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NIA was not keen to probe on criminal conspiracy: Cong

● SC has opened path of justice to martyrs in Jheeram Ghati attack



Raipur, Nov 21: Senior Congress leader and Political Advisor to CM Vinod Verma speaking to media persons said that it was just before the last Vidhan Sabha (VS) polls on 25 May 2013 there was a naxal attack on the Parivartan Yatra taken up by the Congress. In this attack a total of 32 Congmen including the then State President PCC Nand Kumar Patel, Mahendra Karma (known as Bastar Tiger) and former Union Minister Vidya Charan Shukla and ex-MLA Uday Mudalia got martyred. It was the biggest political murder in the India's democratic history, he added.

Verma informed that this Jheeram Ghati massacre was probed by the NIA, but what is surprising here is that NIA did not investigate as to who conspired this attack and as to whether it was just a naxal attack or was there any political conspiracy behind it? When the Chhattisgarh Police started the criminal conspiracy into the case, at that time NIA caused judicial hindrance and first they approached trial Court and

where their petition was rejected and then it was rejected from High Court. After this NIA went to Supreme Court and today again SC rejected their petition. Verma said that Congress party welcomes this decision by the Supreme Court (SC) and we hoped that with this decision the family members of the martyrs in this incident would get justice. After this it was based upon the second FIR registered by Chhattisgarh Police on 26 May 2020 that the investigations will be done on the issue as to why the central government is trying to cause hindrance in saving a person and on whose behest. The question which the Congress has raised is why there was no investigation into the criminal conspiracy of the then BJP government in the state and if the Commission was formed then why the conspiracy part was not included into it?

Citing about the history of the case, Vinod Verma informed that it was in 2014 that NIA produced first challan and then second in 2015 and in both these challans, the names of two main workers of Maosit outfit viz. Ganpati and Ramanna were not included. The fact is that prior to the investigation, NIA declared both these naxal leaders absconding and took out a notice to attach their property. NIA in its challan has said that the conspiracy of Jheeram Ghati attack by Naxals was executed by Dandakaranya Zonal Committee.

Vinod Verma said that those who understand little bit about Naxal organisations and its structure can very well say that such a big criminal conspiracy cannot be planned and executed without any senior and top Naxal leaders. When Congress raised this issue in the Vidhan Sabha, there was furore and the then ex-CM Raman Singh declared to get it probe by CBI. Raman Singh's government notified the CBI probe and even sent a letter to the Centre. But on Dec 2016 the

Central government denied CBI probe into the attack and said that NIA probe in it is sufficient. But the most surprising thing here is that the ex-CM Raman Singh kept this hiding from public till Dec 2018.

Vinod Verma informed that it was in March 2017, when the then PCC Chief Bhupesh Baghel wrote a letter to Raman Singh demanding CBI probe, there was no reply from his side. It was when the Congress government was formed that Bhupesh Baghel came to know that it was Central govt only who refused to conduct CBI probe into it. It was here that Chhattisgarh government filed fresh FIR into the case and since then the case was taken to the Court by NIA.

CM's political advisor further informed that Raman Singh's government had formed an inquiry commission to probe into the attack and it was here that Congress felt that the Commission's area of inquiry is not sufficient. It was then Justice Prashant Mishra took the inquiry and term of the Commission further. But since Justice Mishra was not available then, a new appointment was made. Here the then leader of Opposition in VS and senior BJP leader Dharamlal Kausik filed a petition in the High Court and challenged this

particular decision of the state government and till date this case is pending in the Court.

Vinod Verma said that the major question surrounding this Naxal attack on Congress is that on May 6-7, 2013, Raman Singh took out a Vikas Yatra in the district and at that time 1781 security force jawans were deployed. But in the same Bastar region, when Congress took out 'Parivartan Yatra' on 24-25 May, only 138 security personnel were deployed and this clearly shows that number of security personnel were insufficient. The other issues which raises eyebrows is that Mahendra Karma had written a letter in 2013 to increase his security, but Raman Singh did not paid any attention on it. The biggest question here is that why the central government does not want to probe the massive political conspiracy into this naxal attack and why Raman Singh did not carried out inquiry into the case and why he kept hiding decision on CBI probe by the Centre?

In this press conference senior party leader Rajendra Tiwari, senior spokesman RP Singh, Dhananjay Singh Thakur, Surendra Verma, Ayush Pandey and spokesman Ajay Gangwani and Satyaprakash Singh were present.

RITUALS PERFORMED



Women took part in various religious rituals on occasion of 'Awala Navami' here on Tuesday.

BJP to form govt with full majority: Sao

● Central leadership to decide CM's face

Raipur, Nov 21: BJP State President and LS MP Arun Sao said that the people's mandate has been sealed in EVMs and all have given their blessings to BJP and it is on Dec 3 that the people of the state would be relieved of mal-governance in the state and the state would move on path of development.

Addressing the first press conference after the Vidhan Sabha polls, BJP State President Arun Sao said that the month of December is very important for Chhattisgarh, as BJP will be forming its government on Dec 3 and would take up Chhattisgarh



ahead with renewed enthusiasm and confidence. The people have voted strongly against the false propaganda and its outcome will be there on Dec 3.

Commenting on the tall claims of Congress that of winning 75 seats and above, LS MP Sao said that CM Baghel has been making lots of claims for last 5 yrs and made more than 700 declarations and the tall claims of development were only visible in the

hoardings and ground-reality is zero. The slogan of winning 75 will be in like open shot in the sky.

About the CM's face in the party, Sao said that 'I am a very small party worker in the party and had worked hard for the party at all levels and got opportunity to serve the people at party's head. The BJP's CM face will be decided by the MLA's team and central leadership. Being the state president I am confident that BJP is getting full majority and have done analysis in all the seats and has taken feedback from all concerned and met the experts and it is confirm that the people have voted to form BJP as the next government in the state, he added.

Shops, halls of RDA available on offset rates

● In its different projects at prime locations in city

Raipur, Nov 21: The shops and halls for office work of different sizes in different projects of RDA in busy locations of city available through tender on offset rates. This includes 11 number free-hold shops of 478 to 494 sq. ft. in Bhakt Matakarma premises, New Rajendra Nagar at an offset rate of Rs 5500 per sq.ft. Similarly 25 number shops on lease-hold in Dr Khoobchand Baghel (Ravanbhata), Transport Nagar project from 92 sq.ft to 552 sq. ft at an offset rate of Rs 1550 per sq. ft. Similarly 19 shops on lease-hold in Shailendra Nagar project varying from 229-253 sq. ft. at an offset rate of Rs 6000 per sq. ft. Three halls of 4430 sq. ft. on lease-hold in Sharda Chowk Yojana at an offset rate of Rs 6500 per sq. ft. Similarly in the Bombay Market Yojana, 9 free-hold shops/halls of 336 sq. ft to 4186 sq. ft are available in heart of city at an offset rate of Rs 10,213 sq.ft on the first floor;

Rs 8701 per sq. ft. on second floor and Rs 8265 per sq. ft. on the third floor. In the Hanuman Mandir Yojana in the city's most busy Shastri Chowk and in front of Raipur Tehsil office, lease-hold 18 shops/ halls in the range of 1800- 4449 sq. ft. are available and in this offset rate of Rs 10000 is for the first floor; Rs 9900 for the second and Rs 9800 for the third floor. In Boriyakhurd Yojana, 32 lease-hold shops in the range of 78-327 sq. ft are available at an offset rate of Rs 4000 per sq.ft.

In context of the above property, CEO RDA Dharmesh Kuimar Sahu said that it is by depositing 10% of the registration amount of the offset rate for purchase of the property, one can purchase the shops/ halls by taking part in the tender procedure held on second and fourth Wednesday of every month. Detailed information about the above halls and shops can be held from RDA's marketing branch at New Rajendra Nagar, Bhakt Mata Karma premises Raipur during office hours, he added.

Steel bars become cheaper by up to Rs 2000

● Cement is also being sold at Rs 290 to 320 per bag.

● Builders are also giving attractive offers in their projects



cement is also being sold at Rs 290 to 320 per bag.

Traders associated with this sector said that this is a very good opportunity. Right now the building material market is quite sluggish. Due to this the prices have fallen. Along with local demand, external demand is also not there at

Raipur, Nov 21: The festive season is over. For those who are now thinking of building their own house, there is relief news that the prices of building materials have fallen significantly. In the last two months, the steel bars have become cheaper by Rs 2,000. In retail, it is being sold at Rs 54,000 to Rs 57,000 per tonne. Similarly,

all. Along with steel bar and cement, the prices of bricks are also stable. These days bricks are being sold at Rs 5,500 to Rs 6,000 per thousand. Chhattisgarh Sponge Iron Association

President Anil Nachrani said that steel prices are expected to increase in the coming days. The festivals are over now and hence the demand will start in the market. Builders are also giving attractive offers in their projects. Gifts are being given along with attractive discounts.

Now Baghel should take out proofs from his pocket: Sao

● In case of Jheeram incident

Raipur, Nov 21: LS MP and BJP state President Arun Sao respecting the Supreme Court's order on Jheeram Ghati naxal attack and making a skir-mish remark said that now the Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel should handover the secret proofs in his pocket to NIA leav-

ing politics aside, as he could hardly find time to take it out from his pocket during his entire term. Sao said that a CM should have general knowledge that hiding any facts comes under the category of serious crime and that too he has done being in the post of CM. The expectation of natural justice can be that those trying to hide the proof related to the attack should be under

the purview of investigation and inquiry as well, Sao added.

In a statement made to the press, LS MP Sao recalled that being the PCC Chief, CM Baghel had accepted that the proof of Jheeram's attack is in his Kurta's pocket. On this he questioned as to why as CM for five years he did not handover the proofs to the investigation agency NIA? BJP since beginning

has clearly stated its opinion that the true face of Congress in the Jheeram case is dubious! He alleged that Congress is playing politics on Jheeram incident and added that Bhupesh Baghel should inform the public as to why the eye-witness Cabinet Minister in this case has not given any evidence before the investigation agency and has neither extended any support to the

agency? Sao said that as to why Congress and its government is not allowing the truth behind Jheeram incident to come forward and that is what the general public is demanding, he added.

BJP state President Arun Sao said that the secret silence on part of Congress in case of Jheeram incident and promptness in passing political statements clearly

puts Congress in dubious place. Congress has done politicisation of the Jheeram case and being in power for five years kept the facts hidden from an agency and in the end denied ticket to widows of two martyrs in the Jheeram attack and this clearly proves that they do not grant justice to the family members of the martyrs in this case, Sao added.

Traders, general public facing problems due to delay and cancellation of passenger trains: CAIT

In Raipur division of South East Central Railway CAIT demands restoration of facilities available to senior citizens



citizens due to delay and cancellation of passenger trains in Raipur division of South East Central Railway. In the letter, CAIT has demanded restoration of the facilities provided to the employees and urged to resolve the problems as soon as possible.

National Senior Vice President of Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) Mr. Amar Parwani and State President Mr. Jitendra Doshi said that at present, there are a lot of cases of

delay and cancellation of passenger trains in Raipur Division of South East Central Railway. The wedding season has just started. For which traders have to go to other cities for shopping. The general public and businessmen are facing a lot of problems due to delay and cancellation of passenger trains. Due to which their time and business is adversely affected. It is the responsibility of Indian Railways to run all the

trains on time.

CAIT's State Working President Mr. Parmanand Jain and State General Secretary Mr. Surinder Singh said that every day lakhs of passengers travel by train to reach their destination. A large number of senior citizens also board train to reach their destination. Indian Railways had introduced concessional facilities for senior citizens and other categories of people for decades. And during railway journey, concession was available on presenting relevant eligibility documents. During the Corona transition period, the Railway Administration has closed the above mentioned facilities which is closed till today. Due to which senior citizens are facing inconvenience while traveling by train. Senior citizens have to face financial difficulties. The facilities available to senior citizens should be restored, demanded CAIT.

RSU to host National Chemistry Seminar for the second time

● From Nov 23-25

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Nov 21: The School of Studies in Chemistry of Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University is set to host the 21st Indian Society of Surface Science and Technology Conference for the second time, reaffirming its prominence in the field. The national conference, titled "National Conference on Surfactants, Emulsions, and Biocolloids," will take place from November 23rd to November 25th. This significant event is jointly organized by the Science and Engineering Research Board, New Delhi (SERB), Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, New Delhi (CSIR), Chhattisgarh Department of Science and Technology, Raipur (CG-COST) and sponsored by Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University.

President of the organizing committee, Prof. Kallol Ghosh, along with co-President Prof. Manas Kanti Dev, Prof. Shamb Parvez, Prof. Manish Rai, Convener Prof. Kamlesh Shrivastava, and Dr. Manmohan Satnami, shared that the seminar will commence on November 23rd at 10 am in the Pt. Ravi Shankar Shukla Auditorium. The inauguration will be conducted by the Vice Chancellor of Vikram University, Ujjain, Prof. Akhilesh Kumar Pandey, and presided over by RSU Vice Chancellor Dr. Sachchidanand Shukla. The conference will feature 26 special lectures by renowned chemical scientists from India, 12 lectures by young scientists, as well as oral presentations and poster competitions for research students. A notable highlight of the conference is a special lecture on the DST PURSE project, approved by RSU, focusing on

Environmental Science and Atmospheric Science Chemistry. Distinguished speakers at the event include Padma Shri awardee Prof. G. D. Yadav, Prof. Parthasarathi Mukherjee from the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, Prof. Sunil Bhagwat, Director of the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Prof. P. Vetekashu from Delhi University, Prof. Amiya Kumar Panda from Vidyasagar University, and Prof. Tarashankar Pal and Prof. Anjali Pal from the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur. Additionally, Prof. Vinod Aswal and Prof. P. A. Dasan from the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mumbai, Prof. Rakesh Mahajan from Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar among other distinguished guests, will deliver lectures on Surface Science and related topics. A special session on

DST PURSE will feature Dr. Ghazala Habib from IIT Delhi, Prof. Paramita Chakraborty from SRM University, Chennai, and Prof. Shams Parvez from Ravi Shankar University as speakers. The closing ceremony will see the participation of chief guest Prof. Rajeev Prakash, Director of the Indian Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar, and special guest Dr. Arun Sawant, former Vice Chancellor of Rajasthan University and a renowned chemist. Prof. Asit Baran Mandal, President of Indian Surface Science and Technology, Prof. Dulal Chandra Murkji, Senior Member, Prof. Soumen Ghosh, Secretary, and Prof. Atanu Mishra will also be actively involved in the conference. With approximately 200 students, research scholars, and scientists participating, this event promises to be a remarkable gathering of minds in the field of chemistry.



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RECORD HOLDER

AP gov't moves SC against bail to Chandrababu Naidu

In Skill Development Corporation scam case

New Delhi, Nov 21 (PTI):

The Andhra Pradesh government on Tuesday moved the Supreme Court against the high court order granting regular bail to TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu in the Skill Development Corporation scam case.

On November 20, the Andhra Pradesh High Court had granted bail to Naidu while noting that discretion to grant bail should be exercised judiciously in

a humane and compassionate manner. The state government in its appeal said, "The state of Andhra Pradesh is constrained to file the present Special Leave Petition against the impugned judgment dated November 20, 2023 passed by the High Court of Andhra Pradesh at Amaravati...., where the High Court, in a bail matter, has delved deep into facts of the case and has rendered findings that are not only factually incorrect but are also likely to prejudice the court below during the trial."

JHEERAM GHATI MASSACRE

SC dismisses NIA's plea against larger conspiracy probe

By Chhattisgarh Police

New Delhi, Nov 21 (PTI):

In a setback to the National Investigation Agency (NIA), the Supreme Court on Tuesday dismissed its plea against the Chhattisgarh Police probe in the FIR alleging larger conspiracy in the 2013 Jheeram Ghati Naxal attack that killed 29 people, including leaders of the state Congress unit.

A bench of Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra said, "Sorry, we would not like to interfere. Dismissed."

During the hearing, Additional Solicitor General SV Raju, appearing for the NIA, told the bench that the larger conspiracy angle into the in-



cident should be investigated by the NIA as the main FIR of the case has been investigated by the central agency.

He said when the Chhattisgarh Police refused to hand over the records to the NIA, the agency moved the trial court, which rejected the plea.

"Thereafter, the high court also dismissed the plea against the trial court order on March 2, 2022," he said, adding that when the main case is being investigated by the

NIA, a separate FIR related to the same incident cannot be investigated by another agency.

Raju said that a charge sheet has been filed in the main case and out of the 109 witnesses, 84 witnesses have been examined till now.

"After seven years of the incident in 2020, a person comes forward alleging a larger conspiracy and the state police lodge an FIR based on his complaint," the ASG said.

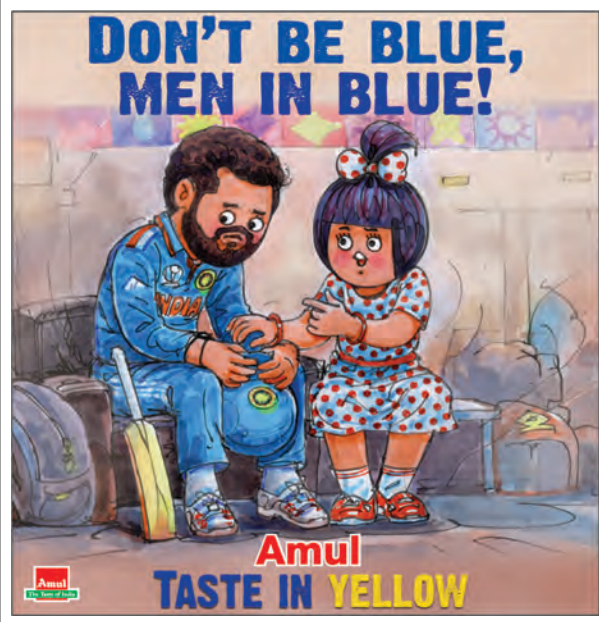
He added there are several judgements of the top

Police to investigate larger conspiracy angle

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Tuesday said the Supreme Court's judgement has cleared the path for the Chhattisgarh police to conduct a probe into larger conspiracy angle in the 2013 Jheeram Ghati Naxal attack.

Baghel in a post on X hailed the SC's decision and said it is like opening the door of justice for Chhattisgarh. "The Jheeram incident was the biggest political massacre in the world's democracy wherein we lost 32 people including senior Congress leaders," he said.

court which say all connected cases are to be investigated by one agency.



MASTER OF DRAMA IN INDIA

Cong takes swipe at PM over video of meeting with cricketers

New Delhi, Nov 21 (PTI):

The Congress on Tuesday took an apparent swipe at the prime minister and called him the "master of drama" after he shared a video of him meeting cricketers in their dressing room after India lost to Australia in the World Cup, and alleged that it was "choreographed".

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said the youth of India will not be fooled by such "desperate tactics".

"The video of the self-imposed, choreographed consolation by the 'Master Of Drama in India' has completely exposed the insincerity behind the photographs released yesterday. The face-saving exercise has backfired. The youth of India will not be fooled by these desperate antics," Ramesh said in a post on X.

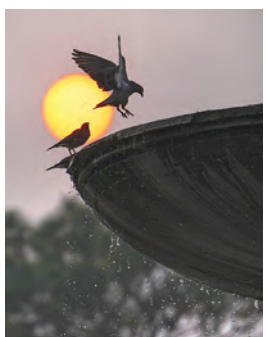
His attack on the prime minister came in the midst of hectic electioneering for the assembly elections in Rajasthan and Telangana.

Modi shared a brief video on social media on Tuesday of his meeting with the squad.

