radical elements in minority religions to spread their anti-national activities and further radicalize Kerala. The current bomb blasts and the situation arising from the incidents are proof of the pampering of the minority community. The state government, headed by the CPM, is taking the Mamallapuram Muslim gathering's anti-Hindu slogans and the address of terror outfit Hamas leader very lightly, saying it "needs to be investigated" by the CM of Kerala, Pinarayi Vijayan, while the police booked Union Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar under various sections for his "remarks" and "tweets" blaming a particular community for the blasts. Unfortunately, such alacrity is lacking from the Left-led administration when offensive comments

come from Muslim leaders.

The government of Pinarayi's prompt action against Hindu groups is acting as a deterrent to retaliation by Hindu groups. The selective application of laws is helping Muslim and Christian radical groups to go scot-free. Even the media is ignoring the acts of minority radical groups, as media houses are controlled by Left liberals. Kerala's religious composition is unique among Indian states. The officially recorded population of Kerala is 57% Hindu, followed by 23% Muslim and 19% Christian. As elsewhere in India, in Kerala, all the present minority communities originally come from the Hindu stock but converted for various reasons, including pecuniary ones. The caste hierarchy of the Hindu religion is cited as the major reason for easy conversion by Christian missionaries. While there were massive reform movements in Hindu society in Kerala led by Ayyakali, Narayana Guru, and others, some sort of homogeneity was achieved over time, with conservative Hindu elements conceding the need for social change. Surprisingly, the Christian and Muslim populations developed a sort of caste hierarchy structure within the Church and Mosques.

No reform movements are allowed in those religious groups, leading to the rapid spread of radical elements funded by Gulf money and donations from Rome and other European Christian nations. These religious groups are more and more controlled from outside India, thus challenging the very concept of India as a nation and the responsibility of people to the country. The Communists, which have had early influence in the state of Kerala, have led many agitations for an egalitarian society, but their questioning of belief systems stopped with the Hindu religion. Their leaders never dared to question the irrationality of Muslims or Christians. On the other hand, the Communist government, the first democratically elected one in the world, headed by EMS Namboodripad, had no qualms in creating a Muslim-dominant district of Mamallapuram under the appeasement policy. Since the Left has given many concessions to the Muslim clergy only to please the Gulf countries, where the Malayalam diaspora works and supports the "money order economy" of Kerala. The policy of Congress-led UDF is no different, as it has the Muslim League as its coalition partner. Surprisingly, for both Left and Congress, the Muslim League is a secu-

lar party, and that's the extent of the secular outlook of Congress, CPM, and CPI.

The Jehovah's Witnesses emerged as a powerful religious group with political patronage, and they openly defy national symbols. They refuse to recognize India as a state, sing the National anthem, or join the Indian army. In the name of liberal democracy and Indian tolerance, a Supreme Court judge gave a strange judgment allowing the Jehovah's Witnesses to stand while others are singing the Indian National Anthem. This unnecessary pampering is making some Christian groups take an anti-India stand on certain issues. The confessor to the crime of the latest Kerala blasts, Dominic Martin, himself a member of the cult group for over 16 years, spoke about his disillusionment with the "anti-National messaging" since 2017. Martin further claimed that "anti-National indoctrination" is ongoing in the cult of Jehovah's Witnesses, and surprisingly, Kerala police have no clue about the anti-National activity of religious groups, both Christian and Muslim.

The support of the CPM for Muslim terrorism is evident when its leaders attacked one of its lady MLAs and former Health Minister Sailaja for tweeting that Hamas is a terrorist group. Tremendous pressure was exerted on her to withdraw the terror tag from Hamas in her tweet, and she obliged. While the whole world condemned Hamas, a confirmed terrorist group, for its brutal attack on Israel, including killing children and raping women, the Indian Communists and Congress are the only ones who refuse to condemn Hamas and its terrorist acts. One can infer to whom these 'secular hearts' beat. By encouraging terrorist groups for the sake of power and sheltering those with a terrorist mindset, both Congress and the Left are making Kerala a center for the radicalization of youth. They are allowing radicalized men and women to join ISIS and carry out bomb blasts within our territory. It is high time that investigations into all these anti-national activities, including the Kochi blasts, are taken up by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) to expose the tinderbox situation prevailing in the tiny southern state of Kerala.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

New Preparation for Olympics

India has not hosted the Olympics. Yes, the country hosted the Commonwealth Games in 2010. At that time New Delhi was the host city. If India's bid for the Olympics 2036 goes ahead with Ahmedabad, the city will have to invest heavily in sports infrastructure including sports venues, training facilities, residential parks for athletes. This effort will boost urban and sports infrastructure and enhance India's engagement in athletics excellence, in particular, besides boosting economic activity and tourism. There needs to be detailed planning on where to hold the Games, how to integrate the accommodation, offices and sports facilities built for the event into India's infrastructure. Overall, it can be said that if India hosts the 2036 Olympics, it will be a big success at the international level.

N. Ashraf, Mumbai

Shun the Junk Food

Everyone is aware of the reality of diseases caused by junk and canned foods. Various health reports have also proven that fast food and canned foods make people vulnerable to obesity, high blood pressure, and heart disease. Especially children who not only consume the junk food due to advertisements but also become addicted users. It is better to give preference to a home-made diet that eliminates serious diseases and makes children healthy.

Ashraf Nawaz, Hyderabad

India's victory over England

India emerged victorious by 100 runs against defending champion England. It was sixth victory in a row in the ongoing World Cup. Rohit Sharma-led India will be buoyed by the fact that the hosts are the only team in the tournament without a defeat so far. As far as England is concerned, India's dominating victory over England indicates their fallibility. The 2019 world champion failed to counter India's bowling attack. Even their best batsman, Joe Root, was out of touch. Perhaps it is time for England to organize the team and recruit more young blood.

Jahangir Ali, Mumbai

Violation of Human Rights

The death sentence issued by the Qatari government on eight former Indian Navy officers. All eight of these former officers have been imprisoned in Qatar since August 2022 on espionage charges. Not giving those accused even adequate opportunity to prove their innocence is a violation of human rights. The Indian Ministry of External Affairs has taken this issue seriously and has decided to take the entire matter to the understanding of the Qatari authorities. The Indian government should make every possible effort to protect its citizens.

Ashraf Nawaz, Hyderabad

KNOW YOUR MOON



Anil Jain

The other day I was reading an old book which I have inherited from my father titled 'On the Track of Discovery', published by Progress Publishers, 21, Zovovsky Boulevard, Moscow USSR. The book does not contain the year of publication but it contains many informative articles on science which have been

translated from Russian into English by David Skvibsky. The very first article is the Ten Riddles of the Moon written by L. Yuryev and of course translated by David Skvibsky. The article reveals some interesting facts about the Moon.

