

BRIEF



An artist gives finishing touches to an idol of Goddess Kali ahead of Kali Puja festival, at Kumartully in Kolkata, Thursday.

Oath

New Delhi: Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud on Thursday administered the oath of office to three high court chief justices Satish Chandra Sharma, Augustine George Masih and Sandeep Mehta as the judges of the Supreme Court. The three judges were sworn-in at a function in the Supreme Court complex in the presence of other judges, lawyers and their family members.

Close shave

Hyderabad: Riding BRS Working President K T Rama Rao escaped unhurt when he almost fell off an open-top vehicle during a roadshow in Armoor town of Nizamabad district on Thursday after its driver applied brakes. Telangana Minister Rama Rao and BRS Rajya Sabha MP KR Suresh Reddy who were accompanying the party candidate and sitting MLA Jeevan Reddy for filing nomination, were standing on the campaign vehicle.

Ban extended

Imphal: The Manipur government on Thursday extended mobile internet ban across the state by five more days till November 13, officials said. The ban, however, will not be enforced in the four hill district headquarters which have not been affected by ethnic strife, officials added.

Booked

Nagpur: An assistant inspector and two constables have been booked for allegedly threatening a man after an accident that took place on June 13, a police official said on Thursday. API Pravin Mundhe had allegedly pulled out a pistol during an altercation after the car driven by him halted suddenly, resulting in the two-wheeler of a man identified as Shubham Wahane (28) colliding with the vehicle, he said.

Injured

Thane: Ten policemen from Mumbai were injured after they were attacked with stones and other projectiles while trying to arrest an alleged criminal in neighbouring Thane district, an official said on Thursday. On the intervening night of Wednesday and Thursday, a team of cops from Mumbai's Andheri police station reached the Irani Basti area in Ambivali near Kalyan to arrest a man involved in a serious crime, he said.

Explode

Thane: A high capacity pressure cooker exploded on Thursday in a food outlet on the ground floor of a high-rise in Hiranandani Estate area in Thane, a civic official said.

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'Naxalism will end in Chh'garh if BJP forms govt'

Targets Cong over 'religious conversion'

Jashpur, Nov 09:

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday said if the BJP comes to power in Chhattisgarh, Naxalism will be eliminated from the state in five years and alleged that rampant "religious conversion" took place there under the Congress rule. Ahead of the second and last phase of the assembly elections in the state on November 17, Shah addressed three rallies one each in Jashpur and Kunkuri constituencies in Jashpur district



Amit Shah

and Chandrapur constituency in Sakti district. The Union minister slammed Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel-led dispensation saying while Chandrayaan' was sent to the moon under the central government headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the point where it landed was named Shivshakti', the Congress government in the state indulged in bet-

ting in the name of Mahadev'. Further targeting the state Congress government, Shah said rampant religious conversion took place in Chhattisgarh in the last five years. Shah appealed to the people to form a "double-engine" government (BJP at the Centre and in Chhattisgarh) and assured that Naxalism would be eliminated from the state in five years. The rule of "corruption" prevailed in Chhattisgarh in the last five years, he said, claiming that the Baghel government indulged in several "scams worth thousands of crores of rupees".

'BJP uses ED, CBI, I-T dept to stop Cong'



Mallikarjun Kharge

Baikunthpur, Nov 09:

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Thursday slammed the BJP-led Centre claiming it uses the ED, CBI and the Income Tax Department to stop his party from coming to power in elections. Addressing a campaign rally in Baikunthpur con-

stituency of Chhattisgarh, Kharge also alleged that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the RSS have been trying to change the Constitution. To stop them, Congress' victory is necessary in elections to five states, including Chhattisgarh, he said. Voting was held on Tuesday for Mizoram elections and for the first phase of Chhattisgarh polls. Polling for the second phase in Chhattisgarh, as well as elections in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Telangana are scheduled later this month. Kharge claimed the Congress fights for the poor, while the BJP fights for (industrialist) Adani and the rich.

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RECORD HOLDER

Eight Indians on death row in Qatar: India files appeal

New Delhi, Nov 09 (PTI)

An appeal has been filed against the death sentence handed down to eight former Indian Navy personnel by a Qatari court last month, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Thursday. MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said the Indian embassy in Doha received another consular access to the detained Indians on Tuesday and that New Delhi will continue to extend all legal and consular support to them. The eight former Indian Navy personnel were on October 26 given death sentence by Qatar's Court of First Instance. India described the ruling as "deeply" shocking and vowed to explore all legal options in the case. "An appeal has already been filed in the case," Bagchi said at his weekly

media briefing. The Indian nationals, who worked with private company Al Dahra, were arrested in August last year reportedly in an alleged case of espionage. Neither the Qatari authorities nor New Delhi made the charges against the Indian nationals public. In its reaction to the ruling by the Qatari court, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) last month said it is attaching "high importance" to this case and is exploring all legal options. The charges were filed against the eight Indian navy veterans on March 25 and they were tried under Qatari law. All of the former Navy officers had "unblemished stints" of up to 20 years in the Indian Navy and had held important positions including that of instructors in the force, former military officials had said.

Panel recommends expelling Mahua, Cong MP in favour

New Delhi, Nov 09 (PTI)

The Lok Sabha Ethics Committee on Thursday recommended the expulsion of TMC MP Mahua Moitra from the House in the "cash-for-query" matter, sources said. This is perhaps the first time the Ethics Committee of the Lok Sabha has recommended the expulsion of an MP, a retired Lok Sabha Secretariat official said. The committee, headed by BJP MP Vinod Kumar Sonkar, met here and adopted its report rec-

Prejudiced: Oppn MPs
Four opposition members said the panel's recommendation was "prejudiced" and "incorrect".

'Pre-fixed match by a kangaroo court'



Calling the recommendation the death of parliamentary democracy, Mahua said that this is a pre-fixed match by a kangaroo court. "Even if they expel me, I will be back in next Lok Sabha with bigger mandate," Moitra told PTI.

ommending Moitra's expulsion. After the meeting, Sonkar told reporters that

six members of the panel supported adoption of the report and four opposed it.

DRG cop injured in accidental firing

Narayanpur, Nov 09:

A District Reserve Guard (DRG) jawan was injured in an accidental discharge of his weapon in Chhattisgarh's Naxal-hit Narayanpur district on Thursday, police said. The incident took place when a team of DRG was out on a search operation in Orchha police station area, located around 350 km from the state capital Raipur, a senior police official said.

CRIMINAL CASE

SC stays execution of NBW against Surjewala

New Delhi, Nov 09 (PTI)

Granting relief to Congress leader Randeep Singh Surjewala, the Supreme Court on Thursday stayed the execution of a Non-Bailable Warrant issued by the MP/MLA court of Varanasi against him in connection with a 23-year-old criminal case of damage to public property. Special Judge (MP-MLA) Avani Gautam

had on Wednesday issued NBW against Surjewala, a Rajya Sabha MP, directing him to appear on November 21. Senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi, appearing for Surjewala, mentioned the matter before a three-judge bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud in the morning and sought an urgent hearing. The CJ fixed it for hearing later in the day.

Winter session of Parl from Dec 4 to 22

New Delhi, Nov 09 (PTI)

The Winter session of Parliament will commence on December 4 and continue till December 22, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi said on Thursday. In a post on X, he said the session will have 15 sittings spread over 19 days. "Amid Amrit Kaal looking forward to discussions on legislative business and other items during the session," he said. The report of the Ethics Committee on the "cash-for-query" allegations against TMC MP Mahua Moitra will be tabled in the Lok Sabha during the session. The House will have to adopt the report before the expulsion recommended by the panel comes into effect. Three key bills which seek to replace the IPC, CrPC and the Evidence Act are likely to be taken up for consideration during the session as the standing committee on Home has already adopted the three reports recently.

Bihar House passes bills to raise quota cap to 65%

Patna: The Bihar assembly on Thursday hiked the quota for deprived castes from 50 per cent to 65 per cent in government jobs and educational institutions, taking the overall reservation to 75 per cent. Addressing the House on the occasion, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar said, "now reservations will be 75 per cent, including 10 per cent for economically weaker sections which the Centre introduced a few years ago and we, too, implemented in the state". Earlier during the day, the assembly unanimously hiked quotas for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Extremely Backward Classes (EBCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) from the existing 50 per cent to 65 per cent.

Cong practices policy of 'divide and rule': PM

Neemuch (MP), Nov 09 (PTI):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday lashed out at the Congress for what he called practicing the policy of "divide and rule" to stay in power and creating new records in corruption, and accused the opposition party of standing with foreign elements who openly conspire against India. He said for the country's oldest political party, Lord Ram was an "imaginary" character. "The Congress has always created problems for the country and has no solution for them. It governed the nation by adopting the policy of divide and rule," Modi stated while addressing a rally in support of the BJP in Neemuch district of the



Malwa-Nimar region of Madhya Pradesh, where assembly polls will be held on November 17.

Invoking Mahatma Gandhi, the BJP's star campaigner pointed out that the Father of the Nation used to emphasised that governance should involve honesty and ethics, and envisaged "Ram Rajya" (ideal rule) in the country. "But on one hand the Congress has built a fort of corruption and on the other hand it has declared

Lord Ram as an imaginary character," he said. The Grand Old Party has always created new records in corruption while in power at the Centre or in states, Modi alleged. The PM asserted that India's stature is rising in the comity of nations, but the Congress is not comfortable with this global ascendancy. "This (global ascendancy) is happening because of you who formed the BJP government which takes tough and big decisions. This is what the Congress has not been able to digest for the last 10 years," Modi said. The Prime Minister said the Congress, which he said abuses him day and night, is wondering how the country's profile is changing on the international stage.

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IT conducts search operations against 14 units

Raipur, Nov 09: Amidst ED raids in Chhattisgarh over the last few days, IT's investigation wing conducted search operations at 14 different units of businessmen in Raipur, Bhillai, Durg, Jamul and Balod district here on Thursday. The search operations were conducted in the houses, offices and shops and godowns of the Directors of Dev Mining Company, Dighani Fireworks, Hukmchand & Himmachand Gehlot Fireworks and their partners. In these search operations, around 100 IT sleuths were present including a team from Kolkata and 40 armed CRPF personnel. It is suspected that the links of

- In Raipur, Bhillai, Durg, Balod, Jamul
- In connection with search operations at Som Distillery Bhopal

these search operations are connected with the search operations by IT against Som Distillery in Bhopal, capital of MP. It is on getting information about tax evasion by showing bogus expenditure worth crores that these search operations were conducted. On the first day of these search operation, no silver or gold ornaments or

cash was found and the seizures are expected to start from tomorrow. There are reports that these businessmen are having links with some politicians. The entire search operation were conducted under leadership of IT's investigation wing officer Gagan Giri Goswami and Navan Jain. The command of this entire operations is with Addl. Director (Investigation) IT Rituparn Namdeo and it is being constantly monitored by Chief Director (Investigation wing-MP) Sunil Kumar Singh. As per official report the search operations are expected to continue for two more days.