Shameful, disgraceful: BJP flays Rahul

The BJP on Tuesday lashed out at Rahul Gandhi for his "panauti Modi" barb against Prime Minister Narendra Modi, slamming his remarks as "shameful and disgraceful" and demanding an apology from him. "PM means Panauti Modi," Gandhi said at an election rally in Rajasthan earlier in the day, insinuating the prime minister's presence in the Ahmedabad stadium during the India-Australia Cricket World Cup final brought bad luck to the home side, which lost the decider. Hitting back, senior BJP leader and former Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said Gandhi's remarks about the prime minister of the country was "shameful, condemnable and disgraceful". He has shown his true colours but he must remember as to how the Congress has sunk in Gujarat after his mother Sonia Gandhi called Modi, then chief minister of the state, "maut ka saudagar". "I vehemently condemn Rahul Gandhi's comment about the prime minister," Prasad told reporters when asked for his reaction on the Congress leader's remarks.

BRIEF



A silhouette of birds near a fountain at Vijay Chowk during sunset, in New Delhi, Tuesday.

Bailable warrant

Mumbai: A local court on Tuesday issued a bailable warrant against BJP MLA Nitesh Rane in connection with a defamation complaint lodged against him by Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut. The Mazgaon Metropolitan Magistrate Court issued the bailable warrant of Rs 15,000 as Rane failed to appear before it on Tuesday.

HC stay

Bengaluru: Taking serious exception to the order of the issuing Non-bailable Warrant for the arrest of Shivamurthy Sharana, the pontiff of the Murugha Mutt, contrary to its orders, the High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday stayed all the proceedings against him pending before the II Additional District Judge, Chitradurga. Justice M Nagaprasanna also directed an inquiry against the Special Public Prosecutor who is handling the State's case in the lower court.

Road show

Jaipur: Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a road show in poll-bound Rajasthan's Jaipur on Tuesday evening amid tight security. As the prime minister began his roadshow from the Sanganeer Gate in the walled city of Jaipur, a huge crowd gathered on both sides of the road to welcome him.

Weather

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MARKET

NIFTY 19,783.40

SENSEX 65,930.77

BULLION

GOLD 61,137

SILVER 73,123

MONEY LAUNDERING PROBE

ED attaches Rs 752 cr of National Herald assets

New Delhi, Nov 21 (PTI):

The Enforcement Directorate Tuesday said it has attached assets worth Rs 751.9 crore as part of its money laundering investigation against the Congress party-promoted Young Indian that owns the National Herald newspaper.

A provisional order has been issued under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) against the newspaper's publisher Associated Journals Ltd. and its holding company Young Indian, the central probe agency said in a statement. "Investigation revealed that Associated Journals Ltd. (AJL) is in possession of proceeds of crime in the form of immovable properties spread across many



cities of India such as Delhi, Mumbai and Lucknow to the tune of Rs 661.69 crore and Young Indian (YI) is in possession of proceeds of crime to the tune of Rs 90.21 crore in the form of investment in equity shares of AJL," it said in a statement.

The ED had questioned and recorded the statements of Congress' first family Sonia Gandhi, her son Rahul Gandhi and that of president Mallikarjun Kharge in this case.

Naxalites kill villager on suspicion of being police informer

Narayanpur/Kanker, Nov 21:

A 25-year-old villager was killed allegedly by Naxalites in Narayanpur district on suspicion of being a police informer, a senior official said on Tuesday.

Separately, security personnel recovered five improvised explosive devices (IEDs), planted by Naxalites, in Kanker district on Monday, he said.

Police are gathering more information about the killing which took place in Gome village under Sonpur police station limits, Inspector General of Police (Bastar Range) Sundarraj P said.

As per preliminary information, the villager, identified as Amar Uikey, was murdered by Naxalites on Monday evening after hold-

About the killing...

As per preliminary information, the villager, identified as Amar Uikey, was murdered by Naxalites on Monday evening after holding a 'jan adalat' (kangaroo court), IGP (Bastar Range) Sundarraj P said. "We are verifying the information and gathering further details," said the senior IPS officer, adding a police team has been sent to the spot. Police sources shared a picture of a purported Maoist banner in which the Rowghat area committee of insurgents claimed they have given a 'death punishment' to Uikey in "jan adalat" as he was acting as an "informer" of the District Reserve Guard (DRG), an anti-Naxal unit of the state police.

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Police sources shared a picture of a purported Maoist banner in which the Rowghat area committee of insurgents claimed they have given a 'death punishment' to Uikey in "jan adalat" as he was acting as an "informer" of the District Reserve Guard (DRG), an anti-Naxal unit of the state police.

Maoists also claimed Uikey provided a "tip-off" to police that led to an encounter between Naxalites and security personnel near Gome village on October 21 this year. On that day, police had claimed two Naxalites were killed in an encounter near Gome village located on the border of Narayanpur and Kanker districts.

SAND ART WITH A MESSAGE



Sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik creates a sand sculpture praying for the workers trapped inside an under-construction tunnel in Uttarakhand, at Puri Beach, Tuesday.

'Dai' brands infant with hot iron rod

Shahdol, Nov 21 (PTI):

A one-and-a-half-month-old boy suffering from pneumonia was branded with a hot iron rod more than 40 times by a "dai" (traditional birth attendant) as a "treatment" for the illness at a village in Madhya Pradesh's tribal-dominated Shahdol district, officials said on Tuesday. When the child's condition deteriorated earlier this month, he was taken to a hospital where the matter came to light. More than 40 scars were found on the child's neck, stomach and other body parts, they said.

'Safer to do horizontal drilling to rescue labourers trapped'

In Silkyara tunnel

Pithoragarh, Nov 21 (PTI):

It will be safer to do horizontal drilling to rescue the 41 labourers trapped inside the Silkyara tunnel in Uttarakashi, a former GSI official said on Tuesday.

Tribhuvan Singh Pangti, who retired as the additional director general of the Geological Survey of India (GSI) told PTI that the disaster could have been averted had the construction company prepared a pilot tunnel first to study the rock



Visuals of workers trapped inside the Silkyara tunnel in Uttarakashi district, released by rescuers on Tuesday.

mass of the area and installed a proper support system. It will be safer to do horizontal excavation to

save the 41 labourers trapped inside the tunnel for 10 days but if vertical excavation is to be done, it should be started from a point where the depth is minimum, Pangti said.

When rescue operations are carried out in a tunnel, certain set standards of safety must be kept in mind, he added.

Rescue operations are being carried out on a war footing since portions of the tunnel collapsed following a landslide early on November 12, leaving the workers trapped behind a huge mound of debris.

Disqualification Pleas

Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sunil Prabhu cross-examined

Mumbai, Nov 21 (PTI):

Shiv Sena (UBT) leader and party's chief whip Sunil Prabhu was cross-examined on Tuesday in the case related to disqualification of MLAs of the undivided Shiv Sena.

Prabhu was cross-examined by the lawyers representing the Shiv Sena led by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde.

Talking to reporters after the hearing at the state legislature here, Shiv Sena (UBT) MLC Anil Parab said the cross-examination will continue on Wednesday.

NCERT panel for Ramayana, Mahabharata in textbooks

New Delhi, Nov 11 (PTI):

Epics such as the Ramayana and the Mahabharata should be included in social sciences textbooks and the Preamble of the Constitution written on classroom walls, a high-level NCERT panel has recommended, according to its chairperson C I Issac.

The seven-member committee, which was constituted last year, has made several recommendations for its final position paper

on social sciences, which is a key prescriptive document for laying down the foundation for the development of new NCERT textbooks. The National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has not taken a call on the recommendations yet. "The panel has stressed on teaching epics like Ramayana and Mahabharata in the social sciences syllabus to students. We think that students in their teenage years build their self es-

team, patriotism and pride for their nation," Issac said. He noted that every year thousands of students leave the country and seek citizenship in other countries because of a lack of patriotism among them. "Therefore, it is important for them to understand their roots and develop love for their country and their culture. Some boards already teach Ramayana and Mahabharata but it should be done in a more elaborate way," he said.

UGC to revise NET syllabus

New Delhi, Nov 21 (PTI):

The University Grants Commission (UGC) is set to revise the syllabus for the National Eligibility Test (NET) and will form an expert panel for the exercise, its chairman Jagadeesh Kumar said on Tuesday.

The National Testing Agency (NTA) conducts the UGC-National Eligibility Test (UGC-NET) for Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) and as an eligibility test for the appointment of assistant professors in the subjects of Humanities and Social Sciences, including Indian and some foreign languages, as well as in certain science subjects.

The UGC-NET is held twice every year, usually in June and December, in 83 subjects. The UGC last initiated the process to update the syllabi of UGC-NET subjects in 2017. "However, after launching the National Education Policy (NEP) in 2020, there have been considerable developments in higher education to impart multidisciplinary curricula and holistic education," Kumar said. "Therefore, in its meeting earlier this month, the commission decided that an exercise to update the syllabi of the subjects of UGC-NET may be undertaken. UGC will form an expert committee and undertake this exercise," he said.

Vote counting procedure explained to officials

Officers of Durg, Bemetra and Balod attend division level training

Bhilai, Nov 21:

The counting of votes under the Assembly Elections 2023 will be done on 03 December 2023. Officers appointed for Durg, Bemetara and Balod districts were given training at BIT Auditorium Durg on Tuesday. As per the instructions of the Election Commission of India, detailed information was given on all the necessary points to complete the counting of votes while following the prescribed rules.

As per the instructions of Collector and District Election Officer Pushpendra Kumar Meena, the training was conducted in the presence of Deputy District Election Officer Bajrang Dubey, Trainers Pullak Bhattacharya and Geeta Dewangan, who came from the State Election Office, gave detailed information about the responsibilities to be performed during the counting of votes. Officials were informed about the major statutory provisions and rules regarding vote counting, the necessary precautions to be taken during the counting of votes and in which format the entries are to be made during the counting.

Votes will be counted in 14 tables assembly wise.



Each table will have a supervisor who will be of Gazetted Officer rank and a counting assistant. Micro observers will be appointed in each table. The counting agent will be appointed after three times randomisation. The first randomization will be done in the presence of the District Election Officer and the second and third randomization will be done in the presence of the Observer. Entry passes will be issued to those scheduled to enter the counting venue. Mobile phones will be banned at the counting venue. Additional Collector Arvind Ekka, Gokul Raote, Municipal Corporation Commissioner and Additional Collector Rohit Vyas, Deputy District Election Officer Bajrang Dubey and ROs of all three districts participated in the training.



It was informed in the training that carrying mobile phones at the counting venue will be completely prohibited. Returning Officers and Assistant Returning Officers will also not be allowed to have mobile phones at the counting venue. During this period only observers will be able to keep their mobile phones. Media persons

will be allowed to take their mobile phones only to the media center set up at the counting venue. Videography randomization process, opening of strong rooms, EVMs from the strong room to the counting venue, arrangements of counting hall, counting process, the process of counting, security arrangements, presence of the candidate or

candidate's agents, result declaration process, videography of all the procedures, etc. In the training today, the officers were given intensive training regarding the intricacies of vote counting along with discipline and etiquette to successfully carry out the counting work. Information was given about the instructions of the Election Commission of India regarding counting of votes and the officials were asked to ensure 100% compliance. Apart from the method of breaking the seal, information about the entire vote counting process was given. Along with this, detailed information was given regarding the procedures and instructions for recalculation, etc. if required. It was informed in the training that in case two candidates get equal number of votes, lots will be drawn

with permission from the Election Commission. In the training, apart from the officers and employees engaged in the counting work, information was also given about the guidelines regarding issuance of identity cards to the candidates, their election agents and media persons for entry into the counting venue. In the training, information was also given regarding the role of observers appointed by the Election Commission of India during the counting of votes. Collector and District Election Officer Pushpendra Kumar Meena asked the candidates and their election agents present on the occasion to compulsorily give information about the guidelines received from the Election Commission before starting the counting work.

During the training, discussion was held on infrastructure at the counting centres, security arrangements at the counting centres, necessary facilities at the media centre, security arrangements, counting materials for counting, counting of postal ballots, counting of votes recorded in EVMs, VVPAT slip counting, sealing of EVMs and election materials after completion of counting and declaration of results.

Professor Jaya Mishra of SSTC awarded PhD

Bhilai, Nov 21:

Chhattisgarh Technical University has awarded Doctorate Of Philosophy to Professor Jaya Mishra of Shri Shankaracharya Technical Campus, for her thesis in the field of Electronics and Telecommunication "Design and Analysis of Efficient Routing Protocol for Wireless Sensor Networks Assisted Internet of Things (IoT) Infrastructure". She completed her thesis under the supervision of Dr Jaspal Bagga, Professor, Shri Shankaracharya Technical Campus and co supervision Dr Siddharth Choubey, Associate Professor, SSTC.

Dr Jaya Mishra is scion of Meenakshi Pathak and the Late Rajendra Pathak, and daughter-in-law of IP Mishra, Chairman of the illustrious Shri Gangajali Education Society. IP Mishra, Rudransh Mishra, the Vice-Chairman, and PB Deshmukh, the Director of Shri Shankaracharya Technical



Campus and staff have extended their greetings to Jaya Mishra on her successful completion of PhD. Dr Jaya Mishra expressed her deepest gratitude to the entire SSTC family, the erudite faculty members of CSVTU, and, not the least, the Vice Chancellor and staff of CSVTU.

She credited her success to her mentors, her revered parents, and her cherished family members for their unwavering support and guidance throughout her journey toward this unprecedented achievement.

Congress Corporator and son beat man at Police station

Bhilai, Nov 21: Police have lodged an FIR against the Congress Corporator Abhay Soni and his son Aman on charges of beating a 39-year-old man. The accused initially attacked the victim Satpal Singh at Sector 9 Square. The victim managed to escape and directly reached Sector 6 Police Station. The Congress Corporator Abhay Soni, his son Aman and other supporters reached the police station also and attacked Satpal Singh. The cops immediately intervened and brought the situation under control. Some video footage of the incident has also gone viral on social media. Police have lodged an FIR and investigations are on. The accused have fled after committing the crime.

Officers deployed for strong room monitoring

Bhilai, Nov 21: Collector and District Election Officer Pushpendra Kumar Meena, after completion of voting of assembly elections, oversaw the security arrangements at the Strong Room in Shri Shankaracharya Engineering College, Junwani, Bhilai. Joint Collector Deepak Nikunj has been appointed nodal officer for exchange of information and monitoring the security arrangements. As per the orders of the District Election Officer, Reena Sahu Additional Tehsildar of Patan, Naib Tehsil Durg Jyotsna Verma and Assistant Executive Engineer Shashikant Verma will monitor security arrangements and exchange of information at the counting venue from 20th to 22nd November. Assistant Officer Naib Tehsildar Durg Dhalsingh Bisen, Superintendent, Land Records Ajit Choubey, Horticulture Development Officer Mukesh Wasnik will monitor from 23rd to 25th November 2023. Assistant Officer Superintendent Land Records Aditya Kunjam, Deputy Engineer Sandeep Patel and Deputy Engineer Water Resources Department Rajendra Kumar Soni will provide security, arrangements, monitoring and exchange of information at the counting venue from November 26 to 29 November 2023. Similarly, Assistant Officer of Nodal Officer Naib Tehsildar Dhamdha Kavita Patel, Assistant Superintendent, Land Records, Alok Shukla and Deputy Engineer, Public Works Department, Balkishan Sahu will provide security, arrangements, monitoring and exchange of information at the counting venue from November 30 to December 3. According to the orders of the Collector, the officers can appoint a Revenue Inspector and a Patwari as assistants in their duty to assist them.

Festival of Amla Navami is our religious & cultural heritage: Saroj Pandey



Bhilai, Nov 21:

Rajya Sabha MP and National Vice President of BJP Dr Saroj Pandey celebrated the Amla Navami festival along with hundreds of women who had gathered in Rajendra Park of Durg. They worshiped the Amla tree and wished for the prosperity and well-being of Durg city. On this occasion, she extended hearty congratulations and best wishes to the women present on Amla Navami festival. At the outset, the women present at Rajendra Park warmly welcomed the Rajya Sabha MP by garlanding her and scarfing her.

Interacting with the women, Saroj Pandey said that she has special attachment to this Rajendra Park of Durg and added that she was fortunate to have got the opportunity to be there on the auspicious occasion of Amla Navami. She further said that this festival is our religious and cultural heritage which we celebrate on a fixed date. Worshipping the Amla tree on this day pleases Goddess Lakshmi and Lord Vishnu which brings happiness and prosperity. As per the tradition, the Rajya Sabha MP and women cooked food under the tree and accepted it as

Prasad. It is believed that on this day, after preparing food under the Amla tree, consuming it as Prasad provides good health and poverty is also destroyed. By worshipping the tree, one gets its virtuous fruits for many births.

Among those present were Usha Tawri, Chandrika Chandrakar, Seema Sharma, Bhavna Diwakar, Abha Phule, Rajinder Kaur, Kumud Baghel, Seema Chandrakar, Mamta Chandrakar, Poonam Chandrakar, Usha Chandrakar, Rani Chandrakar, Rashmi Shukla, Archana Mishra, Ratna Madam, Deepak Dewangan, Asha Yadav, Champa Sahu, Seema Sharma, Kalpana Joshi, Sweta Bakshi, Rajshree Samarth, Leela Chandrakar, Prabha Singh, Seema Tiwari, Vidya Namdev, Sarita Mishra, Savitri Delhiwar, Mamta Jain, Rita Dubey, Kusum, Megha, Mohini and hundreds of women were present in Rajendra Park.

New team formed for 'Roka Chheka' and against property defacement

Bhilai, Nov 21:

A fresh team has been formed by the BMC for the effective execution of Roka Chheka and removal of banners, posters, seizure of flags etc put up in government buildings, electric poles, bridges and culverts. In order to strictly follow the model code of conduct for assembly elections and to control the stray animals, Commissioner Rohit Vyas has formed a new team so that effective action can be taken against property defacement and Roka Chheka resolution campaign. The nodal officer of the team formed for the next 15 days will be Additional Commissioner Ashok Dwivedi, Assistant Nodal Officer Ramakant Sahu will be Deputy Commissioner. The team includes Anil Singh, Dheeraj Sahu, Jagdish Tiwari, Anil Meshram, Balkrishna Naidu, Malkhan Singh Sori, Hariom Gupta, VK



Samuel, Aman Patle, Ankit Saxena, Anil Mishra, RK Tiwari, Sudama Parganiha, Yashwant Maskare,

Kamlesh Dwivedi, Hemant Manjhi, Anjan Singh, Yogesh Thakur, Vishwa Kant who will roam around in the entire

corporation area and as per the scheduled date, the animals roaming on the roads will be caught in all the zones and also act on property defacement that include government buildings, bridges, electric poles and trees. While the team will take down the banners, posters and flags and confiscate them, the animals will be kept in Gauthan, where arrangements for shade, green fod-

BSP's Door-to-door Dengue Prevention Campaign continues in city

Bhilai, Nov 21: The Public Health Department, under the TSD of SAIL-BSP and the Durg Malaria Eradication Department, of the Government of Chhattisgarh has been jointly running intense Dengue and other mosquito-borne disease prevention campaigns in the Bhilai Township for the past several months.

Under the Mosquito Larvae eradication campaign being conducted inside the Plant and various sectors of the township, intensive pesticide spraying, and fogging are being carried out, including indoor spray, outdoor spray, anti-larva activities (oiling and spray), back-lane spray and oiling and spraying at stagnant waters. Portable fogging and thermal fogging are being done rigorously by BSP TSD, using vehicle-mounted machines in the entire Township. Under the awareness campaign, the Larvicidal Temiphos solution is also



being distributed in the residential areas of the township, along with door-to-door counselling to people to make them aware of the preventive techniques against mosquito-borne diseases. Informative Pamphlets are also being distributed and people are directed to keep the surroundings, coolers and other water storage tanks and containers clean and keep changing the water.