The moon takes 27 days 7 hours 43 minutes and 11.51 seconds to cover its circular route amid the stars. This interval of time is called the stellar (sidereal) month but this is not the only month used in science. Astronomers distinguish synodical (two successive conjunctions of the same celestial body), tropical, anomalous, and draconic months which differ considerably from each other. The moon executes extraordinarily intricate movement under the attraction of the sun, the earth and other planets. According to the theory of E W Brown the moon's position among the stars is described by three equations, the first having 150 members, the sec-

ond more than 300 and the third 655.

The moon moves in an ellipse around the earth. At the perigee, the point at which it comes closest to our planet, it is three 354,000 kilometers away. At the apogee, the point farthest away from the earth, the distance increases to 405,000 kilometers. A ray of light makes the journey from the earth to the moon in less than a second and a half. The moon has a radius of 1738 kilometers which is around 27 per cent of the earth's radius. Its surface area does not exceed 7.5 percent of the earth's surface while its volume hardly reaches 2 percent of the earth. By observing the movement of the Sun and the planets, scientists have established that the earth is 81.56 times heavier than the moon.

Once this was established and knowing the earth's mass, it was not difficult to compute the moon's mass which was proved to be 7.33x10²⁵.

To take off from the earth it requires a speed of 11.2 kilometers per second, while a launch from Jupiter requires a velocity of 61 kilometers per second. In order to take off from the moon it is believed that a velocity of 2.4 kilometers is sufficient because the gravity pull of the moon is 1/6 of the earth. Without much effort we will be able to jump tens of meters into the air or juggle with rocks weighing 100 kilos.

According to George Darwin, the moon detached from the earth around 400 crore years ago and revolved around 15000 kilometers away from the earth which completed its revolution in four or five hours but owing to the gravitational pull they continued slowing down their rotation. Since the moon is a lighter body, it was unable to resist, and it stopped its rotation, turning only one side to the earth.

The forces of gravity have turned

one side of the moon towards the earth and forever hidden the reverse side. However the moon does not rigidly hang opposite the earth but oscillates slightly from time to time showing the reverse side and because of that the scientists have studied almost 60 percent of the moon's surface. Study shows that most of the reverse side is occupied by the mountains. It is also a riddle that whereas there are craters on the visible side of the moon, on the back side there are high mountains. Moon absorbs 63% of the sunlight it receives and reflects only 7% which shows that the lunar surface is extremely black.

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BRIEF

Regulatory discipline



New Delhi: Pitching for regulatory discipline in the gaming sector, homegrown game streaming platform Loco said the multiplayer battle game PUBG's suspension had a positive impact on the segment. "There's a very clear mandate from MeitY on how games should be released in India, and I think, that is the most positive outcome of the (PUBG) suspension. Other games are also looking at this and saying, India has a proper structure," Loco founder Anirudh Pandita told PTI.

Services exports

Mumbai: India's services exports declined by 2.7 per cent year-on-year to USD 28.42 billion in September while imports dipped at a sharper pace of 10.3 per cent, the Reserve Bank said. The imports of services stood at about USD 14.59 in September. The services imports declined in all the three months of the September quarter. The exports recorded an increase during July and August.

Appointment



Mumbai: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said it has appointed Manoranjan Mishra as Executive Director. As the Executive Director (ED), Mishra will look after the Enforcement Department, Risk Monitoring Department, and Department of External Investments & Operations. Prior to this, he was serving as the Chief General Manager in the Department of Regulation. Mishra has experience of over three decades in the RBI, having worked in the areas of regulation of banks and NBFCs, supervision of banks and currency management. He has served as a member in several working groups at the national and international levels, contributing to formulation of regulatory/supervisory policies.

Standards should not act as non-tariff barriers: Commerce Secy

New Delhi Nov 02:



Standards for goods and services should help in promoting global trade and not act as non-tariff barriers, Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal said on Thursday.

He said that standards should not be considered as non-tariff barriers but as some kind of non-tariff measures which can help in optimal results for both consumers as well as producers. "If this becomes the right oil for the trade system, I think a lot of trade restrictions will come down in trade and it will help us take the world trade to USD 30 trillion by 2025 and USD 2 trillion by 2030 for India," Barthwal said here at a G20 stan-

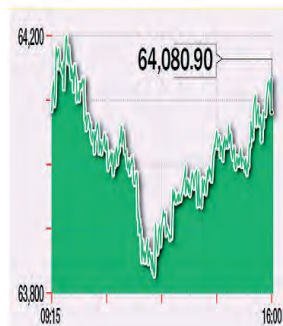
dards conclave organised by Bureau of Indian Standards. Calling for harmonization in the standards ecosystem, he said that different countries are setting their own standards and that has a cost for global trade. Many times producers and exporters also face difficulty not because of the standards but "because of how they get implemented," he

said adding there is an important need to have coherence in the workings of standard-setting bodies and collaboration in the compliance ecosystem. "Therefore the task before us is how to improve not only standard setting of different products but also how to set up testing ecosystem, how to set up conformity ecosystem and how to see that trade does not suffer because of these standards," the secretary said. In bilateral treaties, India is touching upon these issues because it feels that there should be a conformity assessment of standards-setting bodies. "Another impression being created in the field of trade...is that if you look at the Global north

and global south, you will find that although tariff barriers have come down, trade flows are much easier these days but there is a rise in non-tariff barriers," he said. He added that standards are supposed to be non-tariff measures and should look at the interest of consumers so that they get the right kind of products. "But gradually what we are seeing is that non-tariff measures are becoming non-tariff barriers...we need to discuss among ourselves that how standards should not be seen as non-tariff barriers but some kind of non-tariff measures perhaps which can result in optimal output or results for both consumers as well as producers," Barthwal said.

Stock markets rebound after two days of fall amid global rally

Mumbai, Nov 02:



Benchmark equity indices Sensex and Nifty rebounded nearly 1 per cent on Thursday after a two-day decline, following a rally in global markets amid the US Federal Reserve keeping rates unchanged. The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 489.57 points or 0.77 per cent to settle at 64,080.90. During the day, it rallied 611.31 points or 0.96 per cent to 64,202.64.

The Nifty climbed 144.10 points or 0.76 per cent to 19,133.25. Among the Sensex firms, IndusInd Bank, Tata Steel, Tata Motors, Sun Pharma, Infosys, Mahindra & Mahindra, Infosys, NTPC, Bharti Airtel, HCL Technologies and Axis Bank were the biggest gainers. Tech Mahindra and Bajaj Finance were the laggards. "A pause

with dovish commentary from the Fed led to a rebound in the global and domestic market sentiment. Further, the fall in US bond yields indicates a prolonged pause in interest rate hikes," Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services said. "Domestic macros are favourable with positive auto numbers, a surge in GST collection, good factory data and better than estimated Q2 quarter earnings," Nair added.