Modi gov could not remove unemployment in country: Anand Sharma



- Highlights achievements of Bhupesh Govt
- Says 40 lakh people came out of poverty line in 5 years

opened. At that time unemployment was at its peak, he said. Sharma reiterated the promises included in the Congress manifesto this year. He said that Congress benefited special classes in the last 5 years. During the last 5 years, 40 lakh people have come out of the poverty line in the state, this is not being said by Congress but by the data of NITI Aayog, he said. Last year, paddy was procured for Rs 2500 which included MSP and this time when the government is formed, paddy will be procured for Rs 3200, Sharma added.

According to Sharma the biggest problem in the country today is unemployment and Modi government at the centre failed to solve this problem. The suffering of people has increased in the country during the last 5 years, he said, adding that people in the country are not getting nutrition.

PCC issues show cause notice to Yadav

Bilaspur, Nov 09: Congress has issued show cause notice to Mayor Ramsharan Yadav in context of the audio clip of the telephonic talks with a corporator which got viral in the social media on Wednesday. PCC Chief taking cognizance of the same and Congress has said that the type of conversation going on in the audio comes under violation of party's disciplinary conduct. PCC Chief Deepak Bajj has taken the audio clip seriously and issued show cause notice to Mayor.

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There is no gurantee of 'Modi ki Gurantee': Baghel

CM addresses public meeting in Saraipali of Mahasamund distt

Saraipali, Nov 09:

Chief Minister Bhpuresh Baghel tagging on BJP's 'Modi ki Gurantee' said that Modiji has made promises about refund of black-money, employment to around 2 cr youth; doubling of farmer's income; reducing inflation and many others, but till date none have been completed. He said that the party which cannot complete any of its promises in last 9 yrs cannot make gurantee of its gurantees made by it. CM Baghel in his address once again appealed the people to form Congress government based upon the declarations made by the party's in its election manifesto and ensure victory to party's candidate Chaturani Nand with good majority.

Winning 20 out of 20 seats in the first phase

CM Baghel citing about the polling in the 20 seats of the first phase of polling in the state said that there has been won-



derful polling in the first phase and there are reports that the results are going to be very much in party's favour. Congress is definitely going to win in 19 VS seats out of total 20 seats. One seat is that former CM Raman Singh and this time he is also losing it. Coming down heavily against Raman Singh he charged that Raman is going to lose the elections badly this time.

Dr Raman cheated all

Baghel in his speech cited about the mal-governance of 15 yrs of BJP's rule in the state and charged that BJP and its leaders have done massive scams during 15 yrs of its

world-class education through Swami Atmanand Schools and in which the children are getting free of cost education.

Seeks vote on Cong declarations

In the massive turnout of the people in the public meeting, CM Baghel mentioned about the points mentioned in the party's election manifesto. He once again said that on being elected to power, the party would waive off agriculture loan to farmers and are going to provide free of cost education to school children. On being elected, Congress would provide free of cost houses to 17.50 lakh eligible families in the state and also informed about declaration of tendupatta at Rs 6000 per standard sack and loan waiver to women and other declarations made by the party in its election manifesto and sought vote in favour of the party's candidate with an appeal to ensure their victory with huge margin.

rule and literally cheated the people. BJP by making promise of paying MSP of Rs 2100 on paddy denied it to the farmers and they did not even spared women and cheated them for 15 yrs.

Cites achievements of Cong

CM Bgahel cited the enumerable achievements during 5 yrs of Congress rule in the state. He said that by fulfilling the promises made to the farmers, the government waived off their agriculture loan, increase the purchase of tendupatta to Rs 4000 per standard sack and the government provided

BJP expels six leaders including Savitri Jagat

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Nov 09: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Thursday expelled the rebel candidate from Raipur North Savitri Jagat who filed nomination paper as an Independent candidate against the official candidate of the party Purander Mishra from the key constituency.

BJP General Secretary Kedar Kashyap has issued the order which states that the BJP leader from Utkal Community Savitri Jagat has been expelled from the party for six years for her step to go rebel.

State BJP President Arun Sao said that her expulsion from the party is with immediate effect.

Similarly, Surajpur Mahila Morcha Vice President Rambai Dewangan too has been expelled from the party for contesting election against the official candidate of the party from Bhatgaon Legislative Assembly seat.

Apart from them four other senior office-bearers from Balod District. Murlu Sahu has been expelled from the party for six years for contesting election against official candidate from Gunderdehi seat whereas Mithlesh Sahu and Mrs Bhagwati Sahu have been expelled for contesting poll as rebel candidate from Sanjari-Balod segment. Similarly, District Convener of Co-operative Cell Balod Khedurn Sahu has been expelled for campaigning against the official candidate from Sanjari-Balod segment.

BoB Executive Director Lalit Tyagi meets esteemed customers

During his visit to Raipur



Raipur, Nov 09:

Lalit Tyagi, Executive Director of Bank of Baroda, was on visit to Raipur on November 06. The main objective of his visit was to meet senior government officials of Chhattisgarh state and to finance various government schemes for the development of the state.

During his visit, he met potential new customers and existing customers of the bank as part of the meet and greet program organized in Raipur. On this occasion, Chief General Manager and Head - Corporate and Institutional Loans, Mr. Manoj Sundar Chayani and General Manager and

Cluster Head (Mid Corporate) Mr. Amit Tuli from the corporate office were also present. In this program, he also met Mr. Madangopal Prasad (Assistant General Manager), Branch Head of Mid Corporate Raipur and officials of the bank. He also participated in the customer seminar organized for the customers.

Apart from this, during his visit to Raipur, he addressed all the staff in the regional office Raipur (Bank of Baroda) and informed them about the expectations of the top management and also discussed the results of the September quarter of the financial year 2023-24 of the bank. On this occa-

sion, Deputy Zonal Head, Neelab Chandra Roy from Zonal Office Bhopal, Deputy General Manager, Network Chhattisgarh, Bharatkumar Chavda, Regional Head, Amit Banerjee, Deputy Regional Head, Deepak Kumar Mishra and staff members of Regional Office and Network Chhattisgarh were present. Since Chhattisgarh is mainly a center of corporate credit, this visit of Executive Director Lalit Tyagi is especially for Chhattisgarh. Customers benefited from this visit. Branch heads of Mid Corporate Raipur and officials of the bank were present in the programs organised during this visit.

Mayawati targets BJP, Cong on reservation

Sakti, Nov 09:

Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) supremo Mayawati today targeted both BJP and Congress on the issue of reservation while addressing an election gathering organized at Sasaud area of Jaijampur assembly constituency. She appealed to the people to vote in favor of the BSP candidate.

In her address, Mayawati talked about contesting elections with full preparation on tribal and non-tribal seats in Chhattisgarh along with ally party Gondwana Gantantra Party. A long time has passed since the country got independence and there have been governments of different



parties in the country but during this period, the development and upliftment of the general public, dalits, tribals, backward classes, Muslims and other religious minorities as well as the poor, farmers, laborers, traders and other working people has not taken place, she said.

While addressing the gathering, Mayawati said that those who talked

about caste census did not implement the Mandal Commission. VP Singh had talked about giving important posts to BSP in the cabinet in his government, but instead of the ministry, BSP demanded implementation of Mandal Commission report and honoring Bhimrao Ambedkar with Bharat Ratna, she said, adding that both the demands were accepted. The facility of reservation for extremely backward class people under the Mandal Commission was provided not because of Congress but due to the tireless efforts of BSP, she said, adding that the then VP Singh government at the Center provided this facility.

Prices of precious metals dips before Dhanteras

Raipur, Nov 09:

Due to the influence of the international market, both the precious metals are falling before Dhanteras. Gold has become cheaper by Rs 850 in the last two days. At the same time, the prices of silver have fallen by Rs 400. In Raipur bullion market on Wednesday, gold was Rs 62,500 per ten grams (standard) and silver was Rs 73,000 per kg.

Bullion experts said that there will be fluctuations in both the precious metals. During the festive season, shopping in Sarafa Bazar is gaining momentum and bookings are being made from now on for the auspicious days. Since the prices have fall-

● Gold became cheaper by Rs 850 and silver by Rs 400

en, bookings for auspicious days have increased. Bullion traders said that the fall in prices before Dhanteras is a good sign for business. More business is expected this year compared to last year.

Collections of traditional as well as new fashionable jewelry are available in bullion showrooms. There is more discounts given in making charge of diamond jewellery. Bullion traders said that consumers are always waiting for this. The demand for gold loan has also increased this year. Gold loan offers are also being



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given by finance companies along with banks. Gold loan is being made available easily. This year, in just 10 months, gold loans worth more than Rs 300 crore have been given in the state.

These days, traditional and new fashionable jewelry are available in bullion shops as per the festive season, while 'Rani Haar'

is available in lightweight form, which is getting good response from the consumers. New range of silver coins, God idols, utensils, bracelets are available in the market. These days, along with the festive season, it is also the election season, due to which the demand for silver coins and gifts has increased significantly in bullion market. Traders said that more business is expected this year compared to last year. As the prices of gold and silver have fallen, the crowd in bullion market has started increasing. Consumers are already making purchases along with booking. Traders said that now is a good opportunity for buying.

CM's advisor Verma calls ED as BJP's spy agency

Says he sent legal notices to BJP leaders for playing politics in the name of Mahadev App

Raipur, Nov 09:

Calling ED as spy agency of BJP, Chief Minister Bhpuresh Baghel's political advisor Vinod Verma said that BJP was playing politics in the name of Mahadev App to divert attention of media from election. Addressing a press conference here today he said that he sent legal notices to BJP leaders for defamation on this issue.

He said that Chhattisgarh Police took maximum action on Mahadev App. After Chhattisgarh Police registered the crime, ED started investigation, he said



adding that before ED, Chhattisgarh's cyber cell had written a letter to Google, after which Google removed the app. Center has not banned Mahadev app yet, said Verma.

Verma told that during investigation,

Chhattisgarh Police revealed that the operators of Mahadev App are Saurabh Chandrakar and Ravi Upal, after which the Director General of Police had talked to the Director Generals of all the states and requested them to take joint action. Chief

Minister had given strict instructions to take continuous action against Mahadev App, he said, adding that Central Government was not banning Mahadev App, because huge funding was being given to the Central Government through the App.