People are also being advised to add either Temephos solution or any burnt oil to coolers and water storage tanks every 04 days, in order to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes.

Bleaching powder is being sprayed around the back line and garbage containers, along with spraying of Pesticides at schools, markets, and other public places in the



township. In view of the possibility of Mosquito Larvae breeding, stagnant water sources are also inspected regularly and places found with spots having mosquito larvae, are cleaned and sprayed with medicines instantly. The places and pits with the possibility of water accumulation are being leveled by adding debris, to prevent accumulation of water. All Bhilai residents

are requested to keep a strict vigil and make collective efforts to check mosquito infestation around them.

The residents are requested to adhere to special precautionary measures. BSP's Public Health Department has made an appeal to the common public to take precautionary measures at individual as well as collective levels to ensure everyone's safety.

Environmental Conservation Board initiates for pollution control

Bhilai, Nov 21:

In compliance with the order passed by the National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi regarding the use of firecrackers, the time limit for bursting firecrackers was fixed for Diwali as well as other festivals like Chhath Puja and Guru Parv.

On New Year / Christmas, the time for bursting crackers has been fixed only from 11:55 pm to 12:30 am. Strict monitoring is being done to ensure the compliance of this order. Improved and green firecrackers with low emissions are to be manufactured and sold. Apart from this, the production and sale of other firecrackers is to be banned.

According to the information received from the Regional Officer of Chhattisgarh Environment Protection Board, Bhilai, in compliance with the order passed by the Supreme Court in Writ Petition (Civil) No 728/2015, series of firecrackers have been banned.

Only those firecrackers are to be sold whose sound

level is within the prescribed limit (125 decibels). The sale of firecrackers through online i.e. e-commerce websites like Flipkart, Amazon etc has been banned. According to the decision of the Supreme Court, the urban bodies will have to immediately identify a suitable site within their jurisdiction for community firecracker bursting and ensure that information about the said site is provided to the general public.

Excessive use of firecrackers increases the level of air pollution. The possibility of fatal forms of diseases cannot be ruled out due to increasing air pollution.

Efforts are being made to create public awareness on a large scale regarding the instructions given by the Supreme Court. Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board, Bhilai has measured the ambient air quality in the city on the occasion of Diwali and the data has been sent to the Central Pollution Control Board, New Delhi through the Board Headquarters.

Banaras-Sambalpur Express extended to Visakhapatnam



Union Ministers Dharmendra Pradhan and Ashwini Vaishnaw flagged off the extension of Banaras-Sambalpur Express up to Visakhapatnam from Sambalpur

Sambalpur, Nov 21: Southern Odisha travelling for various other reasons like Business, Education and Medical Treatment. Apart from this, it will boost to the tourism and cultural exchange having direct connectivity between Banaras and Visakhapatnam. The extended train, now named 18311 Visakhapatnam-Banaras Express, will depart from Sambalpur every Wednesday and Sunday at 0410hrs. The return journey, 18312 Banaras-Visakhapatnam Express, will leave Banaras every Thursday and Monday at 1500hrs. The train will have stoppages at crucial stations, including Bargarh Rd, Balangir, Titilagarh, Kesinga, Muniguda, Rayagada, Parvatipuram, Bobbili, Vizianagaram, and Kottavalasa. The extension increases the travel distance from 895Kms to 1400Kms, with an extended travel time of about 28 hours 30 minutes between Sambalpur and Banaras.

Confereing at Bargarh Road, Balangir and Kesinga Stations, respectively. Today, on the inaugural run, the train will run as a special train from Sambalpur to Visakhapatnam. However, the regular service in the extended portion for this train will commence from 22nd Nov'2023 from Visakhapatnam and w.e.f. 23rd Nov'2023 from Banaras. Without disturbing the scheduled timings and stoppages for this train between Sambalpur and Banaras, this train has been extended to Visakhapatnam.

Extension of this train to Visakhapatnam is a game-changer for the people of Southern and Western Odisha. The extension of this train from Sambalpur to Visakhapatnam will serve as a lifeline for the residents of Western and

Gujarati Brahma Samaj hold Diwali milan



Raipur, Nov 21: Shri Gujarati Brahma Samaj radiated with Diwali spirit as it celebrated a memorable evening of talent recognition and community generosity. The event, held at Daya Bhavan, was graced by the presence of the distinguished Ashwin Bataviya of Gujarati Samaj as the chief guest.

In an inspiring gesture, Ashwin Bataviya extended his congratulations and best wishes to the honoured students, emphasizing the importance of upholding family values throughout life. He urged everyone to cultivate empathy and actively alleviate the pain and suffering of others. During the event, Bataviya pledged to fully sponsor the education expenses of an economically disadvantaged girl who had been unable to attend school for two years. Society secretary Ashok Trivedi also stepped forward, taking responsibility for covering the entire stationery costs for the girl. Expressing heartfelt gratitude on behalf of the society, Kirti Vyasa highlighted the organization's commitment to providing a platform for talented children and encouraged needy families to seize such opportunities.

Indian Overseas Bank
Branch-Bemetara
Email: iob3092@iob.in
POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property) [Rule 8(1)]
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Indian Overseas Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 07.02.2023 calling upon the borrowers/mortgagors Mrs. Nikki Tiwari D/o Mr Chandrakumar Tiwari, Address: SAI-H.No 435, Ward 15, Nayapara, Bemetara, Tehsil Bemetara, PIN - 491335, C.G. (hereinafter referred as borrower and mortgagor) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 30,54,601.00 (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand Six Hundred and One Only) as on 31.01.2023 with further interest at contractual rates and rests, charges etc. till date of realization within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
(1) The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 21st day of November of the year 2023.
(2) The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Indian Overseas Bank for an amount of Rs. 30,54,601.00 (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand Six Hundred and One Only) as on 31.01.2023 with interest thereon at contractual rates & rests as agreed, charges etc., from the aforesaid date mentioned in the demand notice till date of payment less repayments, if any, made after issuance of Demand Notice. The dues payable as on the date of taking possession is Rs. 32,86,000.00 (Rupees Thirty Two Lakhs Eighty Six Thousand Only) payable with further interest at contractual rates & rests, charges etc., till date of payment.
(3) The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section(8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to them, to redeem the secured assets.
DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of Residential House at Bemetara, Survey No 948/49, PH. No. 27, RNM and Tehsil Bemetara Bemetara, Chhattisgarh-491335 in name of Mrs. Nikki Tiwari D/o Mr. Chandrakumar Tiwari, measuring 1000 sq. feet or 0.009 Ha with Boundaries: East: Property of Saraswati Bai, West: Road, North: Property of Saraswati Bai, South: House of Bakshi Ji
Date: 21.11.2023, Place: Bemetara Authorized Officer, Indian Overseas Bank

VARSITY CONVOCATION



President Droupadi Murmu with Odisha Governor Raghubar Das during the 15th annual convocation of Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology, at Burla in Sambalpur, Tuesday.

Drone-based healthcare network launched in Rayagada

Rayagada, Nov 21: Today, the SAMRIDH Healthcare Blended Finance Facility, a multi-stakeholder innovation and financing platform supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented by IPE Global, in collaboration with a leading Indian startup, Redwing, launched a pilot drone network to enhance accessibility and affordability of healthcare services in the Rayagada district of Odisha. This pilot program will use Redwing's electric hybrid drones to deliver medicine and medical equipment by air to isolated areas in Rayagada District, Odisha. Rayagada, a predominantly tribal district, faces significant challenges in accessing healthcare services. Of the 3,234 villages in the district, more than 800 are hard to reach and more than 160 face seasonal cut-offs, isolating them for certain periods of the year. By improving the aerial delivery of essential diagnostics, drugs, and vaccines to primary and community healthcare centers, this initiative will reduce out-of-pocket expenditures and dramatically reduce the time for testing, diagnosis, and treatment of diseases, resulting in improved healthcare delivery in the rural and tribal areas of the region. Swadha Dev Singh, I.A.S., District Collector Rayagada, said, "Rayagada has many hard-to-reach areas in different blocks like Gudari and Kalyansingpur.

Kabira Festival to celebrate 15th century poet's life, legacy

New Delhi, Nov 21 (PTI): The life and teachings of mystic poet Kabir will take the centre stage through music, art, and scholarly discussions at the upcoming Mahindra Kabira Festival in Varanasi. Organised by Teamwork Arts and Mahindra Ltd, the seventh edition of the festival will begin from December 15 at the scenic ghats of Ganga. The festival will host vocalist Ashwini Bhide-Deshpande of the famed 'Jaipur-Atrauli' Khayal Gayaki tradition, renowned Manganar musician Anwar Khan, and Indian rock bands The Vasu Dixit Collective and Indian Ocean, who will present their versions of Kabir. The festival will begin with a soulful evening performance by Singapore-based Hindustani classical vocalist Sveta Kilpady, who will present some of Kabir's dohas in an amalgamation of popular and new compositions, bringing out the essence of his poetry. The two-day musical event will feature Sikh devotional singer Sandeep Singh on his instrument 'Taus', originally known as the Mayuri Veena, tabla player Avirbhav Verma, and Hindustani classical vocalist Bhuvnesh Komkali, who will be giving a tribute to Kumar Gandharva.

Indian Overseas Bank

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
(Under Proviso to Rule 6(2) & 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules)
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rules 8(6) & 8(2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditors, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Indian Overseas Bank Secured Creditors, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 22.12.2023, for recovery of outstanding dues specified below (along with further interest at contractual rates and rests, besides costs/charges incurred till the date of repayment in full) due to The Indian Overseas Bank, Branch-Durg the Secured Creditors.
E-AUCTION DATE: 22.12.2023, Time:- 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

S. No.	Name of the Account & Branch	Description of Immovable Properties	Outstanding dues (as per Sale Notice) Interest & other Charges.	Reserve Price Rs. EMD Rs.
1.	Mr. Govinda Belchandan S/o Porendra Belchandan and Mrs. Sandhya Belchandan W/o Porendra Belchandan. Both of their Add.: At - H.No.-163, Vill - Jhola, P. O - Tirga, Durg, C.G., PIN-491225 Branch: Durg	Property No.1) All that piece and parcel of Land & Building situated at House No.92, Atalawas, CGHB Colony, Ward No-56, Gram- Baghera, Tah and Dist- Durg, Chhattisgarh measuring 560 sq.ft. Bounded as under: North: 35' House No. 91, South: 35' House No. 93, East: 15' Atalawas, West: 16' Road. Property No. 2) All that piece and parcel of, Diverted land at Survey No./ 39/47, PH. No- 25, Ward No- 55, Behind of Mahesh Colony, Pulgaon, Durg measuring 2500 Sq. ft. Bounded as under: North: 50' Omprakash Sahu, South: 50' Vendor's land, East: 50' Kakhsha Anjum, West: 50' Kutcha Road.	Rs. 856943.97/- + Interest & other Charges.	Rs. 6,46,000/- (For Property No. 1) Rs. 8,32,000/- (For Property No. 2) Rs. 83,200/-

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the service providers link <https://www.mstccommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi> and link provided in the Indian Overseas Bank Secured Creditors website i.e. https://www.iob.in/TenderDetails.aspx?Tendertype=E_Auction
This may also be treated as a Notice under Rule 6(2)/ Rule 8(6)/Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrowers and guarantors of the said loan about holding of e-auction on the above mentioned date.
Date: 20.11.2023, Place: Durg Authorized Officer, Indian Overseas Bank

TATA CAPITAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD.

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(Under Rule 8(6) r/w Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8(6) r/w Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
LOAN ACCOUNT NO: 21771537- DR. SAYEED AHMED
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the below Borrower/ Co-Borrower/Mortgagor that the below described immovable property mortgaged to Tata Capital Financial Services Ltd. (Secured Creditor/TCFSL), the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Tata Capital Financial Services Ltd. (Secured Creditor), will be sold on 29th Day of December 2023 "As is where is basis" & "As is what is and whatever there is & without recourse basis".
Whereas the sale of secured asset is to be made to recover the secured debt and whereas there was a due of sum of Rs. 1,03,06,673/- (Rupees One Crore Three Lakhs Six Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Three Only) as calculated up to 31.01.2022 in Loan No. 21771537, demanded by issuing notice under Section 13(2) dated 14.02.2022 from (1) DR. SAYEED AHMED, HOUSE NO. D/8, SHAILENDRA NAGAR, BEHIND MEMON NURSING HOME, RAIPUR - 492001; ALSO AT- YASWANT HOSPITAL, TATYAPARA CHOWK, G.E. ROAD, RAIPUR - 492001; ALSO AT- HOUSE NO. D3, BEHIND MEMON NURSING HOME, RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH-492001; ALSO AT- SHRI GOVIND HOSPITAL, OLD BANSHI ROAD, NEAR HOTEL GRAND ARJUN, RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH - 492001; (2) SHANIN SHEIKH, HOUSE NO. D/8, SHAILENDRA NAGAR, BEHIND MEMON NURSING HOME, RAIPUR-492001; ALSO AT- HOUSE NO. D3, BEHIND MEMON NURSING HOME, RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH-492001; ALSO AT- HOUSE NO. A/3 (HOUSING BOARD COLONY) BODHGAT, PANIT DUNDELRAL SHARMAWARD, JAGDALPUR, CHHATTISGARH- 494001; (3) SAYEEDA BANU, HOUSE NO. D/8, SHAILENDRA NAGAR, BEHIND MEMON NURSING HOME, RAIPUR - 492001.
The sale is hereby given that, in the absence of any postponement/ discontinuance of the sale, the said property shall be sold by E-Auction at 2.00 P.M. on the said 29th Day of December 2023 by TCFSL, having its branch office at: Pujari Chambers, Block 1, Near Pachpedi Naka, Tikrapara, NH-43, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001. The sealed E-Auction for the purchase of the property along with EMD Demand Draft shall be received by the Authorized Officer of the TATA CAPITAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD till 5.00 P.M. on the said 28th Day of December 2023.

Description of Secured Asset	Type of Possession	Reserve Price (Rs)	Earnest Money (Rs)
All That Land Measuring About 1500 Square Feet Along with Two Stained Building Measuring About 900 Sq. Ft. on the Ground Floor and 900 Sq. Ft. on the First Floor, Situated at Plot/H.No.-D-08, Kh. No.293/1, Raipur Vikas Pradhikaran RDA Shalendra Nagar, Scheme No.-27, Mauza-Shalendra Nagar, Yojna No. 027, P.C. No-114, RIC Raipur, Lieutenant Arvind Dixit Ward No.-47, RNM- Raipur, Tah & Dist. Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001. Butted And Bounded By: On the North - 30 Ft. Road, on the South: 40' X 60' Land in Rows, on the East - Plot No. D-09 (Corner), On the West: Plot No. D-07.	Physical	Rs. 99,38,000/- (Rupees Ninety Nine Lakhs) Thirty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Only)	Rs. 9,93,800/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs) Ninety Three Thousand Eight Hundred Only)

The description of the property that will be put up for sale is in the Schedule. Movable articles/ House hold inventory if any lying inside and within secured asset as described above shall not be available for sale along with secured asset until and unless specifically described in auction sale notice. The sale will also be stopped if, amount due as aforesaid, interest and costs (including the cost of the sale) are tendered to the 'Authorized Officer' or proof is given in his satisfaction that the amount of such secured debt, interest and costs has been paid. At the sale, the public generally is invited to submit their tender personally. No officer or other person, having any duty to perform in connection with this sale shall, however, directly or indirectly bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the property sold. The sale shall be subject to the rules/conditions prescribed under the SARFAESI Act, 2002. The E-auction will take place through portal <https://disposahub.com> on 29th Day of December 2023 between 2.00 PM to 3.00 PM with unlimited extension of 10 minutes each. All the bids submitted for the purchase of the property shall be accompanied by Earnest Money as mentioned above by way of a Demand Draft favouring the "TATA CAPITAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD." payable at Raipur. Inspection of the property may be done on 08th Day of December 2023 between 11.00 AM to 5.00 PM.
Note: The intending bidders may contact the Authorized Officer Mr. Aryan Bhattacharya, Email Id: Arjan.Bhattacharya@tatacapital.com and Mobile No. +91 9299724441.
For detailed terms and conditions of the Sale, please refer to the link provided in secured creditor's website, i.e. <https://bit.ly/47tswUW>, or contact Authorized Officer or Service Provider- NexTen Solutions Private Limited.
Sd/-
Date: Raipur 22-11-2023 Authorized Officer, Tata Capital Financial Services Ltd.

ADITYA BIRLA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

DEMAND NOTICE
(under Rule 3 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)
SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF NOTICE U/s.13 (2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the borrowers as mentioned below since they have defaulted in repayment of the Credit facility availed by them from Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited (ABHFL), their loan accounts have been classified as Non-Performing Assets in the books of the Company as per RBI guidelines thereto. Thereafter, ABHFL has issued demand notices under section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act) on the last known addresses of the said borrowers thereby calling upon and demanding from them to repay the entire outstanding amount together with further interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, as stated in the said demand notices. However, the demand notice is also being served by way of publication, as per Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (SARFAESI Rules).
Sl. No. **Name and Address Borrower/ Co-Borrower and Guarantor /** **Date of Demand Notice** **Amount due as per Demand Notice as on Date**

Sl. No.	Name and Address Borrower/ Co-Borrower and Guarantor /	Date of Demand Notice	Amount due as per Demand Notice as on Date
1.	Suraj Bhan Sharma Plot/House No. B-24 & B-25 Amrapali Sahakar Gni Niman Sanstha Samity Maryadi Part Of Kh. No. 442- P.No.11445, R.N.M. Raipur-2, Wardno.46, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Ward, Mouja, Raipur, Chhattisgarh - 492001. 2. Aditya Sharma Plot/House No. B-24 & B-25 Amrapali Sahakar Gni Niman Sanstha Samity Maryadi Part Of Kh. No. 442- P.No.11445, R.N.M. Raipur-2, Wardno.46, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Ward, Mouja, Raipur, Chhattisgarh - 492001. 3. Chhattisgarh Paper Box Private Limited Plot/House No. B-24 & B-25 Amrapali Sahakar Gni Niman Sanstha Samity Maryadi Part Of Kh. No. 442- P.No.11445, R.N.M. Raipur-2, Wardno.46, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Ward, Mouja, Raipur, Chhattisgarh - 492001. 4. Jai Mata Di Paper Mills Private Limited Plot/House No. B-24 & B-25 Amrapali Sahakar Gni Niman Sanstha Samity Maryadi Part Of Kh. No. 442- P.No.11445, R.N.M. Raipur-2, Wardno.46, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Ward, Mouja, Raipur, Chhattisgarh - 492001. 5. Puspaha Lata Sharma Plot/House No. B-24 & B-25 Amrapali Sahakar Gni Niman Sanstha Samity Maryadi Part Of Kh. No. 442- P.No.11445, R.N.M. Raipur-2, Wardno.46, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Ward, Mouja, Raipur, Chhattisgarh - 492001. 6. Suraj Bhan Sharma H.No. - 349, Plot No. 409, Sunder Nagar, Miliyung Chowk, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, 492013. 7. Puspaha Lata Sharma H.No.409, Sunder Nagar, Vip Chowk, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, 492001. 8. Aditya Sharma H.No.409, Sunder Nagar, Vip Chowk, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, 492001. 9. Chhattisgarh Paper Box Private Limited Tarponji Bilaspur Road, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, 493221. 10. Jai Mata Di Paper Mills Private Limited Tarponji Bilaspur Road, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, 493221. 11. Aditya Sharma House No. 349, Plot No. 409, Miliyung Chowk, Laktenghar, Post Purani Basti, Raipur, Chhattisgarh - 492001. 12. Suraj Bhan Sharma H.No.409, Sunder Nagar, Vip Chowk, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, 492001. 13. Chhattisgarh Paper Box Private Limited H.No.409, Sunder Nagar, Vip Chowk, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, 492001. 14. Jai Mata Di Paper Mills Private Limited H.No.409, Sunder Nagar, Vip Chowk, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, 492001. 15. Puspaha Lata Sharma H.No. - 349, Plot No. 409, Sunder Nagar, Miliyung Chowk, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, 492013. 16. Suraj Bhan Sharma C/O Jai Mata Di Paper Mills Private Limited H.No. - 349, Vip Chowk, Sunder Nagar, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, 492001. 17. Jai Mata Di Paper Mills Private Limited H.No. - 349, Vip Chowk, Sunder Nagar, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, 492001. 18. Aditya Sharma C/O Chhattisgarh Paper Box Private Limited H.No. 349, Vip Chowk, Sunder Nagar, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001. 19. Chhattisgarh Paper Box Private Limited H.No. 349, Vip Chowk, Sunder Nagar, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001. 20. Aditya Sharma C/O Jai Mata Di Paper Mills Private Limited Village-Tarponji Bilaspur Road, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, 493221. 21. Suraj Bhan Sharma C/O Jai Mata Di Paper Mills Private Limited Village-Tarponji Bilaspur Road, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, 493221.	16-11-2023	Rs. 2,99,38,416.61/- (Rupees Two Crore Ninety Nine Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Six and Paise Only) by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 15.11.2023