Sitharaman visits Indian investments in Lanka's east

Colombo, Nov 02:



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman with Sri Lanka's Governor of Eastern Province and SBI Chairman Dinesh Khara at the inauguration of State Bank of India's new branch in Trincomalee, Sri Lanka, Thursday, Nov. 2.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday visited Sri Lanka's eastern port town of Trincomalee where she opened a branch of the State Bank of India and appreciated its role in supporting corporates in international trade. Sitharaman, who is in the country on a three-day visit, started her day by visiting the main Hindu Temple in the multi-ethnic city to pay homage to it before opening a branch of the State Bank of India in Trincomalee. Senthil Thondaman, the Governor of Eastern Province, Gopal Baglay, India's High Commissioner to Sri Lanka, and Chairman SBI Dinesh Khara were also present at the inauguration. After inaugurating the branch, Sitharaman appreciated that SBI, with its 159 years of significant presence, is the oldest bank in Sri Lanka and

continues to grow its business at home and abroad. During the Sri Lankan economic crisis, SBI's presence in Sri Lanka paved the way for a smooth extension of the Line of Credit worth USD 1 billion by India to Sri Lanka. Besides, SBI Sri Lanka continues to play a vital role by supporting

corporates in international trade. The SBI in Sri Lanka continues to scale up remittance through a robust digital platform via the SBI Sri Lanka YONO app and online banking, in addition to the in-branch operations. Sitharaman later visited the Lanka Indian Oil Company complex in the port city.

Labour issues increasingly getting discussed in trade agreements: Labour Secretary

New Delhi, Nov 02:



Maintaining high industrial safety standards is necessary as these are influencing free trade agreements and their non-compliance can lead to trade barriers affecting India's economic growth, a senior official said. Addressing the 10th FICCI Awards & Conference for Excellence in Safety Systems here, Union Labour Secretary Arti Ahuja underscored the pivotal role of robust industrial safety standards in safeguarding India's trajectory towards becoming the third-largest global economy.

With safety provisions increasingly influencing free trade agreements (FTAs), Ahuja highlighted the imperative of maintaining high safety standards to avoid these being used as potential trade

barriers that could restrict India's growth. "In the context of India's rapid economic growth and its integration into global markets, it is crucial that we address safety and labour issues, as non-compliance could lead to non-tariff trade barriers, impeding our growth story," Ahuja said, signalling the intertwining of industrial safety with the nation's economic prosperity. In her address, Ahuja drew on tangible examples to illus-

AAI seeks 10 per cent import duty on aluminium scrap

New Delhi, Nov 02:

AAI, the apex body representing aluminium producers, has sought an increase in basic customs duty on aluminium scrap to 10 per cent as India has emerged as the world's largest dumping ground for such scrap, resulting in a forex outgo of USD 3.7 billion in FY23. The current customs duty on aluminium scrap is 2.5 per cent. In FY23, overall aluminium imports went up by 24 per cent from the previous financial year, resulting in a forex outgo of USD 7 billion or about Rs 56,291 crore. Within imports, India has become a prime target for the dumping of low-quality foreign scrap. "Given that foreign scrap is not governed by quality standards, it presents significant safety and environmental risks. In response, AAI has sought a duty of 10 per cent on scrap imports, as a strong deterrent against dumping," the Aluminium Association of India (AAI) said in its representation to the government.

People can send Rs 2,000 notes by post to RBI offices for direct credit in bank accounts

New Delhi, Nov 02:

People can send their Rs 2,000 banknotes to specified regional offices of the Reserve Bank through the insured post for credit in their bank accounts. This is a hassle-free option for the people who are away from the regional offices of the Reserve Bank.

Besides, the RBI is offering TLR (Triple Lock Receiptable) form to people for a deposit of Rs 2,000 banknotes in their bank account.

"We encourage customers to send Rs 2,000 notes through the insured post to the RBI for direct credit in their account in the most seamless and secure manner. This (will) save them from the hassle of travelling to specified branches and standing in queue," RBI Regional

Director Rohit P Das said. Both the options of TLR and insured post are highly secured, and there should not be any fear in the mind of the public relating to these options, he said, adding that about 700 TLR forms have been received so far by the Delhi office alone.

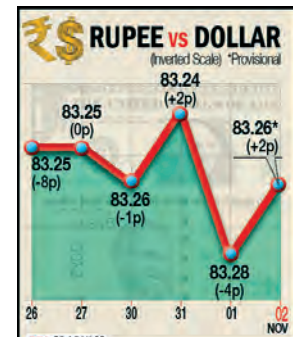
The RBI, in its communications, has been reiterating these two options, apart from the exchange facility at its offices, he added. On May 19, the RBI announced the withdrawal of Rs 2,000 denomination bank notes from circulation. More than 97 per cent of the Rs 2,000 banknotes in circulation as of May 19, 2023, have since been returned. Giving details of arrangements made to manage exchange, Das said the regional office in Delhi has made spe-

cial arrangements for senior citizens and 'divyangjan' by providing a separate queue for them. There is a separate queue for those coming with less number of such currency notes, such as 2-3, for faster disposal, he noted.

A drinking water facility and covered waiting area have been created so that there is no inconvenience to members of the public, he said, reiterating that Rs 2,000 notes continue to be a legal tender. Das appreciated that Delhi Police is helping in crowd management and ensuring that no undesirable incident takes place in the vicinity of the RBI regional office. Public and entities holding such notes were initially asked to either exchange or deposit them in bank accounts by September 30.

Rupee settles 2 paise higher at 83.26 against US dollar

Mumbai, Nov 02:



The rupee stayed range-bound and settled 2 paise higher at 83.26 against the US dollar on Thursday as the American currency retreated from its elevated levels after the US Federal Reserve was a bit dovish in its policy meeting. Forex traders said the local unit got support from positive domestic equity markets and risk-on sentiments. The US Federal Reserve kept interest rates on hold and its Chairman Jerome Powell looked content with the economy's soft landing. Following the decision, the dollar index softened, and the 10-year bond yield fell to 4.70. At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 83.23 and finally settled at 83.26 against the greenback, registering a gain of 2 paise from its previous close. During the day, the rupee witnessed range-

bound trade reaching the peak of 83.19 and hitting the lowest level of 83.27 against the American currency. On Wednesday, the rupee settled at 83.28 against the US dollar and had hit an all-time low level of 83.35 against the American currency during intra-day. "After Fed dovishness, US dollar was still well bid against the rupee as ECB (External Commercial Borrowing) payments continued along with oil bids and FPI outflows.

India most important country for US, says Ambassador Eric Garcetti

New Delhi, Nov 02:



US Ambassador to India Eric Garcetti speaks at The Energy Transition Dialogues organised by Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP), in New Delhi, Thursday, Nov. 2.