The Chief Minister's advisor said that Narendra Modi and Amit Shah linked crime with politics. The ED investigation is not taking action against the crime but against those close to the Chief Minister, he said, adding that central government is misusing central agencies for political gains.

Home access facility for voting to elderly voters

● Polling team along with Collector Dr. Bhure reached house of Mrs. Suman of Tatyapara

Raipur, Nov 09:

On the initiative of Election Commission of India, Collector Dr. Sarveshwar Bhure along with polling team reached the house of 83 years old voter Mrs. Suman Kamisdar, resident of Tatyapara, and provided the facility to vote from home. From Assembly Elections-2023, the Election Commission of India has started home access facility for voting for voters above 80 years of age and voters with more



than 40 percent disability. In Raipur district, the Collector and District Election Officer has taken command of it. Home access facility for voting has started in Raipur district from Wednesday. Dr. Sarveshwar Bhure reached the house of Tatyapara resident Suman Kamisdar and provided the facility to cast her vote from home. On the occa-

sion the entire polling team was present with the Collector. All the procedures from voter identification to secret ballot were followed before the Collector and 83-year-old Mrs. Suman cast her vote through postal wallet to elect the representative of her choice. Mrs. Suman is not able to walk very much due to knee problem. Due to 83 years of

age, Mrs. Suman does not have to face the trouble of standing in the voting queue for a long time due to the facility of voting at home. The family members of elderly women voters are also praising this initiative of the Commission. Due to the difficulties that elderly and disabled voters have to face while standing in long queues at polling stations during voting, such voters shy away from exercising their franchise. Now the Election Commission has started the facility of home voting. With this facility it has become very easy for all such voters to exercise their constitutional and fundamental rights.

MoU signed for Drone Pilot Training at NIT Raipur



Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Nov 09: National Institute of Technology (NIT) Raipur is set to host an event dedicated to drone pilot training. The Organisation, named "Unmanned Warriors (UW)," is spearheaded by Armed Forces Veterans who aim to groom skilled professionals in the field of Drone/Unmanned Vehicle technology on a global scale. Commencing from November 1, 2023, UW, is signing an important memorandum of understanding (MoU) agreement with NIT Raipur for establishing a "Center of Excellence" (COE) at the institute. This center will

serve as a hub for training, research, demonstrations, and the promotion of unmanned systems. This integration is also going to cover a spectrum of fields, including payloads, imagery, data analysis, management, AI, IoT, and more. This program will be organized under the guidance of Dr. DC Jharia, Head of Department, Department of Applied Geology, Dr. Mridu Sahu, Assistant Professor, Department of IT and Dr. Chandan Kumar Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering. Moreover, the program will offer consultancy services and facilitate the trans-

formation of innovative ideas into practical, marketable products. The initiative also includes mentorship to guide students on their journey to becoming successful entrepreneurs. Students can choose from different courses like, 5-days Drone Pilot Course (DGCA Licensed), Research & Development in Drone Technology and Drone Manufacturing.

This collaborative effort between UW and NIT Raipur is set to be a transformative step towards nurturing skilled professionals and fostering innovation in the field of unmanned technology. The training program aims at giving students of the institute the opportunity to benefit from real-life projects and internships, providing them with hands-on experience in government ministries, armed forces, and various industries and also make them successful entrepreneurs.

Parmanand Jain filed nomination for the post of President

■ Of Rice Millers Association

Raipur, Nov 09:

Chhattisgarh Pradesh Rice Millers Association elections have been announced in which 2290 rice millers will vote on November 26th. The nomination will continue till November 10 and withdrawal can be done till November 15.

Allocation of election symbol will be done on November 16 while the date of voting will be on November 26, 2023, Sunday from 10 am to 6:00 pm at Saraswati Shishu Mandir, Devendra Nagar, Raipur. Counting of votes will also take place on the same day and the elec-



tion for the post of President will be announced on the same day. The election is being held only for the post of President, in this Parmanand Jain filed his nomination as a candidate. Parmanand Jain was earlier holding the post of state spokesperson in Chhattisgarh State Rice

millers are in trouble. Parmanand Jain said that If I am elected as president, will work as a bridge with the government administration to solve the problems faced by the rice millers will be solved by meeting both the government administrations, be it state or central. At the time of today's nomination form, Parmanand Jain, Murali Agarwal, Pradeep Agarwal, Pramod Tayal, Vinod Sharma, Sanskar Agarwal and Ayush Agarwal were present. Chief Electoral Officer Dilip Agarwal and Assistant Electoral Officer Mohanlal Agarwal were present on behalf of Chhattisgarh Pradesh Rice Mill Association.

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Cong suspends 15 from party's primary membership

Raipur, Nov 09: Congress party has suspended the 15 party's office bearers and workers for six years from party's primary membership while acting as dissidents and for being involved in anti-party activities. Those suspended by PCC includeeaa Prabhatbela Makam from Samri VS seat; Mahendra Sidar from Lailunga; Sagar Singh Bais from Lormi; Bidnu Yadav from Lormi; Suraj Burman from Lormi; Shiv Dhruv from Bilha; Nirmal Diwakar from Bilha; Guddu Mahraj from Janjgir; Gorelal Burman from Pamgarh; Kismatlal Nand from Saraipali; Manoj Adil from Kasdol; Manohar Sahu from Bhatapara; Anand Kukreja from Raipur (North) and Sagar Dulhani from Raipur (North) and Ajhar Ali from Vaishali Nagar.

Dongargaon city lags behind in voting as rural tops

Central Chronicle News

Dongargaon, Nov 09: There is news of peaceful voting in all the 252 booths set up for voting in Dongargaon assembly constituency number 76, however the city lagged in voting as its rural counterpart topped.

Overall, 84 percent voting took place in all the polling stations, in which booth number 7 in Kharkatola became the polling station with the highest voting percentage by 96.65 percent, while Dongargaon city had the lowest voting percentage in the entire assembly constituency in six out of total nine polling stations.

Here in the rural areas, Kharkatola polling station, which has the highest number of votes, 375 out of 388 voters used their votes,



while in Pendarwani, Madiyan, Tekaksa, Margaon, Kopedi, Jangalpur, Kauhapani, Aalikhunta, Mangikhunta, Dewanebhedhi, Rengakathera, Peteshree, Khairbana, Khudmuri, Karutola, Kirgi, Amlidih, Kumhadatola, Salikjhitiya, Chamrarari Tolagaon, Muglani, Alidand, Bhotali polling stations more than



90 percent voting took place.

Here in booth number 194 of Dongargaon city, the lowest turnout was 63.75 percent, while in booth numbers 191, 192, 214, 215 and 193, the turnout was only maximum 73 percent.

In Matia booth number 216 and 217, 77 and 75 percent voting took place respectively, whereas in

Matia booth number 218, 81.5 percent voting took place.

There was 86 percent voting in booth number 219 Kariatola, and overall, 170557 votes were cast out of 202797 voters, in which more than 84 percent of the voting credit goes to the voters of rural areas, where along with men, a large number of women also took part in this voting. While there was a lot of enthusiasm among the new voters in the assembly election voting, there was also a lot of enthusiasm among the elders who have had seen many elections. Meanwhile peaceful elections were completed in Ghorda, the most popular village in the assembly elections.

After the announcement of elections, the villagers of Ghorda village

had decided to boycott the elections demanding closure of the stone mines, after which the administration kept a constant eye on this village and after putting up banners and posters in the entire village to boycott the elections, no candidate had reached this village.

After this, the police showed its might in the entire village by getting the banners and posters removed by the administrative officials. Despite this, the villagers were not ready to vote but on the last day of the campaign, BJP candidate Bharat Verma convinced them about the importance of elections. After which, women and men voted equally in booth number 177 of village Ghorda and the voting here was 80 percent.

Central Chronicle News

Khairagarh, Nov 09: In the polling station, for the assembly elections in the region, the duty of scouts and guides and National Service Scheme volunteers were deployed in the form of Voting Mitra Divyang Mitran. In the elections, as many voters came out of their homes to exercise their franchise and reached the polling station, special polling friends were selected to help the physically challenged and senior voters.

These volunteers participated in 100 percent voting by serving in the polling stations from 7 am to 5 pm. SWEEP Nodal Officer of the organization Santosh Kumar Satyavanshi and Program Officers of National Service Scheme Balwant Singh Korram



and Anshu Preeti Kujur selected the eligible and willing voters and sent the names of the volunteers to the District Election Officer for duty in the polling stations. Long queues of voters were seen in the polling booth since morning, due to which these volunteers freed the senior voters from the long queue for voting and took them to the polling place. Principal of the institution SB Varat inspired these girl students for the service work done by them in the interest of society and encouraged them and wished them all the best for the future.

Traders going through ordeal of investigation



Central Chronicle News

Rajim, Nov 09: As the festival of Diwali is coming closer, preparations are beginning to pick up, equally among consumers and traders but traders have to go through thorough investigations done at check posts, due to which they cannot order or bring large amount of money or goods. If you keep more than Rs 50,000, you have to go through the ordeal, and as total focus is on shopping during Diwali, in such a situation, we have become very worried as we cannot even bring expensive jewellery, as there are check post everywhere in the city, a trader said.

A bike showroom traders said that orders

are being received continuously for buying bikes, but we are not able to fulfill as due to the election code of conduct, investigations take place many times and to avoid the hassle of investigation, the import exchanger has clearly stated that we cannot deliver the bike as per the code of conduct.

Similarly cloth traders are not able to purchase sarees and bring them to their shops, as for this they are strictly interrogated. On the other hand, customers carrying cash for shopping, also have to go through the scrutiny. This security and investigation both have resulted in poor flow of trade during the festival season in the region.

Voter awareness rally promotes 100% voter turnout



Central Chronicle News

Mungeli, Nov 09: The Saraswati Sishu Mandir Higher Secondary School in Pendarakapa, Mungeli Nagar, organized a remarkable voter awareness rally, led by the Acharya family and brothers/sisters. The rally garnered a warm reception as it traversed different parts of the city, and it left a lasting impact on citizens, inspiring them to achieve a 100% voter turnout.

Participants in the rally, including Acharya family members and National

Service Scheme (NSS) brothers/sisters, fervently encouraged the community to exercise their right to vote with enthusiasm. The event aimed to celebrate the essence of democracy and motivate people to actively participate in the electoral process.

The rally culminated within the school premises, resonating with cheers and slogans endorsing the importance of voting. School Principal Chandraman Tiwari, Pradhanacharya Narendra Srivastava, and the entire Acharya family wholeheartedly took part in this impactful initiative.