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY/MORTGAGED: ITEM 1: All That Piece And Parcel Of Entire Municipal Plot/House No.-B-25/45 (Amrapali Society), Plot No. B-25, Admeasuring 40 Ft. X 60 Ft. = 2400 Sq. Ft. I.E. 223.05 Sq. Mtrs., Ground Floor Measuring 1200 Sq. Ft. & First Floor Measuring 1200 Sq. Ft. Ward No. 36, Gram Tikrapara, Ph No. 11445, R.N.M. Raipur-2, Tehsil & District Raipur, Chhattisgarh, Kharsa No. 442 Part, Chhattisgarh - 492001. And Bounded As: East: Natar Nari & Empty Land Plot/House No. B-24 North: Plot/House No. D-08 South: Road Item 2: All That Piece And Parcel Of Entire Plot No. B-24, Admeasuring 40 Ft. X 60 Ft. = 2400 Sq. Ft., I.E. 223.05 Sq. Mtrs., Dr. Rajendra Prasad Ward No.46, Gram Tikrapara, Ph No. 114, R.N.M. Raipur-2, Tehsil & District Raipur, Chhattisgarh, Kharsa No. 442 Part, Chhattisgarh - 492001. And Bounded As: East: Plot No. B-25 West: Plot No. B-23 North: Plot No. D-05 & D-06 South: Road.
We hereby call upon the borrower stated herein to pay within 60 days from the date of this notice, the outstanding amount (together with further interest thereon plus cost, charges, expenses, etc. thereto falling which we shall be at liberty to enforce the security interest including but not limited to taking possession of and selling the secured asset entirely at your risk as to the cost and consequences.
Please note that as per section 13(13) of the SARFAESI Act, all of you are prohibited from transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise, the aforesaid secured assets without prior written consent of the Company. Any contravention of the said section by you shall invoke the penal provisions as laid down under section 29 of the SARFAESI Act and / or any other legal provision in this regard.
Please note that as per sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, if the dues of ABHFL together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by ABHFL are tendered to ABHFL, at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured asset shall not be sold or transferred by ABHFL, and no further step shall be taken by ABHFL or transfer or sale of that secured asset.
Date: 22.11.2023
Place: Chhattisgarh
Sd/- Authorized Officer (Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited)

STATE BANK OF INDIA

E-AUCTION NOTICE
Appendix - IVA [See Provision to rule 8 (6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property hypothecated/mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of State Bank of India, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 21.12.2023 (11:00 A.M. TO 4.00 P.M.) for recovery of dues mentioned in Coloum 'D' due to State Bank of India, Secured Creditors from below mentioned Borrower and Guarantors.
E-Auction Date and Time 21.12.2023, 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM (10 Minutes Extension with unlimited time)

Sr. No. (A)	Borrowers and Guarantor Details (B)	Brief Description of Assets Other Known Debt Encumbrances, if Any & Title Holder Name (C)	Recovery of Arrears Property Being Sold for (D)	Reserve Price EMD (Earnest Money) Bid Increment (E)
1	BORROWER- SMT. RAKHI DAHARWAL (W/O RAKESH KUMAR DHARWAR (SOLE PROPRIETOR)	KHASRA NO. 553/8 PART OF KHASRA NO. 553/1, AREA- 2178 SQFT, VILL-BJAGOD, PC-13 R.1, TEHSIL-SAJA, DIST- BEMETARA (C.G.)	₹ 11,47,819.38 + Int. + Exp. & costs, charges etc. (Less the amount recovered thereafter)	₹ 1062000.00 ₹ 1062000.00 Demand Notice Dt. 29.09.2021 ₹ 25,000.00

Interested bidders/buyers participating in e-Auction process is required to register before the reasonable time of auction through Bank's recognized Service Providers M/s. MSTC Ltd. Auction web page/portal <http://www.mstccommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp>. Bidders/buyers have to transfer the EMD amount to their Global EMD Wallet using online mode by registering with respective e-auction web portal of <http://www.mstccommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp>. If the EMD amount is not available in the Global EMD Wallet, the system will not allow the bidding. The registration, KYC documents verification and EMD deposit in the wallet should be done in advance before the auction. As per the information of the authorized officer, there is no other encumbrance on the properties, yet the interested bidders/buyers should get all requisite information from the concerned officer/departments any encumbrances related to the property before submitting their bid. The decision regarding properties to be taken at the discretion of the bidder. "The payment of all statutory non-statutory dues, taxes, rates, assessments, charges, fees etc., owing to any authority or to anybody shall be the sole responsibility of successful bidder only". The e-auction will be online and sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis. Process of e-auction from Bank's recognized service provider M/s. MSTC Ltd. will be conducted by Web Portal <http://www.mstccommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp>. For details of terms and conditions of sale, kindly visit the website of State Bank of India Secured Creditor i.e. <http://www.sbi.co.in> and <https://www.ibapi.in> (website details) given.
This publication is also a 30 days notice to the borrower/guarantors/mortgagors under the Securities Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Inspection of Properties under Physical Possession Date & Time : Between 22.11.2023 to 19.12.2023 (as per prior appointment)
Date: 22.11.2023, Place: Bemetara Authorized Officer, State Bank of India

Group of 6 elephants reported in the region



Central Chronicle News

Pandaria, Nov 21: A group of 6 elephants has arrived around Pandariya Nagar since Wednesday, from Achanakmar Tiger Reserve reportedly. The elephants are roaming in the hills of Samru Para, Semarkapa, Gargara of Nagar, but the forest department team is finding

it tough to track them as they are constantly out of sight.

The forest department team is not able to reach the elephant group and on the basis of people's information, they are only reaching the footprints, meanwhile on Saturday, drone cameras were used to search the elephants, but despite this, the de-



partment could not reach the elephants.

On Saturday night, the elephants completely broke the tube well of Akbar Khan in front of Samarupara in the city and also damaged paddy and the same tube well was partially damaged by the elephants earlier also. Meanwhile there are reports, due to the presence

of a small child in the group; the elephants are not coming in front of them for safety reasons.

Most of them remain hidden in the dense bushes and on top of the hills, and due to elephants not being visible, the exact location is not being known. Woodcutters and shepherds keep visiting the fields adjacent to the city

and the forests of Badau Ra in large numbers, but the herd presence can lead to a major accident.

There is also a possibility of splitting of two groups, as it is being estimated by the forest department, owing to its presence in two different places at the same time.

What officer says

Due to the geographical situation, the elephants are not visible and on the basis of information from the villagers, monitoring is being done and people are being prohibited from going to forests and fields and are being asked to be careful.

-Suyashadhar Diwan, SDO Forest Department Pandariya.

Awareness camp concluded on Children's Day



Central Chronicle News

Khairagarh, Nov 21: A Legal public awareness camp was organized on the occasion of Children's Day, under the guidance of Salsa Bilaspur and Rajnandgaon District Legal Services President Ashok Kumar, Taluka Legal Services Committee Khairagarh President Chandra Kumar Kashyap,

Secretary Devshish Thakur.

The camp was organized in school Padumtara, and as on 14th November due to school holiday it was celebrated on 18th November. Food and rangoli competition was organized by the children in which Deepika Sahu, Dakeshwari Pal Radha, Pooja Verma got the first position. Principal Mrs. Sandhya

Kiran Minj, Sameer Kant, Prasenjit Meshram, school leader/heroine of student union, Ramon Verma, Ritu Sahu had commendable contribution. Paralegal volunteer Kala Prajapati, while giving information about legal education, said that the future of the country will be sustainable only by being conscious of the future of the children.

Collector expresses gratitude for people's participation in polling

Central Chronicle News

Korea, Nov 21: District Election Officer and Collector Vinay Kumar Langhe has expressed happiness over voter turn out and people's participation in the assembly elections 2023.

The Collector said that the code of conduct for the assembly elections came into force in the district from October 9, 2023 and under the second phase of voting; voting was completed yesterday on November 17.

While sharing the information, he said that 228 polling stations were made for Baikunthpur Assembly elections and 78



polling stations were made in Sonhat development block and under the Baikunthpur Assembly elections, 81.79 percent voting has taken place, in which male voters have voted 82.13 percent, female voters have voted 81.44 per-

cent and third gender voters have voted 60 percent.

On the other hand, 100 percent voting has been completed in Dorasth Vananchal polling centers like Shehradand, Rawla and Kanto, he stated.

Mr. Langhe further said

that due to the cooperation of the citizens of the district, the voting was conducted in a very peaceful environment and congratulated them for this and expressed his gratitude.

The Collector also thanked all the officers, employees, security forces, police personnel, media and journalists engaged in the election work and said that he thanked them for providing full support directly and indirectly.

He expressed special congratulations and gratitude to the disabled and women officers and employees who participated in this important work despite adverse circumstances.

Police nabs brick kiln agents taking labourers

To work on contract in brick kilns in UP and other states

Central Chronicle News

Bagbahra, Nov 21: Police nabbed two agents working for Brick Kilns operators as they were found taking the labourers to UP by alluring them with higher payment to work in their brick kilns. A case under section 370 of IPC was filed against them and arrangements were made to send the labourers back to their families.

It is notable here that there are many brick kiln agents active in the border areas of state and

near Odisha border: They by making all sorts of allurements to the labourers, are involved in sending them on contract to UP and other states. This scenario is going on for last many years and they send these labourers through train, buses and other means. This generally started after Navratri, but this time due to election it was put on hold and now it is at the verge of re-starting.

In this context, the Bagbahra police got tip from an informer that a bus is carrying labourers

to UP and on this the police stopped the bus near Pithora chowk and going towards Mahasamund Khatti road. The labourers were identified in the bus and two brick kiln agents viz. Suraj Goswami Kurumuda Khairiar road Nuapuda Odisha and Santosh Dewangan Mahasamund. A case under section 370 of IPC was filed against the two and matter was taken into investigation.

In the bus, majority of the labourers were from Dharambandha of

Odisha and they were taken in bus bearing No. CG 06 GA 4209 to some outside state. On asking the other bus passengers, 9-10 labourers mentioned that these brick kiln agents were sending them to work in brick kilns in U P and they all belonged to different villages of Dharambandha of Odisha state. They were going along with their family to work in the brick kilns in UP. The bus driver and conductor denied having any such information about the labourers.

Show cause notice issued for anti-party activities

Central Chronicle News

Kurud, Nov 21: After the elections are over, the phase of complaints by party workers has started and taking cognizance of this, the relative parties have also started investigation.

In Kurud too, after coming to the cognizance of the case of indulging in anti-party activities against the party's authorized candidate, Congress has arrested former Kurud candidate Laxmikanta Hemant Sahu, Kurud Nagar Panchayat President Tapan Chandrakar, Kurud Janpad Panchayat President Sharda Devi Sahu, Dhamtari District Congress and has given a show cause notice to

Vice President Bharat Nahar and have sought a reply within 24 hours.

It may be noted that not even 24 hours had passed since the voting for the Kurud assembly elections was held in the second phase of Chhattisgarh Vidhansabha elections 2023 when four Congress leaders of Kurud assembly constituency received a complaint from the State Congress President about anti-party activities.

But a letter of clarification has been issued, which is being widely discussed not only among the common people but also on the social media.

A case of indulging in anti-party activities against a party author-

ized candidate has come to notice, which comes under the ambit of party indiscipline. Taking the matter seriously, Chhattisgarh Pradesh Congress Committee President Deepak Baij has directed to issue a show cause notice.

As per the instructions of the State President, show cause notice is issued to all four and in this regard, Block Congress Committee President Ashish Sharma said that the top leaders of the organization issued instructions for clarification; hence they will have to present their side. Disciplinary action will be taken if facts of anti-party complaint are found.

Dirt and filth in Sontirth Ghat

Central Chronicle News

Rajim, Nov 21: Dirt and filth have accumulated in Sontirth Ghat of Prayag city, and people are performing many rituals in the dirt itself.

All rituals like immersion of bones, bathing, donation etc. are performed here and every day, hundreds of people from India and abroad come for the Mundan Sanskar and Pind Daan for the salvation of their ancestors.

After the puja is performed, the host along with the family members reach Sontirtha Ghat wearing new clothes and after taking bath, they leave the clothes in which they took the dip there and gradually, these clothes accumulate and create a large amount of dirt.

Dirt like pieces of paper, wrappers, polythene and thrown food

items etc. are clearly visible here and due to large number of people taking bath, the soil and sand below come up due to which the water becomes muddy and some people take a dip in the water with a sieve and take out the sand and soil below, this makes the water more dirty.

People arriving from Bagbahra, Patan, Bilaspur, Shahdol of Madhya Pradesh also said that a large number of devotees take bath in this ghat, hence cleaning should be done daily and if a big dustbin is kept to collect the clothes, then it will prevent dirt from getting there.

Devotees who reached Godia from Maharashtra said that when Rajim had come 17 years ago, at that time Lakshman Jhula had not been built and the ghat was also not concrete but it was clean now.



It is important to know that from 2005 to 2017, Ardh Kumbh festival and Kumbh Mela was organized continuously, after that since 2018, crores of rupees have been spent by the Chhattisgarh government in Maghi Punni Mela.

In this context, after the ghat was made concrete, the happiness among the devotees had increased but due to not cleaning the dirt, disappointment persists. On discussing with some dignitaries of the city, they clearly said that due to filth, the name of Dharmanagari is being tarnished in the distant country.

For this, the local administration and the district administration should remain alert and pay full attention to cleanliness so that the devotees coming here are provided with basic amenities and sanitation.

School children get information in Legal Literacy Awareness Camp

Central Chronicle News

Kawardha, Nov 21: As per the guidelines of NALSA (National Legal Services Authority, New Delhi) and SALSA (State Legal Services Authority), Mrs.

Satyabhama Ajay Dubey, Under the guidance and instructions of District Judge and Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Kabirdham, Mr. Amit Pratap Chandra, Judge and Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Kabirdham, a Legal literacy awareness camp was organized at Abhudaya Public School Kawardha on 18 November 2023.

Through the camp, a short film based on the provisions of the



Protection of Children from Minor Sexual Offences Act 2012 and an inspirational story made by Salsa was shown to the school students through the camp. Detailed information about POCSO law was provided through a short film.



In the camp, Ms. Udayalakshmi Singh Parmar, Additional District and Sessions Judge and Special Judge (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act) provided detailed information to the students present in the camp by showing the

short film Khushi regarding unsafe touch and safe touch.

Motor Vehicle Act, Cyber Act, IT Act were explained in detail by Shri Pallav Raghuvanshi Judicial Magistrate First Class, present in the program. Program Authority's paralegal vol-

unteers Ms. Chitrarekha Radekar, Tarun Singh Thakur, Yogendra Singh Gaharwar, Mrs. Prabha Gaharwar, Daleshwar Verma, Deendayal Kaushik, Vijay Rajput and Kishan Sahu along with the principal and school teachers and students were present.

Collector expresses gratitude towards officers, employees

● And all others associated in polling process for smooth conduct

Central Chronicle News

Gourela-Pendra-Marwahi, Nov 21: Collector and DRO Priyanka Rishi Mahobia has expressed gratitude towards all the officers, employees and security personnel and the citizens of the district in ensuring polls in peaceful manner and without any hindrance.

She said that duty of officers and employees was put to ensure large percentage of polling and they fulfilled their responsibility with due seriousness and commitment and ensure peaceful polls in the district.

At the same time the security personnel too fulfilled their security and safety jobs. On the other hand, the citizens



keeping in mind the electoral arrangements took part in the polling procedure will full enthusiasm and exercised their franchise and exuded confidence in the system of democracy.

The new voters also exercised their franchise taking part in the electoral process for the first time in large number and the women's too actively participated in the election process.

The senior citizens and differently able persons also cast their votes with lot of enthusiasm, she added. District

Returning officer also expressed gratitude towards the media representatives, as by giving full media coverage in the papers they apprised people about the importance of polling.

The role the Scouts & Guides, NCC cadets and NSS workers played in extending a helping hand at the election centre is also highly appreciable, as without their support the elections could not have been completed smoothly and it was their dedication and commitment that it was successfully executed.

For this all the vehicle drivers are also worth appreciation along with self-help group, social organisation and others institutions also played an important role and their works too was appreciable and they all are worth greetings. District Returning Officer has expressed gratitude towards all and thanked all of them.

Pak court strikes down notification to keep Imran Khan in judicial lockup

Islamabad, Nov 21 (PTI)

The Islamabad High Court on Tuesday declared illegal the August 29 notification which had directed jail authorities to keep former Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan in "judicial lockup" in the cipher case, according to media reports.

The court issued the directives while hearing an intra-court appeal filed by Khan against a single-member bench's decision that had approved the ex-premier's jail trial in the cipher case, according to

the Dawn newspaper.

Earlier in the morning, the two-member panel of Islamabad High Court reversed the judgement till evening.

A single-judge bench of the same court had earlier turned down the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman's appeal against his trial in the Adiala Jail in Rawalpindi.

The 71-year-old former premier has been kept in the Adiala Jail in Rawalpindi since September 26 when he was shifted there from the District Jail in Attock.

The Ministry of Law issued a no-objection certificate (NOC) for the jail trial of the former prime minister as requested by the Interior Ministry and special court Judge Abul Hasanat Zulqarnain on August 29, Geo News reported.

In March 2022, Khan and his foreign minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi were alleged to have violated the secret laws of the country while handling a communication (cipher) sent by Pakistan's embassy in Washington. The diplomatic cable reported-

ly went missing from Khan's possession.

According to the former ruling party, the cable contained a threat from the United States to topple the PTI's government.

The duo was indicted on October 23 and their formal trial has already begun with the recording of statements by witnesses. The Islamabad High Court had upheld the indictment when challenged by the cricketer-turned-politician. However, it had stayed the trial until adjudication on the intra-court appeal.

At least 37 dead after stampede at military stadium

Brazzaville (Republic of Congo), Nov 21 (AP): A stampede at a military stadium has left at least 37 people dead in Republic of Congo after large crowds of young people responded to a recruitment appeal, authorities said Tuesday.

Long lines have formed outside recruitment centers each day over the past week as young people have sought to join the army, one of the few institutions offering work in Republic of Congo. As many as 700 people a day have registered, though there are only a total of 1,500 places available.