India is the most important country for the US and their relationship is the most defining relationship of the century, US Ambassador to India Eric Garcetti said on Thursday. Garcetti made the remarks at The Energy Transition Dialogues hosted by Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP) in New Delhi. "I used to say it in private but now I can say it in public, when the (US) President asked me consider this post (of Ambassador to India) he said India is the most important country in the world for me. I don't know if any American president has ever said that... President Joe Biden he actually did mean it..." the Ambassador said. Garcetti further said he believes the US India-relationship is the most defining relationship of this century. On the G20 summit organised under India's presidency

in September, he said it was the best ever in the history. "The relationship is not just US plus India. It is an exponential relationship. Look at how we attended our best ever G20 in our history together. Of course led by India and thank you for your marvelous leadership," Garcetti said. Speaking on the business opportunities, he said there is lot of investment opportunities in the area of renewables in the

Indian and the US markets. Companies from both sides can take benefits from opportunities in each other's markets, he said. "When it comes to climate, we look for opportunities for Indian companies in the US and vice versa. India's PLI provides tax benefits to companies operating in solar manufacturing electrolyzers. Investment need to flow more quickly from both sides," he noted.

India monitoring global energy situation, hopeful of navigating it: Puri

New Delhi, Nov 02:



India, the world's third-biggest energy consumer, is closely monitoring the evolving energy situation amid geopolitical crises and is hopeful of navigating, Oil Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said.

India, which is more than 85 per cent dependent on imports to meet its oil needs, is diversifying its supply sources and is investing in alternate energy sources such as biogas and biofuels as well as in energy transition. "There is some

concern today because of the geopolitical uncertainty, you know, supply chains could get affected," he said. "All those who are involved in this will realize what is

at stake... hopefully ensure that the situation is not exacerbated. The comment was in reference to the widening Israel-Hamas conflict in the Middle-East and the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war. "We are monitoring the availability very carefully. We are diversifying our energy sources. It's always good news when more energy comes onto the market. And if you ask me, What is my overall assessment, I'll say fingers crossed, but I think we will be able to navigate in the journey ahead as we have been able to nav-

igate the past," he said. Speaking at the 'The Energy Transition Dialogue 2023', Puri said the country has been able to navigate through difficult times, ensuring availability and affordability of energy for its citizens as well as making the transition away from fossil fuels. The world, he said, is facing a supply management problem as two of the most influential members of the oil producers cartel OPEC-plus decided to take 5 million barrels per day of oil production out of the market.

Mark Mobius calls India safe haven for investors

Mumbai, Nov 02:



Amid current geopolitical challenges and a slowdown in global growth, veteran emerging market investor Mark Mobius called India a safe haven for investors, backed by a stable government. The renowned investor, who is excited about the opportunities available in India, said the country is now the second largest in the portfolio of Mobius Capital Partners after Taiwan. Calling India a "land of opportunities and innovation", he said that his optimism about India is driven by the stable government and young demographic, with an average

age of 27 years. "India is a safe haven, and the good thing about India is it has a stable government," Mobius, who is the founder of Mobius Capital Partners, told PTI earlier this week here. Further, India can be a big gainer from

businesses or manufacturing companies moving away from China, he added. He believes that the Indian market will continue to rise going forward despite global growth concerns. "If the BJP continues in power, markets will rise," he said, adding that the BSE benchmark index Sensex, which is currently hovering around 63,000 levels, will touch 1,00,000 in the next five years and even before that. He also believes that market corrections and downturns are inevitable as they are not a source of concern but rather an opportunity. As the market fluctuates, it provides a chance to seize underval-

ued assets and conserve cash for strategic investments. Mobius also sees potential in investing in companies, which are focussed on technologies. "When I say technology, it does mean software companies. Those companies which are based on technology like MapMyIndia," he said. According to a recent Morningstar Global Investor Experience report, India has emerged as one of the most transparent markets, providing investors with valuable insights, especially in terms of monthly holdings data and mandatory disclosure of managers' deferred compensation.

Railway's special campaign 3.0 achieves remarkable cleanliness milestones

- Resolution of pending files and e-files hit record numbers
- Scrap disposal generates impressive revenue for SECR

Central Chronicle News

Raipur/Bilaspur, Nov 02: The South East Central Railway conducted a successful "Special Campaign 3.0" aimed at enhancing cleanliness and addressing pending matters in all of its offices, resulting in significant achievements.

This campaign, which began with a preliminary phase on September 15, identified objectives to be achieved during the campaign period. The main campaign phase ran from October 2 to 31, during which various categories of pending matters were tackled across departments and offices.

Special Campaign 3.0 primarily focused on resolving public complaints, addressing parliament members' concerns and assurances, conducting cleanliness drives, disposing of scrap, clearing files, and other cleanliness-related activities. Nodal officers were appointed in zonal headquarters, departments, divisions, and offices to ensure the campaign's success.

One of the campaign's key aspects involved identifying cleanliness needs in remote locations within divisions and departments, as well as reviewing files and e-files for scrutiny. It also emphasized cleanliness activities and resolving pending issues in railway stations, tracks, premises, yards, colonies, and other areas.



carried out to maintain a contamination-free environment.

Special attention was devoted to cleanliness and preventing contamination in various areas, including platforms, tracks, waiting rooms, restrooms, circulation areas, stalls, foot overbridges, and railway colony drainage systems. Additionally, old and unused scrap materials were disposed of efficiently.

In the South East Central Railway Headquarters and all three divisions and workshops of Bilaspur, Raipur, and Nagpur, physical files were reviewed as part of record management, with nearly 100% of files scrutinized. The campaign resulted in the processing of 3497 physical files and 1889 e-files.

Throughout South East Central Railway, including its headquarters and the Bilaspur, Raipur, and Nagpur railway divisions, the campaign encompassed dedicated cleanliness efforts. These efforts encompassed thorough cleaning of platforms, concourse areas, circulating areas, foot overbridges, tracks, station yards, restrooms, and more. Regular cleaning routines were

NTPC LARA observing 'Vigilance Awareness Week-2023'

Central Chronicle News

Lara, Nov 02: NTPC Lara is observing "Vigilance Awareness Week" from 30th October to 5th November 2023. Under this week various awareness generating activities is organising to make employees, associates and public aware about ill effects of corruption.

The week was inaugurated by Chief Guest, S N Jat, Head of the branch, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Central Bureau of Investigation, Raipur, Chhattisgarh in the august presence of Diwakar Kaushik, Executive Director (NTPC Lara) and other General Managers.

On this occasion administered integrity pledge to employees and advocated to adapt free and fair policy and ethical work culture for building a corruption free society. Under this week "National Unity Day" celebrated by organis-



ing "Run for Unity" inside Maitree Nagar township. Quiz competition was organised at Kirodimal Govt. Degree College, Raigarh. On 1st November 2023, a special lecture session was organised for ladies, which was delivered by Ms. Suresha Choube, Addl. Superintendent of Police, Raigarh on women empowerment and different ways of lodging a police complaint against women atrocities.