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Dilapidated junction house and conveyor galleries collapse at BSP



Bhilai, Nov 09:

A major breakdown occurred at Bhilai Steel Plant when three conveyor galleries collapsed after the Conveying Gallery Junction caved in at Coke Ovens on Thursday afternoon. Fortunately, there were no casualties. Coke supply from the Coke Oven Batteries was badly affected due to this

mishap. Efforts were being made to ensure supply of coke through alternative ways. It will take a long time to repair and reconstruct the giant structure and resume normal functioning of the conveyor gallery.

According to information, the Junction House of the Gallery Numbers Y 97, 98 and 79 collapsed around 15:15 hrs on Thursday.

After the Junction House caved in, the connected conveyor galleries also collapsed. Coke supply from the Coke Oven Batteries 9 and 10 was affected due to this mishap. On information, senior officers reached the spot and efforts were made to supply coal to the batteries through alternative means. BSP management has not shared any information

about the cause of mishap and loss occurred.

In its statement, BSP management informed that the Conveying Galleries numbers Y 79, Y 97-98 were affected in the mishap. Any labourer or worker was not hurt in this mishap. Coke supply from the Batteries 9 and 10 was partially affected and efforts are being made to resume normal operations.

Inter MGM School Fest 2023 concludes with a glittering ceremony

Bhilai, Nov 09:

The gala festivity, competitive spirit, cultural competitions, sporting events which were a captivating part of the MGM Inter School Fest 2023, reached its zenith today when the overall champions and winners were declared and were awarded prizes and trophies. The closing ceremony of the 9th Mar Theodosius Memorial Inter School MGM Fest 2023, was held today in the Gregorian Sports Complex of MGMHSS Bokaro with pomp and show that was so much a part of the fest. The fest came to a rapturous end.

The closing ceremony was presided over by the President of MGM Group of Institutions, HG Alexious Mar Eusebius and the Chief Guest of the occasion was Birendra Kumar Tiwari, ED (Works), BSL. Bhagirath Samai, an Arjuna Awardee and Olympian graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour



and the Special Guests included UK Singh, GM, BSL and Fr Dr Joshi Varghese, Calcutta Diocesan Education Officer.

The programme began with the grand welcome of the esteemed guest and dignitaries and an inspirational message was given by the Guest of Honour, Bhagirath Samai. His message to play and compete in the best spirits of the game and his words of experience inspired a rally of students present on the occasion. The central attraction of the day was the address of the Chief Guest, who stressed on the need to provide holistic education to students and congratulated the school authorities on or-

ganizing the mega event with a pomp. A tableau by St Mary's Nursery School was also presented to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of the country.

The prize distribution was done by the President, Chief Guest and other dignitaries. The overall championship was bagged by MGM Higher Secondary School, Bokaro. Individual Cultural Champion's Trophy was bagged by Shrishti Ratna of MGM Bokaro. Individual Sports Champion (Girls) was bagged by Shilpa Kerketta of MGM Eng School, Rourkela. Individual Sports Champion (Boy) was bagged by Dinesh Oram of MGM Eng School,

Rourkela. Cultural Runner Up Trophy was bagged by MGM Eng. School, Rourkela. Cultural Winner's Trophy was bagged by MGM Bokaro. Sports Runner Up Trophy was taken home by MGM Eng School, Rourkela. Sports Winner's Trophy was bagged by MGM Bokaro. MGM Eng School Rourkela stood as First Runner Up while the second Runner Up was MGM Sr Sc Sec-6 Bhilai Durg. The Inter-school MGM Fest was declared closed by the Bishop by lowering the flag and it was followed by the vote of thanks by the Calcutta Diocesan Education Officer, Rev Fr Dr Joshi Varghese.

Around 1000 participants from 23 MGM schools from the states of MP, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Bihar, West Bengal, Nagaland and Jharkhand participated in this mega event. The two days of celebration will go down the pages of history of MGM Group as golden days to look back upon.

BSP Mgmt extends Dipawali wishes to Senior Citizens at Siyan Sadan

Bhilai, Nov 09:

In view of the approaching festival of Dipawali, the SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant taking a unique initiative extended warm Dipawali Wishes to the Senior Citizens living in BSP's 'Siyan Sadan - a Retirement Home', on November 08, 2023.

Pawan Kumar, ED (P&A-BSP) met the residents of Siyan Sadan and conveyed affectionate Dipawali greetings, with a rose and box of sweets on behalf of the SAIL-BSP Management. All the residents expressed their happiness and blessings towards the CSR department and Plant Collective for this cordial and affectionate gesture.

Along with the residents, the supporting staff of Siyan Sadan, including the Security Guards, gardeners, and



housekeepers were also greeted with roses and sweets-boxes on this occasion. Pawan Kumar also interacted with the residents and inspected the facilities at Siyan Sadan, including the newly constructed rooms, garden, etc., to make sure that the elderly did not face any inconvenience during their stay.

JY Sapkal, CGM (TSD & CSR), Shivarajan, GM (CSR), and KK Sahu, AGM (ED-P&A Office),

were also present on this occasion, along with Sushil Kamde, Sr Mgr (CSR), KK Verma, Asst Mgr (CSR), Rajni Rajak, Development Assistant and Ashutosh Soni.

Pawan Kumar, ED (P&A) also visited Akshaya Patra Foundation, Sector-6, a Mid-day Meal kitchen facility, and observed the mid-day meal preparation process, and facilities and activities by the Akshaya Patra Foundation.

Dr. Sunil Kalda to provide free treatment to people burnt by firecrackers on Diwali

Raipur, Nov 09:

Dr. Sunil Kalda will provide free treatment to people burnt by firecrackers on Diwali. In view of the unavailability of doctors and the difficulties faced by the patients during Diwali, Dr. Sunil Kalda, Director of the state's first and private burn center Kalda Plastic Cosmetic and Burn Center and a well-known plastic cosmetic surgeon of the region, has announced 2 days free treatment for burns caused by firecrackers during Diwali. Dr. Sunil Kalda arranged for first aid and consultancy at his Pachpedhi Naka, Dhantari Road, near Colors Mall and G. E. Road, Opposite Rajkumar College Hospital. Dr. Kalda has appealed to the general public not to burst firecrackers carelessly during Diwali but be



alert about their safety. He urged to maintain adequate distance and caution while handling bombs, grenades, rockets and other fire crackers. Do not burn fire crackers and throw them on the road. Do not leave small children alone near burning lamps or candles. Do not let children burst crackers alone, he added. Do not burst the firecrackers by leaning too much, because sometimes the firecrackers burst relatively quickly. And there is no time for rescue. If a firecracker bursts near the body, the hair on the head and other parts of the body can get seriously burnt, as Sulfur, Potash, Coal, Pebbles, twine, cloth and paper are used in making firecrackers. He said that if you get burnt by a firecracker, then immediately pour water on the burnt area.

DAV Ispat Public School Sector -02 celebrates Diwali

Bhilai, Nov 09:

DAV ISPAT PUBLIC SCHOOL SECTOR-2, BHILAI, celebrated the pre Diwali festival in full swing with the colours and hues in its own festive spirit today in the morning assembly.

The celebration commenced with the regular practice of the school, chanting of the Gayatri Mantra followed by prayer and DAV Anthem. This special day was also taken as an opportunity to spread the awareness about the ZERO HUNGER DRIVE under which our country targets to achieve the goal of being Hunger Free Nation by the year 2030. The senior wing students urged the entire assembly to avoid any wastage of food by taking a pledge in unison.

Thereafter began the



pre Diwali celebration in full fervour and fun filled way. The children presented some amazing unknown facts related to Diwali, a short skit displaying the return of Lord Rama to his home town Ayodhya after 14 years of exile stole the show. A group dance by middle wing students expressing the joy and happiness of Lord Rama's home coming stole the attention of the assembly. The Principal, Madam Priyanka Shukla, took this special day to greet all the children a very happy and prosper-

ous Diwali. She also announced the Diwali break for students which further added on to their enjoyment.

The celebration concluded with a wonderful musical greeting of Diwali to all making the assembly tap their feet in rhythm and tune as all the winners of the inter house solo song competition of the school presented their song. The festive spirit was very much kept intact among the students as well as the teachers throughout the day even amidst the regular academic activities.

SECR pioneers sustainable rail travel

Raipur/Bilaspur, Nov 09:

The South East Central Railway (SECR) is making significant strides in environmental protection and fuel conservation with the successful implementation of the Head on Generation (HOG) system. In just seven months of the current financial year, SECR has saved more than 25 lakh liters of diesel, resulting in a remarkable revenue saving of over Rs 17 crore. SECR's commitment to a sustainable future is evident through its adoption of state-of-the-art 'Head on Generation' (HOG) technology

in 20 of its trains. These trains have now transformed into eco-friendly "green trains" by drawing power directly from the grid via Over Head Equipment (OHE), eliminating the need for expensive diesel fuel consumption. The HOG system is an innovative method of supplying electricity to coaches for lighting and air conditioning, harnessing power from the electric traction cable directly from the locomotive engine. This eco-friendly alternative replaces the traditional End on Generation (EOG) method, where each LHB train had two power cars with diesel engines

to supply power to the coaches. **The benefits of the HOG system**

- **Negligible Diesel Consumption:** This translates to annual savings of crores of rupees.
- **Reduced Air Pollution:** A shift towards electric transportation to combat diesel-related air pollution.
- **Enhanced Passenger Comfort:** Elimination of noise pollution from high-capacity diesel generators.
- **Increased Seating Capacity:** Innovative power car design allows for more passenger seating.

- **Safety Improvements:** Reduced fire hazards through the separation of flammable components. The introduction of the HOG system in SECR marks a commendable initiative for cleaner, quieter, and more convenient rail travel in India. With 20 trains already benefiting from this green technology, SECR is leading the way towards a greener and more sustainable future for rail transportation. **Trains based on 'Head on Generation' (HOG) system**

- (1) Bilaspur-Chennai Express
- (2) Bilaspur-Pune Express
- (3) Bilaspur-Ernakulam Express,
- (4) Bilaspur-Patna Express, (5) Bilaspur-Bhagat Ki Kothi Express (6) Bilaspur-Bikaner Express (7) C.G. Sampark Kranti Express, (8) Durg-Nizamuddin, Humsafar Express, (9) Durg-Jammu Tawi Express (10) Durg-Firozpur Antyodaya Express (11) Korba-Raipur, Hasdev Express (12) Durg-Nautanwa Express (13) Durg - Kanpur, Betwa Express (14) Durg-Nautanwa Express (15) Durg-Ajmer Express (16) Korba-Amritsar, Chhattisgarh Express (17) Durg-Jaipur Express (18) Durg-Udhampur Express and (19) Durg-Bhopal, Amarkantak. Express and (20) Raigarh-Gondia, Janshatbdi Express.