Three terrorists, one soldier killed in terror attacks

Peshawar, Nov 21 (PTI) At least three terrorists were killed by Pakistan's security forces during two intelligence-based operations in the restive northwest Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province while one soldier was killed in an IED explosion, the army said. Two terrorists were killed during an intense exchange of fire in the Kulachi area of Dera Ismail Khan district on Monday. In a separate operation conducted in the Kot Azam region of South Waziristan district, one terrorist was shot dead, the Pakistan Army's information wing said in a statement. It said the forces recovered weapons and ammunition from the possession of all three killed terrorists, who remained actively involved in numerous terrorist activities against security forces as well as civilians.



WARMEMORIAL HOMAGE

Union MoS for External Affairs V. Muralidharan lays a wreath to pay homage to Indian soldiers at Commonwealth War Memorial, in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tuesday.

A Pakistani high court on Tuesday adjourned till November 27 the hearing of former prime minister Nawaz Sharif's petitions to revive appeals against his conviction in the Avenfield and Al-Azizia corruption cases as he prepares to lead his party in the general elections.

A two-member bench of the Islamabad High Court (IHC), comprising Chief Justice Aamer Farooq and Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb, took up the appeals for hearing and heard Sharif's counsel Azam Tarar and the legal team of the National Accountability Bureau (NAB).

The bench then adjourned the hearing until Monday and asked Tarar to present his arguments at the next hearing.

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Israel re-affirms Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba as a terrorist organisation

Jerusalem, Nov 21 (PTI)

Israel on Tuesday re-affirmed its declaration of Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) as a terror organisation' ahead of the 15th year anniversary of the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks in which 166 persons, including six Jews, were killed.

"Yes, I can confirm it. It's not a new thing and it is actually from 2013. It was recently re-published because of a bureaucratic error but it is not a new thing," Israeli foreign ministry spokesperson, Lior Haiat, told PTI.

Haiat's statement came after a press release by the Embassy of Israel in India earlier in the day said: "To symbolise the marking of the 15th year of commemoration of the Mumbai terror attacks, the state of

Israel has listed Lashkar-e-Taiba as a Terror Organisation'."

The re-affirmation comes weeks after Israel said that the time had come for India to declare Hamas a terror organisation. Hamas, which controls the Gaza Strip since 2007, used land, sea and air routes to launch an attack on Israel territories that killed more than 1,200 people, mostly civilians on October 7. It prompted Jerusalem to declare war on the Islamic outfit, killing more than 11,000 people. In almost a similar manner, on November 26, 2008, ten Pakistani terrorists entered the south Mumbai areas through a sea route and attacked a Jewish centre. The indiscriminate attack killed 166

people, including six Jews and 18 security personnel. Six Jews were killed at Nariman House, more popularly known as the Chabad House, considered by many Israelis as a "shared pain." The terror siege continued for three days during which more than 300 were wounded even as the coordinated shooting and bombing attacks at 12 sites also damaged properties, including the heritage building of the sea-facing Taj Mahal Palace Hotel.

"Despite not being requested by the Government of India to do so, the state of Israel has formally completed all necessary procedures and has satisfied all required checks and regulations to the result of introducing Lashkar-e-Taiba into the Israeli list of illegal terror organisations", the Israeli embassy statement said.

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Singapore, Nov 21 (PTI)

A 25-year-old Indian-origin Malaysian was sentenced to 10 years in jail and ten strokes of the cane for drug trafficking in Singapore.

Devendran Shanugam, a cleaner at a community centre in Singapore, pleaded guilty to two charges of attempted possession of drugs with the common intention of trafficking, according to a Channel News Asia report on Tuesday.

He was sentenced to 10 years in jail and ten strokes of the cane on Monday.

He came to know about a drug trafficking "opportunity" from his supervisor, 29-year-old Malaysian-Indian Tiben Raj Anbalagan.

Tiben Raj owed money to an unidentified person he called "Boss", and to earn the cash for the repayment, he agreed to traffic drugs for the man - diamorphine, cannabis and methamphetamine.

When Devendran came to know about this, he told Tiben Raj that he had previously delivered drugs and offered to do the deliveries for payment.

The pair began collecting an assortment of drugs and stashing them in their cleaners' store-room.

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An Israeli strike on southern Lebanon killed on Tuesday two journalists reporting for the Beirut-based Al-Mayadeen TV on the violence along the border with Israel, according to the Lebanese information minister and their TV station.

The strike also killed a Lebanese civilian, said the station.

The Pan-Arab Al-Mayadeen TV politically allied with the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah identified the journalists as correspondent Farah Omar and cameraman Rabih Maamari saying they were "martyred by treacherous Israeli target-

ing," adding it was an airstrike.

"It was direct targeting. It was not a coincidence," said Ghassan bin Jiddo, director of the TV channel, holding back his tears in a live broadcast. They join "the martyrs of Gaza," he said Bin Jiddo said a man from the village, whom he identified as Hussein Akil, was also killed.

Last week, the Israeli government blocked Al-Mayadeen TV news channel from broadcasting in Israel.

Lebanese Information Minister Ziad Makary called the strike on the journalists "outrageous."

The Israeli military said it was looking into the matter.

Local media reported several Israeli strikes on South Lebanon Tuesday.

Lebanese State-run National News Agency said Israel's military struck the outskirts of the villages of Teir Harfa and Majdal Zoun in South Lebanon.

Police raid homes of 17 people accused of posting antisemitic hate speech

Berlin, Nov 21 (AP)

German authorities on Tuesday raided the homes of 17 people in the state of Bavaria accused of spreading antisemitic hate speech and threats targeting Jews online.

According to the Bavarian criminal police, the suspects were 15 men and two women, aged between 18 and 62, German news agency dpa reported. Police questioned the suspects and confiscated evidence from their homes, including cell phones and laptops, the agency said.

The suspects were said to have celebrated the attacks by Palestinian militant group Hamas on Israel on October 7, and were accused of spreading hate speech against Jewish people on social media, using symbols of banned terrorist organisations, dpa reported.

The police operation focused on Bavaria's capital city of Munich where nine of the accused

resided. Further searches were carried out in the Bavarian towns of Fussen and Kaufbeuren as well as in the counties of Passau, Fuerstentfeldbruck, Berchtesgadener Land, Coburg, Aschaffenburg and Hassberge.

One suspect allegedly sent a sticker in a WhatsApp school class chat showing a clown with the words "Gas the Jews." Another person, a German-Turkish dual citizen, allegedly posted on his account that "the Jewish sons" deserved nothing more than to be "exterminated," dpa reported.

Another suspect, a Turkish citizen, is accused of posting a picture of Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler shortly after the October 7 attacks with the caption "I could kill all the Jews, but I left some alive to show you why I killed them." Next to it, he posted a Palestinian flag, the caption "Free Palestine" and an emoji with a victory sign.

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Turmoil in Myanmar

India's Role and Responsibility

The ongoing crisis in Myanmar demands an unwavering attention in an era defined by geopolitical intricacies and border complexities. As the world grapples with the implications of a military junta's ruthless reign, India finds itself at a crossroads, facing not only a test of border security but also a challenge to its regional influence and stability. The recent influx of refugees from Myanmar into India's Mizoram state paints a vivid picture of the dire situation unfolding across the border. In the face of a relentless battle between the military junta and rebel forces, thousands of civilians, in a desperate bid for safety, have sought refuge within India's embrace. The porous 510-kilometer-long border shared between Mizoram and Myanmar has become a critical point of contention, one that cannot be ignored. The repatriation of 29 Myanmar soldiers who had sought sanctuary in Mizoram's Champhai district highlights the precariousness of the situation. These soldiers, fleeing the overrun camps in Chin state by civilian armed forces, exemplify the chaos and desperation gripping Myanmar. The specter of violence continues to cast a long shadow over the region, with fresh eruptions of conflict pushing innocent lives to the brink. The implications for Mizoram, a northeastern state that recently exercised its democratic voice in the November 7 polls, are particularly concerning. With the formation of a new government on the horizon, there exists a palpable risk that anti-India elements might exploit the tumultuous conditions in Myanmar to sow discord within Mizoram and other North-Eastern regions. The neighboring state of Manipur has already borne witness to this unfortunate reality. For over six months, ethnic clashes have plagued the region, claiming the lives of more than 180 individuals. Just this week, a gunfight between rival groups in Kangpokpi district added two more names to this grim tally. The situation in Manipur serves as a stark reminder of the fragility of peace and harmony in the North-East, where a tinderbox of ethnic and political tensions simmers beneath the surface. In the midst of these trying circumstances, New Delhi's call for an end to the violence is not only a clarion call for humanity but also a strategic imperative. As airstrikes reverberate along the India-Myanmar border, it is imperative that we champion a peaceful resolution through constructive dialogue. India's aspiration for the swift return of peace, stability, and democracy in Myanmar is not merely a diplomatic platitude; it is a reflection of our commitment to regional stability and the well-being of our neighboring nations. Myanmar, since the military junta's coup in February 2021, has been engulfed in the flames of civil war. The turmoil within our neighbor's borders holds profound implications for India's security and geopolitical interests. The loss of control by Myanmar's military over certain border areas adjoining China in recent weeks amplifies our concerns. China, a significant regional stakeholder and, at times, a contentious neighbor, cannot be underestimated in the equation. The strategic importance of maintaining a vigilant presence along our border with Myanmar, especially in light of China's increasing influence in the region, cannot be overstated. India's border security is inextricably linked to our broader regional interests and geopolitical stability. New Delhi must maintain an ever-watchful eye on the evolving situation, recognizing the urgency of safeguarding our borders and securing our interests. The Myanmar crisis is a regional challenge that demands our proactive engagement, deft diplomacy, and unwavering resolve.

Television's Global Influence

World Television Day Reflections

Dr Krishna Kumar Vepakomma

As we mark World Television Day, declared by the United Nations General Assembly on November 21, it's an opportune moment to contemplate the far-reaching effects of this medium on our society, culture, and global interconnectedness. Television, once a box that simply brought moving images and sounds into our homes, has transformed into a multifaceted tool that shapes our perceptions, influences our decisions, and bridges cultural gaps. While it presents both benefits and challenges, one cannot deny the monumental impact it has had on our lives. The landscape of television-watching has undergone a seismic shift with the advent of digital technology and the internet. Streaming platforms, on-demand content, and interactive experiences have proliferated, giving viewers an unprecedented array of choices. This technological buffet offers convenience, but it also poses the challenge of uncontrolled exposure, particularly for the younger generation. Yet, amidst these complexities, television's unique ability to introduce us to diverse cultures and distant worlds remains a standout advantage. It serves as a window to the globe, breaking down geographical boundaries and fostering a sense of global citizenship. This is a testament to the power of television as a tool for connectivity and globalization in the 21st century, as recognized by UNESCO. On World Television Day, we are reminded of the profound impact of visual media on our lives. It is not just a box in our living rooms; it is a force that shapes public sentiment and influences global politics. Television is not merely a source of entertainment; it is a medium through which we gain knowledge and connect with the world. Throughout history, television has played an indispensable role in informing, guiding, and shaping public opinion. It has been a companion in our homes, bringing news, stories, and experiences from every corner of the world. It has the power to enlighten, educate, and inspire. Television's influence extends far beyond the boundaries of our screens. It has the power to shape social norms, challenge prejudices, and amplify voices that might otherwise remain unheard. It brings us face to face with the diversity of human experiences, fostering empathy and understanding. Moreover, television has been instrumental in documenting history as it unfolds. It has captured pivotal moments in politics, culture, and society, leaving an indelible mark on our collective memory. It has chronicled triumphs and tragedies, revolutions and revelations, and it continues to be a vital tool for storytelling and truth-telling. In the realm of education, television has been a valuable ally. Educational programs have enriched our minds and expanded our horizons. From science documentaries to historical dramas, television has the power to make learning engaging and accessible. Yet, we must also acknowledge the responsibility that comes with this influential medium. With great power comes the duty to wield it ethically and responsibly. Television has the potential to perpetuate stereotypes, spread misinformation, and sensationalize events. It can be a source of division or unity, depending on how it is utilized. As we celebrate World Television Day, let us reflect on the positive societal influence of this medium. Let us recognize its capacity to bring people together, to inspire change, and to celebrate the richness of our world's cultures. Television has been a constant companion in our journey through life, and it continues to evolve, reflecting the changing times and aspirations of society. In a world where we are often inundated with information from various sources, television remains a trusted companion that guides us through the complexities of our interconnected world. As we embrace the digital age, let us not forget the enduring value of this medium, which has shaped and enriched our lives in countless ways.

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AIR POLLUTION

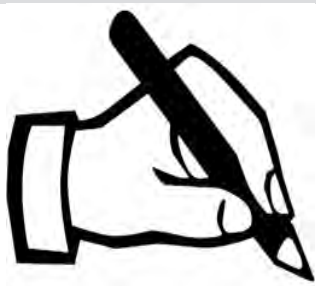


Traffic policemen wearing an anti-pollution mask regulate vehicular movement, in New Delhi, Tuesday, Nov. 21. Pollution levels in Delhi and its suburbs increased further overnight with the Air Quality Index (AQI) in the capital recorded at 365 at 9 am on Tuesday, according to the Central Pollution Control Board.

Today we win hearts, tomorrow we will win the cup again



DR SATYAVAN SAURABH



Success is a public celebration, while failure is a personal mourning. This was written by Thomas Jefferson. That's why Captain, it's not tears, it's emotion, let it out, let it flow, that dilemma will continue to torment you and me for many years, I have heard that crying together is like lightening the heart, but remember, the whole country The blessings of millions of hands are with you, they will be with you, but it is true, victory is hidden in defeat, no matter how brilliant you played, the day of the final was bad for everyone. Too bad but remember it will be morning again tomorrow. A new morning, new lights. We will wait for you all again. After some time, expectations will be raised again, then there will be applause and noise, this is religion. This is the game. Cricket is also the same, whoever has a good day, wins. Whoever has a bad day is defeated. Then a day will come when we will win. Winning hearts is more important than winning the cup. Cricket is not over. You live 45 days out of 46 days. Our Indian team won 10 matches in the 2023 World Cup and today 140 crore Indians are heartbroken

after losing the final. That's how we won two cups. We will work hard again in 2027 and we will win. Before the match, our captain had said in the conference that one mistake could cost us dearly, and in the final, Shubman Gill made the mistake and the second mistake was made by Shreyas Iyer and Suryakumar Yadav. What if you lose today? Australia also lost last time. Still, we will prepare well for the coming World Cup. Be determined now with just one defeat. We will take revenge for this every time in the future. Keep two or three all-rounders in the team. Learn to control your mood and pressure. Avoid famine. This pain scratched a 20-year-old wound but this defeat taught us a lot. Be patient, our team is very brave. You pledge that now we will deal with anyone at any cost. Will win again tomorrow. There is always victory and defeat. But the performance of the Indian team has been good throughout the World Cup. It doesn't matter if we don't win the final. Then we will win further. Love to you boys in blue T-shirts. This heart will beat only for the Blue Boys every time. India got a lot of fame till the semi-finals, but is it true

that they have lost the final, let's defame them. It is not right to be the companion of happiness only. Sometimes someone is cursing the team, sometimes someone is cursing the guests who reached the stadium. If you are a true Indian then stop cursing and stand with your country and team. Lost the final. The whole country is sad about this. But we were more saddened to see our players crying. Victory or defeat is a matter of fate. Keeps happening. Some lose and some win. Don't lose heart in this. Don't be discouraged. The country is with you in every situation. The country was with us in victory as well as in defeat. You are the pride of the country. The country is proud of you. All the players played very well. It has been a great journey in all the last matches. This excellent performance of yours will always be recorded in the golden pages of the cricket world. You have lost the match, don't lose courage. We will wait for time. Will win the World Cup next time. Really. Whether in defeat or victory, I am not the least bit afraid. Whatever is found on the path of struggle is also good. Sometimes the 'destination' is just a step away. But reaching the top is no less. The biggest victory is the spirit of sportsmanship. Many congratulations to our Indian team for continuously showing excellent performance. You continuously took India forward with enthusiasm and excitement by playing the game brilliantly. We can't see our players crying. Stop these tears. In the game one team

wins, and the other loses. Today was not the day of the Indian team. Tomorrow our day will return. What happened was that they lost a match. All is not lost yet, the Indian cricket team's unprecedented performance in the World Cup, willpower, passion and spirit for the game should continue in the future. We will win the world next time under the leadership of Sharma Ji. Winning and losing is part of the game. What matters is whether you played your part wholeheartedly or not. Now that the team has lost, people have started trolling and will do so in the future too but I know what the players are going through. Will find faults in the game but my heart is breaking after seeing all this. My prayers are for all the lovely blue t-shirt guys, the world will remember your World Cup journey. Not today, we will win tomorrow, we will become world champions, we are with the Indian team. It happens only in sports that a team has everything good and loses. Team India has lost the final. If the team had not been strong, it would not have reached the final. Heart is sad but courage is strong. At this time the entire country should support these players. Only then will the mind get support. You all have won the hearts of crores of sports lovers with your brilliant performance in the Cricket World Cup 2023. Those who lose today will win again tomorrow. The entire country is proud of the Indian cricket team. (Writer is a Poet, freelance journalist and columnist, All India Radio and TV panelist.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Not now but surely next

Although Australia won the World Cup but Indian players conquered the hearts of all cricket fans. Fascinating innings of Virat Kohli, Shami's sizzling bowling and good captaincy of Rohit will always remain in all fans' heart. Not now but surely, we will be next champion. Australia has left many learning points for Indian players, they have enough optional all-rounder bowlers and batsmen. Hence, they played fearlessly a big clash that makes them deserve to receive this great honour. Indian team management should work over making players like Yuraz Singh, Suresh Raina and Irfan Pathan.

Tauqueer Rahmani, Mumbai

COP 28's focus on Methane emissions

The upcoming climate talk COP-28 to be held in Dubai should focus on reducing Methane emissions. Before chemical distortion Methane can trap 80 times more heat than Carbon di-oxide in the first 20 years after being released in the air. Thus controlling Methane emissions can help reducing global temperature in short term in comparison to Carbon di-oxide. It is the high time to showcase environmental commitment with accountability from multinational oil and gas companies, responsible for largest Methane emissions. Satellites can be launched to monitor global Methane emissions. Besides oil and gas companies must join UN's Methane mitigation programs to accelerate the global cause.

Arka Goswami, Durgapur, West Bengal

Hope Endures

The Men in Blue have tasted the difference between 10/10 and the elusive 11/11. Yet, India takes pride in their ability to turn individual brilliance into team triumph. All isn't lost, with the International Cricket Council rewarding champions with \$4 million and runners-up with \$2 million, plus \$40,000 for each league win. In sports, as in politics, it's not over till it's over. Despair has no place; the spirit of sportsmanship must persist.

MK Nair, Raipur

Crucial Reflection

Team India's unexpected loss in the ODI World Cup final to the Aussies stems from media hype and the 'law of averages' catching up with Rohit Sharma and the team. While the Kangaroos celebrate their triumph, it's vital for Rohit & Co to introspect honestly. The BCCI should also engage in soul-searching.

Shiv Kumar Mishra, Raipur

A World Cup Tale: Australia's Triumph and India's Reflection



Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee

As I sit down to pen my thoughts on the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup final between Australia and India, I'm filled with a mix of emotions. Kudos to Australia for clinching their sixth World Cup title by defeating India with a decisive six-wicket victory in the final. It was a game that showcased the true spirit of cricket, and there are some observations

and reflections I'd like to share. First and foremost, let's acknowledge the greatness of Australia's victory. It was a contender for their greatest World Cup win, and they truly earned it. The match, played in front of 130,000 passionate Indian cricket fans, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, was nothing short of a spectacle. However, Australia's Travis Head and Marnus Labuschagne proved to be formidable adversaries, extinguishing any hopes of an Indian World Cup victory that would have undoubtedly boosted the political landscape, particularly in the midst of a series of state elections.