In the age of internet, how Chhattisgarh police is equipped itself to help the ladies by lodging com-

plaint through website, "Abhivyakti.com". Besides a seminar was organised on preventive vigilance and Public interest Disclosure and Protection of Informer (PIDPI).

Pankaj Shekhar, AGM (Vigilance) described on various ways of preventive vigilance and PIDPI. Special competitions like drawing and painting, speech, poem etc are being organised to educate school children on ill effects of corruption. Besides gram sabha, street play, vendor's meet will be organised.

Dongargaon gears up for Yogi Adityanath's first visit

- Yogi's visit rescheduled for November 4 due to PM Modi's program
- Grand rally planned to support BJP candidate Bharat Verma

Central Chronicle News

Dongargaon, Nov 02: The anticipation is mounting as Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath gears up for his inaugural visit to Dongargaon on November 4. He is set to address a massive public rally in support of BJP candidate Bharat Verma at 11 AM.

The BJP has left no stone unturned in preparing for this grand event, to be held at the



Yogi adityanath

local Gent's Club and Gayatri Temple ground. Initially scheduled for November 2, Yogi's visit was rescheduled to November 4 to accommodate Prime Minister Narendra Modi's program in Durg.

Originally planned as a brief roadshow with pub-

lic addresses from a chariot, Yogi's visit has now been expanded into a comprehensive program for the BJP Dongargaon.

BJP election coordinator Neelu Sharma confirmed the finalized arrival program of Yogi on November 4, and extensive preparations are underway at the grassroots level to ensure the success of his rally.

This historic visit marks the first time Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi will set foot in Dongargaon, generating great curiosity and eagerness among BJP workers and the general public. The BJP administration is collaborating closely with local authorities to make all necessary arrangements.

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Arang, Nov 02: The grand celebration of Chhattisgarh State Foundation Day unfolded in Arang, with an enchanting Sua Festival organized in collaboration with Chhattisgarh Mahatari Seva Sansthan and Pipala Welfare Foundation at Ambedkar Bhavan on Wednesday. The festivities commenced with the reverent worship of Chhattisgarh Mahatari and resonating patriotic songs.

Guests were warmly welcomed with flower garlands, khadi scarves, and symbolic tokens by the organizers, adding to the spirit of unity. The women of the organizing committee adorned themselves in captivating Chhattisgarhi at-

Sua festival lights up Chhattisgarh Foundation Day celebrations



tire, drawing the attention of all present. Esteemed guests praised the committee for hosting the Sua Festival on Chhattisgarh Foundation Day and shared their excitement about the state's evolving landscape in the era of youth. They emphasized the importance of collective efforts in propelling Chhattisgarh towards prosperity.

In a show of recognition, the organizers honoured Bagheshwar Nath Mahadev

Gau Seva Samiti, Kosal Manch, Pahachan Mahila Samuh, and guests, including journalists, with the distinctive symbol of Chhattisgarh Mahatari. The attractive selfie point featuring Chhattisgarh Mahatari became a popular spot for capturing memorable moments, as attendees continued to take selfies.

Ranu Dhruv, the President of Chhattisgarh Mahatari Seva Sansthan, shared her perspective on

the significance of Chhattisgarh State Foundation Day, emphasizing the need to celebrate it not only in cities but also in every village as a festive occasion. She called upon every household to light a lamp at their doorstep in honour of Chhattisgarh Mahatari. The captivating presentation by the Sua team from Gram Kusmund enchanted all present, enhancing the celebratory spirit.

The program's organization and coordination were made possible by the dedicated efforts of the Pipala Foundation and members of the Chhattisgarh Mahatari Seva Sansthan. Notable attendees included CMO Harsingh Thakur, Cultural Ambassador Surendra Manikpuri, Vice President Anita Sahu, Shweta Ausaria, Poonam Sahu, General Secretary Shashi Sahu, Treasurer Tejaswi Sahu, Organization Minister Bhagwati Sahu, Assistant Organization Minister Lalita Sahu, Divakar Ausaria, Bhuneshwar Sahu, Ramnarayan Sahu, Manohar Sahu, and a vibrant community of city residents who came together to celebrate the essence of Chhattisgarh.

Congress welcomes prominent BJP leader Udla Ram Bhaina

Defection trend in Marwahi BJP continues

Central Chronicle News

Marwahi, Nov 02: The political landscape in Marwahi constituency sees another significant development as Udla Ram Bhaina, a prominent leader of the Bhaina community, makes a remarkable move by joining the Congress party, further intensifying the trend of defections from the BJP.

In a recent series of defections within the BJP in Marwahi, Udla Ram Bhaina's switch to the Congress marks another notable shift. Just two days ago, Rohit Choudhary from the BJP had also made a transition to the Congress party. The official announcement of



Udla Ram Bhaina's affiliation with the Congress took place during the inauguration of the zone office for the efficient management of the upcoming assembly elections in Shemra village, a significant milestone for the constituency.

Dr. KK Dhruv, the Congress candidate from Marwahi, expressed his

confidence in the party's strengthened position with Udla Ram Bhaina's entry. He emphasized the positive impact of this decision on the Congress, foreseeing significant benefits to the party as a result. The move is expected to bring a fresh dynamic to the political landscape in Marwahi, adding momentum to the Congress

party's campaign.

The event witnessed the presence of several prominent political figures, including Dr. KK Dhruv, the Marwahi MLA, Manoj Gupta, the Joint Secretary of the Pradesh Congress, former MLA Pahalwan Singh Maravi, Congress leader Gyanendra Upadhyay, Ajit Singh Pendro, Bechu Ahiresh, Congress leader Gajmati Bhanu, Siya Yadav, Rita Singh, Malati Vakare, along with numerous other Congress leaders and dedicated workers. This latest addition to the Congress ranks is expected to play a crucial role in shaping the upcoming political landscape in Marwahi.

Police successfully apprehends 3 long-absconding accused

Central Chronicle News

Khairagarh, Nov 02: In a significant breakthrough, a dedicated police team, formed by the Police Superintendent, has successfully apprehended three accused individuals with permanent warrants who had been evading authorities for an extended period. The arrests were made under charges outlined in Section 379 and Section 34.

The arrested individuals are Rajesh Paradhi, aged 25, son of Jeevan Paradhi, residing in Ghotiya Thana Khairagarh, Mangalu Paradhi, aged 28, son of Pyarelal Pardhi, residing in Mohadi Thana Ghumka, and Govardhan Mahar, wanted under



Section 138 of the N.I. Act, and son of Shiv Mahar, residing in Dumardih Thana Chhuikhadan. The police received credible information about these long-abscond-

ing accused individuals who had been constantly changing their locations to evade arrest. Acting swiftly on this information, the special police team strategically surrounded and ap-

prehended them, subsequently presenting them in the honourable court.