Diwali Milan ceremony organised at Raj Bhavan

Raipur, Nov 09:

Diwali Milan ceremony was organised at Raj Bhavan on Thursday. On this occasion, Governor Vishwabhushan Harichandan, First Lady of the state Mrs. Suprabha Harichandan extended Diwali greetings to all the officers and employees of Raj Bhavan. Officials and employees of Raj Bhavan also wished Diwali to the Governor. On this occasion, Governor Harichandan said that Diwali is a festival signifying the victory of good over evil, where evil is destroyed. We all know about Lord Ram's exile and abduction of Sita. Diwali marks the homecoming of the illustrious King Rama, who returned after defeating the evil Ravana in a battle that lasted for 14 years. This is a very auspicious occasion for us. The Governor said that the blessings of Lord Ram,



Mother Sita and Mahaprabhu Jagannath remain on Chhattisgarh. Secretary to the Governor, Amrit Khalkho also gave his address and wished everyone a very happy Diwali. On this occasion, Legal Advisor to the Governor R.K. Srivastava, Deputy Secretary to the Governor Mr. Deepak Kumar Agarwal, Assistant to the Governor Mr. Vivek Shukla, Mr. Nishant Kumar and all the officers and employees of Raj Bhavan were present.

2,400 seats in B.Ed and 850 seats in D.El.Ed remain vacant

Raipur, Nov 09:

The admission process for Bachelor of Education (B.Ed) and Diploma in Elementary Education (D.El.Ed) courses of Chhattisgarh has been completed. There are still 2,400 seats vacant in B.Ed and 850 seats in D.El.Ed. The admission process by SCERT was completed in two phases. In each phase, students were given time to take admission in two rounds. Despite this, B.Ed and D.El.Ed seats remain vacant.

This year a large number of students had given the entrance examination for admission to B.Ed and D.El.Ed. Nearly two lakh applications were received for 14,400 seats of B.Ed and

more than 1.25 lakh applications were received for 6,725 seats of D.El.Ed. It was being estimated that admissions would take place this year in all the seats of B.Ed and D.El.Ed, but still a large number of seats are vacant. 20 percent seats are reserved for students from other states.

After the counting of votes i.e. after December 3, the date of admission to the vacant seats of B.Ed and D.El.Ed may be extended. Due to assembly elections being held in the state, the code of conduct is currently in place. For this reason the admission date is not being extended. Officials said that after the code of conduct is lifted, entry will be allowed in the vacant seats. The admission date has been extended every year.

BSP'S Modex Units record New Highs in Current Fiscal Year

Best Ever Finished & Saleable Steel Production & Loading also recorded

Bhilai, Nov 09:

While SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant has recorded new highs in almost all areas of production in the first seven months of current fiscal year from April to Oct 23, the Plant's Modex units including Sinter Plant 3, Blast Furnace 8, Steel Melting Shop 3, Universal Rail Mill and Bar & Rod Mill have made new records in production.

Modex Unit Sinter Plant 3 recorded production of 3,486,284 T in April to Oct period as against previous best of 3,001,267 T recorded

ed in corresponding period of fiscal year 2022-23. Modex Unit Blast Furnace 8 recorded best ever hot metal production of 1,577,092 T in April to Oct period as against previous best of 1,453,190 T recorded in corresponding period of fiscal year 2021-22.

Total Cast Steel production of 1,995,337 Tonnes by Modex Unit Steel Melting Shop 3 during April to Oct 23 period has been best ever as against previous best of 1,635,793 T recorded in corresponding period of 2022-23. This included best ever Billet production of 1,320,801 T and best ever Bloom production of 674,536 T as against previous best figures of 1,003,772 T and 629,021 T, respectively, recorded in FY 2022-23. Another



Modex Unit, Bar & Rod Mill also recorded best ever production of 564,731 Tonnes during April to Oct 23 period, surpassing previous best of 477,743 T recorded in corresponding period of 2022-23.

Modex Unit, Universal Rail Mill that produces the world's longest 130 metre rail in single piece has recorded best ever Finished Rail production of 502,300 T, best ever Prime Rail production of

473,059 T and best ever Long Rail production of 454,059 T in April to Oct 23 period as against previous best figures of 459,886 T, 428,390 T and 414,675 T, respectively recorded in FY 2022-23. Total Long Rail Production by both URM and Rail & Str Mill too has been best ever at 541,365 Tonnes as against previous best of 479,736 T recorded in corresponding period of FY 2022-23.

Besides the Modex

units, the Plant's Plate Mill too recorded best ever production of value-added special steel plates. The Mill recorded best ever Boiler Quality plates production of 65,625 T during April to Oct 23 as against previous best of 65,326 T recorded in corresponding period of FY 2021-22. Best ever high tensile plates production of 203,625 T was also recorded in April to Oct 23 period as against previous best of 148,540 T in corresponding period of FY 22-23.

Total Finished Steel Production of 2,728,078 T by Bhilai Steel Plant in April to Oct 23 period has been best ever, surpassing previous best of 2,442,598 T recorded in corresponding period of 2022-23. Total Saleable Steel

Production of 3,026,672 T by BSP has also been best ever for April to Oct period, surpassing previous best of 2,647,860 T recorded in corresponding period of FY 2022-23.

Loading of Long Rails at 553,204 T in April-Oct 23 has been best ever as against previous best of 486,646 T recorded in corresponding period of FY 2022-23. Total Loading of Saleable Steel at 2,989,467 T in April-Oct 23 has been best ever as against previous best of 2,673,724 T recorded in corresponding period of FY 2022-23.

Nawaz Sharif likely to visit Balochistan

To expand PML-N's alliances with regional players

Islamabad, Nov 09 (PTI):

Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz supremo and former premier Nawaz Sharif is likely to visit southwestern Balochistan province next week to expand his party's alliances with regional players, as political activities gained momentum ahead of the elections scheduled in February.

Sharif's party PML-N on Tuesday formed an alliance with the Karachi-based Muttahida Qaumi Movement against Bhuttos' Pakistan People's Party and announced reaching out to other players in Sindh province. Now

the party seems to have set its eyes on Balochistan. The PML-N sent its senior leader Ayaz Sadiq to the province and he reportedly managed to attract a former Balochistan Awami Party (BAP) leader to his party's fold, the Express Tribune newspaper reported. According to a Balochistan National Party-Mengal (BNP-M) leader, who was part of the previous federal cabinet, the PML-N was currently approaching leaders from the BAP and more were expected to join them. "If this plan does not materialise, both [parties] will form an alliance for the elections," he added. He further said

his party was hearing of another alliance between the Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam Fazl (JUI-F), Awami National Party (ANP) and Pakhtunkhwa Milli Awami Party in the province.

The BNP-M leader continued that given the ties between the JUI-F and PML-N, this would translate into a grand alliance in Balochistan.

He said BNP-M chief Sardar Akhtar Mengal was not in the country and there was no internal party discussion on the issue. He maintained that as of now, his party had no plan of forging an alliance with the PML-N. The party

leader said ironically, it was the PML-N that called the BAP as "the king's party" until it was in an alliance with the PTI. Sharif's visit to Balochistan is being planned when his rival Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari, chief of Pakistan Peoples Party, will visit Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa from November 16 to 21 in a bid to cobble up some support for the next elections, according to the party's information secretary Faisal Kareem Kundli.

He said Bilawal would meet with several leaders in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and many of them were expected to join the party.

UK PM Rishi Sunak, wife Akshata Murty light Diwali lamps at Downing Street



UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak with wife Akshata Murty during a reception at 10, Downing Street to celebrate Diwali, in London.

London, Nov 09 (PTI):

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and wife Akshata Murty lit Diwali lamps at a special reception at 10 Downing Street, attended by members of

the Indian diaspora, parliamentarians, entrepreneurs and Bollywood celebrities.

The Prime Ministerial residence was decorated in a theme of vibrant marigolds and candles on

Wednesday evening as the UK's first couple marked a year since Sunak took charge as Britain's first Prime Minister of Indian heritage.

The couple reflected upon their "extra special" Diwali one year on, with Sunak looking back at the "incredible moment" he visited India to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the G20 Summit in New Delhi as the first British Indian Prime Minister.

"Diwali is an incredibly special time for all of us and our families, but for me, now, it also brings back amazing memories of becoming Prime Minister this time last year," said Sunak.

India to be added to UK safe states list

Ruling out asylum rights for illegal migrants from the country

London, Nov 09 (PTI):

The UK government has tabled plans to add India to an expanded list of safe states, which would speed up the process of returning Indians who travel from the country illegally and rule out their chance of seeking asylum in Britain.

Draft legislation laid in the House of Commons on Wednesday includes India and Georgia as the countries to be added to the list. The UK Home Office said the move is aimed at strengthening the country's immigration system and help prevent abuse by people making unfounded

protection claims. "We must stop people making dangerous and illegal journeys to the UK from fundamentally safe countries," said UK Home Secretary Suella Braverman.

"Expanding this list will allow us to more swiftly remove people with no right to be here and send a clear message that if you come here illegally, you cannot stay. We remain committed to delivering the measures in our Illegal Migration Act, which will play a part in the fight against illegal migration," she said.

The move is in line with measures to meet British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's pledge to "stop the boats" of migrants landing on the country's shores illegally after making precarious journeys across the English Channel.

INS SUMEDHA MISSION



Officials of Indian Navy and Angola Navy at the Maritime Partnership Exercise during deployment of INS Sumedha Mission in Gulf of Guinea.

Hate has no place in the world: Dennis Francis

United Nations, Nov 09 (PTI):

Asserting that hate has no place in the world, President of the 78th session of the UN General Assembly Dennis Francis has said hate speech encourages a cycle of violence and distrust that cannot resolve conflicts as he gave a clarion call to stand united against the menace.

"Since October 7, the world has seen a sharp and worrying increase in hate, hate speech and hate crimes," Francis said in a message, referring to the start of the latest Middle East conflict after Hamas attacked Israel last month. "This is utterly and unequivocally unacceptable."

"I am reaching out to you, near or far, with a single, clear message: Hate has no place in our world," he said. Francis

vehemently denounced discrimination on any grounds, online or offline, and repudiated any threats or incitement to violence rooted in a person's race, ethnicity, or religion.

"Hate speech only deepens painful wounds and encourages a cycle of violence and distrust that cannot resolve conflicts and/or misunderstandings," he said.

Francis recalled the first line of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights - "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights" and said the UN will re-dedicate itself to this message at the impending 75th anniversary celebrations.