Pat Cummins, Australia's courageous captain, deserves immense praise for his leadership. His bold decision to bowl first paid off handsomely as Australia's bowlers and fielders executed their plans flawlessly. Cummins' leadership was exemplary, and he led his troops with unwavering determination. The Australian team

played with heart and commitment, proving that they were deserving champions. While the batting performance at the start of the match left something to be desired, with Warner and Marsh departing prematurely, Travis Head's remarkable innings and the composed display by Marnus Labuschagne under immense pressure were the standout moments. These two players out-classed our bowling attack and showcased their skills when it mattered the most.

Looking at Australia's cricketing journey over the last 4-5 years, it's clear that they are creating a legacy of their own. World Test Champions, one-day champions, successful Ashes campaigns, and T20 championships have solidified their status as a cricketing powerhouse. Pat Cummins, who led from the front, is well on his way to being regarded as one of Australia's greatest-ever captains. Travis Head, on the other hand, is one of the most underrated players in world cricket across all for-

mats. It's worth noting that Australia won their last nine games in a row, demonstrating their dominance in the tournament.

From India's perspective, there are some aspects that merit reflection. The team performed exceptionally well throughout the tournament, consistently out-classing their opponents. However, when it came to the final showdown, something seemed amiss. With the exception of Virat Kohli, who is undoubtedly among the cricketing greats, the other batsmen appeared to be holding back.

As Rohit Sharma unleashed boundaries and Shubman Gill's wicket was lost cheaply, there was a palpable sense of urgency. Rohit's aggressive approach, which included three sixes in a brisk 47 off 31 balls before a spectacular catch by Head of Maxwell ended his innings, was a testament to his intent. However, it felt as though the rest of the batting lineup was playing within their

comfort zones. Perhaps a more fearless approach from the entire team could have changed the outcome.

In terms of bowling, the decision to choose Mohammad Shami over Mohammad Siraj raised eyebrows. Hindsight is 20/20, but it's a decision that will be analyzed and debated in the days to come.

Finally, my heart goes out to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who had to present the trophy to the victorious Australian team in a stadium bearing his name. It was undoubtedly a bittersweet moment, but it showcased the spirit of sportsmanship and the camaraderie that cricket fosters.

Bravo to Australia for their exceptional victory, and commendations to India's passionate supporters. Cricket, like life, is filled with highs and lows, and it is in these moments that we learn and grow. The World Cup final was a thrilling contest that showcased the beauty of the game and its ability to unite fans from all walks of life.

BRIEF

Appointment



New Delhi: Tech giant Microsoft on Tuesday announced that Aparna Gupta will lead its Global Delivery Center (GDC). Established in Hyderabad in 2005, Global Delivery Center (GDC) has since expanded to two more locations (Bengaluru and Noida), along with a global presence, Microsoft said in a release. "Microsoft announced Aparna Gupta's appointment as the Global Delivery Center (GDC) leader, which is a part of the Industry Solutions Delivery and the broader Microsoft Customer and Partner Solutions (MCAPS) organisation," the release added.

Fully subscribed

New Delhi: The Initial Public Offering (IPO) of the state-owned Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) was fully subscribed 1.95 times on the first day of subscription on Tuesday. The Rs 2,150-crore IPO received bids for 91,98,25,200 shares against 47,09,21,451 shares on offer, as per NSE data. The category for non-institutional investors was subscribed 2.73 times, while the portion for retail individual investors (RIIs) received 1.97 times subscription. The quota for qualified institutional buyers (QIBs) was subscribed 1.34 times.

Investment



New Delhi: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday sought investments from the industry players, stating that the Union Territory is providing better incentives and business environment than many other states. He said that the business environment in the Union Territory is safe and secure. Sinha said that the industry department of Jammu and Kashmir at present has business proposals worth over Rs 86,000 crore and work is underway to bring them on the ground.

Pharma expo

Noida: Around 1,500 exhibitors will showcase their more than 10,000 products at a pharmaceutical B2B event, CPHI & PMEC India Expo, to be held from November 28 to 30 at Greater Noida, organisers said on Monday. Informa Markets said the expo will bring together over 45,000 visitors, 1,500 exhibitors showcasing 10,000 plus products and provide a unique environment for industry experts to meet, learn, share ideas and drive their business forward. The 16th edition of CPHI & PMEC India Expo will be held at the India Expo Mart and Centre in Greater Noida.

Economy lost momentum by 80-100 bps in Q2 to 6.8-7 pc: Analysts

Mumbai, Nov 21:

The economy has likely decelerated by 80-100 bps year-on-year in the second quarter to 6.8-7 per cent, with utilities, services and construction sectors showing robust growth on the back of strong domestic demand, while external demand continues to remain weak, according to economists. In a note, ahead of the Q2 GDP data release on November 30, domestic rating agency Icria economist has pegged the GDP growth at 7 per cent, while British brokerage Barclays see it at 6.8 per cent. We estimate that Q2 FY24 expanded by 6.8 per cent year-on-year, slower than the 7.8 per cent in Q2 FY23, but still showing robust sequential growth. Underlying growth trends

continue to look robust with activity underpinned by domestic consumption, high levels of state-led capex and strong growth in the utilities sectors, Rahul Bajoria of Barclays said in a note Tuesday. He expects the growth rates to be driven by basic utility sectors (mining and electricity generation) and manufacturing, construction and public spending.

These will likely help mitigate the loss of momentum in financial services and trade and transport. However, export growth is likely to stay weak but the overall impact of sustained improvement in services exports, coupled with lower imports, implies that the contribution of net exports to GDP was a much smaller drag in Q3 than it

has been in the preceding quarters, he said. For the full year, he expects GDP to clip at 6.3 per cent, with upside risks emanating from strong growth in the utilities sectors, largely from strong construction demand, which is visible across a variety of high-frequency data. Credit growth, electricity consumption, and mobility indicators all paint a picture of economic resilience. Hence, we believe that the domestic economy will continue to drive growth, Bajoria added.

According to him, it is the domestic demand that is driving the economy, with services continuing to be the largest contributor to growth, despite slower expected growth in financial services and trade hotels and transport categories. Services growth is likely to moder-

ate from double-digit levels in Q2, but still strong at 7.7 per cent. He also expects industrial growth to pick up, led by utilities, manufacturing and construction. Within utilities, electricity generation, in particular, likely exhibited strong growth in Q2, as a delayed monsoon and patchy rainfall increased power demand.

Growth in manufacturing is also likely to improve sequentially, which was evident in 6.3 per cent IPP growth in Q2, supported mostly by growth in investment-related sectors like manufacturing of machinery, electrical equipment and vehicles. Icria Rating chief economist Aditi Nayar expects growth to print at 7 per cent in Q2, exceeding the MPC estimate of 6.5 per cent. She sees GVA growth

easing to 6.8 per cent in Q2, driven by the services sector at 8.2 per cent, agriculture at 3.5 per cent, and industry at 6.6 per cent. A normalising base and an erratic monsoon are expected to result in a sequential moderation in GDP growth to 7 per cent in Q2 FY24 from 7.8 per cent in Q1 FY24. Uneven rainfall, narrowing differentials with year-ago commodity prices, a possible slowdown in momentum of government capex due to the general elections, weak external demand and the cumulative impact of monetary tightening are likely to translate into lower GDP growth in Q2, she said, adding that as a result, FY24 GDP growth is likely to print in at 6 per cent, lower than MPC projection of 6.5 per cent for the fiscal.

Tata Motors commences sales of commercial vehicles in Thailand

New Delhi, Nov 21:



Tata Motors on Tuesday said it has commenced sales of its commercial vehicles in Thailand. The company said it has introduced a line-up of trucks, including Super Ace, Ultra T.9, Ultra T.14 and the flagship Prima 5038.S, with a gamut of value-added services, in the country. In April this year, Tata Motors announced a strategic partnership with Inchcape plc as its distributor for commercial vehicles in Thailand.

Inchcape plc will also establish an extensive network of 13 customer touchpoints -- including sales, service and spare parts -- strategically located to provide seamless assistance to its customers. "Jointly with Inchcape, we are confident of delivering com-

plete peace of mind to our customers with our strategically located sales and service touchpoints in Thailand," Tata Motors Commercial Vehicles Head (International Business) Anurag Mehrotra noted. At the outset, Inchcape will offer the Super Ace, Ultra T.9, Ultra T.14 and the flagship Prima 5038.S to address the varied requirements in the country, the automaker stated.

Hyundai Motor India launches initiative to support people with disability

New Delhi, Nov 21:

Hyundai Motor India on Tuesday launched an initiative to help create a more aware and sensitised society towards people with disabilities in the country. As part of the "Samarth" initiative, the automaker will make its website friendly for the differently abled. It also aims to make its dealerships and service centres differently abled friendly to ensure ease of access.

The carmaker will also introduce swivel seats and accessories to enhance the differently abled friendliness of cars. "We aim to cultivate a more equitable and sensitised society for the differently abled and want them to see their true capabilities," Hyundai Motor India MD & CEO Un Soo Kim told reporters here. Hyundai Motor India



Actor and brand ambassador of Hyundai Shah Rukh Khan with Hyundai Motor India MD & CEO Unsoo Kim (R), Hyundai Motor India COO Tarun Garg (L) and others during the launch of 'Samarth', an initiative by Hyundai for people with disabilities, in New Delhi, Tuesday, Nov. 21.

Foundation -- the CSR arm of the company -- in partnership with GoSports Foundation also announced an exclusive programme to provide holistic support to para athletes in the country. The programme will support athletes in both team

sports and individual sports to promote inclusivity, foster a culture of innovation and bring impact in para sports ecosystem. As per industry estimates, there are over 26.8 million differently abled people in India.

Govt cancels bid for appointing asset valuer for IDBI Bank

Fresh RFP to be issued

New Delhi, Nov 21:

The government on Tuesday cancelled the bid process for the appointment of an asset valuer for strategic sale-bound IDBI Bank on low bidder interest. A fresh Request For Proposal (RFP) would be invited soon after a review of some of the bid criteria to enable better interest from bidders. "It has been decided with the approval of the competent authority to cancel the present RFP and to issue a fresh RFP for selection of an asset valuer for strategic disinvestment of IDBI Bank Ltd," DIPAM said in a corrigendum. "We had

only a single bid. A fresh RFP will be issued soon after we review some of the criteria to enable better interest from bidders," a government official said. The government, along with LIC, is selling nearly 61 per cent stake in IDBI Bank and in January received multiple Expressions of Interest (EOIs) for the same. Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) Secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey had last week said the IDBI Bank strategic sale transaction is "on course" but the transaction would not be completed in the current fiscal. "We practically don't think that before March we can conclude it (IDBI Bank stake sale)," Pandey had

said. As part of the strategic sale process, on September 1, DIPAM invited bids for appointing an asset valuer and the last date for submission of bids was October 9. The deadline was later extended till October 30. The asset valuer was mandated to identify intangibles not on the IDBI Bank balance sheet, like brand name, branch network and value them. The terms of reference for asset valuers included describing and listing of all the properties and assets, including intangibles such as trademark(s), title to property rights being valued, as provided by the bank.

Valuation of intangibles were required to be indicated separately. The DIPAM had earlier said

the bank has 120 properties in the top seven cities. These include 68 properties in Mumbai, 20 in Pune, nine in Chennai and seven in Ahmedabad. Besides, it has six properties in Kolkata and five each in Delhi and Hyderabad.

The asset properties in the seven cities account for 94 per cent of the total written down value (after accounting for depreciation) of fixed assets of IDBI Bank.

The government and LIC together hold 94.72 per cent stake in IDBI Bank. Pursuant to the strategic sale transaction, the government will own 15 per cent stake and LIC 19 per cent shareholding in IDBI Bank, taking their total holding to 34 per cent.

Upcoming wedding season likely to generate Rs 4.7 lakh cr business: CAIT

New Delhi, Nov 21:

Traders' body CAIT on Tuesday said it is expecting an expenditure of Rs 4.74 lakh crore in the upcoming wedding season from November 23 to December 15, which is likely to see almost 38 lakh marriages. The expenditures related to wedding purchases and procurement of various services by consumers this season are almost Rs 1 lakh crore more than the year-ago period, the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) said. The estimates are based on inputs from trade bodies in 30 cities in different states and stakeholders in goods and services. "During this period (November 23-December 15), it is estimated that around 38 lakh wed-

dings will be solemnised with a total expenditure of around Rs 4.7 lakh crore," CAIT Secretary General Praveen Khandelwal told PTI on the sidelines of a press conference. "Last year, there were almost 32 lakh weddings with a total expenditure of Rs 3.75 lakh crore. So, this year there is (expected to be) an increase (in expenditure) of almost Rs 1 lakh crore which is a good sign for the Indian economy and retail trade," he said. The wedding dates during the season are November 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, and December 3, 4, 7, 8, 9 and 15, CAIT said. Khandelwal said in Delhi alone over 4 lakh weddings are expected this season, which could generate a business of about Rs 1.25 lakh crore.

India to be third largest media-entertainment market in 5 years: Thakur at IFFI

Panaji, Nov 21:

Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur on Monday said India will become the third largest media and entertainment market in the world in the next five years. Speaking at the inauguration of the 54th edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Panaji, Thakur said a first the event will see is the recognition of the OTT segment. "India, on one hand, has become fifth largest economy of the world. It is also the fifth largest in the world in terms of the media and entertainment industry. In the next five years, India is going to be third largest economy in the world as



Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting and Youth Affairs & Sports Anurag Singh Thakur felicitates actor Madhuri Dixit Nene during the inaugural ceremony of 54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI), in Goa.

well as the third largest media and entertainment market," he said. "Similar to last year's edition when we initiated some firsts, we continue that spirit with some more firsts in this edition. For the first time and from hereon, IFFI will bestow the best web series OTT award.

It will acknowledge the transformative role of original content creators in India and celebrate their contribution to employment and innovation," he said. This recognition is also given to OTT because it entertained people when "everything was closed" during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Union minister said. "The OTT (segment) is currently growing at a rate of 28 per cent.

Stock markets recover after 2-day decline; banking, metal shares shine

Mumbai, Nov 21:

Benchmark stock indices rebounded on Tuesday after two days of decline following buying in metal, banking and energy shares and a bullish trend in the US markets. The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 275.62 points or 0.42 per cent to settle at 65,930.77. During the day, it jumped 427.21 points or 0.65 per cent to 66,082.36. The broader Nifty went up by 89.40 points or 0.45 per cent to 19,783.40. Among the Sensex firms, JSW Steel, Titan, Tata Steel, Sun Pharma, Reliance Industries, Bharti Airtel, Tata Motors and HDFC Bank were the biggest gainers. NTPC, Tech Mahindra, Maruti, State Bank of India



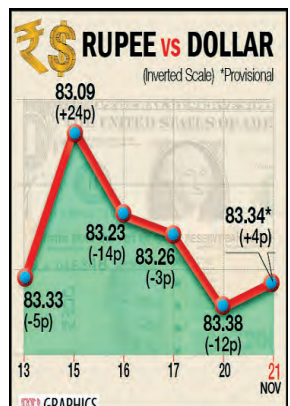
and Larsen & Toubro were among the laggers. Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services said, "Today, the market exhibited positive momentum, with attention centred on the minutes of the latest Fed meeting. The declining inflation and the recent cooling job data in the US provide foundation for a dovish comment from the Fed."

Rupee settles 4 paise higher at 83.34 against US dollar

Mumbai, Nov 21:

The rupee recovered from its all-time low level and settled 4 paise higher at 83.34 against the US dollar on Tuesday, tracking the weakness of the American currency in the overseas market and positive domestic equities. Forex traders said the rupee traded in a narrow range as dollar demand from oil marketing companies and sustained foreign fund outflows weighed on investor sentiments.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 83.33 and finally settled at 83.34 against the greenback, registering a



gain of 4 paise from its previous close. During the day, the rupee witnessed range-bound trade reaching an intra-day high of 83.32 and hitting a low of

83.37 against the American currency. On Monday, the rupee declined 12 paise to settle at its all-time low of 83.38 against the US dollar.

According to Anuj Choudhary Research Analyst at Sharekhan by BNP Paribas, the rupee gained slightly on weak US dollar and positive Asian markets. However, FII outflows capped sharp gains. The dollar declined and fell to a two-and-a-half month low amid rising expectations of a rate hike by the US Federal Reserve in its upcoming Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting.

Govt must hike duty differential between crude & refined palm oil to 15pc: edible oil industry

New Delhi, Nov 21:

Edible oil industry body SEA has expressed concern that the rise in imports of refined palm oil is affecting domestic refiners and demanded that the government should increase the duty differential between crude and refined palm oil to 15 per cent from 7.5 per cent to check inward shipments. India is a major importer of cooking oil to meet domestic demand. The country imports palm oil from Malaysia and Indonesia, while soyabean oil from Argentina and Brazil. Among palm oils, the import of RBD Palmolein increased to 21.1

lakh tonnes in the 2022-23 marketing year (November to October) from 18.4 lakh tonnes in the previous year. Crude palm oil (CPO) imports rose to 75.9 lakh tonnes in 2022-23 marketing year from 54.9 lakh tonnes in the year-ago period. In a letter to its members, Solvent Extractors' Association of India (SEA) President Ajay Jhunjhunwala pointed out that Indian vegetable oil (comprising of edible and non-edible oil) refining industry is "facing challenges". "The Indian edible oil industry, with a size of Rs 3 lakh crore (USD 35 billion), holds significant impor-

tance. Over the last 12 years, Indonesia and Malaysia have imposed higher export taxes on CPO compared to refined oil to protect their refining industry. This has made refined oil cheaper, rendering Indian capacity redundant and unutilized," he said. In India, the duty differential between CPO and refined palm oil has been reduced to 7.5 per cent, "serving the interests of the refining industry in Malaysia and Indonesia", Jhunjhunwala said. He pointed out that the low-duty differential is negatively impacting the domestic vegetable oil refining industry. "In light of this, SEA has once again ap-

pealed to the government to raise the duty difference from 7.5 per cent to 15 per cent between crude and refined palm oil," Jhunjhunwala said. The SEA president said that India's imports of vegetable oils reached an all-time high of 167.1 lakh tonnes during the recently concluded 2022-23 oil year (November-October), with edible oil shipments hitting a record high of 164.7 lakh tonnes. "The palm oil segment accounted for almost 60 per cent of imports. The landed prices of RBD palmolein are lesser than CPO due to exporting countries imposing higher export tax-cess on raw materials.

Priya Tode gets into DPS R'gaon

Of Tekadih School under JUY

Rajnandgaon, Nov 21:

Priya Tode from Government Primary School Tekadih of Khairagarh Development Block of District KCG has been selected for Delhi Public School in Rajnandgaon city for 2023 under Jawahar Utkarsh Yojana (JUY) for Tribal Castes and Scheduled Tribes. Under this scheme, the government will bear the expenses of Priya's education till 12th standard.

In this year 2023-24, out of 9 development blocks of Rajnandgaon district, 4 seats were scheduled from Scheduled Caste category in which 2 children Priya Tode and Kundan Joshi have been selected from Tekadih School. Last month, Kundan Joshi took admission in Sanskar City International School and even before this, 7 chil-



dren from Government Primary School Tekadih have been selected in Jawahar Utkarsh.

Currently 6 children are studying in Sanskar City International School Rajnandgaon and two children were selected in Delhi Public School and a total of 9 children have been selected from Tekadih Government School since 2017. Priya

Tode has been a brilliant student since the beginning, and she topped every test paper and the students and their families give full credit for this success to the teachers Mahdeep Janghel, Jyotish Banjare, and the head reader Rohit Jangade.