Under the guidance of Additional Police Superintendent Neha Pandey, the Police Superintendent of Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai, Ankita Sharma, directed the formation of this specialized team, which included dedicated officers and constables such as Sub-Inspector Birendra Chandrakar, Head Constable Ashutosh Singh, Constables Lokesh Thakur, Lala Nishad, Tejaram, Uday Bareth, and Woman Constable Lakshmi Chandel. Radhika also played a commendable role in ensuring the successful apprehension of the accused individuals.

Successful start of paddy procurement marks prosperous harvest season

- Collector took stock of paddy procurement at seven centers

Central Chronicle News

Bemetara, Nov 02: In a traditional ceremony, committee workers commenced this year's paddy procurement season by conducting a sacred Kanta-Baant puja at various procurement centers across Chhattisgarh, including Bemetara district. The event marks the beginning of paddy procurement at support prices for the Kharif marketing year 2023-24, and it was met with enthusiasm from farmers eager for a fair

return on their hard work.

The district administration made extensive arrangements to facilitate the process for farmers who flocked to the procurement centers, bringing their produce in vehicles ranging from tractors to small trucks. Priority was given to medium-sized farmers, ensuring equitable opportunities for all. Collector Padum Singh Elma personally oversaw the initial day of procurement, starting at the Bemetara Agricultural Produce Market Center. He weighed the farmers' paddy and meticulously measured moisture levels using advanced moisture meters, guaranteeing quality control and transparency in the process. The collector then visited several other pro-



urement centers, including Bija, Kanteli, Duda, Mohbhata, Berla, and Kusmi (Berla), inspecting preparations and purchases. He emphasized the importance of honesty and proper paddy storage after purchase, with a special focus on monitoring and addressing any discrepancies in paddy

originating from other states. Collector Elma also took time to engage with the farmers, inquiring about their well-being and ensuring their needs were met at the procurement centers. He underscored the importance of quality construction for all procurement platforms, promising that

the farmers' convenience and comfort would be a top priority. District Food Officer Nitish Trivedi, DMO Upendra Khandekar, DCC Arvind Verma, and other officials were present during the collector's visit. He urged committee workers to be well-informed about equipment, stock limits, and other crucial aspects of the procurement process to ensure its smooth and fair operation. Collector Elma reiterated his commitment to ensuring that farmers faced no obstacles while selling their paddy and called for proper arrangements for cleanliness, drinking water, and other amenities at the procurement centers to facilitate a successful harvest season.

BJP celebrates State Foundation Day with fervour

Central Chronicle News

Kurud, Nov 02: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) marked the 24th Chhattisgarh State Foundation Day with great enthusiasm in Kurud. On this significant occasion, senior BJP members gathered to pay tribute by offering flowers, lighting lamps, and sprinkling colored powder on the first portrait of Chhattisgarh Mahatari.

In a heartfelt gesture, they also remembered and paid a hundred salutes to the esteemed Bharat Ratna and former Prime Minister, the late Atal Bihari Vajpayee, for his invaluable contribution to the people of Chhattisgarh. The event witnessed the



presence of prominent figures such as Daya Ram Sahu, Vidhan Sabha Election In-Charge, Rajendra Sharma, Nagar Palika Dhamtari Councilor, Bhanu Chandrakar, State Co-Convener of Cultural Wing and Leader of Kurud Nagar Panchayat, Malak Ram Sahu, State Vice

President of Sahu Samaj and Senior Worker of Kurud, Nutan Dhritlahare, Member of the BJP Yuva Morcha Vidhan Sabha Election Coordinator in Kurud, Prabhat Bais, General Secretary Kurud Mandal, and several other dedicated workers and Chhattisgarh Mahatari devotees.

Shami, Siraj, Jasprit Bumra delivers another blockbuster

Spinners make Afghanistan favourites against Netherlands

India crush Lanka by 302 runs to enter semi-finals

Mumbai, Nov 02 (PTI):

Mumbai, Nov 02 (PTI): In a spectacular display of cricket prowess, Team India delivered a crushing blow to Sri Lanka, defeating them by an astounding 302 runs in a World Cup showdown at the iconic Wankhede Stadium. This commanding victory not only secured India's spot in the semi-finals but also marked their biggest win by margin of runs in the tournament's history.



Jasprit Bumrah (1/8 in 5 overs) also contributed to the formidable bowling performance.

The victory secured India's place in the semi-finals, with 14 points from seven games. Captain Rohit Sharma's squad now looks forward to maintaining an unbeaten record as they prepare to face South Africa in Kolkata on November 5 and the Netherlands in Bengaluru on November 12.

The Indian batting lineup had a day to remember, with Virat Kohli (88 off 94 balls), Shubman Gill (92 off 92 balls), and Shreyas Iyer (82 off 56 balls) delivering dom-

inant performances. The trio piled on the runs and powered India past the 350-run mark.

As for Sri Lanka, they found themselves in a nightmarish déjà vu, recalling their earlier Asia Cup final defeat where Siraj had demolished them for just 50 runs. Unfortunately, the Lankans became the second team, after Bangladesh, to be eliminated from the 10-team event.

Despite a seemingly docile pitch, the ball moved unpredictably when the Lankans batted, thanks to Siraj and Shami's exceptional skills. Their preci-

sion and seam positioning left the Sri Lankan batsmen in disarray.

India's dominance in the match was epitomized by Kohli and Gill's partnership, which yielded 189 runs for the second wicket. While Kohli missed out on a century, Gill's brilliant run-a-ball 92 showcased his potential.

Shreyas Iyer then took charge, smashing six sixes and three fours to propel India past 350. Dilshan Madushanka (5/80 in 10 overs) of Sri Lanka prevented all three Indian batters from reaching centuries with well-executed slower cutters and bouncers.

Lucknow, Nov 02 (PTI):

They have outlived tags like 'minnows' and 'giant-killers' with their lion-hearted performances but spirited Afghanistan's quest to reach the next level starts in earnest against an equally inspirational Netherlands in a World Cup match between the two teams here on Friday.

Starting as favourites on a tricky Ekana Stadium surface, with a quality spin attack at its disposal, Afghanistan (6 points) will not only look to secure two points against the Dutch (4 points) but also aim to win big and improve the net run-rate in its bid to remain relevant in the race to semi-final.

The manner in which Afghanistan's top-order batted to outclass sides like Pakistan and Sri Lanka, it showed that the victory against defending champions England wasn't a mere flash in the pan.

Ashes-winning English batter Jonathon Trott was a gritty customer during his playing days and he has instilled the same doggedness in his wards too, as they have made the



Afghanistan's Naveen-ul-Haq (L) and Rashid Khan deliver balls during a practice session.

heads with their methodical approach and praiseworthy resilience.