Reference by Francis to the first line of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) is noteworthy since it is the pioneering Indian

reformer and educator Dr Hansa Mehta who is credited with making a significant change in the language of Article 1 of the UDHR, by replacing the phrase "All men are born free and equal" to "All human beings are born free and equal."

Mehta had served as the Indian delegate to the UN Commission on Human Rights from 1947 to 1948 and is widely known for ensuring a more gender-sensitive language in the landmark Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the UDHR.

Francis said the Universal Declaration "abhors, as we should, and must, the dehumanization of all people, whether based on race, ethnicity, faith, gender, disability, or sexual orientation."

Putin visits Kazakhstan, part of his efforts to cement ties with ex-Soviet neighbours



Russian President Vladimir Putin, left, and Kazakhstan's President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, have a talk upon his arrival at the International airport outside Astana, Kazakhstan.

Moscow, Nov 09 (AP):

Russian President Vladimir Putin visited Kazakhstan on Thursday, part of his efforts to cement ties with the ex-Soviet neighbour and major economic partner in the midst of tensions with

the West over Ukraine. Putin's talks in Kazakhstan's capital of Astana follow his trip last month to Kyrgyzstan for a summit of ex-Soviet nations and a visit to China.

Speaking at the start of his talks with Kazakhstan President Kassym-Jomart

Tokayev, Putin hailed "multi-faceted" ties between the countries and said they would determine new areas of "strategic" cooperation. Oil-rich Kazakhstan and other Central Asian nations have maintained a delicate balancing act, preserving strong economic ties with

Moscow but refusing to recognize its annexation of Ukrainian regions. The Russian leader has made few foreign trips since he sent troops into Ukraine in February 2022. The International Criminal Court's move to indict Putin in March for alleged war crimes connected to

the deportation of children from Ukraine has affected his travel as any country that is party to the court is obliged to arrest him on its soil. Kazakhstan isn't part of the agreement that created the tribunal.

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Guarding Against Deepfakes

In an age where technology continues to advance at an unprecedented pace, the rise of deepfakes has emerged as a chilling reminder of the potential dangers that lurk in the digital realm. Recent events, such as the doctored video featuring the talented actor Rashmika Mandanna, have cast a glaring spotlight on the perils of deepfakes and the glaring gaps in our regulatory framework. It is imperative that we scrutinize these provisions and take decisive action against those who exploit this technology for nefarious purposes. Deepfakes, the product of Artificial Intelligence (AI), are deceptive and malicious media manipulations that alter images and videos to make it appear as though individuals are saying or doing things they never actually did. The implications of this technology are nothing short of alarming. It has the potential to spread misinformation, infringe upon our privacy, and wreak havoc on our society. The tools to create these digital deceptions can be wielded as weapons to commit crimes, tarnish reputations, manipulate public opinion, and erode trust in our democratic institutions. A disconcerting report reveals that a staggering 98% of all deepfake videos circulating online primarily target women with adult content. India, regrettably, finds itself listed as the sixth most vulnerable country to the proliferation of deepfake technology. The incident involving Rashmika Mandanna's morphed viral footage has rightly ignited calls for legal action against the perpetrators. The response from the government has been swift, with the Centre instructing social media platforms to remove such content within 24 hours of receiving a complaint. Furthermore, those affected by this menacing technology have been advised to file First Information Reports (FIRs) and promptly inform the platforms hosting such content. The Information Technology Act of 2000 already provides for penalties, including imprisonment of up to three years and fines of up to Rs 1 lakh, for individuals who use communication devices or computer resources to engage in deceitful impersonation. However, taking a closer look at these provisions is essential. To regain and maintain public trust, we must be prepared to adapt to the ever-evolving landscape of technological threats. With predictions suggesting that a staggering five lakh video and audio deepfakes will be shared on social media platforms worldwide this year, our readiness to address this issue is non-negotiable. Many nations have already taken proactive measures to combat deepfake technology. The United Kingdom's Online Safety Act, for instance, criminalizes the sharing of deepfake pornography. China has implemented stringent regulations, banning the production of deepfakes without user consent and mandating that altered content be prominently marked as modified. South Korea has gone a step further, making it illegal to distribute deepfakes that could potentially harm public interest. India must follow suit and evaluate its existing legal provisions to ensure they are equipped to mitigate the risks posed by deepfakes effectively. While we must protect freedom of expression and technological innovation, we cannot ignore the urgent need for safeguards against the malicious use of AI-generated content. In this context, it is worth emphasizing the significance of responsible technology companies. Social media giants and tech companies have a moral obligation to play an active role in identifying and removing deepfake content promptly. Additionally, they should collaborate with law enforcement agencies to track down and hold those responsible for creating and distributing deepfakes accountable. Education and awareness are also critical components of combating the deepfake menace. It is essential that individuals are educated about the existence of this technology and its potential consequences. Media literacy programs, both in schools and in the wider community, can help people distinguish between real and manipulated content. The role of journalism in this cannot be overstated. Journalists have a vital responsibility to verify the authenticity of information and to be vigilant against falling victim to the spread of misinformation. Objective reporting and fact-checking are powerful tools against the proliferation of deepfake narratives. India must take swift and decisive action, both in terms of legal reform and public awareness, to ensure that deepfakes do not undermine our shared values and way of life.

Science, Innovation, and Trust Shaping Our Sustainable Future

Dr Krishna Kumar Vepakomma

In a world driven by technology, science, and innovation, it's undeniable that these forces have profoundly shaped our past and will continue to define our future. These dynamic fields have ushered in an era of unprecedented progress, enabling us to push the boundaries of human knowledge and address some of the most pressing challenges facing humanity. Yet, amid these remarkable advancements, we must confront the stark reality of global disparities in access to science and innovation. Bridging this gap and fostering trust in science are pivotal steps toward achieving sustainability goals and creating solutions for a better world. The United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development underscores the critical role of science and innovation in achieving its ambitious goals. With the clock ticking, we must harness the power of scientific inquiry and technological innovation to address issues such as poverty, climate change, inequality, and environmental degradation. The 2030 Agenda reminds us that we cannot afford to leave anyone behind, and science and innovation are essential tools in reaching the finish line. On November 10th each year, the world observes World Science Day for Peace and Development, a day designated by UNESCO to underscore the fundamental importance of science in society. This observance not only celebrates the contributions of science but also serves as a powerful reminder of its potential to unite nations, transcend borders, and improve lives. At its core, World Science Day connects science with citizens and emphasizes the indispensable role of scientists in deciphering the mysteries of our planet and promoting sustainability. It reminds us that science is not confined to laboratories and research institutions; it is a dynamic force that influences every aspect of our lives, from healthcare and education to energy and agriculture. This annual celebration serves as a platform for sharing best practices and enhancing the bonds between science and society to address global challenges. It recognizes that solving complex problems requires collaboration across diverse fields and sectors. By bringing together scientists, policymakers, educators, and the public, World Science Day fosters a culture of dialogue, cooperation, and innovation. Trust in science lies at the heart of this celebration. For science to fulfill its potential, society must have confidence in its methods, findings, and recommendations. Trust forms the bedrock upon which scientific progress is built. When individuals trust the scientific process, they are more likely to accept evidence-based solutions, even when those solutions challenge preconceived beliefs or interests. In an age when misinformation and skepticism often cloud public discourse, nurturing trust in science is an ongoing endeavor. Scientists must communicate their work transparently and engage with the public to demystify complex concepts. Encouraging critical thinking and scientific literacy among the younger generation is equally crucial. By doing so, we empower individuals to evaluate information critically and make informed decisions, grounded in evidence. India, a nation known for its rich scientific heritage, actively participates in World Science Day for Peace and Development. Our contributions to space research, nuclear energy, and agriculture have made significant strides in global scientific progress. As we celebrate this day, we reaffirm our commitment to advancing national scientific goals and contributing to global peace and development. Science knows no boundaries, and its benefits should be accessible to all. As we look to the future, let us reiterate our dedication to promoting the responsible use of science for the betterment of society. Let us prioritize peace and development, recognizing that science is not merely a tool for progress but a force that can shape a brighter, more sustainable future for all of humanity.

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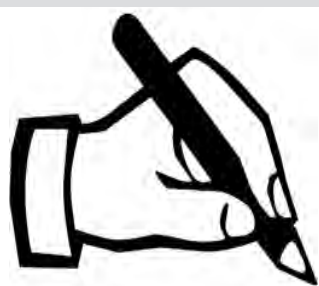


Tourists during camel safari at Pushkar, in Ajmer district, Thursday, Nov. 9.

NEP 2020 envisions India-centric education system



ER. PRABHAKAR KISHORE



Education is a fundamental requirement for the development of an egalitarian society. In this context, three National Education Policy (NEP), namely NEP 1968, NEP 1986 and NEP 2020 have been introduced in Bharat so far. The new NEP 2020, adopted on 29th July 2020, aims to universalize education from pre-school to secondary level by 2030. It envisions an India-centric education system and provision of quality education and equitable access to all students in a sustainable manner. There are ten themes aligned with the policy objectives of the NEP 2020.

- (1) Early Childhood Care and Education : The Foundation of learning-Early child development encompasses physical, socio-emotional and cognitive development between 0-8 years of age. The NEP states that, the overarching goal will be to ensure universal access to high quality Early Childhood Care Education (ECCE) across the country. ECCE shall be delivered through a significantly expanded and strengthened system of early-childhood education institutions consisting of (a) stand-alone Anganwadis, (b) Anganwadies co-located with primary schools, (c) pre-primary schools/sections covering at least age 5 to 6 years co-located with existing primary schools, and (d) stand-alone pre-schools- all of which would recruit workers/teachers specially trained in the curriculum and pedagogy of ECCE.
- (2) Foundational Literacy and Numeracy : An Urgent & Necessary Prerequisite to Learning - The ability to read and write, and perform basic operations with numbers, is a necessary foundation and an indispensable prerequisite for all future schooling and lifelong learning. NEP 2020 accords top priority to the attainment of Foundational Literacy and Numeracy by all students upto Grade 3. It stresses the need to develop a robust system of continuous formative/adaptive assessment to track each student's learning.
- (3) Curtailing Drop-out Rates and Ensuring Universal Access to Education at all levels:- As per NEP 2020, two holistic initiatives will be taken to bring drop-out children back to school and to prevent further drop-out. The first initiative is to provide effective and sufficient infrastructure so that all students have access to safe and engaging school education at all levels from pre-primary school to Grade 12. The second initiative is to achieve universal participation in school by carefully tracking students as well as their learning levels in order to ensure that they (a) are enrolled in and attending school, and (b) have suitable opportunities to catch up and re-enter school in case they have fallen behind or dropped out.
- (4) Curriculum and Pedagogy in Schools:- Learning should be Holistic, Integrated, Enjoyable and Engaging -

NEP 2020 mandates that the learning should be holistic, integrated, inclusive, enjoyable, and engaging. In order to minimize rote learning and to encourage holistic development and 21st century skills such as critical thinking, creativity, scientific temper, communication, collaboration, multilingualism, problem solving, ethics, social responsibility, digital literacy, curriculum, textbooks, pedagogy and assessment shall be transformed by 2022. It stresses that in all stages; experimental learning will be adopted, including hands-on learning, arts-integrated and sports-integrated education, story-telling-based pedagogy, among others.