The children of Jawahar Utkarsh are prepared by taking extra classes in the school, and

the teachers used to make the children prepare for the examination related to Jawahar Utkarsh in their homes on two days of vacation every week apart from the school. Priya scored 82.75 marks out of 100 in this competitive exam and got a good position in the entire Rajnandgaon district and Kundan also got 90 marks.

District Education Officer Fattela Kosaria, District Education Officer Neelam Rajput paid a courtesy visit and congratulated the students, along with BRC Sujit Chauhan, Complex Coordinator Hemant Verma, all the teachers of the complex. The school management committee, parents and all the villagers of Tekadih expressed their happiness and congratulated and congratulated both students and teachers.

Flight from Jagdalpur to Raipur only two days a week

■ On every Tuesday and Thursday

Jagdalpur, Nov 21: Winter time-table for air service has been released from Bastar district headquarters. Now Alliance Air flights are going from Jagdalpur to Raipur only two days a week. For the rest of the day, the flight will come from Hyderabad to Jagdalpur but will not go to Raipur. A break on Wednesday service has also been added to the schedule. There will be no flight from Hyderabad to Jagdalpur on this day. In this way flights will operate 6 days a week. A large number of passengers travel to Raipur from Jagdalpur, but they are disappointed due to reduction in trips between Jagdalpur-Raipur. It is noteworthy that



only one Alliance Air flight operates from Jagdalpur. Which connects Jagdalpur to Hyderabad and Raipur via air route. On normal days, passengers get the benefit of this air service seven days a week. It is being said that at present the number of passengers from Jagdalpur to Hyderabad is good, but the strength from Raipur has decreased. For this reason, it has been decided to run

flights to Raipur only 2 days a week. According to the fresh time-table, there will be Hyderabad-Jagdalpur, Jagdalpur-Hyderabad on Sunday, Hyderabad-Jagdalpur, Jagdalpur-Hyderabad on Monday, Hyderabad-Jagdalpur-Raipur on Tuesday, Raipur-Jagdalpur-Hyderabad and holiday on Wednesday. Hyderabad-Jagdalpur-Raipur, Raipur-Jagdalpur-Hyderabad on Thursday,

Hyderabad-Jagdalpur, Jagdalpur-Hyderabad on Friday, Hyderabad-Jagdalpur, Jagdalpur-Hyderabad on Saturday.

According to the information received from the airport manager, Alliance Air flights running for passengers will operate 6 days a week and Wednesday will be a holiday. At the same time, Indigo flight for paramilitary force personnel will operate on Wednesday.

Physical education training imparted to students

■ Apart from academic activities



Anwari, Nov 21:

In Government Primary and Secondary School Anwari, the teachers here along with the studies and other activities are imparting physical education and training to the students in the same campus, which includes yoga and karate training for girls. L. B. Sahu of the school who has been taking of-

fine free classes for many years during the summer vacation for the benefit of students, and under whose guidance, during the Corona period, students of the state have initiated online classes without discrimination for the students.

Though there is no regular principal, there is no permanent lecturer for the main subjects of Bio,

Chemistry, Sanskrit, Commerce, but all the teachers here have not let the lack of teachers affect the students, they are discharging their responsibilities with full sincerity. Along with learning, they involve in creative works through various activities to develop the qualities of discipline in the students so that they can deal with problems in the future.

Under the guidance of Principal IR Sahu and Principal Bhuvan Prasad Joshi, PT and Yoga exercises are conducted every Saturday by Senior Lecturer P. N. Sahu and Dilip Kurre. Also karate training for self-defense is being given by Tamradhwaj Sahu every day.

District Education Officer inspects schools of Berla area

Show cause notice issued to the negligent person

Bemetara, Nov 21: District Education Officer Arvind Kumar Mishra today on Nov 20 inspected Government Pre-Secondary School and Higher Secondary School Bhillori of Development Block Berla, Primary, Pre-Secondary and High School Lavatara, Primary School Surajpura Dih, Pre-Secondary School Taralim, Higher Secondary School Lenjwara and Higher Secondary School Sarda.

During inspection in Pre-Secondary School, Bhillori, lack of hygiene was found in preparing mid-day meal. DEO Mishra instructed the group to issue a notice in this regard. During the inspection of Government High School, Bhillori, it was found that the instructions issued for practical work in the school were



not followed. When asked, the children were told that no practical work had been done by the subject teacher.

Teachers of Mathematics and Physics subjects are working in the school, yet teaching of Chemistry subject has not been started. Even in High School Lavatara, practical work was not conducted till the prescribed syllabus. Principal Pathak of Government Pre-Secondary School

Lavatara was found absent without any information during the inspection.

DEO Mishra inspected the midday meal at Government Primary School, Surajpura Dih. He found that rice, potatoes and soybean curry were served in the meal. Dal was not served. On getting information about the mid-day meal management group, it was told that the mid-day meal is being managed by the school management com-

mittee only. DEO Mishra directed to issue a show cause notice to Principal Reader Kulanjan Kumar Kurre for not following the prescribed menu in the mid-day meal.

In former secondary school Taraleem, 01 teacher Mr. Ashok Thakur was found absent since 05 August 2023. Instructions were given to propose disciplinary action against the teacher concerned for unauthorized long absence. During the inspec-

tion of Government Higher Secondary School, Lenjwara, DEO Mr. Mishra took information from the children and the concerned teacher regarding the practical work. The practical work was not found to be as per the prescribed syllabus.

DEO Mishra directed the concerned teacher and school in-charge to issue a show cause notice in this regard. On perusal of the reading register of the school, it was found that Shweta Sahu Lecturer 3.11.2023, Santosh Verma half day casual leave was not entered by 3.11.2023, Nirmala Ananth Lecturer 10.11.2023, Y Vijay Lakshmi Lecturer dated 10.11.2023. In this regard, instructions to issue show cause notice to the concerned teachers and school principal was given by D.E.O. Mishra.

Woman leader expelled by Cong sends defamation notice

Jagdalpur, Nov 21:

Even after the assembly elections, the ruckus in Congress is not showing any signs of stopping. During the elections, Congress candidates were troubled by the betrayal of party workers and now the party is again embroiled in a new controversy.

Two days ago, District Congress Committee (DCC) Urban had issued an order for the expulsion of Congress woman leader Kamal Jhaj. After this order, now Kamal Jhaj's lawyer has issued a defamation notice to the President DCC (urban).

It may be noted that apart from the woman leaders, Vikram Sharma and Kukki Jhari have been expelled from the party's primary member-



ship for 6 years.

According to the information received, Jatin Jaiswal, candidate of Jagdalpur general seat of Congress and the official of the local organization had complained to the state Congress officials about the infiltrators. On the instructions of State Congress, DCC (urban) President Sushil Maurya in Jagdalpur has taken

action of expulsion and expelled 3 leaders from the party for 6 years.

It is noteworthy that former Mahila Congress City President Kamal Jhaj had resigned from all his posts one and a half years ago. But no action was taken by the party. Even during the elections, efforts were made to persuade him but he promoted

Bharatiya Janata Party candidate Kiran Dev on social media. Based on this, Congress has taken action of expulsion. Apart from this, expulsion action has also been taken against Vikram Sharma and Kukki Jhari in Jagdalpur for anti-party activities.

It is mentioned in the notice that Kamal Jhaj had resigned from the

primary membership along with all the posts of the party on January 28 itself. After this, on February 5, she was made the State Secretary of Mahila Congress, even then she refused to take the post citing her earlier resignation. Kamal Jhaj's lawyer has said in the notice that Kamal Jhaj was not given any responsibility during the elections and during that time she was working as a common citizen. At present Kamal Jhaj is not even a member of the Congress Party.

He does not even hold any post, hence the party issuing the order to remove him comes in the category of defamation. Kamal Jhaj's lawyer has sought a reply from the Congress party in the matter within three days.

Paddy production in the district is likely to be bumper



Koriya, Nov 21:

The farmers of the district are now returning to the fields and barns after Diwali, polls and Chhath Puja to sell their paddy after harvesting. The purchase of paddy at support price has started in the district from the first day of Diwali and according to information, the num-

ber of farmers registered this year is 22 thousand 282, while the area planted with rice is about 29 thousand 771 hectares, while 22 procurement centers have been built for purchasing rice and a target of construction of 5 thousand 683 gunny bags has been set for the farmers. Also according to the information, the produc-

tion of paddy in the district is expected to be bumper this year, as last year 94 thousand metric tons of paddy was purchased, while this year the target of purchasing 1 lakh 13 thousand 666 metric tons of paddy has been set and in the last 20 days about 115 metric tons of paddy has been purchased.

Gratitude to voters for trusting Modi's guarantee



Fingeshwar, Nov 21: BJP party workers namely Bhodram Sahu, Manish Harihar, Padma Yadu, Santoshi Shrivastav, Raju Sahu and Chandrashekhar Sahu, after the completion of polling for the assembly elections have expressed their gratitude towards people for trusting Modi's guarantee. They have uniformly said that BJP will form the government and the party will pay its attention to all sections of the society and will fulfill all its promises done in the election manifesto.

Notice to SHG for poor quality food for patients

Dongargaon, Nov 21:

Notice has been served to government hospital regarding the irregular arrangement of food given to patients in the community health centre of the city. As per information, the department is aware of the irregularities, and due to political pressure, for years a particular group has been given the task of providing food in the nearby hospitals, causing the problem.

Nutritious food is to be given according to the predetermined schedule under the Maternal Protection Program, and along with this, food should also be provided to the general patients admitted to the hospital, but since the hospital is located in a corner of Dongargaon city, the patients cannot even reach food shops.

If a patient from a rural area is suddenly admitted to this hospital due to an incident, accident or illness, they are asked for a plate and if they do not have a plate, they are not provided with food.

Newspapers have also raised the news many times about this issue, but instead of taking any concrete action, the department has issued a notice to the president Maa Jagdamba Women's Self Help Group Kailash Nagar Rajnandgaon. This group has been authorized to supply food and snacks to patients until March 31, 2024, and the department has been verbally instructed many times to correct the irregularities, but no improvement has been shown and the department has issued a notice to this group to submit an answer within 3 days.

Citizens cast votes without fear during elections

■ Due to strict patrolling and flag-march by police in sensitive areas
■ Elections held peacefully in Dhamtari district and police played an important role

Dhamtari, Nov 21:

To ensure free & fair and peaceful polls in the district, the police personnel, CRPF, CISE, BSF, STF, Cobra, DRG and other jawans played an important role. As per instructions by the IG Raipur Range Arif H. Shekh, and under able leadership of SP Dhamtari Prashant

Thakur, as compared to last year, this year prohibitory actions were taken against 3943 persons during the entire model code of conduct. With this a strong message was passed onto the anti-social and those involved in creating disturbances that if at all they cause any hindrances in smooth conduct of elections, then they will face strict action.

Prior to the elections, strict monitoring was done on goons and anti-social elements in the district and flag-march too was conducted.

A case of Externment against four persons was also done from the district. During model code of conduct, the warrantees were brought from different districts and states and pro-



duced in the Court. For ensuring peaceful Vidhan Sabha polls and free & fair elections, right from January 2023 till date, a case of 110 CrPC was done against 74 persons and action under 107, 116 was taken against 3410 and action under 151 of CrPC was done against 441 persons. This month in view of model code of conduct,

Dhamtari police has taken maximum number of prohibitory action and a total of 3943 persons faced prohibitory orders and bound-over.

In action under CG State Security Act 1990 (District Externment), cases against 5 persons was produced and out of which 4 were externed from the district.

In this entire year, prohibitory action was taken against 3943 persons and hundreds were sent to jail. In the year 2022, 3219 persons faced prohibitory action and in 2021, 2314 persons faced this action.

The effect of these action was directly on the elections and on the day of the elections, not a single major incident or any case or FIR was lodged.

Due to constant action and patrolling by the police team and reaching the site of controversy well on time, no controversy was created.

The Dhamtari police also took action against illicit sale of liquor by launching drive and taking constant action and this brought down the sale of drugs and other intoxicants and passed on strong message against the anti-socials trying to disturb peaceful atmosphere in public places and others.

SP has expressed gratitude towards all the police officers, employees, jawans involved in festival, VVIP, VIP duty and during maintaining of law & order situation for ensuring peaceful polls.

Prannoy, Satwik-Chirag enter second round of China Masters

Shenzhen, Nov 21 (PTI)

Star Indian shuttler HS Prannoy progressed to the second round of China Masters Super 750 badminton tournament with a straight game win over Chinese Taipei's Chou Tien Chen here on Tuesday.

The 31-year-old, who had missed a couple of tournaments due to a back injury, registered a 21-18 22-20 win over the world number 12 Chen in the opening round, thus avenging the loss that he suffered last week in Japan.

The Asian Games bronze medallist will face either Hong Kong's Lee Cheuk Yiu or Denmark's Magnus Johannessen next.

Top seeds Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, who are the reigning Asian Games gold medallists, comfortably prevailed 21-13 21-10 over



England's Ben Lane and Sean Vandy to also make a good start. The Commonwealth Games champions will meet

Japan's Akira Koga and Taichi Saito next. Aakarshi Kashyap, the only Indian challenger in women's singles, found

Zhang Yi Man of China too hot to handle, going down 12-21 14-21 in 33 minutes. Prannoy, world no. 8, came into the match with a 4-7 head-to-head count but produced a gritty show to come up trumps against Chen. Lagging 6-9 at one stage, Prannoy turned the tables with four straight points to make it 12-10. Chen came close at 12-14 but the Indian didn't give much of a chance to his rival to comfortably pocket the opening game.

Chen tried to script a comeback and was 6-3 up early in the second game but a fighting Prannoy kept him on his toes, despite lagging for most part.

The Indian had managed to eke out an 8-6 lead but Chen moved to 12-10 and kept his nose ahead till 18-16 when Prannoy surpassed him to shut the door on his opponent.

Pankaj Advani wins World Billiards Championship for 26th time

Doha, Nov 21 (PTI):

Indian cueist Pankaj Advani won the IBSF World Billiards Championship title here on Tuesday for a staggering 26th time, beating compatriot Sourav Kothari in the final. Advani defeated Kothari 1000 416 in a rematch of last year's title clash in Kuala Lumpur. He had won his first world title in this competition way back in 2005. While Advani has won the 'long format' for the ninth time, he triumphed in the 'point format' championship on eight occasions, besides winning the World Team Billiards Championship once.

In this tournament, Advani defeated fellow Indian cueist Rupesh Shah 900-273 in the semi-finals. It saw breaks of 259 and 176 from the defending champion, while Shah managed a 62 break only in the 900-up format. In the other half of the draw, Kothari pulled off a close win against Dhruv Sitwala, prevailing 900-756 in his semi-final match. Kothari had breaks of 223 and 82, while Sitwala scored 199 and 188.

ICC introduces stop clock in men's ODI and T20Is, five-run penalty on third offence

Ahmedabad, Nov 21 (PTI):

Bowling teams in men's ODI and T20Is will be imposed a five-run penalty if the bowler exceeds the 60 second limit of bowling the next over for the third time in an innings, the sport's governing body ICC said on Tuesday.

It will be used on a trial basis initially.

The decision was taken at the International Cricket Council (ICC) Board meeting here.

"The CEC agreed to introduce a stop clock on a trial basis in men's ODI and T20I cricket from December 2023 to April 2024. The clock will be used to regulate the amount of time taken between overs.

"If the bowling team is not ready to bowl the next over within 60 seconds of the previous over being completed, a 5-run penalty will be imposed the third time it happens in an innings," said the ICC in a

ICC moves men's U19 World Cup from Sri Lanka to South Africa

Ahmedabad: The ICC Board on Tuesday shifted the next year's men's Under-19 World Cup from Sri Lanka to South Africa, 11 days after the world governing body provisionally suspended the cricket body in the island nation due to government interference. In fact it was Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) that had reached out to ICC and notified about the government interference in the running of cricket in the country. SLC and the Sports Ministry have been at loggerheads for some time. The government has accused SLC officials of being involved in corruption and mismanagement. "The U19 World Cup has been shifted to South Africa from Sri Lanka due to SLC's suspension. In fact, participating nations were apprised some days back after SLC got suspended. South Africa hosted the U19 WC in 2020. The decision got approval at ICC Board meeting in Ahmedabad," an ICC Board member told PTI. "Sri Lanka's bilateral and domestic cricket will not be affected by this." SLC president Shammi Silva had recently warned that the country could lose the hosting rights of the U19 World Cup, scheduled to be held from January 13 to February 4, if the government's interference continued.

statement. The ICC also made a change to its process of banning a pitch from international cricket. "Changes to the pitch and outfield monitoring regulations were also approved, including a simplification of the criteria

against which a pitch is assessed and increasing the threshold for when a venue could have its international status removed from five demerit points to six demerit points over a five-year period," the ICC added.

Suryakumar to lead a young India T20I team against Australia

New Delhi, Nov 21 (PTI)

The national selectors on Monday entrusted a set of next-gen stars under the leadership of Suryakumar Yadav with the task of taming Australia in the upcoming five-match T20I series, beginning from November 23 at Visakhapatnam.

After a draining campaign in the recent ODI World Cup, India expectedly did not pick many senior players in the 15-member squad, with only Suryakumar, pacer Prasad Krishna and wicketkeeper Ishan Kishan crossing over for the T20Is.

The selectors felt that these three players have not played enough cricket to warrant workload management at this moment.

Middle-order batter Shreyas Iyer will join the team for the last two match-



es at Raipur and Bengaluru and he will take over the vice-captain's role from Ruturaj Gaikwad.

Axar Patel has also found a place in the squad after he missed the quadrennial big bash with a left quadriceps injury. However, the left-arm spinner returned to competitive cricket last month for Gujarat in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, where he played two matches against Punjab and Railways.

When it comes to the younger names in the squad, those players already have

considerable exposure to the top-level cricket as they were part of the Indian squad for the three-match T20I series against Ireland and then for the Asian Games in Hangzhou.

The mandarins pegged the selection of players mainly on them having two good successive IPL seasons and the members in the squad have that against their names.

Former India batter VVS Laxman will be the head coach of the team for the series.

India squad: Suryakumar Yadav (Captain), Ruturaj Gaikwad (vice-captain), Ishan Kishan, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Tilak Varma, Rinku Singh, Jitesh Sharma (wk), Washington Sundar, Axar Patel, Shivam Dubey, Ravi Bishnoi, Arshdeep Singh, Prasad Krishna, Avesh Khan, Mukesh Kumar.

Pak name Umar Gul, Saeed Ajmal as bowling coaches for upcoming tour of Australia, NZ

Lahore, Nov 21 (PTI)

Former Pakistan bowlers, Umar Gul and Saeed Ajmal have been appointed as the fast bowling and spin bowling coaches of the national squad for the upcoming tour of Australia and New Zealand.

Umar, a member of the 2009 World T20 winning squad, has worked before with the Pakistan team as bowling coach, while this is the first time Saeed has been given an assignment with the national side.

The Pakistan cricket board said that initial assignments for both former stalwarts would include the Test series against Australia scheduled from 14 December 14 to January 7 and the T20I series against New Zealand from January 12 to 21 next year.



The board has already named Muhammad Hafeez as the Director and head coach of the Pakistan squad and fast bowler Wahab Riaz as the new chief selector in a spate of changes after the national team's poor World Cup campaign. The induction of Umar and Saeed and Hafeez's assignment basically means that the foreign coaches, including Mickey Arthur, Grant Bradburn will no longer be working with the national side.

Warner rested for T20s against India

Melbourne, Nov 21 (PTI)

The selectors have decided to rest David Warner for the five-match T20 series in India following Australia's ODI World Cup triumph in Ahmedabad.

Warner, who was Australia's leading run-getting with 535 runs in the triumphant campaign, was originally part of the squad to be led by Matthew Wade. The squad, for the series beginning in Visakhapatnam on November 23, was announced last month.