Just like Kenya, with a bit of luck, made it to the semi-finals of the 2003 World Cup, Afghans will hope that the rub of the green goes their way, beginning with the Dutch test. After this game, they take on Australia (November 7) and South Africa (November 10) in what would determine whether they have it in them to go to the next level -- the World Cup semi-finals. One defeat and it all

comes crashing down. The 'Orange Army', too have been a surprise package of this World Cup, securing upset wins over South Africa and Bangladesh.

It has put them ahead of Bangladesh and bottom-rung England in the 10-team standings to keep a slender semifinal qualification hopes alive although even their biggest supporters know that it would be miraculous if they happen to make it to final four. The Edwards-led Netherlands bowled

Match Starts: 2pm IST.

out Bangladesh for a lowly 142 to secure yet another upset in the World Cup during their last match at Eden Gardens in Kolkata.

With two fifties to his name, the skipper Edwards will remain their batting mainstay alongside veteran Sybrand Engelbrecht, Colin Ackermann and Logan van Beek the designated finisher of the team.

Van Beek's cameo of 23 not out from 16 balls took their total past 200-mark, something that proved handy against the struggling Bangladesh in Kolkata.

Van Beek is also known to be giving breakthroughs in the middle as he would look to dent Afghan's progress with his clever changes.

They now have the four points in the pocket, same as Sri Lanka. But the Netherlands' NRR is much inferior and they face the improbable scenario to post wins over Afghanistan, England (November 8) and India (November 12) to keep their hopes alive.

Jamieson called in as cover as Henry awaits scan results



New Delhi, Nov 02 (PTI):

Ravaged by a spate of injuries, New Zealand on Thursday included towering fast bowler Kyle Jamieson in their World Cup squad with a cloud of doubt hovering over pacer Matt Henry's

availability for a key clash against Pakistan. The 28-year-old six feet eight inches tall pacer will arrive in Bengaluru late on Thursday ahead of Saturday's game against Pakistan. New Zealand have been left in a tricky situation towards the business end of the tournament with as many as five of their players, including two pacers, battling injuries. While regular skipper Kane Williamson (thumb), Lockie Ferguson (achilles) and Mark Chapman (calf) were already nursing injuries, Henry and James Neesham joined the list on Wednesday with the former hurting his hamstring. With Henry awaiting scan results on his right hamstring, New Zealand were forced to fly in Jamieson, who was previously with the squad as cover for Tim Southee.

Mitchell Marsh flies back home to attend to family issues

Ahmedabad, Nov 02 (PTI):

In-form Australia all-rounder Mitchell Marsh left for home on Thursday due to personal reasons for an indefinite period, dealing yet another blow to the team, already hit by Glenn Maxwell's unavailability for the next World Cup match against England due to concussion.

Marsh could be out of the whole tournament as Cricket Australia did not give any timeline for his return. "A timeline on his return to the squad is to be confirmed," the CA said in a statement.

In Marsh's absence, Cameron Green could be drafted into the team for the match against arch-rivals England here on



Saturday. Fit again teammate Marcus Stoinis, however, gave hopes that Marsh could return to India for the World Cup.

"He's got a family issue going on and like we all know, family is very important, the most important really," Stoinis told reporters on Thursday.

him before departing for home that he would be "coming back to win this World Cup".

"He sent me a message last night saying, 'I'll be home for a little bit and then I'm coming back to win this World Cup' so that speaks to his mindset. I joked with him that he just passes the overs back to me now - and thanks for that'. You know that the bases are covered, but we will miss him, and he'll be back soon. "You miss him off the field in terms of his energy and his personality around the team as much as we're going to miss him on the field but you can pretty much see how the team's going to line-up (without him)." Stoinis said Marsh told

Indian women end campaign with defeat against Uzbekistan

Tashkent, Nov 02 (PTI):

The Indian women's team bowed out of the AFC Olympic Qualifiers Round 2 with a 0-3 loss to Uzbekistan here on Wednesday. In the four-team group, India had earlier lost to Japan and Vietnam. Backed by a loud, if not capacity crowd, Uzbekistan immediately applied pressure on India, and started dominating possession.

The equation was clear: a win would put Uzbekistan in prime contention for the best second-place team slot. India, meanwhile, were playing for pride. Within two minutes though Uzbekistan took the lead from a set piece. Karachik Lyudmila's corner played at the near post glanced off K h a b i b u l l a e v a Diyorakhon's head towards

the centre of the six-yard area, from where Kudratova Nilufar kneed it in to give them the lead.

It took some exceptional goalkeeping by Shreya Hooda to ensure that India didn't fall behind by more through the half. In the 14th minute, Hooda saved from Nilufar when the striker was one-on-one with her after a through ball played from her midfield. From the resultant corner, she tipped over a long-distance effort by Asadova Dilrabo. On another occasion, she denied Dilrabo from point-blank range again, the forward's first-time shot from a cutback palmed to safety. India came out of half time with more conviction in their attacking play, and, as has been the trend, Manisha Kalyan and Anju Tamang were leading the charge.

Iga Swiatek beats Coco Gauff at WTA Finals

Cancun, Nov 02 (AP):



she walked to the sideline. That was part of a stretch in which the American lost nine points in a row and 12 of the last 13 against Swiatek, who improved to 9-1 against Gauff. Earlier, Gauff chucked

her racket after one errant backhand return late in the lopsided opening set.

That was the 22nd 6-0 set won in 2023 by Swiatek, a 22-year-old from Poland who was ranked No. 1 for nearly 1 1/2 years until

Aryna Sabalenka overtook her after the U.S. Open in September. Swiatek is the first woman to win at least 20 sets by a 6-0 score in two consecutive seasons since Steffi Graf and Monica Seles both did it in 1991-92.

Swiatek improved to 2-0 in round-robin play, while Gauff dropped to 1-1. Both will play their last group matches Friday.

The other singles match Wednesday at the season-ending championship which is for the top eight players in women's tennis was Wimbledon champion Marketa Vondrousova against three-time major finalist Ons Jabeur.

Getafe and Real Betis score 12 goals each in huge wins

Madrid, Nov 02 (AP):

Getafe and Real Betis both scored 12 goals against lower-division clubs in the first round of the Copa del Rey on Wednesday. Getafe routed sixth-tier Tardienta 12-0, with Mason Greenwood scoring a goal in each half and scar Rodriguez getting a hat trick. Betis trounced sixth-tier Hernan Cortes 12-1, with William Jos finding the net four times and Rodri Sanchez scoring a hat trick. Girona, which shares the lead of the Spanish league with Real Madrid, had a much harder time against fourth-tier club San Roque de Lepe, winning 2-1 with a goal by S vio deep into

second-half stoppage time. Cadiz went to a penalty shootout against fourth-tier side Badalona Futur, prevailing 4-2 after a 0-0 draw. Fifth-place Real Sociedad needed a second-half goal by Carlos Fernandez to defeat sixth-tier Bu ol. A total of 41 first-round matches were played throughout Wednesday, a holiday in Spain. Sevilla beat sixth-tier Quintanar 3-0, while Athletic Bilbao overcame sixth-tier Rubi 2-1 with a pair of goals by Adu Ares. Mallorca defeated Boiro 4-0, which was the same score for Celta Vigo's win over Turegano. Rayo Vallecano routed Atletico de Lugones 6-0, with Radamel Falcao scoring twice.