(5) Teachers- Teachers are the front-line providers of quality education. They represent the key vehicle towards a progressive, just, educated, and prosperous society. It is known that inadequate quality of training, recruitment, service conditions and lack of empowerment of teachers affect their skill and motivation levels. NEP 2020 has made several provisions to empower teachers and inspire the best individuals to enter the system to ensure the best possible future for our children and our nation.

(6) Equitable and Inclusive Education: Learning for All - Sustainable Development Goal 4.0 obliges India to "ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all" by 2030. In tune with SDG goal, NEP-2020 provides a renewed impetus to inclusive and equitable education. It re-focuses on the need to provide children with disabilities, and those belonging to disadvantaged groups and weaker sections the same opportunities of obtaining quality education as any other child. It is also in full sync with RPwD Act 2016 which mandates that students with and without disability learn together and the system of teaching and learning is suitably adapted to meet the learning needs of students with disabilities.

(7) Efficient Resourcing and Effective Governance through School Complexes/clusters - The establishment

of school complexes/clusters and the sharing of resources across complexes will have a number of other benefits, such as improved support for children with disabilities, more topic-centered clubs and academic/sports/arts/crafts events across school complexes, better incorporation of art, music, language, vocational subjects, physical education, and other subjects in the classroom through the sharing of teachers in these subjects including use of ICT tools to conduct virtual classes.

(8) Standard Setting and Accreditation for School Education:- The NEP 2020 envisions an effective quality self-regulation or accreditation system for all stages of education, including pre-school education - private, public, and philanthropic - to ensure compliance with mandatory quality standards. In addition to the standard criterion for accreditation, to ensure academic quality, a separate School Quality Assessment and Accreditation Framework has to be developed by SCERTs. All schools, including private schools, will be assessed and accredited on the same criteria, benchmarks, and processes.

(9) Technology in Education: NDEAR - The recent rise in epidemics and pandemics necessitates that we are ready with alternative modes of quality education, whenever and wherever traditional modes of education are not possible. In this regard, the NEP 2020 recognizes the importance of reaping the benefits of technology while acknowledging its potential risks and dangers.

(10) Reimagining Vocational Education and Skill Building:- NEP 2020 aims to overcome the perception of lower social status associated with vocational education and requires integration of vocational education programme into mainstream education in a phased manner. Beginning with vocational exposure in early ages in middle school, quality vocational education will be integrated smoothly into secondary and higher education.

(The author is a technocrat & academician)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Angelo Matthews first Player

Bangladesh prevailed over Sri Lanka, this is the first win for Bangladesh against Sri Lanka in World Cups and also the highest successful chase for Bangladesh vs Sri Lanka in ODIs. However, a historical event took place once again at Arun Jaitley Stadium, Delhi; Sri Lanka all-rounder Angelo Matthews on Monday became the first international cricketer to be 'timed out' after not being ready to face the ball within two minutes of the fall of a wicket against Bangladesh in a World Cup match according to article 40.1.1 of the ICC rules. Though it has never happened in the 146-year history of international cricket. Although, there have been instances in domestic cricket, including one in the match between Tripura and Orissa at Cuttack in 1997 when Hemul Yadav was at the receiving end. It should not be done because law is law but humanity is more than that.

TKR.Noori, Mumbai

Festival and Pollution

Citizens have to choose between a disease-free environment and bursting firecrackers during Diwali, the Bombay High Court observed on Monday while limiting fire-works between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. for Mumbai residents during the Deepavali festival later this week. The role of firecrackers in polluting environment is obsolete great but festivals also cannot be ignored, otherwise, it will be playing with people's feelings. Notably, Delhi's environment is before us, so precaution is must essential. Therefore, authorities should ponder over it and be geared up to face and handle all the situations.

Mohammad Takhir, West Champaran

Controversial Time Out Rule

Cricket and controversy have had an unfortunate relationship for ever. Another controversy erupted when the Sri Lankan batsman Angelo Matthews was timed out in the ongoing World Cup match against Bangladesh. The appeal, made by Bangladeshi captain Shakib Al Hasan was according to the rules, but he is being denounced for his appeal. If someone has objection, they should criticise the ICC for making this sort of rules, not the players. It is evident that the teams and captains always look for the chance to ensure the team wins. And that is why they never want to lose any chance for it, and Bangladeshi captain did the same. He did not do anything wrong that could lead him to be criticised.

Hassan Khan, Mumbai

Still we are ready for fireworks!

Er. Jayesh Rane

Firecracker shops are seen everywhere in the market. That is, those shops are seen in every street. Although seasonal income is obtained through the sale of firecrackers, what is the use of this to the society? There does not seem to be such a widespread thought. To which political party does the firecracker seller belong? To make it known, in some places banners of political parties are placed on firecracker stalls. Which are seen this year too. Is the profit from the sale of firecrackers worth it or the loss to nature and society due to air pollution caused by it? 'Who is society?' 'We only think of ourselves. Otherwise everyone does the same. So if we get some income through selling cracker, why should anyone's stomach pain? Money required for meeting daily needs or other expenses which he has to earn himself. Therefore, we do not follow the preaching of pollution etc.' This mindset has become the norm.

In Diwali, most firecrackers are set off in the evening of Lakshmi Puja. Even on the other days of Diwali, as on the right-hand days, they are always bursted. In fact, one has to bear the beating of the bullies who are forced to suppress the mouth. 'Firecrackers worth a thousand rupees have been brought to set off', Such a dialogue will be heard from over smart people. They feel proud for wrong things. On one side Lakshmi Devi was ritually worshipped and on the other side Lakshmi Deity was welcomed with garbage and smoke from firecrackers. Those who do not feel this inconsistency are ridiculed. So much ideological distortion has reached the bottom. All the firecracker

bursters and the non-firecracker bursters are living on the breath of nature. But only the non-firecracker bursters are concerned of nature and then too they are considered as fool. Loud sound making firecrackers (double bomb, rocket bombs etc.) are bought from the shops. Here the nature is shaking under the feet (under the ground) with earthquake shocks. 'This will be considered by those where these shocks are falling' after Saying this they also say 'where do earthquakes occur due to firecrackers? It has nothing to do with fireworks.' This mindless thinking is disgraceful. Any pollution in the form of air and water goes to nature itself. Such a thinking, lacking the wisdom to think this through, will struggle every more to save its own life when a major earthquake occurs and the collapse begins.

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ment level. This is really surprising. No matter which party government comes, it seems impossible to ban crackers. Because there doesn't seem to be a broad minded interest in taking nature seriously as nature. Take pictures while planting two or four trees then nature conservation was done? Nature cannot be preserved by doing this. Despite this idea, there is no substitute for formality. This is how it is treated. Even if a certain time is set for bursting firecrackers, no one follows it. Because there is no connection between people who burst crackers and time. Timing the fireworks is a formality. So it happened like this. Set off firecrackers. But in due time. In such a place it is impossible to take strong decision about crackers ban!

Instead of spending money on crackers, the same money can be spent on giving Diwali snacks, new clothes etc. to the poor. Hey, it's good if someone's Diwali is sweeter because of you, isn't it? There is no desire to operate the intellect to think well. This is called human emptiness. Well, if you don't intend to give anything to anyone, at least don't do injustice to nature and patients with respiratory disorders by bursting crackers. 'The children insist 'we want crackers.' Therefore, fireworks like Phulbaja, Chakra etc. have to be taken to fulfill their wishes. If you don't take it, then it is impossible to go home. The child will cry. It is better to pacify him beforehand by giving him crackers than to happen like this', this thought of the parents encourages the child to think only of himself. When an child starts crying, he is given to handle electronic gadgets like mobiles, tabs to calm him down. To calm the child, parents give him what he asks for.

But they don't give exactly what they want to give. In fact, they are happy to accommodate his insistence by saying he is still small. What are children's duties towards nature - society - patients from childhood? This should be realized. Told in simple language that children can understand. Let it be engraved on their minds. Since children are imitators, it is imperative to impart right thoughts to them from childhood. Otherwise, as age progresses, even good thoughts start to turn out to be wrong. What is its effect? We are taking evidence of this in the form of air pollution during Diwali.

According to the sellers, 95 percent of the firecrackers in the firecracker market are green firecrackers. However, it has been said by 'Awaaz Foundation' that 'barium', a dangerous metal, has been found in many of these firecrackers. Since 2018, Awaaz Foundation has been conducting tests on the noise pollution caused by firecrackers and the ingredients in firecrackers. Despite the Supreme Court's ban on the element barium, as this element is found in firecrackers, Awaaz Foundation has sent a letter to Chief Minister Eknath Shinde (CM of Maharashtra state) demanding that restrictions be placed on the sale of these firecrackers. It is dangerous to openly sell the ingredients that spread the disorder. But now what will be done in Diwali? This is the condition of one state then what would be the situation about other states? What are the firecracker manufacturers sending to the market for sale? It is serious that no one is paying attention to this at the government level. Fireworks have made living difficult and dying easy.

Air pollution is spreading rapidly in

various parts of the country including the capital Delhi. Schools have been forced to close for every year due to the dangerous level of pollution in the capital. It can be said that Because the pollution is shown temporarily wake up when it reaches the danger level. Many cities in India including the country's national capital Delhi and financial capital Mumbai, are under the shadow of pollution. Major metropolises and cities of the country have been left in a precarious position. Chemical fertilizers are used in agriculture to meet the food needs of the ever-increasing population. Therefore, there is lack of nutrients in the food. As a result, the immunity of man is weakened and he is surrounded by many diseases. How will the grain growing in a polluted environment be? Think about it. Apart from Diwali, firecrackers can be seen during election results, Ganeshotsav and Navratri festivals, arrival - immersion processions, midnight of 25th December, 31st December, meetings of leaders, also during their visits to the particular area in constituency, cricket matches, marriage processions etc. Diwali crackers cause fire accidents, burns, eye injuries. On occasion, the failure of that organ is seen as trivial. It is not possible to predict when the difficult situation will fall on whom. Those who are not related to fireworks suffer more from fireworks. Instead of enjoying sweet food during Diwali, the stomach fills up with the fumes of air pollution.