All-rounder Aaron Hardie has already joined the squad as Warner's replacement. "Selectors decided Warner would return home on the back of a successful yet demanding World Cup campaign," Cricket Australia said in a statement on Tuesday.

Earlier this year, Warner hinted that the home series against Pakistan could be



Australia T20 squad

Matthew Wade (c), Aaron Hardie, Jason Behrendorff, Sean Abbott, Tim David, Nathan Ellis, Travis Head, Josh Inglis, Glenn Maxwell, Tanveer Sangha, Matt Short, Steve Smith, Marcus Stoinis, Kane Richardson, Adam Zampa.

the last of his Test career but remains determined to carry on in the shorter for-

mats. Reacting to a post on social media signalling the southpaw had played his last ODI World Cup, the 37-year-old on Tuesday said: "Who said I am finished?"

Warner's absence from the T20s means that only seven members of Australia's World Cup winning squad will remain in India. They are Sean Abbott, Travis Head, Josh Inglis, Glenn Maxwell, Steve Smith, Marcus Stoinis and Adam Zampa.

HI names 34-member core probable group for national women's coaching camp

Bengaluru, Nov 21 (PTI)

Hockey India on Monday named a 34-member core probable group for the senior women's national coaching camp to be held here from November 22 to December 10.

India are scheduled to take part in the 5 Nations Tournament in Valencia between December 15 to December 22. Besides India, Ireland, Germany, Belgium, and hosts Spain are the other teams. It is a key step in the Indian team's preparations for the all-important FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers to be held in Ranchi from January 13.

"It is important for us to

Indian Women's Hockey Team 34-member Core Group

GOALKEEPERS: Savita, Rajani Etimarpur, Bichu Devi Kharibam, Bansari Solanki
DEFENDERS: Deep Grace Ekka, Gurjit Kaur, Nikki Pradhan, Udita, Ishika Chaudhary, Akshata Abaso Dhekal, Jyoti Chhatr, Mahima Chaudhary
MIDFIELDERS: Nisha, Salima Tete, Sushila Chanu Pukhrambam, Jyoti, Navjot Kaur, Monika, Mariana Kujur, Sonika, Neha, Baljeet Kaur, Reena Khokhar, Vaishnavi Vitthal Phalke, Ajmina Kujur
FORWARDS: Lalremsiami, Navneet Kaur, Vandana Katariya, Sharmila Devi, Deepika, Sangita Kumari, Mumtaz Khan, Sunelitta Toppo, Beauty Dungdung.

continue to maintain our momentum and ensure we remain in the right frame of mind going into important competitions next year," Indian women's hockey team chief coach Janneke

Schopman said in a release. "Our sights are set on the Paris Olympics and to ensure a spot, we have to perform well at the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers Ranchi 2024." Indian play-

ers will return to the camp after a dominating performance at the Asian Champions Trophy in Ranchi earlier this month. India claimed the gold medal, defeating Japan 4-0 in the Final.

The Indian team, which had won a bronze medal at the Asian Games, also remained unbeaten in the tournament that also saw participation from China, Korea, Malaysia, and Thailand. "The five-nation tournament is a good chance for us to test ourselves against European teams and also plan our strategies and make modifications as and when needed," Schopman said.

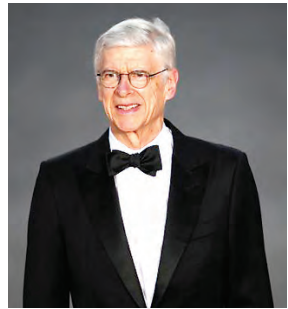
Wenger commits himself to 'digging out' football talent in India

Bhubaneswar, Nov 21 (PTI):

Legendary coach Arsene Wenger on Tuesday committed himself to "digging out talent" in India and place the country on world football map, as he inaugurated the FIFA-AIFF academy here.

Former Arsenal coach Wenger, currently serving as FIFA's chief of global football development, did not give any time frame when India would start producing "great players" but made it known that without proper grassroots development, the country will remain as it is now.

"Our project is to identify talent in India, to put the



best talent together, give them a good coaching programme, give them a good education and a good level of competition and make them great players," Wenger said. "Our huge effort is to dig out talent and make them as good as they can be," he said after witnessing

the signing of MoU between the All India Football Federation (AIFF) and the Odisha government. Fifty under-14 players - including 15 from Odisha - will be selected by the FIFA coaches in the first batch and they will get training at the academy for two years.

Odisha government will take care of the boarding, lodging, accommodation and education of the players, and FIFA will provide the technical know how and the coaches. FIFA has already recommended Spain's Sergi Amezcua Fontrodona - who was previously involved with developing football in China as project director - to be the academy

head coach for two years and an Indian will assist him for a few months. A foreign assistant coach will be appointed in four-five months. "With such a huge population, the potential in India is huge, for you to be on top of the world. That is what we want to achieve together. How long will it take, I don't know," Wenger said. "But one thing is for sure, if we don't educate we will be where we are at the moment. With the quality of education, you get great players. Our target is to develop top level players here and get India on the map among the best countries in the world," said the celebrated coach.

New Zealand bowler Boult backs Mitchell, Southee to try their hand at kabaddi

Mumbai, Nov 21 (PTI):

New Zealand pacer Trent Boult, wicket-keeper Tom Latham and Mitchell Santner were hugely impressed with kabaddi during their recent World Cup assignment in India and believe team-mates Glenn Phillips, Daryl Mitchell and Tim Southee would excel in the game of 'raiders' and 'defenders'.

Latham also saw a similarity between kabaddi and rugby - the most popular sport in New Zealand with the All Blacks players enjoying cult status back home.

India are the pioneers of kabaddi, with the men's

team winning seven of the eight gold medals in Asian Games history, while the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) has become one of the most popular franchise-based leagues in the country, attracting talented players from across the world.

Boult backed teammates Mitchell and Southee to try their hand in the sport, saying the duo is strongly built for the rigours of a tough sport like kabaddi.

"I've watched it a couple of times. I think you need strong legs for the sport. I would put up Daryl Mitchell and Tim Southee's names for this game."

Italy qualifies for Euro 2024 and avoids playoffs

Milan, Nov 21 (AP)

Italy earned some redemption by qualifying for next year's European Championship, while Slovenia and the Czech Republic also secured their spots.

Czech coach Jaroslav ilhav resigned shortly after the final whistle against Moldova.

Italy needed just a point against Ukraine to claim second spot in Group C and avoid the dreaded playoffs, and it managed a 0-0 draw in Germany. However, there were some nervy moments for the Azzurri.

Italy failed to qualify for the past two World Cups after losing playoffs to Sweden and North Macedonia. After the



Italy's Federico Chiesa shoots at goal.

Azzurri missed out on the 2018 World Cup, they went on to win the following European Championship.

"We are very happy. We are where we deserve to be, after all the difficulties that we had," Italy captain

and goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma said. "But thanks to the new coach and the staff we have returned.

"Now it's right that we go there and we go there to bring back something,

even to win it because we are going there as winners." Ukraine would have sneaked past Italy with a win but will now head into the playoffs. England was already assured of top spot in the group and it drew at North Macedonia 1-1 to finish the campaign unbeaten. A point would also have been enough for Slovenia and the Czech Republic to advance to Euro 2024 and they beat Kazakhstan and Moldova respectively to end their opponents' hopes of qualifying automatically for a first major international tournament. Kazakhstan still has a chance via the playoffs. It will play Greece in a semifinal on March 21 and if it wins either Georgia or Luxembourg five days later.

Ivory Coast beats Gambia to remain unbeaten in Africa World Cup qualifying

Harare, Nov 21 (AP)

Ivory Coast beat Gambia 2-0 to record consecutive wins in its first World Cup qualifying games.

Forward Christian Kouam and midfielder Seko Fofana scored at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Tanzania capital city Dar es Salaam, Gambia's adopted home.

The Ivorians followed their impressive 9-0 win against the Seychelles in Abidjan on Friday, Africa's record winning margin in World Cup qualifiers.

Ivory Coast's third and last appearance at the World Cup was in 2014 in Brazil. It leads Group F

with maximum points on goal difference from Gabon, which also has two wins.

Meanwhile, Djibouti hosted Guinea-Bissau in Cairo and lost 1-0, four days after losing to Egypt 6-0 at the same venue.

Liberia suffered back-to-back home defeats in its first two qualifiers after it was edged by Equatorial Guinea 1-0 in Monrovia. Liberia also lost to Malawi by the same scoreline on Friday. The Seychelles continued its awful start to the campaign after the minnow, ranked 195 in the world, was thumped by Kenya 5-0 in Abidjan. Michael Olunga netted a brace for Kenya inside the first six minutes.



Cong manifesto for Raj polls promises welfare schemes, caste census



Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge with Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot and party leaders releases the party's manifesto for the State Assembly elections, in Jaipur, Tuesday.

Jaipur, Nov 21 (PTI):

The Congress on Tuesday released its manifesto for the Rajasthan Assembly polls, promising a caste survey and a slew of schemes for farmers and youth, including 10 lakh job opportunities, and a new scheme for recruitment at panchayat level. Doubling the amount

for beneficiaries under the Chiranjeevi Health Insurance scheme from Rs 25 lakh to Rs 50 lakh annually and interest-free loan up to Rs 5 lakh to small traders are among the other announcements made in the Congress manifesto for Rajasthan elections. The party also promised reservation to minorities on

basis of their population after the caste census.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, PCC chief Govind Singh Dotasra, chairman of the manifesto committee CP Joshi and former deputy CM Sachin Pilot jointly released the manifesto at the party office here.

Highlighting the salient points of the manifesto, Joshi said the Congress wants to create a cadre of Panchayati Raj like state and central services and a new policy for recruitment at the panchayat level will be brought. He said 10 lakh jobs will be created and four lakh among them will be in the government sector. For farmers, interest-free loan up to Rs 2 lakh will be given from cooperative banks and MSP will be given as per the Swaminathan Commission's recommendations. The party promised 150-day employment

under MGNREGA in place of present 125 days annually, inclusion of taxi drivers in Gig Workers Act, Accountability and Auto Service Delivery Act for accountable and good governance, formation of inclusive policy think tank and monthly honorarium to Panchayati Raj public representatives.

The manifesto lists seven guarantees that have already been announced by Gehlot, which include an annual honorarium of Rs 10,000 to women head of family, LPG cylinders for Rs 500 to 1.05 crore families, purchase of dung from cattle rearers for Rs 2 per kg, law for old pension scheme (OPS) for government employees, laptop or tablet to students taking admission in government colleges, insurance cover up to Rs 15 lakh per family to compensate losses due to natural calamities and school education in English medium.

POLL CAMPAIGN



Union Minister and Telangana BJP President G. Kishan Reddy and Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis during an election campaign bike rally ahead of Telangana Assembly elections, at Domalguda in Hyderabad, Tuesday.

Shah accuses Congress, Gehlot govt of being 'anti-backward class'

Rajasthan Polls

Jaipur, Nov 21 (PTI):

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday accused the Congress party and the Ashok Gehlot government in Rajasthan of being "anti-backward class".



Classes Commission," Shah said.

He said it was the Narendra Modi-led government at the Centre that gave constitutional recognition to the Backward Classes Commission.

Shah said the Modi government has given 27 per cent reservation to the backward classes in all education systems of the Centre.

Today, 27 per cent of the ministers in the Modi government are from backward classes and the Centre has worked to ad-

vance the backward classes. The home minister said the Gehlot government is indulging in appeasement politics and working for its vote bank.

"Appeasement is at its peak in the state. Tailor Kanhaiya Lal was murdered in broad daylight, Section 144 was imposed during Hindu festivals, bulldozers ran on Ram Darbar and communal riots happened everywhere. The BJP governments do not let communal riots break out," he said.

He urged the people to vote for the BJP's double-engine government and ensured that it will make Rajasthan a riot-free state.

Referring to the alleged 'red diary', Shah said it contains all the misdeeds of the Gehlot government and details of corruption that took place in the

state. A government which is involved in corruption cannot do anything good for you, Shah asserted.

The 'red diary' was displayed by sacked minister Rajendra Gudha in the Assembly in July, claiming it contained the details of financial misdeeds of the Congress government, including illegal transactions of Gehlot. The chief minister has denied Gudha's allegations.

He also targeted the state government over the paper leak issue and said strict action will be taken against the corrupt if the BJP government came to power.

Voting for the Assembly elections in the state will be held on November 25, while the counting of votes will take place on December 3.

'Cong symbol of corruption, nepotism and appeasement'

Jaipur, Nov 21 (PTI):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said the Congress is a symbol of corruption, nepotism and appeasement — three evils preventing India from becoming a developed nation.

Addressing a public meeting in poll-bound Rajasthan's Baran district, the prime minister said Congress leaders are unruly and the people of the state are suffering as the ruling party has handed them over to robbers, rioters and criminals. "As long as three enemies of the country — corruption, nepotism and appeasement — are among us, it will be difficult to fulfil the resolution to make India a developed nation. The Congress is the biggest symbol of these three evils," Modi told the gathering. "Be it Congress MLAs or ministers, everyone is unruly and the public is suffering. The Congress has handed over the



PM Modi with former Rajasthan CM Vasundhara Raje during a public meeting ahead of Rajasthan Assembly elections, at Anta in Baran district, Tuesday.

people of Rajasthan to robbers, rioters, tyrants and criminals," he said.

"Today, even children in Rajasthan are saying 'Gehlot ji, you won't get votes'," he added. The prime minister

also targeted the Congress over the law and order situation in Rajasthan, saying its ministers have been seen standing with those who committed atrocities against sisters and daughters.

The BJP's priority is to ensure women's welfare and safety, Modi said.

The morale of anti-social forces in Rajasthan is high due to Congress support, he said.

ED searches Cong's T'gana candidate Vivek Venkatswamy

After COVID hiatus

Hyderabad, Nov 21 (PTI):

The Enforcement Directorate on Tuesday searched the premises of Congress candidate from Telangana's Chennur seat Vivek Venkatswamy and some others as part of a hawala-linked foreign exchange violation probe, official sources said.



trict) and Hyderabad, they said.

A suspected bank transaction of Rs 8 crore that was carried out recently and is allegedly linked to a company promoted by the Congress leader is under the scanner of the agency, the sources said. The ED acted on an information that was first received by the Telangana chief electoral of-

ficer (CEO), they said. The former MP, early this month, had resigned from the BJP and joined the Congress in the presence of party leader Rahul Gandhi in Hyderabad. He has earlier been in the Congress from where he moved to the BRS party of Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao and then to the BJP. With declared assets worth over Rs 600 crore, Vivek is the richest politician contesting the November 30 assembly polls in Telangana.

Vivek and his wife own movable assets valued at Rs 377 crore, mostly shares in various companies, including his own Visaka Industries, which was founded in 1981.

A BATTLE OF CONFIDANTS

Gehlot loyalist takes on Vasundhara Raje associate

In prestigious Kota North seat

Kota (Rajasthan), Nov 21 (PTI):

As Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and his predecessor Vasundhara Raje vie for another stint at the helm in Rajasthan, their close confidants are battling it out in the Kota North assembly constituency.

The fight in the constituency, where Shanti Dhariwal of the Congress is pitted against Prahlad Gunjal of the BJP, also represents the broader political narrative in the state - the welfare agenda of the Congress versus the Hindutva and anti-graft

plank of the BJP.

Dhariwal, the Minister of Local Self Government, Urban Development & Housing Department in the Ashok Gehlot government, got the Congress ticket after much internal debate as he was among the three people who were issued show-cause notices by the party after they did not attend a meeting of the Congress Legislature Party in September last year and held a parallel meeting of MLAs at his residence instead. A leadership change was on the cards at the legislature party meet.

Gehlot is said to have strongly advocated Dhariwal's case with the high command which

seemed reluctant to field him after his open defiance. Dhariwal, however, has emerged as a strong candidate on the back of his multi-crore riverfront project and the massive facelift carried out in Kota in the last five years, giving the city a distinct heritage look.

"The BJP will do well in this region. Though I am a BJP supporter, it cannot deny that Dhariwal has done developmental work and given Kota a facelift. But whether he will get the votes and win, it remains to be seen, it is a tough fight," Amrit Chauhan, an auto-rickshaw driver, said.

Dhariwal's refrain at public events is to point

out the facelift Kota has received in the last few years, especially the flagship riverfront project here which he spearheaded. However, Gunjal has accused Dhariwal of "massive corruption" and raises the issue in his public meetings.

Gunjal is also consistently raising the issue of some statements made by Dhariwal during the Congress government's tenure which he claimed "dishonoured" women.

He cites Dhariwal's reported remarks last year on rapes in the state, purportedly saying it is a men's state (mardon ka pradesh). "The foul words used by the Congress candidate and the certificate

given to him by Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi are among the main issues here," Gunjal told PTI.

"The statements made in Rajasthan assembly by him pertaining to women...we are number one in rapes but this is a state of men'. These people have not only hurt the self-respect of women but have also dishonoured the land of Rajasthan, known for its history of valour of women," he said.

"Look at the level of corruption that he has done. Earlier, only I used to say it but now when he went to ask for a ticket, Sonia ji and Rahul ji also said that. So he is the most corrupt in Rajasthan," Gunjal claimed.

People from all walks of life pay heart touching tributes to 'Sahasrari'

Lucknow, Nov 21:

Managing Worker and Chairman of Sahara India Pariwar, one of the biggest conglomerates of India, Subrata Roy Sahara, fondly called Sahasrari, received heart touching tributes from people from all walks of life. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Aditya Nath expressed his deepest sorrow on the death of Sahasrari while the former Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Akhilesh Yadav said it was an emotional loss of the state and our country as Sahasrari was not only a successful businessman but also a person of big heart who helped and supported countless indi-



viduals.

Sahasrari passed away on 14th November 2023 at 10.30 pm due to cardiorespiratory arrest following an extended battle with complications arising from metastatic malignancy, hypertension, and diabetes at Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital & Medical Research Institute in Mumbai. He

was brought to Lucknow on 15th November and last rites took place on 16th November. In this moment of sorrow his wife Mrs Swapna Roy, daughter in laws Mrs Richa Roy - wife of his elder son Sushanto Roy and Mrs Chandni Roy - wife of younger son Seemanto Roy received immensely emotional condolences from thou-

sands of people.

The spokesperson of Sahara India Pariwar said that at this moment of great sorrow both the Deputy Managing Workers of Sahara India Pariwar O.P. Srivastava and J.B. Roy - younger brother of Subrata Roy Sahara provided paternal support to the family and the entire Sahara India Pariwar.

Amongst the first who met with Mrs Swapna Roy in Mumbai immediately after the death of Sahasrari was Amitabh Bachchan who was accompanied by his son Abhishek Bachchan and his daughter Ms. Shweta Bachchan Nanda. They reached Sahara Star hotel at Mumbai to pay their last respects. Amitabh Bachchan used his blog also to mourn the loss. World Badminton Champion P.V. Sindhu said, "It is heartbreaking to learn about the passing of Sahasrari. He has always treated me with nothing but love, affection, and respect. Sahasrari founded Sahara India Pariwar in 1978 with Rs. 2000, one 10'

x 12' office room and 2 assistants, and transformed the landscape of micro-saving in India. He offered financial services to the unbanked and financially excluded population by educating and inculcating the habit of saving in them. In 2004, Sahara group was termed by Time magazine as "the second-largest employer in India" after Indian Railways.

The group operates through more than 5,000 establishments spread across India and has a field and office workforce of around 12 Lakhs under the Sahara India umbrella. On the question of what is the way forward for the group, Sahara

said "Sahara India Pariwar is a professionally managed organization.

The organization has robust fundamentals and well-defined organizational structure.

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