Djokovic beats Etcheverry

Paris, Nov 02 (AP):

Novak Djokovic stayed on track for the year-end No. 1 ranking for a record eighth time by beating Tomas Martin Etcheverry 6-3, 6-2 in the second round of the Paris Masters on Wednesday.

Djokovic was competing in his first singles match since mid-September when he played for Serbia in the group stage of the Davis Cup.

"At the beginning of the match, it was a bit difficult for me to find the rhythm," the top-seeded Djokovic said on court, "but at the end of the second set, it was really good."

Djokovic won five straight games to take the opening set with an ace and lead 2-0 in the second set. The Serbian player only faced one break point that he saved with a forehand cross-court winner at 1-0 in the second set.

A six-time champion at the Paris Masters, Djokovic increased his lead to 5-1 before converting his third match point when Etcheverry netted a backhand. Djokovic can widen



the gap with No. 2 Carlos Alcaraz in the race for the year-end top spot after the Spaniard lost to qualifier Roman Safiullin on Tuesday.

We've beaten India here before: Rassie van der Dussen

Pune, Nov 02 (PTI):



ready for the challenge. "Obviously, playing India in India is a massive event. They've been playing really well. A lot of experience in their team. They've got all bases covered, brilliant

bowling attack and obviously the batting as well," said Van der Dussen during the post-match press conference here on Wednesday.

"But again, we'll go into that game knowing that if we do the things well that we want to do, we'll be in a really strong position.

"The challenge is to under pressure, to stay with that, and that's what we'll look to do. But we've played them here before and we've beaten them here before.

"So, in a sense, it's, even though it's a World Cup, it's not really too much different. We won't be looking at that too much."

We're two wins away from making semifinal: Phillips

Pune, Nov 02 (PTI):

An injury-ravaged New Zealand have slumped to their third successive defeat in the World Cup but allrounder Glenn Phillips believes they're two wins away from clinching a semifinal berth.

New Zealand, who are currently on eight points, suffered a massive 190-run loss against South Africa here on Wednesday.

"It's just two wins away, and that hopefully puts us in third or fourth place, potentially even second," Phillips, who scored a 50-



ball 60, said during the post-match press conference. "So, I think if we can just keep sticking to our basics, what we do best on the field, everything will

be all right." The Black Caps next face Pakistan (November 4) and Sri Lanka (November 9) in their remaining two matches. Pakistan kept the door to the semifinal slightly ajar following a seven-wicket win over Bangladesh the other day.

"We try to remain level-headed throughout everything, not ride the highs too high and the lows too low. So, I think for us, it's good about our business as we've done the whole way through, just keeping things simple, sticking to what we do best.

Characters from 1975 film 'Sholay' spice up MP elections

Bhopal, Nov 02 (PTI):

Popular characters from the 1975 Hindi blockbuster 'Sholay' have entered the political discourse ahead of the November 17 Madhya Pradesh assembly elections.

The opposition Congress and the ruling BJP are accusing each other of looting the state drawing parallels with the film's characters, who were associated with crime in some way or the other.

The Congress said the "bonhomie" between its state president Kamal Nath and senior leader Digvijaya Singh was akin to the bond shared by 'Jai' and 'Veeru', played by Amitabh Bachchan and Dharmendra respectively, in the film, while Chief

Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said Jai and Veeru were fighting over the distribution of "plundered booty".

Nath termed Chouhan 'Gabbar Singh', the movie's lead villain.

Elections to the 230-member Madhya Pradesh assembly will be held in a single phase on November 17.

Noted scriptwriter and filmmaker Rumi Jaffery told PTI, "It is a matter of satisfaction to us that dialogues and characters pictured by us decades back in films like 'Sholay' or 'Mughal-e-Azam' are still relevant and people are using them even today. These characters are timeless and will remain in the world." The Jai-Veeru duo entered the political arena in the state after a protest

over ticket distribution led Nath to make his "tear clothes of Digvijaya Singh and his son Jaivardhan Singh" remark. It sparked speculation that all was not well between the two former Congress chief ministers.

Responding to a question about the matter, Congress general secretary in-charge of Madhya Pradesh Randeep Singh Surjewala equated the friendship between Nath and Singh with the one shared by Jai and Veeru.

The BJP seized the opportunity to hit back at the grand old party on the issue. CM Chouhan took a swipe at Singh and Nath, referring to them as 'Sholay's Jai and Veeru, who he said were fighting between themselves over the distribution of "plun-

dered booty".

Veteran journalist Girija Shankar told PTI, "It is a needless controversy and Chouhan should not have entered into it. By targeting Jai-Veeru (Nath and Digvijaya), he (Chouhan) automatically became Gabbar as Jai-Veeru were known for their friendship and not remembered as thieves."

Chouhan invoked the characters after reports said Singh and Nath were in Delhi on Tuesday to meet the Congress leadership. In a video statement shared on his X account, Chouhan 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)."

IT dept searches T'gana Cong candidate Laxma Reddy's residence

Hyderabad, Nov 02 (PTI): The Income Tax Department officials are carrying out searches at the residence of Congress leader K Laxma Reddy here on Thursday, sources said.

Reddy is the Congress candidate for the Maheshwaram assembly segment for the November 30 assembly polls.

The Income Tax Department along with Election Commission officials are conducting the searches.

Rajasthan's Tripura Sundari temple is everyone's favourite around polls



Banswara, Nov 02 (PTI):

Around election time, a temple in Rajasthan's Banswara district becomes a favourite of politicians seeking some divine intervention.

Former chief minister Vasundhara Raje is said to be a firm believer of the temple deity, Maa Tripura Sundari, who the devout say helps people seeking

power or an "empire" (samrajya). And politicians across party lines, from village heads to ministers, are regular visitors to the Tripura Sundari temple in Umrai village.

"Maa Tripura Sundari blesses devotees who seek 'samrajya', which is visits by those wishing to contest the assembly polls has increased," Nikunj Mohan Pandya, a priest at the tem-

ple, told PTI. Polling in all 200 assembly constituencies in Rajasthan will take place on November 25 and counting will be held on December 3.

"Those wishing for samrajya and success in politics visit the temple and pray to Maa Bhagwati (Tripura Sundari). Leaders from different political parties visit the temple. Some have immense faith, and regularly visit and offer prayers. Sadhna is performed at the temple," he said.

Pandya said that erstwhile kings and rulers would offer prayers before every important battle.

Raje, who often visits the temple, had reportedly stayed inside the temple for the entire duration of the counting of votes of the 2013 assembly polls which she won and stayed there till the results were declared.

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