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Ram Vichar Netam presents BJP's vision

- For Balrampur district
- Promises range from infrastructure to agricultural development

Central Chronicle News

Balrampur, Nov 09: In a significant development, former Rajya Sabha MP and MLA candidate for Assembly No. 7, Ramanujan, Ram Vichar Netam, presented the local manifesto of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) at a press conference held at the BJP office today. The event saw the participation of several prominent BJP members, including President Omprakash Jaiswal, BJP State Working Committee member Krishna Gupta, and District Coordinator of BJP Traders Cell Mukesh Gupta.

During the press conference, Ram Vichar Netam emphasized the importance of the local manifesto, stating that it was formulated after soliciting opinions from the general public, including business owners and residents. The manifesto addresses various issues concerning Assembly No. 7 and outlines the BJP's commitment to addressing them if elected to power.

Among the key promises in the manifesto are the construction of an anicut in Chanan river, the development of Mangal Bhawan, Muktidham, and Chhath Ghat in Balrampur District, the establishment of a military recruitment examination academy at the district headquarters, and the cre-



ation of vegetable markets in every block headquarters. Ram Vichar Netam also pledged to cancel false cases filed during the Congress rule, transform the Shivalinga located in Turidih village into a mythological temple and a place of philosophical significance, and initiate an Indian Railways ticket counter in Balrampur Ramanujan. Additionally, plans include constructing an auditorium at the Indore Studio in Balrampur

Ramanujan Nagar Panchayat, establishing a milk processing unit to boost the dairy industry, and setting up Government Nursing College and Government B.Ed College in Balrampur and Ramanujan. The manifesto also highlights the development of sports infrastructure at the block level, the construction of a modern Town Hall in Balrampur Ramanujan, and the expedited completion of incomplete construction projects

at both the block and district levels. Responding to questions from journalists, Ram Vichar Netam expressed a commitment to the immediate construction of a ring road in Balrampur headquarters, addressing road safety concerns and reducing accidents in the city. He also confidently stated that the BJP aims to secure 14 seats in Surguja division in the upcoming elections.

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In conclusion, Ram Vichar Netam urged the public to support the BJP and emphasized that the party would strive to fulfill its manifesto promises promptly. He credited the BJP government for all the development work seen in the district headquarters, highlighting the lack of progress under the Congress government.

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Railway administration sets luggage limits for passenger comfort

- Convenient parcel service offered for excess luggage

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, Nov 09: Travelling by train is an experience cherished by millions across the country. However, it's crucial to ensure a comfortable and safe journey not just for yourself but also for your fellow passengers. To achieve this, the railway administration has set clear guidelines on luggage allowances based on ticket categories.

Exceeding luggage limits can lead to inconveniences such as overcrowded compartments, blocked passageways, and even safety hazards. In an effort

to maintain a hassle-free travel experience, passengers are reminded to adhere to these guidelines. In AC-I class, passengers are allowed a free baggage allowance of 70 kg. For

an allowance of 35 kg. Passengers found travelling with excess luggage beyond these limits may be subject to fines in accordance with railway regulations.



AC-II class, the limit is 50 kg. AC-III class and Sleeper class travellers can carry up to 40 kg of luggage. Passengers with General class tickets have

To provide an alternative for those with extra baggage or bulky items, the railway administration offers a convenient parcel service. This service is known for its safety, reliability, and cost-effectiveness when it comes to transporting larger quantities of goods during your journey. Booking excess luggage through the parcel service is a straightforward

process. Passengers can simply visit the parcel office at any railway station to arrange for the shipment of their additional items.

Chouksey College of Science and Commerce conducts 'Memory Heist' -convocation ceremony

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, Nov 09: Chouksey College of Science and Commerce had Organized Convocation Ceremony of passed out batch of B.Sc, B.Com & PGDCA of 2022-23 on 08/11/2023 in Swami Vivekanand Auditorium, Chouksey College of Science and Commerce.

Chief Guest Dr. Ashish Jaiswal (Managing Director) Sir appreciated and encouraged students by motivating and saying that students should be disciplined throughout their life so that they will never face obstacles in their personal life and professional career, MD also wished them good luck and to be successful.

The Principal Dr. Mantosh Sinha of Chouksey College of



Science and Commerce addressed students to aim and work hard to achieve success. Registrar of Chouksey College of Science and Commerce delivered the convocation address by giving motivational speech to students.

Dean of Academics, Chouksey Group of Colleges, Dr. Dheeraj Ahirwal also addressed students to be honest, truthful in discharging their duties. Vinod Kharas (Training and Placement Officer of CEC) also motivated students by making them to take oath that they will put

their energy in promoting the unity of the country. Various Entertaining events were organized by the students in which all actively participated. A number of students were awarded their meritorious certificates, Medals,

Diplomas at the convocation ceremony out of whom few of them are entrepreneurs and the remaining are presently part of leading firms like Mahindra, Sun Pharma, Niva, HDFC Bank, Mahindra-Tech, etc.

Over the years, Chouksey College of Science and Commerce has earned the enviable reputation of being one of the finest colleges. It presently boasts of outstanding students, excellent infrastructure and the best talent that make up its core faculty.

All Professors and Non-Teaching Staff were present in this ceremony. The ceremony closed with Trumpets, Choir Singing the National Anthem and all the graduates went back in absolute glee.

Home voting ensures elderly and disabled participation

Collector's directive facilitates inclusive assembly elections in Korba

Central Chronicle News

Korba, Nov 09: Ahead of the upcoming assembly elections in the district, Collector and District Election Officer Saurabh Kumar has taken significant steps to ensure the inclusion of all eligible voters. Following the guidelines provided by the Election Commission of India, a special provision has been made to facilitate voting from home for elderly and physically handicapped voters (PWD) aged 80 and above.

In a noteworthy move, today witnessed the active participation of voters above 80 years of age and disabled voters in Rampur and Pali Tanakhar assembly constituencies exercis-

ing their democratic rights from the comfort of their homes, thanks to the presence of dedicated polling teams. The initiative aims to make the democratic process accessible to all.

On November 10, the home voting process will extend to Katghora and Korba assembly areas, scheduled from 9 am to 5 pm. This undertaking has mobilized the dedicated efforts of officers and employees, who have been en-



trusted with the crucial responsibility. Candidates and authorized representatives are also welcome to observe and ensure the integrity of the home voting process.

Prior to home voting, the polling team members have been meticulously trained to conduct the process in strict accordance with the directives of the Election Commission. Importantly, voters categorized as ab-

sentee voters, who have applied using Form 12 (d), have willingly availed of this opportunity.

The polling teams will personally visit the homes of registered voters and conduct the voting procedure transparently, with utmost care taken to ensure confidentiality and security. Video recordings will be made during the voting process to maintain transparency and security. This initiative guarantees that voters can exercise their democratic right without any apprehension, safeguarding the integrity of the electoral process. The collected votes will be stored securely under strict surveillance, ensuring the sanctity of the election.

BJP's promises and reality - a closer look



Central Chronicle News

Sandi Bangla Nov 09: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has made bold announcements regarding the purchase of farmers' paddy, pledging to buy 21 quintals per acre at the rate of Rs 3100 per quintal. These promises have been made with a guarantee from the honourable Prime Minister.

In 2014, the Prime Minister initiated paddy purchases from Chhattisgarh farmers at a rate of 10 quintals per acre. In the face of protests by farmers and farmer leaders, this rate was subsequently increased to 15 quintals.

In 2013, the BJP government in Chhattisgarh assured the purchase of 2100 quintals of rice and a 300-rupee bonus, but these promises remained unfulfilled for two years, with the bonus only materializing in 2016-17.

The plight of educated, unemployed individuals in the state also raises concerns. Despite assurances, jobs in various

sectors, including education, have not materialized.

Instead, the government offered a monthly allowance of Rs 2500 to educated, unemployed individuals. Furthermore, the price of a gas cylinder witnessed a significant hike, soaring from Rs 474 to Rs 1174. Although the price has been reduced to 1000 rupees, households still bear an extra cost of approximately Rs 600, and those eligible for subsidies are not receiving them as expected.

Notably, discussions within gas agencies have surfaced, proposing to provide Rs 500 worth of gas to poor families. However, questions arise as to why similar benefits aren't extended to other women. The role and contributions of women in the upcoming election are equally significant.

The BJP's track record also includes promises of employment to 2.5 crore unemployed individuals, which remain unfulfilled to this day. Now, they are pledging one lakh jobs, leaving uncertainty about whether these positions will be genuinely filled.

As the political landscape heats up with promises, it's crucial for citizens, especially farmers and the youth, to scrutinize past commitments and demand accountability from the BJP for promises made and forgotten once in power.

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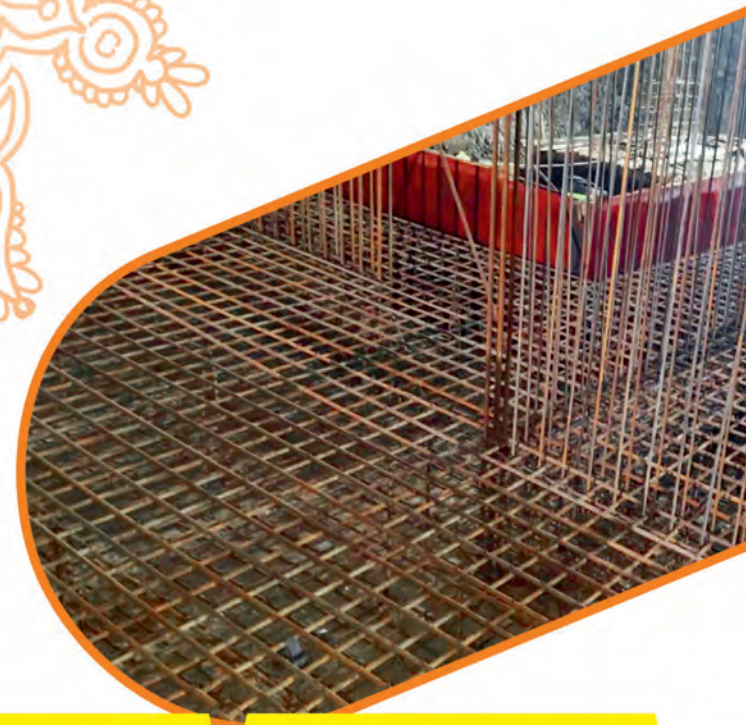
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